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Breakneck Keeps Booming

'Alarming' growth; 1,000 hikers a day now common

By Chip Rowe

The number of hikers ascending Breakneck Ridge has risen 33 percent in the last three years, according to newly released data from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

And the numbers keep growing. In the first two weekends of the 2017 season, stewards at a single Route 9D trailhead counted 4,670 hikers, an increase of 22 percent over the same period last year.

"So far this season, every nice day has seen well over 1,000 hikers attempt Breakneck," said Hank Osborn, senior program coordinator for the NYNJTC. "This was not so common last year, rare the year before and unheard of the year before that." He called the growth "alarming."

On its busiest days, as many as 1,700 people ascend the 4.4-mile, white-blazed trail at the Putnam-Dutchess border. That figure has remained relatively stable. But the growth in traffic on the mountain is reflected in the number of times it occurs: There were 22 days between Memorial Day weekend and Columbus Day in 2016



OFF-ROAD ART — A visitor to the Butterfield Library on June 4 puts the rubber to the roll to create a unique souvenir of Big Truck Day. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

when stewards recorded at least 1,000 hikers, compared to two days in 2014.

Stewards positioned on weekends and holidays at the white-blazed trailhead counted 35,570 hikers between late May

and mid-October, which the NYNJTC extrapolates to between 75,000 to 100,000 people ascending the ridge annually from there and other trailheads.

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Maloney on Opioid Crisis, Environment, Healthcare — and Trump

Endorses 'imperfect progress over perfect gridlock'



Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney during an interview at the Cupoccino Cafe in Cold Spring

Photo by Michael Turton

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Sean Patrick Maloney, the U.S. House member who represents Beacon and Philipstown (and who lives just up the hill from Cold Spring and Nelsonville) detoured on his way to Washington, D.C., on June 6 to meet with *The Current*.

In a wide-ranging interview at a village coffee shop, the three-term Democrat touched on the opioid-heroin crisis, environmental issues, healthcare and President Donald Trump.

He also repeatedly endorsed bipartisanship, saying that "despite all the partisan heat and noise" on Capitol Hill, "there's a deep desire among many of us to work together on solutions. And it doesn't have to be everything we want. Most of us would take imperfect progress over perfect gridlock."

Some of his remarks, edited for conciseness, appear below. For more, including his views of Russian interference in American elections and whether the Democrats should abandon rural areas and "Trump districts" like his own 18th, see highlandscurrent.com.

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Is it Art, or a Sign?

Beacon business owner protests ruling

By Jeff Simms

A Beacon business owner is due in court on June 22 to face accusations by the city that he hung an unauthorized sign on a building he owns, but he says the sign is art.

Jason Hughes, who, along with his wife, Carley, owns and operates Ella's Bellas at 418 Main St., was cited by the city in May for refusing to remove an acrylic-on-wood painting outside of his establishment. While he faces more than \$30,000 in fines, Hughes says he hopes the conflict will spur a discussion about what constitutes art in a city known for it.

In February, Hughes hung an 8-by-34-foot banner on his LNJ Tech Services warehouse at 4 Hanna Lane that read "No Hate! No Fear! Everyone is welcome here." The banner — a commentary on a "sanctuary city" resolution being considered by the City Council — attracted considerable attention, but it's not what got him into hot water with the city.



The Beacon Building Department is disputing whether the *Imagine* painting at 418 Main St. is art or signage. The three paintings to the left are new.

Photo by J. Simms

tuary city" resolution being considered by the City Council — attracted considerable attention, but it's not what got him into hot water with the city.

Instead, Hughes says he's being penalized — to the tune of a \$1,000-per-day fine backdated to May 10 — for a painting by Beacon artist (Continued on Page 6)

EPA Says River Clean Enough

GE allowed to end dredging to remove PCBs

By Brian PJ Cronin

The good news is that the Environmental Protection Agency can predict when Highlands residents will be able to eat fish caught in the Hudson River.

The bad news is that most of us will be dead by then.

In a draft progress report released on May 31 on General Electric's cleanup of PCBs it dumped into the Hudson River over 30 years, the agency estimated it would take about 55 years before fish are safe to eat once a week. In 2002 the EPA ordered the company to remove at least 2.65 million cubic yards of PCB contaminated sediment from the Upper Hudson.

After years of legal wrangling, GE began dredging in 2009. Last year the company dismantled its facilities and declared its work was done.

However, GE is not off the hook. The EPA declined to issue the Certificate of Completion the company requested, and work is still underway to determine the extent of the contamination of some floodplains. Also, the agency will continue to monitor the river's sediment and its fish and can order GE to resume work.

Catherine McCabe, acting regional administrator for the EPA, said further dredging wasn't cost-effective, a requirement of the Superfund law that allows the agency to order the cleanup. While GE has spent \$1.7 billion on the project, the EPA estimated that another \$500 million in dredging would only increase the time to recovery by five or six years.

The report drew sharp criticism from both lawmakers and environmental

groups who charged the EPA is discounting contrary reports by a consortium called Hudson River Trustees that includes the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Althea Mullarkey, an analyst for Scenic Hudson, said the EPA's report "makes absolutely no sense" considering the condition of the river. Scenic Hudson and others argue that the targets given to GE are based on measurements of the pollution in 2002 that were later found to be inaccurate because of what Manna Jo Greene of Clearwater described as a "false bottom" of debris from lumber and paper mills at the river basin near Fort Edwards. Once that material was removed by dredging, she said, readings in 2010 found the levels of PCBs to be two to three times higher.

Greene believes the EPA was reluctant to adjust the targets because it feared GE would launch a protracted legal battle. "They took the path of least resistance," she said.

Although the EPA typically does not accept public comment on its reports, it will in this case, through Sept. 1. Write EPA Region 2 Director Gary Klawinski at 187 Wolf Road, Suite 303, Albany, NY 12205 or email epahrfo@outlook.com. A public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, 40 Civic Center Plaza.

Walter Mugdan, the acting deputy regional administrator and a longtime local EPA official, signed off on the report, rather than newly appointed EPA chief Scott Pruitt, although the agency says Pruitt was briefed on its findings.

Putnam Deputies Organize Fundraisers

Raising money for officer's daughter, colleague

Putnam County sheriff's deputies have organized a college fund for Mattingly Gilmore, the 10-year-old daughter of Senior Investigator Mark Gilmore, who died in March after collapsing while exercising.



Mattingly Gilmore

During his 28 years in county law enforcement, Gilmore worked as a corrections officer, deputy sheriff and sergeant. He was also a member of the Putnam County Emergency Response Team and a motorcycle officer.

The fund, established at GoFundMe (gofundme.com/mattingly-gilmore-college-fund), has raised more than \$2,800 of its \$50,000 goal.

The department is also organizing a fundraiser and T-shirt sale for Gilmore and Deputy Michael Schmidt, who is battling multiple myeloma, that will take place July 22 at the Patterson Fire Department. To assist Schmidt, see gofundme.com/help-mike-mo-fightcancer-mopower.

Butterfield vs. Cold Spring

For the latest on the lawsuit filed by the Butterfield developer against the village, see highlandscurrent.com

EMS Agency of the Year



The Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corp was named 2017 EMS Agency of the Year by the Putnam County EMS Council at its annual awards brunch in Carmel on June 4. In addition, two members of the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corp and four GVAC members received Life Saving Awards. For details, see highlandscurrent.com.

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Help Wanted GLYNWOOD

Glynwood seeks a Site Assistant with basic mechanical, carpentry, painting and landscaping skills for varied work indoors and outdoors on a large property. Job is full time with benefits. Job description can be found by going to glynwood.org/job-opportunities and clicking on "Site Assistant, Cold Spring." Please read job description before applying.

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The Garrison Institute: Housekeeper Needed

The Garrison Institute, a nonprofit retreat center and events venue housed in an old monastery overlooking the Hudson River in Garrison is seeking a full-time Housekeeper. Responsibilities include cleaning bedrooms and making beds, deep cleaning of common spaces and bathrooms, vacuuming and dusting, some laundry, restocking and organizing of supplies.

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Ten Hopefuls – So Far – for Six Seats

Beacon Council race quickly taking shape

By Jeff Simms

Ten candidates have announced plans to run for six open seats on the Beacon City Council, and others are expected to join the fray.

The seats — one for each of Beacon's four wards and two at-large — are contested every two years. Peggy Ross and Pam Wetherbee, who represent Wards 1 and 3, respectively, are not seeking re-election.

The other four council members — Omar Harper (Ward 2), Ali Muhammad (Ward 4) and Lee Kyriacou and George Mansfield (both at-large) — intend to run, although Muhammad will seek an at-large seat.

Along with four newcomers, the Beacon Democratic Committee has endorsed Kyriacou and Mansfield but did not back Harper or Muhammad. Harper and Muhammad, both Democrats, are running on the "Stand with Ali" slate along with Darrell Williams, a Democrat who will seek Muhammad's Ward 4 seat, and Paul Yeaple, a Green Party member who plans to run in Ward 1.

The Beacon Republican Committee has not released its slate but Chairperson Justin Riccobono said he plans to introduce candidates beginning the week of June 12.

All candidates must collect signatures of registered voters on nominating petitions to appear on the Sept. 12 primary ballot. The number required varies by party affiliation and ward.

Here are biographical details of the candidates who have announced:

Ward 1: Terry Nelson

Nelson, the founder and director of the Beacon Independent Film Festival, moved to Beacon with his family in 2009. He serves as an at-large board member of BeaconArts.

Ward 1: Paul Yeaple

Yeaple owned and operated Poppy's Burgers and Fries on Main Street from 2009 until he sold it earlier this year. He began his career as a financial planner

but left to attend culinary school.

Ward 2: Omar Harper

A real-estate agent who moved to Beacon from the Bronx with his family when he was 10, Harper is serving his first term. He has been a volunteer wrestling coach for the last six years.

Ward 2: John Rembert

Rembert is a retired U.S. Army 1st sergeant who was awarded a Bronze Star for service in Iraq. A minister at Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, he holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management.

Ward 3: Jodi McCredo

McCredo is a small-business owner who helped found Advocates for Beacon Schools. She serves on the Beacon Commission of Human Relations and has lived in Beacon since 2005.

Ward 4: Amber Grant

Grant is a volunteer with Planned Parenthood of the Mid-Hudson Valley and a board member of the Beacon Dog Park. Her professional experience includes strategic planning in digital technology, project and budget management. She has a degree in business and economics and an MBA.

Ward 4: Darrell Williams

Williams, a barber and musician, is a Beacon High School graduate who studied sport and exercise science at Dutchess Community College. He also owns a clothing business.

At-Large: Lee Kyriacou (incumbent)

Kyriacou is an eight-term councilman who moved to Beacon from New York City in 1992. He works in New York City for a payments network and holds a degree from Yale Law School.

At-Large: George Mansfield (incumbent)

Mansfield, who has lived in Beacon since 1999, earned a bachelor of arts from Fordham in 1983. A four-term member of the council, he opened Dogwood Restaurant and Bar in 2012.

At-Large: Ali Muhammad (incumbent in Ward 4)

Muhammad, serving his second term on the council, is a community organizer who serves on the board of the Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County. He founded the Unity in the Community volunteer organization.



Beacon Democrats, left to right, from top left: Lee Kyriacou, Dutchess County Legislature candidate Frits Zernike, George Mansfield, Amber Grant, John Rembert, County Legislature candidate Nick Page, Terry Nelson, Jodi McCredo Photos provided



Paul Yeaple, Ali Muhammad, Omar Harper and Darrell Williams

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Celebrating the Stars and Stripes

How's your flag etiquette?

By Michael Turton

In a country that so values the Stars and Stripes as a national symbol, the annual celebration of Flag Day on June 14 is remarkably low-key — unless you live Hudson or Saratoga, New York, or Waubeka, Wisconsin.

In Hudson, Flag Day will be observed on June 10 with festivities that include a 10-band parade and fireworks over the river. On the same day Saratoga will hold its 50th annual Flag Day parade.

In 1861, Charles Dudley Warner, a newspaper editor in Hartford, Connecticut, suggested the establishment of a national holiday on June 14 to mark the day in 1777 when Congress adopted the U.S. flag:

“Resolved: That the flag of the United States be made of 13 stripes, alternate

red and white; that the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

But the idea didn't take off until 1885, when Bernard Cigrand, a 19-year-old teacher in Waubeka, first had his students write essays on the significance of the flag, which then had 38 stars.



FIRST FLAG? — The Grand Union Flag, a.k.a. the Continental Colors, was hoisted on the ship Alfred in Philadelphia on Dec. 2, 1775 by Lt. John Paul Jones.



Taking it to the Street

By Anita Peltonen

Imagine you're a great musician. What's your instrument?



“Sax, because I played sax,
my father plays, and we have saxes
all over the house.”

~ Tucker Hine, Garrison



“Voice. You can always carry it with you.”

~ Kayce Sanchez, Carmel



“Piano. You can play anything on piano.
Classical, modern, whatever you want.”

~ Rocco Messina, Cold Spring

Cigrand devoted the rest of his life to promoting the flag, giving more than 2,000 speeches and founding the National Flag Day Association. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson gave the day official recognition. In 2004, Congress named Waubeka as the birthplace of Flag Day.

Treatment and handling of the flag is governed by U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1. It is considered advisory, as there are no penalties for violations.

The do's

- When the flags of two or more nations that are at peace are displayed, each must be the same size and on a separate pole of the same height.
- When displayed with local, state or society flags, the U.S. flag should be at the center and highest point.
- When displaying the flag against a wall or in a window, vertically or horizontally, the union (stars) should be at the top and to the left.
- On Memorial Day the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon.
- If a flag is displayed after dark, it should be lit.
- The flag should be displayed on or near the main building of every public institution.
- A flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military personnel, firemen, policemen and members of patriotic organizations.
- A lapel pin should be worn on the left lapel, near the heart.

The don'ts

- The flag should never be dipped for any person, flag or vessel.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting

Celebrating the Stars and Stripes *(from previous page)*

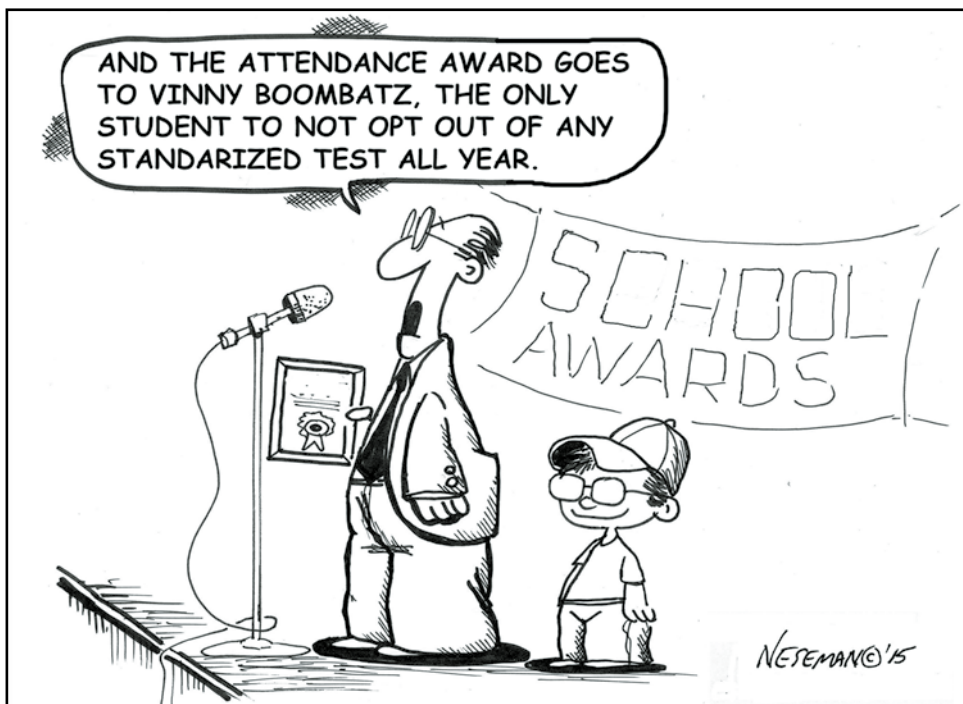
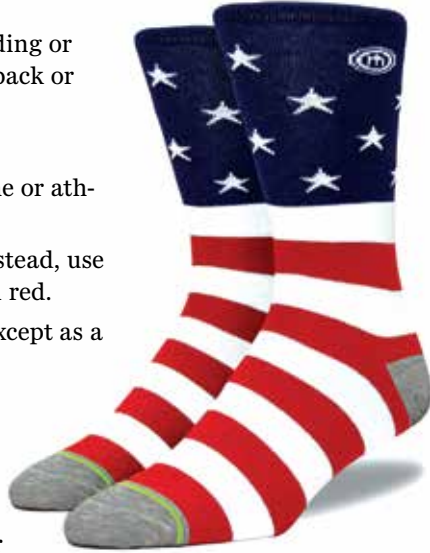
hands and arms.

- The flag should never be used as apparel, bedding or drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back or up, folded, but always be left to fall freely.
- The flag should not be used in advertising.
- No part of the flag should be used as a costume or athletic uniform.
- The flag should not be used for decoration. Instead, use bunting with the blue on top, then white, then red.
- The flag should never be flown upside down except as a sign of distress.

Proper disposal

When the flag is in poor condition, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

Philipstown residents can drop off tattered or faded flags at the Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main St., through July 3 during business hours. They will be ceremoniously retired after the 4th of July.



The Current Wins Nine National Awards

Recognized for reporting and advertising design

The Highlands Current won six reporting and three advertising design awards in the annual Better Newspaper Contest sponsored by National Newspaper Association, whose members include community newspapers from around the country. The winners were announced on June 5.

Brian PJ Cronin won first place for best feature story among non-daily papers with circulations of 2,000 to 3,999 for "Saving Ethel Rosenberg," which described the efforts by a Philipstown man to receive a pardon for his mother, who was executed in 1953 on charges of treason.

Jeff Simms won second place for best environmental story among all papers with circulations of less than 9,000 for his story, "Pushing North for Survival," on the effect of climate change on migratory wildlife. Simms also won an honorable mention for best business story among non-dailies with circulations of less than

6,000 for his story "At the Heart of Beacon," about the effect of Beacon's growth on Main Street businesses.

Highlandscurrent.com won third place among all newspapers for best newspaper site.

Gregory Gunder and Michael Turton won third place among all papers with circulations of 3,000 to 5,999 for video journalism for their report on a group of Cold Spring veterans visiting Washington, D.C.

Kimberly Hiss won an honorable mention for best education/literacy story among non-dailies with circulations of less than 6,000 for her report, "Is Cursive a Dying Art?"

In the advertising division, layout editor Kate Vikstrom won first and second place among non-dailies with circulations of less than 5,000 for her color ads "Our Town Thank You" and "Come to the Pink Elephant Tag Sale." She also won an honorable mention for best small ad among non-dailies under 5,000 circulation for "Fine Plus Rare Wine."



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Is it Art, or a Sign? (from Page 1)

Rick Rogers that quotes the John Lennon song *Imagine*.

About six weeks after the “No Hate” banner was hung, Hughes says he received a notice from the Building Department that the banner, as well as another underneath, exceeded size regulations. In response, Hughes moved the “No Hate” banner from Hanna Lane to the west side of the Ella’s Bellas building, near the intersection of Main Street and Schenck Avenue.

At that location, the banner partially covered two Rogers paintings installed on the building in February, one of which quotes the Lennon song against a sky-blue backdrop.

On May 5, the Building Department told Hughes the banner was still in violation at Ella’s Bellas. It also charged him with having two signs on the building, a violation of the zoning code. Hughes took down the banner, as well as an Ella’s Bellas sign from the front of the building. Rogers’ paintings, both now visible, stayed up.

On May 15, Hughes received a criminal summons for “affixing more than one sign” to his building. According to court documents, the signs were the “No Hate” banner and “a blue sign with black-and-white lettering” — presumably the *Imagine* painting.

Hughes says he believes the conflict exposes a gap in the law. “The code ad-

resses art on public property and it addresses signs on public and private property but it doesn’t address art on private property, and in that vacuum the Building Department is censoring things,” he says.

As with most regulations, there is room for interpretation. Beacon’s zoning code allows one sign on the outer wall of structures in non-residential districts. It also regulates size, placement and other factors.

At the same time, a public-art ordinance defines visual art that can be displayed in public as including “paintings of all media, including both portable and permanently affixed works such as frescoes and murals.” Further, it mentions sculptures and “artist-designed landscapes and earthworks, including the artistic placement of natural materials and other functional art objects,” among a handful of other mediums.

Hughes’ citation, however, is based on the zoning ordinance, which is “valid and content-neutral,” and applies to private property, says City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis. “Municipalities routinely use their zoning laws to regulate the time, place and manner in which signs may be erected, and that is precisely what the city is doing here,” he said, adding that the city hopes to “amicably resolve” the matter before the

“I’m calling on City Council to affirm the rights of private property owners to display art, as well as an affirmation of the difference between art and signage.”

June 22 court date.

Although the issue is not within the purview of the City Council, a number of residents spoke out at its June 5 meeting.

“How can government declare what is art and what isn’t art?” asked David Ross, former director of the Whitney Museum of American Art and the husband of council member Peggy Ross. “It’s a very dangerous thing to do.”

Hughes said on June 6 that others have received signage approval for artwork, but he’s not willing to go that route.

“I’m calling on City Council to affirm the rights of private property owners to display art, as well as an affirmation of the difference between art and signage,”



The “No Hate! No Fear!” banner at its second, temporary home at Ella’s Bellas before its removal last month

Photo by Amy Soucy

he says. “My goal is to protect the rights of artists and artist-supporters, not to attack a valuable part of Beacon’s structure. There’s room for both valid code enforcement and a vibrant artistic community.”

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Current Politics

By Chip Rowe

Investigation still open?

About a year ago, the state attorney general's office said it was investigating a tourism nonprofit created by Libby Pataki, then director of the Putnam Visitors' Bureau, that apparently did not have a functioning board of directors, as required by state law. When *The Current* inquired earlier this year about the status of the investigation, the press office at the attorney general's office said it had been completed.

However, the AG denied a Freedom of Information request for a copy of its findings, citing a statute that allows law enforcement agencies to shield ongoing investigations.

"The investigation in fact continues — you were mistakenly informed otherwise," wrote Assistant Solicitor General Kathryn Sheingold on May 25. "Disclosing [the records] while the investigation continues would risk revealing the areas that are of specific interest to the investigators, potentially providing targets or prospective targets with information that would allow them to avoid detection or alter or destroy evidence."

Republicans decline to back LoBue

The Putnam County Republican Party voted 14-10 to give its endorsement for the County Legislature's District 8 seat (which covers Mahopac Falls and part of Mahopac) not to two-term incumbent Dini LoBue but to Amy Sayegh, president and executive director of Putnam Community Cares.

To force a primary before the November election, LoBue must gather signatures from at least 5 percent of the county's registered Republicans before July 10. LoBue has butted heads with County Executive MaryEllen Odell and her fellow legislators, all Republicans, over issues such as the senior center at the Butterfield redevelopment in Cold Spring.

The party caucus also endorsed Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith for a fifth term over challenger Andrew DeStefano, a former New York Police Department captain who lives in Patterson. He also could force a primary with a nominating petition. Smith has been sheriff since 2002.

Kent approves 'no sanctuary' resolution

By a 4-1 vote, the Kent Town Board on May 16 approved a resolution affirming the town would assist federal immigration officers and share the immigration status of anyone in town if asked ("Kent Weighs 'No Sanctuary' Resolution," May 12). The town supervisor, Maureen Flem-

ing, cast the sole "no" vote.

The measure was introduced by Councilman Paul Denbaum in response to a resolution passed by neighboring Philipstown. The Philipstown resolution, which passed 3-2 in April, calls for "equal protection" for all residents, regardless of immigration status, and states that, unless required by state or federal law or a court order, town officials and employees will not (1) investigate or assist in an investigation of immigration or citizenship status; (2) aid in arrests or detentions initiated by agencies enforcing federal immigration law; or (3) request, maintain or disclose details of immigration status.

The Kent resolution states that "the Town of Kent shall assist and cooperate with any investigation, detention or arrest by any agency enforcing federal immigration laws and if requested disclose information regarding the citizenship or immigration status of any person to said agency."

Prior to the vote, Sheriff Smith addressed the board, saying the major concerns of his office were criminal cases, and that being in the country without documentation is a civil violation. He noted that the Putnam County Correctional Facility typically reports immigration status to federal officials when a criminal suspect is booked and said victims of crime should not have concerns about contacting police because of their citizenship status.

Legislature hires Carmel lawyer

The Putnam County Legislature on May 25 unanimously approved the appointment of Robert Firriolo as its new legislative counsel.

"We went through a very vigorous screening process, and Mr. Firriolo was the overwhelming choice," said Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson).



Robert Firriolo Photo by H. Crocco

Trained as an engineer, Firriolo has been with the Carmel-based Boutin & Altieri since 2012. He earned his law degree in 1991 from the Brooklyn Law School.

Among his specialties are Constitutional and administrative compliance, environmental law and municipal and land use law, including construction disputes and zoning and planning issues.

Firriolo is also the longtime local counsel for the National Rifle Association. In 2011, when Philipstown drafted a law to ban weapons from town-owned properties, he wrote to Supervisor Richard Shea to argue that state law prohibited the town from regulating licensed firearms.

Firriolo succeeds Clement Van Ross, who had been with the county for nearly 30 years when the Legislature removed him from the position in January. No reason was given for his dismissal.

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Maloney on Opioid Crisis, Environment, Healthcare — and Trump *(from Page 1)*

Opioid epidemic

In March, Maloney introduced a bill, currently in committee, that would allow police officers to send non-violent drug addicts to treatment instead of jail.

"It's a simple idea," he said. "Just skip the criminal-justice part and take non-violent, addicted people to treatment and keep them there as long as you can. The police officer always retains the option of arresting someone if they present a danger to themselves or others.

"We're not talking about letting criminals off the hook. We're talking about combatting drug addiction first and foremost as a public health crisis, because that's what works: We've seen studies where we have much better success rates, far lower recidivism, and a reduction in street-level crime — the petty crimes addicts engage in to get a little money to get high.

"A number of Republicans support my legislation, including the county executive and district attorney in Dutchess County and the district attorney in Orange County. This is not a partisan issue. Everywhere I go I hear about funerals, about destroyed lives. We need better tools to stop it. And we can spend less, because treatment is cheaper [than imprisonment].

"Cops tell you they've arrested the same

person 30, 40, 50 times. It's not doing anything except costing taxpayers money and eating up the time the police should be using for something more productive."

Healthcare

The U.S. House on May 4 passed the American Health Care Act ("Trumpcare") to replace the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") by a 217-213 vote. Maloney, like all other Democrats in Congress, voted against it and has since been an outspoken critic. The Senate must now pass its own version of the bill.

"One of the reasons I'm so opposed to Trumpcare is that it would gut the Medicaid funding we need to fight the heroin epidemic, because that's how we pay for the treatment," Maloney said.

He said he is "looking very closely" at the viability of a single payer system in which a public agency organizes health-care financing, but "what's more important in the short term is to fix what's not working in the Affordable Care Act, because that's what we can get done."

The ACHA is not the answer, he said. "Trumpcare is a disaster. It would dramatically increase health-care costs for people who are already vulnerable, all to give a big tax cut to the rich. That does nothing to fix what's wrong with the ACA."

"We're not talking about letting criminals off the hook. We're talking about combatting drug addiction first and foremost as a public health crisis, because that's what works."



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney greets Donald Trump on Feb. 28 after the president addressed a joint session of Congress. Maloney later said he asked Trump to keep in place regulations protecting federal employees who are gay. "He said he would," Maloney wrote on Twitter.

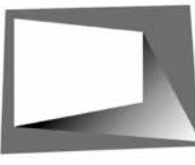
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"The real problem in healthcare is why it costs so darn much, and there's a lot we can do to fix that short of trashing the whole system."

The environment

Maloney's proposed Anchorages Away

Act would require the U.S. Coast Guard report to Congress on the potential impact of a proposal to increase the number of oil barge anchorage spots on the Hudson, including between Beacon and Newburgh. The House Transportation and Infrastructure *(Continued on Page 12)*



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The Calendar

Shears and Cheers

New Cold Spring shop offers cuts, shaves, beers and bites

By Alison Rooney

Before they could open their new Cold Spring business, James Carroll and Richard Corio needed two licenses — one to serve beer, and one to cut hair.

They got both, and after 18 months of renovations, the front half of their Barber and Brew at 69 Main St. has vintage chairs, while the bar in the back serves 10 draught beers, wine and light food.

The chairs are what you see first, positioned in front of a built-in wall set that dates from the space's previous tonsorial incarnation during the 1940s. (During the 1970s, it was known as Gus's.)

The back bar has exposed brick, brass light fixtures, a marble-topped bar and leather seating. The ceilings in both rooms have been stripped of tin and restored to their original wood.



The built-in wall set dates from at least the 1940s.

Photo by Michele Gedney

Carroll, who with his wife, Tara, owns the outdoors gear store Old Souls a few doors down, and hairstylist Corio had the idea for the shears-and-cheers business after Corio rented an apartment over the space. An accomplished stylist who has worked at salons such as Bumble and Bumble, Garran and Sally Hershberger in

Manhattan and Tommyguns in Brooklyn, Corio came to Cold Spring when his wife, Liz, accepted a job at the Glynwood Center.

Corio commuted to the city for 18 months while trying to figure out a way not to commute. When the former



Richard Corio and James Carroll of Barber and Brew

Photo by Anita Peltonen

barbershop below them became available after *The Highlands Current* moved to 161 Main St., the prospect of living and

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Drawn from Stone

Garrison native creates art to remember

By Alison Rooney

Nils Kulleseid makes his living with two tools: a chisel, and a mallet.

Raised in Garrison and based in

New Paltz, Kulleseid is a stone carver. Most of his commissions are for grave-stones and memorials.

Not surprisingly, he did not dream of becoming a stone carver while attending the Garrison School and James O'Neill High School, although he did love art and majored in art history at Hamilton

College. After several years working for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington state, he returned to New York and became intrigued by the apprentice program in stone carving at Manhattan's Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

He wasn't accepted but was told that most master carvers came from England. So he embarked on a two-year vocational course in Weymouth, located near a limestone quarry that has been active for centuries. (Its stone was used by Christopher Wren in the construction of St. Paul's Cathedral.)

"I have fond memories," says Kulleseid, "although I was definitely not one of the better carvers. I wasn't the quickest; I was cautious. We were learning how to make templates, in which we'd take a block of stone and make replacement pieces, like arches, which were very exacting as they had to fit perfectly into existing places in a church."

Kulleseid, 49, says he preferred letter cutting, perhaps, he says with a laugh,



Celtic knot carved into bluestone by Nils Kulleseid

because "the building's not going to fall down if I don't get the 'M' quite right."

After finishing at Weymouth in 1993, he ended up in a Cambridge workshop working on "lots of pulpits," he says. After a sojourn in Egypt doing relief carving for an English government visitor's center, he heard of an opening in Cambridge at the David Kindersley workshop, which was known for its quest for quality and beauty.

"Kindersley had died, and the work-

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Nils Kulleseid carves the names of benefactors into the Founders Wall at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

Photo by Will Kirk/Johns Hopkins University/Homewood Photo

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Dragonfly Story Hour: A Story Slam for Adults

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Hear & Now: Artist Melissa McGill

7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D, Garrison | gufspta.org

Vowels from the 845 (Readings)

7 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring | haldaneschool.org

HVSF: Book of Will (Preview)

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | hvshakespeare.org

Boomer Comedy Unlimited

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

Birding by Ear

8:30 a.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery
845-446-2134 | nysparks.com

City-wide Yard Sale

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Beacon
cityofbeacon.org

Family Music Hootenanny

10 a.m. Beacon Music Factory
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

Beacon Democrats

10 a.m. Beahive | 291 Main St., Beacon
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Sign Up for Summer Reading

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

Cornish Estate Hike

10 a.m. Little Stony Point (Parking Lot)
3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Learn to Fish with 4-H

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Gipsy Trail Road
Veterans Memorial Park, Carmel
845-278-6738 | putnam.cce.cornell.edu

2nd Annual Cannon Ball Softball Game

Noon. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison

Picnic Day

Noon – 3 p.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Raising Backyard Chickens

2 p.m. Grange Hall
128 Mill St., Putnam Valley
914-949-4679 | putnamvalleygrange.org

Knit Us as One

2 – 6 p.m. St. Andrew’s Church
15 South Ave., Beacon
wwkipday.com

Members’ Opening Celebration

5 – 7 p.m. Manitoga
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

32nd Annual Square Dance

7 – 11:30 p.m. Saunders Farm
South Highland Road, Garrison

Tickling Giants (Film)

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-765-3012 | nyclu.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com.
Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

HVSF: Pride and Prejudice (Preview)

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

Margaret McDuffie: Jazz in June

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

John Mayall

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Local Artist Series: Salsa!

8:30 p.m. Center for Creative Education
464 Main St., Beacon
845-338-7664 | cce4me.org

BEACON SECOND SATURDAY

5th Anniversary Exhibition

6 – 8 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery
149 Main St., Beacon
917-318-2239 | theoganzstudio.com

Coulter Young: Triptych

6 – 10 p.m. Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St., Beacon | catalystgallery.com

“Yokai” Tokyo Jesus, Eimi Takano, Octoplum

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 163 Main St., Beacon
212-255-2505 | cluttermagazine.com

Emil Alzamora

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St., Beacon
845-440-0068 | hudsonbeachglass.com

Kirsten Lyon and Dave Rollins

6 – 9 p.m. bau Gallery | 506 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7584 | baugallery.com

Krista Svalbonas: Dislocation

6 – 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery | 436 Main St., Beacon
| 845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Summer Concert Series

5 p.m. Lady Parts | 6 p.m. BMF Jazz Improv
Beacon Visitors’ Center
Main Street and Route 9D | beaconarts.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Garden Conservancy Open Day

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Strawberry Jammin’ Festival

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fishkill Farms
9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction
845-897-4377 | fishkillfarms.com

Strawberry Festival

Noon – 5 p.m. Seeger Park
1 Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

Beacon Open Studios Artist Party

2 – 5 p.m. Oak Vino Wine Bar
389 Main St., Beacon
beaconopenstudios.org

Mommy & Me Tea

2:30 p.m. Faith Temple Church
22 N. Cedar St., Beacon
RSVP at 845-240-3997

Kazzie Jaxen and Virg Dzurinko (Pianos)

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

Philipstown Democrats Open House

3 – 4:30 p.m. Old VFW Hall
34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring
philipstowndems@gmail.com

New Amsterdam Singers

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
See details under Friday.

River of Words Poetry Trail Reception

4 – 6 p.m. Audubon Sanctuary
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-424-3358 x7 | hhl.org

National Theater Live: Twelfth Night

6 p.m. Downing Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Diana Krall

7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

HVSF: Twelfth Night (Preview)

7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

National Theater Live: Twelfth Night

1:30 p.m. Downing Film Center
See details under Sunday.

Yoga with a View

6 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall Courtroom
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Adapting to Climate Change in the Garden (Talk)

6:30 p.m. Mahopac Library
668 Route 6, Mahopac
845-628-2009 | mahopaclibrary.org
With *Current* gardening columnist Pamela Doan

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Boscobel Open for Artists

9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
Closed to public

Computer Clinic: Microsoft Word

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Saturday.

Old-Timey Southern Fiddle Jam

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Sunday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Leaf and Yard Debris Pickup

845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Guided Tour: Shrubs & Vines

6 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens
See details under Sunday.

Community Choice Aggregation Q&A

7 – 8:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
renewablehighlands.com

Summer Movie: Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

8 p.m. Beacon Visitors’ Center
Main Street and Route 9D
beaconchamberofcommerce.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Family Heritage Show and Tell

2 – 4 p.m. Howland Library
See details under Saturday.

Haldane PTA

3:30 Haldane School (Music Room)
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | haldanepta.org

American Work Songs (Talk)

7 p.m. Towne Crier Café
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Community Choice Aggregation Q&A

7 – 8:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
renewablehighlands.com

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Rhyme Time by the Hudson (ages 1-4) (First Session)

9:30 a.m. Boscobel
See details under Monday.

Depot Docs: Bad Kids with Q&A

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Open-Mic Night

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Sunday.

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Shears and Cheers *(from Page 9)*

working in the same building was enticing. And when the landlord expressed interest in selling the building, “it felt like fate,” Corio said.

But there was too much space for just a barbershop, so he approached Carroll, who had become a friend, about sharing the space with another new business, such as a store that sold fishing gear or “man-cave” supplies.

Once the partners settled on a bar, Carroll (who runs a city business that restores wood floors and ceilings) supervised a gut renovation. “A lot had to come out, as it was structurally unsound,” Carroll explains. Scanga Woodworking built the bar; Steve Voloto of SDV Carpentry constructed other elements, and Stock Up’s Chris Pascarella connected them to beer suppliers. The partners found a



The bar at Barber and Brew

Photo courtesy of Barber and Brew



A hearty party at the May 18 Barber and Brew opening

Photo by Anita Peltonen

barbershop pole at an antique store on Route 9.

The state licensing for cutting hair and serving liquor went smoothly, says Corio. All that’s left is village approval for outdoor tables.

Since Barber and Brew opened on May 18, it has been so busy the partners have extended its hours. “We’ve been doing [salon] bookings with extra time built into them, so that if someone stops in for a beer, I’ll do my best to get them in for a haircut, too,” Corio explains, adding that he has tried to keep prices reasonable. “We want to be adding to the town, not changing it,” he says. “We want this to be a community hangout.”

Liz Corio says she has enjoyed seeing “a service business storefront back on Main Street. Hopefully there’ll be more of them. It’s the next level of local.”



The Details

The barbershop is open Wednesday noon to 8 p.m., Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Last chair is an hour before closing.) The prices are \$20 to \$65 for cut and style, \$20 for a beard trim (\$25 with a blade) and \$40 for a straight razor shave with hot towel and masque. To book an appointment, see barberandbrew.com or call 845-265-2834.

The brew shop is open Wednesday through Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 10 p.m. Tap beers are available in 9- and 16-ounce servings or for take-out via a canning machine. There are also wines from California and New York, Italy and France; three hard ciders and non-alcoholic beverages. The menu includes cheeses from New York and Vermont, pickled vegetable platters, mushroom paté, charcuterie and pork and duck terrine, with most dishes in the \$10 to \$12 range. There is also the occasional raw bar.

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THE RIVERSIDE GALLERIES

Maloney on Opioid Crisis, Environment, Healthcare — and Trump

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Committee incorporated the Anchorages Away Act in the Coast Guard Authorization Act, which the committee approved May 24. In March he introduced a related bill to ban oil-barge anchorages within five miles of a nuclear power plant, a spot on the National Register of Historic Places, a Superfund site, or the critical habitat of an endangered species – essentially covering the river from Yonkers to Albany.

“It’s my intention to drag this thing out long enough to kill it,” he said. He noted the proposal drew more than 10,000 negative public comments and that both Democratic and Republican leaders at the county and state level oppose the plan.

The president

Maloney has made it clear he is no fan of the president’s leadership. In a forum in Jan. 8 at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, before Trump had been inaugurated, Maloney called him “such as weirdo,” and advised those who opposed him “not lose hope” because “the shock absorbers built into American democracy are strong enough to contain even this guy.”

On June 6, after Trump had been in office for four months, Maloney said he was “deeply disappointed in the way the president has begun.” On the bright side, he said, “we have seen an unprecedented level of citizen engagement. I’m not one of those Democrats who wants the president to fail. I want him to stop tweeting and do his job.

“If you believe like I do that we don’t have a presidency to waste, you can’t take any pleasure in his troubles.”

“What’s clear is the approach he’s taking is not working. If you believe like I do that we don’t have a presidency to waste, you can’t take any pleasure in his troubles. There remains a large group of us in the House and Senate who want to work with the president on things that need to get done: infrastructure, tax reform, balancing the budget.

“The president is going to keep failing until he learns the basics. We have a Constitutional system. The way to make it work is to listen to both parties and set aside ideology and ego and ask what we can get done, and what we can agree on, and what’s going to make things better. When he gets tired of doing nothing, or failing on Capitol Hill, he needs to realize there’s a way forward.

“The dilemma I’m describing for the president is no different than the one I face. I can go around and pretend to be doing things. But it would all be a sham if I wasn’t working across the aisle; that’s where progress exists. Right now he’s pretending to be president, engaging in a lot of make-believe. Real progress is going to require him to work with the other party.”



Summer traffic near a Breakneck trailhead

File photo by Michael Turton

Breakneck Keeps Booming

(from Page 1)

time, the number of hikers calling for assistance after becoming lost has dropped by half, from about 100 in previous years to 49 in 2016, which Osborn attributes to better marked trails and more maps becoming available, including a \$4 map for the Avenza app.

In addition, he said, calls by hikers to 911 have been virtually eliminated because stewards now routinely share their cell phone numbers with hikers. For medical emergencies, the stewards are trained in CPR and carry first-aid kits provided by the Cold Spring Fire Department. Two of the eight stewards are EMTs.

The NYNJTC estimates about a third of the hikers arrive on one of 12 Metro-North trains that stop below the ridge each weekend, some of which unload 400 people. Stewards directed more than 1,500 visitors to Cold Spring and nearly 1,000 to Beacon last year.

Stewards turned away 700 ill-prepared hikers last year, typically because the visitors were not aware of the difficulty of the climb or because of improper footwear such as boots with no socks or laces, high-heeled sandals, or flip-flops, said Osborn, who manages the program.

The conference hired its first Breakneck steward in 2013 and expanded the program in 2015 and 2016, when it added a third

	2014	2015	2016
Total Hikers	26,743	33,872	35,570
Most in a Day	1,426	1,755	1,522
1,000+ Days	2	14	22
Lost	99	102	49
Turned Away	392	470	528
Sent to C.S.	961	1,111	1,521
Sent to Beacon	472	652	992
Injuries	25	25	24

*Source: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. Hikers were counted on weekends and holidays at the white-blaze trailhead from Memorial Day weekend to Columbus Day.

steward to patrol the ridge and key intersections, extended the season by six weekends into November, and lengthened the time stewards are on duty by two hours, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., which allows them to turn away hikers who arrive too close to dusk and risk an after-dark rescue.

Osborn said that the NYNJTC has started supplying hikers with water in reusable bottles, which has greatly reduced the number of plastic containers discarded along the trail. For the trash that remains, stewards hand out garbage bags to those hikers willing to help.

Although the stewards provide free maps (distributing more than 3,000 last year), in many cases they advise hikers to go elsewhere. “We want to educate visitors that there are other great trails in our region,” Osborn said.

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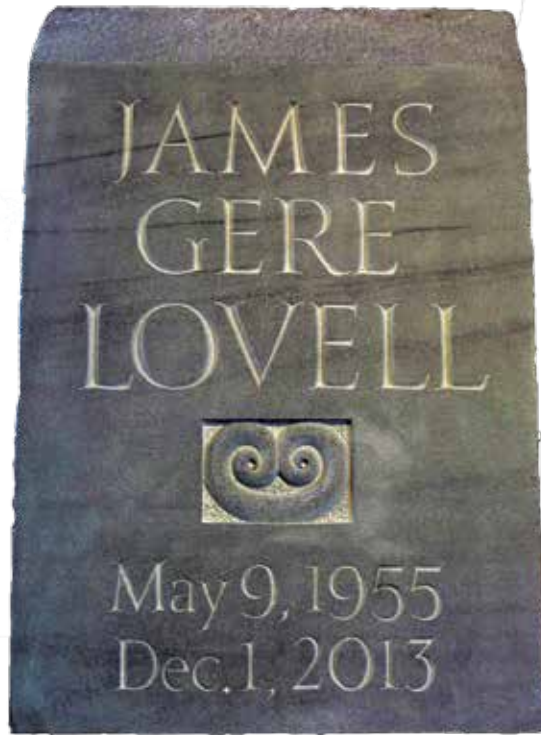
shop was in transition," Kulleseid recalls. "His widow took a chance on me with a one-year apprenticeship in lettering. The first month I didn't touch any stone; I just drew an alphabet and she'd critique it." Initially he worked mostly on memorials ordered by Cambridge University. "She'd do most of the drawing, then we'd come, rough it out, and she cleaned it up. As we got better, we got more real jobs."

It was in Cambridge that Kulleseid met Susie Fenton, who would become his wife. With his work visa about to expire, the couple moved to the U.S. "I love England, its history, landscapes and especially its stone buildings," Kulleseid says. "The American stone experience is not as prevalent." He set up shop in New Paltz after his wife enrolled in nursing school at Ulster County Community College.

Then and now, most of his work comes through referrals, with his parents, Lars and Marit, spreading the word in Garrison and the Highlands. (See kulleseidstonecarving.org.)

Kulleseid also made a valuable early connection with Dean Anderson, of Super Square Ironworks in Newburgh, who rented Kulleseid part of his studio and connected him with a commission to carve benefactor plaques at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

"That's been huge," he says. "I set up behind some screens to hide me from the public, but sometimes museum-goers peek in and are surprised to see me doing it all by hand, with no machine



The memorial stone for Jim Lovell, including the double koru design

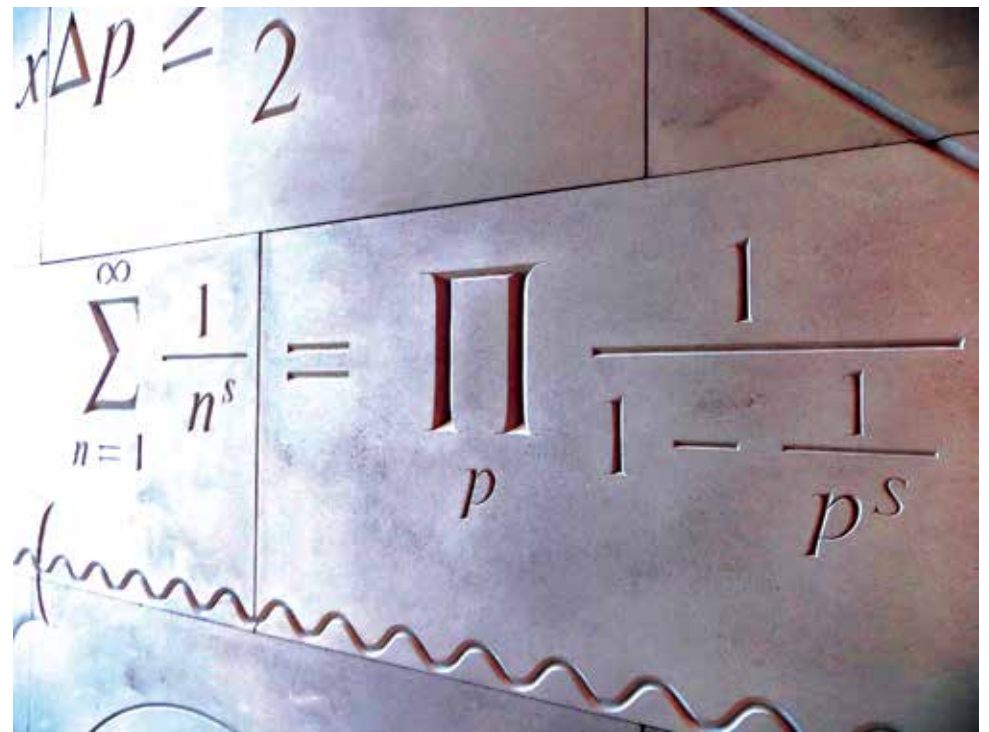
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Closer to home, examples of his work can be seen on a slate bench on the Boscobel Woodland Trail or on a wall inside the geometry and physics building at SUNY Stony Brook that he filled with numbers and mathematical formulas.

But some of his most affecting work is on display at cemeteries. Because his studio is near Woodstock, he was commissioned to carve a memorial stone for musician Levon Helm. And in the churchyard of St. Philip's in Garrison, a stone done at the same time commemorates Jim Lovell, who was killed on Dec. 1, 2013, in a Metro-North train derailment.

Nancy Montgomery, his widow, commissioned Kulleseid to carve a gravestone for Lovell, which was placed this past May at his gravesite. But she



Detail from the "Iconic Wall" done with artist Christian White at SUNY Stony Brook



The memorial stone Kulleseid carved for musician and member of The Band, Levon Helm

had a challenge for the artist — she wanted him to carve a symbol known as a double koru, on the stone. Her husband had worn one around his neck for as long as she could remember.

"He got it on a trip to New Zealand,"

Montgomery says. "It represents new life and family. He called it a *taonga*, which is the Maori word that means spiritual treasure. A double koru becomes a taonga when it takes on the spirit of those who wear it."

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Boscobel will host a repair café from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. Community volunteers will be on hand to fix broken items at no charge, offering a second chance to beloved or useful objects that might otherwise go to a landfill. The event is part of the site's "Make-Do's: Curiously Repaired Antiques" exhibit.

No registration is necessary and visitors receive free admission to explore Boscobel's grounds. The event is co-sponsored by the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and the Repair Café Foundation.

Building a Better Society

Author to discuss 'well-tempered city'

Jonathan F.P. Rose, author of *The Well-Tempered City: What Modern Science, Ancient Civilizations, and Human Behavior Teach Us About the Future and Urban Life*, will speak at the Garrison Institute at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, about building a more compassionate society. His work centers on integrating environmental, social and economic solutions to urban issues. See garrisoninstitute.org.

Next Depot Docs June 16

The Bad Kids to be shown with Q&A

The Philipstown Depot Theatre's documentary series continues at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 16, with *The Bad Kids*,



A probation officer talks to Black Rock Continuation High School student Joey McGee in a scene from *The Bad Kids*, which is showing at Depot Docs. Photo by Lou Pepe

which follows the lives of three students at a California alternative school for at-risk youth. See philipstowndepottheatre.org. Tickets are \$20 and the film's co-producer will answer questions following the screening.

History and a Hike

Museum guides to tour Cornish Estate

The Putnam History Museum is on the move on Saturday, June 10, with a guided hike of the Cornish Estate, also known as the Northgate Ruins. Rob Yasinsac and Thom Johnson will lead the walk and discuss the property's history.

Yasinsac is the co-author of *Hudson Valley Ruins: Forgotten Landmarks of American Landscape* and has photographed the estate for decades. Johnson co-authored *Bannerman's Castle* and has led cleanups and other projects at the site. Register by emailing rachel@putnamhistorymuseum.org or calling 845-265-4010. Participants will meet at 10 a.m. at the parking lot opposite Little Stony Point on Route 9D.

Golf Outing

Will benefit Support Connection

A golf outing at the Garrison Golf Club on June 14 will benefit Support Connection, a Yorktown Heights-based organization that provides services to women, their families and friends affected by breast and ovarian cancer.

Registration is at 10 a.m. and the shotgun scramble begins at 11 a.m. The day concludes with a cocktail hour at 4 p.m. and a dinner reception at 5 p.m. The cost is \$225 per golfer or \$900 per foursome. Call 914-962-6402.

Sip and Shop on Main

Cold Spring businesses host tastings

Eighteen businesses and restaurants on Main Street in Cold Spring will have wine tastings, discounts and gifts for shoppers from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 17. Representatives from Scenic Hud-



Erin Bell provides a visitor with a massage at MAYfest NY, the annual festival of music, art and yoga, that took place at Surprise Lake Camp in Cold Spring over Memorial Day weekend. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com. Photo by Ross Corsair

son and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust also will be on hand to discuss the Fjord Trail project.

The participating businesses are Barber & Brew, Burkelman, Cold Spring Apothecary, Cold Spring General Store, Cuppocino Café, Cold Spring Depot, Flowercup Wine, GoGo Pops, Gift Hut, Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Meraki, Old Souls, The Pantry, Pink Olive, Side Effects, Swing, Vintage Finds and Vintage Violet.

Up Close at Wildlife Center

Educators will share daily routines

On Sunday, June 18, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will offer a look at the daily routines of caring for its resident wildlife. Many of the animals that live in our woods and waterways can be found there, including snakes, a screech owl, a crow, frogs, turtles and rabbits.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and admission is \$3 to \$8, depending on membership status. See hhnm.org or call 845-534-5506, ext. 204. It is recommended for children ages 5 and older.

Garden Tours

Open day for Putnam residents

The Garden Conservancy's Putnam County Open Day on Sunday, June 11, will feature one private and one public garden in Garrison and Cold Spring. The Ross Garden at 43 Snake Hill Road in Garrison will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Stonecrop Garden at 81 Stonecrop Lane in Cold Spring from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with tea and cakes for purchase from noon to 4 p.m. Visitors can begin the tour at either location.

Admission is \$7 at Ross and \$5 at Stonecrop. See opendaysprogram.org.



The Ross Garden in Garrison will be open to the public on June 11. Photo provided



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Gypsy Jazz

Concert scheduled for June 24

Guitarists Sara Labriola and Thor Jensen and bassist Scott Colberg will perform a concert of gypsy jazz at The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. A donation of \$15 (\$10 for students and seniors) is suggested. The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St.



Sara Labriola is among the guitarists who will perform a concert of Gypsy Jazz at The Chapel in Cold Spring on June 24.

Photo provided

Rabies Warning

Be cautious of raccoons, feral cats, bats

The Putnam County Health Department has issued a warning to residents to be cautious about wildlife that might have rabies. In New York state, more than half of rabies infections in wild animals occur in raccoons, followed by bats, skunks and foxes.

So far this year, three raccoons in Putnam County have tested positive. Feral cats also can spread rabies, although the most common animal contact that leads to the two-week rabies treatment are bats, which should be caught if found inside the home to be tested (see putnamcountyny.com/how-to-capture-a-bat).

The county's Feral Cat Task Force since 2012 has neutered and vaccinated 622 cats, and adopted or fostered another 128. Anyone invested in volunteering or making a donation should call the Health Department at 845-808-1390, ext. 43160.

Pet cats and dogs also can contract rabies and should be vaccinated. The next

free vaccination clinic offered by the county will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on July 15 at Hubbard Lodge in Cold Spring.

All bites or contact with wild animals should be reported promptly to the Department of Health. On weekends and holidays, or after office hours, call the Environmental Health Hotline at 845-808-1390 and press 3.

Happy Birthday to Army

West Point Band to perform June 17

The West Point Band kicks off its Music Under the Stars summer concert series at the Trophy Point Amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 17, with a program called "March Along, Sing Our Song." The free concert will commemorate the Army's 242 years of service.

Beacon

Secret Life of Girls

Film society to show documentary

The Beacon Film Society on Wednesday, June 21, will screen *The Secret Life of Girls*, a documentary about two sisters growing up with the changing seasons as a backdrop. The children are the director's daughters, ages 6 and 8. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. at Beahive and the film begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door or in advance at beahivebzzz.com.

Beacon Teachers Win Grants

Designed to assist with training, projects

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley awarded more than \$40,000 in grants to 29 teachers for training, equipment and projects through its Partnership in Education program, now in its 32nd year. Three Beacon teachers were among the recipients: Elizabeth Roche of Sargent Elementary (Fund for Excellence in Education); Glenn Morris of Rombout Middle School (Taconic IPA Science Education); and Renee Ferrara of Sargent (Verizon STEM Award).

Youth Police Academy

Deadline for applicants is June 15

Applications for the Beacon Youth Police Academy are due on Thursday, June 15. The free weeklong program for students entering grades 9 through 12 in the Beacon community was born from the effort to enhance local police and community relations. The application is available on the BYPA Facebook page or via email at beaconomyouthpa@gmail.com. The program is also raising money through GoFundMe to cover transportation costs for field trips. The link can also be found on the BYPA Facebook page.

Music Photographers Wanted

Capture Towne Crier performances

The Towne Crier Café in Beacon is looking for photographers to capture moments from live performances. In exchange, photographers receive complimentary non-alcoholic drinks and tickets for themselves and a guest. Email info@townecrier.com.

Solo Show Honors Veterans

Performance scheduled for June 17

Douglas Taurel will perform his solo show, *American Soldier*, on June 17 on Bannerman Island. It is based on letters from veterans and their family members from the Revolution through current conflicts and highlights their bravery and the difficulties they and their families face with PTSD. Tickets are \$65 at bannermancastle.org.

Second Saturday June 10

Gallery show openings and music

ba Gallery — Kirsten Lyon, a ceramics and mixed media artist, will exhibit work related to nature and science in a show titled *Heavens*. In the Beacon Room, Dave Rollins presents his sculpture in *Primary Colors*. The opening reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. **Theo Ganz Gallery** — A reception from 6 to 8 p.m. kicks off

the gallery's fifth anniversary exhibition, *Persistent Song*. The group show includes work by 14 of the gallery's artists. **Hudson Beach Glass** — An exhibit of work by Emil Alzamora, *Pivot Point*, opens with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. and includes figurative sculpture and life-sized figures. **Clutter Gallery** — A group show with Tokyo Jesus, Eimi Takano, & Octoplum, including two artists who will be traveling from Japan for the opening from 6 to 9 p.m., will feature sculpture and mixed media work. **Howland Library** — *Here on Planet Earth* is a group exhibition by members of the Beacon Photography. The reception is from 5 to 7 p.m. **Matteawan Gallery** — Work by Krista Svalbonas in a show called *Dislocation* features sculptural photo collages and works on paper. The reception is from 6 to 9 p.m. **Live Music** — BeaconArts and the Beacon Music Factory are co-sponsoring an outdoor concert series at the Beacon Visitors' Center at Polhill Park. At 5 p.m. Lady Parts, an all-female a cappella group, will perform, and at 6 p.m., the BMF Jazz Improv with Larry Moses takes the stage.



A sculpture by Emil Alzamora, whose work will be on display at Hudson Beach Glass.

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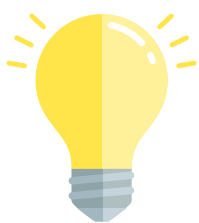
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Roots and Shoots

It's Gypsy Moth Season

Here's what to do to protect your trees

By Pamela Doan

If you have trees in your yard, you've likely been bugged out by gypsy moths. The good news is that the cool, rainy weather affects them, too, because a fungus that kills the larvae thrives in these conditions. The dried husks of caterpillars hanging on trees is a sign it's having an effect, although we won't know until next spring if it's curbed a population that has been exploding in recent years.

Gypsy moths hatch from eggs laid the previous summer and indiscriminately defoliate hundreds of types of ornamental, forest, and fruit trees and shrubs.

Leaves mean everything to a tree's health and vitality. They provide the food that trees store to survive over the winter. If trees lose their leaves to gypsy moths in the spring, they must use the energy they would be storing for the winter to grow new leaves. The new leaves also won't be as full of chlorophyll or ready to soak up the light a leaf needs to make sugars and carbohydrates.



Gypsy moths

USDA/Bugwood.org

Bruce Fraedrich, a plant pathologist with the Bartlett Tree Research Lab, found in a study that

a tree's full recovery from being defoliated can take as long as five years. Most hardwoods are expected to be able to sustain two seasons of defoliation from gypsy moths before they die but evergreens may be susceptible after a single attack.

The good news is that enemies of the gypsy moth such as the fungal pathogen *Entomophaga mamaiga* have been gaining strength. A long-term study at Cornell led by Ann Hajek has found the fungus is now the leading cause of decline in gypsy moth density.

But now comes the difficult part: What can you do? If you find leaf damage, the first step is to identify the cause. Gypsy moth caterpillars hatch in April and May and so are visible now. You might see them hanging by a silky thread and swinging in the wind. Even though they're dangerous to my trees, I find their life cycle kind of cool. They shed their skins multiple times. The female has six growth stages and the male has five. Fully grown, the caterpillars are about 2 inches long.

They go into a pupa stage for about two weeks, after which the moth emerges. By late July and August, the females (white moths that don't fly) lay hundreds of eggs on the tree that will hatch the following spring.

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Gypsy moth caterpillars as they will appear if feasting now on the foliage of your trees and shrubs

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(Look for dense, hairy and buff-colored masses on trunks and under branches. They'll be hard and feel velvety.) Caterpillars can be captured and dumped in water mixed with soap or detergent. Since the caterpillars move up the trees, wrapping a band of cloth like burlap can be effective in trapping them. Check it daily, although I've been warned that in places where there are large populations, this is more of a "feel-good" method.

If you have a high-value planting — something that means a lot to you or to the habitat, for whatever reason — consult

an arborist for possible insecticide applications. Be careful about using insecticides on trees that are in their flowering cycle. Anything that will kill a gypsy moth caterpillar probably also kills a pollinator that is attracted to the flowers.

For more information on pesticides, see Virginia Tech's online resource at vtp.ext.vt.edu or the state Department of Environmental Conservation's fact sheets at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/298.html. The DEC site also has information about participating in a sampling on your property to help track the moths.

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Haldane Loses Another Principal

Elementary school leader resigns

By Lily Gordon



Brent Harrington

The Haldane Central School District lost its second principal in 10 weeks when Brent Harrington announced his resignation from the elementary school.

The high school principal, Peter Carucci, left March 31 after nine months on the job for what he and the district said were personal reasons. He will be succeeded by Julia Sniffen, the middle school principal.

Harrington has been with the district since 2011, when he was hired from the Hastings Central School District to be principal of both the elementary and middle schools. Sniffen was hired in 2015.

Harrington, who earned \$148,000 annually, will leave Haldane on June 30 to

become principal of the Pocantico Hills Central elementary and middle school in Sleepy Hollow, about four miles from his home. He is also pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Arkansas which requires travel and so was "looking for some simplicity," by reducing his commute, said Haldane Superintendent Diana Bowers.

"I will deeply miss the children and families of Cold Spring that I have come to know so well," Harrington wrote in a letter to parents. "You have brought me great joy and faith in the good work that can happen for children in public schools when there is a collective partnership between families and the school."

The board is also searching for a middle school principal to succeed Sniffen, who takes over at the high school on July 1. She is currently the interim principal there, with assistance from Bowers and Chris Salumn, the dean of students.

Bowers said community members interested in being a part of the process to find

the two new principals should contact Linda Dearborn at 845-265-9254, ext. 115, or ldearborn@haldaneschool.org.

The Haldane PTA will thank Harrington and its volunteers at its meeting at 3:30 p.m. at June 15 in the music room at Haldane.

In other business ...

- The board again heard details about a proposed Athletic Hall of Fame at the high school, which has met resistance from some parents and students. Organizers clarified that the hall of fame would be separate from the 1,000-point basketball club, track banners and scholar-athlete banners now hanging in the gym.
- Haldane High School was one of 88 public schools outside of New York City recognized by the state for its academic achievement or progress. Among the criteria for the award is that the school must be among the top 20 percent for English language arts (ELA) and math performance during the past two years or among the top 10 percent in 2015-16; have made progress in the past two years on select measures; and have sufficient achievement among members

of "accountability" groups such as low-income students.

- Haldane's hockey team will merge in 2017-18 with five nearby schools. In the past, Haldane players have played with those from Hendrick Hudson High School. The family of each Haldane hockey player will pay \$1,000 toward costs.
- The Philipstown Garden Club would like to donate a tree to the district, which sparked a conversation about what types of donations the district can accept. Trustee Peggy Clements suggested that the district not accept donations valued at more than \$100.
- The board discussed a proposal to allow a student selected by the student council to join the board as a non-voting member.
- The mathematics department at Haldane High School is considering shifting its Algebra II curriculum to focus more on preparation for the SAT by adding trigonometry. There will be more discussion at a public meeting with Lou Sassano, chair of the math department, at 6:30 p.m. on June 20.

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Frankie Fusco, Justin Conklin, Jalen Echandy: All-League, All-County

Haldane
Brian Haines: All-County
Aidan Siegel: All-County

County awards presented by Dutchess County Baseball Coaches Association

Boys' Lacrosse
James O'Neill 15, Millbrook 6

In the Section 9, Class D title game on May 25, Garrison residents accounted for seven of O'Neill's goals: Jack Kelly (3), Brian Kelly (3) and Derrick Champi (1). The Raiders lost in the next round to Section 1 champion Westlake, 20-3.

Track
Section 9, Class C Championships
James O'Neill (Garrison residents)
Girls' 4x800-meter relay
1. With Kailyn August, Anna Northup (10:37.98)

Division II State Qualifier
The state finals take place Friday, June 9.

James O'Neill (Garrison residents)
Girls' 4x800-meter relay
1. With August, Northup (10:02.76)
Boys' 1,500-meter run
1.Shawn Sharifi (4:47.95)
Boys' 4x100-meter relay
1.With Ethan Penner (44.39)

Haldane
Girls' Pentathlon
1.Abbey Stowell (3,058)

Softball
Beacon
Sydney Dexter: All-Section

Haldane
Hannah Monteleone: All-Section
Pine Plains 14, Haldane 0
The Blue Devils finished ranked 18th in Class C by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Girls' Golf
Kristin Scali of Garrison, playing for O'Neill High School, finished 37th at the state championship and third among Section 9 golfers. Carmel junior Lauren Peter won the title.



The O'Neill High School 4x800-meter relay team is headed to the state finals on June 9: Kailyn August of Garrison, Marie Hagemaster, Alyssa Robinson and Anna Northup of Garrison

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