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## Couple Charged in Beacon Disappearance

*Steven Kraft last seen on West Church Street*

By Leonard Sparks

A Marlboro man who disappeared in April 2020 after dropping off his daughters on West Church Street in Beacon was the victim of a plot by his ex-wife and her current husband, federal prosecutors alleged on June 16.

Jamie Orsini, 36, and Nicholas Orsini, 35, are accused of conspiring to kill Steven Kraft,

34, on April 28, 2020, dumping his Toyota Camry in the City of Newburgh and buying supplies that could be used to dismember and burn a body, said the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

The Orsinis, who live in Amsterdam, New York, near Albany, were arrested there at 6 a.m. on June 15 and each charged with one count of carjacking resulting in death, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison or death, and one count of conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of five years. A preliminary hearing is sched-

uled for Thursday (June 29).

An affidavit signed by a state police investigator said the probe relied on GPS and cellphone data and surveillance video from public and private cameras, which captured the couple buying a tarp, duct tape and a Tyvek suit and boots at the Home Depot on Route 9 in Fishkill shortly before Kraft disappeared on April 8, and an ax, grinder and firewood soon afterward.

Prosecutors allege the couple began plotting Kraft's murder at least two days before

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Steven Kraft disappeared on April 28, 2020, after dropping off his daughters at his ex-wife's house on West Church Street.

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**YOU GOT THIS!** — The Philipstown Little League held its last softball games of the spring season on June 15 at the Haldane field. Here, Coach Megan Cotter encourages Ashley Gilleo, 12, before an at-bat. For more photos, see Page 24 and [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org).

Photo by Ross Corsair

## What's Next for Beacon Burn Site?

*Boardinghouse owner expected to seek variance*

By Jeff Simms

The owner of a Beacon boardinghouse that was destroyed by fire in January wants to rebuild, although the surrounding neighborhood is zoned for

single-family homes.

Yeshia Berger, who bought the boardinghouse at 925 Wolcott Ave. a year ago, had received a permit from the Building Department to convert its 16 single-room, monthly rental units to nine. After a former tenant allegedly set fire to the house on Jan. 3, burning it nearly to the ground, Berger has argued that he should be allowed to rebuild

the boardinghouse under that permit.

However, in a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Wednesday (June 21), board members agreed with Building Inspector Bruce Flower's interpretation of the zoning code that a structure that is more than 50 percent destroyed by fire can only be rebuilt under current standards.

In response, Berger's attorney, Taylor Palmer, said his client will likely ask the board to issue a variance.

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## Legislature Votes to Ban Indian Point Discharge

*Local official also says storage tanks out of question*

By Brian PJ Cronin

Holtec International, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, plans to discharge 310,000 gallons of radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River starting in September and 1.3 million gallons total over two years.

But this week those plans began to look murky, because New York State is on the verge of outlawing the discharges. In addition, the mayor of Buchanan said the village would not allow the wastewater to be stored in tanks on-site for years while its tritium decays.

Further complicating the matter: Workers at the plant, who comprised most of the audience at the most recent meeting of the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board on June 15, say they were told to expect layoffs if the discharges were banned.

Indian Point workers also protested outside the Ossining office of Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, a Democrat whose district includes Buchanan and Philipstown and who sponsored the bill that, if signed by the governor, would ban the release.

The bill, which was sponsored in the state Senate by Pete Harchuk, a Democrat whose district includes Peekskill and

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FIVE QUESTIONS: TATI MATKIN

By Erin-Leigh Hoffman

Tati Matkin, 21, a 2020 Haldane graduate who grew up in Garrison, is a model based in New York City.

What inspired you to pursue modeling?

My family goes way back with modeling. My great-grandpa was a well-known photographer and great-grandma was a model. My grandparents were models, and then my mom, as well. Growing up, I thought modeling was stupid and I never felt comfortable in front of the camera. As high school was ending, I knew I didn't want to go to college, so what inspired me, I have to say, is making some frickin' money! I have this little body and this face. I applied to every [modeling] agency I knew, because no one was going to scout me. I only had like 900 followers [on Instagram]. The only way I've been able to do it is to have a healthy mindset, because it's an industry where you can get lost in the sauce.

What have you learned about the industry?

You have to be ready for whatever comes. You get options that are unbelievable, huge amounts of money. Then they say, "Never mind." You have to be OK with the uncertainty. But my agents at Unite Unite, which was my



Photo by Keiichiro Nakajima

mother's agency, are so on it. Being able to slowly get financially independent is amazing, and also to be able to work with these crazy clients and have fun on set. But they're hiring you for your appearance, not your personality. It's like being a little chameleon or an actor because you put on new faces, new outfits. You're not going to be super-validated [as an individual]. I'm a transgender-masculine guy but I'm booked as "the androgynous girl." I know [going in] how I'm going to be perceived.

Any highlights so far?

I was hired in October for a Marc Jacobs campaign. They flew me to London, where I worked with the hairstylist Duffy; Alistair McKimm, who is editor of *ID Magazine*; and photographer David Sims — a dream team.

Who has inspired you?

The first person that comes to mind is a model known as Uglyworldwide. They have the coolest style. I want to get more into styling. I also think trans people opened my eyes — seeing them existing and not being apologetic, doing their thing. If you're happy and you can live, who cares?

What's next?

I've been in a creative rut; sometimes it feels too much. But my agents aren't just blasting me into every job that I can get, because if you do that, people get tired of seeing you. It is a short-lived career. I would like to save enough to pay for college, to learn about psychology, sociology, gender studies and sexuality. I want to work with children, LGBTQ+ children, people with addiction. I'm glad that life went the way it did. I've learned so much. I'm just a grateful little guy who's been through it and is finally able to manage my life in a healthy way, you know?

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What tops your summer must-do list?

“Visiting New Hope, the cutest town in Pennsylvania.”



Shea DeCaro, Cold Spring

“Doing what the philosopher Kierkegaard said is hardest for humans: nothing.”



Jim Smith, Cold Spring

“To go back to Switzerland and see everything this time.”



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## Beacon Man Charged with Larceny

*Allegedly stole \$189K from Philipstown business*

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department said on Tuesday (June 20) that deputies had arrested a Beacon man suspected of stealing \$189,000 from his employer over the past year.

Walter Alex Munoz, 46, was charged with grand larceny, computer tampering and falsifying business records, all felonies, the sheriff said in a news release. The business, located in Philipstown, was not named.

The employer notified the sheriff on June 1 that he had discovered a large number of purchase orders had been refunded to credit card accounts. Munoz was arraigned June 12 in Philipstown Town Court. After surrendering his passport, he was released until his next court date.

## Chamber Presents Annual Awards

*Cold Spring business group also gives three scholarships*

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce on June 13 presented its annual awards, as well as three scholarships.

Haldane seniors Roy Smith and Chloe Rowe each received the Phil and Esther Baumgarten Scholarship, now in its 20th year, while Haldane senior Charles Keegan was presented with the Excellence in Community Leadership Award.

Among merchants, Angie's Bake Shop & Cafe received the new business award; Doug's Pretty Good Pub was presented with the Pretty Good Award; the Cold Spring Film Society was named a community treasure; Fred Astaire Dance Studio received the Outstanding Philipstown Business Award; the Philipstown Depot Theatre was recognized for excellence in the arts; and the Brewster Chamber of Commerce was presented with the East-West Connector Award.



Teresa Lagerman of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce with Doug Price of Doug's Pretty Good Pub

Photo by Anita Prentice

## Racist Graffiti Found at Haldane

*Administrators notify police*

Haldane school district officials said on June 15 that racist graffiti had been discovered in the second-floor boys' bath-

room of the high school.

"We are investigating the vandalism and have reported it to law enforcement," Principal Julia Sniffen and Superintendent Philip Benante wrote in an email to parents.

"This matter underscores the need to ensure that we are engaging our students in an age-appropriate manner about the power of our words and our response when confronted with hate speech," they said. "We ask you to discuss this with your child. If you have any information that can help us identify the individual(s) who may be involved, please contact either of our offices."

## One Primary in Highlands Working Families contest on ballot

There is only one primary vote scheduled in the Highlands on Tuesday (June 27), for the Working Families line for Dutchess County Family Court judge.

The candidates are incumbent Joseph Egitto and James Rogers, a former state deputy district attorney who is also the Democratic nominee. The winner will appear on the Working Families line on the November ballot.

Forty-four Beacon residents are registered with the Working Families party, according to the most recent data posted by the county Board of Elections. They can vote at the Memorial Building at 413 Main St. or in early voting through June 25 at Wappinger Town Hall.

## Putnam Executive Appoints Tax Chief

*Will succeed retiring director*

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne on June 12 appointed Trish McLoughlin as director of real property tax services. She succeeds Lisa Johnson, who retired after 20 years with the county.

McLoughlin has more than 30 years of appraisal and assessment experience, the county said in a news release.

The selection committee for the position included Legislator Paul Jonke, Deputy County Executive Jim Burpoe and Director of Personnel Paul Eldridge.

McLoughlin's appointment must be approved by the Legislature.

## Putnam Historian Presents Awards

*Groups honored for Putnam County Day*

The Putnam County Historian presented seven awards on June 11 as part of Putnam County Day, including to *The Highlands Current* for its Black history series, published last year.

The historian also honored students from Brewster High School who organized a symposium on influential Hudson Valley women; the county jail for a program in which inmates restore historic markers; Town of Kent historian Jacqueline Rohrig-Strickland; Vassar professor April Beisaw, author of *Taking Our Water for the City*; Kara Mattsen for her programming at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring; and the Patterson Historical Society.

## Beacon Prison Rides Needs Volunteers

*Organization helps families visiting incarcerated loved ones*

Beacon Prison Rides, an organization that has provided more than 2,000 free rides from the Beacon train station for family members visiting loved ones in area prisons, needs volunteers.

Volunteers use their own cars to pick up riders at the Metro-North station and take them to one of several local prisons (or do the reverse trip). Drivers choose when and how often to volunteer, based on their schedules.

Text 845-288-1865 or email [beaconprisonrides@gmail.com](mailto:beaconprisonrides@gmail.com) to learn more. New volunteers will be paired with experienced drivers while training.

## Zuckerman Reappointed to MTA Board

*Garrison resident chairs finance committee*

Neal Zuckerman, who represents Putnam County on the board of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, was confirmed by the state Senate on June 10 to serve a new term.

Zuckerman, who chairs the finance committee, was recommended by Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

The Garrison resident, who is a senior partner and managing director in the New York office of the Boston Consulting Group, joined the board in 2014 as a non-voting representative of the Metro-North Railroad Commuter Council and was named as a board member representing Putnam County in 2016. He shares a collective vote with board members from Dutchess, Orange and Rockland counties.



Neal Zuckerman with Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne Putnam County photo

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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to embrace change, especially when that change will increase access to public parks and boost the economy.

Nick Farrell, *via Facebook*

The parking situation needs to get priority, especially around the Breakneck Tunnel. Someone is going to get killed. It's a beautiful spot; you can't stop visitors from enjoying the views.

Theo de Haas, *via Facebook*

I am a village resident and hike the trails along Route 9D during the week and with frequency. I am not an anomaly — lots of locals do this and see each other out there — looking at you, Hiking Bandits!

I was at the May 8 meeting. The opposition to the Fjord Trail careens from "We just want the crowds managed" to "Don't attract more people here" to "They need to stop writing articles about Cold Spring in *The New York Times*" and "Businesses shouldn't use Instagram to advertise, that just attracts more cars to the village" to the root of the matter: "It didn't used to be like this. Living here used to be friendlier, cheaper; everyone knew everyone else, not at all fancy/snooty; not so many cars parked on the streets."

Many of the voices of ardent opposition have the sound of collective grief. The general social contract for living here changed simply by time moving forward. I am amazed at the insistence of more than a few people who genuinely believe Cold Spring is so precious and unique that any change is a personal affront. I can relate: I grew up going to Montauk when it was a shabby beach town.

I am looking forward to the HHFT to walk or bike to Beacon. The project is not "ceasing." Other than listing grievances, please direct me to a local action committee that has an organized agenda to work with Putnam County and Albany to manage the car traffic along 9D.

Irene Pieza, *via Facebook*

I am a lifelong resident of Philipstown. I grew up here and raised four children here. I understand the sentiments about mourning times gone by. I am also an employee of the HHFT. We are the entity with an organized agenda to work with the county, Albany and all entities involved, including the local communities, contrary to what some may have you believe.

Lori Moss, *via Facebook*

I spoke against Dunkin' Donuts when it was proposed for Cold Spring, because I didn't want the town overrun by franchise businesses and driving out small businesses (and also because I didn't want my children buying junk food after school every day). Dunkin' went through, but the village passed a resolution banning franchise businesses, so the effort of protest was successful and Cold Spring benefits from it.

There can be similar benefit from the reaction to the Fjord Trail. I am in favor of the project, although the compromise of starting it at Little Stony Point seems to me a no-brainer because I don't want Dockside destroyed by the hordes. There's real

## Correction

In the June 16 issue, we reported that Beahive Beacon had taken over the storefronts formerly occupied by Roma Nova, Batt's Florist and the Beacon Barber Shop. In fact, it only took over the former site of Roma Nova and two offices.

benefit in the discussions about tourism, quality of life and planning that this issue has fostered.

I live on lower Main Street. I accept the tourists as a fact on the weekends. But encouraging more traffic by promoting Cold Spring as a terminus is a bad idea. There could be a big difference in the impact of the language of "from Cold Spring to Beacon" versus "from Little Stony Point, near Cold Spring" or "from Little Stony Point, a short walk from the Village of Cold Spring." Take the money allotted for the river boardwalk between Dockside and Little Stony Point and instead use that to create and improve sidewalks from the village to Little Stony Point.

Bo Bell, *via Facebook*

I'm a village resident, too, and 63 years old. I hope to be able to ride my bike to Beacon before I'm too old.

Adam Osterfeld, *via Facebook*

There are pragmatic issues that need to be addressed with any project of this scale but a certain few extremist, xenophobic individuals (who claim they are not) are hijacking the conversation.

It's quite sad, because we love this village and the wonderful people we have met since moving here full-time five years ago. I hope more people get educated and involved so we have a balanced plan that gives all people, including children and grandparents, an opportunity to spend time outdoors together, and for small businesses in town to expand and thrive.

The West Point Foundry Preserve was also met with disdain back in the day, and now it's an essential and cherished part of life here — where else is there to go for a walk that's not on the highway?

The Philipstown Trail Committee is also getting little support from "old Springers" who don't want anyone coming here. And that's a plan for a simple path from Cold Spring to Garrison.

It's been five years and little has progressed with that project. Where are the same people who say, "We support a smaller trail"? I am getting sick of the bullies ruining opportunities for the rest of us.

Thomas O'Quinn, *via Facebook*

The idea of the Fjord Trail is infuriating — it does not serve locals in the slightest. It caters to visitors and further imposes on the natural environment. Ever since the pandemic, there has been more trash and graffiti than ever. Locals can't enjoy the trails unless it's the crack of dawn or just before sunset because of overcrowding and tourists with annoying Bluetooth speakers.

The Fjord Trail cannot be the only solution. The more this plan develops, the more absurd it becomes. Hammocks? Swimming docks? It's the woods, not a country club. Stop gentrifying everything and let some things be.

Chelsea Pegues, *via Instagram*

I can't wait for the Fjord Trail and am pleased to see further evidence that HHFT continues to listen to locals.

Matthew Hart, *via Instagram*

## Seastreak

It's a poor show that the Village of Cold

Spring bends over to accommodate more Seastreak and West Point boats for a nominal bit of coin, selling out local concerns ("Seastreak Asks for More Cold Spring Cruises," June 16).

The barges don't just come and go — they mangle and occupy the berth as their queues clog the streets and riverfront for several hours each day, robbing the view and further bloating the area with tourists. Adding insult to injury, the noise-code-violating muster horn will continue to rouse the dead. As this egregious infestation of tourist boats reaches critical mass, I fear we will need to rename Dockside to Port Cold Spring.

Derek Graham, *Cold Spring*

## Beacon progress

Beacon has had a wonderful transformation. I grew up near the Elks Club and graduated from Beacon High School in 1984. While Beacon had "character" then, it was in dire need of help and the past four mayors delivered it, along with the new Beacon High School, which all of my children attended ("Beacon: Then, Now and How," June 16).

Beacon's success has not only helped Beacon but also the surrounding area, including the Town of Fishkill, driving southwest Dutchess into being a premier area to live in the entire U.S. Wonderful story, wonderful mayors, wonderful Beacon.

Ozzy Albra, *Fishkill*

Albra is the Town of Fishkill supervisor.

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## Disappearance (from Page 1)

he disappeared. Security footage and a store receipt showed that Jamie Orsini bought, with cash, items that included a 10-foot-by-100-foot tarp and the duct tape and Tyvek suit and boots, according to the complaint. Video from the parking lot captured Nicholas Orsini helping Jamie Orsini load the supplies into the couple's GMC Envoy, said prosecutors.

That same day, according to the complaint, the pair drove to Newburgh to allegedly determine how to dispose of Kraft's car. Data from their phones and video footage tracked the couple traveling from West Church Street over the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to Newburgh.

The next day, according to prosecutors, Nicholas Orsini visited the Walmart on Route 9 in Fishkill and purchased a "burner phone," which can be activated without the user having to open an account using personal information.

Prosecutors said that Kraft, a former U.S. Marine who was 34 when he disappeared, had custody of his daughters from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and every other weekend. On April 28, 2020, the day he disappeared, Kraft picked up his daughters from his ex-wife's home in Beacon at 4 p.m., drove them to a Sonic restaurant in the Town of Newburgh and then to his apartment in Marlboro, before returning them to Beacon at 7 p.m. Police said they used location data to confirm that Jamie and Nicholas Orsini followed him to the restaurant.

The next day, Kraft failed to show up to his job at a deli in Marlboro, and on May 4, investigators found his 1999 Camry abandoned at Third Street and Carpenter Avenue in the City of Newburgh.

One of the earliest pieces of evidence was surveillance footage showing Kraft's car crossing the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge on April 28. Nicholas Orsini is now accused of being the driver. He allegedly parked the car, walked a mile to a Sunoco station on Route 9W, discarded one of Kraft's phones along



Police found Kraft's 1999 Camry abandoned in Newburgh.

National Missing and Unidentified Persons System

the way (another was left in the car) and used the burner phone to call a taxi to take him back to Beacon.

In the days following Kraft's disappearance, the Orsinis traveled "extensively" between Beacon and Amsterdam, New York, where Nicholas Orsini's family owns farmland, prosecutors said, before eventually moving there. Nicholas Orsini drove to Amsterdam the day after Kraft disappeared, according to court documents, stopping at the Walmart in the Town of Newburgh to buy a new burner phone.

That same day, Jamie Orsini sent a text to Kraft's phone, asking about their children's report cards "to create the impression that she did not know he was dead," according to police and prosecutors.

Over the next few days, Nicholas Orsini searched Google using the term "is galvanized steel fireproof" and the couple rented



Nicholas Orsini is a suspect in the disappearance of Steven Kraft.

U.S. vs Orsini

space at a storage facility in Middletown, according to court documents.

Nicholas Orsini also bought from the Home Depot in Fishkill two 31-gallon galvanized steel trash cans, an angle grinder and ax, three bottles of charcoal lighter fluid, a flame lighter and 16 bundles of firewood, prosecutors said.

"These two murderous individuals allegedly deliberately took the life of another person and will now be held accountable for their actions," said Steven Negrelli, acting superintendent for the state police.

Dean Kraft, Steven's father, who lives in Illinois, told the *Poughkeepsie Journal* that he was "flabbergasted" by the arrests. "I couldn't believe two people could have that much hate for another person," he said.

Kraft said that, since his son disappeared, the Orsinis had not responded to his phone calls or letters when he reached out to his granddaughters, Sesame, 15, and Sidney, 13. He told the *Journal* he wanted his granddaughters to know "I've never forgotten them, and I'll always love them."

He added: "It's long overdue, but I believe justice will prevail. I want justice for Steven."

## Boardinghouse (from Page 1)

The home had been what is known as a "legal non-conforming use" in the single-family district. It had been used as a boardinghouse for decades and, if rebuilt with nine units, would provide affordable housing in a "less-non-conforming" use, Palmer said. Another single-room occupancy across the street, at 916 Wolcott, is the "same exact" non-conforming use, he said.

More than two dozen residents have submitted letters to the Zoning Board opposing a new boardinghouse at the site. James Case-Leal, a neighbor, also submitted a petition with more than 1,000 names in opposition to what it called a "luxury building" on the parcel.

The petition includes the names of people from up and down the East Coast and as far away as California, Colorado and Arizona — "people whose children attend Beacon schools, people who have been forced to leave Beacon because of the inflated housing market and people who come to Beacon to spend their money as tourists," Case-Leal wrote in an email to the board. Nearly 600 of the names on the petition are from Beacon.



The boardinghouse at 925 Wolcott burned down in January.

Beacon Historical Society

On Wednesday, Palmer argued against Flower's interpretation that the non-conforming zoning use had been "removed" by the fire. In straw polls, board members said that while Berger had not removed the building by choice, Flower's ruling regarding structures more than 50 percent destroyed by fire still applied.

If those decisions hold when the board votes next month, Berger will request a variance to rebuild, Palmer said.

On the day of the fire, Brian P. Atkinson, the alleged arsonist, was scheduled to appear in court for eviction proceedings filed by Berger. Instead, he walked to the Police Department and turned himself in, authorities said.

He was charged with third-degree arson, two counts of first-degree reckless endangerment and two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, all felonies.

### Leaf blowers

The Beacon City Council has dropped its consideration of leaf blower regulations in favor of a public education campaign.

The council earlier this year discussed restricting leaf blowers but was unable to reach consensus on whether or how to proceed. During a workshop on June 5, Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair, who introduced the idea last year, said that while he "strongly believes that leaf blowers are a public-health risk," he was willing to approach the topic in a different way after hearing feedback "from my colleagues, my constituents and local businesses."

Aymar-Blair said he believes "the clock is ticking on lawns" and advocated an educational campaign to introduce "contemporary ways of gardening that are more in keeping with the natural world," such as planting pollinator pathways or composting fallen leaves.



# Indian Point (from Page 1)

eastern Putnam County and who chairs the Committee on Environmental Conservation, would “make it unlawful to discharge any radiological substance into the Hudson River in connection with the decommissioning of a nuclear power plant.”

An earlier version of the legislation would have banned radiological discharges into any waters of the state, but that would have had serious effects on the operation of the state’s three remaining nuclear power plants on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The revised bill limiting the ban to the Hudson River passed the Senate unanimously on June 9 with “yes” votes from Harckham and Rob Rolison, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, and in the Assembly, 101-44, on June 20 with support from Levenberg and Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon.

The radioactivity of the discharges would be far below the legal limits and are no different from the hundreds of routine releases that took place over the last several decades at Indian Point, according to federal regulators. The Decommissioning Oversight Board said on June 15 that Holtec had agreed to allow the state Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct its own sampling of any discharge and also oversee Holtec’s testing.

Those assurances have failed to mollify many residents, local lawmakers or environmental groups. They argue that even if the effects of the discharge are negligible, the perception of a “radioactive river” could harm the local economy and property values.

“We cannot underestimate the impact of the public perception of a severely polluted Hudson River,” said Tracy Brown, president of Riverkeeper. “Together we have made great strides in cleaning up the Hudson. We cannot let outmoded ‘business-as-usual’ polluting practices undercut that work.”

If the water cannot be released into the Hudson, the leading alternative would



Storing radioactive water in tanks, like these used at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, is an alternative at Indian Point to a river discharge. *Tokyo Electric Power Co.*

involve storing it on-site during the decommissioning, which is expected to take another 12 to 15 years. Tritium has a half-life of 12.5 years, meaning that in 12.5 years the water would be half as radioactive.

In a presentation on June 15, David Lochbaum, a retired nuclear engineer and former director of nuclear safety at the Union of Concerned Scientists, who is a member of the Decommissioning Oversight Board, outlined the risks of on-site storage, specifically the tanks’ tendency to leak.

Of the 305 tanks that store water at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, which closed in 2011 after an accident, six leaked within 30 months. The tanks must also be vented, which would allow some tritium to be released into the atmosphere.

Although the stored wastewater would be filtered of all radioactive materials except tritium, which is extraordinarily difficult to separate, a leaking tank would still be more

dangerous than an intentional discharge, Lochbaum said. The discharge planned for September, for example, would take several months, with only a portion released at a time after being further diluted. By contrast, a leak would, in Lochbaum’s estimate, be 267 to 534 times more potent.

“If the goal is to reduce the radiation dose to as low as achievable, that would not be the best way to do it unless you’re very, very lucky

and none of the tanks ever leak, evaporate or spill,” Lochbaum said. “I can survive a bee sting. I don’t know if I could survive 267 to 534 bee stings in a short period of time.”

After Lochbaum’s presentation, Theresa Knickerbocker, who has served as mayor of Buchanan since 2014, said the village “will not ever issue a permit for any tanks. So, as of tonight, you can take that off the checklist.”

At the meeting, Levenberg, who also sits on the oversight board, asked Rich Burroni, a Holtec representative, about a letter that she said Holtec had sent to local unions stating the company would cut 100 jobs at Indian Point if it couldn’t discharge into the river. Burroni said he wasn’t familiar with the letter but confirmed that cuts would be likely.

If Holtec can’t discharge the water, “we will have to totally change our approach to decommissioning,” he said, noting that the plant employs 690 workers, 400 of whom are union members.

In a statement released the next day, Levenberg accused Holtec of attempting “to enlist labor in an effort to stifle public discussion of our options.”

“I heard repeatedly that there is plenty of work to be done at various points during the decommissioning process,” she said. “If this is the case, why are workers being told that their jobs are at stake” if the ban goes into effect?

The Decommissioning Oversight Board will host a public forum on July 11 with a panel of state and federal technical experts. To register, see [bit.ly/dob-july-11](http://bit.ly/dob-july-11).

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	2022	2023	2022	2023
New Listings	20	11	16	13
Closed Sales	15	9	10	9
Days on Market	78	53	54	44
Median Price	\$603,000	\$555,000	\$677,501	\$600,000
% List Received	93.6	96.9	103.5	95.0
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## Public Comment Closes on Cold Spring Zoning

*Village faces June 30 deadline to finish update*

By Michael Turton

After nearly two months of discussion, the Cold Spring Village Board closed public comment on Wednesday (June 21) on updating chapters of the village code dealing with noise, signs and zoning. Written comments closed at noon the next day.

The Village Board and its attorney and planning consultant will meet at 4 p.m. on Monday (June 26) to review final public comments, working toward completion of the update by Friday, the deadline set by the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency, which funded the project.

Chapter 134 (Zoning) dominated the discussion during Wednesday's protracted hearing, which grew contentious at times, especially regarding a proposed change to the 12-acre former Marathon Battery site on Kemble Avenue from industrial to planned mixed use.

Michael Reisman, who lives on Rock Street, alleged that "the board and the mayor, in particular, have been subject to influence by the Marathon site owner Sean Kearney, with whom the mayor has had a prior business relationship."

The issue of Mayor Kathleen Foley's business relationship with Kearney had been raised earlier in the hearing and is addressed on the village website. It states that Foley has "a casual, friendly relationship with the owner of the Marathon site," and notes that such relationships are common in a small village.

It also states that in 2018, before being elected to the Village Board, Foley collaborated with the Kearney Group in an unsuccessful response to a request for proposals by the City of Hudson.

In an email on Thursday (June 22), Foley described her interactions with Kearney as "entirely appropriate between a mayor and a property owner in the process of zone change considerations," adding that Kearney "did not participate in drafting the code, nor did he supply feedback on the draft."

When Reisman commented on Wednesday that Kearney had contributed in 2021 to Foley's campaign for mayor, she interrupted, asserting: "That is not true!"

Reisman said he would submit his concerns in writing. "You can send all the letters you want; that statement is not true," Foley countered, adding that her campaign finances are a public record.

"Show us the check; who wrote the check?" Reisman persisted. According to the New York State Board of Elections website, a \$250 donation to Foley's campaign was given by Adriana Kearney, Sean Kearney's wife. Reisman said the check had originally been recorded as coming from Sean Kearney.

In her email to *The Current*, Foley said

the check was signed by Adriana Kearney but had been incorrectly recorded. The mistake was subsequently corrected with the Board of Elections, she said.

Reisman asked the mayor to recuse herself from discussions or voting on the Marathon site zoning. He further asked that the ad hoc working group, which includes Foley and has been advising the Village Board on the zoning update, "commit to not take future work related to the development of Marathon because of their involvement in this process."

Foley didn't comment at the time but said in her email that she will not recuse herself.

The mayor described the update now nearing completion as "a level-best attempt" to update zoning introduced in 1967 and under revision since 2006.

The new zoning, she said, will not be perfect, "but at some point, the process has to close; the village has reached a state of analysis paralysis."

#### In other business....

■ Trustee Eliza Starbuck presented data to be considered by the board in response to Seastreak's proposal for 30 cruise boat dockings at Cold Spring between August and mid-November. Last year, the village anticipated \$34,320 in revenue. But after six of 26 scheduled cruises were canceled due to bad weather or inadequate bookings, only \$27,984 was received. The village budgeted \$27,984 in revenue for 2023, but if Seastreak's expanded schedule is approved using last year's docking fees, that would increase to \$37,488. If August dockings are eliminated, revenue would total \$31,152. Starbuck pointed out that if fees are increased to reflect inflation, revenues will increase accordingly.

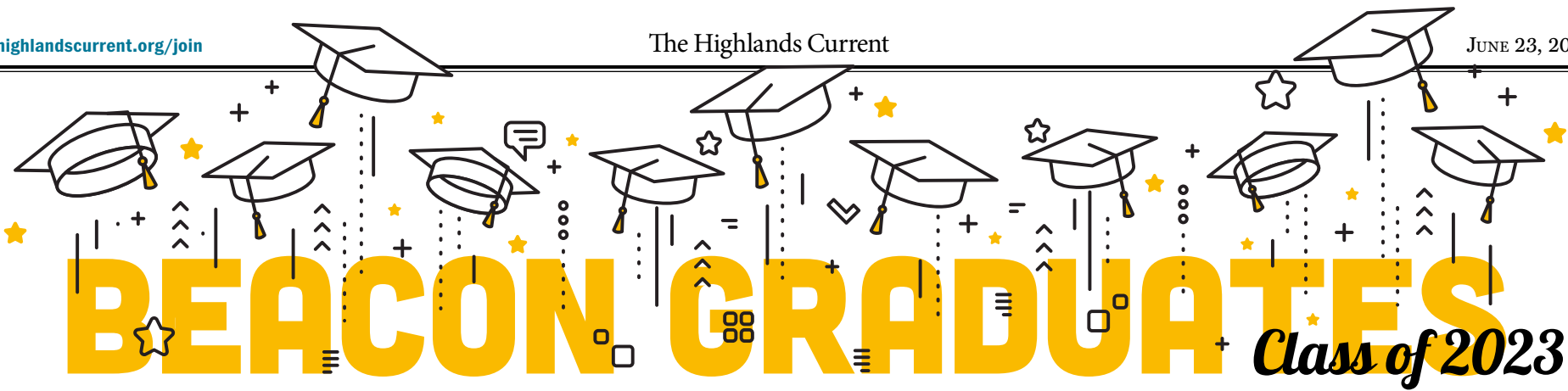
■ The board approved hiring Debra Petrosky as deputy village clerk for \$27 an hour. Petrosky has worked in municipal government for more than 20 years, including as clerk for the City of Peekskill, chief court clerk for the Town of Newburgh and senior court clerk for the Village of Monroe.

■ The village, along with other local municipalities, will appoint two representatives to the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Data Committee, which will review studies completed as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the trail. The data committee will hire its own consultant to review the studies with a stipend provided by HHFT. Details on how residents can apply to serve on the committee will be posted on the village website.

■ Burke Electric's low bid of \$5,992 was accepted for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations at Mayor's Park.

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Abigail  
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- ▷ Computer Information Systems  
Matthew Santos
- ▷ Criminal Justice  
Rhema Reynolds
- ▷ Early Childhood & Childhood Education  
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- ▷ Engineering Science & Technologies  
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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(Master's, Teaching Biological Sciences)

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Melissa Haydt  
Patrick Holloway  
Courtney Horan  
Kendall Reis  
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  - ▷ **Early Childhood**  
Kara Giachinta, Nelsonville
  - ▷ **Engineering Science & Technologies**  
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  - ▷ **Human Services**  
Barbara Taggart, Cold Spring
  - ▷ **Nursing**  
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Kyle Kisslinger, Cold Spring  
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- UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO**  
Matthew Mikalsen, Cold Spring  
(Electrical Engineering)
- YORK COLLEGE (PENNSYLVANIA)**  
Willa Fitzgerald, Cold Spring  
(Marketing)



Matthew Mikalsen



AROUND TOWN



▲ **AWARD WINNERS** — The Cold Spring Lions Club named two graduating seniors from Philipstown, Delaney Horan (O’Neill High School) and her brother, Dylan Horan (Haldane), as the winners of its 2023 Frank Milkovich Scholarship. The Lions Club has given the scholarship for 63 years; it is named for a former teacher, administrator, coach and Lion. Delaney and Dylan, who live in Garrison, are shown with incoming Lions President John Merante.



▲ **IN MEMORIAM** — The Libby Funeral Home in Beacon organized a graveside service on June 9 for U.S. Navy veteran Dennis Bush, a Hedgewood Home for Adults resident who died without surviving family. Members of the Marine Corps League served as pallbearers, Beacon High School student George Humphreys played “Taps” and the Patriot Guard Riders and Knights Order Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club provided an escort.



◀ **SUNDAY DRILL** — Members of the Garrison Fire Department led a training session on June 11 at Garrison’s Landing, flushing out the dry hydrant and drafting water from the river in the event a large, continuous water supply is required.

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Julia Caldwell inside the studio store. The other half of the space is a gallery.

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## The Calendar

# More Room Up the Hill

Julia Caldwell happens to notice things. She had just moved to Beacon in 2020 when, visiting Cold Spring, she noticed that 49 Main St. was for rent.

A few months later, she opened Studio Tashtego, a gallery focused on ceramics, sculpture and functional artwork such as light fixtures, all with the common bond of what she calls “compositional asymmetry, imperfection and not overstuffed.”

Surrounded by fragile items, Caldwell says she grew frustrated navigating the limited square footage. The breaking point came when she reached for a vessel to hand to the customer who had just bought it and dropped and broke the piece.

## Studio Tashtego moves into former C&E space

By Alison Rooney

Like many others, Caldwell had wondered what would go into the space at 158 Main St. that for decades had been home to C&E Paint Supply but more recently has been empty, its windows papered over. It turns out, it is Studio Tashtego, which is named for the harpooner from the Wampanoag tribe in *Moby Dick*. The space opened June 17 with a reception for ceramic artist R.A. Pesce’s exhibit, *Brutalism vs Nature*, which runs through Sept. 3.

The space is divided into a fine-art gallery

and a store. “It’s so much more spacious — I just couldn’t pass up the opportunity,” Caldwell says. “For me, it’s about connecting with both sets of visitors. We want to bridge the divide and get away from that perception that this is not for people on a budget, that it may be out of reach.”

The gallery will have British studio ceramics, along with vessels crafted out of leather and pre-Colombian-inspired Chilean pottery. In the store, it’s baskets, Japanese tea bowls, glassware and paper lanterns, among other items.

After moving from the bottom of Main Street to the top of the hill on what she recalls as the hottest day of the year so far, Caldwell says she realized how quickly she had outgrown 49 Main. “I was there for only two years but everything came out of the crevices,” she says. “We struggled our way up, but we got it done.”

Caldwell grew up in rural Cape Cod and, after graduating with a degree in philosophy from New York University, worked for a hedge fund, which she says she hated. She heeded advice to use what you do in your free time as a career guide.

“I found myself doing a lot of online browsing of design, interiors, decorative objects,” she recalls. “That felt frivolous,



A sculpture by R.W. Pesce Photo provided

but I thought I should investigate.”

She went to graduate school for design but dropped out when she found the work too technical. “I was attracted to more traditional decorative arts, marrying functional with the beautiful,” she says. “I wound up working for design galleries in the city and became director of one. I liked curation, working with artists, bringing people into a world of beauty.”

*Studio Tashtego is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. See [studiotashtego.com](https://studiotashtego.com) or call 917-794-4643.*



Studio Tashtego occupies the space that was formerly the home of C&E Paint Supply.



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## PRIDE EVENTS

### SAT 24 Putnam Pride Parade

**BREWSTER**  
1 p.m. Old Town Hall | putnampride.com  
There will be music, dancing and speakers on the steps of the Old Town Hall at this fourth annual event, followed by a march to Wells Park at 1:45 p.m. Enjoy food, face painting, an open mic and shopping at dozens of vendors. Angel Elektra and Shay D’Pines will host.

### SAT 24 Family Pride

**PEEKSKILL**  
1 – 6 p.m. Pugsley Park | 1036 Main St. biggayhudsonvalley.com/events  
The headline act is The Little Mermen – the ultimate Disney tribute band. Other activities will include drag queen story time, performers, a pet photo contest, crafts, games and food.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

### SAT 1 Parade & Summer Fun Day

**COLD SPRING**  
11 a.m. Dockside Park  
The parade line-up begins at 10:30 a.m. and proceeds at 11 a.m. up Main Street to the lawn at St. Mary’s for a summer fun day at 11:30 a.m.

### SAT 1 Concert

**GARRISON**  
7 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org  
The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform a program that includes works inspired by fireworks and jubilation. *Cost: \$55 (\$24 ages 4 to 18, free for ages 4 and younger)*



Family Pride, June 24

### SAT 1 Concert and Fireworks

**WEST POINT**  
7 p.m. Trophy Point | westpointband.com  
The West Point Concert Band, the Hellcats and the Benny Havens Band will perform, followed by fireworks. The rain date is SUN 2. *Free*

### SUN 2 Fireworks

**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Memorial Park Robert Cahill Drive | beaconny.gov  
Parking is limited. Consider walking or biking, and bring a chair or blanket.

### TUES 4 Fireworks

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
8:30 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson walkway.org  
Watch the show from the pedestrian bridge. Reservations required. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 seniors and veterans, free for ages 12 and younger)*

## COMMUNITY

### SAT 24 Free Fishing Days

dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html  
Anyone age 16 and older can fish without a license. (Those younger than 16 don’t need one.) Also SUN 25.

### SAT 24 Bird Walk

**CARMEL**  
7:30 a.m. Ninham Mountain Fire Tower putnamhighlandsaudubon.org  
The guided walk will loop 1.4 miles. Registration required. *Free*

### SAT 24 Taco Fest

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
1 – 7 p.m. MJN Center 14 Civic Center Plaza midhudsonciviccenter.org  
The event will feature tacos, burritos and corn, as well as music and drinks. *Cost: \$10 to \$109*

### MON 26 The Art of Getting Over Yourself Mixer

**BEACON**  
6:30 p.m. Beahive 6 Eliza St. | 845-418-3731 beahivebeacon.spaces.nexodus.com/events  
Eli Walker will facilitate a mixer with mini-workshops designed to inspire participants to do something good. *Free*

### TUES 27 Free HIV Testing

**BREWSTER**  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Putnam Health 1 Geneva Road | 845-808-1390 putnamcountyny.gov  
Walk-ins welcome. Learn your status in 15 minutes.

### WED 28 Small Business Roundtable

**BREWSTER**  
11 a.m. Ace Endico 80 International Boulevard putnamcountybusinesscouncil.com  
The Putnam County Business Council will host a discussion with Rep. Mike Lawler and state Assembly Member Matt Slater.

### WED 28 Green Teen Benefit

**RED HOOK**  
4:30 p.m. Greig Farm | 227 Pitcher Lane bit.ly/green-teen-meal  
Alex Bodey and Julia Savasta will prepare a five-course meal to benefit Green Teen Beacon. *Cost: \$85*

## KIDS & FAMILY

### SAT 24 Summer Reading Kickoff

**GARRISON**  
Noon. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org  
Sign up for the library’s summer reading program and wear a shimmering undersea or merfolk costume for a 1 p.m. parade around the grounds.

### SAT 24 Campfire Sing-A-Long

**WAPPINGERS FALLS**  
5 p.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmstead Lane compassarts.org/events  
Gina Samaridge from Compass Arts and members of the Beacon Rising Choir will lead sing-a-longs. Bring a picnic and blanket. *Cost: \$10 to \$50*

### SUN 25 Drag Story Hour

**COLD SPRING**  
1 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St. 845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com  
Enjoy books and songs with a glamorous host, drag queen Angel Elektra. “Drag Story Hour gives kids glamorous, positive and unabashedly queer role models and enables them to imagine a world where everyone can be their authentic selves!” Reservations required.

### TUES 27 College Admissions in a Test-Optional World

**COLD SPRING**  
6 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org  
Eric Tipler will discuss how to navigate applying to colleges and what has recently changed.

### TUES 27 Bubble Blast

**GARRISON**  
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org  
During Family Science Night, learn a recipe and how to make unusually shaped bubbles. Registration required.

### WED 28 Decorate Kindness Postcards

**GARRISON**  
2 – 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org  
The library has partnered with the Gladys Love Project for children to make postcards to mail to seniors and caregivers.

### THURS 29 New Moms Support Group

**COLD SPRING**  
2:30 – 4 p.m. Philipstown Friendship Center 6 Butterfield Road facebook.com/putnamparents  
At this weekly session, county health department nurses assist with questions about lactation, sleep and milestones. Connect with other parents of infants to 3-year-olds.

### THURS 29 The Cardboard Kingdom

**GARRISON**  
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org  
Paper Heart Puppets will demonstrate how to make a puppet and lead an improvised performance. Registration required.



### FRI 30 Bike Decorating Party

**COLD SPRING**  
3:30 – 4:45 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org  
Get your bike ready for the Independence Day parade or bling it out for fun.



West Point Fireworks, July 1



VISUAL ARTS

SAT 24

I Am The Passenger, Part 2

BEACON

3 – 5 p.m. Mother Gallery  
1154 North Ave. | 845-236-6039  
[mothergallery.art](http://mothergallery.art)

This exhibit continues the theme of capturing our moment in time through non-objective painting. It includes works by Lisa Beck, Trudy Benson, Seth Cameron, Mariah Dekkenga, Stacy Fisher, Rico Gatson, Russell Tyler and Susan Weil. Through July 29.

SAT 24

Cheap Art Show

NELSONVILLE

5 – 8 p.m. Create Community  
11 Peekskill Road

All art will be priced between 25 cents and \$20.

SAT 24

Seres Imperfectos

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. ChangoLife  
211 Fishkill Ave. | [changolifearts.com](http://changolifearts.com)

The new Cuban art gallery at KuBe will host its first exhibit, with a portion of sales devoted to humanitarian aid.

SUN 25

Welcome to New York!

PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Magazzino  
2700 Route 9 | [magazzino.art](http://magazzino.art)

To celebrate its sixth anniversary, the Italian art museum will debut an installation by Michaelangelo Pistoletto.

SAT 1

Rita McBride

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
3 Beekman St. | 845-231-0811  
[diaart.org](http://diaart.org)

The artist’s 1997 structural work, “Arena,” will open for long-term viewing. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students and those with disabilities, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free ages 5 and younger)*

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 25

Tempestry Workshop

COLD SPRING

2 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010  
[putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

Emily McNeil and Asy Connelly, co-founders of the climate storytelling yarn-crafting project, will lead participants in knitting projects as part of the museum’s current exhibit.

SUN 25

Wildlife and Overtourism

GARRISON

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

In this talk presented by Protect the Highlands, Pete Salmansohn will discuss species such as the peregrine falcon, northern long-eared bat and eastern fence lizard, that live in the path of the proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail.

TUES 27

Food Canning Class

BREWSTER

5:15 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm  
100 Route 312  
[putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events](http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events)

Cornell-trained master food preservers will demonstrate how to capture the freshness of fruit with basic kitchen equipment. *Cost: \$5*

TUES 27

Beacon’s Great Estates

BEACON

7 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave. | [beaconhistorical.org](http://beaconhistorical.org)

Denise Van Buren, president of the Beacon Historical Society, will discuss important homes in the area once known as the twin villages of Fishkill Landing and Matteawan. *Free*

FRI 30

Benedict Arnold’s Flight

GARRISON

11 a.m. 8 Glenclyffe | 845-265-4010  
[putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

The Putnam History Museum will lead a 1-mile, moderately difficult hike from the parking lot at Marcia’s Mile through the area where the general fled after his attempt to give West Point to the British during the Revolution. Master Gardeners will point out ways that the natural environment affected history. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 24

Henry V

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
[hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)

HVSF presents the epic tale of King Henry at war to seize the French crown. Emily Ota plays the lead. The final four performances are SUN 25, FRI 29, SAT 30 and SAT 1. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

SAT 24

Clueless

COLD SPRING

8:30 p.m. Dockside Park  
[coldspringfilm.org](http://coldspringfilm.org)

The Cold Spring Film Society kicks off its summer outdoor movie lineup with the 1995 comedy starring Alicia Silverstone and Stacey Dash as rich Beverly Hills teens. *Free*

SUN 25

Irene O’Garden

PUTNAM VALLEY

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

The poet and author will read from her work, followed by a poetry open mic.



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FRI 30

Somewhere in Time

BEACON

6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Boats leave dock  
845-831-6346 | [bannermancastle.org](http://bannermancastle.org)

Watch an outdoor screening on Bannerman Island of the 1980 film in which a playwright (Christopher Reeve) hypnotizes himself to travel through time to meet an actress (Jane Seymour) he sees in a vintage poster. *Cost: \$40*

MUSIC

SAT 24

Compcord Ensemble Meets Hot Wrk Ensemble

BEACON

6 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
New York City musicians Franz Hackl (trumpet), Gene Pritsker (electric guitar), John Kneiling (cello), Jai Jeffryes (piano) and Debra Kaye (piano) will collaborate with Beacon musicians Lois Hicks-Wozniak (saxophone), Brad Hubbard (baritone saxophone) and J. Brooks Marcus (percussion). *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 24

Scott Seltzer

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | [reservabeacon.com](http://reservabeacon.com)  
The singer and guitarist will perform classic rock and Americana.

SAT 24

Aimee Mann

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | [bardavon.org](http://bardavon.org)

The singer will play songs from her latest album, *Mental Illness*, which won a Grammy award for best folk album. *Cost: \$48 to \$73*

SAT 24

Sharkey & The Sparks

BEACON

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

Sharkey McEwen, a Philipstown resident, will play with his son, Ben, along with Felipe Torres, RJ McCarty, Quinn Petkus, Oliver Petkus, Luis Perez and Premik Russell-Tubbs. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 25

K-Fest

WAPPINGERS FALLS

5 p.m. Heritage Financial Park  
1500 Route 9D  
[k104online.com/kfest-2023](http://k104online.com/kfest-2023)

The annual concert organized by K104 will include performances by Shannon, Corina, Quad City DJ’s and Color Me Badd. *Cost: \$41 to \$89*

SUN 25

James Keepnews / Billy Stein

BEACON

8 p.m. Dogwood  
47 E. Main St. | [dogwoodbeacon.com](http://dogwoodbeacon.com)  
The guitarists will play improvisational music.

WED 28

Lyra Faculty Artist Concert

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | [lyra.bpt.me](http://lyra.bpt.me)  
Jared Blajian (cello), Tomomi Sato (piano), Diyi Tang (piano) and Yezu Woo (violin) will perform works by Mendelssohn, Chopin and Arensky. Donations welcome. *Free*

FRI 30

Noga

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
The singer and songwriter will play songs from her debut release, *Lady Sun*, accompanied by her band, Adam Cabo, Dassi Rosenkrantz and Zohar Cabo. Lila Blue will open. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



FRI 30

Minstrels in the Gallery

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
This Jethro Tull tribute band will play the hits. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 1

Errant Space 100

BEACON

2 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)  
This immersive sound experience will feature Katie Down, Bonnie Kane, Concetta Abbate, Craig Chin, Andy Rinehart, Al Margolis, Neil Alexander, Dean Sharp and Thom Uliasz. Donations welcome.

SAT 1

The Jenkins Twins

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org)  
Modern country duo Trevor and Trenton Jenkins will perform as part of the ongoing Restoration Roadhouse series. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 1

Myles Mancuso

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
The multi-instrumentalist plays roots and Americana with his band. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 2

The Music of Charles Ives

BREWSTER

4 p.m. First United Methodist  
83 Main St.

Organist Zacchaeus Lock will perform Ives’ *Variations on America* on the same organ and in the same location where Ives first played it for an audience. As part of the program, the Putnam Chorale will sing patriotic songs. *Cost: \$15*

SUN 2

Satisfaction

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
This Rolling Stones tribute show is in its 20th year. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

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MON 26

State Assembly Office Hours

COLD SPRING

1 – 4 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.  
[nyassembly.gov/mem/Dana-Levenberg](http://nyassembly.gov/mem/Dana-Levenberg)  
Members of the staff of Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, whose district includes Philipstown, will be available to assist constituents.

MON 26

City Council

BEACON

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

WED 28

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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



# What Do You Believe?

*In annual workshop, Haldane students consider 'core' beliefs*

By Alison Rooney

For more than a decade, seventh graders at Haldane Middle School have participated in an end-of-year workshop in which they write an essay about their core beliefs.

Known as *This We Believe*, it is inspired by *This I Believe*, a National Public Radio

show that in turn was inspired by an Edward R. Murrow radio broadcast from the 1950s.

Haldane teacher Danielle Pece, writing professor Kathy Curto and, in some years, this reporter, engage the students in discussion about the writing process and what a “core” belief could be. While working through several drafts, the students listen to recordings of writers of all ages reading *This I Believe* essays and discuss enhancing descriptions and honing ideas.

Most important, year after year, the students listen to each other’s work, often

discovering things they didn’t know about each other despite spending eight years as classmates in a small school. There is always empathy displayed and there are always surprises.

Noting that seventh graders are “full of strong opinions — in a great way,” Pece says she hopes the exercise “dusts off what’s already there and has great meaning for them — going into eighth grade, they have that maturity level to be introspective.”

With permission from the authors, Pece shared two essays. “Hallways,” by Leo O’Neil, at right, and “Practice Makes Progress,” by Kirra McCoy, which is posted with this article at [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).



The essays are typically collected into a book that is given to each participant. This cover is from 2017.

## Zine Makers Gather at Split Rock

*Writers share their homemade publications*

By Erin-Leigh Hoffman

On June 17, Split Rock Books hosted its first “zine fair” as part of its five-year anniversary celebration.

Four creators of zines — short for fanzines, or self-published magazines — sat outside the bookstore on Main Street in Cold Spring sharing and selling their work and promoting zines of artists not in attendance. The zines ranged in price from \$1 to \$13 and focused on poetry, essays, short stories and Hudson Valley exploration, among other topics.

After seeing an advertisement for the zine fair, Elena Lombardi LaBreche, 24, brought *This Year, Half Gone*, in which she reflects on graduating from college into a post-pandemic world.

“I’ve always been sort of shy about my work, and I figured this would be a nice, fun activity, but also just a good creative risk,” said LaBreche, who lives in Cold Spring.

Ethan Timm, an architect who lives in Nelsonville, debuted his zine, *Cold Spring Brook: Map & Guide* with Polaroid photo-



Ethan Timm and his family sold his fanzine, *Cold Spring Brook: Map & Guide*, at a June 17 zine fair organized by Split Rock Books.

Photo by E-L. Hoffman

graphs and typewritten captions.

“I was originally interested in learning more about the stream that runs from the forest and Nelsonville, so I used zine-making as a process of both learning more about it, photographing it and meeting some of the people who live alongside it,” he said.

Timm said he enjoyed the creative process of putting together his publication. “In this day and age of easy digital production, it’s an amazing process to do everything by hand.”

Violet Herman, 8, and Zephyr Wayland, 11, brought their zines, *Dog Heroes*, and *Giraffes*, respectively.

*Dog Heroes* tells the story of a city of dogs that is attacked by cats who steal their trea-

sures. The dog heroes save the day. “I really love dogs,” Violet said.

*Giraffes* is Zephyr’s third zine. A previous title, *Dogs*, was a children’s bestseller at Split Rock. When the bookstore said it planned to sell zines at its anniversary party, Zephyr said “sure” and created *Giraffes* “because my library teacher loves giraffes.”

Heidi Bender, the co-owner of Split Rock, said zines being made by local children and adults, often during workshops at Supplies for Creative Living in Cold Spring, reflected a bespoke feeling that the bookstore wanted to support.

“It was fun seeing this original work, and it made us want to see more,” Bender said.

## Hallways

By Leo O’Neil

I believe in the power of hallways. Because when you are stuffed into a hallway with some of your best friends, eating lunch after a performance, you *will* have fun.

In order to truly encompass hallways, you must first shove 10 to 14 teenagers into a tiny hallway, with enough junk food to create an entire buffet. That’s what the entirety of dressing room eight and nine had to do, when the original hallway wasn’t big enough to fit us to all eat lunch together.

It all started when Clara G. invited me to eat lunch with her, and then all the others came piling in, forcing us to move, squish and contort to fit everyone into another hallway. We had to optimize the space, so we were sitting with our backs against the wall, our knees pulled close to our chests, craning our necks to make sure that the old crumbing insulation in the ceiling wasn’t about to come crashing down on our glittery, itchy costumes that were covered by our dads’ old flannels. Some of us were eating Panera, but most of us were mooching off others’ snacks.

And then the M&Ms were brought out. I tip-toed down the hallway, carefully stepping over ankles and enough snacks to feed an entire country, giving out M&Ms while people tried to convince me that they *were* the best and deserved extra M&Ms.

And then it happened. Right as I was getting back to my spot, someone tripped over Lila’s Panera Mac and Cheese. Only a little bit spilled onto the hard concrete floor, but that cold, hours-old Mac and Cheese was precious.

That hallway was the only salvation from the hovering stage moms and the screaming little kids. We listened to Taylor Swift, shared snacks, complained about entitled teachers, and prayed to the dance gods that we would nail our turns in the next show.

Hallways brought us closer, close enough to smell the mix of sweat and deodorant of the person next to us. But also in ways you can’t even imagine. I believe in the power of hallways.



## Baby & Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Gabrielle and Will Vogel of Garrison shared this shot of their daughter, Grace, with Charlie. The photo was taken in 2005; on June 10, Grace graduated from high school. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to [editor@highlandscurrent.org](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.org).





# Scrambled Eggs with Feta and Red Pepper Aioli

## Red-pepper aioli

Note: This is also great with grilled fish and all sorts of sandwiches, as well as dolloped into fish stews or vegetable soups.

1 red pepper (or substitute ½ cup jarred, roasted peppers)	½ cup canola, grapeseed or other mild oil
1 clove fresh garlic, roughly chopped	½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 fresh egg yolk	Pinch cayenne, or more to taste
Juice from ½ lemon, divided, plus more to taste	1 teaspoon smoked paprika
	Salt and pepper

If using jarred peppers, jump to the next step. Place the pepper directly over the flame of a gas stove or under the broiler, and allow the skin to blacken and burn, and the flesh to soften, turning the pepper with tongs as it cooks. When the skin is completely blackened, place the pepper in a bowl and cover it tightly with a plate or plastic wrap. Allow the pepper to steam 10 to 15 minutes, then rub off and discard the blackened skin. Cut away the stem and seeds, cut the flesh into roughly 2-inch pieces.

Put the red pepper in a blender with the chopped garlic and ¼ cup of the olive oil and blend until smooth. Set aside.

In a large bowl, whisk the egg yolk together with a few drops of the lemon juice until pale and slightly thickened, about 1 minute. For the next steps, it helps to place the bowl on a damp kitchen towel to hold it steady, or have a partner/kid come add the oil or hold the bowl: One drop at a time, begin to add the canola oil, whisking constantly.

As the mixture begins to emulsify, you can start drizzling in the oil in a pencil-lead-thin stream, still whisking continuously. When it gets thick and gluey, add a squeeze of the lemon juice to thin, then slowly pour in the remaining oil. Whisk in the pureed pepper and garlic. Add the cayenne and smoked paprika, plus salt and pepper and additional lemon juice to taste. Transfer to a jar and store, covered, in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

## Tips for soft-scrambled eggs:

1. Use a bowl that's considerably larger than you think you need, and whisk the eggs vigorously until they are frothy on top, about a minute.
2. Heat your skillet over medium low; add a slick of butter or oil, and when that's heated, pour in the eggs. Immediately turn the heat to low. (The exact temperatures will depend on your stove; mine tends to run hot.)
3. Don't stir and scrape the eggs too often as they cook. You want large curds to form. This takes patience!
4. Wait until the eggs are at least three-quarters cooked before you add salt, pepper and anything else, such as cheese.
5. Don't overcook; push eggs to the side as they cook and allow any liquid portion to coat the bottom of the pan so it will cook through.

## For the sandwich (per person):

2 scrambled eggs	Butter (optional)
1 tablespoon red-pepper aioli	1 tablespoon feta, crumbled
2 slices focaccia or other bread	

Spread a thin swipe of the aioli on hot, buttered toast, top with the eggs and feta.

## Mouths to Feed

# The Price of Eggs

By Celia Barbour



One by one, our chickens stopped laying this past year, and now they are just pricy, high-maintenance pets. If I were made from tougher stuff, I would have steered their well-fed bodies toward the stewpot by now, but I can't imagine it. They are far too sweet and sociable, clucking around the patio when we have folks over for cocktails like goofy little lapdogs looking for a pat on the head.

Science may not yet have determined which came first, chicken or egg, but in our house there's no doubt which comes last.

The upshot is that, whereas we once had more eggs than neighbors to give them to, I am now back to buying eggs. My favorites come from the farmers market and have marigold-yellow yolks and fairly hefty price tags. With three kids home from college, we can easily go through two dozen of these treasures a week. The economics make no sense: We buy chicken feed for our former layers, and then go out and buy eggs laid by other people's hens to feed ourselves. But I see no alternative; the heart, after all, is not an economic machine.

Most days, the kids roll out of bed about the time that I am clearing up my lunch dishes. (Lest you think that we allow our children to be as unproductive as our chickens, I will hasten to add that they have jobs that permit the keeping of such wanton hours.) Often their next move is to make themselves some kind of egg sandwich — one day it might be scrambled eggs with avocado, cilantro and hot sauce on a tortilla; another, fried egg, hummus, cheddar on toast; on still another, scrambled eggs

“As I often crave fresh, young cheeses in spring and early summer, right now my sandwich of choice includes feta and a swipe of red-pepper aioli.

with cream cheese on an everything bagel.

No matter how satisfied I have been with my own breakfast and lunch, the sight of their creations always makes me hungry, as well as happy: I am gratified to see the ease and competence with which they take care of themselves in the kitchen. And I am convinced that a scrambled-egg sandwich is one of the nicest ways there is to take care of yourself, with variations enough to address whatever particular balance of joys, sorrows and yearnings you wake up with on a given day.

Yet for me, the pleasure of this meal comes with a tinge of discomfort. My first

serious boyfriend, Ben, took a desultory approach to the scrambling of eggs, and as our relationship progressed, what began as kindness on my part — “How about I make us breakfast?” — became increasingly aggressive — “Don't touch the eggs!” One morning, as I elbowed him away from the stove, he called me a kitchen fascist. The ouch of that has never healed.

But it also marked a turning point of sorts: the moment when I realized that my intensity toward cooking was something I might ought to take seriously. Many years later, an acclaimed chef (I can't remember which) wrote that, as it is all but impossible to get soft-scrambled eggs in even the priciest restaurant, learning to make them *just so* for yourself is a cook's imperative, and one of life's great gifts. When I read that, I wanted to track Ben down and show it to him. Then I realized it would be a rather aggressive thing to do.

My family wisely leaves the egg-scrambling to me whenever we have breakfast together, which is not often anymore. The rest of the time, it's every man for himself. Which is as it should be when it comes to egg sandwiches. For only you can know which of the countless excellent variations will attend to your particular needs, and that goes for Ben, too. As I often crave fresh, young cheeses in spring and early summer, right now my sandwich of choice includes feta and a swipe of red-pepper aioli.

As for the chickens, they still serve a valuable purpose: They give me something to fuss over now that my kids have decided they can take care of themselves.



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# New Brewery in Beacon

*Couple open family-friendly pub on Main Street*

By Marc Ferris

While working at a tech startup in New York City, Max and Maria Headley bonded, in part, over a shared love for beer.

After searching the world for the perfect pint, the couple settled in Beacon where earlier this month they opened their own brewery, Pillow & Oats, at 385 Main St.

The name refers to beer's desired "mouth feel" and the grains that are a pivotal ingredient. The shop specializes in Hazy IPAs, a style that emphasizes hops and minimizes bitterness.

Max is the brewmaster. His first two iterations are Long Live the Hop Mosaic and Drool Face Emoji. Each includes a dash of citrus and an unfiltered body that resembles fruit nectar.

"When evaluating a beer, there are three boxes to check," explains Maria, who manages the business. "Is the color balanced? Does it pass the smell test? And, of course, does it taste good? We're only comfortable offering a glass when everything is in alignment."

Max, who had been a home brewer, left a corporate job to pursue his dream of creat-



Maria and Max Headley inside their Beacon brewery

Photo by M. Ferris

ing a beer brand. Maria is still employed in human resources.

The space was formerly occupied by Beacon Veterinary Associates, which moved a few doors down to 395 Main.

There are 12 taps in the wall behind the bar, five of which saw action during the opening weeks. In addition to the Hazy IPAs, the couple introduced Hoppy Table Beer, which has a lower alcohol content,

and a dry Citra Lager, the first beer brewed. A Pilsner sold out the first day.

Max says he plans to tinker toward perfection. "I want honest feedback," he says. "My goal is to create the best possible beer experience."

The couple plan to add a pale ale, a hard seltzer and, when the weather cools in the fall, a coffee stout created with Big Mouth Coffee Roasters next door. They also sell

“When evaluating a beer, there are three boxes to check. Is the color balanced? Does it pass the smell test? And, of course, does it taste good?”

~Maria Headley

beers in 32-ounce cans.

Because there is no kitchen, customers are encouraged to bring in meals from nearby restaurants. When football season starts, Max plans to invite fellow Bills fans to watch select games. He hails from upstate New York and Maria is from New York City. The couple moved from Hoboken in 2021; their 1-year-old daughter is a Beacon native.

During the late afternoon, Pillow & Oats is a busy place. At times, strollers jam the sidewalk outside and the area between the inside seats.

Sitting at one of the six picnic tables inside the doorway, a father and daughter played a card game as mom and another daughter mulled a chessboard. A toddler piled toys on the table across the aisle and two adults played cribbage.

"We want this to be a fun, family-friendly place known for serving great beer," said Maria. "There are lots of fantastic bars and breweries in the area, but there's room for more."

## Living Green

# Digital Detritus

By Krystal Ford

I'm no first adopter: I am several iPhone models behind, and I keep my laptops until they die. But my family and I have still managed to rack up an impressive amount of e-waste, which can have a significant impact on the environment when it ends up in landfills.

The first step to most human-made problems is to reduce; in this case, reduce the electronic gadgets you buy new. The next best thing is to repair and/or reuse. I recently sent my 3-year-old Microsoft Surface Pro for repair. It was no longer under warranty but, rather than buying a new one, I paid a few hundred dollars and it works again.

If you must replace, consider refurbished machines from sites such as macofalltrades.com or pcsrefurbished.com.

To dispose of an older computer, consider two routes: You can donate it to organizations such as The IT Club (the-it-club.org), which will fix it for students or adults in



need. (Eamon Wall, a student at Haldane Middle School, is the New York state representative.) Or, most common electronics can be at least partially recycled, since they're made largely of metal and contain minerals such as graphite and cobalt that are in short supply. See [search.earth911.com](http://search.earth911.com) or [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org). For example, I typed in

"lithium ion batteries" and my ZIP code at Earth911 and learned I can deposit them at Staples, Home Depot or Best Buy.

I've found Staples generally takes everything (see [bit.ly/staples-recycling](http://bit.ly/staples-recycling)).

Municipal collection programs are hit and miss. Putnam County at one time collected e-waste but stopped a few years ago. Beacon

is looking for a new partner after its hauler, Royal Carting, stopped accepting e-waste. Dutchess County runs three e-waste collection events annually but they are in Poughkeepsie; require registration (and a \$10 fee); and are limited to the first 400 households. (Registration opens Aug. 30 for the next event; see [bit.ly/dutchess-ewaste](http://bit.ly/dutchess-ewaste).)

Philipstown started collecting "anything with a power cord" in January as a pilot program, and residents were enthusiastic, with more than 40 pallets filled in five months, according to Town Board Member Robert Flaherty. The town paid Supreme Asset Management and Recycling in New Jersey about \$1,000 to retrieve the loads from the town dump on Lane Gate Road off Route 9. (The facility, which is open Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., also accepts food scraps, paper, plastic and metal.)

The Philipstown e-waste program continues but residents now must contribute to disposal costs by paying a fee for each item at Town Hall during weekday business hours before leaving their items on Saturdays.

The fees are \$1 for a keyboard, mouse or cellphone; \$3 for electrical appliances such as microwaves or vacuums; \$5 for DVD players, printers and scanners; \$10 or \$15 for computers; and \$20 or \$25 for televisions and computer monitors.

Flaherty is enthusiastic about bringing back the service. "We are trying to be a Climate Smart community and doing the best we can to make our environment better here," he said.

“The first step to most human-made problems is to reduce; in this case, reduce the electronic gadgets you buy new. The next best thing is to repair and/or reuse.”





## Classic Wheels

# 1957 Ford Thunderbird

By Michael Turton

As a teenager growing up in Beacon, Fred Penzetta knew exactly which car he wanted to own: a 1957 Ford Thunderbird.



He had seen two Thunderbirds: one owned by a Beacon woman and the other by a man everyone called Dudley who worked at the Ford dealership in Cold Spring.

"I always wanted that Thunderbird, but I was making \$1 an hour working at Texas Wieners and couldn't afford it," recalled Penzetta, 78.

In 1985, his dream came true. A friend of a friend won a '57 Thunderbird on *Imus in the Morning*, a New York City radio show, by reaching into a fishbowl of car keys and selecting the one that started the car.

"The guy was getting married and wanted to build a house," Penzetta says. "He didn't have much use for the Thunderbird." Penzetta bought it for \$10,500.

The car had been repainted and refurbished, so Penzetta isn't sure how much is original. He says it doesn't matter. "I always liked its lines — I was just really attracted to it," he says. As a teenager, he drove a 1947 Dodge pickup. "That's quite a difference!"

His model includes the hard and soft convertible tops. For 1957, Ford added a porthole to the sides of the top to eliminate a blind spot.

The car has a standard radio, although a "Volumatic" radio was an option — its volume increased with the speed. Penzetta's T-Bird has an automatic transmission and power windows, and he added power steer-

ing two years ago.

He and his wife enjoy cruising in the evenings, with favorite destinations being Cold Spring, Fishkill and Monticello. They average about 400 miles a year. Penzetta has taken the Thunderbird to car shows in Rhinebeck, Bear Mountain and Beacon and is considering the weekly show at the 84 Diner in Fishkill.

The Thunderbird was introduced at the 1954 Detroit Auto Show. It was designed to compete with the Chevy Corvette, which hit showrooms in 1953, and it did, outselling Corvettes by a 24-to-1 margin. In 1958, Ford changed the two-seat Thunderbird to a four-seater and promoted it as a luxury car. Someone knew what they were doing: Sales grew from 21,380 in 1957 to nearly 93,000 in 1959.

After sluggish sales, Ford ceased production in the mid-1990s. A retro model produced from 2002 to 2005 had moderate sales.

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## THE SPECS

**MODEL:** 1957 Ford Thunderbird

**MANUFACTURED:** Dearborn, Michigan

**NUMBER BUILT:** 21,380

**ENGINE:** 292 or 312 cubic inch V-8

**TRANSMISSION:**

3-speed manual or automatic

**HORSEPOWER:** 285

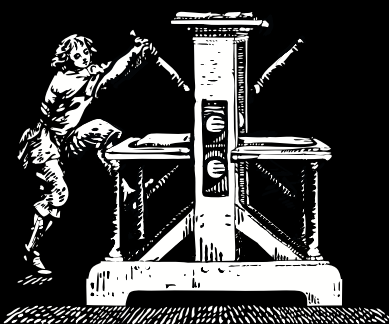
**TOP SPEED:** 124 mph

**GAS MILEAGE:** 14 to 16 mpg

**ORIGINAL PRICE:** \$3,408\*

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## Stephen Bogardus

(1954-2023)

Stephen Rogers Bogardus, 69, of Cold Spring passed away unexpectedly early in the morning of June 20, 2023.

Stephen was born Feb. 13, 1954, in Peekskill, New York, to Dorothy Rogers Bogardus and Roland Haven Bogardus. His family lived in Croton-on-Hudson, New York, where he attended public elementary and high school. He earned a bachelor's degree in music (voice and trumpet) at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York.

After college Stephen began a career in musical theater and in 1986 he met Katherine Gertson singing in an acapella choir called the Singing Christmas Tree that performed shows at the South Street Seaport. They married in 1989 and moved to Parrott Street in Cold Spring in 1994.

Stephen had a wonderful career in show business. Under the stage name of Stephen Brice, he performed in regional theaters, traveled the world entertaining on cruise ships, performed a European tour of *Evita*, a national tour of *The Music Man*, and performed at New York State Theater.

He also served as an advanced stage manager for regional theater tours, a stage manager for the Westchester Broadway Theater, production manager for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, and in the last 15 years of his career served as an independent theater consultant for the Scarsdale school district to renovate all the theater spaces, as well as teaching a course for Scarsdale High School on technical theater. He formally retired in June 2019.

Besides his extraordinary gifts in theater, music and teaching, he was a fabulous carpenter and auto mechanic (he loved his cars and boat). But more important, he cherished the bonds he made with family, friends, colleagues and students — and those bonds deeply enriched his life every day.

Stephen is survived by Kathy, his loving wife of 34 years, his brother Todd (Cecelia) Bogardus, his sister Caryl (Michael) DePalma, his nieces Lauren, Rachel, Morgan; his nephews Chad, Josh, Jesse Aaron, Tyler, Rylan, Toby, Emery; Aunt and Uncle Ron and Lois Stevens; his many in-laws; and his faithful dog, Zuzu.

A celebration of Stephen's life will be held for close friends and family at a future date. In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or [michaelfox.org](http://michaelfox.org)) in tribute to his parents Dorothy and Roland Bogardus.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home - Cold Spring.

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## Louis Lombardo Sr. (1941-2023)

Louis Angelo Lombardo Sr., 81, of Garrison, New York, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2023, at home with his loving wife and family by his side, after a courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Louis was born on July 16, 1941, to Leonard and Lillian Lombardo in Tappan, New York. Louis was raised in Garrison and would remain there throughout his life. It was there that he and his wife of 60 years, Ruth Ann, chose to raise their family.

Louis worked for many years at the Garrison Coal Co., and at the Garrison School as a well-liked bus driver/custodian. Louis is well known for his business, Louis Lombardo and Sons Inc. Louis took pride in working hard every day until 2019 when his health forced him into retirement and his family continuing to run the business. For over 50 years Louis enjoyed seeing and taking care of the residents of Philipstown.

He also enjoyed seeing their dogs and they looked forward to seeing him too as he was never without a full box of biscuits! When they heard his truck getting close, they would get excited for their visit from Louis. Recently Louis was gifted a book with photos and messages from his special furry friends. A gift he treasured.

Louis was passionate about serving others and was a lifetime member of Garrison Ambulance Corp and the Garrison Fire Department, serving the community proudly for over 35 years. He was always on call and would often be the first on the scene. Among other awards, Louis received a Proclamation from Putnam County in recognition of their appreciation and gratitude for his many years of volunteer services to the community.

Louis was a "collector" and loved finding treasures to add to his many collections. He was especially proud of his 1966 red GMC pickup truck. Louis loved

the Hudson River, enjoyed fishing with his children and grandchildren and was a member of the Fish and Game Club in Garrison.

Louis had the incredible ability to be everywhere in one day. He would pick up kids for school in the morning as their bus driver, taking care of his customers in the afternoon, maybe giving an excited dog a biscuit, and he could come back later at night volunteering with the ambulance or fire department. Louis's trustworthiness and dedication to his community were his life's work.

People knew they could count on Louis, and he took pride in that. Louis touched the lives of so many generations in this community. He along with his family always loved to hear stories and memories about how he helped and impacted their lives. His dedication to serving others was unmatched, just the same as his sweet tooth! Louis was always dependable and the relationships he has cultivated over the span of his life are the reasons why his loss will be felt, not just by his family, but by our supportive community.

Louis will be dearly missed by his wife Ruth Ann; his children, Louis A Lombardo Jr, Kathy Lombardo, and James "Tony" (Julie) Lombardo; his grandchildren, Kara Hunt, Emily (Nick) Nastasi, Louis "Angelo" Lombardo III, and Anthony Lombardo; his great-grandchildren Lily and Lila Nastasi; brothers, John (Susan) Lombardo, Frank (MaryAnn) Lombardo, and Vincent Lombardo; his brother-in-law Robert (Doreen) Ferris, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his very much-loved grandson, John Hunt Jr.

A celebration of life gathering will take place on July 16, 2023, at the Garrison Fire Department from 1 to 4 p.m. Memorial donations can be made to the Lewy Body Dementia Association, 92 Killian Hill Road SW, Lilburn, GA 30047 (lbda.org).

# LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

*Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.*

## 150 Years Ago (June 1873)

Judge Monell's lots in Matteawan brought \$160 to \$400 per lot at auction, for a total of \$26,000 [about \$660,000].

Two children, ages 4 and 8, were killed by a train at Glenham while playing on the Dutchess & Columbia Railroad tracks.

James Richard of Matteawan was chloroformed and robbed at a New York City hotel. He lost his money, gold watch and chain, and clothing.

Glenham organized a fire brigade.

Terry Carey, a brickyard laborer, after taking "a cruise among the liquor shops" in Peekskill, was walking along the tracks toward Fishkill Landing when "he was struck by a locomotive and crushed into a shapeless mass," according to *The Cold Spring Recorder*.

A massive fire on the Newburgh dock that was presumed to have been started by boys smoking caused \$250,000 [\$6.3 million] in damage.

Gen. Joseph Howland presented the Fishkill Free School with 350 plants to set along the paths and grounds.

According to the *Matteawan Enterprise*, Thomas Coldwell, a former resident, purchased the interest of his partner, George Chadborn, in their Newburgh lawn mower company, which was making 75 Excelsior Roller Mowers a day. [The partners started their business in the late 1860s by buying out their boss, Horatio Swift, who owned a mower plant in Matteawan. By one estimate, there were only 300 mowers in the U.S. at the time; by 1891 Coldwell was producing 20,000 annually. When Coldwell died in 1905, his two sons took over; the company remained in business until the 1940s. Horatio Swift had opened his Matteawan plant in the 1850s after H.W. Sargent of Fishkill sent him a mower imported from England for repair. Swift's largest mower was 42 inches wide and horse-drawn.]

A Fishkill Landing brewer, Paul Stackpole, had his pocketbook stolen at the depot in Troy. He was en route to Montreal for business, having traveled from Fishkill Landing to New York City the day before to exchange greenbacks for gold. After arriving in Troy, where he planned to change trains, he was crowded on the platform and soon after missed his wallet, which

## New Excelsior Lawn Mower.



An advertisement from 1875 for the Excelsior lawn mower

contained \$251 in gold and \$50 in greenbacks [about \$7,600]. He had to refund his ticket to Montreal so he could purchase a return trip to Fishkill Landing.

A new stage route was opened between Matteawan and the long dock at Fishkill Landing.

Bryson Bruce, formerly editor of the *Walton Chronicle* in the Catskills, was named editor of the *Matteawan Enterprise*.

A fire raging in the Fishkill Mountains had already traveled nearly 5 miles and burned 1,000 cords of wood.

## 125 Years Ago (June 1898)

Albert Knapp, who lived on the Highland road near Fishkill Village, found two old copper coins on his farm. One was a 1773

British penny stamped by a punch with images of a clay pipe, and the other a 1723 half penny.

The Sargent Industrial School held graduation ceremonies. A reporter for the *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* reported that "the whole house was open for inspection, and every room was fragrant with flowers. The tables were filled with articles made by little hands ... Everything in the building was complete in equipment for the three grades of work it represented

— cooking, sewing and laundrying. It was marvelous what these little girls of 10 and 11 had accomplished. ... St. Luke's Orchestra played for the march, in which nearly 200 students took part. All the marchers had flags and at the close formed a circle on the lawn with the flags crossed. In the center of the circle stood Mrs. [Henry Winthrop] Sargent with a basket of diplomas."

## 100 Years Ago (June 1923)

More than 2,000 members of the Archdiocese of New York Holy Name Union descended on the city. They arrived from New York City on two chartered excursion boats, as well as from Cold Spring, Highland Falls, Wappingers Falls and Kingston, and were welcomed by members from St.

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Joachim's and St. John's churches.

Pvt. Julius MacDonald, a former Beacon resident, drowned in the Panama Canal Zone, where he had been assigned to the 4th Field Artillery after enlisting in 1922.

The Central New England Railroad said it would place uniformed officers at city crossings it considered especially dangerous after it had to pay out several settlements following collisions between locomotives and vehicles. The railroad said the officers would educate "autoists" on the risks.

Gussie Moose, of Herkimer, was killed while riding on the rear step of a New York Central Railroad train headed north from the city. According to the tower man in Beacon, Moose rushed from the depot just as the train was leaving and jumped on the last car. Because the door had been closed, he stood on the step and clung to the hand rail. When the train reached a bridge just south of New Hamburg, where there was not enough room for his body to pass, he was crushed. The tower man had phoned New Hamburg with an alert but, when the train arrived with no one on the rear step, a party was sent in search of the body.

Thirty federal agents conducted raids during the Firemen's Convention in Beacon, making 13 arrests for selling liquor [which was illegal during Prohibition]. The agents said they found whiskey during five raids and beer in three others.

Lucky, Plast & Co., a department store in Poughkeepsie, announced it would use "modern advertising techniques" and "circularize by aeroplane" an image of its newly enlarged store by dropping 5,000 pieces of paper over Beacon, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie and Kingston.

The Holland Hotel Co. sold its property at the corner of Main and Elm streets for \$35,000 [\$622,000] to John B. Lodge.

### 75 Years Ago (June 1948)

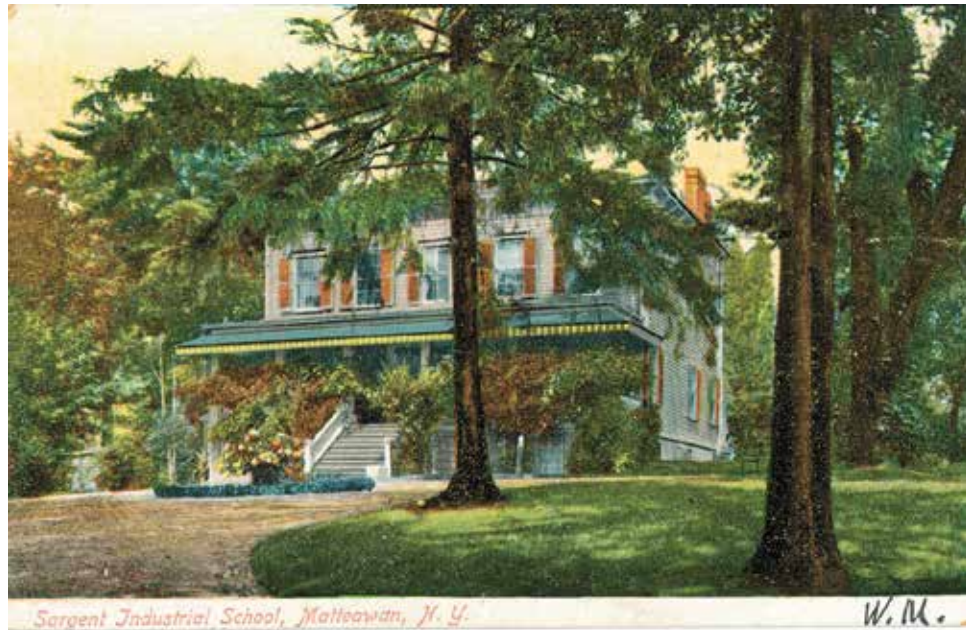
A 39-year-old South Avenue man serving a one-year sentence at the county jail on a morals charge walked away from a crew assigned to the courthouse. Three days later, he surrendered to the sheriff accompanied by his father.

The Dutchess Hat Works closed and about 250 people lost their jobs. A subsidiary of the Merrimac Hat Corp. of Amesbury, Massachusetts, it had operated in Beacon for 14 years, and the building had been used as a hat factory for 75 years. The structure was to be sold as soon as the machinery was removed.

Robert Smith, chair of the Dutchess County chapter of the American Veterans' Committee, said there was a waiting list of 100 men for the city's veterans' housing project, with turnover of about six per year.

Beacon heavyweight Melio Bettina scored the third knockout of his career at MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn in a win over Angel Sotillo of Argentina. The boxing match ended in the third round.

A 23-year-old Newburgh man sued a Beacon police sergeant and three patrolmen for \$25,000, alleging they beat him while he was being booked for disorderly conduct. The police department said the man, who was arrested after an argument



The Sargent Industrial School in Matteawan

Beacon Historical Society

on Main Street, had attempted to flee and asked why he had not filed criminal charges against the officers.

The City Council granted Mayor Lewis Bolton a leave of absence for the month of July so he could vacation in Maine.

In a boxing match at a recreation park in Newburgh in front of 2,500 fans, Max Mitchell of Harlem knocked out Paul "Kid" Hawks of Beacon in the fifth round.

### 50 Years Ago (June 1973)

The high school baseball team played nine scoreless innings against Lakeland in the Section I, Class A tournament before the Hornets pulled out a 5-2 win in the 10th inning to advance. Dave Eraca, who had 25 hits in 50 at-bats for the Bulldogs, was named the most valuable player in the Dutchess County Scholastic League.

After a two-year delay, a 30-unit condo development known as Hammond Plaza at Beekman and Ferry streets was ready for construction. Residents displaced by urban renewal received priority for the two-bedroom units, which cost \$27,000 each [\$185,000].

Jimmy Collier and Sweet Medicine performed a free concert at Memorial Park organized by the Neighborhood Service Organization, a United Way agency.

Three storage tanks at the site of the former Dennings Brickworks leaked 10,000 gallons of oil into the Hudson River, damaging boats at the Chelsea Yacht Club and White's Marina. A commuter who spotted the slick as he drove over the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge notified the Coast Guard. Another 40,000 gallons soaked into the ground.

David Young, a Beacon High School graduate who worked for the National Security Council in the Nixon White House and co-founded what became known as the "plumbers" (because they plugged leaks), testified to a grand jury that one of his colleagues, John Ehrlichman, helped plan a September 1971 burglary of the office of the psychiatrist of Daniel Ellsberg, who had leaked the Pentagon Papers. Two other plumbers, E.



David Young

Howard Hunt Jr. and G. Gordon Liddy, were later convicted in the Watergate conspiracy. Young was given limited immunity for his testimony.

The Howland Circulating Library, built in 1872 and now home to the Howland Cultural Center, was added to the National Register of Historic Places.

The rock band Kid's Stuff, led by Micheal Faison, performed at the second annual Beacon Jaycees Beacon Day, along with a folk singing group, Double Image. New York Jets offensive lineman Dave Herman also made an appearance.

AAA recognized Beacon for not having a pedestrian fatality in 12 years, which put it in a three-way tie as the third safest city in the state behind Southampton (27 years) and Pelham Manor (14 years).

An armed robber who held up Beacon Hardware, at 178 Main St., fled with \$50.

After defeating Warwick, 11-10, on a bases-loaded single by Dave Eraca in the bottom of the final inning, the Beacon Astros improved to 7-1 in the Hudson Valley American Legion Rookie League.

About 20 Black residents attended a school board meeting to protest the demotion of Arthur "Ted" Browne, the first Black principal in the district, from Rombout Middle School to his former position as assistant principal at Beacon High School. He had the Rombout job for a year. The board said the demotion was based solely on an evaluation by the superintendent, and no racism was involved. It voted 5-1 to make the change, with the "no" vote from Leon Cochrane, its only Black member.

### 25 Years Ago (June 1998)

The high school baseball team made a deep run in the state tournament. Seeded No. 8 among Section I, Class B teams, it upset No. 1 Harrison before defeating Brewster to advance to the championship game against No. 3 Nyack at Dutchess Stadium. In that contest, reliever Bryan McDowell retired 13 of the 15 batters he faced and the Bulldogs won, 3-2, for their first sectional title since 1991. Beacon won its first regional matchup, 9-8, in 10 innings over Roundout Valley, then traveled to Syracuse to face Wantagh in the semifinals but lost, 12-6.



### Leonard Lindros Jr. (1938-2023)

Leonard William Lindros Jr., a resident of Garrison since 1946, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2023, at the New York State Veterans Home at Montrose. He was 84 years old.

He was born on December 16, 1938, in the Bronx to the late Leonard William Lindros Sr. and Emma Gilles Lindros. He grew up in Mount Vernon, New York, and attended Upsala College.

Leonard was a U.S. veteran, serving his country in the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard for over 20 years. He was a former president of the Putnam County Historical Society, an author of two books, and an avid Yankees fan. He was known for his notable home that he designed and built on the Hudson. Leonard worked as an agent and investment counselor with The Equitable Life Assurance Company for 55 years.

Leonard is survived by his devoted wife Karen S. Lindros, loving children Sheryl Lindros Dolan and her husband J. Reilly, and Leonard W. Lindros III and his wife Heather, and cherished grandchildren Thomas R. Dolan, Emelia A. Lindros, James W. Dolan and Kaiden M. Laverdiere.

A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Philip's Church in the Highlands, 1101 Route 9D, Garrison, New York 10524. Interment will follow in the parish cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations would be welcomed at St. Christopher's Inc., at [mystchristophers.org/donate/give-hope.html](http://mystchristophers.org/donate/give-hope.html). Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home-Cold Spring.



## OBITUARIES

## Rosemarie Cretelli (1938-2023)

Rosemarie Cretelli, 85, a lifetime resident of Philipstown who co-owned C&E Paint Supply on Main Street in Cold Spring, died June 15 at her home.



She was born in Peekskill on June 11, 1938, the daughter of Francis and Marie Arrigo. On Feb. 15, 1959, she married Edward Cretelli, whom she had known since the first grade at Our Lady of Loretto School. They were married 58 years until his death in 2017.

Rosemarie was on the Our Lady of Loretto Parish Council for 12 years. She was a member of the Mother's Guild and proud gym mom at Our Lady of Loretto School, and worked in parish activities for 20 years. C&E Paint closed in 2021 after 70 years in business.

Rosemarie is survived by her daughter, Donna Friedrich (Michael); her grandchildren, Aleksander Friedrich and Emma Jicha (Matthew); her brothers, Wayne Baldino (Pam) and Mark Baldino (Kathleen); and her sister-in-law, Diane Baldino.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday (June 27) at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto, 24 Fair St., in Cold Spring, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).

## Jack Goldstein (1949-2023)

Jack Goldstein, 74, of Cold Spring, died June 16 of a heart attack.



He was born on March 5, 1949. According to a biography posted on the website of his business, JLG Art & Antiques, Goldstein was raised in a military family at Washington, D.C., and made frequent forays to New York City, where his grandmother lived. He attended Blair Academy, the University

of California at Berkeley and George Washington University.

He moved to New York City following the demolition of the historic Helen Hayes and Morosco Theaters in 1982 and began his professional career as executive director of Save the Theaters, where he led a campaign to landmark 27 Broadway theaters. Goldstein later became executive director of the Theater Development Fund, where he organized an international design competition for the iconic red stairs of the TKTS booth in Times Square.

During his lifetime, Goldstein continuously studied, collected and traded art and antiques. His first shop was a seasonal storefront in Rehoboth, Delaware. He had a specific interest in what fine examples of humble objects said about the time, culture and people that produced them.

Goldstein moved to Cold Spring in 2007, where he loved tooling around the Hudson Valley in his green Subaru looking for hidden gems. He was active in civic affairs, chairing the Planning Board and Code Update Committee. He also served on the board of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Goldstein told *The Current* in 2014 that he missed "the intellectual stimulation, the being at the center of things" of his former life in New York City. "I think I've made a contribution when I walk through Times Square and see theaters filled — many would have been swept away. But I feel here that there's an openness to people here that has been very rewarding for me. I felt part of the place very quickly."

## Other Recent Deaths

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CROSSCURRENT

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12				13				14				
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- ACROSS
1. Fireplace residue

4. Height of fashion?

7. *Serpico* director

12. Scary cry

13. Oklahoma city

14. Sports venue

15. Takes too much, briefly

16. First-rate

18. Mafia boss

19. "Once upon —"

20. Send forth

22. Author Umberto

23. Hardly hirsute

27. Do sums

29. Composer Prokofiev

31. New Zealand native

34. Daydreamer Walter

35. Hansel's sister

37. Center

38. Round Table titles

39. Jargon suffix

41. Winds up

45. Michelangelo masterpiece

47. Have the flu

48. First-rate

52. Bikini top

53. Worth

54. Samovar

55. Slugger Mel

56. Brownstone feature

57. *The Bells* author

58. "See ya!"
- DOWN
1. Home

2. Sin city

3. Egypt's Mubarak

4. "Funny!"

5. Redacted

6. Wizardry

7. Chantilly, e.g.

8. Web address

9. "Give — break!"

10. Em halves

11. Prof's helpers

17. Med. plan options

21. Small fruit pies

23. Illegal payment

24. Literary rep

25. Allow

26. Hobbyist's abbr.

28. Conk out

30. Outback bird

31. Brit. sports cars

32. Onassis nickname

33. Not 'neath

36. *Star Wars* royal

37. Straight, for short

40. Clinch

42. Mogul

43. Begrimed

44. Roofing material

45. Get ready, briefly

46. "Rule, Britannia!" composer

48. Den sets

49. Feedback bit

50. Mideast org.

51. Pair with an air

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

Can you go from PRIDE to FRAPE in 6 words?  
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PRIDE

FRAPE

MICRO  
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Swan-necked fruit

6. Path starter?

7. Devoured with gusto

8. Rigatoni alternative

9. Aquatic eagles
- DOWN
1. Totally lose it

2. Blender brand

3. Knoxville sch.

4. See old friends again

5. Chowderheads

1	2	3	4	5
6				
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