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# Living Affordably in Beacon

*Dozens benefit from workforce program*

By Leonard Sparks

Denise Lahey’s roots in Beacon are decades deep.

Her grandfather, Dennis Lahey, served 62 years with the Beacon Fire Department; her father, Dennis Lahey Jr., is the assistant chief and her sister, Kari, became the city’s first full-time female firefighter in 2020.

However, those ties to the city were no match for the rental prices Lahey faced in 2019, when a relationship ended, along with half the rent for the two-bedroom unit she shared at Hudson View with her then-boyfriend and son.

There were plenty of good reasons to stay in Beacon, she said: keeping her son in the city’s schools and staying close to her family and job as a mail carrier in White Plains rather than moving farther away to

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**BIG GAME** — The Philipstown Little League all-star softball team made it to the championship game on July 11 against visiting Poughkeepsie and held its own against the much larger town. See Page 24.

Photo by Ross Corsair

# Cold Spring Pauses Food Trucks

*Moratorium intended to clarify regulations*

By Michael Turton

The next several months should determine how many trucks, if any, will be dishing out comfort foods in Cold Spring.

After a public hearing on July 9, the Village Board approved a six-month moratorium on licensing and operation of food trucks, both on public and private property within the village.

Events such as the Modern Makers Markets at St. Mary’s Church, which have already advertised having food trucks, will be able to host them during the moratorium.

Mayor Kathleen Foley said clear, less arbitrary and more-thorough guidelines

are needed to be fair to operators as well as residents and businesses potentially affected by food trucks.

Applications are considered under Chapter 71 of the Village Code, which deals with licensing, and which Foley said includes provisions drafted in 1931 and updated in 1992.

“It was written in a different time, largely addressing door-to-door solicitations and street peddling,” she said, adding that since the pandemic, there has been increased interest from food-truck operators, as well as from residents who would like more casual “grab-and-go” food options.

Residents who attended the public hearing, however, expressed no support for allowing food trucks, other than at special events.

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Beyond the Grid

# PUBLIC POWER

By Jeff Simms

**C**ould a utility owned by the public, rather than Central Hudson, deliver lower electricity costs?

Many people believe it would, and last year, two state legislators introduced a proposal to make it happen by creating the Hudson Valley Power Authority. The bill outlines the process by which the state would create a “democratically governed” nonprofit corporation that would provide “low rates, reliable service, correct and easy to understand bills, clean energy, community benefits and environmental justice.” The goal would be to keep residential electric bills from exceeding 6 percent of household income.

It would not be the first public utility, even in New York. Along with the state-owned New York Power Authority and the Long Island Power Authority, there are at least 50 municipal utilities in New York, mostly in rural areas. For the rest of the state, the delivery of electricity is monopolized by six investor-owned utilities such as Central Hudson, which has been owned since 2013 by Fortis, a Canadian holding company. In return for their monopolies, these utilities are regulated by the Public

Service Commission, which must approve rate hikes and capital projects.

Establishing the Hudson Valley Power Authority would not only lower rates but coordinate with the state’s long-term climate goals while protecting Central Hudson’s 1,130 employees, according to the two Democratic legislators who introduced the proposal, Sen. Michelle Hinchey (whose district includes parts of Dutchess and Putnam counties) and Assembly Member Sarahana Shrestha (whose district includes the northwest corner of Dutchess). “I don’t think the role of government is to empower the private sector,” Shrestha said. “This would put public goods back in the hands of the public.”

## How it could happen

Shrestha and Hinchey’s legislation calls for the Hudson Valley Power Authority to purchase Central Hudson and take control of a system with 315,000 electric customers and 90,000 natural gas customers in parts of nine counties, including Dutchess and Putnam. If Central Hudson refused

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AROUND THE REGION

Carmel

Legislature Approves Eight Farms for District

The Putnam County Legislature on July 1 unanimously added eight farms to the county's Agricultural District.

The farms, recommended by the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, were Artemis and Lobster Hill (Brewster) Barn Dog and White Oak Apiary (Southeast), Big Red Barn, Cucumber Hill and Rush Family (Putnam Valley) and Bowen (Kent).

Under a 1971 state law, members of an agricultural district are protected from "unreasonable" local restrictions.

Earlier this year, the Legislature rejected the Ag Board's recommendation to add five farms. A farm in Patterson sued, and a judge ruled that the Legislature had violated state law by denying its application.

Kingston

Child-Porn Charge Dropped After Arrest

Authorities dropped charges on July 1 against Alonzo Jordan, 23, who had been charged with possession of child pornography, after a district attorney conceded in court that there was no evidence to support the accusation.

Jordan was the only Black tenant in a four-

unit apartment house at the time of his arrest, his attorney said, according to *The Daily Freeman*. The landlord required tenants to use his internet connection, he said.

The D.A.'s office, represented by Sajaa Ahmed, said it withdrew the charge because state police could not find any evidence of a crime. Joseph O'Connor told the court that his client's arrest was a "horrible atrocity." Following the dismissal, Ahmed told O'Connor that the DA's office would work with him to remove Google search results that implicate Jordan.

State police earlier said they received a tip about Jordan from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Jordan said that he lost his job at Rough Draft Bar & Books and several longtime friends.

Peekskill

Officials Track Down Suspect in Mexico

Federal officials tracked a murder suspect to Mexico through his Facebook account.

Walter Bustos-Solis, 45, was arraigned June 20 in the stabbing death of Carlos Rodriguez, 33, on Main Street. He was brought to New York from Houston, where he had been sent after being arrested in Mexico.

Authorities located Bustos-Solis in Puebla City, Mexico, through the IP address of a computer that accessed his Facebook account, according to *The Journal News*.

Spring Valley

High School Student Released by ICE

Alan Junior Pierre, a Spring Valley High School student who is Haitian, was released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement on July 9 after a month in custody in Newark, New Jersey.

His attorney, Vince Sykes, said Rep. Mike Lawler had called him the day before to say he was working to expedite Pierre's release, according to *The Journal News*. Sen. Chuck Schumer's office was also involved.

"The situation in Haiti remains dire, and I will continue to advocate for Haitian

immigrants to be granted asylum and parole within the confines of the law," Lawler said in a statement.

Pierre, 20, was detained during an appointment with citizenship services in the Bronx. He had come into the U.S. from Mexico in January and asked for an asylum appointment via a government app. His father, Dutan Pierre, who lives in Nanuet, is a U.S. citizen.

Southeast

Deputy Arrests Man With Pistol

A Putnam County sheriff's deputy on June 25 spotted a man entering a Shell station on Route 6 with a gun holstered at his waist.

The sheriff said that the officer waited for the man to drive away and pulled him over. He said Kevin Piava, 55, of Carbondale, Pennsylvania, was carrying a Walther pistol without a permit.

Piava was charged with felony criminal possession of a weapon and remanded to the county jail. His vehicle was towed. In Pennsylvania, open carry without a license is legal except in Philadelphia.

Wallkill

State Auditor Charged with Theft

A state auditor assigned to review the town's books was arrested on July 10 for allegedly stealing \$405,000 over more than two years.

Tobias Otieno, 41, of Hyde Park, was charged with grand larceny as a public corruption crime. The Orange County district attorney stated that Otieno utilized passwords he had obtained during the audit to transfer funds from town bank accounts to his businesses, Toncy Consulting and Tozaq Accounting Services.

According to the D.A., his duties included analyzing financial operations, payroll, procurements and non-payroll disbursements. Otieno was fired from the comptroller's office. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison. The investigation did not find evidence of misconduct by town officials or employees.

5 Questions will return next week.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Do you read more during the summer?

No uptick; I'm reading *Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead*.



Alice Combs, Beacon

I don't do any fun reading; there's more time for that in cooler weather.



Rony Afzal, Cold Spring

No. I'm reading *The 48 Laws of Power*.



Taiena Spearman, Beacon

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Fish story

Michael Turton's reporting on the last moments of Lucy the koi fish — the story, the sources, the reporter's voice — made my day ("Surprise from the Sky," July 11). I appreciate so much the rare mingling of talent and time (and community) that shepherded this story into print. RIP Lucy. Long live local news.

Jennifer Zwarich, *Cold Spring*

A delightful story — except for poor Lucy.  
Robert Calderisi, *Cold Spring*

Sounds fishy to me.  
Cali Gorevic, *Cold Spring*

How lucky we are to have Mike Turton put Cold Spring into words.  
Teresa Lagerman, *via Instagram*

I got home on Sunday (July 13) around dusk and noticed something orange in the yard. I figured my young tenants left a toy on the grass. Not so. It was a fair-sized orange fish. I know they like to fish, so I left it there to give them a piece of my mind when I saw them next.

The next morning, I was having my coffee and enjoying *The Current*, and there was "Surprise from the Sky." I could not stop laughing — not at the possibility Mr. Hefferman lost another fish, but at the thought of me

scolding a couple of kids who already think I've lost a step or two. Saved by *The Current*!  
Edward Currelley, *Cold Spring*

Crazy story, but even crazier: This week in California, while my ex-husband was walking his dog, a bird dropped a dead squirrel on his head.  
Janet Goodman, *Cold Spring*

Firehouse sale

The entire \$1.8 million from the sale of the Mase Hook & Ladder fire station in Beacon should be set aside for firematic purposes ("Firehouse Under Contract," July 11).  
Ralph Pettorossi, *Fishkill*

What a steal! The building should have been much more expensive, if only because of its history.  
Robin Flannery, *via Facebook*

I had many great times at Mase during Hudson Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association parades and going back to the station with Big Jerry after softball games.  
John Richardson, *via Facebook*

Overpriced condos, here we come. This fire station would have made a terrific community space. Oh, Beacon.  
Lesly Canossi, *via Facebook*

Town Board

We find it deeply troubling that Grace Kennedy, co-chair of the Philipstown Democratic Committee, chose to publicly disclose how two of her fellow members voted (*Letters and Comments*, July 4). This flagrant act is not only a betrayal of trust but a violation of the committee's rules regarding the sanctity of the ballot.

The absolute disrespect shown to Nancy Montgomery, Judy Farrell and the entire committee should result in Kennedy's swift removal from her position. Her action makes a farce of the process. If the Democratic Committee cannot uphold these essential democratic norms, it signals a serious problem within the organization.

Karen and Richard Shea, *Cold Spring*

When the co-chair of the Democratic Committee chose to disclose how members voted in a confidential process, it wasn't just a lapse in judgment, but it was a violation of trust, procedure and the values we claim to uphold as Democrats.

In New York state, committee members are elected officials and entrusted with representing the will of Democratic voters in their district. With that comes a responsibility to act with integrity, fairness and respect for democratic norms.

It's been nearly a month, and the committee has not addressed this breach. That failure is deeply troubling. Rather than continue to raise my voice in meetings or send emails — forms of deliberation the committee seems to find more disturbing than the misconduct itself — I'm taking this issue public.

If we cannot trust a committee to uphold policies or conduct a basic endorsement vote with confidentiality and fairness, how can we expect our community to trust us with anything more? What we are seeing within the committee — rule-breaking, retaliation and people turning a blind eye — reflects the troubling dynamics playing out at the federal level. Local Democratic committees are not just administrative bodies; they are the foundation of our party and the training ground for the kind of leadership we need at every level.

Ask for accountability. Join the committee. Help restore integrity so that it once again serves all Democrats in Philipstown, not just a few party insiders.

Nancy Montgomery, *Philipstown Montgomery is a Putnam County legislator and a member of the Philipstown Democratic Committee.*

Maloney returns

I am a lifelong Democrat, and I say no to Sean Patrick Maloney running again for Congress in 2026 ("Report: Maloney Eyes  
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# The Current Wins 21 National Awards

*The Highlands Current* last week received 20 awards in an annual contest organized by the 140-year-old National Newspaper Association for stories and advertisements published in 2024.

At the same time, Joey Asher was named the winner of the annual Golden Quill editorial contest sponsored by the International Society of Weekly Newspaper Editors. He traveled to South Dakota to attend the ISWNE conference and accept his award for "Learning Too Late," a *Reporter's Notebook* about his brother-in-law, who struggled with schizophrenia.

The National Newspaper Association

contest drew 1,743 entries from community newspapers in 33 states. It was judged by editors and publishers and retired journalism professionals.

Among all newspapers, *The Current* won first-place awards for video journalism for "A Mother's Fight for Bridge Barriers," by Erin Holton, Facundo Martinez and Sofia Milojevic, and for the paper's website at [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).

Among smaller papers, Brian PJ Cronin ("Free Pipe Organ"), Asher ("Nancy Dolin is a Rock 'n' Roll Grandma") and Alison Rooney

("T is for Trumpet") swept the category for performing arts stories.

Also among smaller papers, Cronin won first place for environmental reporting for "Talking Trash, Part 1"; Clay Jones took second place for editorial cartoon; Jeff Simms won second place for obituary tributes for his story about former Beacon Mayor Clara Lou Gould; and Asher won third for feature series for "The Good Death." The paper also received honorable mentions for sports column and health story and,

among all weeklies, for its reader-generated campaign, *Baby and Dog*.

Among mid-sized weeklies, Cronin won first place for in-depth series for "Talking Trash" and Asher won second place for "Modern Immigrants."

Among smaller weeklies, Leonard Sparks won first place for his business story, "Who Will Watch the Kids?"; Ross Corsair won second for his feature photo, "Martial Art"; and Pierce Strudler won second for color ad and third for front-page design. The paper also won honorable mentions for information graphics and sports photo.



## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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Return," July 11). He lost to Mike Lawler because Maloney fought harder against the Democratic base, the Democratic left and the Democratic youth than he fought against his extreme right-wing Republican opponent. If our Democratic Party wants to win, it must stop working in favor of big donors and start working to uphold the will of the people.

We have young people in our town ready to knock on doors, but they are not going to do it for Maloney. He secured his position as U.S. ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris after losing to Lawler, a reward for crushing the young, left-wing base of the party as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. I don't want us Democrats to lose again.

Alex Clifton, *Garrison*

The last thing the Democratic Party needs now is more of the uber-wealthy, banking/hedge fund managerial elite who have proven time and time again their disconnect and disdain for middle-class Democrats.

The Democratic Party needs to reassess and redefine its mission and approach to the electorate. The conflict within the party has been exemplified in microcosm by the actions and self-inflicted damage done by our local Democratic Committee.

Geez, people — that means you, Maloney,

Schumer, Gillibrand and Philipstown Dems — read the writing on the wall. If the political elite would apply their vast resources to support talented, local, down-to-earth representatives in national elections, we could move away from the oligarchy/kleptocracy we live in toward a truly representative democracy.

Lynn Miller, *Cold Spring*

### Passive houses

Passive homes are great, but what about our existing homes ("Beyond the Grid: Home Energy," July 11)? If you follow Sustainable Putnam's 7 Steps to Clean Home Energy ([sustainableputnam.org](http://sustainableputnam.org)), your home won't be certified passive, but it'll be far more efficient. We've assisted more than 100 homeowners.

Joseph Montuori, *Mahopac*

Montuori is executive director of Sustainable Putnam.

### Chapel service

My wife and I have lived in Cold Spring for more than 20 years and finally felt moved on July 4 to attend the Independence Day celebration at Mekeel's Corner Chapel (*Around Town*, July 11).

We waited too long! It was a true community celebration made possible by volunteers who spend countless hours researching our local history, maintaining the chapel and grounds at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 301 and lending their

voices to read from our founding documents and lead us in song.

The Putnam History Museum is a resource my wife and I have taken too long to appreciate. We encourage residents to get more involved in its offerings.

Peter McFadden, *Cold Spring*

### Music master

While Nate Allen is a great bassist, what makes him truly great is that he is a wonderful person ("Beacon's Ace of Bass," July 4). I am so glad he connected with our two sons, Zohar and Adam, and our daughter, Noga, because he makes their music sound great on the bottom end.

Richard Cabo, *Beacon*

### Continental Commons

For many reasons — including the presence of a burial ground, numerous artifacts and Colonial-era ruins and foundations — our group continues to oppose commercial development at this site ("Continental Commons Faces New Lawsuit," July 11). Not only is strip-mall retail in decline and additional hotel space unnecessary, but studies have shown that cultural heritage sites can produce steady streams of revenue while preserving history and providing green space that promotes public reflection and discourse.

With the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution underway, now is the

time to save a site that celebrates our town's role in the founding of the nation.

Lance Ashworth, *Fishkill*

Ashworth is chair of Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot.

### Matt Hutchins

I was greatly saddened to hear the news of Matt Hutchins' passing (July 11). We followed Matt wherever his culinary inspiration led, and it was always a fun ride, along with his madcap, larger-than-life personality.

We especially loved The Hop and Mama Roux, both beautiful, lively restaurants whose distinctive dishes were a thrill for the senses. I had hoped to enjoy many more.

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

### Crossword

I've been doing *The Current* crossword for years — 10 minutes, in ink, with coffee. A great little ego-boosting ritual. But lately? "Panache"? Answer: *Elan*? One-fifth of a score? A Greek letter — *Pi*? I need math, classical studies and a thesaurus just to get to 23-Across. And that week when the clues were recycled but the grid wasn't? It felt like a crossword prank.

Could you bring back the old vibe? Familiar clues, quick wins and no need for a PhD to feel smart before breakfast? I'm still loyal, but now I use a pencil.

Shawn Fell, *Cold Spring*

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# Notes from the Philipstown Town Board

## Help sought for Cortlandt Lake bacteria

By Leonard Sparks

Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel agreed on July 10 to help arrange a meeting with Cortlandt and Putnam Valley officials over the fecal coliform levels that have forced the closure of the beach at Cortlandt Lake in Continental Village.

Putnam County announced last month the closure of beaches at Cortlandt Lake and 13 other water bodies due to the presence of bacteria and harmful algal blooms. Most of Cortlandt Lake is located in Philipstown and Cortlandt, with a small section in Putnam Valley.

Jesse Lubbers, a member of the Continental Village Park District board, told the Town Board that the Putnam Department of Health, during testing before Memorial Day, found fecal coliform levels at 30 times the limit considered safe for recreational use.

Water discharging into Cortlandt Lake from Canopus Creek and Spy Pond also tested high for fecal coliform, at 10 times the limit, but the contamination “was concentrated at the beach where people go,” said Lubbers.

Health officials believe that Cortlandt Lake’s bacteria levels are caused by failing septic systems at homes around the lake,

said Lubbers. Many of those homes were built as summer cottages but are now used year-round, he said.

“I have been soliciting advice from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and others to see if we can get in a room” to discuss the source of the contamination and how it can be fixed, he said.

### Hudson Highlands Reserve

The Town Board held off on giving its consent to the Hudson Highlands Reserve Sewage Works Corp., a private entity created to operate the sewer system serving 23 residences and a community space at the development off Route 9.

Philipstown’s consent is required under state law. Van Tassel said he wanted the town engineer, Ron Gainer, to review the plans. The town attorney, Steve Gaba, noted that private systems are often “set up to fail and the town winds up having to go in and take over a water system or a sewer system. That’s an expensive and difficult proposition.”

Horton Road LLC, the developer, received Planning Board approval in March to construct homes on a 210-acre property located between Horton Road and East Mountain Road North, with 79 percent of the land set aside as open space. The homes will be clustered on 31 acres, along

with two existing residences, and will be accessed from a new road.

### Route 9D sidewalks

Van Tassel said he met with state and local officials about adding sidewalks to Route 9D between the Village of Cold Spring line and Little Stony Point Park. He noted the blacktop that begins north of Haldane’s tennis courts is in “rough shape.”

One of the agencies represented at the meeting, the state Department of Transportation, said it lacks funding, and Van Tassel said the response from a state parks representative “disappointed” him. The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail was invited but no one attended, he said. “We did get some ideas for grants, but solutions are a long way off,” he said.

## Real Estate Market Report (June)

### 🏠 Beacon Homes

	2024	2025
New Listings	12	17
Closed Sales	9	12
Days on Market	66	42
Median Price	\$750,000	\$657,500
% List Received	98.8	102.9
Inventory	36	40

### 🏠 Beacon Condos

	2024	2025
New Listings	4	1
Closed Sales	5	0
Days on Market	81	—
Median Price	\$565,000	—
% List Received	96.9	—
Inventory	12	3

### 🏠 Philipstown Homes

	2024	2025
New Listings	17	11
Closed Sales	10	7
Days on Market	32	39
Median Price	\$712,500	\$925,000
% List Received	102.8	99.6
Inventory	38	37

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





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# Cold Spring Trustee Resigns

*Starbuck's term would have ended Dec. 31*

By Michael Turton

Eliza Starbuck, one of the five members of the Cold Spring Village Board, on Wednesday (July 16) announced that she was resigning, effective immediately.

Starbuck, who owns Flowercup Wine on Main Street, would have left the board

on Dec. 31 when her second, 2-year term ended. She did not seek reelection. Mayor Kathleen Foley said she would appoint a replacement to finish Starbuck's term.

In an email, Starbuck said she was proud of her work as trustee, particularly her role in implementing the Main Street and residential parking programs, pedestrian tunnel mural project and Main Street beautification. But, she wrote, "I can no longer contribute meaningfully or in a manner

that is worthwhile," and that the demands of her business had recently increased.

"I've learned a lot from working with the Village Board and administrative staff," she commented. "It's been a real education!"

Starbuck and another trustee, Aaron Freimark, have been at odds with Foley and the other two members on issues such as the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. The votes on some issues before the board have



Eliza Starbuck

been 3-2 lately.

Foley told *The Current* that Starbuck "is hardworking and has achieved a tremendous amount, particularly in her first term." She said her work on the village parking plan "operationalized what for decades was merely an idea."

Two candidates — John "Tony" Bardes and Andrew Hall — are running unopposed to fill the seats held by Starbuck and Freimark, who is not running for a second term. Foley is also running unopposed for her third term as mayor. The other board members are Laura Bozzi and Tweeps Phillips Woods.

## Food Trucks (from Page 1)

"We're brick-and-mortar, trying to stay alive and make our money; food trucks bring competition we can't deal with," said Doug Price, owner of Doug's Pretty Good Pub. "I just don't think it's fair; I don't think it's right."

Price said he feels the current regulations are adequate and that he can understand allowing food trucks on the riverfront during special events, "but not on a regular basis."

Gaston Alonso, who lives in the lower village, thanked the board for taking time to consider the issues involved and urged them to avoid issuing permits arbitrarily, adding that he has concerns regarding favoritism, corruption and abuse of power.

"Residential areas should not have their quality of life sacrificed for someone else's profit," Alonso said. "Food trucks will have more damaging effects in areas that are already overrun by crowds, including the lower village."

He cited problems such as generator noise, the daily setup and extended hours, parking, garbage, odors and the cost of cleanup.

Derek Graham, also a resident of the lower village, characterized food trucks as "an unnecessary imposition on lower village residents that don't benefit the community in any way," while producing trash, carbon monoxide fumes, diminished views at riverfront parks and reduced revenue for other local food businesses.

Not everyone on the board agreed with the mayor's call for updated regulations. Trustee Aaron Freimark noted that there are already food trucks in the village at special events. "I haven't heard any comments about that killing

businesses or creating too much trash," he said.

Noting that the moratorium would be universal across the village, Freimark said he worries the board "is approaching this with too blunt an instrument when being more specific is probably better; we're creating more 'process' than is needed."

Trustee Eliza Starbuck agreed. "I don't see why we need more rules and regulations for something that has been managed well by this board in the past; I think the current code is sufficient," she said. "There are references to peddling in Chapter 71 that are vague enough to be stretched and applied to food trucks."

Foley countered that Chapter 71 doesn't consider what neighborhoods are appropriate or inappropriate for food trucks and fails to address such details as hours of operation and impact mitigation for trash and odors.

She expressed concern that the existing laws do not prevent a village board from allowing a food truck to operate seven days a week, 10 hours a day, adding there has already been a proposal for one to operate five days a week, eight hours a day.

"There are lots of regulations across New York state to draw from," she said. "The question tonight is, are we in favor of establishing a six-month moratorium on the issuance of permits for food trucks while we pass reasonable and thoughtful regulations?"

Trustee Laura Bozzi supported the need for greater clarity. "We currently don't have the structure needed to make permit decisions without being arbitrary," she said.

Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods said she appreciates concerns about trash, traffic and other issues, but that the board can't say yes

or no to an application, "without language that clarifies what's reasonable, what we define as a good location and hours of operation. The language on peddling is from 1931; I think an update is reasonable."

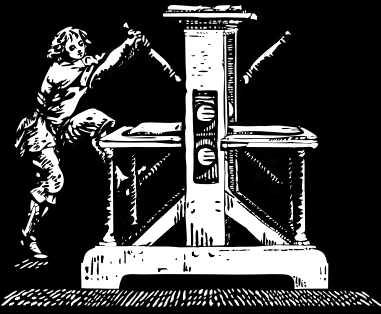
The resolution establishing the six-month moratorium was approved in a 3-2 vote, with Starbuck and Freimark voting no.

### In other business ...

■ CSFC will hold its 23rd annual Junior Firefighters Academy beginning Monday (July 21). Church Street will be closed adjacent to the firehouse on July 25 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. for graduation.

■ The board began discussion of revisions to Village Code chapters dealing with garbage, recycling, recreation and parades.

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A developer plans to transform the abandoned southern end of the Dutchess Mall in Fishkill into a warehouse facility.

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## Dutchess Mall Plan Delayed Again

*Owner seeks more time for approvals*

By Leonard Sparks

The long-awaited demolition and reconstruction of the dilapidated Dutchess Mall building along Route 9 in Fishkill will have to wait at least six more months.

On July 10, the Fishkill Planning Board approved two new 90-day extensions requested by Hudson Properties LLC as it works to meet conditions imposed more than two years ago, in February 2023, in the board's preliminary approval of the project. Hudson Properties would like to demolish the mall's remnants and construct a 350,000-square-foot distribution facility.

After getting a 90-day extension in March, Hudson Properties completed the requirements of the board's conditional approval to subdivide the property, said Christopher Fisher, an attorney for the project, in a June 25 letter to the board.

With that extension expiring on July 28, the company had not completed a set of conditions from its site plan, including a stormwater-management agreement with the town and a letter of credit for \$15 million in site work, such as grading, erosion control and sidewalks.

Hudson Properties, which initially had until February 2024 to obtain a building permit, has been "working diligently" on the remaining conditions, said Fisher.

"We look forward to getting that project underway," Jonathan Kanter, the Planning Board chair, said on July 10 after its members approved the latest extension.

As approved, Hudson Properties' plan called for partnering with commercial developer Crow Holdings Industrial to build the warehouse on 28.9 acres of a 39.3-acre parcel along the south side of Home Depot. The facility would include 209 standard parking spaces, 78 loading docks and parking for 30 tractor-trailers. Under the partnership, Hudson Properties would retain ownership of the remaining 10.4-acre lot, which fronts the property on Route 9.

The board required that Hudson Properties, by August 2023, obtain approvals from the state Department of Transportation for a new entrance and other upgrades along Route 9; the Dutchess County Department of Health for sewer and water upgrades; and the state Department of Environmental Conservation to build near wetlands. As that date approached, Hudson Properties notified the board that Crow Holdings had backed out and requested the first of what would become multiple extensions.

Redeveloping the property has been a priority for the town. Dutchess Mall opened in 1974 as the county's first indoor shopping center. Tenants included Jamesway, Lucky Platt and Mays department stores, RadioShack and Waldenbooks. But the opening of the Poughkeepsie Galleria and other retail centers along Route 9 siphoned customers, and the mall closed in 2001.

Home Depot opened in 2006. Seven years later, Dutchess Marketplace, an indoor/outdoor flea market, opened in the former department store space north of Home Depot but shut down in 2019. Two years later, Dutchess Community College opened its Fishkill campus in the building.

## Affordability (from Page 1)

Poughkeepsie or Wappingers.

"I was stuck," said Lahey. "Luckily, this happened."

What happened: a \$1,400-a-month one-bedroom found through Beacon's Workforce Housing Program, which has rescued dozens of residents from rental purgatory: They earn what are generally considered to be decent salaries, but too little to comfortably afford rents that have skyrocketed in Beacon, particularly since the pandemic fomented a wave of transplants from New York City.

Adopted by the City Council in 2017 as a revision to Beacon's affordable housing law, the program requires new housing developments with 10 or more rental units to set aside 10 percent at below-market rates for households earning up to 90 percent of the Dutchess County median household income, which is about \$97,000 annually. For condos and townhouses for sale, it's up to 110 percent of the median income.

Priority is given to volunteer emergency responders who have served five years or longer, as well as municipal and school district employees. Hudson River Housing manages the list of people who have been approved for the program, which so far has created 46 units for rent and nine condos and townhouses that have been purchased, said Chris White, Beacon's city administrator.

Rents range from \$1,412 to \$2,809 depending on the complex, the size of the household and the number of bedrooms. Lahey's apartment at the Beacon HIP Lofts, where a studio starts at \$2,100, has "made everything easier," she said. Her son, now a teenager, has the upstairs and its dedicated bathroom as his domain and Lahey has a bedroom and bathroom downstairs.

Amanda Caputo, Beacon's clerk, pays \$1,350 for a one-bedroom apartment at The Beacon at 445 Main St., which houses the Beacon Theater along with the rental units. The apartment is a launching pad for walks to work, the riverfront and Mount Beacon, or strolls along Main Street, where friends work.

"It's helped me grow in my position and stay in the community," she said.

Caputo and Lahey's rents were calculated, based on Beacon's guidelines and the area median income for Dutchess County, by Lashonda Denson, the director of homeownership and education for Hudson River Housing.

When units become available, Denson consults the list of people who have expressed interest and met the income guidelines. If the units are available, the applicants contact the property managers or landlords directly, she said.

People call Hudson River Housing daily looking for Beacon housing through the program, said Denson. "This is one of the few programs that offers some kind of reduction in the rent," she said. "Some people have been waiting for a couple of years, and then it happens."

White described the program as "critical to ensuring that new construction provides opportunities for those who



Amanda Caputo, Beacon's city clerk, is one of dozens of residents who pay below-market-rate rents through a city program.

Photo by L. Sparks

cannot afford the escalating rental costs." In addition to the HIP Lofts, and The Beacon, units exist at 7 Creek Drive, 344 Main, 121 Rombout Ave., The Arno beside Fishkill Creek and the Edgewater complex on the city's waterfront.

Dozens of units are awaiting Planning Board approval or completing construction, said White. Such projects "help to ensure that the city remains home to people of all incomes and backgrounds," he said.

Caputo, a SUNY New Paltz graduate, interned for the clerk's office in 2018 before being hired that year as deputy clerk. She moved to the building department before being named clerk in 2023. After graduating, she lived with family in the area while searching for a rental. She learned about the workforce program on the City of Beacon's website.

"I wanted to be local — not have a crazy commute — and living in Beacon would be ideal," she said.

After being accepted, she waited a few months before a unit became available at 445 Main St. She moved in May 2020, amid the pandemic, just as people from New York City began to flee to the Hudson Valley, causing a spike in housing costs.

Caputo said she sometimes thinks about "breaking that tipping point," where she makes too much to stay in the workforce program and has to find a market-rate unit in a city whose housing costs have increased dramatically.

"I'm not seeing anything that is at, below or anywhere near what I'm paying for rent right now — anywhere in the area," she said.

Lahey also knows how much rents have risen in recent years. When the first unit she rented at the HIP Lofts, which lacked a separate bedroom, became too small for an adult and a teenager, she began searching for a larger apartment. One place she looked at was Hudson View. The rents had grown since she lived there, said Lahey.

She tells others about her luck, encouraging them to apply, even if there is a wait. "The option is there," she said. "The faster you get on the list, the quicker you'll get a place."



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**UNICORN BOOK —** The Beacon Unicorn Project hosted a reading last month at Kitchen + Coffee of *Pink Unicorn's Magical Day*, inspired by the late Dave Shelly, known for sharing joy in Beacon with his pink unicorn costume. The children's book was written by Nicole Hughes (shown here) and illustrated by Chris Ams. See [dub.sh/pink-unicorn-book](https://dub.sh/pink-unicorn-book).

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## The Calendar



Cleo Reed as Betty and Aviva Jaye as Phebe in September. Jaye will portray Phebe again in the Beacon performance.

# Whole Lotta Shakers Going On

## 'Folk opera' in Beacon examines early conflict

By Marc Ferris

A taut thread connects Jean-Marc Superville Sovak's prolific artistic output and prodigious advocacy work: exposing hidden histories.

"I closely identify with past events that are erased or suppressed," he says. "And it's no coincidence that is often the case with people of African descent."

A sculptor, visual artist and activist, Superville Sovak is bringing *There Are NO Black Shakers: A Contemporary Folk Opera* to The Yard in Beacon on Thursday (July 24) for the work's second staging following its premiere in September at the Shaker Heritage Society in Albany.

After writing the libretto, he took hymns from the radical religious commune to Beacon violinist Gwen Laster, asking if it would be possible to "bluesify them," he says. "She said, 'Anything can be bluesified.'"

Other Beacon residents performing the work, which is punctuated with spoken-word interludes, include Damon Banks on bass, vocalist Melvin Tunstall III and Patrick Jones on banjo and guitar. Superville Sovak lived in the city for 11 years before moving to Plattekill in 2020.

The story centers on a strange and obscure

legal case from 1810 that he discovered while visiting a friend's art exhibit at the Shaker Heritage Society. When he asked director Johanna Batman if the group ever had Black members, "she harrumphed and showed me a picture of Phebe Lane as an elderly woman," he says. "The whole story about her sister Betty is well-known among Shakers, but they don't like to advertise or talk about it."

That's surprising because the event makes the religious commune, which stood against slavery and claimed to uphold egalitarian values, look pretty good. The opera's title refers to the community's ideal, which viewed Black and women members as peers first, and everything else second, he says, so they adhered to their creed in many ways.

Controversial upon their transplantation from England in the late 1700s, the Shaker movement reached its peak in the mid-1800s, with more than a dozen self-contained compounds, some of which are now museums. One practitioner hangs on at Sabbathday Shaker Village in Maine.

The Shakers are the "longest-lasting, self-sustaining religious or utopian society in American history," says Superville Sovak.

Beyond their anti-slavery stance, the Shaking Quakers, named for their fervid mode of worship, put the covenant above everything. "Once you signed that document, you handed over all your property and lost your identity," he says. "They opposed private property and the nuclear

family, so their value system questioned what made America, America."

The backstory of the court case dates to 1802, when Prime Lane, father of Betty and Phebe, relocated his family to a Shaker village at Watervliet, across the river from Albany. He left the fold eight years later, but the daughters, ages 25 and 23, decided to stay.

Prime sued the Shakers to return Betty, referring to her as his slave. Under New York law at the time, children born to an enslaved woman inherited the condition of bondage, and anyone harboring someone else's human property had an obligation to return the person or be fined.

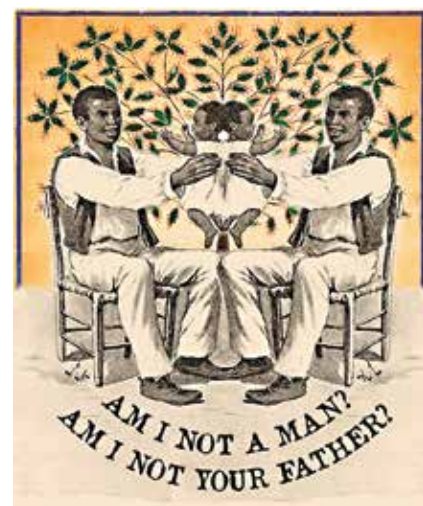
Betty somewhat fit the bill. Phebe did not, because Prime had emancipated her mother, Hannah, before Phebe was born.

Why the father left the commune and initiated a lawsuit remains a mystery, says Superville Sovak. Eventually, the court ruled in favor of the religious order, and the daughters stayed with them for the rest of their lives.

Lane v. Shakers "busts binaries when we think of history, which is so nuanced," he says. "It helps us look at things in a way that is not simplistic and is a truer version of what the messy past is really like."



Jean-Marc Superville Sovak Photos provided



Artwork by Superville Sovak

*The Yard is located at 4 Hanna Lane in Beacon; tickets are \$25 at [dub.sh/black-shakers](https://dub.sh/black-shakers). The actors for the July 24 performance, which begins at 7 p.m., are Aviva Jaye (Phebe), Onome (Betty) and Melvin Tunstall III (Prime). Superville Sovak and Alison McNulty are the narrators, and Gary Sunshine provided dramaturgy.*



THE WEEK AHEAD

NATURE & OUTDOORS

**SAT 19**  
**Family Hike**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
9:30 a.m. Fahnestock State Park  
1088 Cold Spring Turnpike  
cceputnamcounty.org  
Master Gardeners will lead this family hike on a scenic loop at Pelton Pond. Registration required. *Free*

**SAT 19**  
**Garden Tour**  
**NEWBURGH**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Historical Society  
189 Montgomery St. | 845-561-2585  
newburghhistoricalsociety.org  
The tour begins at Crawford House and will include private and community gardens. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

**SAT 19**  
**Summer Quarry Picnic**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D  
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org  
Enjoy a bento box picnic while exploring the quarry sites. *Cost: \$75*

**SAT 26**  
**Native Plants for Small Spaces**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
2 p.m. Stonecrop | 81 Stonecrop Lane  
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org  
Michael Hagen of the New York Botanical Garden will discuss how to plant rock gardens, containers, troughs and crevices. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 members)*

COMMUNITY

**SAT 19**  
**Indigo Dyeing Workshop**  
**GARRISON**  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
garrisonartcenter.org/upaw-at-gac  
As part of Upstate Art Weekend, Katrin Reifeiss will demonstrate how to use natural dye in the Japanese shibori method. Bring a textile to dye. *Cost: \$10 per item*

**SUN 20**  
**Electric House Party**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
4 p.m. Private home  
climatesmartphilipstown.org  
Climate Smart Philipstown will host this meet-and-greet with local homeowners who have made energy-efficient upgrades, including heat pumps, an induction stove and rooftop solar. Register online.

**SAT 26**  
**Bikes on the Farm**  
**BEACON**  
9:15 a.m. Dummy Light  
commongroundfarm.org  
Join the Beacon Bicycle Coalition for a ride to Common Ground Farm in Wappingers Falls for a bike parade, a visit with the animals and to pick flowers and veggies.

**SAT 26**  
**Rabies Vaccination Clinic**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
10 a.m. – Noon. Hubbard Lodge  
2880 Route 9  
845-808-1390 ext. 43160  
putnamcountyny.com/health  
Bring a dog, cat or ferret for a free rabies shot. You'll need a photo ID to prove Putnam County residency and a certificate of prior rabies vaccine.

**SAT 26**  
**Putnam County Fair**  
**CARMEL**  
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Memorial Park  
201 Gypsy Trail Road  
cceputnamcounty.org  
Enjoy entertainment and exhibits, along with food trucks, animals and pony rides. The 4-H youth will showcase their projects. Also SUN 27. *Free*

**SAT 26**  
**Chapel Rededication**  
**CARMEL**  
Noon. Whipple-Feeley Chapel  
200 Gypsy Trail Road  
The event will honor Karl Rohde, Ed Cooke, Peter Allegretta, Erik Aguirre and the late Denis Castelli for their civic contributions, and Miss New York, Marizza Delgado, will cut the ribbon.

STAGE & SCREEN

**SAT 19**  
**Bedroom Farce**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Savage Wonder  
139 Main St. | savagewonder.org  
Witness the “unraveling of couples, covers and common sense” at this reading of a play by Alan Ayckbourn. Also SAT 26. *Cost: \$25*

**SAT 19**  
**The Comedy of Errors**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
hvshakespeare.org  
Shakespeare's comedy includes two sets of twins separated at birth and searching for soulmates. Also MON 21, WED 23, FRI 25, SUN 27. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

**SUN 20**  
**The Matchmaker**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare  
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575  
hvshakespeare.org  
Nance Williamson stars as Dolly Levi in the Thornton Wilder play that inspired the 1969 film *Hello, Dolly!* Also THURS 24, SAT 26. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

**SAT 26**  
**Lips Together, Teeth Apart**  
**WAPPINGERS FALLS**  
8 p.m. County Players | 2681 W. Main St.  
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org  
See the Terrence McNally comedy set in 1990 at Fire Island about two couples sharing a house over



Music Man Jr., July 24

the July 4 weekend. *Cost: \$26 (\$24 seniors, military, students)*

**SAT 19**  
**Taking Venice**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | maggazzino.art  
The Cinema in Piazza series returns with this 2023 documentary about a scheme to get Robert Rauschenberg the top prize at the 1964 Venice Biennale. *Cost: \$20*

**SUN 20**  
**The Garden of the Finzi-Continis**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | maggazzino.art  
The Cinema in Piazza series continues with this drama, which won the 1972 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Based on a semi-autobiographical novel by George Bassani, it follows a wealthy Jewish family living in Italy just before and during World War II. *Cost: \$20*

**WED 23**  
**The Little Rascals**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. South Avenue Park  
South Ave. | facebook.com/BeaconRec  
Watch the 1994 comedy about a group of kids and their mischief, based on the classic *Our Gang* series.



**THURS 24**  
**There Are NO Black Shakers**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | theyardbeacon.com  
This contemporary folk opera, written and directed by Jean-Marc Superville Sovak, tells the story of Prime Lane, a free Black man who joined the Shaker Society. See Page 11. *Cost \$25*

**FRI 25**  
**Robert Burns Supper**  
**BEACON**  
5:30 p.m. Bannerman Island  
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org  
The dinner and celebration of Scottish heritage will feature a traditional menu, silent auction and entertainment. *Cost: \$195*

**SAT 26**  
**Carrie**  
**COLD SPRING**  
8:30 p.m. Dockside Park  
coldspringfilm.org  
The Cold Spring Film Society will screen the 1976 horror film about a bullied teen (Sissy Spacek) who uses her telekinetic powers to get revenge on classmates. *Free*

KIDS & FAMILY

**SAT 19**  
**Mastodons, Cavemen and Bears — Oh My!**  
**GARRISON**  
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org  
Paleontologists Mike and Roberta Straka will present an interactive Ice Age show that includes a dig for bones.

**WED 23**  
**Nature Art**  
**BEACON**  
4 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
Create art using twigs, leaves, stones and other naturally sourced materials.

**THURS 24**  
**Adventure of the Missing Color**  
**GARRISON**  
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org  
The Science Heroes will lead hands-on experiments for children ages 5 to 12. Registration required.

**THURS 24**  
**Music Man Jr.**  
**GARRISON**  
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing  
845-424-3900 | depottheater.org  
The Depot Kids will present the classic musical about a salesman who tries to con residents in a small

town and ends up finding love. Also FRI 25, SAT 26. *Cost: \$12*

**FRI 25**  
**Ice Tie Dye**  
**COLD SPRING**  
2 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Students in grades six and higher are invited to bring a T-shirt or other item to dye using a new technique. Registration required.

**FRI 25**  
**Spa Night**  
**BEACON**  
6 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
This after-hours event for teens and tweens will feature pampering activities. Registration required.

**SAT 26**  
**Nutty Scientists**  
**BEACON**  
11 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
Children ages 5 to 12 can take a sensory adventure to help Merlin the Wizard with experiments.

TALKS & TOURS

**TUES 22**  
**The High Road**  
**BEACON**  
6 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
Tommy Zurhellen, the Democratic candidate for Dutchess County executive in 2023, will discuss his book about running for elected office on a platform of kindness. He is known for walking across the U.S. to raise awareness about homelessness and suicide among veterans.

**TUES 22**  
**Beacon's Historic District**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Elks Lodge | 900 Wolcott Ave.  
beaconhistorical.org  
Mayor Lee Kyriacou will speak at the Beacon Historical Society's monthly meeting about historic preservation in the city.

**SAT 26**  
**A Vanished Utopia**  
**BEACON**  
1 – 3 p.m. Historical Society  
61 Leonard St.  
beaconhistorical.org  
This new exhibit examines Camp Nitgedaiget (“no worries” in Yiddish), located two miles south of Beacon, where Jewish progressives and Communist sympathizers gathered each summer from 1922 into the early 1950s. The society is also open from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursdays. Through Nov. 29.





A Vanished Utopia, July 26

**SAT 26**  
**Laureates & Friends**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

Three local poets laureate and their friends — Ruth Danon, Juan Pablo Mobili, Mary Lou Buschi, Jordan Davis, Catherine Gonick and Mike Jurkovic — will share their work. *Cost: \$15*

**VISUAL ART**

**SAT 19**  
**Upstate Art Weekend**  
[upstateartweekend.org](http://upstateartweekend.org)

The annual festival will include exhibits, talks and performances in 10 counties in the Catskills and Hudson Valley, including in Philipstown and Beacon. Also SUN 20, MON 21. See website for details and a map.

**SAT 19**  
**Works in Dialogue**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
2 p.m. Ligenza Moore Gallery  
78 Trout Brook Road  
[ligenzamooregallery.com](http://ligenzamooregallery.com)

Artists with work on display in *Destination Earth* will share their experiences. At 2 p.m. on SUN 20, Tony Moore will discuss his sculptures and paintings.

**SAT 19**  
**Margaret Inga Urías**  
**BEACON**  
3 p.m. BAU Gallery  
506 Main St. | [baugallery.org](http://baugallery.org)  
The artist will discuss her drawings and etched glass traces in *Vanishing Hour*.

**SAT 19**  
**Jennifer Lauren Smith | Andrew Brehm**  
**BEACON**  
5 – 6:30 p.m. River Center  
8 Long Dock Road | [soonisnow.org](http://soonisnow.org)  
The Soon is Now artists-in-residence are showing their large-scale paintings, photographs and collages.

**SAT 19**  
**Line Load**  
**BEACON**  
5 – 7 p.m. Mother Gallery  
1154 North Ave. | 845-236-6039  
[mothergallery.art](http://mothergallery.art)

This group show, which explores abstraction, will include works by Kerri Ammirata, Trudy Benson, Lauren Anaïs Hussey, Meg Lipke and Paola Oxoá. Through Aug. 16.

**SAT 19**  
**Afrofuturism and Beyond**  
**BEACON**  
6 p.m. KuBe Art Center  
211 Fishkill Ave. | [ecfa.com/kube](http://ecfa.com/kube)  
Algernon Miller, a painter, will discuss his work and the impact of Afrofuturism.

**SUN 20**  
**Every Rose**  
**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
2 – 4 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)  
Carol Benisatto, who lives in Putnam Valley, will share her paintings of female figures. Through Aug. 29.

**MUSIC**  
**SAT 19**  
**L'Amore della Musica**  
**COLD SPRING**  
2 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St. | [musicatstmarys.com](http://musicatstmarys.com)  
The woodwind quintet — Richard Paratley (flute), Simeon Loring (clarinet), Dorothy Darlington (oboe), Jonathan Watkins (bassoon) and Sigrun Kahl (horn) — will perform everything from classical masterworks to Romanian folk music to songs from the movies. Donations welcome. *Free*

**SAT 19**  
**Eternal Melodies**  
**WEST POINT**  
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point  
[westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com)  
The West Point Concert Band will honor heroism and the power of music to preserve memories. *Free*

**SAT 19**  
**The NightTimes**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Industrial Arts | 511 Fishkill Ave.  
[industrialartsbrewing.com](http://industrialartsbrewing.com)  
The psych-garage band from Brooklyn will perform.

**SAT 19**  
**Dick Griffin Quartet**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. St. Rita's Music Room  
85 Eliza St. | [saintritasmusicroom.com](http://saintritasmusicroom.com)  
The trombonist and his band will perform at this new venue. *Cost: \$45*

**SAT 19**  
**The Best of the '70s**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)  
Dizzyfish and the Uptown Horns will play rock hits from the era. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

**SUN 20**  
**Tony De Paolo**  
**BEACON**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island  
845-831-6346 | [bannermancastle.org](http://bannermancastle.org)  
Enjoy music by the guitarist and singer while taking a self-guided tour of the island. Boats leave the Beacon dock.

**SUN 20**  
**Secret Sounds of Lost Pond**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**  
3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D  
845-424-3812 | [visitmanitoga.org](http://visitmanitoga.org)  
David Rothenberg (clarinet), Daniel Kelly (keyboard), Michelle Shocked (vocals, mandolin) and Hamir Atwal (percussion) will make music based on the sounds of the animals and plants in the pond. *Cost: \$50*

**SUN 20**  
**Duo Scorpio**  
**COLD SPRING**  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | [chapelrestoration.org](http://chapelrestoration.org)  
Harpists Kathryn Andrews and Kristi Shade will perform commissioned works by Andy Akiho, *(Continued on Page 14)*



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THE WEEK AHEAD

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**SUN 20**  
**Rachael Sage & The Sequins**  
**BEACON**  
6 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
The band will play music from its upcoming release, *Just Enough*. *Cost: \$20*

**SUN 20**  
**Guy Davis, Pete Muller and Cassandra Kubinski**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
As part of the Songwriters in the Round series, the musicians will play off each other's harmonies. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

**TUES 22**  
**Samantha Crain | Kalyn Fay**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | theyardbeacon.com  
Crain, a two-time winner of the Native American Music Award, plays folk mixed with indie and country rock. Fay, a singer-songwriter,

focuses on connecting personal and shared narratives. *Cost: \$22*

**THURS 24**  
**Ryan Sheehan**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Savage Wonder  
139 Main St. | savagewonder.org  
The guitarist will perform psychedelic soundscapes. *Free*

**FRI 25**  
**Super '70s Rock Show**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
Super Trans Am will perform hits by the Eagles, Boston, Orleans and other bands. *Cost: \$30 to \$40*

**FRI 25**  
**Paul Byrne & The Bleeders**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The Americana band will perform music from its latest release, *El Cortez*, and Debbie Lan will play original songs. *Cost: \$20 food/drink minimum*

**SAT 26**  
**We Will Rock You**  
**NEWBURGH**  
4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College  
330 Powell Ave. | 845-913-7157  
newburghsymphony.org  
The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra program at



Dick Griffin Quartet, July 19

Aquinas Hall will include songs by the Beatles, Queen and ABBA, among others. Dancing and singing are encouraged. *Cost: \$55 to \$80 (\$35 seniors, students free)*

**SAT 26**  
**Professor Louie & the Crowmatix**  
**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
6 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompkinscorners.org  
The rock and Americana group will play music from its latest release, *Crowin' Around*. *Cost: \$25*

**SAT 26**  
**Benny Havens Band**  
**WEST POINT**  
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point  
westpointband.com  
The group will celebrate summer with high-energy hits, from hip-hop to classic rock. *Free*

**SAT 26**  
**Hot Club of Cowtown**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The jazz and blues trio from Texas recently released *Limelight*, a collection of standards. Jenna Nichols will open with music from *The Commuter*. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

**SUN 27**  
**Jonathan Arcangel**  
**BEACON**  
3 p.m. Savage Wonder  
139 Main St. | savagewonder.org  
The saxophonist and composer is part of the Grammy-nominated One O'Clock Lab Band. *Free*

**SUN 27**  
**Jake Xerxes Fussell**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
The guitarist and folk singer will play music from his fifth album, *When I'm Called*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

**CIVIC**  
**MON 21**  
**City Council**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. City Hall  
1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

**MON 21**  
**School Board**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. High School  
101 Matteawan Road | beaconnk12.gov

**WED 23**  
**Village Board**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.  
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Week Ahead edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)  
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# A CROSS SECTION OF BEACON ART

*Open Studios exhibit continues through Aug. 3*

By Marc Ferris

Presenting a substantial cross-section of Beacon's breadth as an artistic hub, Hudson Beach Glass through Aug. 3 is displaying small-scale works from 63 artists curated by Beacon Open Studios guru Darya Golubina. Beyond installing the show, which was no mean feat, she provided a case of wine for the opening on July 12.

The packed exhibition features glass, pottery, collages, paintings, textile art, wall sculptures, photographs, altered photographs and a woodblock print.

The display is laid out to the left of the entrance and starts with two paintings. "Cockatoo and Lion," by John Cote, conveys an unusual gloss and sheen. Lourdes Lebron's "Hot Planet," signified by a shiny golden splotch, suggests an explosion of molten lava.

On another wall, "Cosmic Gathering #1," by Paul Pisoni, presents a pebbly texture achieved in part by using an alcohol-based ink sprayed with a perfume dispenser that interacts in alchemical ways with the color behind it.

The sylvan scene captured by Pamela Garfield in "Summer Greens" renders tree trunks in pastel purple. The shimmer of

gently dabbed leaves suggests the golden hour's sunlight. Maya Bao's "The Bond" captures a reassured toddler burrowing into a male caregiver's chest pulling on a sippy cup.

Kat Spontak is a portraitist who dabbles in the mystical and the macabre. Her untitled mixed-media collage in the show includes digital enhancements, a large eye in the cartoonish sky, and blurry church structures and grave markers.

Standing in a cemetery with stars strewn at her feet and wearing a broad-brimmed hat rimmed with 11 visible eyes, she stares into the distance with a deadpan expression and holds a radiant pomegranate that looks like a ceremonial gourd.

The oil painting, "Abundant" by Alyssa Follansbee, is another heady, heavy allegorical work. Two nude women stand atop a pile of giant oranges, lifting a piece of fruit above their heads with each one's left hand as if they're presenting an offering. Three seagulls flap away above a built structure in the near background.

Among the photos, "Firefox Reflections" by Lauren Henfey juxtaposes a pond strewn with lily pads against a gentle sky mirrored in the water. "SeaWall" by Stephen Lewis appears to be an optical illusion. A row of bricks and mortar crowns a deep blue sea wall, breaking up the image. It's unclear which one is darker:



"One Size Fits All," by Chris Sanders

"Sunshower," by Zhixuan Zhang

"SeaWall," by Stephen Lewis

the ocean in the background above the brick pattern or the painted wall below.

William Loeb's enhanced and manipulated photo "Wake Up," printed on aluminum, presents a satisfying symmetry. The circular white coffee mug on a black background suggests an outer space scene.

With openings on three sides, Zhixuan Zhang's ceramic work "Sunshower" resembles a heart, with shiny yellow glaze speckled with blue. Texture and patterns on one of Dani Rzepnicki's stoneware vessels evoke ancient cave art.

Some works take a stand. The red, white and blue subject of "One Size Fits All" by Chris Sanders could be a bulletproof vest or a life jacket. The most strident piece is a painting by Marilyn Mitchell. "Anticipatory Obedience" depicts a screenshot of Google search results for the term. One panel landed on the preamble to the Constitution; another reads "Do not obey in advance."



"Summer Greens," by Pamela Garfield

The metal print "Artists Reality" by Ann Lebron also features some phrases, one of which is apolitical and applicable to any era: "No artist tolerates reality."

Hudson Beach Glass, at 162 Main St. in Beacon, is open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Roots and Shoots

## Put a Grass in It

By Pamela Doan

It's high season for color and butterflies in my yard. It's also a good time to check in and notice where



I want adjustments. Cut back a species here, move that bee balm over there, fill in a gap.

As I built out my flowerbeds over the years, usually by finding a plant I liked and walking around the yard to find a suitable spot for it, they still have haphazard areas. I overlooked grasses; the flowers caught all my attention.

I made a spreadsheet of native grasses. I had a dozen mixed in with general perennial lists, but moving them to their own category lets me compare attributes and needs. I decided to add ferns and groundcovers; it got unwieldy again, but they have similar functions. Eventually, I'm sure I'll break them out as I keep adding more and the list gets too long.

Why consider a native instead of an ornamental grass? Miscanthus grasses are among the most widely used and readily available ornamental grasses. Silvergrass (*Miscanthus sinensis*) has many cultivars with varied sizes and colorations. It is the tall, fountain-shaped grass frequently seen in yards planted as an island or scattered in a row like a hedge with gaps. Some have feathery tips and variegated foliage.



Little bluestem makes a strong showing in a container on our patio. Photos by P. Doan

They have been found to jump from our yards into natural spaces, where they compete with native species that our birds, insects and wildlife rely on. Cutting off the seed heads can control its spread. That's the nicest part, though, and the reason people like them. I don't think that happens often. Alternatively, native grasses look lovely and make other contributions to the ecosystem.

I've stuck with little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) and sedges for the most part. I love everything about LBS — the blue and bronze shading, its graceful form — and it's a good size to accent and mix into smaller scale projects. It's a dominant species in short-



This is how a broomsedge grass with goldenrod looked in a meadow-style planting over the winter.

grass prairies and grows to about 3 feet tall.

Insects and birds love this clump-forming grass, and it is a larval host for the caterpillars of six skippers, a group of butterflies noted for their "stout" bodies and quick, jumpy flying. I typically confuse them with moths. There isn't any reason not to include a patch of little bluestem in your yard or intermix them with perennials. They even look great in a patio container.

As I've broadened my gaze for grasses, prairie dropseed (*Sporobolus heterolepis*) also has moved to the top of the list. It's got a waterfall shape, like long hair rolling into the landscape. The seed stalks wave in the

breeze and become bird food in the fall and winter, and they get a golden hue. This grass, also a prairie species, thrives in hot, dry conditions. Few cultivars are more compact or have richer coloring, but at 2 feet tall, the straight species is easy to work with.

Moving into some taller species, big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*) can bring the drama. Rising to 5 to 6 feet tall, this grass can take the place of a shrub, be used as an accent or serve as the focal point of a planting. Visualize a cluster framing a view or path. Maybe it's the column holding the edge of a border or the centerpiece of a mixed-height grouping of perennials. I like to complement it with little bluestem; both do well in dry or medium soil.

I've used switchgrass (*Panicum virgatum*) less frequently, primarily because of a lack of opportunity for the right space. It's also a 5-foot-tall grass with similar possibilities to big bluestem, but it's suited for wetter soil conditions. While big bluestem's coloration falls in with reddish hues, switchgrass is in the yellow spectrum. Both are tall-grass prairie plants.

The grasses I've mentioned will all grow well in nutrient-poor situations and appreciate the Highlands' rocky, clay soil. Maintenance is easy with grasses, and they are best left to brighten the landscape through the winter, providing habitat for insects and wildlife, as well as seeds for birds. Cut them back in the spring to allow new foliage to emerge, although I miss that step sometimes and it still works out just fine. No-pressure plants — there is everything to love about that.

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# THE NEXT GENERATION OF GAMING

## Beacon-based group wants more control for creators

By Marc Ferris

Many video game developers and players believe the industry nickel-and-dimes its customers and creates too many buggy, lackluster products.

Valley Arcade Games, affiliated with Happy Valley Arcade Bar at 296 Main St. in Beacon, hopes to carve out its own ecosystem on Web3, shorthand for the next evolution of the internet. A group of rebels has been meeting at the arcade this summer to hash out the details. The first gathering in May drew four people but about 20 showed up in June.

"Gaming is fun, but we've lost our way," says Johnny Coughlin, who co-owns Happy Valley and co-founded its Web3 venture. "We're including a practical component as we experiment with the future and try to right the ship."

Here is the vision: In the next iteration of online interaction, the internet will fragment into fiefdoms that reject the marketing and surveillance juggernaut that the social media-driven Web 2.0 has become.

Blockchain security, cryptocurrency democratization and the open-source programming language Linux make this alternative network possible. As players compete, high scorers accrue digital purses they can take into the real world if the folks behind the venture build enough critical mass.

"At the core, we're minting money," says Jeff Werner, a strategic advisor with The Field Group, who lives in Philipstown. "If people recognize its value, we win. If not, we disappear."

Coughlin and his partners have developed a prototype, the Valley Web3 Arcade Cabinet, one of which stands near a bend in the bar at Happy Valley. It contains eight games

developed by Coughlin's company and its partners with names like Flutter, Mine All Mine, Spinfire, Mole Patrol and Death by Darkness (see [valley-arcade.com/games](http://valley-arcade.com/games)).

Coughlin's brother, Billy, composes soundtracks with virtual MIDI, instruments and "crazy vocals," Coughlin says.

"The music is too weird for a band, but it's usually just right for a game."

Cabinet players earn rewards at a rate 5.3 times higher than they could receive on their computers or cellphones, he said. Four more cabinets will be installed around the New York City metropolitan area later this

summer. They retail for \$5,500.

The content is plugged into the web and began livestreaming in June at [twitch.tv/valleyarcade](http://twitch.tv/valleyarcade). So far this year, its games have been played nearly 190,000 times, mostly by users in North America and Southeast Asia. The blockchain assures verification of high scores and the global leaderboard's integrity, Coughlin said.

"It's the world's first Web3 professional cabinet, and it cannot be manipulated," he says. "In some games, you can buy a stronger sword than other players and gain an unfair advantage. We want a level playing field for everyone, and that's going to be a big selling point."

Another plus is that individuals and independent gaming firms can publish on the platform and receive royalties. Onboarding is seamless compared to other portals that require complicated 15-character passwords, says Coughlin.

The ambitious goal is to be one of the first dominoes that topple giants such as Amazon and Google, bringing "power to the people" by designing networks that will run even if Amazon Web Services (AWS) goes down, says Werner.

"A key question for Web3 is, who owns the content?" asks Kyn Chaturvedi, a business advisor visiting from Estonia. "In our world, users and developers do."

Beyond combating corporate and individual greed and seceding from the mainstream internet, the principals and their partners are trying to create a sticky, lucrative online community with creative tools available to everyone.

So prevalent is game designing that it's a form of pop art, says developer Joe Lang, who is creating a game called Alien Influencer for the cabinet. "It's an open canvas, but we're not using paint and brushes," he says. "Inventing a game takes skill."

Jennifer Menjivar, another developer and high-performing gamer, chimed in to note that "the best games tell stories, like biographies or documentaries."



Chaturvedi, Coughlin and Werner outside the Happy Valley Arcade Bar

Photo by M. Ferris

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The mayor of London and the Common Council petitioned King George to end military operations in the colonies.

The Continental Congress requested that each colony establish minutemen units.

Maj. Gen. Philip Schuyler, arriving at 10 p.m. on July 18 to take command at Lake George in the Adirondacks, found a single sentry on duty. On seeing the general, the soldier quickly tried to awaken the three other guards.

Patriots in New York City raided royal stores in Turtle Bay (East 42nd Street) for supplies, which were sent to Boston and Lake Champlain.

New York observed a day of fasting and devotion, as requested by the Continental Congress.



# LOOKING BACK

## IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (July 1875)

After assaulting and robbing the elderly Levi Washburne in Carmel inside his home at 2 a.m., five "ruffians" harnessed a pair of horses to a wagon and drove to Cold Spring, where they abandoned the vehicle. Two men chasing them took the property back to Carmel. The editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder* noted that local law enforcement did not continue the pursuit, but that the deputy sheriff in Cold Spring and the sheriff likely knew it would be difficult to get reimbursement from the Village Board for their expenses or a reward.

A horse left untied by a pineapple peddler at Moshier's fish market was found near the Pacific Hotel.

The Cold Spring and Nelsonville rifle clubs held a friendly match, shooting at targets of 50, 75 and 100 yards with Hunter's Pet guns. Cold Spring won, 390-375.

Frederick Osborn, 17, drowned while swimming off Mine Point. "His brother made a heroic attempt to save him, but finding that both were sinking, said goodbye and released his hold," according to *The Recorder*.

A passenger on the Montreal Express who disembarked at Cold Spring forgot his pocketbook, with a large amount of cash. He rushed to the telegraph office. His message and the train reached Poughkeepsie at the same time, and the pocketbook was found on the seat, undisturbed.

At 7 p.m. on a Tuesday, Miss Kellogg called a girl playing the violin on Main Street for change to her carriage, where they conversed in Italian.

After a series of overnight burglaries and home invasions, the Village Board adopted a resolution "that the constables of the town and police officers of the village be specially requested to arrest and take into custody and detain all persons of suspicious character found roaming through the village at any unreasonable hour of the night, or found under suspicious circumstances at any time justifying their arrest and convent without delay to the police magistrate."

Billy McCormick, jailed in Cold Spring for stealing a barrel of liquor, claimed he was paid \$250 [about \$7,300 today] for the job but would not say by whom.

A tornado at West Point broke 140 gas hotel lights and moved artillery guns.

After a shot was heard at 10 p.m. on a Tuesday, two Fair Street men took their guns to Sandy Landing to investigate. They found a dog belonging to Michael O'Brien, of Garden Street, had been shot dead and supposed it was causing trouble for thieves hiding their goods.

Passengers aboard the Boardman and Cornwall steam yacht complained that young male swimmers waiting for the swell created by the boat would stand naked on the dock rather than jumping in the water

in advance of her passing.

Burglars visited B Street, where they attempted to break into the home of James Ball and took a watch from under a mattress in the house of John Butler.

A child in Nelsonville was pushed into the road while he and a playmate jostled to catch a pear falling from a tree, and only skillful horse management by Mr. Mangham prevented injury.

A load of hay carried by John Jaycox stopped suddenly at Main and Garden streets; although hidden by the hay, the front wheel caught in the wearing iron. Until that was discovered and corrected, "the quantify of gratuitous advice given [by passersby] was marvelous," reported *The Recorder*. "It was an exigency in which every man was peculiarly qualified."

A few silver coins discovered in the cellar of Hall's building after it burned down elicited a "California excitement" as people began digging for more.

## 125 Years Ago (July 1900)

*The Recorder* noted that a reporter had observed a touching scene during the Fourth of July parade. "As it was swinging from Bank Street into Parrott Street, Luke Higgins, a veteran of the Civil War, whose infirmities confine him to his home, leaned against a post on his stoop at attention, with the very musket, trimmed with Old Glory, that had done such good service nearly 40 years ago."

The Davis Comedy Co. had scheduled a performance at Town Hall but did not raise the curtain due to poor attendance.

*The Recorder* questioned why the Village Board had given Officer Meloy a raise from \$25 [\$950] to \$40 [\$1,500] a month, when it had refused Officer McCaffrey any increase, prompting him to quit. The village clerk stated that 20 residents of Highlands Falls, where Meloy formerly worked, had signed a petition recommending him. However, the paper noted that the document was 17 years old and that 143 Cold Spring residents had signed a petition calling for McCaffrey to be reinstated.

Samuel Hamilton, who came with his parents from Ireland to Cold Spring at age 14, was killed in New York City. While working at the Consolidated Gas Co., he was caught in the flywheel in the engine room and whirled violently.

The census enumerator counted 2,067 people in the Village of Cold Spring, representing a 30 percent increase in just five years.

DeWolf Hopper, a Broadway actor and comedian, passed through Cold Spring with his wife on their way to perform in Poughkeepsie.

A.D. Campbell, a painter in Cold Spring, received a letter from a brother he had not heard from in 10 years. Two weeks earlier, one of Campbell's painters had gone to Chicago looking for work. He stopped at a paint store and was asked where he last worked, a name the owner, Mr. Campbell, recognized immediately.

Margaret Pendergast, 8, of Cold Spring, who was a patient at a children's hospital in New York City following foot surgery, was looking forward to a trip to the hospital's summer home in Connecticut. On the journey, she contracted typhoid fever and was

## A True Tale from Cold Spring

*The following story appeared in 1900 in a "drummers' yarn," which were booklets with jokes attributed to traveling salesmen (because they "drummed" on your door).*

While stopping at Cold Spring, on one of my regular trips, I dropped into the Highland Market, and while waiting for Seth Secor to make up an order, I was amused at an old farmer, Warren Biga, by name, who sat on a box in the store and munched crackers and cheese which he had just purchased. He appeared to have some difficulty in chewing and finally exclaimed, "Damn false teeth, anyway! I wouldn't give six good teeth for a whole head of false ones!" "There is one consolation about false teeth," said Seth, encouragingly. "You can take them out and wash them." "Yes, I s'pose so." When the old man had finished his cheese he went out into the extension to a big kerosene tank with a nickel-plated pump on the top and, holding his teeth in his hand, he pumped kerosene on them, slipped them into his mouth and came back into the store. "'Pears to me that ice-water tastes like soap," said he. "That is kerosene," said Seth, looking up. "Whew, that so!" and the farmer pulled out his teeth and wiped them on the nearest thing that came to hand — a coarse bag that looked like a bran sack, and carefully replaced his teeth. In about a minute afterward, he exclaimed: "'Pears to me there's something dead about here! What's this bag?" "That," said Seth, as he walked out from behind the counter, "is a phosphate bag." The old gentleman took his teeth out and went out on a dead run and made a beeline for Spalding's drug-store, to get something to relieve him of "that queer feeling" in his stomach.

returned to the hospital, where she died.

William B. "Father Bill" Curtis, feted as the father of amateur athletics, was killed while climbing Mount Washington in New Hampshire. He had frequently visited Cold Spring with the Fresh Air Club.

*The Recorder* advised: "Young ladies who visit Constitution Island looking for huckleberries should provide themselves with hoodwinks so as not to see wild men and other things they are not looking for."

Thieves stole five chickens from John Riggs' hennery overnight, built a fire in Secor's woods and had a feast.

A customer, irate that his washing was not ready, punched the Chinese laundryman, Jim Willie, giving him a black eye.

Mrs. William Benjamin complained by letter to the school board that children were using Morris Avenue to go to and from school, which was a residential street, and said they should use High Street instead.

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A black bear seen around Indian Lake was captured and could be viewed for 10 cents.

Members of the Class of 1902 of the Stevens Institute in Hoboken painted their initials in large white letters on the rocks at Constitution Island.

Following complaints by Norman Ploss, an officer of the Anti-Saloon League, two bar owners lost their liquor licenses for not having their curtains drawn on Sunday.

Capt. Henry Metcalfe was the first person to own an automobile in the area. He was taking lessons to drive it, although it was not clear from whom.

### 100 Years Ago (July 1925)

Construction began on the Thayer Hotel to replace the West Point Hotel, which had stood on the edge of Trophy Point for 96 years.

William Henry Knox, a former Haldane student, was nominated as a director of the British and American Church of Rio de Janeiro.

Newly paved with concrete, Main Street opened for traffic from lower Main in Cold Spring to the fork of the road in East Nelsonville.

The state Bureau of Highways announced it would spend \$1 million [\$18 million] to cover 12 miles of the Albany Post Road through Putnam County with concrete.

The Village Board required cars to park against the curb in the same direction as traffic and limited parking on Main Street between Fair and Church to one hour.

### 75 Years Ago (July 1950)

Col. Donald Berrigan, 48, formerly of Cold Spring, was appointed the Army transportation officer in Paris. He had held the same position at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and served as a transportation officer on Utah Beach in Normandy during World War II. His sons, Donald and William, were sent to live with an uncle who worked for the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio in Hollywood.

George Hopkinson, a banker whose wife had been the music supervisor at Haldane High School before the couple moved to Korea, died in Seoul of polio. Mrs. Hopkinson and their 2-year-old son were evacuated to Japan following his burial, which was done quickly, "before [the] Communists arrive," she told her mother in a telegram.

A Piper Cub made an emergency landing on a bumpy field on the Hubbard estate at Mekeel's Corner because of an electrical storm. Residents helped turn the plane around so it could take off again.

The Putnam County Republican Committee endorsed former Rep. Hamilton Fish, who lived in Garrison, for the U.S. Senate. "My platform will be to get the government out of the red and the Reds out of the government," he said.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. took receipt of a 500-gallon Brockway pumper.

More than 1,500 people lined village streets to watch a firematic parade. The Verplanck department won for best uniformed appearance, Garrison won for best non-uniformed appearance and

Croton had the most men in line (70).

Gustav Kosney, owner of the Hudson View Hotel [now the Hudson House], was among the finalists in a recipe contest sponsored by Heinz that used its Magic Onions product. He won a tabletop radio for his cauliflower broth.

### 50 Years Ago (July 1975)

The Cold Spring Jaycees organized the seventh annual Philipstown Community Day at the riverfront, which attracted about 4,000 people. It ended with a concert by The Sands of Time and a fireworks display.

Mike Krzyzewski, the newly hired basketball coach at West Point, named two assistants, Pete Gaudet and Bobby Dwyer. A 1969 academy graduate, Krzyzewski played for the Black Knights under Coach Bobby Knight.



Mike and Mary Scalpi celebrated their fifth anniversary as owners of the River-view Inn on Fair Street by hosting a 12-hour

clam bake. They went through 30 crates of chickens and 40 bushels of clams.

As part of the nation's bicentennial, a bronze plaque was installed on the Edward Swinburne estate in Manitou to honor Maj. Gen. Israel Putnam, who built batteries on the site in 1777 to defend against the British, and Maj. Gen. Frank Schwengel, who helped found the American Legion.

A sheriff's deputy arrested a man living in a tent on railroad property in Garrison. He was charged with trespassing and public lewdness.

### 25 Years Ago (July 2000)

The Putnam County Historical Society announced a campaign to raise \$500 [\$900] to replace the Benedict Arnold historical marker on Route 9D in Garrison, which had been stolen. The original marker, installed in 1934, was destroyed in 1997 but recast with funds donated by John Svirsky.

The National Park Service said it might ask a judge to force the Franciscan Friars at Graymoor to sell 18 acres adjacent to the Appalachian Trail. The agency wanted to create a "buffer zone" around the trail, but negotiations had fallen apart.

Gordon Churchwell of Cold Spring spoke at Barnes & Noble in Mohegan Lake about his new book, *Expecting: One Man's Uncensored Memoir of Pregnancy*.

Brian O'Neill, 14, an incoming freshman at Haldane High School, returned home after playing in a basketball tournament in Ireland sponsored by People-to-People.

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to sell, the legislation suggests authorities could use a legal process called eminent domain to compel a sale.

Tom Konrad, a chartered financial analyst who is the chair of the Marbletown Environmental Conservation Commission, is leading a plan in the Ulster County town — the Hudson Valley's first — to transition to 100 percent renewable energy. He estimates that it would cost between \$2.2 billion and \$3.6 billion to acquire Central Hudson, including its \$1.4 billion in debt.

The Hudson Valley Power Authority (HVPA) would be overseen by a nine-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature, which would also include the business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 320, the union representing about 700 Central Hudson employees.

In addition, an independent "observatory" modeled after the Paris Water Authority and composed of elected representatives and members of academic institutions would help the board with "community participation, transparency, research and accountability," Shrestha said.

The newly formed utility would retain Central Hudson employees represented by labor unions and assume those agreements, including retirement benefits. After buying Central Hudson, the HVPA would be obligated to bargain "in good faith" with union representatives.

The bill also aligns the HVPA with the goals of the state's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, directing the utility to procure 70 percent renewable electricity by 2030 and 100 percent renewable electricity by 2040, provided the supply is available.

At least 35 percent of the benefits of clean energy and efficiency programs, such as reduced pollution through the phasing out of fossil fuel-burning plants, would be allocated to disadvantaged communities within the service area.

Shrestha doesn't expect either Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins or Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie to call for a vote until the bill has sufficient momentum to pass, which she said could take two or three years.

Konrad believes the state would realize savings because, like a municipality, a state-owned utility does not pay federal taxes. Municipal bonds would also come at a lower interest rate — a combination he says could save up to 10 percent.

But the most significant savings — and a key selling point for the proposal — would be the elimination of what Shrestha calls Central Hudson's "profit motive." Utilities don't make money on the electricity and gas they provide,



Assembly Member Sarahana Shrestha, shown here at a rally in Kingston, introduced legislation to create a Hudson Valley Power Authority.

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but from the delivery rates. That money funds operations, capital projects and returns for shareholders. The Public Service Commission is weighing a request from Central Hudson to increase its delivery charges to provide a 9.5 percent investor return.

According to Joe Jenkins, Central Hudson's director of media relations, about half of the utility's capital expansion is covered by borrowed money (through bonds repaid by customers via delivery rates) and half by shareholders. For that reason, Konrad argues, customers are "renting the electric grid from Central Hudson. As renters, we pay Fortis for its cost of capital, plus profit on the amount of equity they put in, plus any maintenance. We have to pay for everything they pay for, plus a profit."

Konrad estimates that eliminating the need to earn a profit for shareholders could save nearly \$50 million annually. He points to data collected by the U.S. Energy Information Administration in 2022, which showed that, on average, public power customers pay 6.3 percent less than customers of investor-owned utilities.

### Opposition emerges

"Central Hudson is not for sale," says Jenkins. If New York State attempts to acquire the company through eminent domain, he predicts "a pretty costly and drawn-out legal battle."

The company's objections to the proposal are many. For one, Jenkins said, the utility contributes \$60 million in taxes annually to municipalities in its territory. "That's money that goes to fire departments, school districts, police departments," he said, cautioning that, for those municipalities, a state takeover would "throw budgeting into chaos."

Central Hudson also fears a public utility would eliminate hundreds of jobs in the natural gas sector. Jenkins noted that the bill refers to the Hudson Valley Power Authority making an agreement with a union that represents "transitioning employees from non-renewable generation facilities" before the authority completes a renewable-energy project. "We take that to mean natural gas" employees, said Jenkins.

Jerry Nappi, the director of public affairs

for Central Hudson, says the HVPA narrative suggests that "if the government just had control of Central Hudson, we could do X, Y and Z. But that ignores the fact that we are regulated very heavily by New York State."

Nappi disputes Shrestha's statement that a "perverse incentive" for profit is the company's primary motivator, and Jenkins says Central Hudson recognizes "the growing concern about the affordability of energy."

"We're committed to doing everything in our power to keep our bills as manageable for our customers as we can," said Jenkins. Instead of a takeover, collaborative dialogue with elected officials in the region "is a very important part of reaching long-term, permanent solutions to keep energy bills low," he said. "It takes a village to keep energy costs low."

In April, more than two dozen labor and business organizations, including the Orange, Ulster and Dutchess County chambers of commerce, signed a letter opposing a Hudson Valley Power Authority. The legislation, the groups said, "poses significant risks to our local economy and workforce, harms customers and communities, hinders the transition to cleaner energy and threatens the overall reliability and affordability of energy" in the Central Hudson service territory.

While HVPA advocates accuse Central Hudson of profiting from capital expansion, the labor and business groups say public power authorities lack oversight and "are not incentivized to make needed investments, potentially leading to a diminishment of reliability."

The groups cite a 2024 report from the American Public Power Association, which they say demonstrates that electric rates in New York are nearly 10 percent higher for residential customers of government-run utilities.

In Putnam, County Executive Kevin Byrne, a Republican, said he "firmly opposes" the HVPA. While its goals of cleaner energy and local control sound appealing, the financial model "relies on high upfront capital costs and long-term debt, which places significant financial risk on taxpayers," he said. "The idea that this will result in lower rates is speculative at best."

Steve Carroll, the president of IBEW



The Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant in Lewiston AP

## The Overlooked Renewable

By Michael Turton

Wind and solar receive considerable attention, but another renewable energy source is often overlooked: hydroelectric power. It made its debut in England in 1878, lighting a single lamp, but within 20 years, the world's largest hydroelectric plant was operating at Niagara Falls.

With more than 300 plants, New York is the largest producer of hydroelectric power east of the Mississippi River and the third-largest nationally, behind Washington and California. The Robert Moses Power Plant, located just downstream from Niagara Falls in Lewiston, features 13 turbines that produce up to 2.4 million kilowatts of electricity, enough to power nearly 2 million homes.

Most of New York's hydro plants are in the northern part of the state, but smaller installations are found in the south, as well. Central Hudson operates three hydroelectric plants in Ulster County. While not Niagara Falls, the Sturgeon Pool, Dashville and High Falls plants collectively produce 23 megawatts, or 80,000 megawatt-hours of electricity, enough to serve 10,000 homes.

Other hydroelectric plants in the Mid-Hudson Valley include facilities in Beacon and Wappingers Falls in Dutchess County; Walden, Highland Falls and Salisbury Mills in Orange County; and Walkkill in Ulster County.

The New York Independent System Operator, which manages the grid, reported that in 2024, gas and oil-fueled plants produced 41 percent of New York's electricity while hydroelectric and nuclear plants contributed 21 percent each. Hydro produced 27,936 gigawatt-hours and nuclear 27,073. Wind produced five percent of the state's electricity, and solar less than 1 percent.

320, the electrical workers' union, says that by focusing their public-information campaign on customers' unhappiness with Central Hudson's widespread billing issues, Hinchey and Shrestha have tried to oversimplify the issue. He, too, believes that

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municipalities would suffer a loss of tax revenue, while the cost of transitioning to renewable energy sources will make it impossible to lower rates.

Carroll likens the impact of the state's climate goals, which call for the expansion of the electric grid and the elimination of energy derived from fossil fuels, on Central Hudson's rates to a deli that must charge more for an egg sandwich because the cost of eggs went up. "You wouldn't blame the deli," he said.

If New York State's goal is affordable energy, it should invest in generation, he said, while being "thoughtful" about climate goals and their effect on rates. "The best way to fix that is to produce your own energy, so you control the cost," Carroll said. "I'm not saying that something doesn't need to change, but the HVPa isn't the change that needs to happen. This is a small move, but it has tentacles that will affect a lot of things."

### Grassroots support

Talk to advocates for the Hudson Valley Power Authority and you'll hear almost the exact opposite.

The bill states that the HVPa will make payments in lieu of taxes to municipalities and school districts to compensate for the amount that Central Hudson pays. "When Central Hudson talks about local taxes, they are ignoring the fact that the HVPa will still be paying this money to local authorities," Konrad said. "They are trying to scare you."

Joe O'Brien-Applegate, a Beacon resident who is leading Beacon Climate Action Now's advocacy for the public authority, says the discussions he's had at events such as the city's Earth Day celebration or the Taproots Festival in the fall have been "the easiest political outreach I've ever done."

Beacon Climate Action Now is part of the Hudson Valley for Public Power coalition. O'Brien-Applegate believes residents of the region are not only deeply dissatisfied with Central Hudson, but that there's growing enthusiasm for a cleaner, more affordable approach to energy.

"Better alternatives to the status quo are out there," he said. "Things don't have to be predatory, win-or-lose, zero-sum situations. You can restructure large institutions that put the needs of the people they serve first."

Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger, a Democrat, is on board; last year, she said: "If there was ever a time to consider an alternative to the current model of utility

service, it is now." The Kingston Common Council and the Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees this year adopted resolutions in support of the HVPa. Beacon Climate Action Now says it's had conversations with the city's Conservation Advisory Committee about municipal support here.

On Thursday (July 17), Shrestha announced six town halls to be held in Dutchess and Ulster in August to discuss the proposal.

If a public power authority is established in the Hudson Valley, the American Public Power Association, which advocates for more than 2,000 municipal utilities nationwide, suggests that it invest in distribution. Most public utilities purchase power from an outside source, but reliable delivery should be the utility's only priority, says Ursula Schryver, a senior vice president. That means ensuring that wires, poles and other infrastructure are maintained and upgraded.

The utility should also invest in the community, she said, which could mean providing free electricity to municipal buildings, offering staff for safety workshops, or sharing services such as information technology or billing with other municipal utilities.

In the for-profit model, some of a utility's revenue is "being pulled away by shareholders," Schryver said. "All of it is not going back to the community."

### Next steps

If the Legislature approves the measure in two or three years, as Shrestha predicts, whoever is in the governor's office will need to be amenable to the plan. (The next election for governor is in 2026.) Advocates recognize the need for an independent study to determine the extent to which the proposal would reduce customers' bills.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino, a Republican, noted this week that the state has the power to hold utility companies accountable through the Public Service Commission, "yet we continue to see rate hikes approved time and time again. We need stronger oversight and real accountability now, and any new proposal should come with clear, concrete guarantees that it will truly deliver the savings and reliability people deserve."

If the legislation to create a Hudson Valley Power Authority is enacted, Shrestha expects Central Hudson will go to court. "We will win," she said. "It will just be a matter of time."

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While visiting the Robert Moses plant near Niagara on June 23, Gov. Kathy Hochul said she would direct the NYPA to develop and construct a nuclear power plant upstate.

Photo by Darren McGee/Governor's Office

## Hochul Proposes Public Nuclear Plant

*Would produce at least 1 gigawatt of energy*

By Brian PJ Cronin

Last month, Gov. Kathy Hochul visited the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant to announce plans for a nuclear power plant built by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to produce at least 1 gigawatt of energy, enough to power about 1 million homes.

"To power New York's future, we need three things: reliability, affordability and sustainability," she said. "Nuclear drives all three."

"There's strong support among both Democrats and Republicans for nuclear at the federal level," said Keith Schue of the policy group Nuclear New York. "You can't really say that about anything else."

New York has been deactivating power plants faster than it has been connecting new ones. Indian Point near Peekskill was shut down in 2021; the company that ran it said it couldn't compete with cheap fracked natural gas flowing in from Pennsylvania. While the state acknowledged that the closure would mean an increased reliance on fossil fuels, it expected that reliance to be temporary as hundreds of renewable energy projects awaited approval.

But the reliance on oil and gas has continued. The pace of adding renewable sources was slowed by supply chain issues, inflation, global interest rates and tariffs from President Donald Trump's first term. Subsidies and policies for renewable energy equipment in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act were eliminated by Trump in a budget bill enacted on July 4.

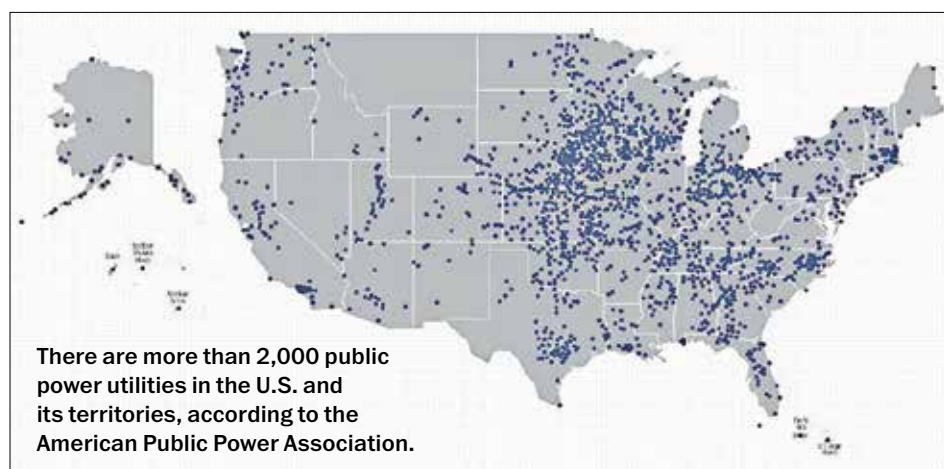
The fossil fuel industry isn't immune to the same concerns; there's a five-year wait for natural-gas turbines. However, with high-tech manufacturing plants and data centers emerging upstate — industries that require a substantial amount of power — and renewable energy sources being curtailed, nuclear power may need to play a larger role.

"Upstate New York gets 90 percent of its electricity from clean sources because of what's going on here [hydro] and nuclear facilities," said Hochul. "But we need to scale it up fast."

*Fast* is not a word associated with the nuclear industry. The country has completed two plants in 30 years: Watts Bar in Tennessee, which began construction in 1973 and became operational in 1996, and Plant Vogtle in Georgia, which broke ground in 1976 and started producing energy in 1987. (Its fourth and final reactor went online in 2024.) Both projects went considerably over budget.

There may be a role for nuclear power in New York, said Alexander Patterson of the advocacy group Public Power NY. But renewable energy is cheaper and quicker to build. In 2023, Hochul enacted the Build Public Renewables Act, which gave the NYPA the authority to bring clean energy online quickly.

Hochul has found an unlikely ally in President Trump. In May, he signed executive orders designed to quadruple the nuclear power generated by 2050 by rolling back federal safety and security regulations and increasing the allowable amount of radiation exposure. This week, *Politico* reported that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has been instructed to "rubber-stamp" any projects the Trump administration submits.





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John Humbach  
(1943-2025)

John Albert Humbach, aged 81, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025. Born on Dec. 2, 1943, in Hamilton, Ohio, John was a devoted son to the late Earl and Mary Humbach. He spent his formative years in Hamilton, laying the foundation for a life marked by remarkable achievement and service.

John was preceded in death by his parents and leaves behind his beloved wife, Eva, their three children, Thomas, Charles and Anne Charlotte, and cherished grandchildren John, William and Luke. He is also survived by his brother Thomas and an extended circle of family, former students, colleagues and friends deeply touched by his guidance and care.

After graduating from Taft High School in Hamilton, Ohio, in three years, and from Miami University in three years in 1963 with a B.A. in Economics, John earned his J.D. summa cum laude from Ohio State University in June 1966. He then spent five years practicing corporate and securities law at Breed, Abbott & Morgan on Wall Street, where he honed his reputation for excellence and integrity.

In 1971, John shifted his focus to academia, becoming a law professor. After teaching at Brooklyn Law School and Fordham University, in 1977 he joined the Pace University School of Law (now, the Elizabeth Haub School of Law) as a founding faculty member. Over nearly five decades, he became a beloved mentor and scholar, teaching subjects ranging from Property, Criminal Law and Corporations to Professional Responsibility. During his distinguished tenure, he served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from 1982 to 1990 and held the prestigious James D. Hopkins Chair in Law from 1993 to 1995. Colleagues and students remember John for his clear intellect, ethical rigor and dry wit.

John’s scholarly impact is evidenced by numerous influential publications — 56 in total. His work, such as “Do Criminal Minds Cause Crime? Neuroscience and the Physicalism Dilemma” (2019), reflects his deep engagement with evolving legal thought and his willingness to explore complex intersections between science, ethics and justice.

Beyond the classroom, John showcased a remarkable commitment to environmental and civic initiatives. He was instrumental in preserving Sterling Forest, a 22,000-acre natural preserve near New York City, and served as chairman of the Sterling Forest Coalition in the late 1980s and early 1990s. As chairman of Mount Vernon’s Architectural Review Board and a board member of organizations like the Appalachian Mountain Club and New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, he demonstrated lifelong dedication to conservation and community stewardship.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., in Cold Spring, New York, followed by a gathering to celebrate his extraordinary legacy. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sterling Forest Coalition ([facebook.com/SterlingForest](https://facebook.com/SterlingForest)) or Pace University’s Environmental Law initiatives ([pace.edu/law/give](https://pace.edu/law/give)).

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



Mary Schlitzer (1960-2025)

Mary C. Schlitzer, a beloved wife, sister, aunt, and longtime resident of Cold Spring, New York, died unexpectedly at home on July 9, 2025, at the age of 64.

Born on Dec. 5, 1960, Mary was raised in Wappingers Falls, New York, and lived in Washington, D.C. before making her home in Cold Spring for the past 31 years with her beloved husband, Fred Schlitzer. Mary earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Trinity College in Washington, D.C., a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Master of Public Administration from Baruch College.

Mary enjoyed a distinguished career in the nonprofit sector, devoted to supporting the arts and education. She held a variety of financial positions at leading museums and educational institutions, including the Smithsonian and Barnard College, and most recently at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York City. Her educational and professional achievements reflect her sharp intellect and strong work ethic.

Mary was an avid knitter and a lifelong lover of the arts. She enjoyed attending both local Hudson Valley art exhibitions as well as major art galleries along with her husband, Fred Schlitzer, an accomplished local artist and her devoted partner of 40 years.

Mary is also lovingly survived by her siblings: John Gutowski of Pleasant Valley, New York; Ann Gutowski of Wappingers Falls, New York; Carl Gutowski of Wappingers Falls, New York; and Robert Gutowski of Briarcliff Manor, New York.

She was a devoted and adoring aunt to her many nieces and nephews, and a cherished neighbor who brought warmth and care into the lives of neighborhood children. Mary was predeceased by her parents, Joseph and Martha Gutowski, her brother, Paul Gutowski, and her sister-in-law, Helen Ke.

Mary will be remembered for her energetic spirit and deep compassion. She enriched the lives of all who knew her and leaves behind a legacy of kindness and generosity.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the Philipstown Food Pantry ([presbychurhcoldspring.org/food-pantry.html](https://presbychurhcoldspring.org/food-pantry.html)).

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# Puzzles

## CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. Verily
4. Swiss artist Paul
8. Harvest
12. Outback bird
13. Teeny bit
14. Ticklish Muppet
15. Spelling-test study guide
17. Old stringed instrument
18. Eternities
19. "Old MacDonald" refrain
20. Rescues
22. Ocular woe
24. Med. plan options
25. Preface
29. Paris pal
30. Surrenders
31. Guided
32. Puns and such
34. Verdi opera
35. Feedbag filler
36. Delegate
37. Treaties
40. Duel tool
41. Work on proofs
42. Bleeped term
46. New York's — Field
47. Regarding
48. Hosp. area
49. Patella site
50. Consider
51. Science room
- DOWN
1. Evergreen tree
2. Moody rock genre
3. French farewell
4. Pottery ovens
5. Clark's love
6. UFO crew
7. Have brunch
8. Critic's critique
9. *Night* author Wiesel
10. Mine, in Marseille
11. Casual shirt
16. Accomplishes
19. Peepers
20. *Candida* playwright
21. Bullets
22. Fizzy drinks
23. Deuce topper
25. Fedora fabric
26. Extra virgin product
27. Make over
28. Crucial time
30. Bookkeepers (Abbr.)
33. Country star West
34. From the top
36. English racetrack site
37. Quick kiss
38. Tennis score
39. Refer to
40. Town near Padua
42. Scoundrel
43. Work with
44. TV pioneer
45. Name

## SUDOCURRENT

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## WORDSEARCH

THEME: Spanish Colors

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## FIVE SPOT

Solve each row by replacing one letter from the answer above or below and scrambling to make a new word. When complete, the top and bottom words will have no letters in common.

D	E	B	U	T	First appearance
					Savage
					Word with layer or space
					Hold for later
					Lowest rated
					Functions

MEET AAS SPEW  
ALAI LBO HATE  
YARN TEN IGET  
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FIRSTGRADE  
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OBIS SEA RARE

Answers for July 11  
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P I L A C X A J D K  
M E R O L U T F P K  
O R L Z Y E S U O M  
C C B Q P K H I U K

BUILD, LUBED, BALED,  
TABLE, STEAL, TEAMS

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4 2 7 5 3 6 8 9 1  
7 6 1 8 9 3 2 4 5  
8 5 3 4 2 7 6 1 9  
9 4 2 1 6 5 7 8 3

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## Sports

# Championship Play

*Text and photos by Ross Corsair*

The Philipstown coaches couldn't remember the last time a Little League All-Star softball team made it to a championship game. Philipstown's population is so small, the "all-stars" often include everyone on the team.

But perseverance and pluck got them to the July 11 title game against visiting Poughkeepsie, a town with more than three times the population to draw its all-stars from. The locals were hindered further because, at the last minute, a third of its lineup was unavailable, in one case because of a broken foot. (She came on crutches to cheer.) Because a team must field at least nine players, three replacements were brought in from a younger age group.

The Philipstown girls, who had been pummeled during the season by teams from much larger places, held their own. The game went into extra innings before Poughkeepsie pulled it out, 5-4. Over seven innings, Philipstown pitcher Rosie Valentine struck out 12 and yielded only five hits. She also scored twice.

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