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ONE WAY UP — The Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison hosted a community day on July 23 that included a fire truck, square dancing, homemade ice cream and a climbing wall. Photo by Ross Corsair

A Boy and His Dog

Nonprofit pairs families with service animals

By Jeff Simms

Andi Bettencourt, a single mother of an autistic child, recalls feeling homebound in Beacon long before the pandemic began. Like many autistic children, her son, Hudson, now 6, is quick to “elope.” It started when he was about 2½ and could happen anywhere — in the grocery store or among a crowd of strangers. “They can’t process something, so they just run,” Bettencourt explained. It had happened with Hudson on Main Street, and his mother feared the worst. He could get lost, or run into traffic. “I didn’t feel safe going anywhere with him because I was afraid I would lose him,” she said. That changed in October, when she and Hudson were paired with Penn, a 3-year-old golden retriever/Labrador mix, by BluePath, an organization founded in 2016 to provide free service dogs for children with autism. Research has shown that dogs can help autistic children, who often have trouble socializing, break the ice and grow more comfortable around peers. In 2013, researchers at the University of Missouri who surveyed families with autistic children found that two-thirds owned dogs.

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Penn and Hudson Photo by Valerie Shively

State Closes Indian Brook Falls

Cites loss of trail and lack of parking

By Brian PJ Cronin

The state parks department has closed the trail to Indian Brook Falls in Garrison, indicating it is

now a “wildlife/habitat recovery area.” Evan Thompson, the manager of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks, said on Wednesday (July 27) that the closure will continue indefinitely. “Over the winter, the trail to the falls was destroyed by heavy rain,” he said. “Now (Continued on Page 8)



The state has closed Indian Brook Falls indefinitely. Photo by Chip Rowe

Cold Spring Gets OK to Collect Room Tax

Under new law, can collect up to 5 percent

By Michael Turton

A new law enacted July 22 by Gov. Kathy Hochul allows the Village of Cold Spring to collect a tax of up to 5 percent on hotel stays and short-term rentals booked through sites such as Airbnb. The legislation to amend the state tax law was sponsored in the state Assembly by Sandy Galef, a Democrat whose district includes Philipstown, and in the Senate by James Skoufis, a Democrat from Orange County. Hochul also signed legislation that allows the City of Newburgh to collect a tax of up to 5 percent on hotel, motel or STR stays.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: **CYRUS QUADLAND**

By Leonard Sparks

Cyrus Quadland, who lives in Beacon, contributed to a show of artwork by military veterans held in June at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C..

How were you introduced to art?

I started when I was 6 or 7 years old, drawing and copying cartoons. I had baby-sitters who were artists. My mother was mentally ill, so she was often not home, sometimes for as long as two years, and my father traveled a lot on business. We lived in an old farmhouse in Somers and I would sit in my room and draw.

What do you paint?

I like combinations of abstraction and realism, and stylized forms. I do a lot of watercolors. Lately I've gotten interested in writing and illustrating books for kids. I did one called *Sunny Runs Away* about a cat in Beacon whose owners move away and leave it by itself. I did another, *Eva the Elf*, about an elf who can transform into anything she wants.

Who organized the library exhibit?

A nonprofit called Uniting US. A veteran named AnneMarie Halterman had this idea that art could help veterans with PTSD



[post-traumatic stress disorder]. She gathered art and arranged exhibitions at the D.C. airports, Arlington National Cemetery and, most recently, the Library of Congress. Each person can contribute as many artworks as he or she wants and leave it with her for however long you want. I participated in a veterans' exhibit at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library [in Hyde Park] and the organizer recommended that I get in touch with her. I have about 10 artworks with them. It's really neat, actually.

When did you deploy to Vietnam?

In 1970, when I was in college. I won the draft lottery and got sent to "Uncle Ben's Rest Home," which was Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. I was trained in Army finance. When I got to Vietnam, they said, "You don't want to go to Quang Tri; the planes are being shot at." I said, "I'm in finance; I'll never get sent there." Of course, when they called out names, I heard: "Quadland, Quang Tri." It was right near the border with North Vietnam. I met a lot of nice people, but there were rocket attacks and mines. At one point, the North Vietnamese mined the ammunition dump, which was the size of multiple football fields. It started going off at 2 a.m. and when we went to breakfast at 7 a.m., it was still exploding.

How does art help veterans cope?

For some, it's a way of channeling anxiety and expressing their fears, creating something beautiful out of something terrifying. It gives me the idealistic sense that I can create a masterpiece, although I hardly ever do. Your brain takes these elements that you're thinking of — the colors, lines and shapes — and guides you to create. You lose your sense of the moment and escape into that.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Complete this sentence: I need a new _____.

“Job! I'd like to pursue library science and work with kids.”



Vanessa Maldonado, Cold Spring

“Boat. A 27-foot fishing boat; I have a kayak now.”



Danny Huvane, Peekskill

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A drawing of the proposed bridge, which would be constructed just north of the Breakneck Tunnel

Fjord Trail Seeks Approval for Bridge

Would extend over tracks at Breakneck

By Leonard Sparks

The developers of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail and the Town of Fishkill are seeking state Department of Transportation approval for the \$50 million bridge that would carry hikers and bikers over the Metro-North tracks at Breakneck Ridge.

An administrative judge for the Transportation Department presided over a public hearing at Fishkill Town Hall on Wednesday (July 27) and said he will issue a determination within three months. Under state law, the state must approve the bridge, whose construction would launch the first phase of the 7.5-mile Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail.

Although the trail is designed to connect Cold Spring and Beacon, the section that includes the bridge lies within the boundaries of the Town of Fishkill that extend to the river.

Amy Kacala, executive director of Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc. (HHFT), and Stephen McCorkell, a capital facilities manager with the state parks department, said the 437-foot span would have a steel frame and wood deck and reach a height of 20½ feet over the tracks. It would be part of the project called the Breakneck Connector.

The bridge would link a waterfront section of the trail running west of the tracks from Dockside Park in Cold Spring to Breakneck Ridge to the portion that runs east of the tracks and continues north to Beacon. This would allow hikers to reach Breakneck from the Metro-North station at Cold Spring without using Route 9D, a busy highway.

Located several hundred feet from the train tunnels, the bridge would be outfitted with a steel pedestrian barrier, railings at least 8 feet high and mesh to prevent anything from falling on the tracks, said McCorkell. The bridge would need a waiver because it would be about 3 feet lower than the standard, he said. It would be constructed from pre-fabricated sections

lifted from a barge. Along with hikers and bicyclists, the bridge would give New York City’s Department of Environmental Protection vehicles access to a drainage chamber built as part of an underwater pressure tunnel for the Catskill Aqueduct.

The chamber, which sits between Metro-North’s tracks and the river, became landlocked when Route 9D was built in 1932 and is only accessible by trail or boat, said Todd West, a planning director with the DEP.

The agency will provide \$14 million toward construction of the bridge, he said, while Kacala said \$20 million would come from the state parks department and the remainder from HHFT. Construction is expected to begin in August 2023.

The state would own the bridge and HHFT would be responsible for its operation and maintenance.

In addition to the 2-mile shoreline section that would begin at Dockside Park, subsequent phases for the Fjord Trail include a pathway through a forested section from Dutchess Manor to Dennings Point and a trail through marshland from Dennings Point to Long Dock Park. The entire project is supposed to be completed in 2027.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Philipstown trail

In response to the letter from Tom O'Quinn in the July 15 issue, an elected official has a duty to question every dollar and expense, because we all foot the bill as taxpayers.

Spending or inventing other uses for funds other than the original intention is theft at any level. Not caring about the effects of unplanned development on a community or its residents borders on the ruthless treatise of Robert Moses. Philipstown Councilor Megan Cotter, please keep asking your questions on behalf of the community you serve.

Gordon Robertson, *Philipstown*

These questions have been asked and answered since this trail project originated in 2017 — four years ago. The path will be funded by a grant, not taxpayers. This is a local project from the Trails Committee. I have seen Cotter question everything as it pertains to tourists, such as, "Are they really spending any money in town?" Again, another question answered by survey. Cotter is great at asking hypotheticals without referring to the work that others in the community have done and could be right in front of her if she took the time. Locals want a footpath and it's her job to get it done.

Tom O'Quinn, *Cold Spring*

Veteran banners

On behalf of the Melzingah Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, thank you for the excellent article on Beacon's Veteran Banners Project ("The Story Behind Those Beacon Banners," July 22).

In addition to Melzingah members Joan Miskell, Ethel Fyffe and Paula Merritt, the following groups and individuals signed on to the project: American Legion Post 203, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 666 and Marine Corps League 861 (Harold Delamater, John MacEnroe and Robert Pucher); and Elks Lodge 1493 (Ronald Piga and Carl Oken). The project has been successful because of the collaborative efforts of these organizations.

We are appreciative of the support of Mayor Lee Kyriacou and want to express our thanks to City Administrator Chris White and Highway Superintendent Mike Manzi and the staff members (Dave Way and Sean Ditoro) who installed the banners.

Nancy Giordano, *Beacon*

Mount Beacon

Editor's note: Our story, "Who Rules Mount Beacon?" (July 22), about which agencies have jurisdiction over the land leading to and around the reservoir, drew these responses on Instagram.

Hudson Highlands State Park: Mount

Beacon Monument Road enters Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. It is illegal to drive up there and that activity jeopardizes the integrity of the ecosystem and the City of Beacon's drinking water.

Tom Cerchiara: Google says it's a road, so people follow it up there. The state needs to install and maintain a gate above the driveway.

Lesly Canossi: Those who are illegally off-roading and agencies that enable this illegal activity should be held accountable. How many local tax dollars are wasted in this game of cat-and-mouse?

Paul Yeaple: We used to have patrols at the reservoir. Why did they get rid of that job when clean water is the most important thing for any city or municipality?

Stone walls

I'm on a wavelength with *The Current!* I have been reading Susan Allport's *Sermons in Stone: The Stone Walls of New England and New York*, and suddenly here comes your podcast interview with her (July 22). Shows you how current a 30-year-old book can be.

Michael Emerson, *Philipstown*

Central Hudson

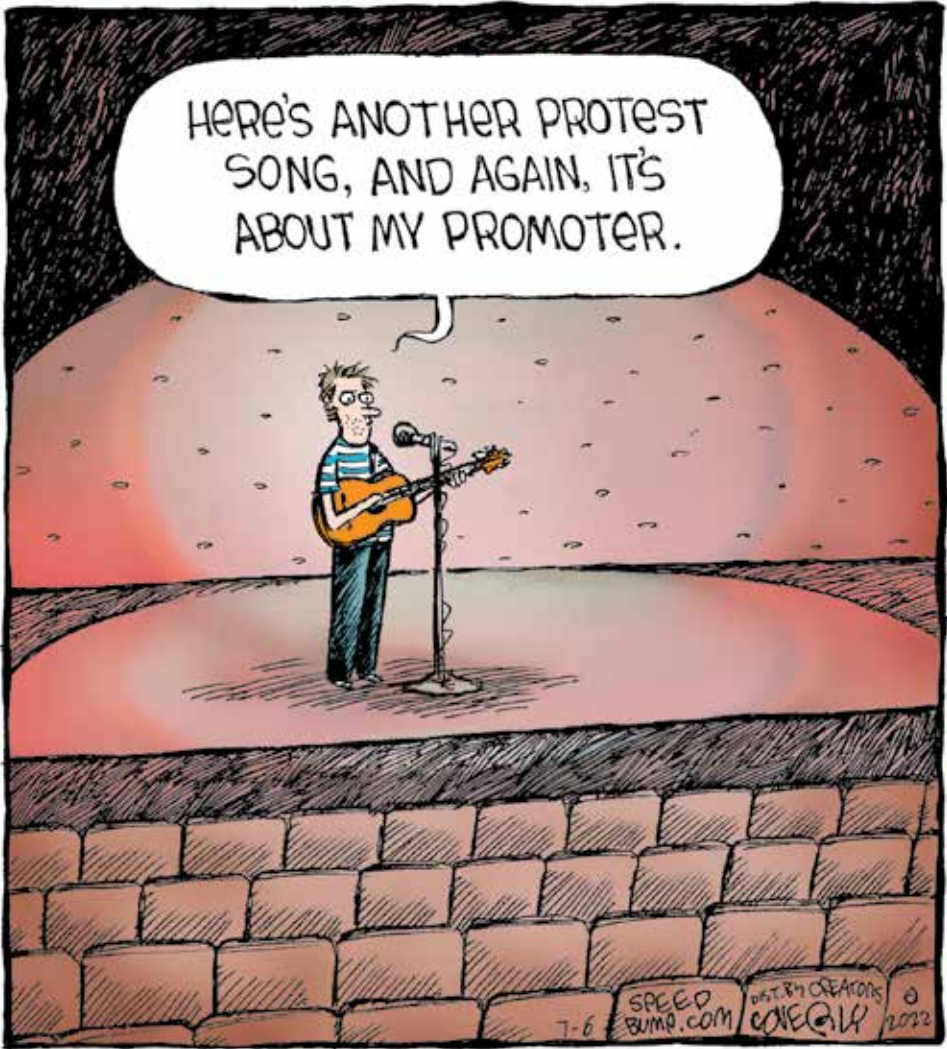
Central Hudson is a mess and Columbia Utilities is much of the same. My bills are all over the place, and trying to figure it out is impossible ("Utility Relief on the Way," July 15).

I was on the phone with both companies and Nexamp [community solar] trying to figure things out. I received three bills in one week: One said I owed \$749, the second that I owed \$395 and the third that I had a \$2 credit.

When I contacted Central Hudson for the umpteenth time, a customer service rep gave me nonsensical information, just blabbering.

It's criminal, really. I have been a customer with Central Hudson since the early 1990s, but never before have I experienced such incompetence.

Theo de Haas, *via Facebook*



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Community Day May Close Part of Main Street

Fireworks and festival planned in Cold Spring for Labor Day weekend

By Michael Turton

The early plans for Cold Spring’s Community Day scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 3, call for closing two blocks of Main Street for four hours starting at 4 p.m.

Jill Golden, chair of the Community Day Committee, told the Village Board at its Wednesday (July 27) meeting that its idea “was to think of something that would really

unite old Cold Spring with new Cold Spring.” Golden, accompanied by committee members Angela Ghiozzi and Catherine Lim, added that, when speaking to community members, they heard people recount “much-appreciated, old-fashioned block parties.”

The blocks between Fair and Church streets would become a pedestrian mall, with a focus on activities for children, including face painting, jump-rope and hula-hoop contests, ring toss and cornhole, as well as a DJ and dancing.

“We want the two blocks to be safe for kids, for them to play in the street,” Ghiozzi said. “We want parents to feel their children are safe.”

Shops and restaurants will be invited to put out tables for sampling, tastings and sales.

The riverfront bandstand will feature live music from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., followed by the traditional fireworks show. Because Dockside Park is under construction, the fireworks barge will anchor in the river opposite the bandstand, permitting better viewing from the lower village and upper Main Street.

When closing Main Street was considered in the past, including as a means of dealing with weekend crowds after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the plan was abandoned because of the need to allow vehicular access to the lower village,

including homes, the Metro-North platform and the riverfront.

Because Community Day would close only two blocks, Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department said traffic will be able to access the lower village by traveling north on High Street, west on Northern Avenue and south on Fair Street to Main.

Burke said steps will also be taken to ensure the Cold Spring Fire Co. has access to its firehouse and parking. In addition, he said, Main Street activities will allow access, if necessary.

Garden Street will be closed to incoming traffic during the street fair, but residents parked on the street will be able to leave via Northern Avenue.

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Campaign Spending 2022

CONGRESS 17	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Alessandra Biaggi (D)	\$698K	\$418K	\$281K
Sean Patrick Maloney (D)	\$3.59M	\$1.89M	\$2.56M
Shoshana David (R)	No filing		
Charles Falciglia (R)	No filing		
William Faulkner (R,C)	\$232K	\$24K	\$208K
Michael Lawler (R,C)	\$354K	\$20K	\$334K
Jack Schrepel (R)	\$10K	\$7K	\$2K

CONGRESS 18	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Aisha Mills (D)	\$18K	\$6K	\$12K
Moses Mugulusi (D)	No filing		
Pat Ryan (D)	\$1.08M	\$499K	\$576K
Colin Schmitt (R)	\$1.27M	\$668K	\$601K

STATE SENATE 39	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Rob Rolison (R)	\$56K	\$0	\$56K
Julie Shiroishi (D)	\$59K	\$290	\$58K

STATE ASSEMBLY 95	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Vanessa Agudelo (WF)	\$5K	\$24K	\$40K
Dana Levenberg (D)	\$9K	\$72K	\$33K
Stacy Halper (R)	\$7K	\$0	\$9K

PUTNAM COUNTY	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Democratic Committee	\$16K	\$14K	\$14K
Republican Committee	\$1K	\$628	\$15K

DUTCHESS COUNTY	RAISED	SPENT	ON HAND
Democratic Committee	\$7K	\$6K	\$21K
Republican Committee	\$0	\$3K	\$4K

Sources: State Board of Elections, Federal Election Commission, through June 30.

For statewide candidates, the on-hand total may include previous balances.



The Current Wins 23 National Awards

Recognized for reporting, advertising

The Highlands Current won 22 awards in the annual editorial and advertising contest sponsored by the National Newspaper Association.

The awards were announced on June 30. The contest received 1,561 entries published in 2021 from 40 states. The judges were current, retired or former community newspaper editors and publishers and journalism professors. The Current has won 93 NNA citations since 2016.

In addition, Chip Rowe was one of 12 finalists on July 23 among 91 entries in a national editorial-writing contest sponsored by the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors for “The Meeting Before the Meeting,” which described a state law that allows members of an elected body such as the Putnam County Legislature to meet in caucus and discuss any topic, with any invited participants, even if the gathering constitutes a quorum.

In the NNA contest, Brian PJ Cronin won the Community Service Award among all papers for his *Hunger in the Highlands* series. He also won first place for environmental reporting among smaller papers for his *Sundown at Indian Point* series and third place for “The Return of the Tree Army,” a story about the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps in the Hudson Valley.

Among mid-sized weeklies, *Operation Infrastructure* won first place for best localized national story and first place for investigative series.

Teresa Lagerman was recognized with a first place award for the best reader-generated campaign among weekly papers for

the Halloween Costume Contest.

Among papers of all sizes, Ross Corsair won second place for video journalism for “A Fun Afternoon at Winter Hill” and Pierce Strudler won second place for informational graphic for the election guide, “Here Are Your Choices.”

Among all mid-sized papers, Cronin won second place for columns for “A Park by Any Other Name,” about efforts to rename the local Donald J. Trump State Park. Rowe finished third in the category for “The Meeting Before the Meeting,” which also took third in the Freedom of Information category among papers of all sizes.

Among mid-sized weeklies, The Current received third place for general excellence; Skip Pearlman won second place for his sports photo of a baseball player sliding into third; Corsair won second place for his feature photo of a concerned little brother; and Michael Turton won third place for his feature profile of a Dutchess County woman who survived Hiroshima.

Also among mid-sized weeklies, Turton and Cronin won second place for business stories for *Future Homes*; and Turton won second place for reporting on local government for, “POOF! A Village Could Disappear,” his story about a vote that determined the future of Highlands Falls.

In the advertising categories, among all small papers, Strudler won first place for multiple advertiser section for a Valentine’s Day feature, “Love is in the Air”; The Current won first place for newspaper promotion for its membership campaign; and Strudler took second place for restaurant ad.

Among small weeklies, Lagerman was recognized for the best advertising idea for Ice Cream Passport and Strudler took second place for small ads.

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Catie Biordi stands outside Sargent Elementary in Beacon, where she will take over as principal on Aug. 1. Photo provided

New Principal at Sargent Elementary

District appoints Rombout administrator

The Beacon school board on Monday (July 25) appointed Cathryn (Catie) Biordi as the new principal of Sargent Elementary, effective Aug. 1.

Biordi has been an assistant principal at Rombout Middle School for four years and before that taught social studies for seven years at O'Neill High School in Highland Falls. She succeeds Brian Archer, who in June was named the district's director of evaluation and student services.

Book Donations Accepted

Desmond-Fish prepares for annual sale

The Friends of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison will accept donations for its annual book and media sale from Monday (Aug. 1) through Aug. 12.

The group asks that books be in good condition, without mold or mildew. It will not accept encyclopedias or dictionaries, VHS or cassette tapes, coloring books or travel books and textbooks published before 2020. Books should be placed in well-packed boxes with lids. No donations will be accepted after Aug. 12; the sale is scheduled to take place at the library from Aug. 19 to 29.

For more details, or to volunteer, call 845-424-3020 or email booksale@desmond-fishlibrary.org.

Late Fees Returning

Central Hudson to reinstate in fall

Central Hudson, which suspended late-payment fees in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, said this week they will be reinstated in October.

The utility said it is offering no-cost payment plans to customers who are behind on payments. See cenhud.com/paymentassistance.

Customers who continue to have prob-

lems with their billing will not be charged late fees, it said, including those with rooftop solar, enrolled in Community Choice Aggregation through their municipality, subscribed to a Community Distributed Generation plan such as community solar, low-income customers and those enrolled in deferred payment or budget billing plans.

Beacon Fire Department Gets \$89K Grant

Will pay for new gear

Dutchess County announced July 22 that it has awarded \$4.68 million in municipal grants for 38 projects.

The grants included \$89,387 to the Beacon Fire Department for self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA) and other gear used when responding to alarms.

In addition, the Dutchess County Drug Task Force received \$836,347 for its undercover unit and the Child Advocacy Center was awarded \$93,750 to fund a detective to investigate sexual or physical abuse allegations.

More Pandemic Funds

Municipalities to receive second payments

New York State on July 22 said it will soon distribute \$387 million to 1,452 municipalities from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, part of the \$10.7 billion sent to the state as part of the American Rescue Plan Act.

While larger municipalities received their funding directly from the federal government, the state is responsible for sending the money to smaller cities, towns and villages. It sent the first of two payments during the summer of 2021; the second payments coming now include money that was declined or went unclaimed by 24 towns and villages (none in Putnam or Dutchess) and was redistributed statewide on a per-capita basis.

As a result, Beacon will receive its second payment of \$713,393 plus \$2,913; Cold Spring, \$99,440 plus \$406; Philipstown, \$362,417 plus \$1,480; and Nelsonville, \$32,278 plus \$132.

State Awards \$38 Million for Farmland

Protects 768 acres in Hudson Valley

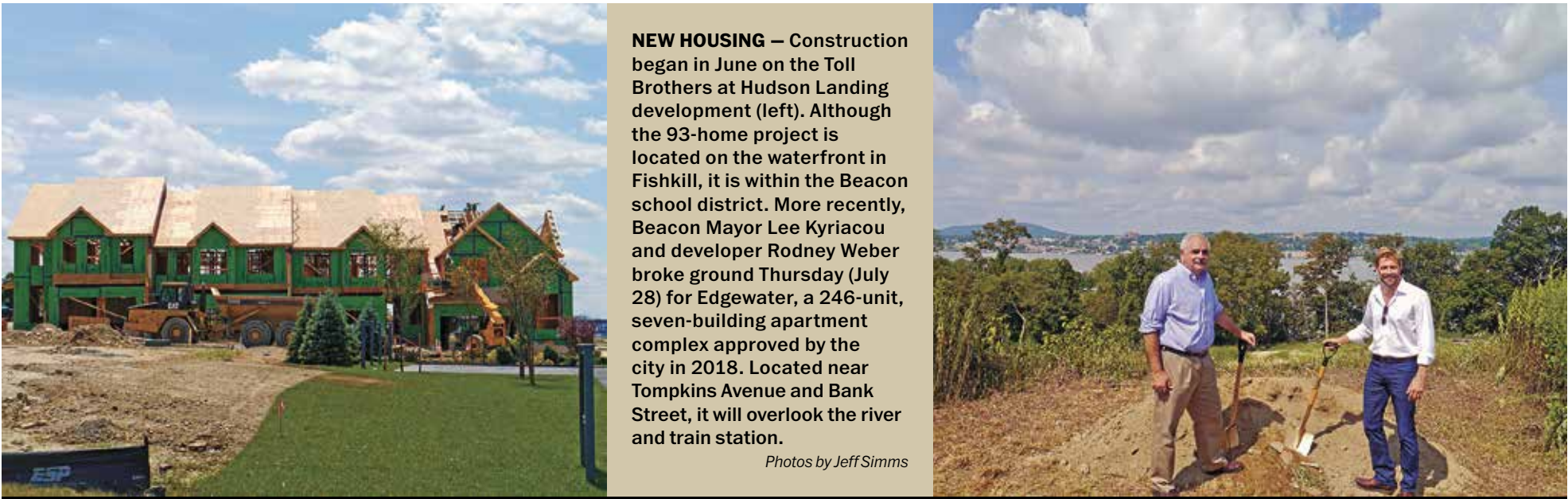
New York State announced July 18 that it has awarded \$38 million to 40 projects to protect 11,772 acres of farmland.

The grants included \$6.4 million to preserve 768 acres in the Mid-Hudson Valley, including three to the Dutchess Land Conservancy: \$924,000 for 187 acres for equine use at Cedar Ridge Farm; \$1.46 million for 144 acres at Obercreek Farm in Wappingers Falls; and \$615,000 for 109 acres at Primrose Hill Farm in Staatsburg for agroforestry.

The grants also included \$2 million to the Westchester Land Trust to protect 128 acres on Ryder Farm in Brewster for agroforestry and \$1.4 million to the Town of Warwick for 200 acres on Astorino Farm.

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Neighbors Prevail Over Cell Tower

Judge says Carmel agreement was illegal
By Chip Rowe

In litigation that will sound familiar to residents of Philipstown and Nelsonville, a group of Town of Carmel residents has prevailed — for now — in a legal battle with Homeland Towers and Verizon Wireless, which want to erect a 140-foot cell tower in their neighborhood.

The neighbors told *The Journal News*

they had spent nearly \$100,000 on legal fees over two years to fight the tower. A state judge ruled this week that Carmel officials made an illegal agreement with Homeland and Verizon to place a tower on Walton Drive without review by its planning and zoning boards.

The judge also said a Town Board member should not have voted on the plan because he is a member of the homeowners' association that leases the land to Verizon.

Homeland Towers sued Philipstown and Nelsonville in 2018 after the town and

village denied permits for 140- to 180-foot and 110-foot towers, respectively. Both cases ended with settlements, but the Nelsonville tower is embroiled in litigation with neighbors who argue Homeland does not have the legal access it needs to develop the proposed tower site overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

Homeland also plans to construct a 160-foot tower behind the clubhouse at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

The Carmel plan had been drawn up by the town attorney and an attorney for Homeland Towers and Verizon, according to *The Journal News*. The planning and zoning boards in 2018 rejected an applica-

tion from Homeland and Verizon to build towers at two locations in Mahopac; when Homeland and Verizon sued, Carmel officials offered the site near Walton Drive as part of a settlement.

Officials did not inform residents until after the agreement was signed, according to *The Journal News*. The settlement stated that Homeland and Verizon only needed to obtain a building permit, without further review.

Rob Cavallaro, a resident who led the opposition, said five neighbors kicked in to pay the legal fees. "There's a small balance we are still paying," he told *The Journal News*. "It hurts. But something had to be done. And hopefully Homeland Towers goes away."

The HIGHLANDS

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Hotel Tax *(from Page 1)*

The Cold Spring bill passed in the Assembly, 118-32, with support from Galef and Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon. It passed the Senate, 36-27, with support from Skoufis, although Sue Serino, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, voted no. The law will expire in 2025, when Cold Spring can request it be renewed by the Legislature.

Asked on Thursday (July 28) about her no vote, Serino said: "With the state sitting on a massive budget surplus thanks to the influx of federal funds and other factors, I don't believe we should be advancing any new taxes. We should instead be promoting tourism and making it easier financially for individuals and families to travel and actually invest in our communities."

Skoufis had previously assisted the Towns of Newburgh and Woodbury in getting amendments to state tax law; in May, after discussions with Skoufis, the Cold Spring Village Board approved a proposal by Mayor Kathleen Foley to file a request.

Airbnb collects room taxes for 35 New York counties, including Dutchess, which charges 4 percent. In 2012, the Putnam Legislature passed a 4 percent tax but newly elected County Executive MaryEllen Odell vetoed it, arguing that it would inhibit any future development projects that included a hotel, motel or conference center. In 2019, after short-term rentals became widespread, she told *The Current* she felt taxes on STRs should be levied and collected by towns and villages.

Before a Cold Spring tax is implemented, Foley said the board must first determine the rate, draft a local law and hold a public hearing. She said she hoped to have legislation in place by the end of the year.

A five-member ad hoc committee appointed by the Village Board is drafting recommendations for revisions to a local law governing short-term rentals. The existing legislation, adopted by the previous administration in 2021, has been criticized for being too complicated and difficult to enforce. Jennifer Zwarich, who chairs the committee, said she hopes it will complete its findings by the late fall.

Foley said that, over time, any revenue generated by an occupancy tax could offset fees charged to short-term rental operators. "But permitting and inspection fees will not go away; there are still staff and resource costs to the village," she said.

The tax also would not affect efforts by the village and other municipalities to receive a portion of sales tax collected and sent to Putnam County, which in 2021 was \$78 million. "The occupancy tax is entirely separate from sales tax," Foley said. The Legislature did recently approve a one-time disbursement of sales tax to towns and villages that matches allotments from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Cold Spring's share is \$203,342.

The Legislature has yet to consider a proposal by Philipstown Town Board member Jason Angell and Village Trustee Eliza Starbuck in which the county would share 50 percent of any annual increase in sales tax revenue.

"The presumptive incoming county executive, Kevin Byrne [a Republican who is running unopposed], has indicated that he does not support making sales tax sharing permanent," Foley said. "I hope he reconsiders this position."

“ We need more revenue to cover costs. And it shouldn't come only from village taxpayers.

~ Mayor Kathleen Foley

The Village Board would have little difficulty determining how to put the hotel tax revenue to use. Foley identified short-term rental costs, including staff time, software and enforcement, along with pedestrian safety and public restroom maintenance, as likely spending targets.

"We need more revenue to cover costs," Foley said. "And it shouldn't come only from village taxpayers."

The occupancy tax, Foley said, will allow the village to collect revenue from visitors, easing the financial burden that tourism places on residents.

"I'm glad this new legislation recognizes how important tourism is to Cold Spring and how important Cold Spring is to the economy of our region as a whole," Galef said in a statement on the day the bill was signed.

Skoufis added that while tourism supports local businesses, it can also "place a strain on local municipal services" and that a room tax supports tourism, "without placing further pressure on local taxpayers."

— money he said the agency does not have. Thompson said those conditions and the lack of parking — Philipstown in 2020 closed a small lot nearby and there is no parking allowed on Indian Brook Road — "means that the falls will not be open anytime soon. There is always the possibility that circumstances could change, but we consider the closure to be relatively permanent. We will continue to patrol the area to ensure compliance."

Indian Brook Falls *(from Page 1)*

there is no way to reach the falls without walking through the stream, which is not only slippery and dangerous, but harmful to the stream's ecology."

Thompson said the parks department has considered rebuilding the trail, "but the topography of the area — steep cliffs on both sides descending into the brook — would require a major capital investment"

“ The falls will not be open anytime soon.

~ Evan Thompson, park manager

Philipstown Agrees to Look at Airbnb Regulation

Neighbors of Garrison rental register complaints

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Members of the Philipstown Town Board informally agreed Wednesday (July 27) to consider restrictions on short-term rentals after residents complained at a Town Hall workshop about a neighbor's long-running Airbnb on Nelson Lane in Garrison.

But the owner of the Airbnb, at 26 Nelson Lane, told *The Current* her neighbors have engaged in harassment and lies.

Melissa Harris, who lives on Nelson Lane, told the Town Board that No. 26 is rented almost constantly. Airbnb's website describes it as suitable for up to 12 guests, with five bedrooms, 2½ bathrooms, a sauna, hot tub and swimming pool, available for \$1,164 per night.

Neighbors assert that tour buses arrive with as many as 50 to 60 guests and that visitors often indulge in noisy and unruly parties. Nelson Lane intersects with Route 9D and borders the Garrison School.

In a Fourth of July incident, Harris said, a group occupied No. 26 and her family, next door, heard women screaming for help. She said her son ran outside and then called the Sheriff's Department, although a deputy never responded.

Meanwhile, she said, an adult male in a vehicle left the No. 26 driveway "and threatened my son for calling the police. My family felt extremely unsafe for the rest of the week," not knowing "if the menacing man would be returning to harm our family."

Claudine Struck, who owns the Airbnb, refutes that allegation. "They called Airbnb, made this fake claim that there was an altercation, that they had called the police, that they were threatened. It was a complete lie, because I was on the property" with family members that night, she said in an interview on Thursday (July 28).

"They've actually been harassing me," she said, saying she had filed a previous report with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Now, she added, she plans to bring a harassment claim "about the false claim to Airbnb, because that's not OK," she said. "To harass me as a Black woman in a white town? That's just not OK."

Asserting that she has "always been cooperative," Struck said "I've gone above and beyond being neighborly." She acknowledged some guests have been loud, but "it's definitely the minority" of the many who've patronized her business since she began renting the home in 2003.

The neighbors who attended the Town Board meeting on Wednesday called for a law that requires short-term-rental owners to occupy the property; limits the number of rental units permitted in Philipstown; and limits the number of guests per booking. They also urged the Sheriff's Department to enforce noise and safety regulations.



In a photo taken by a neighbor, passengers gather around a tour bus outside a short-term rental on Nelson Lane in Garrison.

"I'm not against short-term rentals," said Harris, who is the Nelsonville village clerk. "I just want regulation."

Philipstown's zoning code, adopted in 2011, allows bed-and-breakfasts, with Planning Board approval. It defines a bed-and-breakfast as "a dwelling in which overnight accommodations not exceeding five bedrooms and breakfast are provided for transient guests for compensation."

It separately provides for "lodging facilities," such as hotels, motels, inns or any "other establishment providing sleeping accommodations for transient guests, with or without a dining room or restaurant."

The code requires owners to obtain permits and limits rentals to certain zoning districts — Hamlet Mixed-Use (such as Garrison's Landing), Highway Commercial (Route 9 corridor), Institutional Conservation (historical or open spaces) and Hamlet Residential (such as Continental Village).

"There's a lot of short-term rentals throughout town that run successfully and quietly," Supervisor John Van Tassel said. He observed that the short-term-rental question recurs periodically. "I knew eventually we were going to have to do something."

"There are ways to do this that would not overly restrict" short-term rentals or impair owners' income from their properties, said Margaret Yonco-Haines, another Nelson Lane resident. She added that if officials act, residents will understand that "this is not something to fool around, that it's taken seriously by the town."

Van Tassel pointed out that enacting legislation can take months of legal work and public hearings and said he wants to establish a task force. He cautioned that solving the problem involves enforcement, not just passing laws.

The supervisor promised to confer with the building inspector/code enforcement officer and Sheriff's Department, and to speak to Struck. "It's worth a shot," he said.

The Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Beacon governments have also heard complaints in recent years about short-term rentals, and all three passed laws to regulate them.

Debate Continues Over Probe of Previous Sheriff

Executive, attorney blames Langley for lack of interviews

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A now-concluded investigation of the Sheriff's Department under Robert Langley continued to roil Putnam County governance last week, as officials claimed Langley forbade interviews with deputies — and a legislator argued that exactly the opposite happened.

The study began in December 2020 after the county Legislature voted 8-1 to spend \$45,000 to hire the Bonadio consulting firm to examine Sheriff's Department overtime. Bonadio produced at least three drafts for County Executive MaryEllen Odell before presenting a final, 56-page report that Odell said contains “factual inaccuracies” and “faulty” conclusions. She released the report June 8.

Bonadio found that, under Langley — who was defeated in November by a Republican challenger, Kevin McConville — the Sheriff's Department road patrol had only “a lean workforce” and relied on overtime to ensure basic, round-the-clock policing. Under the circumstances, the report stated, overtime was to be expected. It equated more deputies with less overtime and suggested that perhaps “resources are

under-allocated to the road patrol.”

After his election, McConville reduced the number of road patrols from six to five.

At its July 21 meeting, the Protective Services Committee discussed a June 28 memo from Odell and a July 15 memo from County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner; both alleged that Langley prevented Bonadio from interviewing deputies. Bumgarner wrote that Langley and then-Undersheriff Kevin Cheverko made the decision because they had not been involved in negotiations Bumgarner held with a lawyer for the Police Benevolent Association, the deputies' union, to arrange the officers' participation.

According to Bumgarner, when the interview process stalled, Odell determined that, because the Bonadio research already had consumed “a significant period of time,” the consultants could continue “without interviewing deputies.”

In her June 28 memo, Odell told Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson, who chairs the Protective Services Committee, that she wanted “to correct statements” made earlier by Langley and Legislator Nancy Montgomery of Philipstown, the only Democrat on the Legislature, who in 2020 cast the “nay” vote against the investigation.

Odell maintained that she “fought vehemently” for the deputies to be interviewed in hopes that “factual information

previously provided to Bonadio could be corrected.” She did not elaborate.

Addressing the committee on June 23, Langley denied forbidding deputies from talking to Bonadio. Instead, he said that Bonadio had stated that “Odell's office directed that members of the Police Benevolent Association were not to be interviewed.”

“No one ordered or instructed any PBA member not to be interviewed. They [interviews] simply did not happen.

~ Andrew Quinn,
an attorney for the police union

Similarly, Montgomery asserted at the June 23 meeting that “the county executive canceled those interviews.”

Andrew Quinn, the PBA attorney, said Tuesday (July 26) that “information set forth in Ms. Bumgarner's memo is accurate” regarding their common efforts to draft protocols for interviewing deputies. “Subsequently,” he added, “no interviews were scheduled or conducted. No one ordered or instructed any PBA member not to be interviewed. They [interviews]

simply did not happen. We are unaware of the reason why or who, if anyone, directed that they not be conducted.”

Bonadio representatives involved in the study could not be reached this week; one has apparently left the firm and another was on vacation.

Montgomery again defended Langley on July 21 and pointed out that despite expressed concerns “the county executive and county attorney never show up to talk about this stuff.” (Bumgarner was on vacation.) Montgomery likewise suggested that the contradictory statements from Odell and Langley about not interviewing deputies echoed the classic “he said/ she said” argument. “Somebody is lying,” she said. She recalled that legislators “didn't see any correspondence that said the sheriff would not allow the deputies to be interviewed.”

Montgomery said Odell and Nacerino ignored her repeated memos seeking copies of the administration's communications with Bonadio. Those materials “would answer a lot of our questions,” she said, adding that it is public information. “Why wouldn't you,” in chairing the committee, “follow up on those memos requesting information?” she asked Nacerino.

Nacerino replied that “they weren't forthcoming. Whether you sent it [a request] or I sent it, obviously they weren't forthcoming.” She then declined to engage with Montgomery further. “We're here to discuss one thing: the statement of the county attorney,” she said.

Putnam IDA Striving Toward Compliance

Chair says agency recovering from resignations

By Leonard Sparks

The chair of the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency says it has a full board for the first time since members resigned en masse in 2016, and is cleaning up its website, which has been out of compliance with state transparency laws.

The state Authorities Budget Office reviewed the website in February and informed IDA more information needed to be posted, including meeting notices, agendas and minutes; a full list of IDA projects, along with the amount of tax benefits that developers or businesses received and jobs

created; and appointment dates and employment information for its board members.

Although the most recent meeting information posted as of Thursday (July 28) was from April, and only one project is listed online, Chair Bill Nulk said the IDA has hired a website consultant and expects that “we'll be fully up to speed in the next month or two.”

In May, the IDA added three new board members to fill out its seven-person board, including Ben Cheah of Philipstown and Abigail O'Brien of Putnam Valley. Nulk said the agency, which has no staff, is also current on the reports it is required to submit to the Authorities Budget Office, which oversees

the operations and finances of IDAs and other municipal authorities.

While the agency is “in pretty good shape now” and has several potential projects, it needs help with staff, said Nulk, who lives in Kent and has been volunteering as chair and de facto executive director. “The two positions aren't supposed to be the same,” he said.

In January 2016, IDA board members — including Nulk — and its executive director resigned at the same time. Nulk said the IDA, which is supposed to be self-funding through fees from projects it approves, was running out of money and the county Legislature refused a request for financial assistance.

Nulk returned four months later as board chair, along with three new members.

When he rejoined the board, the agency had \$38 in its bank account and its files were in disarray, he said.

The Legislature eventually approved \$50,000 to bail out the agency and has continued providing subsidies, Nulk said. “It was a very difficult period,” he said.

Past projects approved by the IDA include The Residences at Butterfield condominium development in Cold Spring. Among the current projects are a warehouse expansion for Ace Endico, a food-service provider in Southeast; a Comfort Inn that opened in 2020 in Brewster; and the Gleneida Distillery.

“We have a couple of projects that, if they come to fruition this year, should get us some funding,” Nulk said.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Zoning Board will **not** meet in the month of August 2022.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, September 12th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

27,240 (+189)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:

10.2% (+1.4)

Percent vaccinated:

83.3
Cold Spring: **95.6** / Garrison: **87.7**

Number of deaths:

126 (0)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

73,205 (+568)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:

12.2% (+0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

77.8
Beacon: **73.1**

Number of deaths:

676 (+3)

Source: State and county health departments, as of July 27, 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.

AROUND TOWN



◀ **NELS IN THE HOUSE** — Nels Cline, the lead guitarist for Wilco, and his wife, Yuka Honda, also a musician, played at Quinn's in Beacon on July 24 at a fundraiser for Julie Shiroishi, a Beacon resident who is running for a state Senate seat. In 2015, a panel organized by *Rolling Stone* named Cline one of the 100 greatest guitarists. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



▲ **HONORING PETE** — Friends who knew and played with Pete Seeger, a longtime resident of Beacon, gathered at the Howland Cultural Center on July 23 for "Stamp'in Our Feet for Pete" to mark the release of a U.S. postage stamp that honors the late folk singer. Here, Mindy Fradkin (aka Princess Wow) and Victor Roland Vargas Mousaa perform. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



◀ **NEW OFFICERS** — Two newly hired Beacon police officers, Nicholas Anzovino and Jonathan Underwood, were introduced to the City Council on July 18. They are shown with Mayor Lee Kyriacou (left) and Chief Sands Frost (right). *Photo provided*

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The Calendar

The Artist Next Door

Leslie Horan Simon

By Alison Rooney

Leslie Horan Simon's childhood was not the stuff dreams are made of.

She describes it, broadly, as traumatic. Later, in adulthood, a personal crisis nearly derailed her. Through it all, she says, she found solace in art and the natural world, both elements found in abundance in Philipstown, where she and her husband bought a home earlier this year. She grew up visiting the Highlands and is entranced: "Lizards everywhere, animals, plants, mushrooms — I lose my mind here."

Horan Simon is an artist who works in felt. That's her description; she is quick to note that, as someone who researches rare breeds of sheep and who has arrived at her own process of working with wool, she's not a "felter."

She says her childhood in White Plains and Norwalk, Connecticut, gave her the opportunity to "find the wild places" in suburbia. Her first artworks were landscape paintings; she earned a bachelor's in fine arts at Parsons School of Design in New York City.

"For three years, right out of college, I had a decorative painting business, doing murals and finishes, sometimes with hand-painted landscapes," she recalls. "It was the 1980s and there was a lot of money around. Although I had no connections, I was incredibly persistent, and I marched

in, portfolio in hand."

Her marriage brought with it freedom to "stop struggling for the dollar" and she returned to landscapes, mostly of the east end of Long Island. She found representation at the Fischbach Gallery in Chelsea.

"Everything came easily," she says, until she was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder related to her childhood trauma and, at the same time, became addicted to opioids. The combination "took me right off my feet," she recalls. "I stopped painting and got into treatment."

Fortuitously, as it turned out, there was a knitting store a block from her therapist's office. Once Horan Simon discovered it, she became engrossed. That was



Leslie Horan Simon



A Navajo Churro sheep named Ana whose fleece was used to make the yarn pictured

Photos provided

seven years ago. "I started as an artist again, this time in wool," she says. "I was sick, so knitting a sweater was all I could do. I thought, 'What happened to me?' I was a functioning addict. What made me shift was I got better."

Horan Simon says she was eager to learn about spinning and weaving wool. "I loved supporting people who raise animals," she says. "I love the people who raise sheep, especially the ones who love rare breeds, their stories, their passion. It's natural that I would want to buy the wool from these unusual animals."

She uses fleece from more than 70 breeds. "I have made friends with shepherds and farmers, as well as others who make it their business to

gather and sell the less-popular wools for farmers who are just too busy to do it themselves," she says.

To create her artwork, "90 percent of the work is preparation, and 10 percent is composing it, putting it together, the exciting time. My process is very much like collage. I make my materials and then I compose. At night I spin wool. Right now, I'm adding a lot of leftover silks from Indian saris, mixing in other colors.

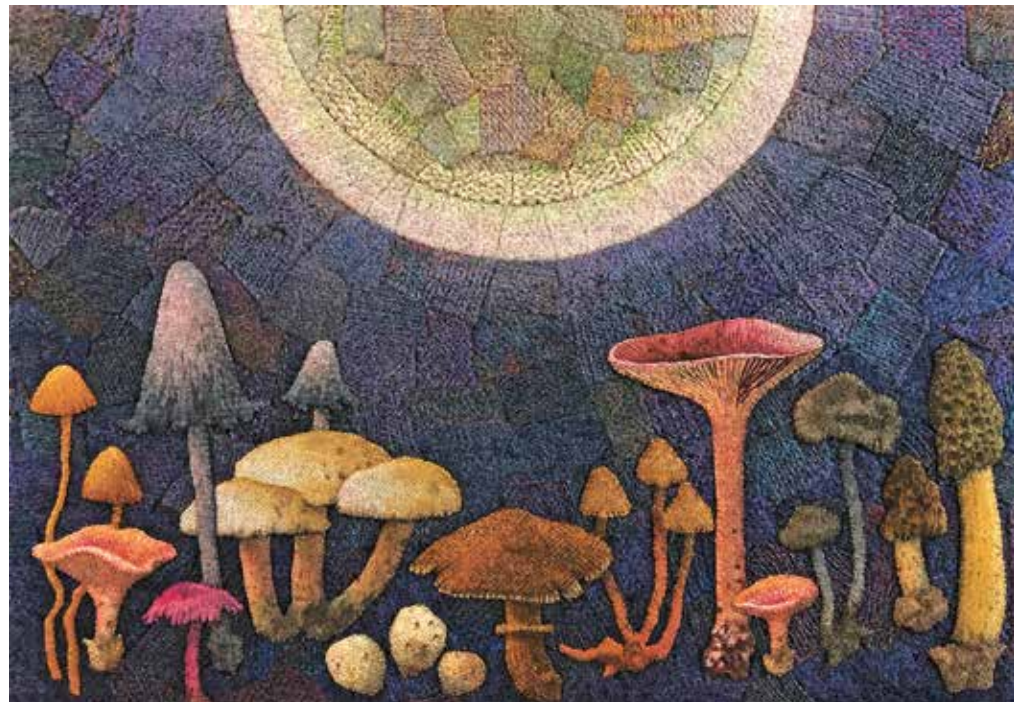
"Sometimes I weave, sometimes I knit, sometimes I use a felt loom," she says. "When you needle felt, it's light and airy. I embellish and appliqué sometimes, but whatever I use on it, nearly always I am working with felt I made and not a piece sourced from an old sweater." (For videos, see lesliehoransimon.com.)

Most of her artwork is "developed in the making," she has written. "Many are completely abstract and, to my mind, reflect a contemplative and positive energy. Others are wholly involved with pure pattern — akin to collage and quilt work — and some draw on elements from nature.

"I believe personal struggles of each artist informs their work," she adds. "A lot of people don't talk about this. I'm 68 and re-inventing myself. Things do change."



"Hudson Highlands," made with wool from rare breeds



"Moonlight Gathering"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 30

Great Newburgh-to-Beacon Swim

NEWBURGH

9:45 a.m. Unico Park | riverpool.org

Although registration is closed for swimmers at this 18th annual event to benefit the River Pool, spectators can cheer as participants finish at the Beacon Institute dock.

SUN 31

Farmhouse Fest

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312 | jarworthy.com

The newest retail shop at the farm, Jar Worthy, will host a day-long festival with music, artisan vendors, food and candle-making demonstrations.

MON 1

History Hunt

COLD SPRING

putnamhistorymuseum.org

The Putnam History Museum will host its second annual photo scavenger hunt of notable sites in the county. Follow clues and take a photo at 10 or more locations. Submissions received by Aug. 31 will be entered into a drawing for a prize. Register online.

FRI 5

Howland 150: Anniversary Celebration

BEACON

5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
beaconlibrary.org/howland150

Join a community celebration at the original site of the Howland Circulating Library, which opened on this date 150 years ago.

SAT 6

Pow Wow

BEAR MOUNTAIN

11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Anthony Wayne Recreation Area
Palisades Interstate Parkway
facebook.com/redhawkcouncil

The Bear Mountain Pow Wow will feature more than 500 Native American artists, educators, singers, dancers and performing groups from the Lakota, Navajo, Mohawk, Seneca, Cherokee, Aztec, Mayan, Samoan, Hawaiian and other tribes. Also SUN 7. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 seniors, children 6 to 12; 5 and younger free)*

SAT 6

Putnam County Wine & Food Fest

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mayor's Park
61 Fair St. | putnamcountywinefest.com
New York cideries, distilleries,

wineries and brewers will feature their beverages; there will also be food trucks, artisan vendors and live music. Also SUN 7. *Cost: \$30 (\$40 door, \$12 designated drivers, 12 and younger free)*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 30

Pirates: Lost at Sea

GARRISON

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

Talewise will perform a story with science and music.

WED 3

Community Garden Visit

WAPPINGERS FALLS

4 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

After reading *Seed Folks*, students in grades 6 to 12 will visit local gardeners. Register online.

THURS 4

Make Your Own: Candy Sushi!

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Children ages 6 to 12 will make "sushi" from candy. Registration required.

FRI 5

Howland 150: Celebration Storytime

BEACON

3 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1144
beaconlibrary.org/howland150

Librarians will share stories focused on the founding of the Howland with children in pre-K through second grade, although all are welcome.

VISUAL ART

SAT 30

Shapeshift

BEACON

4 – 7 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

This group show will feature works by Jill Baroff, Natalie Beall, Ellen Driscoll, Gordon Hall, Susan Meyer and Christina Tenaglia that explore the lines between abstraction and representation. Through Sept. 4.

FRI 5

Jenne Currie

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
123 Main St. | busterlevigallery.com

The artist's paintings, sculpture and mixed media work will be on view through Aug. 28.

FRI 5

Howland 150: People Make It Happen

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
beaconlibrary.org/howland150

Works by Donna Mikkelsen and Jean-Marc Superville Sovak include historical photos that tell the story of the library and the history of its original building, which is now the cultural center. See Page 18.

SAT 6

Robert Irwin

BEACON

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

The artist's 1972 installation, *Full Room Skylight-Scrim V*, will go on long-term display. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 disabled visitors and students, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free ages 5 and younger)*



Shapeshift, July 30



Romeo and Juliet, July 30

SAT 6

Howland 150: History Exhibit (Opening)

BEACON

1 – 3 p.m. Beacon Historical Society
61 Leonard St.
beaconlibrary.org/howland150

Explore material from the society's archives about the Howland library and building.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 30

Heroes, Monsters & Madmen

BEACON

3 & 4 p.m. Boats leave dock
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Craig Schulman will perform songs on Bannerman Island from his many Broadway roles during a benefit dinner prepared by the Chefs' Consortium. The event was rescheduled from an earlier date. *Cost: \$165*

SAT 30

Cinderella

GARRISON

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

Young actors directed by Lisa Sabin will perform the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. Also SUN 31. *Cost: \$12*

SAT 30

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 MON 1, WED 3, FRI 5, SUN 7. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

SUN 31

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 THURS 4, SAT 6. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

FRI 5

The Big Lebowski

BEACON

6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Boats leave dock
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Visit Bannerman Island to watch the 1998 film by the Coen brothers starring Jeff Bridges in a case of mistaken identity, kidnapping and bowling. *Cost \$40*

FRI 5

Lit Lit

BEACON

7 p.m. Via Zoom

Jill Dearman will be the featured reader at this virtual literary salon. Email litlitseries@gmail.com to register.

SAT 6

Rio Bravo

COLD SPRING

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

The Cold Spring Film Society will screen the 1959 film starring John Wayne, Angie Dickinson and Dean Martin about making a stand to keep a murderer in jail when his brother threatens to bust him out. *Free*



SAT 6

Flight of the Butterflies

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8:30 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

To kick off their Butterflies and Blooms Festival celebrating pollinators, Stony Kill will screen this family movie about a scientist's four-decade quest to find the monarch butterfly's nesting grounds.

TALKS AND TOURS**SAT 30****With Different Eyes****COLD SPRING**

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

Richard Kroehling, an artist, and Paul Smart, a journalist, will discuss their book, subtitled "A COVID Waltz in Words and Images," which came out of a year-long project.

TUES 2**Creating Pollinator-Friendly Landscapes****WAPPINGERS FALLS**

7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Meg Crawford, horticulturist and co-founder of the Northern Dutchess Beekeepers Club, will lead a presentation about how to support bees, butterflies and other pollinators with landscaping choices. Register online.

TUES 2**Gotham's Jazz Age Architecture****COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Anthony Robins, author of the book about New York's Art Deco buildings from the 1920s and 1930s, will discuss the movement and its history as part of the Butterfield Library Writers Reading series. Register online.

**THURS 4****Leading an Equitable Energy Transition****GARRISON**

2:30 p.m. Via Zoom
garrisoninstitute.org

Michelle Moore, the CEO of Groundswell, and Jonathan F.P. Rose, co-founder of the Garrison Institute, will discuss what is necessary to move to clean energy in an inclusive and regenerative way as part of the institute's Pathways to Planetary Health series.

**Felice Brothers, Aug. 6****SUN 7****Butterfly ID & Pollinator Plant Walk****WAPPINGERS FALLS**

11 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Adrienne Papazian will lead a tour of the garden and discuss the relationship between plants and their pollinators. *Cost: \$5*

MUSIC**SAT 30****Stone Temple Pilots****PEEKSKILL**

4:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The concert, which also features the School of Rock, Kings X and Steven Adler of Guns N' Roses, will benefit the David Z Foundation, a nonprofit that provides music education to children from low-income families. *Cost: \$79 to \$149*

SAT 30**Head Games****BREWSTER**

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

This Foreigner cover band will perform the band's hits. Parking is \$10. *Cost: \$30*

SAT 30**Noche Caliente****WEST POINT**

7:30 p.m. Trophy Point
westpointband.com

The Benny Havens Band will perform Latin hits with Willy Torres, Alex Apollo Ayala and Carlos Padro. *Free*

SAT 30**Michael Bisio****POUGHKEEPSIE**

8 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center
9 Vassar St. | bisio.bpt.me

Bisio will perform work from his latest recording, *Inimitable*, to kick off a music series organized by Eluysium Furnace Works. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 30**Welldiggers****BEACON**

8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com

The four-piece band will perform its original music.

SAT 30**The Chris O'Leary Band****BEACON**

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

The former lead singer of Levon Helm's band, the Barnburners, will perform blues from his latest release, *7 Minutes Late*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 31**The Long Farewells****BEACON**

8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com

The Chicago-based band will perform its Americana-style original music.

MON 1**Patrick Strokes Group****BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon

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

FRI 5**Kaia Kater****COLD SPRING**

7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The banjo player and singer and songwriter will perform her music, which has been described as "where bluegrass meets Nina Simone." *Cost: \$25*

**FRI 5****Johnny Lit's Jerry Duty****BEACON**

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

The Grateful Dead tribute band will mark Jerry Garcia's birthday. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 6**Ray Blue Jazz Quartet****PUTNAM VALLEY**

6 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

The tenor saxophonist will perform with his quartet. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 6**Doansburg Chamber Ensemble****COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4167
doansburgchamberensemble.org

Christine Smith (flute), Matthew Goeke (cello) and Christine Johannsen (piano) will perform a program that includes works by Kuhlau, C.M. Von Weber, Hummel and Gaubert. Watch in-person or via a livestream online.

SAT 6**Felice Brothers****PEEKSKILL**

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The folk rock band will perform with Skullcrusher and the Dan

Zlotnick Band. *Cost: \$23***SAT 6****The Weeklings****BEACON**

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

The tribute band will perform hits by the Beatles, Herman's Hermits and others. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SAT 6**Emily Beck Band****BEACON**

9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon

The singer-songwriter will perform music from her recently released self-titled album.

CIVIC**MON 1****City Council****BEACON**

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

MON 1**Candidate Forum****TARRYTOWN**

7 p.m. Via Zoom
my.lwv.org/new-york/westchester

The League of Women Voters of Westchester will host a forum with Alessandra Biaggi and Sean Patrick Maloney, Democratic candidates for Congressional District 17, which includes Philipstown, in anticipation of the Aug. 23 primary. Register online.

TUES 2**Putnam Legislature****CARMEL**

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com

WED 3**Village Board****COLD SPRING**

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

THURS 4**Town Board****PHILIPSTOWN**

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com



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Small, Good Things

Life in the Tropics

By Joe Dizney

Out of curiosity, I checked:

The National Geographic Society registers the average temperature of the latitudinally defined tropics as between 77 and 82 degrees.

Whether you acknowledge climate change or not, you must admit that this seems positively balmy compared to what we've been enduring lately and can probably expect for the next month or two — not to say years hence.

The last thing we want to do is spend much time in the kitchen over a stove or within any proximity to an oven. Thankfully, this time of year provides an abundance, and an equally abundant variety of fruits and vegetables that don't ask much in the way of cooking.

Nor is it the season for carbohydrate-laden groaning boards — we're usually more in the mood for grazing on small plates fashioned along the lines of cooking from (no surprise here) the global tropics — the Mediterranean, Indies East and West, Meso and South America, the Near and Far



East and countries of the Pacific Rim.

I recently came across a recipe for a warm dish of black beans in coconut milk that struck a chord. It seemed either/or Caribbean/Thai, with its notes of lime, ginger and hot peppers. (Another little counter-intuitive secret of tropical cooking: Sweat-inducing heat promotes superficial cooling on exposed skin.) With a little modification, it suggested this cold salad.

Here, a creamy blender dressing of the lime juice, ginger and coconut milk, abetted by garlic, sesame oil and grated coconut, binds together a salad composed of black beans, diced red peppers, pickled red onions, jalapeño, scallions and cilantro.

Being conscious of the fact that beans, while healthy and nutritious, are an incomplete protein, I added rice (or other grains) to the mix. I came across a bag of so-called "forbidden" black rice at Foodtown in Cold Spring that made an ideal addition.

And, while the salad as presented could be labeled vegetarian or vegan, I am no diet cop and suggest it would be a great companion to grilled shrimp, fish, chicken, ribs, sausage or flank steak.

The garnish — crushed plantain chips — was a suggestion salvaged from the original warm recipe and adds a salty crunch, especially when brightened with a finishing squeeze of lime. (Plantain chips can be found in the healthy-snacks aisle at Foodtown but are widely available elsewhere.)



Black Bean Salad

with Lime-Ginger-Coconut Dressing

Serves 4

NOTE: Substitute a combination of brown rice and red or black quinoa in the same measure for the black forbidden rice. Other suggested variations or additions include lightly toasting the coconut flakes for the salad (6 to 7 minutes on a sheet pan in a single layer in a 300-degree oven), ½ cup baton-sliced kohlrabi added to the ingredients or toasted chopped peanuts or cashews for garnish. You might also serve this as a dinner salad on a bed of arugula with sliced cherry tomatoes and avocado, drizzled with more lime juice and a little olive (or other) oil.

Pickled red onions

1 medium red onion, diced (about ¼ to ⅜ inch)

1 cup white wine vinegar

2 tablespoons raw sugar

1 tablespoon kosher salt

For the dressing

2 tablespoons crystallized ginger (soaked in boiled water for 45 minutes, drained)

1½ tablespoons grated lime zest

⅓ cup lime juice

⅓ cup whole fat coconut milk

⅓ cup fresh ginger, peeled and cut into coins, smashed to pulp

2 cloves garlic, peeled and smashed

1 tablespoon raw sugar

1½ tablespoons sweet white miso (preferably chickpea, if you can find it)

⅓ cup shredded fresh coconut (or reconstituted dried flaked coconut)

2 teaspoons roasted sesame oil

For the salad

2 cups cooked black beans, drained

1½ cups black forbidden rice, cooked and drained (see note)

½ cup red bell pepper, seeded, diced medium

1 or 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded, diced small

½ cup pickled red onions, drained

¼ to ½ cup shredded fresh coconut (or reconstituted dried flaked coconut)

1 cup sliced scallions, green and white parts

½ cup fresh cilantro leaves, roughly chopped

Crushed plantain chips and cilantro for garnish; lime wedges for table

1. The day before, prepare the pickled red onions. Put diced onions in a clean 2-cup Ball jar. Heat the vinegar, sugar and salt in a small saucepan, bringing them just to a boil to dissolve the crystals. Pour the hot liquid over the onions to cover. Let cool, and refrigerate overnight. (This will be more than you need. The excess will keep up to a month refrigerated in the liquid for use in other salads or on sandwiches.)

2. Prepare the dressing: Add all ingredients (except the shredded coconut and sesame oil) to a blender and process until smooth. Add the shredded coconut and sesame oil and pulse a couple of times to incorporate. Salt and pepper to taste. Chill.

3. To prepare the salad, combine all salad ingredients (except garni) in a large bowl and toss gently to combine. Add dressing and toss all to coat. Serve picnic-style in a large bowl or in individual portions, garnished with crushed plantain chips and more cilantro leaves. Serve with lime wedges.

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Vincenzo Vaccaro stands outside his newly opened pizzeria and bakery.

Photo by M. Ferris



The many varieties of donnolis

Photo provided

Big Vinny is in the House

And he brought the donnolis

By Marc Ferris

Word spreads fast: Big Vinny's is open for business on Main Street in Beacon. On a recent Sunday, the restaurant had a steady stream of hungry customers.

Few seemed to know about owner Vincenzo Vaccaro's appearances on Food Network shows or his social media following. They came for the pizza, or the donnolis — a cross between a doughnut and cannoli.

"I keep telling everyone this is the best pizza in the Hudson Valley — and I've tried them all," said Tom Pantano (aka Tommy Empanadas), a caterer in Beacon who was waiting in line. He said he is a daily customer, riding off the calories on his bike.

Another patron asked if Vinny's delivers. For now, that's an afterthought as Vaccaro and his partner, Beatriz Martinez, hustle to keep up.

The couple moved to Marlboro eight months ago to escape the city grind and because the pandemic had killed their business in Queens.

They scoured the region for the right spot. "Beacon is a little like New York City, with the sidewalk traffic and the friendly people," Vaccaro explained. "We felt right at home here."

Vaccaro grew up in Astoria and learned the ropes at his Sicilian father's bakery, where he began pitching in at age 8.

He takes his craft seriously. "Even if you follow a recipe from a book, it will never come out like mine," he said.

The secret is a sourdough-like starter made with flour, water and sugar that ferments. He keeps adding to the bottle, so a descendent of his original concoction continues to kick-start the pizza dough. He adds salt and Greek olive oil and lets the dough sit for 72 hours, which creates pockets as in ciabatta bread.

Many pizza places pop the holes by kneading the dough, he said, "but that just makes it chewy. I'm looking for a crispy texture, where you bite into it and there's bubbles and crunching air."

The foundation topping includes San Marzano tomatoes, basil, more Greek olive oil and Parmesan cheese with a sprinkle of grated Romano.

Despite his devotion to pizza, the donno-

lis are what have brought Big Vinny a measure of modern fame.

In 2018, a social media consultant for the restaurant challenged him to come up with "something that made me different from everyone else," Vaccaro recalled.

He often created his own cannoli cream, adding cinnamon, almond flavor or chocolate chips, so he decided to top a cannoli with doughnut glaze and candied bacon, which led him to re-imagine the concept.

Cannoli pastry shells are thin, but donnolis are fried around a dowel so they're fluffy and can be pulled apart. Vaccaro based his creation on a treat called cartocci, made from brioche bread stuffed with cream, dusted with sugar and typically sold in Sicilian bars.

"I Americanized it and the ideas kept coming," he said.

A donnoli resembles four or five tires standing upright. The cream can be altered with limitless varieties, as can the toppings: Photogenic donnolis come smothered in sweet

sauses and can be encrusted with crumbled cookies and sugary breakfast cereal.

Once he unleashed the donnoli, first came the Instagram foodies. Then a reporter from a cable news channel in New York City. Then *Thrillist*, *Delish* and other buzzworthy online outlets. "It was pandemonium," said Martinez. "Overnight, we had to close the door on people."

Vaccaro, who is also a television and film actor, appeared as a guest on Food Network shows such as *Holiday Baking Championship*, *Guy's Big Project* with chef Guy Fieri, and *Girl Scout Cookie Challenge*.

The next step, he said, are savory donnolis, perhaps with the hole stuffed with macaroni and cheese, bacon and caramelized onions.

But that is conjecture. For now, the order of business is pizza and donnolis. That's it. Vinny's doesn't serve salads, appetizers or entrees.

"We focus on our strengths," he said.

Big Vinny's Pizza & Donnoli, at 207 Main St., is open from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily except Monday. Call 845-440-6757.



LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on July 25, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Dated: July 25, 2022 | Beacon, New York /s/Kelly Pologe, School District Clerk

SUMMARY OF REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED JULY 25, 2022.

SUMMARY OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 90.00 AND OR SECTION 90.10 OF THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO BE DESIGNATED SUBSTANTIALLY "SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS", AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN RELATION THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter, the "District" or the "School District") heretofore issued certain serial bonds of the School District as described in Exhibit A attached hereto (the "Refunded Bonds"), being a part of a School Districts Revenue Bond Financing Program Revenue Bonds transaction of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York as described in said Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the public interest to refund all, or a portion, of the outstanding principal balance of the Refunded Bonds by the issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to Section 90.00 or Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of refunding the principal balance of the Refunded Bonds provided in Exhibit A attached hereto, including providing moneys which, together with the interest earned from the investment of certain of the proceeds of the refunding bonds herein authorized, shall be sufficient to pay (i) the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, (ii) the aggregate amount of unmatured interest payable on the Refunded Bonds to and including the date on which the Refunded Bonds which are callable are to be called prior to their respective maturities in accordance with the refunding financial plan, as hereinafter defined, (iii) the costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the refunding bonds herein authorized, (iv) the redemption premium to be paid on the Refunded Bonds which are to be called prior to their respective maturities, and (v) the premium or premiums for a policy or policies of municipal bond insurance or cost or costs of other credit enhancement facility or facilities, for the refunding bonds herein authorized, or any portion thereof, there are hereby authorized to be issued refunding bonds of the School District not exceeding the amount specified in Exhibit A attached hereto pursuant to the provisions of Section 90.00 and/or Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law (the "School District Refunding Bonds" or the "Refunding Bonds"), it being anticipated that the amount of Refunding Bonds actually to be issued will be as provided in said Exhibit A.

Section 2. The Refunding Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to maturity upon such terms as the President of the Board of Education shall prescribe, which terms shall be in compliance with the requirements of Section 53.00 (b) of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that:

(a) the maximum amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed the limitation imposed by subdivision 1 of paragraph b of Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law;

(b) the maximum period of probable usefulness permitted by law at the time of the issuance of the Refunded Bonds, for the objects or purposes for which such Refunded Bonds were issued is as provided in said Exhibit A;

(c) the last installment of the Refunding Bonds will mature not later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the objects or purposes for which said Refunded Bonds were issued in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 90.00 of the Local Finance Law and subdivision 1 of paragraph c of Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law;

(d) the estimated present value of the total debt service savings anticipated as a result of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, if any, computed in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 2 of paragraph b of Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law, with regard to the Refunded Bonds, is as shown in the Refunding Financial Plan described in Section 4 hereof.

Section 4. The financial plan for the aggregate of the refundings authorized by this resolution (collectively, the "Refunding Financial Plan"), showing the sources and amounts of all moneys required to accomplish such refundings are set forth in Exhibit B to the Complete Resolution which Exhibit B is not published as part of this summary. The Refunding Financial Plan has been prepared based upon the assumption that the Refunding Bonds will be issued in one series to refund all of the Refunded Bonds in the principal amount described in Exhibit A, and that the Refunding Bonds will mature, be of such terms, and bear interest as set forth on said Exhibit B.

Section 5. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized and directed to enter into an escrow contract or contracts (collectively the "Escrow Contract") with a bank or trust company, or with banks or trust companies, located and authorized to do business in this State as said President shall designate (collectively the "Escrow Holder") for the purpose of having the Escrow Holder act, in connection with the Refunding Bonds, as the escrow holder to perform the services described in Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 6. The faith and credit of said City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall be annually levied on all the taxable real property in said School District a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such Refunding Bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 7. All of the proceeds from the sale of the Refunding Bonds, including the premium, if any, but excluding accrued interest thereon, shall immediately upon receipt thereof be placed in escrow with the Escrow Holder for the Refunded Bonds.

Section 8. The President of the Board of Education is delegated authority to sell said Refunding Bonds at public competitive sale or private sale or by the sale to or other agreement with The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York and determine the details in connection therewith.

EXHIBIT A

1.	Issue of Bonds to be Refunded (the "Outstanding Bonds"):	School District (Serial) Bonds, 2012
2.	Date of Issuance of Outstanding Bonds:	October 31, 2012
3.	Original Par Amount of the Outstanding Bonds:	\$18,640,000
4.	Outstanding Principal Balance of the Outstanding Bonds:	\$9,230,000
5.	Amount of Outstanding Bonds to be Refunded (the "Refunded Bonds"):	\$9,230,000
6.	DASNY Bonds Associated with the Refunded Bonds:	School Districts Revenue Bond Financing Program Revenue Bonds Series 2012H (the "DASNY Bonds")
7.	Date of Issuance of DASNY Bonds:	October 31, 2012
8.	Maximum Amount of Refunding Bonds Authorized to be Issued Pursuant to this Refunding Bond Resolution:	\$9,400,000
9.	Presently Anticipated Amount of Refunding Bonds to be Issued Pursuant to this Refunding Bond Resolution:	\$8,590,000
10.	Objects or Purposes and Period of Probable Usefulness of the Objects or Purposes Financed by the Refunded Bonds:	Construction of additions to/reconstruction of various District facilities; class of objects or purposes; 30 yrs.; subdivision 97 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the LFL
11.	Date of Adoption of Bond Resolution for Objects or Purposes Described in 10:	Voter approval on December 16, 2008v
12.	Anticipated Present Value Savings:	\$705,113.97

A COPY OF THE COMPLETE TEXT OF THIS RESOLUTION TOGETHER WITH ALL EXHIBITS IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS. EXHIBIT A IS ATTACHED HERETO.

Local Bestsellers



Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for May and June by Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon, and Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.

ADULT	Position	last month	TITLE	AUTHOR
	1	2	<i>Time is a Mother</i>	Ocean Vuong
	2	-	<i>Last Pawn Shop in New Jersey: Poems</i>	James Hoch
	3	-	<i>Book Lovers</i>	Emily Henry
	4	5	<i>Crying in H Mart</i>	Michelle Zauner
	4	6	<i>Sea of Tranquility</i>	Emily St. John Mandel
CHILDREN	4	-	<i>Trust</i>	Hernan Diaz
	1	3	<i>Cat Kid Comic Club: On Purpose</i>	Dav Pilkey
	2	-	<i>Cat Zine</i>	Zephyr Wayland
	3	-	<i>Cat Kid Comic Club: Perspectives</i>	Dav Pilkey
	4	-	<i>Night-night, Body</i>	Scheu and Gergely
	5	1	<i>Witchlings</i>	Claribel Ortega

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Beacon Book Club

FRI 19, 6:30 P.M.

Kafka on the Shore, by Haruki Murakami
Location varies
Register at
meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub.

Butterfield Book Club

MON 29, 7 P.M.

Code Name Verity, by Elizabeth Wein
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
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Living Green

Re-Re-Decorating

By Krystal Ford

I've never been particularly good at or interested in decorating. My style could be described as a mish-mash of farmhouse, French country, apartment furniture purchased by us when we were in our late 20s and antiques given to us by family.



But after spending a lot of time in my house these past few years — like everyone else — I was ready for a change. The last thing I wanted to do was purchase something new online, have it shipped, spend an hour in assembly and deal with all the packaging waste, only to have the item fall apart.

Oh, and yeah — climate change.

In a study conducted in 2020, the purchasing of goods in Philipstown ranked fifth in terms of the carbon it creates that contribute to climate change, or 12.9 percent of consumption-based emissions. This includes furniture, clothes and appliances. The best way to reduce these emissions is to not buy new things.

Every item produced overseas and sold



Krystal Ford redecorated her family's home in Garrison mostly with preowned furniture and decor.

RMC Real Estate Photography

through a big box store or online retail giant is steeped in carbon emissions. And really, does the world need more stuff? We need to get much better at repairing, reusing and repurposing.

We have a "fast furniture" problem. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 9 million tons of furniture are thrown away annually, or roughly 5 percent of everything transported to landfills, where it is buried. Not only is this wasteful, but it's not a good investment.

If you applied a circular economy lens to home decorating, you might want to start with upcycling or repairing. For instance, I covered up my comfortable, well-loved sage green couch (with a small tear) with a white

couch cover. I also took a broken 1950s white enamel table and converted it to a coffee table by purchasing hairpin legs. If you find yourself with broken furniture or ripped upholstery, try finding a repair cafe. Check out Repair Cafe Hudson Valley (repaircafehv.org) to see when they are happening.

The other option is to acquire previously loved items (aka "preowned"). I discovered, and became a bit obsessed with, buying and selling furniture and decor on Facebook Marketplace. Whether you love or hate Facebook, its marketplace is incredibly useful for buying and selling just about anything you can think of. Craigslist is also an option, but I prefer Facebook because I find it easier to search for items and

communicate with sellers.

Using Facebook Marketplace, I can search for items, select local pickup and set the radius in which I am willing to travel. I also use the Marketplace to sell. Alternatively, you can use Facebook to find or give away items through a "freecycle" group. See the Facebook group at bit.ly/philipstown-freecycle (which has nearly 3,000 members) or search at freecycle.org/find-towns.

I also used AptDeco, an online store that specializes in selling preowned furniture and decor. I purchased a dresser, couch and chair and was happy with them. While the prices are not quite the bargains you will find on Facebook Marketplace, you can find decent brands and they deliver, which makes a huge difference if you want to buy secondhand but don't have the time or ability to transport the furniture.

I never bought anything at Renovation Angel, but I think it's worth checking out. Its motto is to "renovate responsibly" and it sells previously owned luxury kitchens, bath fixtures, home furnishings and furniture.

A little more time consuming, but fun: yard sales, estate sales and antique stores. There is no shortage in the Highlands.

Over the past year, I discovered that the interior design that resonates with me (and my husband) is Scandinavian. Now, whenever I walk into a space that I've redone, it feels right, like the space fits me, and I feel relaxed. I also don't feel that I have added to the world's landfills or contributed carbon, which is priceless.



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Detail from “The Big Move,”
by Donna Mikkelsen



Donna Mikkelsen and Jean-Marc Superville
Sovak with a pictograph, “War & Peace”

Photo by K. Merry

‘People Make It Happen’

Exhibit celebrates history of Beacon library

By Kat Merry

In 2020, while many of us kept busy baking bread or bingeing on Netflix, Donna Mikkelsen was plotting her next big project.

The Beacon resident, a teacher and artist, spent the better part of the pandemic shutdown studying local history. “As an educator, I started to wonder about the history of education in this city and, particularly, the free library,” she says. “How did it come to be? Was it always this way?”

Mikkelsen had impeccable timing; the library this year is focused on its history as it celebrates its 150th birthday. She and another Beacon-based artist, Jean-Marc Superville Sovak, will share their artwork inspired by the library’s history at its original location at 477 Main St. (now the Howland Cultural Center) beginning with a reception on Friday (Aug. 5).

Two years ago, Mikkelsen did her initial research online but found it challenging to navigate digital archives. “I like to see all the information in front of me at once,” she says. When the shutdown lifted, she ventured out to find more tangible sources — at the library.

There she met Michelle Rivas, the director of young adult programs (and a member of the board of Highlands Current Inc., which publishes this newspaper). The two bonded over their shared anticipation of the upcoming anniversary.

Mikkelsen read about Gen. Joseph Howland and his wife, Eliza, a nurse, who decided to commission a library for what was then known as Matteawan after returning home from the Civil War. It opened in 1872.

Mikkelsen marveled at the couple’s mission to improve their community. “They basically thought, ‘What do you do after a civil war? You build a school. You build a library.’”

While contemplating an exhibit, Mikkelsen connected with Sovak, a teaching artist at Dia:Beacon whose artwork is inspired by history. At the time, Sovak was exploring Indigenous stories and James F. Brown, a former slave who became the chief gardener in Fishkill Landing for the Verplanck family. “She and I both want to tell the stories that



James F. Brown, in an illustration
by Jean-Marc Superville Sovak

you can’t always see behind the historical photos and art,” Sovak says.

Sovak’s artwork uses letters and imagery, while Mikkelsen created pictographs, or “historical mashups,” printed on vinyl banners. They highlight three moments in the history of the library: its construction and opening in 1872; when it was opened to the public (rather than only to paying members) at the insistence of a major donor in 1929; and when it moved to its present location at 313 Main St. in 1976, with community members carrying the books down the street.

“That’s part of the reason I titled the exhibit *People Make It Happen*,” Mikkelsen says, noting that staff at the Beacon Historical Society and Howland Cultural Center played crucial roles in the project.

The exhibit will begin on the exact date and time the original library opened 150 years ago, “and we will be ringing the bells right at 5 p.m., just as they did on Opening Day in 1872,” Mikkelsen says.

Mikkelsen will discuss her work from 3 to 5 p.m. on Aug. 13 at the Howland Cultural Center, while Sovak will be there at 1 p.m. on Aug. 20 with Myra Beth Young Armstead, author of Freedom’s Gardener: James F. Brown, Horticulture, and the Hudson Valley in Antebellum America.

A Librarian Never Forgets

Memories of the original Howland

By Alison Rooney

Joan Cornett worked at the Howland Public Library in Beacon as an assistant for a decade, beginning in 1963, when it was still located at what is now the Howland Cultural Center. She left before the library’s move to 313 Main St. and later took a job with IBM.

Cornett recently visited the former library to reminisce in anticipation of Howland’s 150th anniversary celebration, with events scheduled for August and September, including a reception at 5 p.m. on Friday (Aug. 5) at the cultural center. Her recollections — aided by scrapbooks shared by Howland librarian Michelle Rivas — proved sharp.

I’m glad this building is still here. We had great architects around here. The children’s area was to the right [as you entered]. There were two walnut globe stands and three sets of encyclopedias, including Britannica and Colliers. Those couldn’t be taken from the library. There wasn’t a lot of children’s programming, but I kept in contact with some of the children who came in as they grew up.

There was a lending library, and art lending, too. There were many books we didn’t have; we’d put in a request to the Adirondack branch [in Poughkeepsie].

The fiction area was over here. Cards [for the catalog] had to be typed by the librarian’s secretary. Each card was stamped, using black India ink, which got all over everything. Every so often I’d find a card that had fallen somewhere, and then I had to search out the book that was missing its card.

In the back, the whole wall was shelves of biographies and autobiographies. There were hand-typed labels on everything, stuck on with glue. Plastic [book] jackets came in after a while.

Marie Eberle was the secretary to Marion Davies, the librarian, who began as an assistant librarian in 1929. Miss Davies had rheumatism and couldn’t climb the stairs, so Marie did it.

There was a branch [at 210 Main St.] that was open for two months each summer during the early 1970s.

Overdue books cost 10 cents a day. We had to write out little pink slips with the borrower’s name and phone number and the day they took the book out. If they didn’t return it on time, we had to call them up. I also sent out notices. On Monday, when the notices usually reached people, a lot of books would be put through the [return] slot. There was a cart next to the slot, which all of a sudden got loaded. We had a part-time worker who went around to people’s homes to collect, for a while. It was an interesting idea that didn’t work out.



Joan Cornett

In those days, we were paid our salaries in cash, in little brown envelopes. We had magazines like *Time*, *Look* and *Life* upstairs. One day a high school student asked me for a magazine stored upstairs. It took me a while to find it. After I closed the library, I picked up my bag and there was no money in it at all. We called the police station, and they sent over a patrolman, William Cornett. Last week we celebrated 49 years of marriage!

I found the Howland job through a small ad in *The Beacon News*. In high school I had an amazing teacher who loved books. She gave me that gift. I saw her again years later, at a dance, and thanked her. She started to cry, and I started to cry, that someone had remembered.

The library had some unusual items. There was taxidermy: 25 birds on branches with fake moss. A descendant of Madam Brett donated them. It was a Victorian thing. In the basement, dusty and dirty, there was a roll-top cabinet where cat mummies were found. I have my doubts they were genuine — I think they were wrapped up to look like mummies. In Egypt, cats were worshipped. Mine are.

My favorite memory was getting the first crack to check out a good book. I’d never give myself the full five days to read it, because I knew people were waiting.



On walks, Penn stays connected to Hudson with a tether and harness.



When Hudson first met Penn, he asked: "Is this my new brother?"

Photos by Valerie Shively

Boy and His Dog *(from Page 1)*

From an early age, Bettencourt knew her son was "a little bit different." He couldn't "self-soothe," and had trouble sleeping, at home and in day care. When he would get upset, he often wasn't able to explain what was bothering him.

In early 2020, when Hudson was 4, he was diagnosed with "high-functioning" autism, which means that while he exhibits no intellectual disability, he struggles with communication, emotion recognition and expression, and social interaction.

One of Bettencourt's co-workers suggested she contact the nonprofit BluePath Service Dogs (bluepathservicedogs.org), which is based in Hopewell Junction.

If a family qualifies for a dog, one or both parents stays for five days at a training facility in Wappingers Falls to get to know their dog and learn commands. The animals are trained to obey the parent, but "they become the best friend to a lot of the kids," said Michelle Brier, a BluePath representative.

BluePath partners with organizations around the country that train service dogs — getting them used to human touch, wearing vests that indicate they're service

dogs and tolerating the noises they may be exposed to around an autistic child. The dogs, who are raised by volunteers, are trained from birth and typically placed with a family when they are 2 to 3 years old.

Since its launch, BluePath has placed 35 Labradors and golden retrievers with families within a two-hour drive that extends into Connecticut and Pennsylvania.

Although Bettencourt feared Hudson might not qualify for a dog because he had been classified as high-functioning, her application was approved. Soon after, BluePath brought three dogs to visit, and the connection with Penn was immediate. "Hudson laid down on the grass and said, 'Is this my new brother?'" There was no hesitation," Bettencourt said.

With Penn, the family has more flexibility to go out without fear of being separated. Penn, wearing a blue vest, is connected by a three-foot tether to a harness that Hudson

wears around his waist.

Hudson may still get upset away from home, but if he starts to pull away, Penn will stop and brace himself, keeping the boy from running, Bettencourt said. In other situations, she will give Penn a "down" command and have Hudson sit next to him and breathe deeply, counting on his fingers as he inhales and exhales.

Before Penn, "I couldn't turn around; I had to have my hands on him," she said.

Shortly after Penn arrived, she and Hudson attended the Great Jack O'Lantern Blaze in Croton, a nighttime event with thousands of illuminated pumpkins, for the first time. They've been able to walk along Main Street with new confidence. They can eat lunch at the Yankee Clipper Diner, or thumb through books at the Howland Public Library, or even navigate the tight space inside Binnacle Books. Earlier this year, mother and son went on vacation for the first time, to see the

mansions at Newport, Rhode Island.

Having Penn has helped Hudson, who loves to talk, improve his social skills. People will approach and interact with him on the sidewalk, or, if he's having an issue, "people will see the dog and give him space," his mother said.

If Hudson has a bad day at school (he attends Sargent Elementary), he has learned to lay on the couch with Penn when he gets home, giving himself time to process. If Hudson is in a good mood and just needs attention, Penn is "only working when the vest is on," Bettencourt said. "When he has it off, he's a goofball," stealing Hudson's toys and running away.

The hope is that Penn will live a long life (golden retrievers and Labradors have life expectancies of 10 to 12 years) and assist Hudson into his teenage years, but Bettencourt said she doesn't worry about that yet. She's thankful for the last nine months.

"Being the child of a single parent is difficult," she said. "Hudson needs continuous input. Now, if I'm cooking dinner or cleaning, he can interact with Penn. They're together 24/7."

Added Hudson: "My life is much better. He gave me lots of love."

“Being the child of a single parent is difficult. Hudson needs continuous input. Now, if I'm cooking dinner or cleaning, he can interact with Penn. They're together 24/7.”
~ Andi Bettencourt

Cold Spring *(from Page 5)*

Burke said signs will be posted along Main Street between Fair and Church, advising owners that their vehicles must be removed during the fair or be towed.

Four or five extra officers will be on duty, in addition to the usual one-person patrol, he said.

A portion of Mayor's Park will be available for residents' parking. Visitors will have access to free parking at the Metro-North lot.

Concerns

Trustee Eliza Starbuck voiced concern over the event's timing.

"It sounds like a lot of fun, a lot of really good ideas," she said. "I am concerned about doing something like this on a Saturday and on a holiday weekend, when Main

Street has the highest volume of tourists."

She questioned if a large number of visitors would take away from the community feel of the event for residents.

Nat Prentice, president of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce, said the merchants he spoke with "were not particularly enthusiastic about this idea."

"This [event] has been talked about in concept," said Mayor Kathleen Foley. "This is the first big conversation we're having about it; if you have feedback, now is the time."

Foley said the event is a great opportunity for merchants and suggested that the chamber members meet with the Community Day Committee.

Starbuck, who serves as liaison with the chamber, supported that idea because shopkeepers "are having discomfort and anticipation over losing one of the best holiday

Saturdays of the year."

Erin Murphy, chair of the chamber's Main Street Business Committee, suggested that the Community Day Committee go door-to-door to bring business owners up to date on the event, many of whom she said were not aware of what is being planned.

Golden said the committee plans to do that on Saturday.

"It's a big undertaking and, of course, it's nerve-wracking," Foley said. "I am in support of the event. I have hesitations, but I also think it can be amazing."

The board, with Trustee Laura Bozzi absent, voted 4-0 in support of the Community Day plan.

In other business...

Foley and Starbuck recently attended a meeting of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail's Parking and Shuttle Committee. The

potential impact on traffic in the village "is still not part of their thinking," Starbuck said. "We need to be counted and reviewed like the midpoints of the trail."

■ Josh Hadden, treasurer for the Cold Spring Boat Club, which leases its riverfront property from the village, said the club is being challenged by repairs to its 125-foot bulkhead. A new steel bulkhead will cost \$1,300 per linear foot, he said, so the club is considering rip-rap and concrete. He said that in 2021, the club hosted 456 boats with 1,373 people aboard. Full memberships cost \$2,205 and associate or social memberships are \$370.

■ Repairs in the pedestrian tunnel continue with assistance from Metro-North. Sealant has been injected into the walls to prevent leaking and an artist has been contacted about painting the walls.

Haldane Honor Roll

Students recognized for fourth-quarter grades

GRADE 12

Principal’s List

Ella Ashburn, Robbie Baker, Ezra Beato, Maya Beck, Tim Ben Adi, Blake Bolte, Caroline Cates, Madison Chiera, Mia DiLello, Patrick DiNardo, Eden Feinstein, Kyle Frommer, Stefano Hammond, Bianca Harmancin, Rose LaBarbera, Jaclyn Landolfi, Betsy McBride, Matthew McCoy, Emma McGillicuddy, Elijah McKelvey, Emilia Osborn, Jesse Osterfeld, Luke Parrella, April Ransom, Stephen Robinson, Harrison Sassano, Sophia Scanga, Felix Schmidt, Marcel Schwarz, Katie Shields, Molly Siegel, Meghan Tomann

High Honor Roll

Katrine Buslovich, Daniella Cataldo, Shea DeCaro, Kimberly Edge, William Etta, Kylie Falloon, Zoe Harris, Aaron Hathaway, Ryan Irwin, Mazzie Maxwell, Maya Osborn, Per Sandlund, Marisa Scanga

Honor Roll

Bozley Beachak, Hannah Benson, Giancarlo Carone, Antoinette deMartine, Camille Maglio, Robert Viggiano

GRADE 11

Principal’s List

Julian Ambrose, Sam Bates, Kate Bolte, Zachary Cannova, Elizabeth Cates, Matteo Cervone, Chase Coulson, Alek Danilov, Celia Drury, Ryan Eng-Wong, Sara Ferreira, Olivia Flanagan, Maya Gelber, Elliott Goldberg, Amanda Johanson, Matthew Junjulas, Rowen Kuzminski, August Lee, Nathaniel McPherson, Mary Mikalsen, Caroline Nelson, Helen Nicholls, Mairead O’Hara, John Perricone, John Peters, Gabriel Petty, Daniel Phillips, Kaelyn Powlis, Rhys Robbins, Aidan Sabatini, Sophie Sabin, Roy Smith, William Sniffen, Brennan Spruck, Aidan Sullivan-Hoch, Jackson Twoguns, Liv Villella, Jillian Weinpahl, Conrad White

High Honor Roll

Edward Bauer, Carmela Cofini, Jude Columb, Megan Ferreira, Jesse Hagen, Diego Haskell-Ramirez, Dylan Horan, Raunaq Kapoor, Charlie Keegan, Andrew Kubik, Ian Matkin, Albina McFadden, Thomas Rockett, Josephine Russell Jarmusch, Jakob Schmitt, Fiona Shanahan, Andreia Vasconcelos-Meneses, Lucas Vladimiroff

Honor Roll

Quentin Conrey, Gael Frezza, John Kisslinger, Sofia Wallis

GRADE 10

Principal’s List

Scott Bailey, Lily Benson, Vanja Booth, Quinlynn Carmicino, Liam Gaugler, Evan Giachinta, Clement Grossman, Jeremy Hall, Ivy Heydt-Benjamin, Madeleine Hutz, Finola Kiter,

Ronan Kiter, Helena Kottman, Amelia Kupper, Gabriel Lunin-Pack, Trajan McCarthy, Camilla McDaniel, Ella Mekeel, Matthew Nachamkin, Ellen O’Hara, Ruby Poses, Emily Tomann, Ryan Van Tassel, Joseline Vasquez, Mackenzie Warren, Max Westphal

High Honor Roll

Grace Bradley, Alissa Buslovich, Liliana Cappello, Frankie DiGiglio, Luca DiLello, Oscar Donahue, Emily Gilleo, Colin Hopkins, Mary Junjulas, Mac Lake, Elaine Llewellyn, Lola Mahoney, Percy Parker, Eloise Pearsall, Simon Pieza, Julie Shields, Isabella Tomizawa-Rincon

Honor Roll

Alexandra Busselle, William Busselle, William Denehy, Liam Flanagan, Zachary Harris, Sarah Jones, John Mangan, Michael Murray, Henry O’Neil, Peter Ruggiero, Keira Russell, Ivan Siciliano

GRADE 9

Principal’s List

Amelia Alayon, Domenica Awananch, Dahlia Beck, Dustin Berkley, Judine Cox, Violeta Edwards Salas, Marc Firpo, Josephine Foley-Hedlund, Robert Freimark, Scotia Hartford, Helen Hutchinson, Micah Morales, Brandt Robbins, Julian Schwarz, Keira Shanahan, Matthew Silhavy, Caroline Sniffen, Ashley Sousa, Dana Spiegel, Nathaniel Stickle

High Honor Roll

Claire Bolte, Alexandra Cairns, Christopher Coronel, Kira Drury, Edwin Dubroff, Hunter Erickson, Frederick Hohenberger, Zohra Kapoor, Patrick Locitzer, Thomas Locitzer, Gabriela Perilli, Jake Powers, Charles Rowe, Brendan Shanahan, Jake Thomas, Crystal Timmons

Honor Roll

Brody Corless, Leif Heydt-Benjamin, Catherine Horton, Tyler Hyatt, John Illian, Sophie Koch, Rain Lee, Lorelai Luoma, Wilson Robohm, Laurel Sassano, Wyatt Weppler

GRADE 8

Principal’s List

Eleanor Chew, Louise Denehy, Carl Kester, William O’Hara, Maxwell Sanders, Tomas Simko

High Honor Roll

Dylan Ann Ambrose, Aine Duggan, Ryder Griffin, Sofia Kelly, Nicolas Lagerman, Elliot Mahoney, Ember Mahoney, Cooper Maletz, Nicolo Masella, Lincoln McCarthy, Marisa Peters

Honor Roll

Anthony Bailey, Luke Bozsik, Lyla Belle Chandler, Diego DiGiglio, Savannah Duggan, Kai Ietaka, Owen Powers,

Kayla Ruggiero, Samantha Thomas

GRADE 7

Principal’s List

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High Honor Roll

Nadine Alayon, Polina Buslovich, Antonio Cardoso, Ryan Cavallaro, Cooper Corless, Silas Joseph Emig, Henry Foley-Hedlund, Lela R. Gurvich-Andrews, Rosie L. Herman, Elaina Johanson, Parker Larsen, Gavin Mahoney, Ruby M. McCormick, Amelia Yaret Nova-Martinez, Caden Philippi, Kate Resi, Taya Robinson, Patrick Shields, Danna Sinchi, Miya Tzivonikahan, Graham James Weppler

Honor Roll

Alexa Faith Arcigal, Jack Ferreira, Abigail Grace Glotzer, Jaiden Gunther, Liv Holmbo, Jayden Luoma, George Shep MacInnes, Milla Maxwell, Jacob Medoff, Salvatore Pidala, David Powlis, Theo Sacks, William X. Sevilla, Maksum Shevchyk

GRADE 6

Principal’s List

Jordan Nicole Armond, Samuel Chew, Araliss Coronel, Gelio A. Duarte, Eleanor Dubroff, Lukas Ellison, Frederica Geppner, Leina Grahm, Owen Guil-lorn, Silvia Hardman, Chloe Hasler, Sierra Hasler, Jupiter Hutchison, Diem Lee, Kirra McCoy, Eamonn McGrory, Harry McGrory, Clara O’Neil, Luciano Ruggiero, Thomas Sexton, Ella Sizemore, Sachi Starbuck, Aisling Stathos, Tanya Syan, Sophia Taylor, Scout L. Thakur deBeer

High Honor Roll

Caitlin Alves, Henry Bailey, Petra Brooks-Saladyga, Emma Cavanaugh, Oscar Cheah, Jack Conrey, Lainey Donaghy, Vannia Poletth Gonzalez, Clark B. Illian, Gabriel Marzollo, Vivian McKenney, Anya Mercurio, Joshua Phillips, Charlie Robohm, Audrey Silverstein, Reagan Mae Stickle

Honor Roll

Nicholas Arcigal, Eli Beato, Katherine Miray Botros, Casper Daisley, Aurelias Drinnon, Gavin D. Drury, Cassidy Dwyer, Brian S. Guilca-Zumba, Shay Hanna, Eli Hudson, Martina Kulan, Maria McFadden, Margaret O’Sullivan, Sam Poses, Michael Peyton Powell, Maxwell Robohm, Mark Scanga, August Skiptunis

2021-22

College Deans’ Lists

Local students recognized for academic achievements

Binghamton University

Devin Heanue, Cold Spring

Buffalo State

Austin Gilligan, Garrison

Centenary University - NJ

Raina Chagall Hemberger, Garrison*

Champlain College - Burlington, VT

Alison Nicholls, Cold Spring

- [Education and Human Studies](#)

Colgate University

Nicholas DiBrita, Beacon - [Physics](#)

Nicole Mitchell, Cold Spring - [Psychological Science](#)

College of Charleston

Anna Rowe, Garrison - [Communication, Psychology](#)

College of the Holy Cross - MA

Liam Marrinan, Cold Spring - [Classics, Economics*](#)

Ronan Marrinan, Cold Spring - [Accounting*](#)

College of Saint Rose - Albany

Jacob Scofield, Beacon - [Political Science*](#)

Emerson College - Boston

Grace DiNatale, Cold Spring

- [Stage and Production Management](#)

Hudson Valley Community College - Troy

Bakim Alijaj, Beacon - [Computer Information Systems*](#)

LeMoyne College - Syracuse

Annalise DiGiovanni, Beacon - [Biology](#)

Nolan Hillhouse, Beacon

- [Information Systems and Business Analytics](#)

Loyola University Maryland

Jack O’Hara, Cold Spring

Rochester Institute of Technology

Arden Conybear, Cold Spring

- [Environmental Sustainability, Health and Safety*](#)

Shane Green, Beacon - [Computer Engineering*](#)

Roger Williams University

Reily Mowen, Beacon

Siena College

Nicole Carlucci, Garrison*

Nicole Forman, Fishkill

Ethan Hull, Beacon

Southern New Hampshire University

Aidan Campbell, Cold Spring

Felicia Marrero, Beacon

Dylan Waller, Cold Spring

Springfield College - MA

Michael Lepere, Beacon*

SUNY Canton

Andrew Lukan, Beacon

- [Game Design and Development*](#)

Michael Tubbs, Beacon

- [Graphic and Multimedia Design*](#)

SUNY Cortland

Jason Callaway, Beacon

Alexandra Ferreira, Cold Spring

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Lily Mckee, Beacon
Madison Ward, Garrison*

SUNY Delhi
Kelly O'Dell, Beacon

SUNY Morrisville
Aaliyah Browne, Beacon [Criminal Justice - BTEch](#)

SUNY New Paltz
Rebecca Oberle, Beacon [Journalism](#)
Sophia Acquisto, Beacon [Early Childhood Education](#)
Elina Lopez, Beacon [Psychology](#)
Joshua Fleming, Beacon [English](#)
Matthew Dowd, Beacon [Communication Studies](#)
Christopher Moschetti, Beacon [Computer Science](#)
Alex Carlson, Beacon [Computer Science](#)
Rhiannon Parsaca, Beacon [Anthropology](#)
David Paschal, Beacon [Psychology](#)
Molly Robinson, Beacon [Geography](#)
Isabel Robles, Beacon [Sociology](#)
Chelsea Rothstein, Beacon

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Anisa Alzate, Beacon [Early Childhood Education](#)
Jamie Brown, Beacon [Adolescence Education: English](#)
Hannah Burch, Beacon [Undeclared](#)
Angelina Finateri, Beacon
[- Adolescence Education: English](#)
Christian Bach, Cold Spring [International Relations](#)
Laura Bach, Cold Spring
Justin Markey, Cold Spring [Undeclared](#)
Alexander Kubik, Cold Spring [Undeclared](#)
William Speziale, Cold Spring [- Undeclared](#)
Zoe Lyons-Davis, Cold Spring
[- Early Childhood Education](#)
Mason Sharpley, Cold Spring [Undeclared](#)
Dalia Kropf, Garrison
Rosemarie Forzano, Garrison
[- Visual Arts Education](#)

SUNY Oneonta
Laurel Natiello, Garrison
[- Human Develop & Family Studies](#)

SUNY Orange
Seraphine Amann, Beacon

Jennifer Bosco, Beacon
Krishna Collins, Beacon
Brett DeNicolais, Beacon
Janeris Lucca, Garrison
Kira Lynne McDermott, Beacon
Brianna Virtuoso, Beacon

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Grace Romer, Garrison [-Environmental Studies](#)

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Callie Boehm, Beacon
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Jayln Thedford, Beacon
Samantha Tutasi, Beacon*
Colin Waldron, Garrison

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Madelyn Correllus, Beacon [- Music and Psychology](#)

University of Delaware
Ethan Mensch, Beacon*
Alexandra Sudol, Garrison*

University of New Hampshire
Grace Tomann, Cold Spring [-Biology*](#)

University of Rhode Island
Tanner Asaro II, Garrison

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Miranda Musso, Cold Spring [-Design*](#)

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Risa Repetto, Garrison [-Business Administration](#)

Western Connecticut State University
Dylan O'Connell, Beacon [-English](#)

York College of Pennsylvania
Willa Fitzgerald, Cold Spring [-Marketing*](#)

*Named to both fall and spring honor rolls



NURSERY GRADS – Rosemary Rodino, director of the Community Nursery School and Learning Center at First Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring, announced its most recent class of graduates: (Top) Ella Leonardo, Taylor D’Esposito, Clodagh Cotter, Louisa Sanchez Thompson; (Middle) Lily Harris, Giovanni Peparo, Dean Gulley, Cadence DeGraaf; (Bottom) Jack Borg, Melina Faust, Kala Ognjanovic, Graham Keto.

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College Graduates

Ithaca College	SUNY Orange
Abbey Stowell, Cold Spring (Exercise Science)	Janeris Tiahri Lucca-Patterson, Garrison
Rochester Institute of Technology	Susquehanna University (PA)
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OBITUARIES

Bobby Anspach (1987-2022)

Robert “Bobby” Anspach, 34, of Beacon, drowned July 5 in the Beacon reservoir.



He was born Aug. 30, 1987, in Toledo, Ohio, where he attended Maumee Valley and St. John's Jesuit high schools. He studied art and philosophy while earning a bachelor's degree from Boston College and went on to the California College of the Arts and Rhode Island School of Design for his MFA in sculpture.

Bobby had an intense passion that he brought to whatever he chose to do, his family said. As a boy, he created stop-motion animation videos using clay and a video camera — in one video, penguins emerged from a ball of clay, danced and return to the clay.

He liked architecture in grade school and early high school, imagining and building homes using pasteboard and Exacto knives. He also liked to draw and paint, play video games and make jokes; he played paintball for a number of years. He liked to crouch on his heels, whether while talking with friends and family, smoking a cigarette or eating cereal with the bowl perched on his knees.

Soon after graduating from Boston College, Bobby had what may have been a psychotic break probably exacerbated by drugs and alcohol. He said he was going to make the most beautiful work of art in the world. He went to rehab and, soon after, committed himself to helping others struggling with addiction.

He also began going on meditation retreats where he would sit silently for months at a time. While living in Boston through his mid-20s, Bobby was an active

member of the recovery community. He started a recovery meeting in a suburb of Boston that still meets a decade later, often with more than 80 people in attendance.

In his mid-20s, Bobby committed himself to art. At the Rhode Island School of Design, he produced “Place for Continuous Eye Contact,” the first in a series of installations that he continued to work on in New York City and Beacon until the end of his life. The works were intended to help bring about world peace by offering the viewer an experience similar to what Bobby had discovered on meditation retreats. His installations are composed of LED lights, glass lenses, colorful pom-poms, mirrors, music and other materials; the works soften the boundaries between self and other.

Along with Beacon, Bobby showed his work in Providence, Rhode Island; San Francisco; New York City; Brooklyn; and, most recently, the parking lot of the Walmart in Newburgh.

Bobby is survived his parents, Jane and Bob Anspach, and his brothers, Michael Anspach (Shuhra) and John Anspach. A memorial celebration will be held on Saturday (July 30) in Perrysburg, Ohio. Bobby loved sending his mother flowers; if you are so moved, please send her plants or flowers of any kind.

Harry Lynch (1940-2022)

Harry J. Lynch, 82, a lifelong resident of Beacon, died at his home July 19, surrounded by family members.



He was born June 28, 1940, in Beacon, the son of Oliver and Mae (Gleason) Lynch. After graduating from Beacon High School, he worked as a proj-

ect manager for Lanc & Tully Engineering & Surveying, SUNY New Paltz, the state parks department and Dick Barger Surveying. He retired in 2020.

On Feb. 28, 1960, at St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon, Harry married Elizabeth Ann “Betty” Bennek.

Over the years, Harry had been active with several community organizations, serving as a president of the Beacon school board, chair of the Planning Board, Dutchess County legislator and president of the Dutchess County Board of Health. He was a member of the East Hook Sportsmen Association and a parishioner of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church.

Along with his wife of 62 years, Harry is survived by his children: Bridgette Anderson (Nick) of Fishkill, and their children, Ryan and Kevin; Suzette DeFlorio (Alan) of Greenville, South Carolina, and their children, Alexander, Aranea and Danielle; Eric Lynch of Los Angeles; Justin Lynch (Jeanette) of Beacon, and their children, Owen and Olivia; and his great-grandchildren, Matthew Anderson and Charlotte Anderson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held July 26 at St. Joachim Church, followed by interment at St. Joachim Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice (hvhospice.org).

Jessica Tomah (1982-2022)

Jessica Tomah, 40, died July 11 at her home.

She was born March 4, 1982, in Poughkeepsie, the daughter of Stuart Tomah and Yvonne Sitterly. She graduated from high school in Pine Plains and worked as the finance manager at Healy Brothers Ford in Beacon.



She poured her love and affection into her poodle, Toby. Her carefree spirit was infectious and she enlightened the lives of everyone she encountered, her family said.

Along with her father, Jessica is survived by her fiancé, Jason Ostheim; her brothers, Edmond Tomah and Nicholas Tomah; an aunt, Geraldine Tomah; and her stepfather, Allen Mowris.

Memorial donations may be made to the Dutchess County SPCA (dcsPCA.org).

Other Beacon Deaths

Michele Bashant, 53
Colin Colquhoun, 70
Jane Daley, 64
Elizabeth Decker, 91
James Nenni Sr., 89
Carla Van Wagner, 62

For more obituaries,
see highlandscurrent.org/obits.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will **not** meet in the month of August 2022.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 13th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516

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ACROSS

1. Sharp turn

4. Help a crook

8. Feudal slave

12. — bind

13. Put on

14. Tow

15. Up to

16. Taj Mahal city

17. Canadian gas brand

18. Gorgonzola, for one

21. Hairy Addams cousin

22. Bit of advice

23. Forgeries

26. Clear the deck?

27. Melancholy

30. Incursion

31. Ruin the veneer

32. Robust

33. Thanksgiving veggie

34. Prom rental

35. Washer phase

36. Droop

37. Abysmal

38. Brunch entree

45. Heap

46. Roll call reply

47. Literary collection

48. On the briny

49. Hurler Hershiser

50. Book-spine abbr.

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51. “— the Knife”

52. Tiny amounts

53. Request

DOWN

1. Tubular pasta

2. “What’s — for me?”

3. Fancy party

4. Expects

5. Sired

6. Deserve

7. Deere product

8. Bo Peep’s charges

9. Lighten

10. Former Senator Feingold

11. Drifting ice

19. Fibbed

20. Trendy

23. Saute

24. Bond rating

25. Kipling lad

26. Upper limit

27. Pouch

28. 100 percent

29. Scottish river

31. Hood’s photo

32. Jekyll’s bad side

34. — chi

35. Caravan mammals

36. Sly one

37. Yawning, maybe

38. Pesky email

39. Tower city

40. Sir Guinness

41. Wife of Zeus

42. Volcanic flow

43. Eve’s grandson

44. Chat

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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 sounding like a happy cat (7)

2 more affable (10)

3 trustworthy (8)

4 “The Princess Bride” pirate (7)

5 captivate (5)

6 come of age (8)

7 amusing object (9)

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BEACON BASEBALL ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

Beacon's travel baseball team for players ages 9 and younger continued its hot play this week, picking up a 3-0 win Monday (July 25) at Memorial Park over a strong squad sponsored by the Hudson Valley Renegades.

The Bulldogs (10-2), who play in the Greater Hudson Valley Baseball League, triumphed behind the shutout pitching of Easton White, who went 5½ innings, with five strikeouts and three walks, allowing just one hit. Reliever AJ Constantino completed the shutout.

"The story of that game was Easton," said Coach Jed Varricchio. "He kept a good team guessing and off-balance. And our defense played flawless behind him. Will Varricchio made some great catches in the outfield, and Ryan Spooner and Evan Eraca came up with big plays on the infield.

"We work hard in practice to be a fundamentally sound team, and today it showed," he said. "They understand that defense can win ballgames when the bats go quiet. We managed to scratch out three runs on walks and stolen bases.

On July 22, Beacon picked up an 11-1 win over Wappinger at home and on July 20 an 11-1 victory over East Fishkill, also at home. The playoffs begin this week.

The 11U team closed out its short season last week with a pair of wins, finishing a seven-game stretch at 4-2-1, and with a four-game win streak. "We played a lot better after losing our first two games," said Coach Brian Soltish. "They picked up the intensity and played good baseball the rest of the way."

On Tuesday, the Bulldogs recorded a 6-5 win at home over the Orange County Smash, with Hawken Brickman and Connor Coldrick turning in solid performances on the mound. At the plate, Coldrick went 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI.

"It was a back-and-forth game the whole way," said Soltish. "We got great pitching from Brickman and Coldrick — they didn't give up a lot of walks, and they threw a lot of strikes."

The game was tied at 4-4 going into the bottom of the fifth inning when the Bulldogs scored twice, both on errors. The Smash scored in the top of the sixth and had the tying run on second base with one out when Coldrick got a pickoff and a strikeout for the win.



Jonah Hanby earned the win on the mound, and drove in three runs, against Newburgh.



Gavin Justice hustles from second to third.



Leo Virgadamo takes a swing for the Bulldogs on Monday against the Hudson Valley Renegades.



Beacon's Max Digneo (99) slides in safe at home after the throw hit him in the back Monday at Memorial Park.

Photos by S. Pearlman

"It's always nice picking runners off base," Soltish said. "It means the guys are paying attention."

A day earlier at Memorial Park, the Bulldogs rolled past Newburgh, 14-9. Jonah Hanby earned the win on the mound, and Colin Witkowski pitched in relief. In addition, Hanby also went 3-for-4 at the plate and drove in three runs.

"Jonah hadn't pitched in a while, but he was excellent," Soltish said. "His control was outstanding. Offensively, we came out swinging. Jonah crushed one and we had a lot of guys get on base."

The 11U team is not participating in the league tournament.

Beacon's 12U team closed out its summer season on July 21 with an 11-7 loss at Marlboro, snapping the Bulldogs' five-game win streak.

Aiden Heaton went 3-for-3 with three RBI; Naim Dika homered and finished with two RBI; and Nolan Varricchio, Connor

Varricchio and Hudson Fontaine each had a hit and scored a run.

The Bulldogs (9-3) are expecting a high seed, and to be playing at home, in the league tournament that starts this weekend.

The 15U team flexed its muscles on July 21, rolling over LaGrange, 22-3. The Bulldogs got a strong start from Austin Jorgensen on the mound, while Nick Albra picked up the win in relief.

The hits came in bunches, led by Derrick Heaton (3-for-5) and Jackson Atwell (3-for-3), who each drove in four runs. Jorgensen went 3-for-5 with three RBI, Ryan Smith drove in three runs and Liam Murphy went 4-for-5 with two RBI.

Beacon (20-2) finished its regular season on July 23 with a 5-2 win in Connecticut over Stamford. Anthony Borromeo picked up the win on the mound, going five innings with three strikeouts, allowing two earned runs. Heaton came on in relief and pitched

two innings to earn a save.

Atwell, Heaton, Ronnie Anzovino and Jorgensen each drove in a run.

"Our pitching looked pretty good in both games," said Coach Bob Atwell. "They were pounding the zone. Defensively, we've been playing pretty well — we've had great moments but also some miscues, so we're looking to tighten that up."

The Bulldogs are expected to have a top seed and play at home in the early rounds of the league playoffs.

Beacon camp

The 21st annual Beacon Bulldogs baseball camp for boys and girls ages 6 to 12 will be held Aug. 22 to 25, led by Bob Atwell, the Beacon High School varsity coach, and Brian Guillet, the junior varsity coach, and assisted by local high school and college players.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily and costs \$100. The deadline to register is Aug. 15; see beaconk12.org/Page/1263.