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STAND TOGETHER — As part of Pride Month, Highlands residents walked the length of Main Street in Beacon on June 16 for a Queer Protest March before holding a rally at Polhill Park. Shown from left are Matt Zeltzer, Andrew Geller Karl and Veekas Ashoka. Speakers decried attempts by state legislatures to restrict LGBTQ+ rights.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Local Residents Mobilize to Aid Migrants

Groups, individuals lend time and skills

By Leonard Sparks

Parishioners at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Garrison and the Highlands Chapel in Cold Spring have for years supported the Rural & Migrant Ministry, which assists farmworkers and recent immigrants.

So, when the ministry on June 17 organized an event to support asylum seekers lodged at hotels in the Town of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, congregants donated enough food to make 150 meals, said Jim Bopp, a Garrison resident who attends St. Philip's and serves on the board of Rural & Migrant Ministry, which is based in Cornwall.

Bopp said that he and the Rev. Amanda Eiman, the rector at St. Philip's, were among six people from the congregation who drove to Cornwall to volunteer and meet with dozens of migrants. A pastry chef from Mauritania and a truck driver from Mali were among the people he met, said Bopp.

"I'm a Christian," he said. "It's clear that we're to love our neighbors as ourselves."

Bopp and Rural & Migrant Ministry were clearly not factored in by Dutchess and other counties that have filed lawsuits to stop New York City from sending, to hotels

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Finally: New Code for Cold Spring

Vote concludes a nine-year, 32-person effort

By Michael Turton

At a special afternoon meeting on Monday (June 26), the Cold Spring Village Board unanimously adopted

updates to the village code that regulate noise, signs and placards, and zoning.

The updated laws, which take effect immediately upon receipt by New York State, were sent overnight to Albany on Wednesday (June 28). The board faced a June 30 deadline to receive state funding for the update.

The final step in the process — a some-

times-contentious public hearing on the revisions — opened on April 26 and closed at the board's June 21 meeting.

Mayor Kathleen Foley issued a "well done all of you" in thanking the 32 people who worked on the code update process, which began in 2014.

The mayor and trustees conducted a comma-by-comma, line-by-line, paragraph-by-paragraph, page-by-page review

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That Little Church at the Corner

A forgotten community and a July 4th tradition

By Michael Turton

Once the hub of a 19th-century hamlet, the Mekeel's Corners Chapel sits alone, the only building at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 301, three miles east of Cold Spring.

The tiny church is closed 364 days of the year, but on Tuesday (July 4) at 10 a.m., its caretakers will continue a decades-long tradition by opening the doors for a non-denominational worship service.

Built in 1867, the picturesque chapel was an integral part of a small community that included homes, a school, a blacksmith

shop and a hotel. It was initially known as the Philipstown Methodist Episcopal Union Chapel, or the Union Church. According to a newspaper account, the first service was held in November 1867 and the building also hosted public meetings because the schoolhouse was too small.

A news clipping from 1950 noted that the chapel had fallen into disrepair and was being used "as a refuge for knights of the road." It was restored in the early 1950s with funds donated by Helen Fahnestock Hubbard, who owned the property next door, and a nonprofit association for its upkeep was created in 1961, following her death. The building has never had electricity or plumbing.

Mark Forlow, who is president of the

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The Mekeel's Corners Chapel soon after it was built in 1867

Forlow Collection

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FIVE QUESTIONS: JOSEPH LAVETSKY

By Mackenzie Boric

Joseph Lavetsky, who lives and works in Beacon, is an immigration lawyer.

Why did you decide to practice law?

I was teaching in Japan but didn't know what I wanted to do in the long term. I liked teaching, but I wasn't sure if I wanted to make a career out of it. One day, while taking a walk, I thought, "I could study international law, human rights laws, and go to law school." I'd spent time traveling around the world and it opened my eyes, and that got me interested in immigration law. I didn't realize what a rabbit hole it would be. Immigration law, and the situations and politics surrounding it, are complicated. It's intellectually stimulating but challenging. It suits my personality because I don't necessarily have to go to court; it can be done mostly in the office or at home. I'm grateful I was able to find my niche.

You grew up in Syracuse and attended college in Buffalo and Atlanta, but somehow learned to surf. How did that come about?

I did an exchange program at the University of Sydney. I lived in a beach town called Bradley. I'm not going say that I was the greatest surfer, but I did buy a surfboard



for \$175, and I did try to learn. I didn't have a work permit, so the only thing to do was read, surf and exercise. That was my life for two months.

What is the biggest challenge of your job now?

Many immigrants have a hard time trusting someone with their stories and lives. Many are putting their future into your hands. For example, if they're applying for a green card, and they don't have legal status and the lawyer doesn't handle the paperwork the right way, the person would be stepping out of the shadows. You have to remember, as I learned myself, that immigration law is so incredibly complicated, it's easy to get it wrong. That's one reason I think a lot of immigrants hesitate to apply for certain benefits, even if they qualify.

What challenges do people face to become legal residents?

For the person who overstays their visa or comes across the border, the immigration laws make it so difficult to get a green card that their only practical option is to marry a U.S. citizen or somebody with a green card.

Even if an employer wants to sponsor you for a green card, it can be difficult to qualify. In some cases, even if you've been here since you were a child, you might have to go back to your native country for the interview. And sometimes the law says if you do that, you can't come back for 10 years, at least. DACA [Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, a program established in 2012] recipients are fortunate in that they have a work permit, a Social Security number, the ability to apply for a travel permit for \$575. But if you came to the U.S. after 2007, as a lot of high school graduates are now realizing, you don't qualify for DACA. A lot of those people are in a difficult situation, and sometimes they don't have any realistic options.

Recently New York City has been sending immigrants who are seeking asylum to hotels in Dutchess and other counties. What is required for an immigrant to apply for asylum?

There are various types of asylum, but most people apply for political asylum because, even if your claim is not great, you will likely get work authorization and a Social Security number, as well as access to state benefits like Medicaid or health insurance. That's one reason people apply in New York. A lot of asylum approvals go to people from countries where there is political instability, authoritarian governments, minority groups who are persecuted. Notably, a lot of asylum attorneys are leaving the field because the immigration court system is such a mess. Some people are waiting six months or more to get their applications reviewed, and others wait three or four years to get a hearing. For some, it can take 10 years to get a decision, especially since the pandemic, because the courts have immense backlogs. The reality is that these people are here and it's fine to welcome them, but at the same time, the federal government has a mess on its hands.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Which of your parents' sayings do you use?

It's a short one: "Say again?"



"Beacon Bill" Morse, Beacon

Mom always said, "Compare yourself with the best, not the worst."



Rosemary Burke, Cold Spring

My dad said, "Always respect everyone."



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NEWS BRIEFS



CHIEF RECOGNIZED — Gary VanVoorhis, recently retired as the Beacon fire chief, was honored at the City Council meeting on Monday (June 26) with a plaque from the city and another from his firefighters, as well as flag flown over the U.S. Capitol. He spent much of his career as a firefighter in Peoria, Illinois, before being hired in 2013 as Beacon's first paid chief. "Gary's leadership over the past decade helped to modernize, improve and professionalize the Fire Department," said Council Member George Mansfield. VanVoorhis, second from left, is shown with his wife, Lori; Chief Thomas Lucchesi; and Mansfield.

Marijuana License Awarded to Newburgh Company

Applicants in Poughkeepsie, Yorktown Heights also licensed

New York's Cannabis Control Board on June 15 approved licenses for 36 retail marijuana dispensaries, including a firm based in the City of Newburgh and two companies in Poughkeepsie.

Vibe Natural received the license in Newburgh, which is in the process of updating its zoning to allow for dispensaries in designated areas.

The Poughkeepsie firms are Barone Partners and 4 Jays. Valley Greens of Yorktown Heights also was approved.

As of June 15, the 13 dispensaries operating in the state had generated \$22.6 million in sales, according to the control board. More than 40 dispensaries are in development, said the board, which has awarded 251 retail licenses.

Breakneck Trailhead to Reopen

Renovation part of Fjord Trail project

The Breakneck Trailhead will reopen on Saturday (July 1) after a four-month renovation that was part of the first phase of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, a proposed 7.5-mile "linear park" between Cold Spring and Beacon.

The work, which began on March 1, included relocating the trailhead farther up the ridge, repairing trail surfaces, installing stone steps leading to the ascent and constructing a trail steward station away from Route 9D, said Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc., the project's developer.

Construction is expected to begin this winter on the Breakneck Connector and Bridge, which will combine a trail running south along 9D from the Breakneck Metro-North stop and a bridge over the train tracks with new parking areas and bathrooms, and two trail bank areas.

Broadband Coverage High in Beacon, Cold Spring

Availability lower in Philipstown and Nelsonville

Broadband internet is available to nearly every address in Beacon and Cold Spring, but the coverage is lower in Nelsonville and Philipstown, according to a map released June 22 by the state Public Service Commission.

The map, at bit.ly/ny-broadband-map, allows users to search by ZIP code or street address and view providers and their maximum download and upload speeds.

Broadband is offered to 4,920 addresses, or 99.3 percent of the total, in the 12508 ZIP code, which includes all of Beacon and part of the Town of Fishkill. The coverage for the Beacon school district is 98.3 percent and for Dutchess County, 96.3 percent.

Coverage is nearly complete in Cold Spring (99.7 percent) but lower in the Haldane school district (94.1 percent), Nelsonville (92.5 percent) and Philipstown (92.2 percent). In Putnam County, 98.7 percent of addresses have broadband available.



CLEARWATER BUOYED — Jonathan Jacobson, a member of the state Assembly whose district includes Beacon, on June 23 presented Hudson River Sloop Clearwater with \$30,000 from funds left to his discretion to distribute. Shown with Jacobson (center) are Steve Stanne, Meg Mayo, David Toman and Ruthie Gold of Clearwater. Photos provided

\$25 Million Infusion for Heat Pumps

Central Hudson at risk of depleting funds

The state Public Service Commission on June 22 approved \$25 million for a Central Hudson program to expand the use of heat pumps.

Under its Clean Heat Program, Central Hudson offers up to \$2,000 in rebates to customers who replace fossil-fuel heat-

ing with ground-source pumps and up to \$1,000 for the installation of air-source heat pumps. Because of demand, the program risked running out of money by mid-June, according to the commission.

More than half, \$13.5 million, will be reallocated from the utility's energy-efficient budget, another \$4 million from unspent funds and \$1.7 million in accrued interest. Central Hudson is required to spend an additional \$6 million if needed, said the commission.



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How They Voted

Governor signs round of bills passed by state legislators

By Chip Rowe

Through this week, Gov. Kathy Hochul had signed 143 bills passed during the 2023-24 legislative session, which ended earlier this month. Another 47 await her signature. None has been vetoed.

Below are summaries of select laws and the votes cast by Republican Rob Rolison (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Dana Levenberg (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

Birth control

On May 2, Hochul signed legislation that allows pharmacists to dispense birth control over the counter with a “non-patient specific standing order” from a physician or nurse practitioner.

Passed by Senate, 48-15
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 109-37
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also signed a law to require that every State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) campus provide their students with access to abortion medication.

Passed by Senate, 42-18
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 100-49
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

On June 23, Hochul signed a law that prohibits state law enforcement from cooperating with cases prosecuting doctors in New York who use telehealth services to prescribe abortion medication or deliver reproductive health care to people in states with restrictive abortion laws. It also ensures that these providers will not be subject to professional discipline from medical malpractice insurance companies.

Passed by Senate, 39-22
Rolison ☐

Passed by Assembly, 98-47
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Gender-neutral language

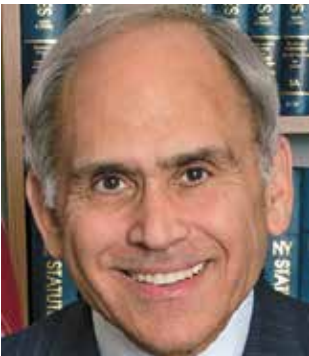
On June 25, Hochul signed bills to change language in state law:

■ To strike “nothing contained herein shall be construed to protect conduct otherwise proscribed by law” from the definition of sexual orientation in human rights law, so that it reads: “The term sexual orientation means heterosexuality, homosexuality, bisexuality or asexuality, whether actual or perceived.”

Passed by Senate, 63-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 140-3
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

■ To require that gender-neutral terms, including they, them and theirs, be used in



Jacobson



Levenberg



Rolison

any law, local law, rule, regulation, ordinance or resolution unless the reference is to a specific person.

Passed by Senate, 46-15
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 93-53
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

■ To require state agencies to use gender-neutral terminology on their websites unless in reference to a specific person or group of people.

Passed by Senate, 58-3
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 145-1
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Homeless youth

On May 24, Hochul enacted a law that allows homeless teenagers under the age of 18 who are receiving services at an approved runaway and homeless youth crisis services program or a transitional independent living support program to receive medical and dental treatment without the permission of a parent.

Passed by Senate, 54-9
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 105-41
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Transgender rights

On Sunday (June 25), in response to laws in other states that have restricted care for transgender minors, Hochul signed legislation that prohibits these laws from being applied in New York in custody cases. It

also prohibits law enforcement agencies from cooperating with individuals or agencies from out of state, the issuance of a subpoena in connection with certain out-of-state proceedings relating to health or related information about people who come to New York to receive gender-affirming care, or the “arrest of a person for performing or aiding in the lawful performance of gender-affirming care in New York state.”

Passed by Senate, 44-18
Rolison ☐

Passed by Assembly, 97-47
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The same day, Hochul enacted a law that requires the Office of Addiction Services and Supports to treat patients based on the individual’s gender identity, gender expression and/or sexual orientation.

Passed by Senate, 46-12
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 136-4
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Flood damage

On March 3, Hochul signed a law that requires residential leases to note previous flood damage due to heavy rain, coastal storm surge, tidal inundation or river overflow.

Passed by Senate, 49-12
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 106-37
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Mackenzie Boric contributed reporting.

How They Voted

(Congress)

Each Friday that the U.S. Congress is in session, we share summaries at highlandscurrent.org of important bills and the votes of Rep. Mike Lawler (a Republican whose district includes Philipstown) and Rep. Pat Ryan (a Democrat whose district includes Beacon), along with New York’s senators, Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, who are both Democrats.

The summaries are written and the votes compiled by Richard G. Thomas, editor of the nonpartisan VoteFacts.com. Thomas has been accredited since 1973 by the U.S. House and Senate daily press galleries.

Here is a sample from the week ending June 23.

Call for Impeachment of President Biden

Voting 219 for and 208 against, the House on June 22 adopted a resolution (H Res 529) that referred to the Judiciary and Homeland Security committees a resolution to impeach President Biden based on what critics say is his failure to protect the southern border of the United States. The committees are charged with developing evidence and reporting their findings to the full House, but also have the option of taking no action.

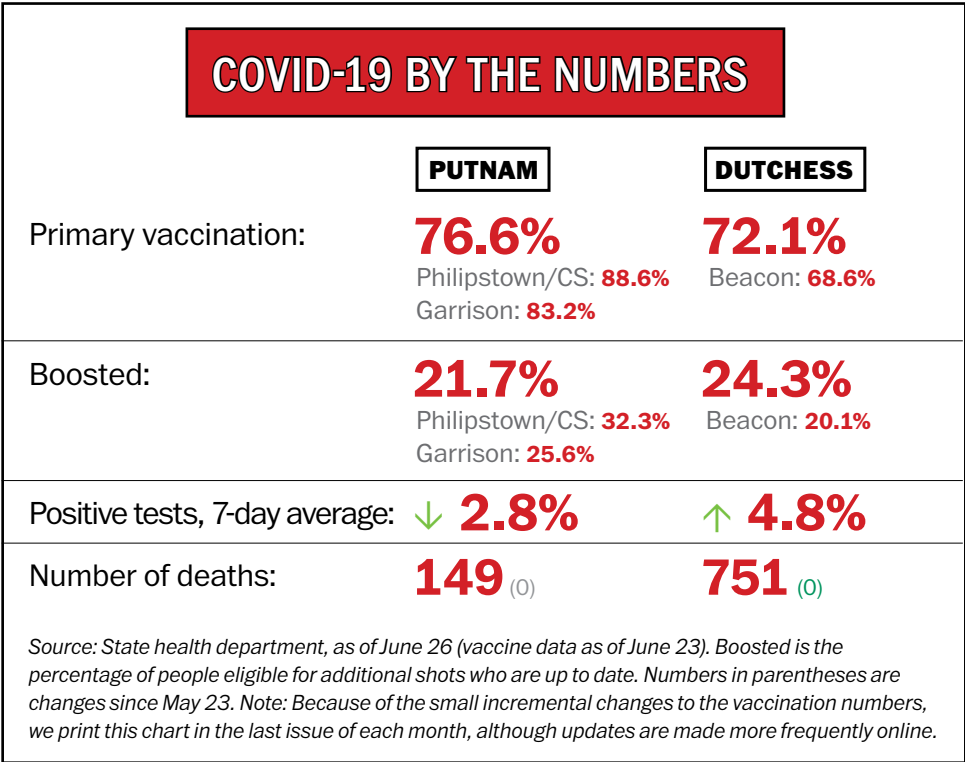
Lauren Boebert (R-Colo.) said: “By nullifying our immigration and border security laws through a systematic lack of enforcement, President Biden has not only threatened the lives of countless Americans with his fentanyl crisis and increased crime, he has threatened the very foundation of our separation of powers. When a president tramples on the Constitution and ignores the laws on the books, it is Congress’ solemn duty to restore our constitutional balance through articles of impeachment.”

Jim McGovern (D-Mass.) said Republicans “are dishonoring this House and dishonoring themselves by bringing to the floor a ridiculous impeachment referral resolution against Joe Biden because Donald Trump told them to.... [They] are here on the floor defending a three-time loser, sexual abuser, ex-president that has been indicted more times than he has been elected. It is pathetic. Instead of dealing with their own issues, Republicans are going after Joe Biden to try to distract and deflect.”

A “yes” vote was to send an impeachment resolution to House committees.

Michael Lawler (R-17) ☒
Pat Ryan (D-18) ☐

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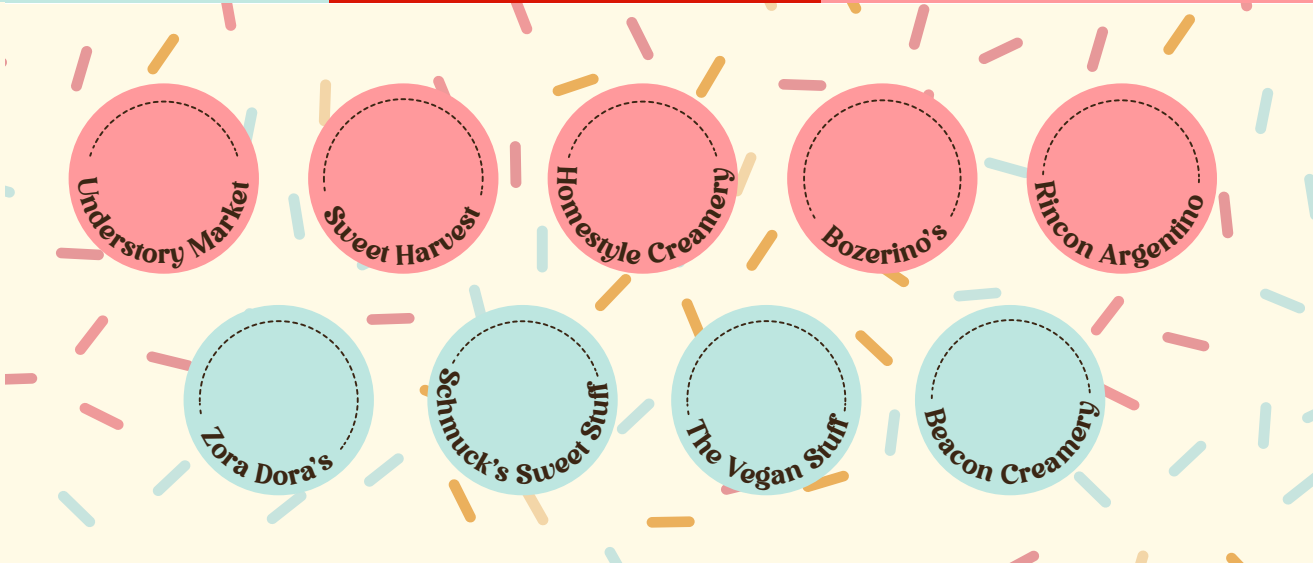


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Putnam Seeks to Oversee Advanced Ambulances

Move would not affect volunteer services

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Putnam Legislature voted unanimously on June 20 to obtain certification to operate advanced life support ambulances, in what could portend a break with its contract with the private Ambulnz service.

The move does not affect volunteer ambulance corps, like those serving Philipstown, which offer more basic medical care.

Ambulances that provide advanced life support (ALS) are typically staffed by paramedics who treat heart attacks, strokes and other medical crises. By comparison, volunteer ambulance staff are usually emergency medical technicians trained to stabilize a patient until the vehicle can reach a hospital.

Putnam began reviewing its ALS needs last month when Robert Lipton, the new Bureau of Emergency Services commissioner, told the Legislature that Ambulnz might use a 90-day escape clause to end its contract because it said the deal was unprofitable.

“It never should have happened. I’m happy to see it getting cleaned up.”

~ Legislator Nancy Montgomery

The county should be prepared if that happens, he said, noting that once Putnam has its own certification, it can accept bids from a wider range of providers because they could use the county’s authorization if they do not have their own.

The Legislature scheduled a June 6 vote but delayed action when questions arose because the proposed resolution referred to the county wanting to also secure basic life support services from commercial providers. It was revised to limit its focus to ALS.

“We don’t want to [indicate] that we are going into running basic life support departments and the ambulance corps,” said Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson, who chairs the Protective Services Committee.

Securing advanced life support service in the county has not been a smooth ride. In December 2021, then-County Executive MaryEllen Odell chose to replace EMStar with Ambulnz, which bid \$1.49 million for coverage in 2022, the first year of a five-year contract, about \$400,000 less than EMStar.

Volunteer ambulance corps members and other critics warned that Ambulnz could try to raise its rates after 2022 and might be stretched thin.

Before the vote to switch to Ambulnz, Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, complained that legislators had not seen the contract. But Nacerino said the Legislature’s only function was to approve a \$40,467 trans-

fer to launch the Ambulnz deal. “The contract is executed by the county executive,” she said, and “it would have compromised the integrity of the contract” to let legislators review it.

Montgomery expressed satisfaction with the June 20 vote, calling the 2021 decision “a total disaster. It never should have happened. I’m happy to see it getting cleaned up.”

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NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 11th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** in person at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516**

This meeting will also be livestreaming on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Philipstown Conservation Board Meeting July 2023.

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Migrants *(from Page 1)*

within their boundaries, some of the more than 80,000 migrants seeking asylum who have overwhelmed New York City's shelter system. Unlike county executives, a number of religious and activist groups have asked: "What can we do to help?"

The lawsuits filed by the counties have repeated a theme — that the additional people will overwhelm existing resources. But the 86 asylum seekers transported to the Red Roof Inn on Route 9 in the Town of Poughkeepsie and the 186 people bused to the Crossroads Hotel and Ramada by Wyndham in the Town of Newburgh have found the opposite.

In addition to Rural & Migrant Ministry, elected officials such as Yvette Valdés Smith, a Dutchess County legislator whose district includes part of Beacon, joined other supporters who greeted migrants as they stepped off buses at the hotels. And, grass-roots groups like Beacon Climate Action Now and Reunite Migrant Families have held donation drives and recruited translators and people to fill other volunteer roles.

Much of the coordination takes place through a WhatsApp group called Dutchess Welcoming, said Valdés Smith, a Democrat who was elected in 2021. "These organizations have blown my mind," she said. "I'm inspired by their action and their humanity."

New York City sent 110 asylum seekers to the Crossroads Hotel in Newburgh on May 11 and then another 76 to the Ramada in Newburgh. On May 21, two buses dropped off migrants at the Red Roof Inn in Poughkeepsie.

The Red Roof contracted with New York City to provide rooms despite an executive order issued two days earlier by Dutchess Executive William F.X. O'Neil that prohibited hotels from accepting asylum seekers.

"I was surprised by that — which I thought was a devastating blow and an un-humanitarian approach to what was happening," said Valdés Smith.

Valdés Smith said she contacted Beacon Climate Action Now, which was assisting migrants at the Newburgh hotels, about collaborating to help the people staying at the Red Roof Inn.

Visiting the hotel that first week, she said they met men who spoke Spanish, Valdés' first language, but also Arabic, French and Portuguese. Some of the men, she said, were relying on Google Translate to communicate.

"One of the first court dates they had was June 5, and they had never spoken to any sort of lawyer," she said.

Translators were recruited by Deb Davidovits, a Fishkill resident who responded to Beacon Climate Action Now's call for volunteers. She and another volunteer arrange to have translators available when needed.

"Unless we're Native Americans, we all came here from someplace else, and to help somebody in need just feels like a fundamentally important act," Davidovits said.

Members of Reunite Migrant Families, the Hudson Valley chapter of the national group Grannies Respond, traveled to Orange County to greet asylum seekers transported to the Newburgh hotels.

Because they received an early notice



Dozens of asylum seekers staying at hotels in the Town of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie attended an event hosted on June 17 by Rural & Migrant Ministry in Cornwall.



Volunteers with Beacon Climate Action Now organized donations collected for asylum seekers staying at hotels in the Town of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie. *Photos provided*

about the arrival, the group had already collected carloads of donations, said Muriel Horowitz, a member of Reunite Migrant Families' steering committee.

Volunteers collected work boots, pants, shorts and over-the-counter medications. They also used cash donations to buy additional items, handed out fliers about workshops organized by migrant-serving organizations such as Neighbors Link and Catholic Charities, and drove migrants to English classes at a church in Poughkeepsie.

Ahead of the celebration on Thursday (June 29) of Eid al-Adha, one of Islam's major holidays, a local mosque invited some of the Arabic-speaking migrants at the Red Roof Inn to attend its services, said Horowitz.

"People from our group, somebody's there [at the Red Roof] most days for something," said Horowitz.

The event organized by Rural & Migrant Ministry took place at the organization's headquarters in Cornwall. Welcoming the asylum seekers addressed two concerns, said the Rev. Richard Witt, who has been executive director of the charity since 1991: "speaking a different voice than the negative vitriol" heard from people opposed to their presence, and to help them settle into the area.

"Our concern right now is they're going to be here ongoing," said Witt. "How do we



Richard Witt

Resources to Assist Migrants

- Beacon Climate Action Now**
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- Greater Newburgh Interfaith Council**
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nyic.org
- Reunite Migrant Families (Grannies Respond)**
bit.ly/reunite-migrant-families
granniesrespond.org
- Rural & Migrant Ministry**
ruralmigrantministry.org
- Ulster Immigrant Defense Network**
ulsterimmigrantdefensenetwork.org

make this work?"

Using a grant from the Episcopal Diocese of New York, Rural & Migrant Ministry rented two buses to bring about 60 migrants from Newburgh and Poughkeepsie to its campus. In addition to food, there were translators and information booths from organizations that provide legal, health and other services, as well as workshops on the asylum process and how to avoid being exploited by employers.

"Imagine if you or I ended up in some foreign country and we didn't speak the language and we're trying to start anew," said Witt. "We would be so dependent on somebody helping us."

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NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ASSESSMENT ROLL WITH THE TOWN CLERK

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned assessor has completed the Final Assessment Roll for the Town of Philipstown in the County of Putnam for the year of 2023. A certified copy will be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of July 2023 where it will remain open to public inspection until July 31 2023.

Dated this 23rd day of June 2023
Brian Kenney, Assessor

New Code *(from Page 1)*

and update of more than 500 pages and 46 chapters of the code, which determines much of what constitutes life in the village, outlining standards for everything from parking to signage and outdoor lighting to home-based businesses.

The board review, which began in January 2020, came after a five-year effort by a volunteer committee to complete a similar line-by-line review and make recommendations. Twenty of the 46 chapters required only changes in punctuation and grammar.

The revised code will make it possible for the village to complete its Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan, which would qualify Cold Spring to receive state and federal funding for village projects. The plan was put on hold in 2013, pending completion of the code update. (While termed a waterfront plan, it would encompass nearly the entire village, including all land west of Route 9D and the Hudson River to its midpoint.)

Major changes to Chapter 134 (Zoning) include:

- The zoning of the former Marathon Battery site on Kemble Avenue was changed from industrial to mixed use, which can include housing, retail and office space.

- The one-family residential district was replaced by a residential district divided into R-O for older neighborhoods, R-L for large “estate” lots and R-N for newer neighborhoods, and will allow more flexibility for

accessory buildings and home businesses.

- A new parks and recreation district encompasses all parks, preserves and recreation areas. Uses such as visitor centers, concessions and museums are permissible subject to Planning Board approval.

- A scenic viewshed overlay district was created to regulate development that might impair the scenic beauty of the village and its vistas.

- The office-light industry and heavy industry districts were eliminated.

Changes to the noise and sign chapters were mostly to update definitions, language and terminology. The requirements for placing temporary signs on public property were expanded, references to “noise” were changed to “unreasonable noise” and jail time was eliminated from the possible penalties for violations.

The discussion about updates to Chapter 100, which regulates short-term rentals, is a separate process that continues. The zoning chapter had to be updated before changes could be made to the STR law.

Foley commented that the village was not legally required to respond to questions and comments raised at the public hearing but did so at coldspringny.gov as a part of a “powerfully strong public record, demonstrating that this process has been anything but arbitrary or capricious.”

But she alleged that some queries were “weaponized” and used to question her integrity and that of others who worked

on the update.

“The people who made the accusations didn’t simply libel and slander elected officials, they libeled and slandered their neighbors,” Foley said. “It’s not right and it’s not acceptable.”

During the public hearing, resident Michael Reisman had questioned the mayor’s relationship with Sean Kearney of the Kearney Realty and Development Group, which owns the former Marathon Battery site, as well as a \$250 donation made to her 2021 campaign. He called for her to recuse herself from the process.

On its website, the village 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.

Foley said the donation was from Adriana Kearney, Sean Kearney’s wife, but had been recorded incorrectly and was corrected with the state Board of Elections.

“Ms. Kearney makes her own financial choices,” Foley said on Monday. “She is her own person; she signed her own personal check.”

Foley also defended the new zoning for Marathon, saying redevelopment will require a three-stage approval process as part of a “rigorous” public review.

“There are no favors being given to the developer in this rezoning,” she said.

Looking Back in Cold Spring

Village Code Update Gets Underway

By Michael Turton (Nov. 7, 2014)

The newly established committee charged with bringing Cold Spring’s outdated Village Code up to speed met for the first time on Oct. 30.

The update, which the committee hopes to complete in 18 months, will align the code with the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and enable the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) to be completed. In essence, the two planning documents, which have been touted as vital in securing state and federal funding for future village projects, outline what residents have said they want Cold Spring to be as a community.

Members of the Code Update Committee unanimously elected Jack Goldstein as chair. Marie Early, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, will serve as vice chair, and Mike Armstrong, former chair of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan and LWRP, will act as treasurer. Rounding out the committee are Carolyn Bachan, Barney Molloy, Donald MacDonald and Francis (Terry) Lahey.

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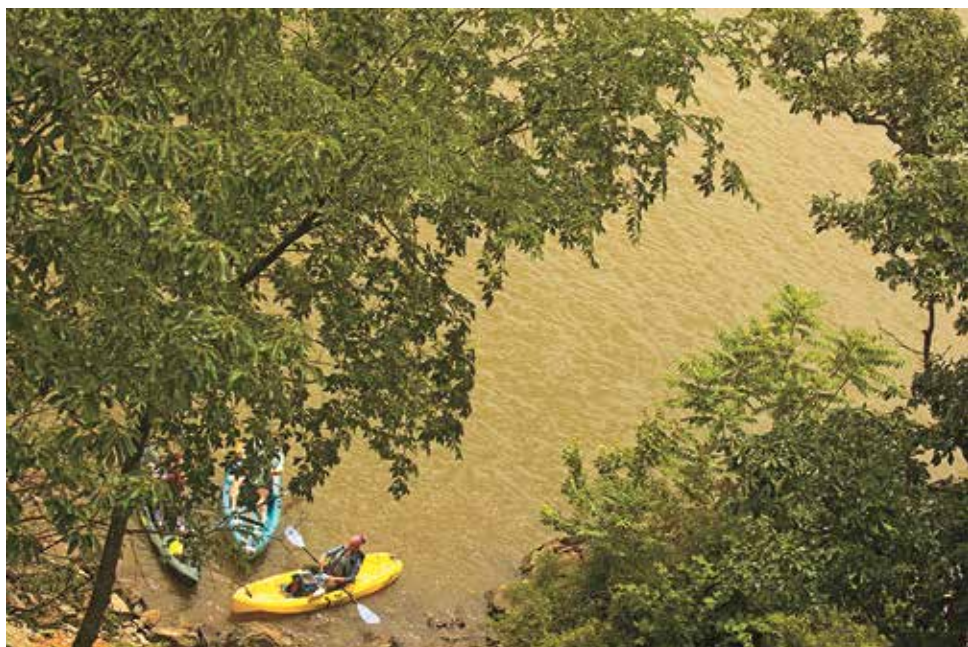
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AROUND TOWN



KAYAK CAPE — Many kayakers, like these adventurers photographed June 18, visit the historic ruins on Bannerman Island to see the flowers and blooming gardens tended by 23 weekly volunteers. Visitors also can arrive by a boat that leaves the Beacon dock (see bannermancastle.org).

Photo by Ross Corsair



BILLY BOB ROCKS — Billy Bob Thornton, the Oscar-winning screenwriter and actor best known for his 1996 film *Sling Blade*, performed at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill on June 23 with his band, The Boxmasters, which he formed in 2007 with J.D. Andrew.

Photo by Ross Corsair



FLIGHT PATH — Olga Kosovsky, who lives in Manhattan, takes the train to Philipstown to hike with her conure parrots, Benero, Motya and Marusik. “They enjoy it more than the ocean,” she said on Sunday (June 25) on the Cornish Estate Trail in the Hudson Highlands State Park. “When we take the train, we always sit on the Hudson River side. I bring them parrot food and snacks, and water.”

Photo by Joey Asher



NEW GRADUATES — The Foundry Montessori School in Cold Spring graduated 6 kindergarteners this month who are heading to first-grade classes in Beacon and at the Manitou School in Philipstown. The school also has four preschool graduates heading to kindergarten at Haldane and seven toddlers moving up to preschool.

Photo by Cassie Corrigan Drymala



HOLD ON ONE SECOND — “Magic Jim” Vagias visited the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring on June 22 to kick off its summer reading program. His audience was delighted.

Photo by Ross Corsair



MUSIC AND POETRY — The CompCord Ensemble from New York City teamed with the Hot Wrk Ensemble from Beacon for a performance at the Howland Cultural Center on June 24. During two pieces, poets presented their work. Here, Robert Ford pauses while reading his poem, “Suicide Barbie,” while Franz Hackl of CompCord plays a trumpet the musician constructed. The bands’ other instruments included saxophones, cello, drums, flugelhorn, flute, guitar and piano.

Photo by Ross Corsair



SHANTIES — Alex Harvey and Jordan Shapiro, who perform as Shinbone Alley, sang sea shanties and ancient street ballads on June 16 at the B House Performance Shack, a rotating series of sites. The audience was encouraged to sing along.

Photo by Ross Corsair



Elana Goren's "Gristle Mill" (above and closed, at right); barn wood, twine, oil monotype on tan paper and mixed media monotype on black paper

The Calendar

Art Books

Beacon exhibit unfolds on July 8

By Alison Rooney

Eleni Smolen curated a show that opens on July 8 at The Lofts at Beacon Art Gallery about *leporello*.

Not familiar? Don't be intimidated. The Italian art form is more cheeky than rarified.

"Leporello is the name of Don Giovanni's valet in Mozart's opera," Smolen explains. "He is the one who unfolds a booklet on which are listed the *mille e tre* mistresses of the seducer. In Europe this name has been given to small booklets folded accordion-style."

Inspired by the "luminous leporellos" made by poet, essayist and artist Etel Adnan, (1925-2021), Smolen invited 11 artists to create leporellos and related 2D work for the show, *Unfolding Vision Leporellos & Corresponding Works Vol. 1*, which opens with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. and runs through Aug. 26.

Smolen says she is "intrigued and attracted by the idea of the portability — what could I make that could easily be sent off in the mail as a gift to family and friends? Then I saw an article on Etel Adnan's leporellos and thought, 'Yes!' It was perfect: portable, intimate, readily storable."

For Smolen, who runs the TheoGanz Studio, the toughest part of curating this exhibit was narrowing down the artists invited to participate, although she was comforted by the thought it could be a series of shows.

Adnan frequently copied poems composed by writer friends and illustrated them with watercolor or ink on pre-fabricated fold-out books from Japan. By contrast, most of the artists in the Beacon show made their own leporellos with archival paper suitable for photographs, drawings, painting or watercolor.

Elana Goren, a printmaker, illustrator



Beth Haber's "Thermal Exchange," with archival photographs on arches paper, woven cloth on board bookends and text in pencil along bottom edge



Details from Matt Frieburghaus' "Ghosts of Icebergs," companion pieces to his leporello

and graphic designer, said the dilapidated barn in her leporello (which has covers made of barn wood) is a metaphor for "a farming system that is broken, unsustainable and illustrates human neglect and obliviousness to animal suffering."

"Since my work reflects the dark subject of the plight of animals in the human world, the leporello provided three-dimensional, sculptural aspects which enabled me to create physical depths, recesses and shadows that are only simulated in my two-dimensional works."

Matt Frieburghaus, who spent several years exploring the landscape of Iceland and last year was on expedition with the Arctic Circle Residency in Svalbard, based his leporello on those experiences, focusing on Arctic landscapes and icebergs with laser-cut shapes.

"The title, 'Arctic Ghosts,' is a metaphor for melting ice in the Arctic and the quick rate of glacial retreat, while the grouping of leporellos — considered a single work — is clustered to create spaces like the fjords of Spitsbergen."

"Thermal Exchange," a leporello created by Beth Haber, combines photographs and

poetry. "It's an encounter in time, place, date, latitude and longitude," she says. "It is a kind of weather report of unstable transitions between one season and the next, where nature spools its own story" in the "interchange between weeds, leaves and the fractal blooms of thin ice."

She said she found the accordion form exciting because "it allows the 'report' to unfold with a rhythm that moves between the 2D image and the 3D experience."

The other artists and their contributions are Joseph Ayers ("MDCCCLXXXIX [1889 Sketchbook]"), Sunok Chun ("Daedunsan Forest"), Vivien Collens ("The Story of Color"), Ronnie Farley, Matt Kinney, Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh ("Beach Stories and 14 Days by the Sea"), Samantha Palmeri ("Buzzing") and Joe Radoccia ("Rogue Garden Suite").

The Lofts at Beacon Art Gallery, at 18 Front St., is open Monday through Thursday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 to 3 p.m.



Sunok Chun's "Daedunsan Forest," acrylic and ink

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

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. Marc Ferris will be playing music.

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)*

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 | beaconnny.gov

Parking is limited. Consider walking or biking, and bring a chair or blanket.

TUES 4

Worship Service

PHILIPSTOWN

10 a.m. Mekeel's Corners Chapel
321 Route 301
bit.ly/chapel-July4

Join this annual, non-denominational service at the 1867 chapel at the intersection of Route 301 and Route 9. See Page 1. Reservations required. *Free*

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)*

KIDS & FAMILY

WED 5

Mandala Sand Art

BEACON

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

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to create geometric designs in colored sand. Registration required.



Discovering the Long Path, July 9

THURS 6

Wooden Robot Craft

BEACON

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

Use strings and pins to make a moveable robot. For children ages 4 to 10. Registration required.

THURS 6

The Jester Jim Show

GARRISON

6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Along with the usual props, the juggler makes use of a looping machine. Registration required.



SAT 8

Friendship Bracelets

GARRISON

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

Children ages 6 and older can make their own celebrations of unity and kindness to keep and share with friends. Registration required.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 1

Rita McBride

BEACON

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

FRI 7

Free Admission

NEW WINDSOR

10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Storm King
1 Museum Road | 845-534-3115
stormking.org

It's the first Friday. Reserve a ticket to see new installations by Beatriz Cortez, Ugo Rondinone and RA Walden, as well as the permanent exhibits at the outdoor sculpture park.

SUN 9

Discovering the Long Path

BEACON

2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Photographer Steve Aaron will talk about his exhibit, which captures the 358-mile path that runs from New York City to Albany and connects parks and forests.

SUN 9

The Art of Symbology

POTNAM VALLEY

2 – 4 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Nadine Gordon-Taylor will discuss her exhibit of intuitive art, which runs through Aug. 16.



On the Golden Pond, July 7

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 8

Unfolding Vision Leporellos & Corresponding Work Vol. 1

BEACON

3 – 5 p.m. Lofts at Beacon
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211
loftsatbeacon.com

Eleni Smolen curated this exhibit of folding art books inspired by the work of Etel Adnan (1925-2021). See Page 11. Through Aug. 26.

SAT 8

Reclaimed

BEACON

4 – 7 p.m. Garage Gallery
17 Church St. | garagegallery.com

Laura Petrovich-Cheney's quilts, Jaynie Crimmins' shredded paper sculptures and Rinat Goren's embroidered artworks explore and reclaim the idea of "women's work." In the sculpture garden, works by Heinrich Spillman, Emil Alzamora, Lori Merhige and Ed Benevente will be on display. Through July 23.

SAT 8

Cat Art Show

BEACON

5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Jean Noack curated this show of feline-themed art, which last occurred at the library in 2017. Through July 30.

SAT 8

Con'joined | Transmission

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org

In Galleries 1 and 2, Beacon Artist Union members will celebrate two decades of exhibits. In the Beacon Room, Robyn Ellenbogen's multimedia works will be on view, including her bamboo slip books. Through Aug. 6.

SAT 8

Interior

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com

Alyssa Follansbee's self-portraits reflect the life of the mind and personal space.



Transmission, July 8

SAT 8

Un/entangled

BEACON

7 – 9:30 p.m. Distortion Society
172 Main St. | distortionsociety.com

Evan Paul English's paintings explore "American domesticity through a queer lens." Through July 30.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 1

Gettysburg

PEEKSKILL

2 p.m. Lincoln Depot Museum
10 S. Water St. | 914-402-4318
lincolndepotmuseum.org

The museum will screen the 4.5-hour version of the film, which covers all three days of the battle that began July 1, 1863. (It was originally a miniseries.) The screening will be followed by a Q&A with Patrick Falci, who appeared as Gen. A.P. Hill and served as a historical advisor. "Bring a cushion — our chairs are as hard as Gen. Hancock's saddle." *Cost: \$10*

SAT 1

Henry V

GARRISON

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

Today is the final performance until July 19 of the epic tale of King Henry at war to seize the French crown. Emily Ota plays the lead. *Love's Labor's Lost* begins previews on July 12. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

THURS 6

The Muppet Movie

BEACON

8:30 p.m. South Avenue Park
Route 9D and South Avenue
beaconnny.myrec.com

Watch Kermit and friends pursue success in Hollywood in this 1979 film that will be screened by the Beacon Recreation Department as the first in a series of outdoor films in city parks. *Free*

FRI 7

Walt Disney's Snow White

BEACON

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

The 1937 film, updated with Technicolor, will be shown outdoors on Bannerman Island. *Cost: \$40*

FRI 7
On Golden Pond
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

The well-known play about family and connection focuses on Ethel and Norman, a couple spending their 48th year at an idyllic summer cottage, with a visit from their daughter and her family. Also SAT 8. Through July 22. *Cost: \$22 (\$20 seniors, military, students and ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 8
The Third Man
COLD SPRING
8:30 p.m. Dockside Park
coldspringfilm.org

A novelist searches for answers about the mysterious death of a friend in this 1949 thriller set in postwar Vienna and starring Orson Welles, Alida Valli and Joseph Cotton. Presented by the Cold Spring Film Society. Donations welcome. *Free*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 8
Forest Forensics
MILLBROOK
8:30 & 11 a.m. Cary Institute
2801 Sharon Turnpike
caryinstitute.org

Tom Wessels, ecologist and author of *Reading the Forest Landscape*, will lead an interpretive walk through Cary's forests and demonstrate how to understand what you see. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 8
Hamilton Fish Sr. and the Politics of American Nationalism
GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Anthony Troncone, a retired history professor who wrote his dissertation on Hamilton Fish's life, will discuss the congressman's life and politics through the end of World War II. The library's board is mulling whether to change the name of the library in light of Fish's sympathetic view of the Nazi regime.



The Jenkins Twins, July 1

MUSIC
SAT 1
Errant Space 100
BEACON
2 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
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. *Free*

SAT 1
The Jenkins Twins
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 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

The multi-instrumentalist plays roots and Americana with his band. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



Gettysburg, July 1

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

This Rolling Stones tribute show is in its 20th year. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

FRI 7
Sheila Jordan and Cameron Brown
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The vocal and bass duo will perform jazz music from their release, *I've Grown Accustomed to the Bass*. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 7
Best Friend's Girl
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The tribute band will play the hits of The Cars. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 8
Ray Blue Quartet
PUTNAM VALLEY
6 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The saxophonist and his band will play music from its latest release, *#People*. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 8
The Lords of 52nd Street
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Billy Joel tribute band will play his classics. *Cost: \$37 to \$49*

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

The actor with a passion for music will play guitar, sing and tell stories. *Cost: \$65 (\$70 door)*

SUN 9
Clare Maloney & The Great Adventure
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The band will play music from its debut release, *Daybreaker*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC
WED 5
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611
coldspringny.gov

WED 5
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com

THURS 6
Town Board
PHILIPSTOWN
7:30 p.m. Town Hall
238 Main St. | 845-265-5200
philipstown.com

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2nd 10:00am-11:00am Lyra Music Festival

2nd 11:00am-2:00pm Ian Moore

9th 11:30am-1:30pm Andrew Jordan

16th 11:30am-1:30pm Larry Locust

23rd 11:30am-1:30pm Evan Mason

30th 11:30am-1:30pm Hey Bub

AUGUST

6th 10:00am-2:00pm Ian Moore

13th 11:30am-1:30pm Tony DePaolo

20th 11:30am-1:30pm Emily Beck

27th 11:30am-1:30pm Andrew Jordan



Start Reading Now

July book club selections

Butterfield Book Club

WED 5, 7 P.M.

The Price of Salt, by Claire Morgan
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
Rescheduled from June.
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

Abe Lincoln/Civil War Book Club

THURS 6, 7 P.M.

Bloody Crimes: The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln and the Chase for Jefferson Davis, by James Swanson
Lincoln Depot Museum,
10 S. Water St., Peekskill
Email LincolnDepotFDN@gmail.com.

Butterfield Book Club

MON 24, 7 P.M.

Great Circle, by Maggie Shipstead
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

Beacon Book Club

THURS 27, 7 P.M.

The Postcard, by Anne Berest
Location TBD
Register at meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub.

Chapel *(from Page 1)*

association and the Town of Philipstown historian, believes construction of the church marked somewhat of a population boom at the crossroads that began in the 1850s. "People didn't want to travel 3 miles to the nearest town just to go to church."

There were several Mekeels living nearby, but Forlow said he hadn't been able to identify whom the hamlet was named for.

"I have a tintype of Willis Mekeel, and he was prominent," Forlow said. "But it was probably a collective naming."

It was actually a renaming.

The crossroads had been known as Budd's Corner and Griffin Corners, likely for the proprietors of a hotel and tavern located just north of the chapel. The Budd family established the hotel in 1769 and operated it for 25 years, followed by John Griffin in the 1790s. It was later operated by Thomas Mekeel.

According to one history, Philipstown's first schoolhouse, a simple wooden building, was relocated to Griffin's Corners around 1816 and a second one built closer to Cold Spring. A brick schoolhouse constructed on the east side of Route 9 a short distance north of the corner is now part of Fahnestock State Park.

In an August 1975 letter to the *Putnam County News & Recorder*, Mrs. Edward Hommel, then 79, recalled attending the school around the turn of the century. Her teachers included Lizzie Jaycox, Ethel Hustis, Eda Meeks and Mr. Barnum, and her classmates included a number of



The chapel today

Photo by Chip Rowe

Mekeels. "In winter we sat by the stove where we were taught arithmetic," Hommel wrote. "Nothing else mattered."

An abandoned cemetery containing more than 70 graves lies south of the chapel. Most of the tombstones are from the 19th century, with many predating the structure. Lillian McElrath, who died in 1941, may have been the last person buried there.

The oldest surviving tombstone is crudely etched and marks the life of an infant, Mary Budd, who was born May 6, 1770. Other early stones remember pioneers such as James Nelson (born about 1742), Jemima Lane (1735), Joshua Mead (1749) and Absalom Early (1728).

"Many stones have been knocked over,"



The former Mekeel's Corners school

Photo by M. Turton

Forlow noted. "It would be a big conservation project to restore the cemetery."

Forlow believes the chapel, which can accommodate about 50 people, was multi-denominational. "My understanding is there wasn't a full-time pastor," he said. "It would have been a traveling pastor who may have been shared with other small churches in the area."

The Fourth of July service will include a reading of "A Prayer for the Nation," by Preston Pittman, a trustee of the Putnam History Museum; a closing prayer read by Cold Spring resident Karen Kapoor; and music by Fred Martin of Garrison. (Reservations are required; see bit.ly/chapel-July4.)

Forlow hopes the building can host more events, noting that requests for weddings are considered. Donations for upkeep can be made through the Putnam History Museum, 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, NY 10516, with checks made out to Mekeel's Corners Chapel.

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Small, Good Things

Victory, Snatched from Defeat

By Joe Dizney

I was on fire, having cracked the code — or so I thought.

Ever since my neighbor returned from Copenhagen bearing a gift of kardemommesnegel (cardamom snails), from an apparently unbelievable Danish-Japanese Andersen Bakery, I was determined to replicate the sweet, perfumed and buttery-crispy pastry — a true Danish — redolent of more freshly cracked cardamom than international law likely allows.

I found a convincing but convoluted recipe. Gathering the green cardamom pods, I recruited the neighbor and her visiting daughter to help crack and extract about five tablespoons of seeds for the dough, filling, glaze and topping.

Borrowing a massive KitchenAid mixer and cleaning off my rarely used marble pastry slab, I assembled the other ingredients — three types of sugar (dark brown, light brown, granulated), vanilla bean



paste, flour, yeast, milk and butter (lots of butter) — to make the laminated pastry dough. In short order, my humble farmhouse kitchen became a well-organized pastry kitchen. My *mise en place* was a thing of awesome beauty and pride.

I practiced twisting and curling the snail shapes with Play-Doh. I was ready.

On Tuesday, the day of reckoning, the dough was proofed and laminated repeatedly. And although the cardamom, butter and sugar filling seemed scant by weight, shaping went smoothly. One last proof of the snegel and into the oven they went.

The smell was intoxicating. Because they weren't turning the expected mahogany brown, I left the snegel in the oven longer than specified, but otherwise my confidence ran high. After being pulled from the oven and glazed and dusted with more cardamom and sugar, the pastries cooled just long enough for me not to burn my delicate palate.

But something was off, besides the color. Salt? More salt was needed, and much more cardamom. But something far more serious was off. The flakiness was missing. This wouldn't do.

A quick consult followed with my guru culinaire, who had more experience, and Time-Life's *The Cooking of Scandinavia*. The recipe for Danish pastry dough required probably twice as much butter and over two days' worth of intermittent laminating and proofing. My spirit flagged, and my eyes started to roll.

It occurred to me, as well, that this recipe



hardly qualifies as small or good in any cardiac or caloric way, and I started to feel guilty about sharing it.

Then my eyes fell on an additional recipe my adviser sent as a personal aside and I decided to present that as a kinder, gentler and humbler (not to mention faster) suggestion for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Çilbir (pronounced *chil-burr*) is a criminally simple Turkish dish of accessible ingredients that make an unexpected statement. The eggs are typically poached, but after all that laminating, frying seemed so much easier and satisfying and was all I could manage after my crushing defeat.

I'll get back to you about the "snails."

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Çilbir (Turkish Eggs in Yogurt with Butter-Pepper Sauce)

Serves 2

1 cup plain whole-milk Greek yogurt, at room temperature

1 clove garlic, grated

1 to 2 tablespoons fresh dill, chopped

Zest of ½ lemon, grated

2 eggs

1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon Aleppo pepper (substitute ¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes plus ¾ teaspoon smoked paprika)

Salt and freshly ground pepper

¼ cup fresh parsley, chives, mint or other herb (or combination), minced, for garnish

Warm crusty bread or flatbread to serve

1. Prepare the yogurt base: In a small bowl, stir together the yogurt and garlic. Add dill and lemon zest; stir to combine and season with salt and pepper to taste. Divide the yogurt between two shallow bowls; use a spoon to spread it evenly and create a divot in the center for the eggs.

2. For the sauce, heat butter and olive oil in a small saucepan over medium heat. When foam subsides, add Aleppo pepper and cook until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Season with salt and pepper to taste, remove from heat while the eggs cook.

3. Poach (poaching is the traditional method) or fry the eggs. Re-warm the sauce if necessary. When the eggs are done place them on top of the yogurt. Top with the pepper sauce, garnish with herbs and serve with warmed bread or flatbread.

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Sheila Blair (1961-2023)

Sheila Ann Blair, 61, a lifelong Beacon resident, died June 22 at her home.

She was born in Cold Spring on July 16, 1961, the daughter of Louis and Doris (Booth) Blair.

Sheila worked as a bus driver for the Beacon City Schools for 17 years, until her retirement; her family said she thoroughly enjoyed her work. She loved children and was neighborhood mom to many. She also loved animals, especially her cat Harry and her dog Oreo-Annie. Sheila was a photographer and enjoyed auctions and finding treasures.

She is survived by her children, Louis Kitzweger and Sarah Erikson; her companion, Michael Musacchio; her grandsons, Brandon Sypek, Jayson Kitzweger and Michael Erikson; and her brother, William Blair (Ruth).

Her family will gather to celebrate Sheila's life on her birthday, July 16, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Libby Funeral Home, 55 Teller Ave., in Beacon. A funeral service will be offered at 2:30 p.m.



his father; his children, Patrick, Stephen, Matthew and Christine; his brothers, Charles Junjulas (Diane) and Kevin Junjulas (Janine); his mother-in-law, Mary Jane Smith; and his brother-in-law, Stephen Smith.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 27 at Our Lady of Loretto, followed by interment with military honors at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans (dav.org).

Jerry Sullivan (1956-2023)

Gerald T. "Jerry" Sullivan, 66, of Beacon, died June 17 at his home.

He was born July 31, 1956, in Beacon, the son of Gerald and Margaret (Keenan) Sullivan. After graduating from Beacon High School, Jerry began work for Metro-North. He retired in 2016 after 42 years of service.

Jerry was a life member of St. Rocco's Society and a member of the Southern Dutchess Country Club. He enjoyed golf and fishing and was a lifelong Giants fan. He was also a cat lover.

He is survived by his son, Brian Sullivan; his brothers, Tim Sullivan (Liz) and Pat Sullivan; his sister-in-law, Helen Sullivan; his former sister-in-law, Janice Sullivan; and his nieces and nephews, Kiana DelBianco (Chris), Kelsey Sullivan (Bobby), Tara Kosloski (Matt), Conner Sullivan (Lauren) and Kyle Sullivan.

A funeral service was held June 23 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey in Beacon. Memorial donations can be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation (arfbearcon.org), or any animal shelter.



Michael Junjulas (1969-2023)

Michael P. Junjulas, 54, a longtime resident of Cold Spring, died June 24, surrounded by family members.

He was born Feb. 5, 1969, on Staten Island, the son of Charles and Ann Marie Junjulas.

Michael graduated from Haldane High School in 1987 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served for 29 years until his retirement in 2017 as a senior master sergeant.

On Sept. 24, 1994, he married Patricia Smith at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring.

Michael was a member of the Cold Spring Fire Co., the Cold Spring Lions Club, the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus in Cold Spring and Beacon. He served on the Haldane school board and the Historic District Review Board.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia;



Other Recent Deaths

Beacon

Gail Groza, 73
Jean Lee, 76

Mary Oliver, 88
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- ACROSS
1. America’s uncle
4. *Dracula* author Stoker
8. Leftovers recipe
12. Chinese chairman
13. Roof overhang
14. Arizona tribe
15. Samovar
16. On the rocks
17. Hurler Hershiser
18. *Syriana* Oscar winner
21. British ref. work
22. Caribou kin
23. Gold-loving king
26. “See ya!”
27. Scale abbr.
30. Privy to
31. “Of course”
32. Cheer (for)
33. Joke
34. Chic, to Austin Powers
35. Five dozen
36. Droop
37. Iota

38. 1997 film starring Nicole Kidman and 18-Across
45. Only
46. Algeria’s neighbor
47. Granada gold
48. “Mamma Mia” group
49. La Scala solo
50. Apprehend
51. Katy Perry hit song
52. Adolescent
53. Ninny
19. Reddish horse
20. Flamenco cheer
23. *Top Gun* target
24. — jiffy
25. Pooch
26. Nap site
27. Bagel topper
28. Automaton, for short
29. Hog haven
31. Pad you bring to exercise class
32. Ms. Moreno
34. West of Hollywood
35. Ape
36. Asparagus unit
37. Prove untrue
38. Despot
39. Vagrant
40. Exile isle
41. Give a darn
42. Hawaiian coffee
43. Historic periods
44. Filches

- DOWN
1. Overconfident
2. Bern’s river
3. Stereo alternative
4. Linen shades
5. Sped
6. Opposite of “sans”
7. Musical mixes
8. Trembled
9. Undecided
10. Duel tool
11. Sly

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDERS

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

PLACE

POUCH

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Crouch, like catcher in baseball
6. Jousting weapon
7. ____ Sketch (mechanical drawing toy)
8. Earnhardt and Carnegie
9. 2012 Taylor Swift album
- DOWN
1. Snow day coaster
2. Doha’s land
3. ____ *Vanya* (Chekhov play)

1	2	3	4	5
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4. Hurt all over
5. Sushi bar quaffs

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and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. — But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. — The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. — To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. — He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good. — He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them. — He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only. — He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their Public Records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures. — He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the people. — He has refused for a long time, after such dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within. — He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Law for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands. — He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary powers. — He has made Judges dependent on his Will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries. — He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance. — He has kept among us, in times of peace, Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures. — He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil power. — He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his Assent to their Acts of pretended Legislation: — For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us: — For protecting them, by a mock Trial, from punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States: — For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the world: — For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent: — For depriving us in many cases, of the benefits of Trial by Jury: — For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended offences: — For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an Arbitrary government, and enlarging its Boundaries so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same absolute rule into these Colonies: — For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments: — For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. — He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us. — He has plundered our seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our towns, and destroyed the lives of our people. — He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized nation. — He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive on the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their friends and Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Hands. — He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known rule of warfare, is an undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions. — In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated injury. — A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people. — Nor have We been wanting in attentions to our British brethren. We have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these usurpations, which, would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. — They too have been deaf to the voice of justice and of consanguinity. — We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity, which denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War, in Peace Friends. — We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. — And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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