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Remembering Warren

Haldane grad, 22, was one of 16 Philipstown residents who died in World War II

By Michael Turton

The memorial installed at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets on the lawn of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring bears the names of 16 Philipstown residents who died while serving in World War II. Warren Eitner, 22, a Haldane grad, is one of them.



Warren Eitner's grave in France. The Haldane grad was killed in 1943 during a bombing run over Germany.



Technical Sgt. Warren Eitner

Photos courtesy of Mark Pfarrer

He was a radio man. When his B-17 bomber took off from an airfield in England in October 1943 for a run, he had already taken part in at least 12 missions and knew the risks. The log from a six-hour mission he had flown two months earlier 500 miles into enemy territory recorded the bombers being "battered by [enemy] fighters, coming in sometimes 20 at a time" and how the crew watched 17 of the U.S. planes shot down.

As World War II survivors and their family members die — most are now in their late 80s and 90s or older — their memories of the war and those who fought it pass with them. For Memorial Day, we thought we'd remember one of the 16, with the help of his youngest sister.

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In Beacon, Airbnb Rentals Illegal, Edgewater Development Cut Back

Council votes on two contentious issues

By Jeff Simms

Stuck in a grey area between city zoning regulations and state building codes, the Beacon City Council voted 4-3 on Monday (May 21) to reject a proposed law that would have regulated Airbnb and other short-term rentals, effectively making them illegal.

It also voted 5-2 on a change in zoning that will lower by almost 25 percent the number of units that can be included in

the Edgewater apartment development at the waterfront.

Short-term rentals

The council voted 4-3 against a proposed law that would have amended zoning laws to legalize short-term rentals made through sites such as Airbnb. If adopted, the law would have also required homeowners to comply with state building codes, which, for home-sharing, require adequate fire exits and other safety measures.

Council members Terry Nelson, George Mansfield, John Rembert and Amber Grant voted against the proposal. Jodi McCredo, Lee

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Part 3: Farm = Food



By Chip Rowe

David Wolfe feels for the farmers. A professor of plant and soil ecology at Cornell University, Wolfe has studied the effect of climate change on crops grown in the Hudson Valley and New York state for 30 years.

Farmers are accustomed to dealing with the vagaries of weather, but, still, Wolfe says he has been stunned by how quickly conditions are degrading. The average temperature in New York has risen about 11 degrees in the past 15,000 years; without dramatic intervention to lower the level of heat-trapping carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere, it may jump 6 to 8 degrees within the next 100.

"No farmers in the history of modern agriculture have seen the pace of change projected for this century," Wolfe says.

The rising temperature will lead to more intense and lengthy summer droughts that shrivel crops and the udders of the state's 620,000 dairy cows, which prefer the thermostat at a cool 72 degrees or lower.

But it also brings challenges year-round.

In New York, global warming is creating more intense spring downpours, which saturate fields and delay planting and, subsequently, harvest. These heavy rainfalls have increased more in the Northeast than in any other part of the

country. Heavy rains also increase the likelihood of potato and tomato blight and fungal problems in root vegetables such as carrots.

Farmers will benefit from a longer growing season, because the warm temperatures cause perennials to bloom earlier. But that doesn't decrease the risk of frost and freeze damage. When plants bloom too soon, they are vulnerable if the temperature

drops again. That's what happened to the fruit crop in New York in 2016. Also in 2012. And 2007.

Insects such as the corn earworm, flea beetle and stinkbug prefer a nice summer day and, as temperatures rise, are pushing their way north. While all plants thrive when exposed to carbon dioxide, invasive weeds with deep roots such as poison ivy and kudzu do especially well. Studies have found invaders become more resistant to herbicides such as Roundup when grown in a high CO₂ environment.

What can farmers do? They must adapt, if they can afford to. Cornell University and other institutions are trying to help by assessing which direction things are moving, and which crops might work best 10, 20 and 30 years from now. But it's difficult in the meantime to enjoy longer growing seasons if your fields are saturated in the spring and dust during the summer.

In this, the third part of our series, Pamela Doan spoke with Wolfe and Laura Lengnick, who advises Hudson Valley farmers on "cultivating resistance." She also visited farmers, including Jocelyn Apicello of Longhaul Farm in Garrison, Dave Llewellyn of Glynwood Farm in Philipstown and Mark Doyle of Fishkill Farms, to hear firsthand about the challenges facing the growth industry.

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5 Five Questions: FRED OSBORN

By Brian PJ Cronin

On May 21, Fred and Annie Osborn of Garrison moved aboard their sloop Aythya, which they plan to sail around the world.

How long have you two been sailing?

All our lives, probably before either of us could walk. We did a trip across the Atlantic in 1985 with our children when they were 7, 10 and 12 years old. We wanted to continue around the world, but they wanted a Labrador Retriever and a station wagon and soccer games and all the things we were trying to escape. We got as far as Gibraltar.

How big is the Aythya?

It's 41 feet. It's a Bristol 41.1 with a center cockpit, two heads, three cabins for guests and a nice galley. *Aythya* is the genus of sea ducks. Our dinghy is named Lucky Ducky.

How long will you be gone?

We want to take our time, so I'm imagining two to three years. It will depend on how well we do, how well the boat suits us, where we can do some serious passage-making with just the two of us or if we need crew. We have 10 grandchildren, so we have a lot of crew on hand. We don't have a careful itinerary.



Annie and Fred Osborn aboard the Aythya in Rhode Island

Photo provided

What do you most look forward to?

I love the feel of the waves, the wind taking you somewhere, the stars at night, the sunsets, the sunrises, and the total immersion in the weather. You can't count on the weather, and you can't escape it. You have to adjust.

Will you stay in touch?

We have cell phones, internet and radios. Friends have asked us to do a blog. We'll be in touch, but I say that with a bit of sorrow, because the idea is to not be in touch, to not listen to the news, to be away from everything.

NEWS BRIEFS

Suspect Arrested in Armed Robbery

Beacon resident charged with February hold-up

Beacon police arrested Eric R. Johnson, 25, on May 18 on suspicion of committing an armed robbery in February at the Citgo Gas Station on Fishkill Avenue.

According to Beacon police, the arrest was the result of a months-long investigation conducted with the assistance of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Fishkill Police.

Johnson, who lives on Half Moon Road, was arraigned in Beacon City Court and charged with felony robbery, felony criminal possession of a weapon and misdemeanor menacing. He was remanded to Dutchess County Jail on \$15,000 cash bail or \$50,000 bond.

Man Jumps from Bear Mountain Bridge

Mount Pleasant resident, 25, died on May 8

A 25-year-old man from Mount Pleasant committed suicide by jumping off the Bear Mountain Bridge on May 8, according to the New York State police.

The man, whose identity was not released, parked his car on Route 9D, walked to the middle of the bridge and jumped around 5:50 p.m. After a report from a passerby, police reviewed security video. The Westchester County Police Department Marine Unit recovered his body around 7:30 p.m.

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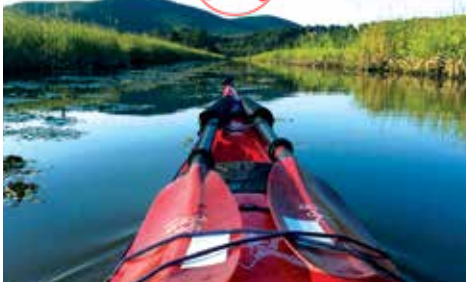
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John Griffiths in his office at the Garrison School

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Garrison Principal Leaving

John Griffiths takes job with Croton-Harmon

By Chip Rowe

John Griffiths, the principal since 2015 of the Garrison School, announced on May 23 he will leave at the end of the school year to become assistant superintendent of the Croton-Harmon Union Free School District.

The Croton-Harmon school board is scheduled to approve the hire at a special meeting scheduled for today (May 25).

Griffiths, who came to Garrison from Somers, where he was principal of the Intermediate School, said in an email to parents that the move was “the next logical step” in his career. He will remain at Garrison until July 13.

“Among many accomplishments, we have embraced a new approach to literacy education, secured a reading interventionist for our neediest learners, purchased Chromebooks for

every upper elementary and middle school student, fostered a new theater program, and increased our use of outdoor spaces through newly mapped trails and the installation of our school garden,” he wrote.

The Garrison Union Free School District had 207 students during the 2016-17 school year in grades K-8, while Croton-Harmon had 1,637 in grades K-12.

Griffiths, who earns \$148,569 annually at Garrison, will make \$175,000 at Croton-Harmon. He was appointed by the Garrison school board in July 2015 to a four-year appointment that would have ended Aug. 9, 2019, after which he could have been considered for tenure. He will receive a similar four-year term from Croton-Harmon.

The assistant superintendent position at Croton-Harmon became available when the district promoted Deborah O’Connell to superintendent, effective July 1. She has held the job since 2011 and will succeed Edward Fuhrman Jr., who retired.

State of the Air

Lung association grades quality in Highlands

By Chip Rowe

The American Lung Association, in its annual State of the Air report, gave Putnam and Dutchess counties a “D” for air quality, while Westchester got an “F.”

The nonprofit measures ozone and particle pollution, both of which have grown



The Chrysler Building seen from the Empire State Building on Nov. 20, 1953, during a six-day smog that killed at least 200 people

Photo by Walter Albertin/
World-Telegram, via Library of Congress

worse because of the effects of global warming.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation also tracks pollutant levels. In its daily forecast for May 24, it rated the levels in Long Island and western New York as “moderate,” which is just below “unhealthy for sensitive groups.” The remainder of the state was “good.”

Ozone develops in the atmosphere from gases from tailpipes, smokestacks and other sources that form smog when

they come in contact with sunlight. “Inhaling ozone pollution is like getting a sunburn on the lung,” the association said, noting it can trigger coughing and asthma attacks.

Particle pollution is the result of wildfires, wood-burning devices, coal-fired power plants and diesel engines. The microscopic particles can trigger asthma attacks as well as lead to heart attacks, strokes and lung cancer, according to the association.

Eight of the 10 cities with the most particle pollution were in California, with

Phoenix-Scottsdale at No. 8 and the New York City area at No. 10. One challenge for the lung association in tracking pollution levels is that fewer than 1,000 of the 3,068 counties in the U.S., not including Dutchess and Putnam, have monitors.

There has been some improvement in ozone levels since the passage in 1987 of a global treaty to reduce them. Dutchess County has 19.5 fewer high-ozone days than it did in 1996 and Putnam has 19.2 fewer. To receive updates on air quality by email, see enviroflash.info.

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The men remembered here died during their wartime service, either during combat or from disease or accidents. The Philipstown list is taken from the war memorial at Main and Chestnut streets, Cold Spring. The Beacon list was compiled by Robert William Phillips for the Beacon Historical Society.



Remembering Warren *(from Page 1)*

Life at Glynwood

The Eitner family — Warren; his parents, Felix and Elsa; his elder brother, Walter; and his sisters, Edith and Dorothy (Dottie) — moved to Philipstown from New Jersey in the 1930s. They lived at Glynwood Farm, where his father ran the poultry operation.

"I was his kid sister, and he loved to tickle me," recalls Dottie Pfarrer, 89, the last surviving sibling. "We got into some rather wild pillow fights. He was a fun person to be with."

Their days at Glynwood included square dances in the ice house. "Warren certainly enjoyed square dancing; I can still picture it," recalls Dottie, who lives in Maryland. Her brother also organized softball games in the back meadow.

Warren and Walter loved the outdoors, especially fishing. But they used their guns only for target practice. "They were soft-hearted outdoorsmen," Dottie says. "Warren taught me how to identify birds, their nests and their eggs."

After graduating from Haldane High School, Warren enrolled at Delhi Agricultural School, where he studied poultry husbandry. Dottie says he and their father planned after the war to start their own chicken farm.

Warren embraced college life. He was vice president of the Chanticleer Club, active in intramural sports, ran cross-country and joined Theta Gamma. His nickname, according to the 1940 yearbook,

was "Ike" and his pastime was "accompanying chicks."

While at Delhi, he fell in love with a young woman named Lucy, and they were engaged.

Off to war

Warren enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps in early 1941, continuing a family tradition of military service. His father had served in the Army during World War I, later became commander of the George A. Casey American Legion Post in Cold Spring, and during World War II commanded the Legion's four Putnam County units of guard, patrol and traffic control officers.

Warren rose to the rank of technical sergeant, serving as a ground-based radio operator with the 306th Bomber Group, known as the Reich Wreckers, at Thurleigh airfield in southeastern England. Between August and October 1943, he volunteered to fly on at least 12 missions as a radio operator.

During his last trip home, while on Christmas leave, Dottie remembers thinking her brother had aged a lot. "He changed so much, from being very impish to very serious," she says.

Final mission

Thurleigh was cold and foggy on the morning of Oct. 14, 1943. Aircrews who attended the 3 a.m. briefing hissed and moaned when the target was announced: Schweinfurt.

A Bavarian town nearly 500 miles to the

Finally Home

The bodies of two Beacon men killed during World War II were only years later identified and returned home for burial.

Air Force 1st Lt. Francis G. Peattie died June 26, 1943, in a bomber crash on the South Pacific island of New Britain. The lone survivor, Col. Jose Holguin, returned to the site three times in the early 1980s to search for the remains of his nine comrades. In 1983 he discovered a number of bodies had been recovered and buried in Honolulu. He pushed the



Dominick Phillippo

Army to identify the remains, which included five of his crewmates. Peattie's body was returned to Beacon in 1985 and interred at St. Joachim's Cemetery.

Private Dominick J. Phillipo went missing in September 1943 during a battle for the town of Persano, Italy. Nearly 17 years later, in May 1960, heavy rains revealed a shallow grave with his remains and dog tags beside a small stream near the town of Serre, about 10 miles away. He is also buried at St. Joachim's.

Source: Beacon Historical Society



Francis Peattie

east, its factories produced more than 60 percent of the bearings used in Hitler's war machines. It was heavily fortified with anti-aircraft batteries and defended by Luftwaffe fighters. On a mission to the area that Eitner had flown in August, 54 bombers were lost and another 169 dam-

aged, five beyond repair.

An intelligence report for the Oct. 14 raid noted: "No trouble was encountered until the P-47 escort left." The huge Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortresses" could handle long-range missions but its fighter escorts were typically

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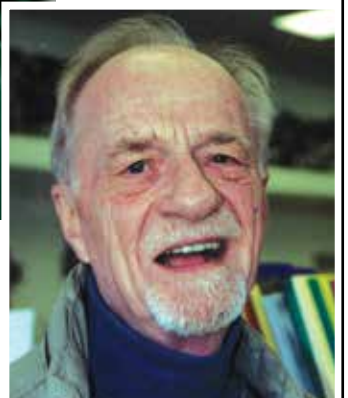
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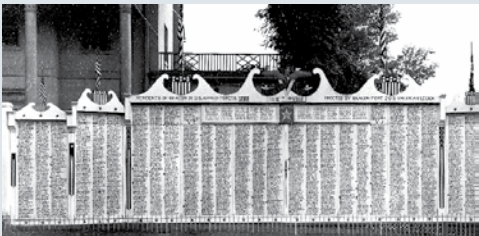
By Robert Murphy

In 1942, soon after the U.S. entered World War II, the Beacon post of the American Legion recruited one of its members, a sign painter named Jasper Urquhart, to design and create wooden panels on which he could add the name of every Beacon resident serving in the Armed Forces.

The first board was positioned outside Memorial Hall. Over the next three years, as more people joined the military effort, Urquhart added more boards. When the Fishkill resident completed his work in early 1946, after the war ended, he had added 1,704 names, including those of 60 men who did not come home (see Page 4).

Later that year the honor roll was dismantled. *The Beacon News* noted that saving the panels would be difficult because of their size, but a high-resolution color photo was taken and printed 4 feet wide for display in the window of Veta Budney's florist shop across the street and later at Memorial Hall. Urquhart died in 1948 at age 58 and should be remembered as the artist who painted the names of honor for a grateful city.

Murphy has been president of the Beacon Historical Society since 1998. This article was excerpted from his blog at beaconhistorical.org.



The sign boards painted by Jasper Urquhart



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forced to return to England as they ran low on fuel.

Once the fighter escort turned back, German planes pounced. "Between the Rhine and the target, the formation was attacked by 300 enemy aircraft," the report stated. Although the B-17s were armed with 50mm machine guns, "there were too many aircraft attacking for the gunners to keep them off." The formation also encountered "accurate" anti-aircraft fire as it neared Schweinfurt.

A pilot who survived the raid said Warren's bomber and its 10-man crew came under fire from as many as six Luftwaffe fighters when it was about 10 minutes from its target. At 2:15 p.m., one of its four engines burst into flames. The witness counted four parachutes. Another pilot wrote to Warren's mother after Warren had been reported missing in action and said he had seen seven parachutes, giving the family hope he may have survived and been captured.

He had not survived. The bomber crashed into the German countryside. Five of the 10 men died, including Warren and the pilot, John Jackson, 22, whose bodies were found at their posts, in the wreckage, by Germans. Warren may have remained on board to radio the positions of those who parachuted. Five of the men who were able to bail out of the aircraft survived and became prisoners of war.

Of the 291 bombers sent to attack Schweinfurt that day, 61 were lost. Another 148 were damaged, 10 beyond repair.

Epilogue

Warren is buried in the Lorraine American Cemetery at St. Avold, in northeastern France, with 10,786 other American soldiers. He was posthumously awarded the Air Medal with V for valor and a Purple Heart.



The Eitner family at Glynwood in 1941: Warren is in the back row at left, and his sister Dottie is in the front row at right.

Photo courtesy Mark Pfarrer

When Warren's death was confirmed about two months after he was reported missing, the Red Cross sent a letter to his father. He received it a few days before Christmas but didn't tell his family until Dec. 26. "I don't know how he did it," says Dottie, who was 14. "I think he didn't want to spoil Christmas."

After learning Warren had been killed, Lucy gave her engagement ring to his mother.

Richard Pfarrer has his uncle's wartime blanket, although it's missing the corner that Warren used to shine his boots.

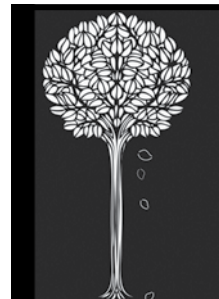
The Eitner family left the Cold Spring area in 1945.

Thanks to Dottie Pfarrer; her sons, Mark Pfarrer and Richard Pfarrer; and Sue Fox Moyer of the 8th Air Force Historical Society for their assistance.



Warren Eitner flew some of his missions aboard the B-17 nicknamed Miss Patricia, shown here. It crashed on a training run about a week after his death, killing the eight crew members.

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Weathering the Storm

Farms hit hard by macroburst

By Brian PJ Cronin

Power has been restored and roads have been cleared in the Highlands after the brief but devastating storm on May 15, but for local farms, the recovery continues.

"We're back where we were four years ago," said Sarah Simon, farm director at Common Ground Farm, which is located at Stony Kill Farm just north of Beacon. The storm destroyed the 4-year-old high tunnel that the farm had been using to improve tomato production in the warm months and grow produce into the winter.

The storm also uprooted trees, blew apart the farm gate, ripped holes in the fencing, destroyed several smaller greenhouses and sheds and flooded one of the fields.

Down the I-84 corridor, things were worse in the 100-year-old apple orchards at Fishkill Farms.

"We lost between 3,000 and 4,000 trees," said Josh Morgenthau, its owner. "It was faster winds than we've ever experienced before. Most of these trees were broken at the base so there's nothing left to rehabilitate. Those trees represent a decade of investment and hard work by our team, and to see it all wiped out in just a few minutes is devastating."

Simon and her crew were in the fields

when the storm rolled in, working to plant scallions in time for the rain. Although the crew received emergency tornado warnings on their phones, they didn't think anything of it since the warning was for the entire Hudson Valley, and tornadoes in southern Dutchess County are practically unheard of. They even joked about taking shelter in the walk-in cooler that the farm uses to keep harvested produce fresh.

When the storm began, Simon and her crew retreated to the greenhouse.

"The wind was just crazy," she recalled. "Then all those trees started to fall."

They ended up in the cooler, after all, emerging to find the high tunnel destroyed and an electrical fire across the street. Because fallen trees had blocked the roads, Simon walked home to Beacon.

It could have been worse: When Hurricane Irene hammered Common Ground Farm in August 2011, the fields were full of produce on the verge of being harvested, the majority of which was wiped out. Since the macroburst happened early in the growing season, much of what was lost can be replanted thanks to the abundance of vegetable starts that many farms still have at this time of the year. Meadowland Farm in Clinton Corners has already volunteered to replace the tomato starts that were destroyed.

But the loss of the high tunnel is a significant blow for the farm, and will hamper its ability to continue growing food

for schools, food pantries and soup kitchens. The nonprofit is hoping to raise \$15,000 for a new, stronger high tunnel.

Since the organization farms on land owned by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which has been on site clearing trees, they're still waiting on the go-ahead as to when they can reopen the farm to hold its popular preschool program.

"I've had to cancel everything last week and this week, and that's a chunk of revenue," says Sember Weinman, the farm's education director. "On the other hand," she said, pointing to a tangle of downed trees and limbs smothering the grove, "that's not exactly toddler-friendly."

In Fishkill, with the road cleared and power restored, Fishkill Farms is again open for business. "It looks like the cherries, peaches and nectarines are OK," Morgenthau said. "And it's looking like we'll be able to open up for pick-your-own strawberries in two weeks."

However, the farm will have to decrease the amount of apples available for wholesale this fall and in autumns to come. "It's going to take us years to get back to our previous level of production," he said.



Dave Eger and Peter Augello work to repair the damage at Common Ground Farm.

Photo provided

At Common Ground Farm, the team has held one fundraiser and is looking for volunteers who can help rebuild the other structures or make deliveries to food pantries. They're encouraged, also, as some of the resiliency measures that the farm put in place are paying off. Although Common Ground Farm has 10 acres, they only farm on 4 at a time, letting the rest go fallow with cover crops to rest and recharge the soil. While other fields lost valuable topsoil to the storm, the deep roots of the cover crops held the Common Ground soil in place.

"It's been a really interesting and informative moment for me as a farmer," said Simon.

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In Beacon, Airbnb Rentals Illegal, Edgewater Cut Back *(from Page 1)*

Kyriacou and Mayor Randy Casale voted for it.

Because the state doesn't specifically address the relatively new home-sharing industry in its building code, municipalities must interpret the rules on their own, City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis said.

Tim Dexter, Beacon's building inspector, has said that he interprets the state law as applying to home-sharing the same as it does to a traditional bed-and-breakfast. In other words, anyone sharing their home as a short-term rental would be required to meet the state's fire safety requirements, including adequately marked exits from each bedroom and, in some cases, sprinkler systems.

An attorney at the New York Department of State confirmed that interpretation, Ward-Willis said, which means that most homes in Beacon would fall short of the code, leaving the Building Department no choice but to cite them for noncompliance.

However, Airbnb, the largest of the home-sharing services, believes Beacon's interpretation "stands in stark and lonely contrast to the many cities and towns throughout New York and the region that have concluded that occasional home sharing is consistent with other types of permissible accessory use," said Andrew Kalloch, an Airbnb public-policy specialist who submitted comments to the council.

Forcing homeowners to comply with the state fire provisions "would amount to a de facto ban on short-term rentals in Beacon," he wrote.

On Monday, several residents who use Airbnb asked the council to reject the proposed city law, saying the state code would be too restrictive. But that leaves Beacon's 110 active Airbnb hosts — who, according to the company, had 9,100 guests in 2017 — with few options.

That's because the city zoning code, like that of many other municipalities, has a provision that "if a use is not expressly permitted, it is deemed prohibited," Ward-Willis explained. Because short-term rentals are not mentioned, "they are prohibited," he said.

There is a possible fix. If state lawmakers pass a measure that regulates the rentals — a version of a law is in committees in both the Assembly and Senate — it would establish what Airbnb says it considers "common-sense regulations" that would include requiring owners to post a diagram showing all exits and a list of emergency phone numbers; have insurance of at least \$250,000; have only one short-term unit unless the owners are at the same address; and register the unit every two years with the state.

On Monday, the Beacon council passed a resolution urging the state to take action.

Edgewater

The council voted to remove steep slopes and other "non-buildable" land from its calculation of how many units can be constructed on a parcel, effectively lopping nearly 25 percent off the capacity of the Edgewater development on the city waterfront.

After the council approved the change, the city will now calculate the allowable density of a development on a parcel of 3 acres or larger on buildable, rather than gross, acreage. The vote was part of a continuing review of city zoning that began last fall.

In December, the council adopted the provision in the Fishkill Creek Development District. Monday's vote extended the measure to the city's largest residential districts. The council is still considering a plan to rezone Main Street and to strengthen its historic district.

The Edgewater plan, which began with 307 apartments on 12 acres northeast of the Metro-North station, has been under Planning Board review for more than a year. The project received environmental approval from the Planning Board in December, and the Zoning Board of Appeals in January granted three variances.

The project still needs a special-use permit from the City Council and site-plan approval from the Planning Board before it can break ground.

Monday's ruling knocks about 71 units off the proposal be-



Developer Rodney Weber (center) greeted guests at an information session he hosted May 14 on his proposed Edgewater project in Beacon. *Photo provided*

cause the Edgewater site includes a number of steep slopes. While the council's vote came with little fanfare or discussion, there have been months of debate leading to it.

Edgewater officials have argued that the project should be allowed to proceed as proposed because it will cluster the apartments into seven buildings that only cover about 35 percent of the site. The remainder, including the slopes, would be open space.

Council Member George Mansfield, who, along with Mayor Randy Casale, voted against the measure on Monday, has said the law seems targeted at Edgewater, because it's already well into its Planning Board review. But other council members have countered that the Fishkill creekside zoning measure also did not provide exemptions for projects under review.

That decision downsized the 248 Tioronda development, which was approved in 2014 for 100 units on nearly 9 acres but had not yet started construction.

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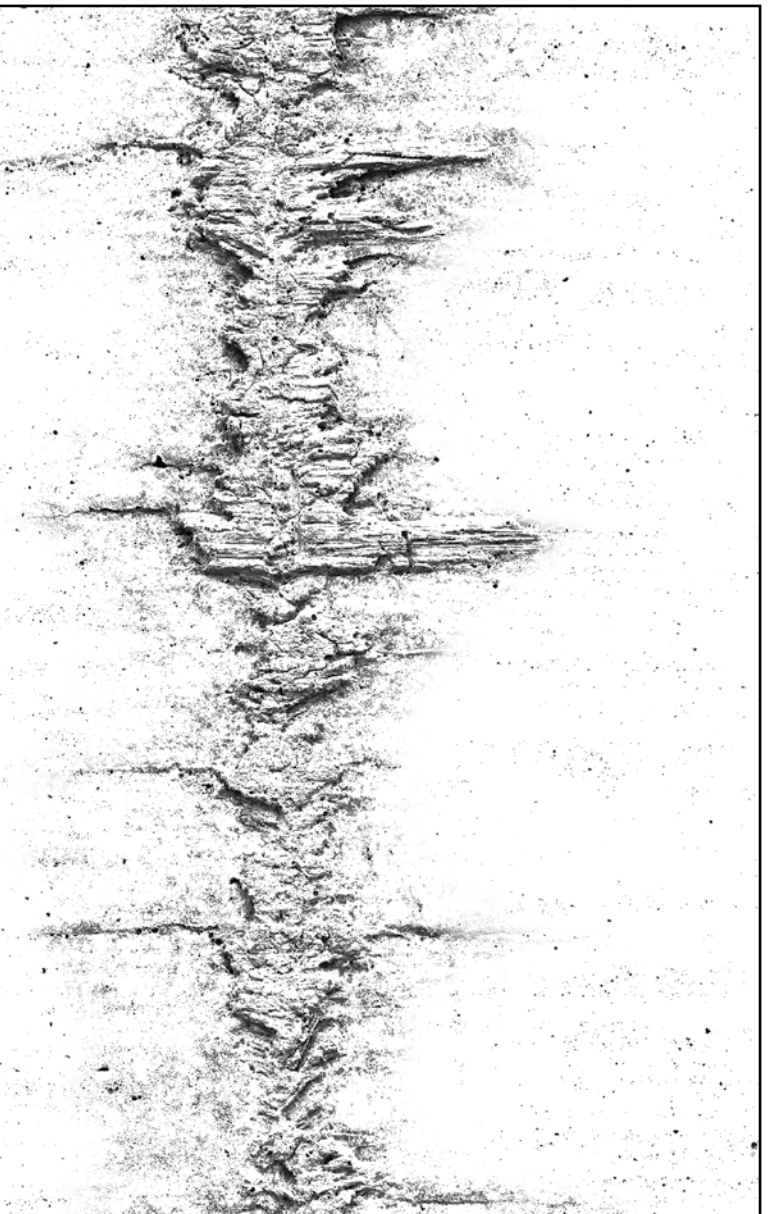
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The Calendar

Join the Circus — at the Howland Center

Summer exhibit and events begin June 2

By Maria Ricapito

If your parents forbade you from joining the circus, your time has come.

Circus! @ The Howland, a series of art shows, performances and classes, will open in June for a two-month run at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. The ringmaster and curator is Karen Gersch, a visual artist and acrobat who was a founding member of the Big Apple Circus.

"In the circus, you generally do a few acts — unless you're a big cat trainer or flying aerialist," she says. "You have to learn all the skills, like juggling, acrobatics and wire walking, and then you focus. Acrobatics was my main act. I'm the one who holds people up, usually working with another woman or man doing comedy or pure acrobatics."

In addition to doing and teaching daredevil feats, Gersch paints. One of her paintings will be included in *The Art of Balance*, an exhibit of circus-themed prints, paintings, sculptures, puppets and jewelry by 10 artists that kicks off with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 2. It will also include artwork by Beacon City School District students. "Their quality and imagination is amazing," Gersch says.

For a one-ring Piccolo Circus that will be held on July 1, Gersch recruited friends who are jugglers, magicians and plate spinners. "Li Liu does her entire act while standing on her hands," Gersch says. "She'll have everyone's jaws dropping."

World Circus, a documentary that will be shown June 22, follows five groups as they prepare for the tryouts for the Monte Carlo Circus Festival. The filmmaker,



Li Liu spins plates while balancing on one hand. Photo provided

Angela Snow, will answer questions.

Another attraction for all ages: two Family Fun Balancing Days (June 24 and July 8), where anyone can learn to juggle, walk on a tightrope or a rolling globe, and do simple acrobatics.

"I can say to a child, 'See how you learned how to balance? Go look across the room at that artwork of someone balancing,'" Gersch says. "It gives them a better appreciation of what they're looking at."

For a July 25 show, the curator lured Pinot & Augustine, a musical clown act that she worked with at a circus festival at the Smithsonian, to travel to Beacon from Maryland. "If there's anything to make people forget about evil clowns, it would be European-style clowning, which is so beautiful and poetic," she says.



This painting by Sir Edwin Landseer of Isaac Van Amburgh and his animals was commissioned by Queen Victoria. Van Amburgh grew up in what is now Beacon.

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Hand to Hand, by Peter Angelo Simon

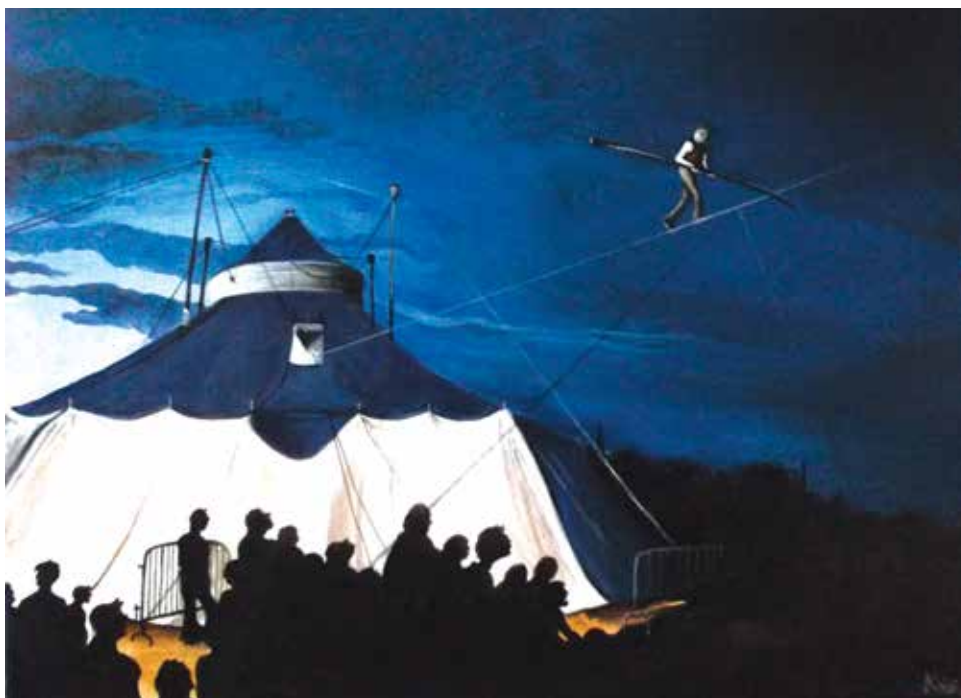
The Howland will also host a display put together by the Beacon Historical Society on animal trainer Isaac Van Amburgh, who grew up in Fishkill Landing (now Beacon) and during the early to mid-19th century was famous for feats such as sticking his head into a lion's mouth. Van Amburgh inspired one fan, Queen Victoria, to commission a painting of him (above).

Through Safe Harbors of the Hudson, Gersch has been working with a troupe of Newburgh students who will perform on July 1 in *Ritzkids: The Art of Balance*. "It's good for kids to see other children performing," Gersch says. "They get a sense that this is something you can learn to do yourself."

Gersch says her goal with the nine weeks of summer exhibits and events is to "make people have a better feeling and understanding — and affection — for the circus again." For a schedule, see howlandculturalcenter.org.



Laura's Rabbit, by Bob Yorburg



Nightwalk, by Karen Gersch

It's 2050. Can Farmers Still Feed Us?

Battling drought, flooding, heat — and uncertainty

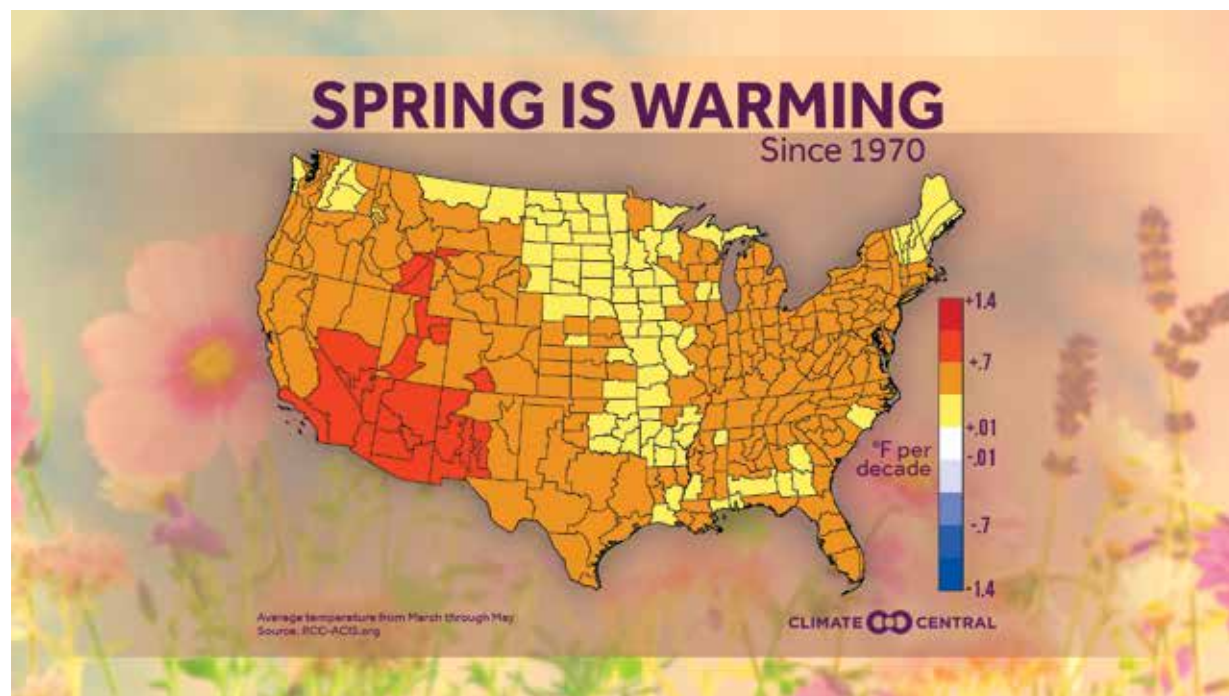
By Pamela Doan

We'll still have wine.

Even if crops are flooded out, frozen in a late frost, fried in a heat wave, eaten by the spotted lanternfly, crushed by hail, blown away in a hurricane or succumb to a blight or other disease as a result of climate change, New York's wine industry (third in size only to California's and Washington's) should be able to produce European grapes for cabernet sauvignon, merlot, zinfandel — all the varieties that have trouble now because they need longer growing seasons and milder winter temperatures.

Global warming will be bringing both to the state.

Projections show that average temperatures in the Northeast will be much warmer by midcentury, and precipitation will increase in both amount and intensity. Those conditions will make the length



of the growing season even more critical and test the resourcefulness and adaptability of farmers.

David Wolfe at Cornell University and his colleague Allison Chatrchyan, director of the university's Institute for Climate

Smart Solutions, are deeply involved in the questions about what we need to protect our capacity to grow food.

Attitudes among farmers are changing. "Five years ago, farmers didn't want to talk about climate change," says

Chatrchyan. Surveys done by various researchers earlier in this decade back that up, finding most farmers to be skeptical that the climate is changing, and attributing unpredictable weather to ... well, unpredictable weather. But Chatrchyan says she is encouraged by a surge in traffic in the past year to the institute's online tools that provide long-term projections.

Using Climate Smart Farming, a farmer can see the local drought outlook, use a soil water-deficit calculator and find predictions for plant development.

"If you look up the date it became warm enough to plant for Cold Spring in 2016, you see that it was well above the 15-year average and the typical date over the past 30 years," Chatrchyan says. "It shows a farmer that climate change is happening."

Wolfe, who has been teaching at Cornell since 1984, began looking more closely at global warming and its effects on agriculture in 1990. Scientists were reporting that CO₂ was increasing rapidly in the atmosphere, and as a plant physiologist, he knew that would affect plants.

At the time, he recalls, he hoped his research would help some future generation of farmers.

"I could see it would affect the climate but I didn't expect to see changes like this in my lifetime," he says. "The movement of insects and diseases, earlier bloom dates, the melting Arctic."

Ideally every farmer is assessing what they need now, says Chatrchyan. The challenge is figuring out what to do, given the uncertainty and complexity of climate change. Do you change crops now? Do you purchase expensive equipment based on what *could* happen?

It's never good for crops when the weather is breaking records, and especially not when it happens every year. The last two seasons provide a case study.

In the winter of 2015-16, lower-than-usual snowfall was followed by low precipitation and stream flows during the growing season of 2016, both important sources for groundwater and irrigation systems. It was the worst drought most farmers had ever experienced, and the hottest temperatures. Farmers who rely on rainfall to water their crops reported losing as much as 90 percent of their yields. Even farmers who irrigated lost 30 percent.

In 2017, heavy rainfall flooded the fields. This not only damaged crops but shortened the growing season because the ground was too wet to plant on schedule. This was a problem for more than 95 percent of farmers surveyed across the state and 80 percent said they lost money.

This may soon not be unusual. According to the U.S. National Climate Assessment, since the 1950s the Northeast has had a 71 percent increase in "extreme

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Dave Llewellyn at Glynwood Farm

Photo by Meredith Heuer

(from previous page) precipitation events,” defined as more than 2 inches of rain falling in a 24-hour period. Heavy rains wash away soil and damage crops that are left standing in pools of water. Roots rot.

The stakes are enormous. New York is among the top five producers in the nation of apples, grapes, tart cherries, pears, cabbage, sweet corn, snap beans, pumpkins and onions. It’s also a critical provider of dairy products, which account for half the annual agricultural sales in the state.

Even if New York farmers take every measure to optimize water use, it might not be enough. During the 2016 drought, wells and streams went dry. There was water in the lakes of western New York but no way to get it to fields in the Hudson Valley. “We don’t have the infrastructure to deliver water to farmers like they do in the western U.S.,” says Wolfe. “It will take major tax dollars. It’s beyond an individual’s investment.”

Wolfe says that unless decisions are made now about land conservation in New York, he foresees the potential for larger agriculture firms to relocate to the state and buy up parcels as other parts of the country become too difficult to farm.

In discussions about climate change, the word *resiliency* comes up. Laura Lengnick, a soil scientist and farmer based in North Carolina who is working in the Hudson Valley with Scenic Hudson, developed a model for how it applies to farming.

In her book *Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for a Changing Climate*, Lengnick explains the approach that farmers must take when addressing climate change is to “bounce forward.” Other models of farming are based on stable climate conditions. Resilient agriculture assumes conditions are dynamic.

For example, when faced with more frequent droughts, farmers can do what they have always done and install irrigation and improve soil quality. Lengnick considers these short-term solutions. A resilient action questions what crops grow best in drought conditions and makes the switch to drought-resistant perennials.

In the Hudson Valley, she says, a resilient food system is based on “small and diversified farms, direct-to-consumer markets, sustainable and organic practices and regional supply chains.”

While the rapid changes due to global warming are unprecedented, she says, “we don’t have to start at zero. We can use the framework of sustainable agriculture.”

Glynwood Farm

Dave Llewellyn oversees management of the 225-acre, nonprofit Glynwood Farm on Route 301 in Philipstown, plus another 300 acres in New Paltz. Its land includes vegetable and fruit fields, livestock pastures, forest and grassland.

“I grew up in a family of environmentalists and climate change has been on my radar since I was a kid,” says Llewellyn. “It has always been a part of my decision-

making as a farmer.”

Llewellyn says his plan for Glynwood is to move beyond organic and sustainable practices, which are about maintaining what we have now, to “regenerative agriculture” that improves the land during production and makes it more likely to withstand extremes.

Water is a crucial part of the process. Llewellyn has adapted a practice developed in Australia called “keyline design” that moves water across the landscape to drier points by opening channels that don’t break up the soil. The process captures more rainfall and there’s less soil lost to erosion.

The other aspects of Llewellyn’s water strategy are building soil that can hold more rainwater and planting trees and shrubs whose roots slow runoff. This is important as more rain arrives in heavy downpours.

Llewellyn says many farmers are using more non-food crops in fields after the harvest thanks to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s educational efforts on soil health and climate change. Called “cover crops,” winter wheat, rye, and red clover take nitrogen from the air and hold it in their roots where other plants can use it. Long a practice of organic farming, it’s now being used more widely by farmers who relied on chemical fertilizers. “Chemical inputs can harm the microbiology of soil and you have to use increasing amounts to get the same result,” Llewellyn said.

To reach its goal of year-round growing for its community-supported agriculture

program (CSA), Glynwood uses row covers and hoop houses that act as greenhouses. Each (Continued on next page)



Climate Change Trade-offs

Warmer temperatures, a longer growing season and more CO₂ in the atmosphere may make it easier to grow some crops in New York even as it threatens the ones that now make the most money for farmers. David Wolfe cautions, however, that while a crop might do well in a new climate, so might an insect or weed that wipes it out.

Winners



Losers



Laura Lengnick, who consults with farmers in the Hudson Valley, inspects a high-tunnel cucumber crop in North Carolina.

Climate Listening Project



(from previous page) layer of protection for the plants is the equivalent of adding half a growing season, Llewellyn says. “I don’t have to worry about a frost coming if I can protect the plants or about heavy rains bringing in fungal disease spores.”

While longer growing seasons benefit farmers, the unpredictable temperatures complicate matters. “If it warms up earlier in the spring but goes back to a hard frost, it doesn’t benefit a grower,” says Llewellyn, who trains farmers to plan for climate change. “It just confuses plants.”

Organic food is typically more expensive than conventional produce because it doesn’t use shortcuts that have a long-term impact on the soil and contribute to global warming. “Climate change is going to force farmers into better practices and it may slowly be reflected in prices,” he says.

Longhaul Farm

Jocelyn Apicello, and her husband, Jason Angell, farm organically and raise chickens, turkeys and pigs on 4 acres at Longhaul Farm in Garrison.

Apicello, who grew up in Kingston, has a doctorate in public health and describes climate change as a natural outgrowth of the field. “I’ve always been on the lookout for issues about the greater good,” she says. “It was clear that this was one of the biggest issues facing humanity and one of the biggest problems to work on.”

After Apicello and Angell were married,

they moved to Argentina to live on a farm in rural Patagonia. It was a turning point. “I saw the far-reaching impact that farming can have not only on human health but on environmental health,” she says. “You can feed an individual, feed a community and address climate change” at the same time.

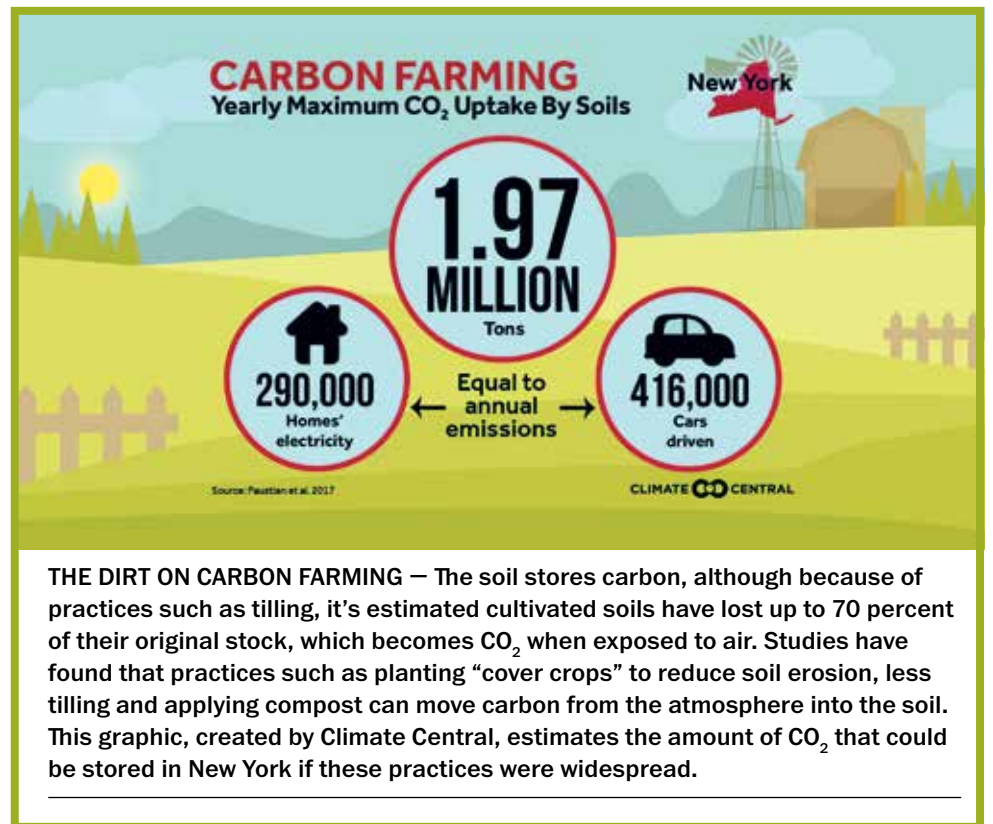
When they returned to the Hudson Valley a year later, the couple were ready to live more simply, she says.

Like many small farmers, they both have other jobs. Apicello is a professor of public health at William Paterson University in Wayne, New Jersey, and an urban farming adviser and teacher for the Bard Prison Initiative. Angell teaches at Bronx Community College.

Apicello says the scale of their farm has shielded them so far from the challenges facing farmers with hundreds of acres. They can water by hand, for instance, and don’t have to invest in irrigation systems. Since they don’t use tractors or harvesters, they are more agile in working the field and can drain it more easily after a heavy rainfall. She says she hasn’t noticed a change in yields but attributes that to their size.

Because the farm is small, they also are more likely to quickly spot pests, and they can experiment with crops with far less financial risk.

Since winters have been milder and the summer and fall seasons longer, Apicello has experimented with row covers in her family’s garden to take advantage of warmer temperatures. But she’s noticed that invaders such as chickweed thrive in that environment, too.



“I document when I see different weeds,” she says. “The Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard and black swallow-wort — they’re all coming earlier and blooming earlier.”

Apicello shared a 15-minute documentary, *Life in Syntropy*, about a farmer and researcher in Brazil who studied the cycles of the rainforest and developed a way to grow food there without ripping out the vegetation. It’s called *agroecology*.

The video inspired her, she says. “Humans can be a part of the natural world — not try to overtake it or just let it be

wild and separate from it,” she says. “As climate change is pressing down on us — even though we’re late in trying to turn it around — we can at least adapt and lessen the blow.”

Fishkill Farms

Before he could talk about climate change, Mark Doyle, who manages Fishkill Farms, has to redirect an insurance adjuster who has arrived to survey damage from the May 14 storm that tore through the Highlands. The “macroburst” destroyed 10 years of work in a few minutes, ripping 3,000 apple and cherry trees out of the ground and bringing hail large enough to damage the berry and vegetable crops. (See Page 7.)

Doyle, the farm’s manager, is a South African with a degree in agriculture business management. He’s been farming since his teens and working on farms in the Hudson Valley since 1989. He and Josh Morgenthau, who is the third generation of his family to run the farm, began working together in 2008. Doyle describes their strategy as diversification and connecting with customers.

The diversification is apparent in the 270-acre farm’s operations. It sells produce at farmers’ markets; offers CSAs for 41 weeks of the year locally and in Brooklyn; raises chickens and sells eggs; lets customers pick their own fruit, vegetables and flowers; and operates a year-round farm store. In 2016, it launched Treasury Cider, a line of hard cider made from its apples.

The storm damage last week wasn’t Doyle’s first experience with losses. In 2016, the fruit trees bloomed four weeks early and were then hit with a hard frost, wiping out the peaches, apricots, nectarines and plums, as well as 40 percent of the apples. They saved as much as they did by using helicopters to hover over the orchards, an (Continued on next page)



Jocelyn Apicello at Longhaul Farm

Photo by Meredith Heuer

Sticky Situation



Sap buckets near Hubbard Lodge in Philipstown

File photo by Michael Turton

By the end of the century, maple syrup could be worth its weight in gold.

A study published in January in *Ecology* predicts that global warming will have a devastating effect on maple trees. Scientists tracked the growth of 1,000 sugar maples at four sites in Michigan between 1994 and 2013 and found that warm, dry summers stunted their growth. The biggest trees didn't grow as fast, and saplings were less likely to survive. Because older trees that grow more slowly produce less sap, and because young maples need to be at least 10 inches in diameter to be tapped, warmer and drier summers will be a problem.

At Longhaul Farm in Garrison, Jocelyn Apicello has noticed a change in the maples near her property. "The maples are weakening," she says. "They're so sensitive to temperatures and they're taking a hit."

For sap to flow, the temperature needs to drop below freezing at night and rise above freezing during the day. Warmer temperatures have already pushed the first tap of the season eight days earlier than it was 50 years ago. (The first tap in New York in 2017 was on Jan. 1.) More sap may be required to make syrup as its quality suffers. It takes 40 gallons of sap to produce a gallon of syrup, but higher temperatures cause the sap to be less sweet.

(from previous page) expensive tactic that inverted colder air near the ground with warmer air above.

Many of the innovative practices designed to counter the threats of a changing climate — drip irrigation, growing tunnels and field and road design to direct stormwater — are in place here. But none are effective against storms. Doyle says the farm has already lost a week of work dealing with the May 14 damage at a time when all attention needs to be on fields and orchards. As he's pulled away to speak with the insurance adjuster, Doyle concedes, "It's pretty dire."

Tollgate Dairy Farm

Dairy farmers such as Jim Davenport need to keep both plants and animals thriving. He has to grow enough corn to feed his cows through the winter, and he has to be able to keep them cool during the increasingly hot summers.

With his wife, Karen, Davenport manages a herd of 65 milking cows and 70 younger cows at the 140-acre Tollgate Farm in Ancramdale. He says he's always on the lookout for innovations, and over

the past 10 years has been adapting his farming to climate change.

Like people, cows don't like hot and humid days. Their milk production decreases and continues to drop the hotter and more humid it gets. Davenport said that, for now, his barns have a natural breeze and fans to keep the air moving. "Once the heat index is over 100, though, despite all your best intentions, the cows are going to be uncomfortable," he said.

While both he and Karen have degrees in animal science, they also grow corn to feed the cows, and so are keenly aware of what must be done. "The old way of farming, using tilling, leads to highly erodible land and we need to preserve soil," he says. "Civilization depends on this, and we live off this."

Davenport says he would like to see a carbon tax in New York to encourage farmers to use techniques that keep CO₂ in the soil. "I've seen the results," he says. "As practices start to result in more profits, more farmers will do it. If it doesn't get more screwed up than it is, we can keep ahead of it."

How Hot? How Soon?

Climate change in the Highlands

More Stink Bugs Coming

Temperature, more than any other factor, drives the spread of the notorious Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*), which will eat anything but is partial to apples and peaches. First spotted in New York state in 2008, the bug is following warming temperatures north and may someday have two breeding seasons annually here, as it does in Virginia and North Carolina. At the same time, heat stress could kill them off in the Southeast.

The stink bug Wikipedia



Part 1: Runaway Train (May 4; see highlandscurrent.com)

Part 2: Rising Waters (May 11; see highlandscurrent.com)

What's Ahead

Part 4: Wildlife and Nature

Rising temperatures and waters will have a dramatic effect on the wetlands, wildlife and trees along the Hudson — and on human health, as pollen and tick levels climb and poison ivy and algae blooms expand. What changes can we expect?

Part 5: What Now?

A state initiative called Climate Smart Communities has pushed towns and cities to make changes; Kingston, a river community of 25,000, was an early adapter. But what are the political challenges, and who, in the end, will pay?



Jim Davenport

Photo by Bridget Herlihy

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The Music Man
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Harriet, Rosa & Me
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Stormville Flea Market
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport
428 Route 216, Stormville
845-221-6561 | stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

Heroes of Fishkill Revolutionary War
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Rombout Cemetery
1571 Route 52, Fishkill
fishkillsupplydepot.org

StoryWalk Opening Day
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Dr., Cornwall
845-534-5506 x204 | hhn.org

Bird Walk
10 a.m. Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
127 Warren Landing, Garrison | 845-265-2601 x15
constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Calendar Highlights

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Karen Gunderson and Dorothy Robinson (Opening)
5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

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

Kazumi Tanaka: No Home Go Home / Go Home No Home (Opening)
6 – 8 p.m. Matteawan Gallery
436 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

The Music Man
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Harriet, Rosa & Me
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Stormville Flea Market
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport
See details under Saturday.

The Music Man
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Beacon Peace Awards
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
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Piano Quartets by Mozart and Strauss
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
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MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day

Bird Walk
10 a.m. Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
See details under Saturday.

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival Kick-Off
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Boscobel
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Memorial Day Ceremony
11 a.m. American Legion
413 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-7750

TUESDAY, MAY 29

Toddler Story Time on the Lawn
10:15 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
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Senior Luncheon
1 p.m. Church on the Hill
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Understanding the Cloud (Digital Literacy Seminar)
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Coffee, Kids & Chaos
9:30 a.m. Methodist Church | 216 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3365 | facebook.com/l4319

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Cancer Risk Factors (Talk)
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

Victorian Hat Decorating Workshop
6:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
See details under Saturday.

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

Thunder from Down Under
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Marco Anelli: Building Magazzino (Reception)
5:30 – 8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Tuesday.

Group Show: Mokuhunga Woodcut Prints (Opening)
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Country Music Night
7 p.m. Beacon Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | beaonelks1493.com

The Music Man
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under May 25.

Lisa Lampanelli (Comedy)
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
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Mouths to Feed

Cherry Bomb

By Celia Barbour

I grew up terrified of tornadoes. And, like any kid trying to manage a great dread, I became acutely sensitive to their warning signs: a human barometer. Long before the Indiana sky turned black and the light citrine, long before the eerie stillness was broken by a sudden pelting of hail, I'd have skittered upstairs, grabbed my stuffed rabbit, Marshmallow, and settled myself onto the basement stairs.

One of the joys of moving east was discovering I could enjoy springtime storms. A dark front sweeping toward Manhattan or the Hudson Valley still set my nerves jangling, but I no longer worried that my house would be ripped from its foundations. My fear became an amusement-park-ride thrill, adrenaline minus the danger.

And then 2018 happened.

I know I should avoid the phrase *the new normal* — it's such a cliché. But it captures the feeling that the fundamental givens of our lives have changed. Weird weather events — bomb cyclones, superstorms, microbursts, April blizzards and Hudson Valley tornadoes — are here to stay. Whether you believe they are caused by climate change or by the wrath of God makes no difference to the outcome. We are all coping with sudden power outages, blocked roads, cancelled trains, lost connections and crashing trees.

Those of us without generators can add to that list refrigerators of spoiling food.

There aren't many people alive anymore who know how to manage an American household's food supply without refrigeration. I certainly don't. But I do know that many of the foods we adore were developed as ways to prolong the life of perishables. Long before the invention of iceboxes, smoke, salt, sugar, vinegar and oil were essential preservation tools. And many of today's delicacies were once survivalist fare, including salami, smoked salmon, bacon, peppers packed in oil, cornichons, dried fruits and every kind of jam and jelly.

Our ancestors also learned to befriend spoilage, and nearly the entire dairy section of the grocery store is testament to their inventiveness. Fresh milk stayed fresh

Clafoutis

Adapted from *Ripe: A Cook in the Orchard*, by Nigel Slater

This dish is sometimes made with sour cherries, although black cherries are traditional. If you use sweet or Bing cherries, try it with a dollop of yogurt-whipped cream for a wonderful tang.

14 ounces cherries	¾ cup flour
5 tablespoons butter, plus more for pan	⅔ cup whole milk
6 tablespoons superfine sugar, plus more for dusting (see below)	1 teaspoon almond extract
2 large eggs	1 tablespoon kirsch (optional)
	Yogurt-whipped cream (recipe below)

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Pit the cherries. If you don't have a pitter, slice them in half and twist to separate, then pick out the pit with the tip of a knife. Butter an 8-inch cast iron skillet or baking dish, and dust generously with sugar. Add the cherries.
2. Melt the butter and set aside. In a mixing bowl, whisk together the sugar and eggs. Add the flour, milk and extracts and whisk to combine. Pour in the butter and beat briskly for a few seconds.
3. Pour the batter over the cherries. Bake for 35 minutes, or until puffed and golden. Allow to cool slightly, then dust with sugar. Serve slightly warm, with yogurt whipped cream.

Note: if you don't have superfine sugar, you can make it by whirring regular sugar briefly in a blender — no more than 2 to 3 seconds, or it will become dust.

Yogurt Whipped Cream

You can substitute sour cream or crème fraîche for the yogurt.

- ½ cup whole-milk yogurt
- 2 teaspoons confectioner's sugar or agave, or to taste
- ¾ cup heavy cream

In a small bowl, mix together the yogurt and sugar or agave until well blended. In a cold metal bowl, beat the cream until soft peaks form. Fold the yogurt mixture into the whipped cream and serve.



A slice of clafoutis — a cross between custard and cake — pairs perfectly with a dollop of yogurt whipped cream.

Photos by Henry Weed

only a few hours. But if you could sour or curdle it, you gave it a modest shelf life: ricotta, sour cream, cream cheese, mascarpone, yogurt, crème fraîche, queso fresco, mozzarella, kefir and cottage cheese, to name just a few.

I take comfort in finding this kind of culinary wisdom woven into our lives — it's my grownup version of Marshmallow. Last week, I turned to traditional cookbooks such as *Swedish Home Cooking* and Darina Allen's *Forgotten Skills of Cooking*. From Allen, I discovered a way to simmer pork tenderloin in milk and save two ingredients teetering on the brink of iffy after our dry ice evaporated.

I also came across several recipes for *clafoutis*, a French country dessert made by pouring a custardy batter over fresh cherries. I'd tried it once long ago and been amazed. But over the years, every subsequent version struck me as disappointing, or even gross.

In *Tender*, cookbook author Nigel Slater writes that a similar frustration prompted him to develop a better recipe. I had cherries, milk, and eggs that needed using up, so I gave it a chance. Of all the meals I cooked last week without power, this and the pork were the best. Necessity may be the mother of invention, but, evidently, frustration and bad weather can transform those inventions into wonders.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



MUSIC MAN — Emilie Ellison, Richard Peri and Anna Malinoski Stephens in *The Music Man*, which continues at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison through June 10

Photo by Peter Bach

Traditional Prints

Buster Levi has new exhibit

The Buster Levi Gallery in Cold Spring will open a group show on Friday, June 1, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. *Mokuhanga Woodcut Prints*, curated by Ursula Schneider and Lucille Tortora, features block prints made by a traditional Japanese method. The show includes works by Katie Baldwin, Annie Bissett, Amy

Fleischer, Julian Gatto, Ralph Kiggell, Takuji Hamanaka, Yoonmi Nam, Florence Neal, Mia O, Melissa Schulenberg and April Vollmer. See busterlevigallery.com.

Hops for Hope

Benefit for suicide prevention

Nicole Ryan will host a fundraiser on Thursday, May 31, from 7 to 10 p.m. for the American Foundation for Suicide

Prevention. It takes place at Barber and Brew, 69 Main St. in Cold Spring, and will include beer specials, raffles and music by DJ Bill Skillz. Ryan's campaign, which has a goal of \$10,000, wraps up at the June 16 Out of Darkness walk in Philadelphia.

Building Magazzino

Book signing at Desmond-Fish

Photographer Marco Anelli, who was commissioned to document the construction of Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown, will sign copies of his book, *Building Magazzino*, at a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 1, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. The library is also exhibiting photos from the book and portraits of people who were involved in the construction.

Breakneck Cleanup

Scheduled for National Trails Day

Join the Taconic Trail Crew for a cleanup at Breakneck Ridge on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2. There are spots for 12 volunteers. Register at nynjtc.org.

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Snap and Shine

Annual turtle day at Boscobel

Early risers can gather at Boscobel at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, to watch snapping turtles arrive after a steep climb from Constitution March to lay their eggs. Audubon staff will present a program about the turtles' habits and the ecosystem. See boscobel.org for tickets.

Unconscious Bias

Seminar on ways to combat

On Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Ecological Citizen's Project will offer training on how to address unconscious bias as a community. An experienced trainer will also help attendees uncover and address their own biases. Register at ecologicalcitizens.org.

Seeger Doc

To be screened June 8

The Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will screen *Pete Seeger, The Power of Song* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 8, with a discussion with director Jim Brown immediately following. Along with footage of Seeger performing, the documentary includes interviews with family mem-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) bers and artists such as Bruce Springsteen and Joan Baez. For tickets, see tompkinscorners.org.

Beacon

Book Battle

Library recruiting teams

The Howland Public Library in Beacon is recruiting students for its middle and high school Battle of the Books teams. Students entering grades 6 to 8 will meet on Thursdays starting June 28, and those entering grades 9 to 12 will meet Tuesdays starting June 19. The teams will compete against other libraries in a trivia competition in the fall. Email youth@beaconlibrary.org.

Paint Out

Auction at Bannerman Island

Bannerman Island has invited painters to capture its landscape on Saturday, June 2, with the resulting works auctioned the following week as a fundraiser. A tour boat will take visitors to the island at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to watch the painters at work. The auction will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, at 150 Main St. in Beacon, during Second Saturday. For tickets, see bannermancastle.org.

Author to Read from Memoir

Helen Zuman at Oak Vino

Helen Zuman will read from her memoir, *Mating in Captivity*, at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at the Oak Vino Wine Bar in Beacon. The book recounts her life at Zendik Farm, a commune in rural North Carolina. See helenzuman.com.

Summer Rock Camps

Two sessions for teens and tweens

The Beacon Music Factory will offer two weeklong summer camps for tweens and teens. The first begins July 2 and the second July 16, and each will conclude with a performance for family and friends. There is also a camp planned for children ages 10 to 12 that begins on Aug. 13. See beaconmusicfactory.com.

Cartoonist to Host Workshop

Deb Lucke will provide tips

Deb Lucke, the graphic novelist best known for *The Lunch Witch*, will host a workshop at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 for middle and high school students on how to create characters. It will take place at the Howland Public Library. Registration is required.

Email community@beaconlibrary.org.



Rick and Nancy Brownell will be honored by the Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess on June 5. Photo provided

Exchange Club Honors

Brownells to be recognized

The Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess will present its Meritorious Service Award to Nancy and Rick Brownell on Tuesday, June 5, during a dinner at Villa Borghese in Wappingers Falls. Nancy is a vice president with the Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, and Rick is the co-owner and president of Freedom Ford in Beacon and president of the Beacon Chamber of Commerce. Both volunteer for many organizations. Tickets are \$50. Email Denise Doring VanBuren at dvanburen@cenhud.com.

Wag of the Week

Jack

Every so often, reporter Mark Westin visits the Animal Rescue Foundation shelter in Beacon for *The Current* to meet a dog or cat available for adoption. The latest installment stars Jack. To watch, see highlandscurrent.com/wag.



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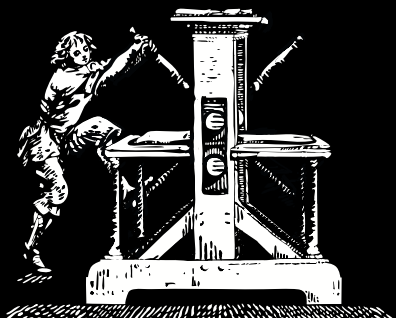
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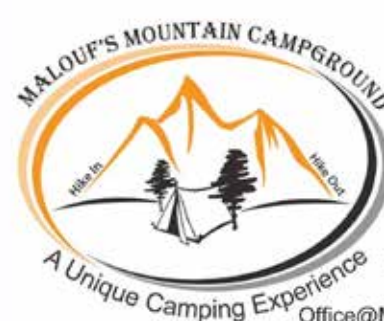
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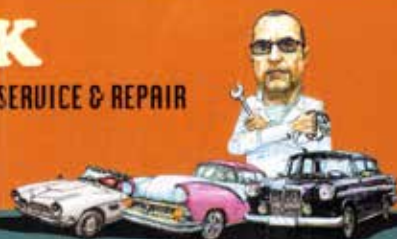
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Notes from Nelsonville

Highlights from May 21 meeting

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Nelsonville Village Board on Monday (May 21) discussed traffic problems, tag sales and stewardship of local trails. It also agreed to pursue changing the village internet address and received an update on a continuing sewer lawsuit.

Traffic issues

Mayor Bill O'Neill and Trustee Thomas Robertson described efforts to address speeding and other hazardous driving. O'Neill said problems involve not only cars but other vehicles and that with trucks, "local truckers are the worst offenders," he said.

As he has in the past, Robertson called for a study of the number of vehicles using village streets. He and the mayor suggested collaborating with Cold Spring, which confronts similar issues, and Putnam County, which has offered to assist with a study. O'Neill said such an effort represents the type of shared services the state favors. He added on Wednesday that he and town supervisors from around Putnam had met with Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell on Tuesday to discuss shared services, in an ongoing dialog.

Trail upkeep

Trustee Michael Bowman proposed that the village create a trails committee to assist with upkeep in the Nelsonville woods, and the board agreed, 5-0. Bowman said that establishment of a committee will allow Nelsonville to apply for grants for trail maintenance.

He noted that Saturday, June 2, is National Trails Day, a chance to "get out and enjoy the trail system" and suggested that hikers "bring some trash bags" to pick up litter.

Internet address

Bowman, whose responsibilities include information technology projects, recommended Nelsonville change its domain name from villageofnelsonville.org to nelsonville.ny.gov to better reflect its role as a local government. The board authorized spending up to \$1,000 for the necessary filings with the federal government. While a typical domain is \$15 to \$20 per year, government domains are \$400 annually.

Tag sales

O'Neill said he had received complaints about conditions, including an ongoing tag sale, at the former Allen Coal lot on Main Street. According to the mayor, other concerns about the site include fire hazards created by inadequate storage and a collapsing fence. He said the village has contacted the property's new owners, who were "reasonably responsive."

On another yard-sale note, Trustee Alan



Potts suggested a village-wide yard sale in which participation is free for Nelsonville residents while outside vendors pay a fee. He said the event could take place at the Masonic Lodge as early as next month.

Sewer lawsuit

O'Neill reported on developments in a lawsuit against the village and Cold Spring over a sewer line. He noted that court-approved dye testing was scheduled "to determine what, exactly, is going down the tubes there." In an update Wednesday afternoon, he said that the test had occurred that morning and that the results would be sent to the judge presiding over the case.

It began in October 2016 when six residents sued Nelsonville and Cold Spring in

Putnam County Supreme Court, contending the villages must tend to a troublesome sewer line installed decades ago (precisely when is under debate). The villages refused, asserting the line was privately installed and remains a private responsibility.

Nelsonville largely relies on septic systems because the village lacks sewer lines. One exception is the pipe at issue. It runs down Pearl Street, turns, and joins the Cold Spring sewer system just inside the Cold Spring boundary. The residents argue that the villages "own, maintain and control" the line and occasionally have acted to maintain and repair it, such as when they fixed a sinkhole in 2015 caused by a rupture in the pipe.

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Sports

Tourney Time

By Skip Pearlman

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Baseball

After finishing the season with a 10-10 record, the Blue Devils defeated Hamilton, 4-1, but lost to Tuckahoe, 10-3, and Pawling, 6-1, in the Section 1, Class C double-elimination tournament. Anthony Sinchi and Dan Rotando were named All-League and Aidan Siegel, who had his 100th career hit against Hamilton, made the All-Section team.

Softball

The softball team, the No. 4 seed in the Section 1, Class C tournament, lost to top-seeded Pawling in the first round on Wednesday (May 23), 9-0. Haldane man-

aged only one hit against Pawling pitcher Olivia Zoeller and finished its season 4-13.

Lacrosse

The boys' lacrosse team, seeded No. 8 in Section 1, Class D, won its first-round match-up against No. 9 Croton-Harmon, 10-9, with Darrin Santos scoring off an assist from Brandon Twoguns for the game winner. The Blue Devils fell in the next round on Tuesday (May 22) to top-seeded Pleasantville, 21-3. Twoguns had two goals and an assist in his final game for Haldane.

Track and Field

The track and field team was set to compete at Valhalla High School on Thursday (May 24) in the Section 1, Class C championships after the girls' team won the league championship.

Beacon

Baseball

The Bulldogs, who finished the regular season 12-8 and were seeded eighth in the Section 1, Class B tournament, were up-ended in the first round at Dutchess Stadium by No. 9 Tappan Zee, 5-3.

Softball

Seeded No. 16 in Section 1, Class C, the softball team won a qualifying game against Lincoln, 16-13, on May 18. Savannah Mora had five hits, five stolen bases and 2 RBIs. The Bulldogs played in the first round later that same day and lost to top-seeded Ardsley, 17-0, to finish 11-11 on the season.

Lacrosse

The girls' lacrosse team, which finished 2-12, did not earn a playoff berth.

Track and Field

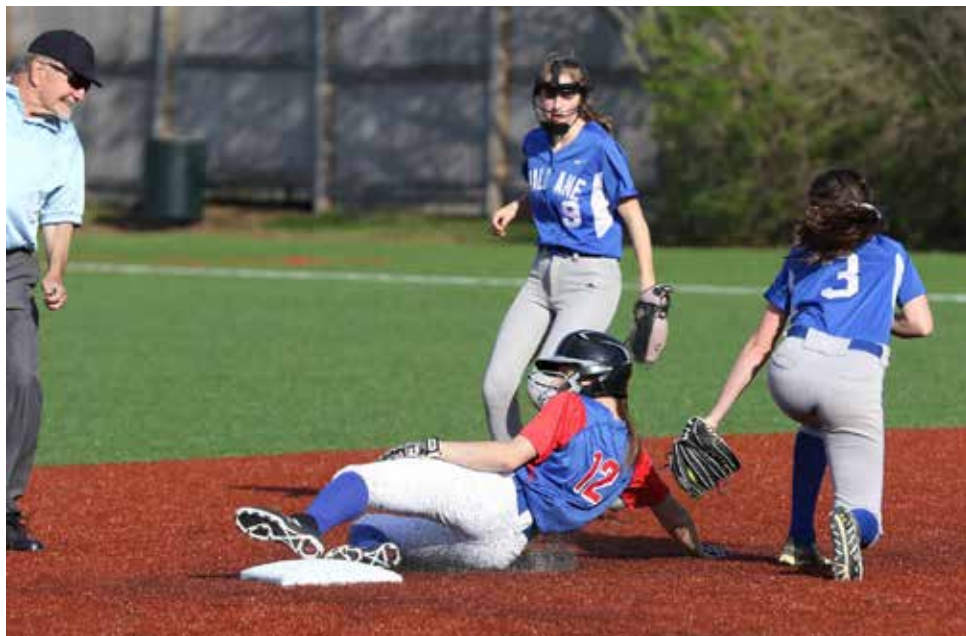
The track and field team will host the Section 1, Class B championships today (May 25) at the high school. On May 21, the girls' team finished second in the Northern County Championships, behind Arlington.

Golf

Junior Georgy Bekh, who last year was named to the *Poughkeepsie Journal* All-Star Team, qualified for sectionals but did not reach the championship round.

Tennis

The boys' team finished 11-5.



Above, a Blind Brook player just eludes the tag by Haldane shortstop Bela Monteleone.

(Photo by Scott Warren)

At right, Riley Johansen

(Photo by S. Pearlman)



At left, Grace Affeldt of Beacon in a game against Lourdes. Below, Andrew Schneider looks for the sign from third during Beacon's victory over Pelham on April 5.

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