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**ANGER MANAGEMENT** — The five members of Happenstance Theater, including Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell, shown here, performed at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sunday (July 10) in a colorful homage to the vaudeville shows of the late 19th century. For more photos, see Page 17.

Photo by Ross Corsair

## Utility Relief on the Way

*Low-income residents to  
have debts erased*

By Leonard Sparks

Some Central Hudson customers in Beacon and Philipstown will see one-time credits on their bills by the end of the month through a state initiative to erase \$567 million in overdue electric and gas charges accumulated by low-income ratepayers during the pandemic.

The initiative, hammered out by a special working group and approved by New York's Public Service Commission last month, is expected to wipe out the pandemic-related utility debts incurred through May 1 for more than 320,000 residents who are enrolled in programs that assist low-income households with electric and gas bills.

The cost is being covered by \$250 million in state funding, \$100 million from the federal Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) and \$36 million from Central Hudson and the state's other utility companies. The balance, \$181 million,

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### Out There

## Bear With Me

By Brian PJ Cronin

I was out for a run on Mount Beacon two weeks ago when I heard something in the bushes that sounded like a particularly plump deer. I turned my head to look and found myself staring into the eyes of a black bear, less than 10 feet away.

I've seen black bears at least a dozen times in the Catskills but never — despite being up there on average once a week, every week, for the last 15 years — have I ever come across one on Mount Beacon.

Fortunately, the incident played out exactly the same as nearly all my bear encounters: The bear made a loud huffing noise and ran away. (The other encounters ended with the bear ignoring me while I peacefully left, or, in one case, the bear running past at full speed without appar-



ently noticing me.)

I got home to find emails with photos of a black bear in the Nelsonville Woods, Facebook posts showing bears roaming through two areas of Beacon and my editor mentioning that, for the first time, he was alerted by a neighbor to a bear ascending his driveway in Garrison near Indian Brook. Seeing bears in our area isn't new or news. But so many simultaneous sightings across our coverage area in one morning had me wondering if we were in the middle of a Bear Boom.

I called Jonathan Russell, a wildlife biologist who is part of the Department of Environmental Conservation's bear program for our area. He said the agency hasn't noticed any dramatic uptick in the bear population but suggested a few reasons for the recent increase in sightings. The first is that with more people working from home these days, and the swell in popularity of doorbell cameras, there are simply more eyes (human and mechanical) on the streets, noticing things that slunk by unnoticed before.

Early summer is also a busy time for bears. It's when the yearlings — bears that are about 18 months old — get kicked out of their

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## Gun Owners Have Questions

*County clerks react to  
flurry of changes*

By Leonard Sparks

The rollercoaster left the station on June 6, when Gov. Kathy Hochul signed legislation requiring permits

to own semi-automatic rifles and barring sales of the weapons to anyone younger than 21, after an 18-year-old used one to kill 10 people at a Buffalo supermarket.

Seventeen days later, on June 23, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional a 109-year-old New York State law requir-

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: MARSHALL MERMELL

By Leonard Sparks

**M**arshall Mermell of Cold Spring is the chief executive of Advanced Resilient Technology.

## What does your firm do?

Our mission is climate restoration and climate repair. We have a system that takes waste, both organic and inorganic, and turns it into a resource through the process of pyrolysis, which is burning waste in the absence of oxygen. You create thermal energy; a material known as syngas [synthetic gas] or pyrogas, and a material known as biochar, if it's organic. We refer to ours as "elemental char" because we can process both organic and inorganic material. We have seven joint ventures. Some of our partners are generating revenue as waste haulers or landfill operators.

## How do you use this char?

The biochar, if it has a high carbon content and other attributes, like the proper pH level, can be used for reducing environmental impacts. We can take certain chars and formulate them into soil amendments, depending on the soil biome of the area that you want to put a crop in, or you want to restore forest to. Syngas can be used to generate electricity. We have an engine known as the Zajac. That's the



Mermell with a Zajac engine

Photo provided

only constant-torque, constant-compression, constant-temperature engine, and it runs at 1,425 degrees centigrade.

## How did you get started?

We have several companies. One of them is Marketing Works, which mostly does B2B (business-to-business). Most of our business has to do with bringing innovations in the marketplace. On a trip to Istanbul,

we discovered biochar. They were growing corn. They had their baseline corn, which looked like pale corn with bugs in it. Then there was another corn grown in soil using formulated chars. And that corn grew higher and was yellower.

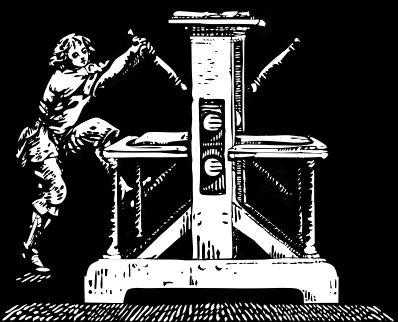
## How is the financing for technology-based solutions?

The problem here in America is that most of the financial institutions know about the climate crisis and a lot of their people understand it. But they have a hard time wrapping their heads around how to get this done. Europeans, believe it or not, are ahead of the game. And that's where we've gone to get the money.

## Is technology the solution to climate change, or changes in behavior?

Actually, a combination of both, plus nature itself. We have to give nature its ability to do what it's normally doing. We have nature-based capabilities that we've got to engender and create and we also need to use technology to help accelerate that. And, of course, we need to change human behavior. It's exciting work because time is of the essence.

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## ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your  
favorite place to  
relax by the water?

The beach at  
Galway, Ireland;  
it's just beautiful.



~Ann Dillon, Vero Beach, Florida  
(formerly of Cold Spring)

The Atlantic Ocean,  
but further south,  
like Miami or the  
Dominican Republic.



~Andy Espinal, Beacon

The ocean,  
especially  
Connecticut's  
beaches.



~Jennifer Lombardo, Beacon

# Road Rage Leads to Cold Spring Arrest

*Officer: 'Everybody seems to be more agitated'*

By Michael Turton

Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke's monthly report to the Cold Spring Village Board is usually pretty routine, with tallies of traffic and parking tickets, the number of calls from residents and requests for assistance received from first responders.

But on Wednesday (July 13), his report included something darker.

"June 17 was a busy evening for Officer Matthew Jackson," Burke said, noting that Jackson had just located a missing person when a call came in about someone brandishing a firearm.

Burke said that after two vehicles, headed in opposite directions, had a minor collision on Route 9D near the Breakneck tunnel, the driver of the northbound car made a U-turn and pursued the other vehicle into Cold Spring. Both drivers pulled into the parking lot at the softball diamond across from the Haldane athletic field.

That's when the pursuing driver got out of his car and tapped on the window of the other vehicle, displaying a handgun, Burke said.

The other driver called 911. When he arrived at the scene about a minute later, Jackson secured the weapon and placed the

man under arrest.

The suspect, whom Burke identified as Scott Morrow of Beacon, was taken into custody by Putnam County Sheriff's deputies when they arrived on the scene. A news release issued on Thursday by the department said the southbound vehicle was driven by an 18-year-old Cold Spring woman. It said she was passing another southbound car when her side mirror struck Morrow's side mirror, sending debris into his car's open window that struck him.

Morrow was charged with felony criminal possession of a weapon and misdemeanor menacing. He was arraigned in the Village of Nelsonville Court and remanded to the Putnam County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

The other driver was charged with misdemeanor reckless driving and issued tickets for moving from a lane unsafely and leaving the scene of an accident. The investigation showed she had passed the other vehicle in a no-passing zone.

At Wednesday's meeting, Burke said incidents of road rage are becoming all too common. "It's getting very heated," he said. "I don't know why people are so fired up."

Burke said recently, after stopping a car at a Main Street crosswalk, a Cold Spring officer was approached aggressively by people not involved in the incident. "He had people coming up to him, asking questions and saying, 'I have to get through,'

and 'You're blocking me,' and 'This is ridiculous,'" Burke said.

On a recent weekend, Burke said drivers expressed their displeasure with him for issuing them summonses, even though their registrations had expired, sometimes by as long as six months. "Everybody seems to be more agitated," he said.

Mayor Kathleen Foley asked Burke how officers deescalate tense situations. "It's experience," he said. "They try to deescalate with their voice, the positioning of their bodies to not look overwhelming, and to not jump at somebody."

Burke said he is very satisfied with the roster of Cold Spring Police Department officers, including recent hires. "They like to walk the beat; they're friendly, engaging and are doing an excellent job," he said. "Our guys are good at trying to keep everybody on an even keel."

Burke also reported vandalism at Mayor's Park, which has become a chronic problem. This time it included graffiti and damage to newly refurbished picnic tables. With only one officer on duty at a time, it is difficult to catch vandals in the act, especially at night, he said.

A motion detector that triggers a bright spotlight has been installed, which he hopes will alert the officer or residents.

Foley said village staff has to spend a lot of time responding to vandalism. "It's disre-

spectful," she said. "You don't get to destroy community property and have no consequences." She asked anyone with information to contact Burke.

## In other business ...

■ The board approved a letter of support for a grant application by the Hudson River Fjord Trail to the state parks department to rehabilitate the former Dutchess Manor on Route 9D. The building will serve as a visitor center. "For the village, this is a good thing," Foley said. "It takes the landing spot [for trail users] farther north," away from Cold Spring.

■ The village will participate in a Clean Energy Communities program run by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) that will allow it to receive grants for projects in village-owned buildings.

■ The village is working with the Town of Philipstown to add an electric-vehicle charging station at the municipal parking lot on Fair Street. (See Page 7.)

■ The Planning Board is reviewing an application for 37 Chestnut St. that would see the former Grey Printing shop converted to a dance studio. Chair Jack Goldstein also said a presentation by representatives of the Hudson River Fjord Trail has been rescheduled for Aug. 11.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 23 calls in June, including six mutual aids, five

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

## Timeless Advice for Correspondents

From *The Cold Spring Recorder*, July 2, 1897

- Don't write on both sides of the paper.
- Don't neglect to sign your full name.
- Don't blame the editor if he cannot use your letter.
- Don't tell him you could run the paper better. He knows it.
- Don't forget that politeness is better than a shotgun.
- Don't try to superintend the earth — it's a big job.

## Black history

I want to commend you for Part 4 of *Always Present, Never Seen* (June 17). My great-aunt, Johnnie Mae Sampson, was a pillar in the Beacon community, along with my godmother, Dorothy Medley, Alvin Bell and Sharlene Stout. I grew up around all of them, and the knowledge I have absorbed has been amazing. The article shed a lot of light on our family and on what our family has endured through the years. Again, I just wanted to say thank you.

Sharee Anne Horton, *Poughkeepsie*

When I came across this article, it sent chills through me. My aunt was Johnnie Mae Sampson, and to see her name in print gave me a lot of joy. She did a lot for the community, plus all the other people in the article were family friends and truly great people.

Beacon was just as you described it, and I can remember many things you wrote, through stories or seeing it firsthand. I remember the riots; I had brothers and sisters who were in high school at that time and were involved. I think I might have been 8 or 9 years old and can remember the chaos on Main Street. We lived at 10 South Brett St. and could see everything from our porch. Ms. Medley is completely correct: The Spirit Of Beacon Day was something that

calmed down tensions in our city, and it was a fun time for all. I am so grateful you wrote this so that the younger generations in Beacon can see their families had a part in what Beacon has become today.

Denise Johnson, *Beacon*

I would like to thank *The Current* for its series on Black history in the Highlands. The reporters used a variety of resources to cull centuries of information into a fascinating overview. The podcasts were an added bonus, providing further depth and breadth.

Recently, the Beacon Historical Society was gifted a large collection of books about Black history from former member Flora Jones. If anyone is interested in learning more about local or national history, please visit us at 61 Leonard St. or at beaconhistorical.org.

Diane Lapis, *Beacon*

*Lapis is president of the Beacon Historical Society.*

## Fly-fishing

John Bocchino and Joe Rist are fly-fishing legends, right up there with Lefty Kreh and Joan and Lee Wulff ("Fish Camp," July 8).

I'm so grateful to these guys, along with Tim Miller (who learned to fish alongside Cold Spring legend Al Purdy), for opening up the world of fly-fishing to me. What started out as a journey in recovery and a remedy for trauma turned into a lifelong passion thanks to the Fish Camp guys. It's important to note Joe's commitment to bringing women into this male-dominated sport. I encourage all my friends to sign up for his women-only clinics at trouttown-flies.com. I'll be there to help out!

Nancy Montgomery, *Philpstown*

## Barbershop fire

Our son got his hair cut at Alvin Bell's shop for years ("Longtime Beacon Barber Loses Shop to Fire," July 8). Mr. Bell would finish a last move in his checker game and start the buzz. Family cutting hair: his son, grandson, wife. And he is a deacon, so many people stopped by for their blessing for the day. You needed to wait your turn, and it was always well worth it. We're sending best wishes for a speedy recovery and repairs.

Diane Boujikian, *via Facebook*

## Tree grafting

I should have mentioned in my article on tree grafting ("Cold Spring's Novel Tree Experiment," June 24) that the Tree Advisory Board felt that removing all the village-owned Callery pears, which represent 12 percent of its trees, would be too drastic, since there are 21 on Main Street alone. It would be like me getting my hair cut short.

Michael Turton, *Cold Spring*





NEWS BRIEFS

## Haldane Foundation Awards Grants

Nearly \$22,000 funds trips and programs

The Haldane School Foundation announced on June 28 that it approved nearly \$22,000 in grant awards to student activities.

Five trips received funding: Washington, D.C., for high school juniors (\$8,300); the Model U.N. annual conference at the University of Connecticut for high school students in all grades (\$4,180); an outing to Frost Valley for eighth-graders (\$4,000); and two trips for fourth-graders, one to Albany (\$1,500) and the other to Teatown Reservation (\$500).

The foundation also awarded \$1,700 for a Music in the Parks band and chorus competition for students in grades 7 and 8 and \$1,620 for a yoga and mindfulness program for students in various grades.

## Backpack Program Opens in Putnam

Delivers food and books to eligible families

Putnam County families whose children qualify for free or reduced-price lunches can sign up to receive weekly food, books and activities through the Summer Backpack Program.

The United Way of Westchester and Putnam, the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley and DoorDash are partners for the program, which runs through Aug. 31 and

is open to the first 100 families who sign up. A backpack with school supplies will be delivered the last week of the program.

Families can sign up at [uwwp.org/putnam](http://uwwp.org/putnam) or dial 211 for information.

## Survey Results Show Local Bias

Most people feel discrimination, racism exists

Nearly two-thirds of people surveyed between March and May felt that bias, discrimination and racism were “very or somewhat” present in Philipstown, according to results released on June 30.

The Butterfield and Desmond-Fish libraries, the Garrison school district and the Haldane PTA’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee organized the survey, which drew 443 responses from people who live and/or work in Philipstown.

Another 57 percent of the respondents said they had witnessed bias, discriminatory or racist acts, attitudes and words in Philipstown and nearly one in five said they had been the target of such treatment. At the same time, three in five people surveyed said they felt a sense of inclusion in Philipstown and nearly 80 percent expressed an interest in better understanding the issues.

The full survey results can be viewed at [bit.ly/inclusion-poll](http://bit.ly/inclusion-poll).



**INVESTIGATION CONTINUES** — Dutchess County fire investigators are still working to determine what caused a fire on July 6 that destroyed Alvin Bell’s barbershop and salon on Main Street in Beacon, which he had operated for more than three decades. A GoFundMe page created at [bit.ly/alvin-bell](http://bit.ly/alvin-bell) has raised more than \$7,500 to allow Bell, 83, to replace his equipment and reopen. A similar campaign to assist Amy’s African Hair Braiding, which operated from the shop, is located at [bit.ly/amy-braiding](http://bit.ly/amy-braiding).  
*Photo by Daniel Aubrey*

## Drug Prevention Groups Receive Grants

Carmel, Dutchess programs awarded \$125,000

The Carmel Communities that Care Coalition and the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County are receiving \$125,000 each in

federal funding to prevent drug use among teenagers and young people.

The five-year grants are part of \$625,000 awarded through the Drug-Free Communities Program to five organizations in Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Westchester counties, and were announced on Monday (July 11) by U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney.

Organizations in Mount Kisco, Somers and Warwick also received grants.

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17 Talbot Ave.	Beacon	2	2/0	2,141	\$625,721
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Niagara Power*	\$100.1 million
Brooklyn Union Gas*	\$41.6 million
Rochester Gas & Electric	\$28.7 million
NYSEG	\$21.8 million
National Fuel	\$13.6 million
Central Hudson	\$5.9 million
Orange & Rockland	\$3.8 million
Keyspan Gas*	\$3.2 million

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## Power Bills (from Page 1)

will be paid with a surcharge collected from all utility customers, according to the state. Central Hudson, which is receiving \$2.9 million in state funds, had nearly \$6 million in arrears — defined as bills past due by 60 days or more — as of May 1, according to the Public Service Commission, which regulates utilities. It expects to apply the credits for qualifying customers by Aug. 1. Residents enrolled in Central Hudson’s Bill Discount Program, or who join by Dec. 31, will be eligible if they have received assistance with unpaid utility bills through the state’s home-heating program, ERAP, said Joe Jenkins, a representative for the utility. Credit amounts will vary by customer, he said, and those whose balances are forgiven will still be responsible for charges after May 1. Central Hudson estimates all of its customers will see a surcharge of 0.5 percent for a year to help pay for the debt relief.

The Public Service Commission, in its order approving the initiative, described the current amounts of arrears as “unprecedented.” As of June, business and residential utility customers statewide owed back payments of \$2.3 billion, or more than double what was owed before the pandemic, said the PSC. A statewide moratorium on disconnections that was in place since the beginning of the pandemic ended in December. But utility companies, said the PSC, agreed to keep a moratorium in place for low-income

customers until Sept. 1 while working on a long-term solution to the arrears problem as part of the Energy Affordability Policy Working Group. In addition to the utility companies, the group’s membership includes staff from the Department of Public Service, which provides technical support to the PSC, and consumer-advocacy groups such as AARP, the Public Utility Law Project and Citizens “Credit amounts will vary by customer, he said, and those whose balances are forgiven will still be responsible for charges after May 1.

for Local Power. While the working group crafted a strategy for arrears, utility customers dealt with another blow: a spike in energy prices this winter. In February, Central Hudson warned customers that gas and electric bills would rise by 33 percent due to a variety of factors, including a period of extremely cold weather and higher demand for natural gas. Although the initiative targets low-income residential customers, the working group also has been asked to recommend ways to reduce the increase in arrears for residents who are not low-income, and for business customers.



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## Proposed Cold Spring-Garrison path questioned

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board last week voted 4-0 to join litigation filed by several municipalities to prevent a green-energy company from breaking its deal to supply power from non-polluting sources.

The action occurred July 7 in Town Hall at the board's formal monthly meeting, where the full agenda included discussion of a proposed footpath from Cold Spring to Garrison; the possible transfer of \$10,000 in grant money to Cold Spring; a flag-flying protocol; and honoring military personnel with posters hanging from utility poles, such as those displayed in Beacon and eastern Putnam County.

### Energy lawsuit

By signing onto the lawsuit, Philipstown adds its voice to that of other communities who purchase energy from a Brooklyn-based firm that wants to terminate the contract early.

Through Hudson Valley Community Power, a community choice aggregation (CCA), or coalition, customers purchase electricity from renewable energy sources at prices that don't change over the length

of the contract.

Administered by Joule Assets, the CCA contract with Columbia Utilities calls for those enrolled to get electricity at rates of 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for residences and 7.1 cents for small businesses through June 30, 2024. The CCA pays Columbia for the electricity and Central Hudson for delivery, with both charges appearing on a single Central Hudson bill.

A year into the deal, Columbia Utilities wants out. According to Joule, in April Columbia Utilities secretly notified state regulators it intended to offload about 25,000 customers onto other suppliers.

Several CCA municipalities and Joule sued the utility on June 3 in state court. Shortly before the case was filed, the Town Board considered participating, but held off until its attorney, who was traveling overseas, could review the matter.

Councilor Jason Angell said July 7 that Joule is bearing the costs of the litigation. The legal agreement accompanying the resolution states that any money awarded the plaintiffs would go toward Joule's expenses and then to CCA members.

On June 7, a state judge issued a temporary restraining order, effective until late August, to give the parties time to negotiate a settlement.

"I don't think Columbia can provide enough power cheap enough to continue"

the deal, said Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel. Moreover, he said, "Central Hudson rates are high because they're [based on] oil-fired plants or fossil-fuel plants. Green power is so much cheaper."

Angell noted that Philipstown "helped push the CCA forward." Not only is the green-energy program "the biggest environmental impact we've had," he said, "but it saved people about \$200 a month. So it's a big deal. Getting kicked off is going to hurt people."

### Cold Spring-Garrison footpath

Cold Spring Trustee Laura Bozzi, in her capacity as co-chair of the Philipstown Trails Committee, told the Town Board that it hopes in late summer to unveil a potential course for a footpath connecting Cold Spring and Garrison's Landing. In February 2021, the committee proposed a path that would connect the village with Boscobel in Garrison.

The planning was funded by a \$37,100 state grant to the town. Efforts to create a townwide trail system began in 2018 following a survey in which respondents listed hiking and biking trails as a priority.

Angell described it as a way for people of all ages to walk or bicycle and "move more freely" without a car. "This is really a local trail for local residents," he said.

Councilor Megan Cotter questioned the endeavor. "Who's footing this bill?" she asked. "You're all about the community, which I am too, and opening these

trails, like biking, walking, because this is a highly populated tourist attraction — where are all those tourists going? Where are they parking?"

She acknowledged her interest in recreation in Philipstown, but "not for nothing. We have to control what we have right now." Given the pending Fjord Trail to connect Cold Spring and Beacon, she said that "adding more trails might just break us. And now your trail. Why not put my trail in there?"

Bozzi said questions such as those from Cotter must be answered. A feasibility study will address some, she said. "We're at a beginning stage."

"There's going to be a lot of public conversations," Angell said.

### Village charging station

Van Tassel proposed that the town give Cold Spring \$10,000 of its unspent Climate Smart grant funds to install an electric-vehicle charging station in the village.

"It doesn't fit any of our needs currently and we don't want to see it go to waste, obviously," the supervisor said. Another charging station "is only going to benefit Philipstown if it's in the village of Cold Spring or in Nelsonville, either way. I'm in favor of seeing the money stay local, rather than returning it."

Cotter said she, too, favors using the funds locally but expressed reservations. "Is there something else under the Climate Smart

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## Gun Questions *(from Page 1)*

ing that gun owners demonstrate “proper cause” to qualify for a permit to carry a concealed weapon outside their homes.

Within eight days, Hochul and the Legislature’s Democratic majority enacted a response to that ruling: a gauntlet of requirements that applicants for a concealed-carry permit must meet.

At the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office’s Pistol Permit Bureau, deputies are experiencing a sharp increase in calls from gun owners, said Lt. Shawn Castano on Wednesday (July 13).

Asked last week if Putnam has fielded more than the usual number of calls from gun owners over the last month, County Clerk Michael Bartolotti said: “That would be an understatement. When you combine the gun control legislation passed at the end of session [on June 6], the Supreme Court decision and the new legislation, we have been extremely busy.”

He said that, following the Supreme Court ruling, gun owners began calling to ask about the process of obtaining licenses to carry concealed weapons.

Among the common questions in Dutchess County, said Castano, have been: (1) Can I now carry my pistol in New York City [which bans them]? (2) Do I need a pistol license anymore? (3) If I was denied a concealed-carry permit before the Supreme Court decision, do I now automatically get one?

Six days after the Supreme Court ruling, the volume of inquiries prompted Bartolotti and Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville to issue a statement that, despite the ruling, it would be “unwise and premature” to make any changes to the licensing process, partly because Hochul and state legislators were considering a second round of legislation that “could affect the entire

pistol-licensing process.” That legislation, passed by Democrats and signed by Hochul on July 1, means county clerks and sheriff offices will become even busier.

Unless it is successfully challenged in court, the law will require that, as of Sept. 1, anyone applying for a concealed-carry permit provide more information and meet new eligibility standards.

In addition to having to undergo 16 hours of training — including two hours of live firing — and interview in-person with a hearing officer to qualify for a concealed-carry permit, gun owners must provide links to their social media accounts and names and contact information for at least four character references. Existing permit-holders will have to undergo training to recertify their licenses.

Even if they secure a permit, successful applicants will have fewer places to take their weapons. The new law includes a long list of “sensitive areas” where guns will be banned (see sidebar). Police officers, armed security guards, active-duty military personnel and anyone legally hunting will be exempt.

Gun owners face a felony charge for violating the ban on weapons in sensitive areas and could also be charged with possessing a concealed gun on private property without the owner’s permission.

The state police will play an outsize role under the new law. The agency will be the “point of contact” for gun dealers requesting background checks on buyers, instead of the federal government. The state police will also be tasked with establishing training standards for gun buyers.

“Since there are so very many details that need to be drafted and provided by various agencies, we do not have much information that we can share with our customers at this point,” said Bartolotti.

## Gun Signage Law Blocked in Dutchess

### *Democrats sought warning signs at firearm shops*

By Jeff Simms

A proposal to post signs in Dutchess County gun shops to warn customers of the dangers of firearms failed on July 7 to make it out of the county Legislature’s Government Services Committee and onto the floor for a vote.

Instead, Republican members of the Legislature, and some of the county residents who commented on the proposal, suggested the state reverse its 2019 bail reform laws if it wants to reduce gun violence.

The proposal, introduced last month by the Democratic caucus, would have required signs to be posted anywhere a firearm can be purchased that read:

“Warning: Access to a firearm in the home significantly increases the risk of suicide, death during domestic violence disputes and the unintentional death of children, household members or others.”

The signs would also have included the phone numbers of the Dutchess County Helpline and the National Suicide Hotline.

Shops failing to post the signs would have been subject to a \$250 fine. Westchester County legislators unanimously passed a similar resolution in May.

During the Dutchess committee meeting on July 7, Republican leaders maintained that the law would have been unenforceable and would have no impact on gun violence. Gregg Pulver, the Legislature’s chair, read aloud a news report about a Dutchess County man who had been sent to prison after he held a middle school principal hostage in Pine Plains in 2009 while armed with a shotgun

and was arrested again in April with a loaded shotgun that was illegal for him to own.

“You think a sign is going to stop these kinds of people from using guns in their possession?” he asked. “Absolutely not. It’s fictitious.” Pulver accused the Democratic legislators of wanting “to make this into some political football for themselves.”

Echoing a Poughkeepsie resident who had earlier criticized the “turnstile catch-and-release of prisoners,” Pulver said overturning the state’s bail reform law, which was heralded at the time of its passage by racial justice advocates, would be more effective. “Anybody who thinks a sign in a gun store will have any effect, even on one life, is fooling themselves and the public,” he said.

That one life is what elected officials should be thinking about, countered Legislator Yvette Valdes-Smith, a Democrat whose district includes part of Beacon.

“This is not about taking anybody’s guns away,” she said. “Can we please look at this as parents and friends and neighbors? If [a sign] helps make one gun owner think twice to be more diligent, preventing one domestic violence incident, one suicide, one unintentional death of a child, then it is worth that effort.”

After nearly two hours of debate, a former assistant county attorney, who was sitting in for County Attorney Caroline Blackburn, interjected, saying she had earlier that day received a memo from Blackburn suggesting the proposal may be preempted by an existing county law, and might restrict the free speech of dealers.

That effectively ended the discussion, and the measure was defeated, 7-4, which kept it off the full Legislature’s agenda for Monday (July 11).

## How They Voted: Gun Controls

Below are summaries of recently enacted gun-control laws and the votes cast by Republican Sue Serino (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Sandy Galef (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

### Concealed carry

On July 1, Gov. Kathy Hochul enacted legislation designed to address a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court that invalidated New York State’s concealed-carry laws. The law takes effect on Sept. 1. An appeals board for applicants whose license or renewal applications are denied or revoked will begin operating on April 1.

Among other provisions, the law:

- Expands requirements for concealed-carry permits to include character references, firearm safety courses and live fire testing. The law will redefine “good moral character” for applicants, who must show “the essential character, temperament and judgment necessary to be entrusted with a weapon and to use it in a manner that does not endanger oneself or others.”
- Adds “sensitive areas” where firearms are banned to include places where canna-

bis is consumed; polling places; colleges and universities; conference centers, banquet halls and casinos; and public protests. The list also includes airports, bars, emergency shelters, entertainment venues, government buildings, medical facilities, houses of worship, libraries, public transportation, Times Square and other locations.

■ Weapons will be banned on private property by default unless the property owner says otherwise, which the governor’s office says “gives power to business and property owners to decide whether they want guns in their establishments. Property owners who do decide to allow concealed-carry will have to disclose with signage saying concealed carry is allowed on the premises.”



■ Raises the age at which guns must be secured from 16 to 18. That is, if any resident of a home is 18 years or younger, fire-

arms must have trigger locks or be stored in a locked cabinet or safe. In addition, the law makes it illegal to leave a weapon in a vehicle unless it is in a lockbox.

■ Allows the state to conduct background checks for license holders and ammunition sales that go beyond federal requirements.

■ Redefines “body vest” to close a loophole that excluded hard armor. During the Buffalo killings, the alleged shooter was wearing a steel-plated vest.

**Passed by Senate, 43-20**  
Serino 



**Passed by Assembly, 90-52**  
Galef  Jacobson 

### Restrictions

On June 6, Hochul enacted laws designed to restrict access to weapons. The new regulations include those that:



■ Require individuals to get a gun license to purchase a semi-automatic rifle. Under existing state law, individuals must be at least 21 to obtain a gun license.

**Passed by Senate, 43-20**  
Serino 

**Passed by Assembly, 102-47**  
Galef  Jacobson 



■ Ban the purchase of body armor by anyone who does not work in law enforcement or a similar job.

**Passed by Senate, 55-8**  
Serino 

**Passed by Assembly, 105-44**  
Galef  Jacobson 



■ Expand the professions that can file an “extreme risk protection order” (or red flag) for an individual who may be dangerous. It now will include physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, registered nurses, social workers, therapists and counselors who have examined the person within the previous six months.

**Passed by Senate, 49-14**  
Serino 

**Passed by Assembly, 119-30**  
Galef  Jacobson 

■ Eliminate a provision that made it legal to possess large-capacity ammunition feeding devices if they were obtained before the NY Safe Act went into effect in 2013 or were manufactured before 1994.

**Passed by Senate, 43-20**  
Serino 

**Passed by Assembly, 106-43**  
Galef  Jacobson 



## Village Board *(from Page 3)*

assists to ambulance crews, four activated fire alarms, two structure fires, two elevator rescues, a lawn mower fire, a vehicle fire, a car crash and a marine incident.

■ Cold Spring police officers made three arrests — two related to the June 17 incident and one in response to a warrant. Officers also answered 69 calls for service and issued 10 traffic and 73 parking tickets. Burke said the license-plate readers installed at three highway entrances to the village have been

temporarily removed for maintenance.

■ Sidewalk repairs are scheduled to begin this week on Parrott Street at Pine. Repairs are also planned for parts of Garden Street, the corner of Northern Avenue and Church Street, Depot Square and Academy Street.

■ Metro-North construction crews will assist with treating the leaks that have plagued the pedestrian tunnel. The unexpected help is the result of the village allowing Metro-North to store equipment at the highway department yard.

## Philipstown Agenda

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umbrella that we can put it toward, instead of another charger?" she asked. "Because it goes back to that congestion that Philipstown kind of would have with another charger."

Angell said the money can only pay for such projects as e-car charging facilities or solar installations, and that the town must determine by July 22 how to spend it.

Councilor Robert Flaherty, the town's representative to Cold Spring, said he would bring the idea to the Village Board.

### Flag policy

The board resumed its discussion of a policy for flying flags at town government sites, after allowing the LGBTQ+ Progress Pride flag to fly, separately from the U.S. flag, at Town Hall in June; placing the Ukrainian flag in a Town Hall window this spring; and adopting a moratorium, which began July 1, on flying flags other than Old Glory and the Prisoners-of-War/Missing-in-Action flag.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's the American flag," plus the POW-MIA flag that count, Van Tassel said. He added that he might also be OK with the state flag, a county flag and a Philipstown flag.

"My fear is that if we entertain any other flags, we will have an endless flow of questioning and an endless flow of work," he said. "I don't think we need to get in the mud and start making those decisions month after month."

Cotter concurred that "there's a lot more pressing issues" and Flaherty, too, said he would not want debates over flags at every meeting. But, he said, he would also "like to try to open it up a little bit, to see what we can do to get public input. I don't want to just open and close this right away."

### Military banners

Van Tassel welcomed a plea from resident Cindy Trimble and Gail Silke of Carmel to

attach posters with photographs of military personnel to town utility poles.

Silke and Trimble said that, typically, families buy the banners for \$200 to \$250.

"It's wonderful program," said Van Tassel, saying he would like to honor his father with a banner. "I don't see any reason we can't start" displaying them along Philipstown roads while Cold Spring and Nelsonville consider their responses, although he said he first wanted to hear from the town attorney.

### COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

#### PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

**26,923** (+262)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:

**10.3%** (-2.5)

Percent vaccinated:

**83.1**

Cold Spring: **95.4** / Garrison: **87.2**

Number of deaths:

**125** (0)

#### DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

**72,227** (+657)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:

**12.0%** (-0.9)

Percent vaccinated:

**77.6**

Beacon: **72.9**

Number of deaths:

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Source: State and county health departments, as of July 13, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose.

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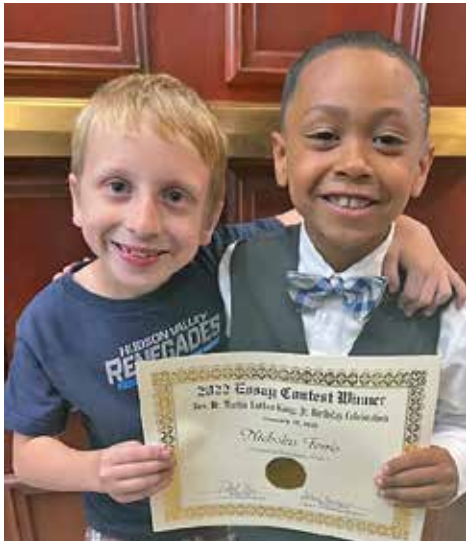




## AROUND TOWN



▲ **MUSIC NOTES** — The Beacon school district last month received a donation of \$3,000 worth of instruments from Music for Humanity (musicforhumanity.org), a nonprofit based in Chester. Barry Adelman (center), its co-founder, is shown with James Walton, the high school band director, and Susan Wright, the chorus director.



◀ **ESSAY WINNER** — Each year, the Southern Dutchess Coalition and the Beacon Sloop Club celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with an essay contest. The 2022 winners include second-grader Nicholas Ferris (right), shown with his friend, Gavin Berry. For a photo of all six winners, see [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org). *Photos provided*



▲ **ANIMAL RESCUE** — Christopher Evers, who rescues abused and neglected exotic species, visited the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison on July 6 with an anaconda, a large rabbit, African turtles and a cairn. He asked participants to imagine the world from the animals' perspective. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



◀ **NEW OFFICER** — Beacon's newest police officer is Nicholas Anzovino (center), a recent graduate of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Academy. He is shown with Lt. Tom Figlia and Chief Sands Frost. *Photo provided*



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Meghan Spiro, Matthew Robinson (Photos by Ross Corsair)



Elin Lundman (top) (Photo by Darya Golubina) Devin Mattera, David Rich (Photos by Ross Corsair)

## The Calendar

# Beacon Open Studios Returns

*After hiatus in 2021, art event set for July 23-24*

By Alison Rooney

Looking for more connections to the arts community after making a Brooklyn-to-Beacon move in 2019, Darya Golubina participated in Beacon Open Studios that year and volunteered the next.

In 2021, there was no event: The complex, volunteer-led showcase was a casualty of the pandemic and burnout. Frustrated, Golubina reached out to longtime Beacon artists and the newer, younger contingent.

"All names led back to Beacon Arts," which had organized the earlier iterations, she says. It agreed to be a fiscal sponsor for 2022 for the free, self-guided event in which 65 artists have agreed to participate on July 23 and 24, either by opening their studios or sharing their work in group shows.

After talking to a lot of people who had taken part earlier, Golubina felt well-

educated in the history of the event and ready to take it on, in an expansive way.

"It's a full part-time job, requiring both passion and the ability to enjoy reading through 40 emails at the end of my workday" — she's a photographer who commutes to Manhattan most weekdays — "but my goals were set, and it's been fun, particularly getting to know everyone on a deeper level. It helps being an artist myself, coming at it from the inside. So many artists move here for the community, and are trying hard to connect with others and also to have their work seen."

Golubina hoped for 50 artists to take part and was thrilled when she had 65 committed by the end of June. (Artists pay \$25 to \$150 to participate.) She stresses that she and other organizers, including Chris Ams and Evan Samuelson, are "not gatekeepers of the arts in Beacon. No one who applied within the deadline was rejected. This is about Beacon and showing all the art that is available here."

"In fact, we wanted to open it up more by reaching out to video and installa-

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## COMMUNITY

SAT 16

### Country Fest and 4-H Showcase

CARMEL

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Memorial Park  
20 Gypsy Trail Road  
putnam.cce.cornell.edu

4-H youth will showcase their projects and animals, and there will be games, artisan vendors, food trucks and a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band (\$29). Also SUN 17. *Cost: Free*

SAT 16

### Brews With Views

COLD SPRING

1 – 6 p.m. Mayor's Park | 61 Fair St.  
events.beerfests.com/e/brews-with-views

Along with samples from 50 New York breweries, enjoy food, music, games and artisan vendors. *Cost: \$65 (\$75 door, \$105 VIP includes lunch)*

WED 20

### Women's Networking Event

POUGHKEEPSIE

5:30 p.m. Locust Grove Estate  
2683 South Road | 845-229-0106

State Sen. Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, will host this annual event with Alyssa Carrion of Mental Health America of Dutchess County and Undersheriff Jacqueline Salvatore. RSVP by phone or email serino@nysenate.gov. Also available via Zoom. *Free*

THURS 21

### Plant Swap

BEACON

2 – 6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | beaconlibrary.org

Bring a labeled plant — vegetables, flowers, succulents and houseplants are welcome — and leave with a new one.

SAT 23

### Pet Rabies Vaccination Clinic

PHILIPSTOWN

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

The Putnam County Department of Health will vaccinate leashed dogs and cats and ferrets in carriers at this free clinic. Bring proof of prior vaccination and residency.

SAT 23

### Community Day

GARRISON

Noon – 3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

The outdoor festivities will include a climbing wall, music

performances, storyteller Jonathan Kruk, square dancing and free hot dogs and ice cream.

## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 16

### Matt and Tara's Sing-a-Long

GARRISON

11:30 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

Matt Sherwin and Tara Bahna-James will perform. Registration required.

MON 18

### Sun Catcher Art

BEACON

3 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org

Children ages 4 to fifth grade are invited to make a summer-themed craft. Registration required.

TUES 19

### Beach in a Box Program

GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

Sara Mayes will discuss seashells and other treasures that you would find on a beach, followed by a craft. Best for students in grades 1 to 5. Registration required.

WED 20

### Dive Into Books: A Magic Show

BEACON

3 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center  
23 W. Center St. | beaconlibrary.org

The Howland Public Library will host this program of tricks, illusions and storytelling for children ages 4 and older.

WED 20

### College Essay Workshop

COLD SPRING

5 – 8 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Eric Tipler, a college essay coach, will discuss what admissions staff are looking for and how to craft a personal story.

THURS 21

### Decorate a Journal

BEACON

3 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org

Students in grades 1 to 5 will use markers to personalize journals. Registration required.

FRI 22

### Comics Journalism

BEACON

12:30 – 2 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org

Deb Lucke, a graphic novelist and *The Current's* investigative cartoonist, will lead workshops for students in grades 6 to 12 to create comic books about Beacon businesses.



## STAGE & SCREEN

SUN 17

### The Leatherman: An American Vagabond

PUTNAM VALLEY

11 a.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompkinscorners.org

Jon Scott Bennett will screen his documentary about a mysterious man who dressed in leather and



The Leatherman, July 17

traveled the roads of New York and Connecticut from 1857 to 1889, rarely speaking and returning to each town every 35 days.

SUN 17

### Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
hvshakespeare.org

After the electrical grid fails, a group of people come together to share memories and stories that have been lost on hard drives. Also SUN 17, THURS 21, SAT 23. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

MON 18

### Romeo and Juliet

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
hvshakespeare.org

Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson star in this interpretation of the fated lovers' story directed by Gaye Taylor Upchurch. Also WED 20, FRI 22, SUN 24. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

THURS 21

### The Sound of Music

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Young actors will perform the classic musical under the direction of Elaine Llewellyn, Percy Parker and Oliver Petkus. Also FRI 22, SAT 23, SUN 24. *Cost: \$12*

THURS 21

### Scotland Road

BEACON

6 & 7 p.m. Boats leave dock  
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

The thriller by playwright Jeffrey Hatcher, performed on Bannerman Island, will unravel the story of a woman rescued at sea at the end of the 20th century who claims to be a Titanic survivor. Also FRI 22, SAT 23, SUN 24. *Cost: \$65*

SAT 23

### Do the Right Thing

COLD SPRING

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

The Cold Spring Film Society will screen the 1989 Spike Lee film starring Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee and Danny Aiello about what happens on a hot summer day when hate and bigotry turn into violence.

## VISUAL ART

SAT 16

### Midsummer Evenings

BEACON

5 – 8 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
3 Beekman St.  
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

The cafe will serve wine and food during the museum's extended hours. Also SAT 23. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students, visitors with disabilities, \$5 ages 5 to 11, 5 and younger free)*

SUN 17

### Princess Wow's Smile Revolution

NEWBURGH

4 p.m. Holland Tunnel | 46 Chambers St.  
hollandtunnelgallery.com

This "musical hat happening" will feature Mindy Frandkin (aka Princess Wow) and Roland Moussa. *Cost: \$10 donation*

FRI 22

### Beacon Open Studios

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. The Landmark | 139 Main St.  
beaconopenstudios.com

This reception will open the annual studio tour and gallery shows, which takes place SAT 23 and SUN 24. The River Valley Guild Market at 4 Hanna Lane will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on both days, and a musical showcase is planned for 4 to 7 p.m. on SAT 23 at Reserva Wine Bar, 173 Main St. The website has a list of participating studios and a map. See Page 11. *Free*

FRI 22

### Upstate Art Weekend

HUDSON VALLEY

Various locations  
upstateartweekend.org

More than 145 galleries, artist



Do the Right Thing, July 23



studios, arts organizations and projects will participate in this annual event across eight counties, including Putnam and Dutchess. See Page 15. Also SAT 23, SUN 24.

TALKS AND TOURS

WED 20  
What's Your Story?

**BEACON**  
1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Brent Sverdloff will offer tips on how to creatively share details about yourself and make an impression.

WED 20  
Justin Winters

**GARRISON**  
2 p.m. Via Zoom | [garrisoninstitute.org](http://garrisoninstitute.org)

The co-founder and director of One Earth will discuss coexisting with nature with Jonathan Rose of the Garrison Institute as part of its Pathways to Planetary Health series.

FRI 22  
What to Know About Online Privacy and Your Data

**GARRISON**  
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Learn how to protect your personal information online.

MUSIC

SAT 16  
Death Cab For Cutie

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
7 p.m. MJN Convention Center  
14 Civic Center Plaza  
[midhudsonciviccenter.org](http://midhudsonciviccenter.org)

The band will perform selections from its upcoming album, *Asphalt Meadows*, and other favorites. *Illuminati Hotties* opens. *Cost: \$55 to \$99*

SAT 16  
Doansburg Chamber Ensemble

**COLD SPRING**  
7 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4167  
[doansburgchamberensemble.org](http://doansburgchamberensemble.org)

The flute, harp and French horn trio will perform a program that will include works by Barboteu, Koetsier, Bresgen and Bacos. Watch in person or online.

SAT 16  
West Point Band

**WEST POINT**  
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point  
845-938-2617 | [westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com)

The West Point Alumni Glee Club will join the Army's oldest musical organization for a concert of American hits.

SAT 16  
The Prezence

**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The Led Zeppelin tribute band will perform fan favorites. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*



Death Cab For Cutie, July 16

SAT 16  
Bobby Edge

**BEACON**  
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.  
[facebook.com/quinnbeacon](http://facebook.com/quinnbeacon)

The singer and songwriter will be joined by Grassy Sound.

SUN 17  
Elizabeth Wolff

**COLD SPRING**  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org)

The pianist's program will include works by Barber and Schubert. Proof of vaccination and masks required. Donations appreciated. *Free*

MON 18  
Howard Britz Trio

**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.  
[facebook.com/quinnbeacon](http://facebook.com/quinnbeacon)

The trio will perform as part of Quinn's weekly jazz series. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 22  
Vance Gilbert

**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The acoustic folk singer and songwriter will be joined by Lauren

West. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 23  
Sultans of Swing

**NEWBURGH**  
4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College  
330 Powell Ave. | 845-913-7157  
[newburghsymphony.org](http://newburghsymphony.org)

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform its annual summer pops concert at Aquinas Hall with music made famous by Ella Fitzgerald and Frank Sinatra. *Cost: \$25 to \$50 (students free)*

SAT 23  
Trove

**GARRISON**  
5 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D  
845-424-3812 | [visitmanitoga.org](http://visitmanitoga.org)

Ben Neill and Eric Calvi will present an immersive sonic performance designed for the Quarry Pool and the surrounding landscape. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 members)*

SAT 23  
Stampin' Our Feet with Pete

**BEACON**  
5:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
Join a sing-a-long led by David

and Jacob Bernz, Thom Joyce and the Beacon Sloop Club to celebrate the release of the Pete Seeger Music Icons series postage stamp.

SAT 23  
Open Book

**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
6 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)

Singer-songwriters Michele and Rick Gedney will perform selections from their four albums in a benefit for the cultural center. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 23  
Forrest Gump

**BEACON**  
7 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | [annalyseandryan.com](http://annalyseandryan.com)

Local musicians, including Annalyse & Ryan, Brad Hubbard, Cary Brown, the Costellos, Dan Hickey, Daria Grace, Dimitri Archip, Drew Murtaugh, Jaana Narsipur, Jonathan Frith, Matt Dickey, Peter Sparacino, Stephen Clair, Tristen Napoli and the Whispering Tree will perform music from the film during the first in the Summer Night Soundtracks series. *Cost: \$30 to \$50 (ages 12 and younger free)*

SAT 23  
Alex and Bobby Yaps

**BEACON**  
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | [reservabeacon.com](http://reservabeacon.com)

The singer and her accompanist will perform witty songs with a timeless edge. *Free*

SAT 23  
Trout Fishing in America

**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet will perform music from their 25th album, *Safe House*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 23  
Stephen Clair and the Royal Peep

**BEACON**  
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.  
[facebook.com/quinnbeacon](http://facebook.com/quinnbeacon)

The Beacon musician will be joined by Nate Allen and Aaron Latos.

CIVIC

MON 18  
Ward 2 Office Hours

**BEACON**  
2 – 4 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | [beaconny.gov](http://beaconny.gov)

City Council Member Justice McCray will be available to meet with community members.

MON 18  
City Council

**BEACON**  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | [beaconny.gov](http://beaconny.gov)

MON 18  
Village Board

**NELSONVILLE**  
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.  
845-265-2500 | [nelsonvillenyny.gov](http://nelsonvillenyny.gov)

WED 20  
Village Board

**COLD SPRING**  
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.  
845-265-3611 | [coldspringny.gov](http://coldspringny.gov)



Howard Britz Trio, July 18



## 'Art is Like Speaking'

Art was a conduit for communicating even before Darya Golubina, at age 8, moved with her family from Ukraine to Brooklyn.

"I have photos, taken when I was 3, that show me sitting by myself on a bench or a stool in front of our apartment building in Kiev, drawing," she says. "As I came into my own, I connected with people through art. Coming here, to a foreign country, not knowing the language, teachers always noticed me sketching and let me draw. They taught me English through art. Honestly, making art is like speaking to me. I can't remember not doing it."

Golubina attended the LaGuardia High School of Music & Art & Performing Arts in Manhattan, followed by the School of Visual Arts. Today, she is a painter and photographer who gravitates toward portraiture because the genres "hold each other's hands," she says. Because her studio apartment is too small for visitors, she will be showing her work during Beacon Open Studios in the group shows at Hudson Beach Glass and The Landmark.



Darya Golubina

Photo by Ashley Verhasselt



Rick Rogers

Photo by Darya Golubina

## Open Studios (from Page 11)

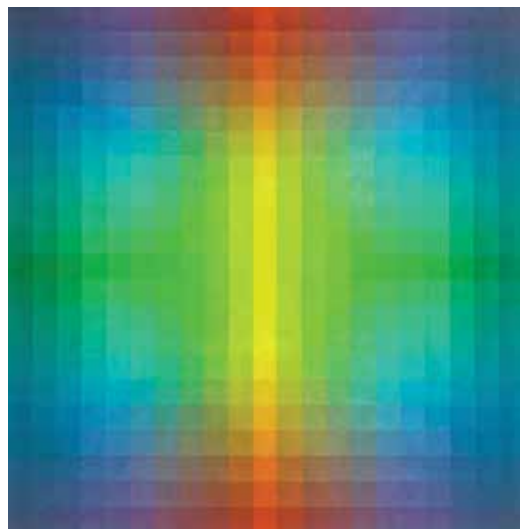
tion artists, so that not all the work took the form of hanging on a traditional gallery-space wall," she adds. "It also was important to us to set aside locations for artists without studios, or those who had concerns over COVID-19 and people coming into their private spaces."

Some changes implemented this year include a number of group shows, including at Hudson Beach Glass at 162 Main St. (through Aug. 7), Trash Alley (behind Hyperbole at 484 Main St.), Bank Square Coffeehouse at 129 Main St. and The Landmark at 139 Main St. Photographs of the locations were posted on the Open Studios website to give artists a feel for the spaces offered. A musical showcase is planned for 4 to 7 p.m.

on July 23 at Reserva Wine Bar at 173 Main St. And there is more reliance on digital information, to reduce paper waste.

This year, Beacon Open Studios is also part of the rapidly expanding Upstate Art Weekend. "I wrote an application," Golubina says, "I wasn't sure they would accept us, as we're not one location and not 'an' artist, and I applied on behalf of a whole town. We are so excited to be a part of something larger."

*Beacon Open Studios opens July 22 with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. at The Landmark. Group shows and studios, as well as The River Valley Guild Market at 4 Hanna Lane, will be open from noon to 6 p.m. on July 23 and July 24. See [beaconopenstudios.com](http://beaconopenstudios.com) for participating artists and a map. All events are free.*

"Nancy,"  
by Barbara Herzfeld"Brother,"  
by Darya Golubina"The Unkempt,"  
by Meghan Spiro"RGB,"  
by Marc Bernier"An Experiment in Dish Doing,"  
by Kat Spontak

## Up and Away for Art Weekend

*Hudson Valley tour's popularity soars*

By Alison Rooney

Faster than a speeding paintbrush, the Upstate Art Weekend has grown from 23 venues in 2020 to more than 145 this year. It takes place July 22-24 at locations in Dutchess (including Beacon), Putnam (including Philipstown), Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties.

It's all about "community, collaboration, art and the outdoors," says Helen Toomer, who created the event. After her family moved to the Hudson Valley in 2016, she found herself creating itineraries for visiting friends who expressed confusion about the geography, asking for clarification when she told them venues were "on opposite sides of the river."

Toomer told *The Current* last year that she wanted to launch Upstate Art Weekend because "I started feeling how lucky we are to be surrounded by nature and so much art." However, "every year something happened — a baby, a job, big things" — to delay it.

By June 2020, she felt she was ready. "My poor husband — I woke up one morning in June 2020 and said, 'We're doing it!'" recalled Toomer, who with her family runs Stoneleaf, an artist residency and creative space for women and families.

"Because we had all been through this incredibly traumatic time, all riding the same storm in different boats, the response [from artists] was quick and positive," she said. "It has grown into a beautiful beast. It's incredible the magic up here; I'm just here to connect the dots."

To plan your travels, explore the map at [upstateartweekend.org](http://upstateartweekend.org), which also includes links and recommendations from artists about where to eat, shop and stay. The weekend events include traditional gallery shows as well as exhibits, performances, projects and open studios, including in Beacon.

Local galleries on the tour are Analog Diary, Dia:Beacon, Ethan Cohen Gallery, Fridman Gallery, Garage Gallery, Howland Cultural Center, and Mother in Beacon; JDJ and Manitoga in Garrison; and Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown.

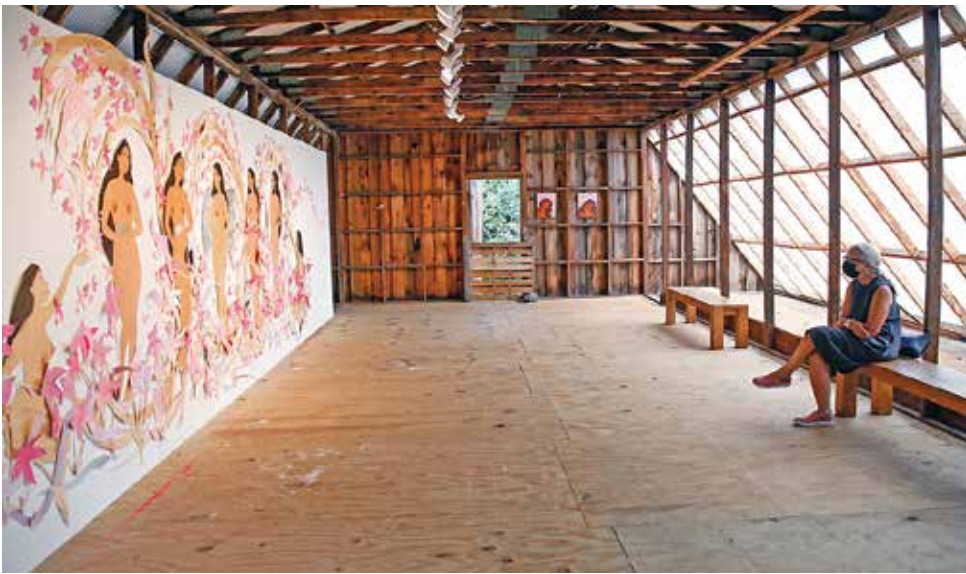




← “Urgent Beings,” by Ashley Eliza Williams, at Headstone Gallery in Kingston



The Upstate Art Weekend opening in 2021 at Stoneleaf Retreat in Eddyville



A visitor enjoys a mural by Hida Schahbaz at Stoneleaf Retreat during the 2021 event.



Helen Toomer Photo by Angela Pham/BFA (3)

← “Ghost Column,” by Alison McNulty, at Basilica Hudson



The spacious interior of the new Don Nice Archive and Study Center Photo provided

# Don Nice Archive Opens in Dutchess

Don Nice, a former college football player who burst onto the art scene in the early 1960s when the Whitney Museum acquired his “American Series #5,” was a longtime Garrison resident. He died in 2019 at age 86. His daughter, Leslie, recently spoke with *The Current* about the new Don Nice Archive and Study Center in Dover Plains; her comments have been edited for brevity.

“When I took on management of my father’s estate in 2019, it was with the conviction that although his work is well represented in museums — over 70 worldwide, including the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art [at SUNY New Paltz] and the Albany Institute of History and Art here in the Hudson Valley and the Metropolitan Museum, the Whitney and the Museum of Modern Art — his particular dedication to his art and the environment needed to be remembered and studied.

“After looking for a place to organize and share his work, I was fortunate enough to discover a beautiful shell of a 6,000-square-foot 1920s building on Route 22 in Dover Plains. It was not in Garrison, but there were a lot of elements surrounding the building that remind me of home. Its proximity to the elementary school warmed my heart because my late mother was an elementary school teacher.

“It is also across the street from Dover Church, which is an

environmental destination and reminds me of my father’s connection to the Earth. And it is minutes to the Metro-North station; the sound of the train pulling into the station echoing in the distance is reminiscent of the Metro-North train in Garrison.

“After 18 months of renovations, we are excited to announce its opening and the formation of the Don Nice Foundation. We are excited to open the space with my father’s last series of *Earth Spinners*, a body of work situated within his lifelong engagement with environmental concerns that explores a mode of representation of our relationship to the Earth as our host.

“This installation, which is meant to challenge a viewer’s traditional point of perspective, brings his artistic vision full circle. It references the premise of scientist James Lovelock’s Gaia hypothesis, a model of the Earth in which its living and nonliving parts can be thought of as a single organism.”

The Don Nice Archive and Study Center is located at 3140 Route 22 in Dover Plains. During Upstate Art Weekend, the exhibit *Don Nice: GAIA* will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on July 22 (with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m.) and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 23 and 24. See [donnice.com](http://donnice.com).



“ES9710,” by Don Nice





Diners enjoyed breakfast at The Foundry Rose at 8 a.m. on a recent Saturday.

Photo by A. Rooney



MaryRose and Doug Donaghy, owners of The Foundry Rose

MaryRose Donaghy has fond memories of The Foundry Cafe, the Cold Spring breakfast and lunch mainstay that seemed to have been at its Main Street location forever. In fact, the eatery lasted for 26 years before closing in January.

Donaghy and her husband, Douglas, a lieutenant in the Yonkers Fire Department who runs a flooring business on the side, moved around the corner from The Foundry when they settled in Cold Spring 15 years ago. "We ate there all the time; mostly we loved to hang out with Jeff" — Jeff Consaga, the former owner, who was often seen through the opening to the kitchen, skillet in hand.

Donaghy, who owns Firefly Yoga in Fishkill and years ago worked for a chef, had a long-simmering hankering to open a restaurant. Knowing, as did many in town, of the seesawing fortunes of The Foundry, exacerbated by the pandemic, and of Consaga's desire to retire, she approached him about a partnership.

## The Foundry Reopens with a Rose

*New owners for longtime Cold Spring cafe*

By Alison Rooney

That didn't work out but they eventually took over from Consaga, which gave them more freedom to make changes. They renovated the space, with new floors, paint, chairs, upholstery, stove and refrigerator. "We've tried to make the kitchen more usable," she says. "We've been learning how to make a menu full of variety that can be produced in a small kitchen; we're continually working on that."

About that menu: "I was looking for what was missing," Donaghy says. "We wanted to follow the lead of our juice bar with salads at Firefly in terms of bringing healthy elements to the menu while keeping traditional staples — a place where you can have a smoothie or steak and eggs."

A sampling of breakfast items includes staples such as eggs with hash browns and bacon or sausage; buttermilk pancakes with cinnamon butter and fruit; and a gravlax breakfast bagel, alongside more unusual fare like the vegan and gluten-free Green Goddess bowl, with pineapple, banana, spirulina, kale and almond milk topped with cucumber, almonds, kiwi and pumpkin seeds.

Lunch fare includes an American banh mi, fish tacos, beef and veggie burgers, taco plates, chopped Asian salad and a grain bowl, along with shared-plate options such as fried cauliflower with crisp garlic, Korean barbecue sauce and jalapeño aioli, and a burrata plate.

The couple have tried to source locally

with coffee from Big Mouth, bread from Signal Fire, fish from Cold Spring Fish and Crown Maple Syrup from Dover Plains.

What's not on the menu is Consaga's celebrated French toast. Asked about it, Donaghy nodded, anticipating the question. She said the issue was how long it takes to make his recipe — a familiar memory to those with a table of hungry kids slowly descending into chaos. "Jeff's French toast took 25 minutes, minimum — we're trying for under 25 here!"

How does Donaghy — the mother of three and now the owner of a yoga studio and a restaurant in different locations — de-stress? Need you ask?

"A lot of half-pigeon pose," she says. "A lot."

*The Foundry Rose, at 55 Main St., in Cold Spring, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Wednesday. A grand opening is planned for Thursday (July 21) as part of Third Thursday, with food from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and music by Nellybombs from 5 to 7 p.m. See thefoundryrose.com.*



Summer bowl



Grain bowl with halibut



Steak and eggs

Photos provided

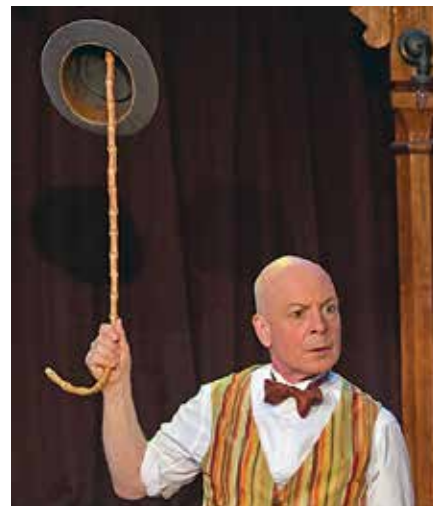




# Pocket Moxie

Happenstance Theater stopped at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sunday (July 10) as part of its summer tour of performances that pay homage to vaudeville in the late 19th century. Based in Washington, D.C., the troupe consists of Mark Jaster, Sabrina Mandell, Gwen Grastorf, Sarah Thomas and Alex Vernon.

*Photos by Ross Corsair*





# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (July 1872)

Judge Barnard lifted his injunction, issued in April, that prevented Philipstown Supervisor Colin Tolmie and Town Hall janitor Reuben Cash from interfering with jailor Benjamin Hughson, who resided in an apartment at Town Hall. At the same time, the judge ordered the Board of Police Commissioners, who had hired Hughson, to explain why he should not be evicted. When Town Hall had been completed in 1867, the supervisor was appointed to manage it, and he had told Cash he could live in the apartment.

The Fourth of July began with the firing of a small cannon in Nelsonville at 1 a.m., followed by “a general fusillade” until breakfast, according to the *Cold Spring Recorder*. The temperature hovered around 93 degrees until 3 p.m., when it dropped 20 degrees in two hours during heavy rains that led to the cancellation of the fireworks show. During the storm, lightning struck a hickory tree at the home of Harvey Hill, killing a valuable ox that had taken refuge below.

A man who docked a pleasure sailboat at Foundry Dock was arrested when word arrived it had been stolen near Sing Sing.

The *Recorder* set the record straight about the Rev. W.H. Evans, pastor at the Methodist Church, noting that while he had been suffering for weeks from “nervous prostration,” there were no signs of insanity.

Cold Spring posted signs reminding residents that it was illegal to bathe nude in public between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., such as at Foundry Pond.

Albert Hadden, 35, of Cold Spring, while strolling along the beach at Oscawana Lake and “talking horse” with friends, swam in about 15 feet and began to act strangely. By the time John Murphy pushed an oarless boat from the shore, Hadden had disappeared. His body was recovered three hours later.

Three West Point cadets on a “whiskey tour” were said to have behaved relatively well in Cold Spring but became troublesome in Nelsonville when they attempted to secure a ride back to the dock aboard a wagon driven by a resistant Peter Mekeel and then fought



Philipstown Town Hall about the turn of the century. Who got to live there?

Putnam History Museum

amongst themselves in the street.

A 2-year-old bull that gored Justice Secor in the leg was rewarded by having its nose bored and an iron ring inserted.

The George F. Bailey Circus performed two shows in Cold Spring on a Thursday. Its menagerie included a rhino, lion, whelps, an elephant and camels.

The Cold Spring Board of Trustees gave Mr. Griffin permission to install an iron sewer pipe from his hotel to the river.

James Miller, 10, drowned in a former quarry near the eastern border of Philipstown. His sister and a cousin testified that he had been running toward the hole to drown a small dog when he stumbled at the brink.

The *Recorder* editor chastised local boys who were killing chimney swallows when they flew low in search of insects.

A deckhand aboard the *River Queen* was knocked senseless at the dock when he slipped on the wet gangplank and struck his head on a barrel of beer.

While the baggage master chased after a mail pouch that had been thrown from the train and down the grade, a dog snatched a second pouch lying near the station and bolted down North Market Street.

A visitor from Santa Fe, New Mexico, who was waiting for work to be completed at the West Point Foundry on a firearm projectile he had patented, was confronted at his boarding house by Officer Travis, who was looking for a fugitive.

The *Recorder* noted that Southern peaches had appeared at Dalzell's and the Highland Market for 20 to 25 cents per quart and marveled at how steamboats and trains “enable us to have a continuous supply of summer fruits and vegetables from early spring to late autumn.”

When Charles Baxter of Mekeel's Corners encountered a copperhead during a walk, he threw a sharp stone that cut the poisonous reptile in half. Twenty-eight baby



Dakota Bob walked into Garrison in 1897.

snakes then appeared suddenly from a hiding place and also had to be killed.

While his mother shopped at Joseph Perry's store, Charley Miller put his hand into the coffee mill, which his sister then turned. Dr. Murdock said the boy's crushed finger could probably be saved.

## 125 Years Ago (July 1897)

Capt. Henry Metcalfe, who organized a fundraiser to paint a community flagpole, asked donors to pick up their cash from the Village Improvement Association because he

had learned the pole was on private property and the owners objected to his campaign.

Orestos Cleveland, 39, who had moved to Nelsonville from New York City two weeks earlier to open a law office, died unexpectedly of erysipelas.

Abram Ireland of Parsonage Street was charged with assaulting his 16-year-old daughter.

An employee of the pattern shop at the Naylor & Co. foundry on West Street lost the end of his left thumb to a buzz-saw.

Dakota Bob, who was nearing the end of a seven-month walk from San Francisco to New York City to win a wager, spent a night at the Garrison Hotel. His wavy hair reached below his shoulders and he wore a necklace of human teeth.

Judge Wood circulated a petition asking the highway commissioner to build a board fence between the Breakneck highway and the railroad tracks.

The Rev. Isaac Gowen, formerly of the Cold Spring Reformed Church, was named in a \$10,000 lawsuit by a man who said he had been arrested without cause in a New York City bar and pool hall targeted by Gowen and other pastors as immoral.

Rep. John Ketcham, whose district included Philipstown, was appointed to a new House committee on post offices and post roads.

The *Recorder* noted that “the blue jean epidemic rages in Cold Spring.” [Levi Strauss & Co. had introduced its popular 501 style in 1890.]

At a “petticoat party,” the women discussed getting the vote, bicycle bloomers and “why the young men of Garrison don't marry.”

## 100 Years Ago (July 1922)

After nine years of legal wrangling, Cold Spring officials broke ground on a library and hospital to be built with funds

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bequeathed by Julia Butterfield.

Sections of pipe to build the New York City aqueduct, each 22 feet long and 9½ feet in diameter and weighing 11 tons, were unloaded at the village dock.

As part of its “careful crossing campaign,” the New York Central Railroad trimmed trees at the Cold Spring depot to provide a clear view of southbound trains.

John Magee, proprietor of the Putnam Garage on Old Albany Post Road, hosted dances every Thursday night on a covered platform he had constructed.

The school lawn in North Highlands was graded so students could pitch horseshoes.

Ernest Curry and his son, Albert, of Continentalville, were injured in a buggy-car accident. Curry, driving a horse and wagon, had inched into the road at an intersection when he saw a car coming at full speed. He waved, but the driver struck the wagon, overturning it and pinning Curry and his son in the wreckage. (The horse fled but was caught near Annsville.) The driver, who left the scene, was located and arrested, but his vehicle was insured and he was released.

Anna Roberts of Parrott Street announced plans to open a beauty shop but in the meantime was making wigs for girls in the West who were said to be tired of bobs.

#### 50 Years Ago (July 1972)

Stella Orr donated a deed to the Putnam County Historical Society (now the Putnam History Museum) for property that contained the foundation of one of the area’s earliest mills. The state had planned to tear down the Old Ludington Mill, built about 1776, to construct I-84 but the six Putnam town supervisors intervened.

Following the defeat of its proposed budget in June, the Haldane school board voted to adopt a contingency budget of \$1.74 million. But it also agreed to hold another vote on spending \$54,980 for non-essentials such as transportation, books and supplies, extracurriculars and repairs. That passed, 416-353.

Ronald Borner proposed running the Haldane cafeteria as a concession. He had managed the cafeteria at the Marathon Battery Co.

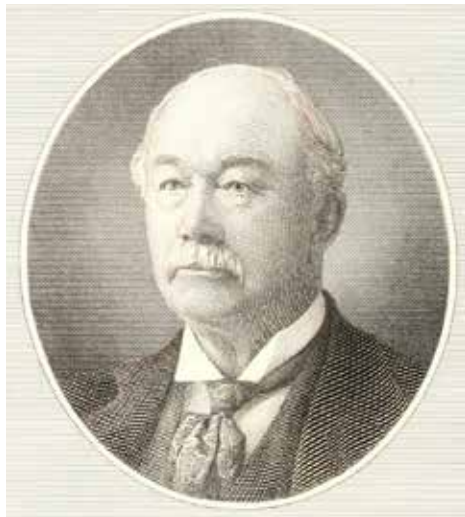
Mark Cutten, a Haldane graduate attending Ithaca College, was hired for the summer by NBC to help with its coverage of the Democratic and Republican conventions in Miami. Cutten worked with Raymond Kupiec, a former Garrison resident who was production manager for the evening news with John Chancellor.

Sonny Scofield, of 20 Orchard St., retired as the Cold Spring postmaster. He began his career at the post office in 1946 as a clerk and became postmaster in 1958. Scofield served in the U.S. Army during World War II and parachuted into France on June 5, 1944, the day before D-Day.

Mrs. Raymond Impellitteri, who owned the local Ford dealership, hosted a meeting of the Hudson Valley chapter of the Model A Restorers Club.

At the annual Jaycees Community Day, the North Highlands Fire Co. won its third consecutive tug-of-war title over teams from Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

Al Ireland of Nelsonville was named



**Rep. John Ketcham, who represented Philipstown in Congress in 1897**

coach of the year at the Art and Design High School in New York City for the fifth straight year. He led the wrestling team, which had not lost in three seasons. An assistant principal attributed Ireland’s success to his “fiery pregame locker room techniques.”

The Putnam Board of Supervisors voted 5-1 to adopt a “weighted” voting system in which each panel member received one vote for every 1,000 residents he represented. For instance, the Carmel supervisor would have 22 votes and the Philipstown supervisor would get eight. Questions were raised about whether the county should change to a charter system in which each supervisor represented the same number of people.

The Hudson Valley Arts Center hosted screenings of six classic horror films at Dick’s Castle on Route 9D in Garrison, which had been under construction since 1905. It was sold in 1944 to the Chmela family, who still lived there.

Members of the Towner family donated a 1773 lease document to the Putnam County Historical Society for 269 acres of farmland from Beverley Robinson to Samuel Towner. The rent was 27 ounces of silver plate annually, rising to 33 ounces after 10 years. Towner served during the Revolution in the Dutchess militia, while Robinson was a Loyalist who fled to England at war’s end.

Frederick Osborn Jr. was elected chair of the Philipstown Citizens Committee at its inaugural meeting at the Garrison Arts Center. The first order of business was to fight a housing development proposed near Manitou station.

#### 25 Years Ago (July 1997)

The Haldane superintendent said he planned, with help from teachers, to rewrite the seventh-grade English curriculum, which had not been updated in five years. He also said that he wanted elementary students to read at least two books of literature every 10 weeks.

Jamie Copeland presented a petition to the Philipstown Town Board requesting it amend the zoning code so he could renovate the former Garrison Fire Station No. 1 on Upper Station Road and move his design firm there.

Philipstown Pop Warner said it was in jeopardy of not fielding tackle football teams because of a lack of players. It put out a call for 8-to-10-year-olds who weighed 55 to 90 pounds and 11-year-olds who weighed 70 to 85 pounds.

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of

Commerce hosted its annual Hudson River Festival, which included, for the first time, a poetry contest. Jo Pitkin won for “Cradle.”

The American Travelling Morrice made stops in Garrison and Cold Spring. Its dancers, with bells strapped to their legs, leap about accompanied by accordions, fiddles and pipe and tabors.

Bruce Simon of Garrison was installed as the Worshipful Master of the Courtlandt lodge of the Free Masons in Peekskill. In the 1820s, the lodge had sponsored the founding of the Philipstown chapter.

Two Philipstown men, ages 25 and 27, were killed on Route 9D near Dutchess Manor when their vehicle swerved in front of a truck and was hit by a second car before catching fire. A 24-year-old Beacon man driving the second car was charged with driving while intoxicated and vehicular manslaughter. The highway was closed for eight hours.

Doris Shaw was hired as executive director of the Putnam County Historical Society and Foundry School Museum. She had been the society’s marketing consultant and lived in the former school for a year as its caretaker.

In Philipstown Softball League action, Carolyn’s (15-2) faced Nowhere (11-3) to determine the No. 1 seed for the playoffs. At the end of regulation (seven innings), the score was tied at 13. After Nowhere took a lead in the ninth, and Carolyn’s responded by loading the bases, Gary Van Tassel casually stepped off first base in the direction of second. He was called out for “leading off,” which was prohibited, ending the game.

## START Reading

July book club selections



### Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-4)

THURS 21, 3 P.M.

*Mary Anne Saves the Day*, by Ann M. Martin

Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

Register at [butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar](http://butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar).

### Butterfield Book Club

MON 25, 7 P.M.

*The Luminaries*, by Eleanor Catton

Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

Register at [butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar](http://butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar).

### Beacon Book Club

THU 28, 7:30 P.M.

*A Piece of the World*, by Christina Baker Kline

Location varies

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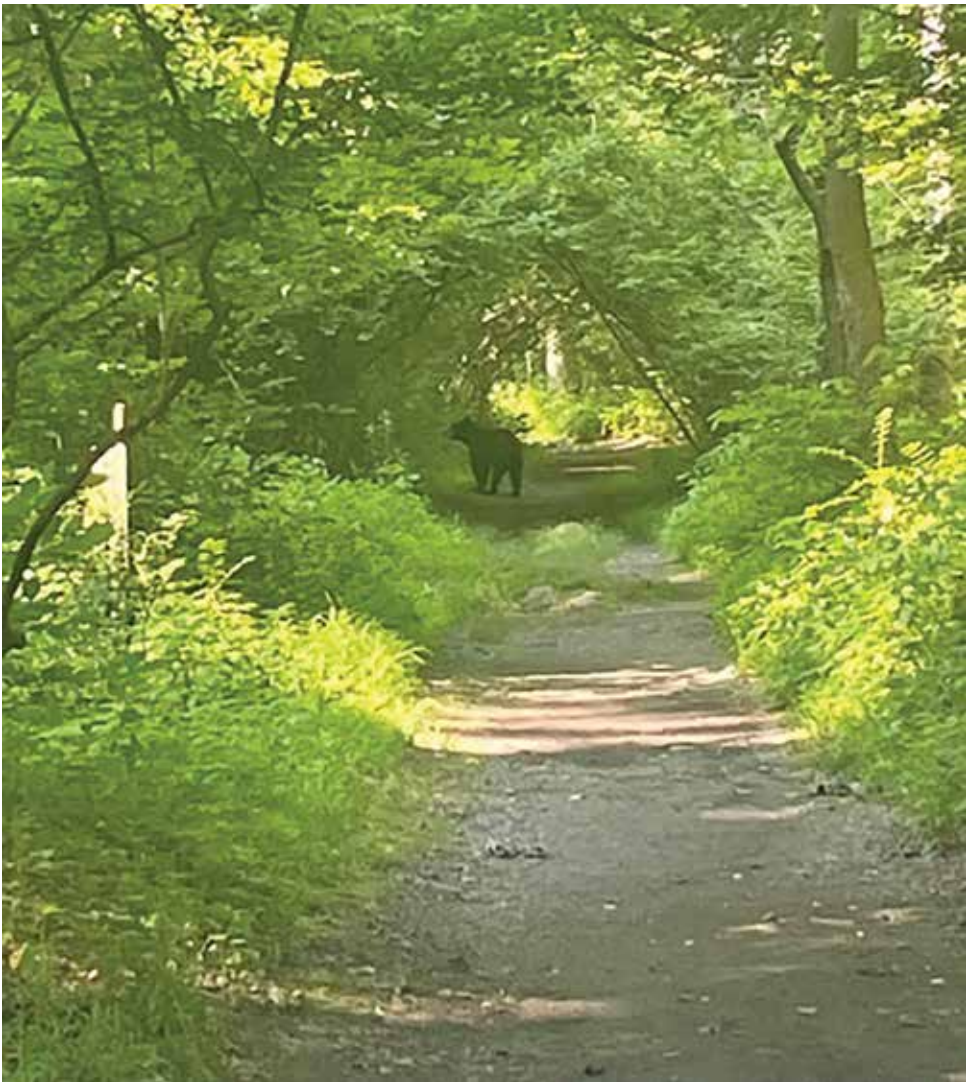


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Malachy Cleary spotted this yearling on June 26 on a trail in Nelsonville. Photos provided



Marcos Antonio, the owner of Rincon Argentino, recorded this black bear outside a home on Main Street in Cold Spring early on a Saturday in May.



A doorbell camera on West Willow Street in Beacon captured this visitor at about 8:30 a.m. on June 26.

Out There (from Page 1)

home turf by mom, who is again able to mate. It's for their own good, as male bears seeking to mate have been known to kill yearlings who are still with their mothers. These yearlings are the ones showing up in most of the local photos. They're not cubs but not adults, either. Think of them as bear teenagers, out on their own for the first time and looking for their place in the world. Like many teenagers, they lack common sense and eat terribly.

June and July is the season of the Great Bear Migration, as hapless bears travel hundreds of miles, learning how to fend for themselves along the way. Since a bear can pick up the scent of something tasty over a mile away, this is the time you'll find them rooting through your trash, licking your outdoor grill and carrying off your bird feeder, which is why Russell urges you to keep those things secured, clean and emptied.

“For a bear deterrent that won't jingle or make you gag, Russell suggests an air horn.

Should you have your own bear encounter, it'll probably end the way mine usually do, with the bear running off in a huff. There are things you can do to increase the odds that happens. First, don't run, because that sends the message to the bear that you are potential prey. Stand your ground, clap your hands, yell, make yourself appear bigger (such as by unzipping your jacket and opening it) and, if necessary, throw something besides food at

the bear. If you're hiking with a dog, keep it close to you and always on a leash.

If you're hiking with humans, chances are you'll be making so much noise that the bear will have left before you notice it. For those hiking solo, a bell will alert bears to your presence, although I hate using them because it makes me feel like I am being followed by a reindeer.


In the Catskills, I carry bear spray, which I have never had to use. When I bought mine at Mountain Tops Outfitters in Beacon, co-owner Katy Behney told me of a customer who decided it would be prudent to test the spray immediately rather than be busy reading the instructions while a bear charged. The customer stood a block away from the outdoor patio at Bank Square Coffeehouse and briefly pressed the trigger. Thirty seconds later, everyone on the patio was running inside with red eyes and burning throats. So, you know, go easy with it.

For a bear deterrent that won't jingle or make you gag, Russell suggests an air horn. This is a good deterrent not only to carry with you, but to keep around the house so that if you see a bear outside, you can walk outside and give it a blast. The sound will alert your neighbors that there's a bear around, and should send the bear running. Most importantly, this will help send the message to the bear that it does not want to be around people or houses. You've heard the saying that bears are more scared of you than you are of them. That's true, but humans also pose a greater threat to bears: Bears that associate humans and houses with food will become bolder. Russell said that while black bear attacks are unusual, there are a few instances every year in which desensitized bears show up inside houses.


“It's usually the bear that comes out the worst in those situations because that warrants an action by the department when it's a safety concern,” said Russell.

Relocation isn't an option because bears have such huge ranges of travel, they'll just show up again. The state prefers to leave bears alone as much as possible — even wounded bears will only be euthanized if they're so injured that they can't move, as they'll otherwise usually recover on their own — but a bear that has lost its fear of humans is a bear that will probably have to be killed.

Much like a mother bear and her yearlings, for those of us who love bears, the best thing we can do for them is to stay out of their way.




Real Estate



Market Report (June)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
New Listings	9	8	17	19
Closed Sales	12	12	15	10
Days on Market	34	26	124	66
Median Price	\$443,350	\$581,000	\$443,000	\$863,750
% List Received	100.4	103.7	94.8	95.4
Inventory	15	19	38	38

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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2022-2023 INCOME  
ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES  
FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE  
MEALS OR FREE MILK

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households that currently include children who receive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but who are not found during the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP), or households that currently receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an application listing the child's name, a valid SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meal benefits based on participation in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR is extended to all children in the household. When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in the SNAP, TANF or the FDPIR programs. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Other Source Categorical Eligibility: When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, A foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program.

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the School Food Authority of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Other Households: Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals (or free milk). They may do so by completing the application sent home with the letter to parents. One application for all children in the household should be submitted. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to Karen Pagano, Food Service Director and Reviewing Official. Please contact Karen Pagano at [bcsd\\_food\\_service\\_office@beaconk12.org](mailto:bcsd_food_service_office@beaconk12.org) with any questions regarding the application process.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the School Food Authority if they choose to decline the free meal benefits. Households may apply for benefits at any time throughout the school year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk at any point during the school year.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same SFA. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the SFA is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of

The Beacon City School District today announced a free and reduced price meal (Free Milk) policy for Beacon City area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility:

Free Eligibility Scale					
Free Lunch, Breakfast, Milk					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 17,667	\$ 1,473	\$ 737	\$ 680	\$ 340
2	\$ 23,803	\$ 1,984	\$ 992	\$ 916	\$ 458
3	\$ 29,939	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,248	\$ 1,152	\$ 576
4	\$ 36,075	\$ 3,007	\$ 1,504	\$ 1,388	\$ 694
5	\$ 42,211	\$ 3,518	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,624	\$ 812
6	\$ 48,347	\$ 4,029	\$ 2,015	\$ 1,860	\$ 930
7	\$ 54,483	\$ 4,541	\$ 2,271	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048
8	\$ 60,619	\$ 5,052	\$ 2,526	\$ 2,332	\$ 1,166
Each Add'l person add	\$ 6,136	\$ 512	\$ 256	\$ 236	\$ 118

Reduced Price Eligibility Scale					
Reduced Price Lunch, Breakfast					
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	\$ 25,142	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,048	\$ 967	\$ 484
2	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 1,412	\$ 1,303	\$ 652
3	\$ 42,606	\$ 3,551	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,639	\$ 820
4	\$ 51,338	\$ 4,279	\$ 2,140	\$ 1,975	\$ 988
5	\$ 60,070	\$ 5,006	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,311	\$ 1,156
6	\$ 68,802	\$ 5,734	\$ 2,867	\$ 2,647	\$ 1,324
7	\$ 77,534	\$ 6,462	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,983	\$ 1,492
8	\$ 86,266	\$ 7,189	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,318	\$ 1,659
Each Add'l person add	\$ 8,732	\$ 728	\$ 364	\$ 336	\$ 168

Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School Food Authority does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals (free milk).

Foster children are eligible for free meal benefits. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may be listed on the application as a member of the family where they reside. Applications must include the foster child's name and personal use income.

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. Ann Marie Quartironi Deputy Superintendent whose address is 10 Education Drive, Beacon NY 12508 Ann Marie Quartironi has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application, the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals at no charge.

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## OBITUARIES

**Bryan Faison (1986-2022)**

Sgt. Bryan Micheal Faison, 36, of Beacon, died June 17 in Brunei while serving with the U.S. Army.



He was born in Poughkeepsie on Jan. 19, 1986, the son of Micheal and Sandra (South) Faison. Bryan graduated from Beacon High School in 2004 and earned a degree in applied sciences at Hudson Valley Community College.

On March 20, 2014, he married Dalissa Muñoz Faison. Four days later, on March 24, he enlisted. During his military career, he was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal with two knots.

Bryan had a passion for photography. He loved football and was a San Francisco 49ers fan. He also enjoyed hiking and baseball and visiting the beach with his family.

Along with his wife and parents, Bryan is survived by his children, Nalani, Aleia and Kainoa; his siblings, Nakia Mima (Nicole) and Dana-Sky Jevtic (Ned); and his nieces and nephews, Jaden, Cortez, Nyssa-Sky and Marko.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. on Saturday (July 16) at the Salem Tabernacle Church in Beacon. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., followed by interment with military honors at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.

**Theresa Horn (1930-2022)**

Theresa L. Horn, 91, of Wappinger, a former nurse at Highland Hospital in Beacon and Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, died June 21 at her home.



Born in Saranac Lake on Oct. 2, 1930, she was the daughter of Thomas and Sara (Prime) LaVallee. Theresa was a parishioner

at St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill, loved the Mets and enjoyed sewing.

She is survived by her sons, Raymond Horn (Patte), William Horn (Elizabeth) and Michael Horn (Esther Horn), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and her sister, Ellen Flock.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered June 24 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment in St. Joachim's Cemetery in Beacon.

**Lenny Torres (1975-2022)**

Lineras G. "Lenny" Torres, 46, of Beacon, died July 7 of cancer at his home, surrounded by family members.



Lenny was born Nov. 24, 1975, in New York City, the son of George Torres and Jeannette Gonzalez. He took immense pride in providing for his family and spent 22 years employed by the Cement and Concrete Workers Local 20.

Lenny loved all genres of music, baseball, carpentry and woodworking, and made frequent trips to Home Depot or Lowes to pick up materials for his next home improvement project. He was a film fanatic and especially loved watching Marvel and DC movies. A man of many talents, you could often find Lenny on YouTube teaching himself a new skill like embroidery or making graphic T-shirts, his family said. He also had a love for visiting zoos and aquariums.

Along with mother and Ana, his wife of 15 years, Lenny is survived by his children, Jalana Torres, Lenny Torres Jr. and Josiah Torres, and his brother, Jason Torres.

Family and friends will gather on Friday (July 15) from 4 to 8 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman St., in Beacon. A service will be held at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made at [gofund.me/e8449375](https://gofund.me/e8449375).

**Other Recent Deaths****Beacon**

Elizabeth Bernabo, 85  
Jeanne Cole, 96  
John Constantino Sr., 67  
Dorothy Estabrooke, 81  
Franklin Herber, 86  
Thor Johnson, 59  
Sandra Kownack-Leslie, 63  
Gary Lindstrom, 82  
Michael Marshall  
Bettie Montgomery, 79  
Felice Nicoletti, 90  
Doris Pappas, 78  
Janet Promnitz, 80  
Gabriel Soto Jr., 71  
Lorraine Turner, 87

**Philipstown**

Barbara Scarola, 56

For more obituaries, see [highlandscurrent.org/obits](https://highlandscurrent.org/obits).

**NOTICE**

The Philipstown Town Board will hold Workshop Meetings on

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm** at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York** and

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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

**ACROSS**

1. Hotel amenity

4. Beach bucket

8. “— it going?”

12. Sandwich meat

13. Roughly

14. Garfield dog

15. Class that includes newts and frogs

17. Style

18. Corn serving

19. Took the helm

21. Clara of the Red Cross

24. Guffaw syllable

25. Lawyers’ org.

26. Label

28. Potato, for one

32. Toy block name

34. “Uh-huh”

36. *The Big Easy* acronym

37. Put in office

39. Sea, to Henri

41. Kimono closer

42. Nanny’s charge

44. Beach robe

46. Boris’ cartoon partner

50. Twitch

51. Hgt.

52. Highway turnoff

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57. Snitch

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60. Sheltered

61. Group of seals

**DOWN**

1. Na Na lead-in

2. Nonstick spray

3. Electrical strength

4. Christie sleuth

5. Wall St. wheeler-dealer

6. Egyptian deity

7. Reluctant

8. Four-bagger

9. Air freshener target

10. Broad

11. Feeder filler

16. Fez, e.g.

20. “Dig in!”

21. Hay bundle

22. First victim

23. Opposing vote

27. Wrigley product

29. Training site

30. Exile isle

31. Picnic spoiler

33. Scale ranges

35. Chest muscle

38. Lean- — (sheds)

40. Baby’s toy

43. Letter before iota

45. Fragrant tree

46. Must have

47. Inter —

48. See to

49. Skater’s leap

53. — -de-France

54. Chinese chairman

55. Prof’s degree

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Answers for July 8 Puzzles

D	A	M		F	I	N	D		B	I	N	G
A	L	E		I	D	E	A		U	S	E	R
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5	8	6	4	9	3	7	1	2
4	2	1	8	7	5	3	6	9
3	9	7	6	1	2	5	4	8
2	3	4	5	8	6	9	7	1
8	7	9	1	3	4	2	5	6
1	6	5	7	2	9	8	3	4
9	4	3	2	5	1	6	8	7
6	5	8	9	4	7	1	2	3
7	1	2	3	6	8	4	9	5

1. LIONEL, 2. DISSSED, 3. SUNS, 4. ARID, 5. CAPITULATE, 6. DESCENT, 7. MISANTHROPE

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

**CLUES**

1 lobbed (5)

2 like an ice cream holder (7)

3 switches to a new subject (6)

4 struggled clumsily (10)

5 conductors’ instruments (6)

6 put in a hiding place (9)

7 they care for “canines” (8)

**SOLUTIONS**

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		3						1
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		5	6				7	
				2		9		
8							3	

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# BEACON BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

Beacon's travel team for players ages 9 and younger won both ends of a twin bill against the Rosendale Blackhawks on Sunday (July 10), 10-8 and 14-4, in a Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League matchup.

AJ Constantino got the win in the first game, fanning six in four innings. Jack Giametta and Evan Eraca each drove in three runs, while Constantino went 2-for-3, and Grady Barton, Hudson Faust and Henry Alea each had an RBI.

In the second game, Giametta (4-for-4) and Will Varricchio (2-for-4) each drove in three runs. Barton had two RBI, Easton White went 4-for-4 and Max Digneo and Eraca each had an RBI.

"Our defense showed up and did a nice job," said Coach Jed Varricchio, noting that his team pulled off a triple play. "Our pitchers did a great job, as well. Barton, White and Constantino all stepped up."

Beacon (6-2) is scheduled to visit Patterson on Sunday (July 17).

After losing the first two games of the summer season, the 11U team came back last week to tie the Hudson Valley Hawks, 10-10, and picked up its first victory of the summer on Wednesday (July 13) by defeating Chargers Baseball, 5-2, in league action



Shortstop Gavin Justice tags a runner out at second on Wednesday; the 11U team earned its first win of the summer.

at Memorial Park.

Hawkin Brickman pitched five innings for the Bulldogs, striking out 12; Colin Witkowski went the final inning to earn the save. "Brickman had great control and confidence, and showed a great pick-off move, so he kept the runners close all game," said Coach Brian Soltish. He also said the team got great defense in the first inning from Gavin Barone.

Brickman, Coldrick and Barone each drove in runs.



Hawkin Brickman delivers a pitch in the 11U game on Wednesday at Memorial Park.

over the final three frames. Aiden Heaton started for Beacon and lasted three innings.

The Bulldogs offense pushed two runs home to tie the game in the bottom of the fourth, and Naim Dika scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth on a wild pitch. Jake Deluise drove in two runs and Connor Varricchio added an RBI.

"We've been preaching to the kids to stay with it when things aren't going your way," said Coach Ryan Koval. "Epps has been our top reliever, and he closes the door, but the win was a team effort. Aiden gave us a great defensive play in right field, and Naim and the Varricchio boys [Connor and Nolan] always take the extra base — and that helped us."

With eight wins in their first 10 games, the Bulldogs have been performing at a high level. "It's been a little bit of a surprise, but also not," Koval said. "We push them hard and set them up for pressure situations."

Beacon is scheduled to host New Paltz at 10 a.m. on Sunday (July 17) at Memorial Park.



Elijah Epps didn't allow a hit while pitching for the 12U team on Wednesday (July 13).



Naim Dika slides into home for the 12U team with the game-winning run on a wild pitch.

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