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THE MAN IN BLACK — On June 2, Hot to Trot Stables in Philipstown brought rescue horses to the Tot Park in Cold Spring to provide rides as part of a fundraiser for a new fence. Sometimes it's good to have a guiding hand to protect you from yourself. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Two Years of Contraband

Putnam County Jail guards find drugs about 12 times a year

By Chip Rowe

How do you keep someone from smuggling a tiny strip of the synthetic opioid Suboxone into the Putnam County Jail?

It's not easy.

In response to a Freedom of Information Law request, jail officials provided *The Current* with 24 disciplinary reports for contraband seized from prisoners between January 2016 and January 2018, or an average of about 12 annually. Westchester County Jail, by contrast, made about 140 seizures per year of weapons and drugs, according to records obtained by *The Journal News* in a similar FOIL request. Rockland County Jail had about 10, but it has a drug-sniffing K-9 on duty.

In New York's 54 prisons, the number of contraband seizures rose from 2,540 in 2008 to 5,231 in 2017, according to the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. It credits more vigilance by guards and technology that helps detect items such as hidden cellphones. A bill introduced in the state Assembly would allow guards to search any vehicle once it enters prison grounds and have a K-9 deployed at the entrance of every state prison.

A third of the incidents in Putnam involved Suboxone, a film placed on the tongue that is used in opioid-addiction treatment. The remainder involved her-



Dose of Suboxone

oin, cocaine or prescription pills. There were no reports of shanks, or homemade weapons.

Capt. Kevin Cheverko, who supervised the Westchester County Jail before being appointed to oversee the Putnam County Jail earlier this year by newly elected Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., declined to comment on the procedures used to keep drugs out of the jails. But inmates are sometime strip-searched if they are suspected of hiding drugs and guards periodically conduct sweeps using dogs.

Inmates who are caught with anything forbidden, including disposable pens (which can be used as weapons) and cigarette lighters, face a disciplinary hearing on charges of "Promoting Prison Contraband" and/or "Hoarding," which is accumulating items (Continued on Page 6)

Townhouse Proposal Draws Fire

Site is gateway to Beacon from train station

By Jeff Simms

A proposal to build six townhouses on the half-acre lot across from the Beacon train station was heavily criticized during a short but cogent public hearing at the city's Planning Board meeting on Tuesday (June 12).

A half-dozen residents spoke during the hearing, which was held to get feedback on the environmental impacts of the proposed development. At the board's request, Tom Elias, a project representative, said he would provide more detailed ren-

derings of the plans.

Called Ferry Landing at Beacon, the project would be located at the corner of Beekman and Ferry streets. It would include six 4-story townhouses, each with a one- or two-car garage, on Beekman, the current site of the well-known "Welcome to Beacon" rock wall.

While Elias argued the project doesn't exceed the zoning limits for the parcel and supports the goal of the city's comprehensive plan for "compact, high-density" development in the waterfront-to-Main Street linkage district, he found little support from residents or Planning Board members.

"This is the first (Continued on Page 8)



Fast Friends

This 35-pound snapping turtle was not happy when *Current* reporter Jeff Simms moved him to safety on June 7 away from Route 9D. Simms came across the reptile near the Notch Trail while biking from Beacon to Cold Spring for a production meeting.

Simms was late and his "I had to move a turtle" excuse was dismissed until he produced photographic evidence. Unable to coax the turtle away from the road, he had called Mark Price, director of the Beacon Recreation Department, who came quickly to help move the beast (and took the photo).

The state Department of Environmental Conservation issued an advisory last month warning motorists to be cautious, because turtles are on the move throughout May and June, seeking sandy areas or loose soil to lay their eggs. Thousands are struck and killed each year.

If you move a turtle to safety, the DEC recommends you pick it up not by its tail but by the sides of its shell, as Simms is doing here (the facial expression is optional). The turtle may snap but it won't be able to reach you.

Five Questions: TOM HERRING

By Michael Turton



Tom Herring

Photo by M. Turton

Tom Herring has been a Haldane crossing guard in Cold Spring for nearly 20 years. He is on duty on Route 9D at Craigsides Drive from 7 to 9 a.m., 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m.

What weather do you dread the most?

The winter. In the beginning, it didn't bother me. But I'm going to be 49 soon. My back is bothering me and the colder it gets, the more it hurts. But then we get a day like today: warm with blue skies. You take the good with the bad.

What are the students like who cross at your post?

Ninety-nine percent are amazing. It's a small town; people care about their kids and it shows in the way they behave. There's always a couple who think they're a little smarter than I am and don't listen to me. That hasn't changed a lot over the years. Most kids thank me.

Has traffic changed over the years?

When I started, I didn't have a stop sign or a vest. I'd walk to edge of the road, put up my hand, and cars stopped. It was a

cakewalk. Drivers have changed. Nobody pays attention anymore; they're in a rush. I see so many close calls. We have that orange barrel on the sidewalk for a reason. If I have traffic stopped, some fool will whip down the shoulder to pass four cars, thinking they're all waiting to turn. God forbid there's a kid crossing the road. They slow down because they don't want to hit the barrel.

Do you help adults cross as well?

I can. We don't stop the traffic for the kids; we stop the kids for the traffic and cross when there's an opening. It's not as easy with adults. They tend to do their own thing. I don't mess with them unless they appear to need help.

Why do you pace so much on the job?

I started doing that a couple of years ago and I've walked off close to 65 pounds. It's the crossing-guard diet. I should have figured that out 20 years ago. I walk six to 10 miles a day, basically standing still. I get paid to lose weight.

NEWS BRIEFS

Nonprofit Donates K-9 Vest

Vested Interest in K9s, a nonprofit based in Massachusetts, donated a bullet- and stab-proof protective vest to Lex, a K-9 officer with the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

Since 2009, Vested Interest has provided more than 2,700 vests to police dogs. The vest for Lex was sponsored by a Girl Scout troop in New Hampshire.

The vests, which weigh 5 pounds, cost about \$2,000. For information, see vik9s.org.



Lex, a Putnam County K-9 officer, with his protective vest

Photo provided

Carmel Police Officer Killed

Gary Pietropaolo, 29, of Fishkill, a Carmel police officer, died June 7 after a crash on Route 301. He was off-duty riding a motorcycle and was struck by a mail truck, according to police.

Pietropaolo was to be married today (June 15) to Jacqueline (Jaci) Krampitz.

A graduate of Carmel High School, he studied criminal justice at Marist and in 2011 graduated from the Westchester County Police Academy. He was an officer at SUNY New Paltz before joining the Carmel department in 2016.

Besides his fiancée, he is survived by his parents, two sisters and his grandmothers. A funeral service was held in Carmel on



Officer Gary Pietropaolo

June 12. Memorial donations may be made to the Carmel Police Benevolent Association, P.O. Box 101, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Land Trust to Sponsor Trail Stewards

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust will provide funds and training during the 2018 season for a New York-New Jersey Trail Conference program that places stewards at the trailheads of Breakneck Ridge to advise hikers.

More than 100,000 people visit Breakneck Ridge, which is part of the Hudson Highlands State Park, each year. The 2017 season saw the most visitors in a single day (2,087) and a single hour (525).

The Trail Steward Program, launched in 2013, runs on weekends and holidays from Memorial Day weekend through Thanksgiving. Stewards advise hikers on park regulations and safety precautions and sometimes direct them elsewhere.

The land trust also recently arranged for the state to purchase 40 acres of private land to expand Fahnestock State Park on its northern edge.

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The Current Wins Six National Awards

Recognized for reporting, video and advertising

By Chip Rowe

The Highlands Current won six awards in the National Newspaper Association's 2017 Better Newspaper Contest, announced June 11. A total of 478 awards were given to 115 member newspapers in 38 states.

Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong won first place for business stories among non-daily newspapers with circulations of 6,000 or less for her article, "Airbnb Bookings Jump 75 Percent in Philipstown," published Aug. 18.

In the feature story category for non-dailies with circulations of 2,000 to 3,999, Michael Turton won first place for "A Day in Drug Court," published on Sept. 29, and Alison Rooney was third for "Off the Wall at Grey Printing" from the Nov. 17 issue.

Turton and videographer Greg Gunder won first place in video journalism among all newspapers with circulations of 3,000

to 5,999 for "The World's Oldest Barber," posted on Dec. 22.

Clay Jones won best original editorial cartoon among all newspapers for "Shared Services," published on Sept. 22.

Ross Corsair received an honorable mention among non-dailies with circulations of 3,000 to 5,999 for his feature photo, "Looking Back," that appeared on the front page of the Dec. 29 issue.

Finally, Kate Vikstrom took third place among non-dailies with circulations of 5,000 or less for a small advertisement she created for the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum that appeared in the March 3 issue.

The awards will be presented in September at the National Newspaper Association's annual conference in Norfolk, Virginia. The entries were judged by community newspaper editors and publishers, retired university journalism professors and retired or former newspaper professionals. *The Current* has won 15 NNA awards since 2017.



Ross Corsair's award-winning photo of a visitor to Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown

5G Cell Units Coming to Beacon

'Small cell' antennas placed on poles and roofs

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday (June 18) on a proposal to regulate "small-cell wireless facilities," or low-powered radio antennas that are typically placed on top of buildings or on utility poles.

The deployment of small-cell units has skyrocketed in recent years as the wireless industry tries to meet growing demand with faster broadband coverage. The 40-pound units, which are about 2 feet high, are meant to be less intrusive than traditional cell towers while filling in gaps in coverage of up to 1,000 feet.

Advocates tout the stations as critical infrastructure that will help power the impending expansion of 5G networks — the next step in significantly increasing the speed and capacity of wireless communications.

Opponents say the radio frequencies emitted by the units represent a serious health concern, and argue that, in time, small cells will create a blight on the landscape as they pop up in every imaginable space.

The city has received applications from Verizon Wireless to install small cells on utility poles at 2 Red Flynn Drive and 7 Cross St. But City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis predicts more will come, and from other providers, too, as 5G is rolled out.

Only a handful of municipalities in New

York have laws regulating small-cell installation, so there's little precedent, and Beacon officials have deferred acting on Verizon's applications until the council regulates the units.

Ward-Willis told the council several weeks ago that, under federal law, Beacon cannot ban small-cell units or regulate them because of health concerns. But it could, to some extent, regulate their aesthetics.

"We know they're coming and we know there's going to be a lot of them," he said. "We want to look at this comprehensively so we knew where they're coming."

A law drafted for the council would require wireless companies to get approval from the Planning Board to install small cells on most poles or buildings. For new towers or installations in more visible locations, the companies would need special-use permits from the City Council.

The proposal also establishes a priority list for where small cells should be installed, with the roof of city or government-owned buildings the first priority and privately owned utility poles last on the list. They would be banned from the city's historic district, and wireless companies would pay a registration fee of \$500 per unit and annual fees of \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Verizon lawyers have argued that permitting should be handled by the Building Department, and that coverage needs, not aesthetics alone, should determine the placement of small cells.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Climate change

Thank you for your series, *How Hot? How Soon? Climate Change in the Highlands*. Far too many of the media and our political leaders are silent when it comes to addressing climate change, one of our most pressing issues.

You are right to say this is a legacy issue. We are leaving this earth in much worse shape for our children and grandchildren. That is why I am urging local school boards to speak out and declare climate change a children's issue.

Schools are public institutions charged with the welfare of children. They can help break the silence and deepen their impact by promoting a variety of mitigation actions. This can include creating a committee of stakeholders to develop a climate-action plan; reducing greenhouse-gas emissions through buildings and grounds, low- or zero-emissions bus fleets, recycling, composting and purchasing clean energy; and incorporating climate science, climate justice and climate action into the curriculum.

I ask local school districts to consider what legacy we are leaving for the children. If not them, who?

Krystal Ford, *Garrison*

I wish to commend *The Current* for publishing such valuable, insightful articles concerning Climate Smart impacts and adaptation and mitigation strategies ("Climate Smart," June 8).

A large part of our Climate Smart and stormwater protection programs involves public education. Private property accounts for a sizable portion of the town's land and having both residential and commercial environmental stewards is

key to reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and the carbon footprint.

The green/energy-efficient renovation of the Town Hall Complex (the 1867 Town Hall and its annex, the former Dahlia home) is an essential part of our program. While not large from an overall impact, it provides a role model that we hope others in town will follow.

While your article mentioned a number of steps we are taking to account for and protect our drinking water, we will also look into ways to improve air quality through emission reductions and trees and plantings known for high-oxygen output. One idea here is to encourage plant sales and nurseries to offer them.

We have begun and will continue to monitor development not just along the riverfront but also near inland waterways to ensure flood mitigation practices are achieved to reduce damage from storm surges. We can also develop educational strategies to provide ways to mitigate damage to structures and contents already below the flood-base-level elevation established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through Army Corps of Engineers evaluations and recommendations.

Our Climate Smart program has more than 70 volunteers, not to mention the 10

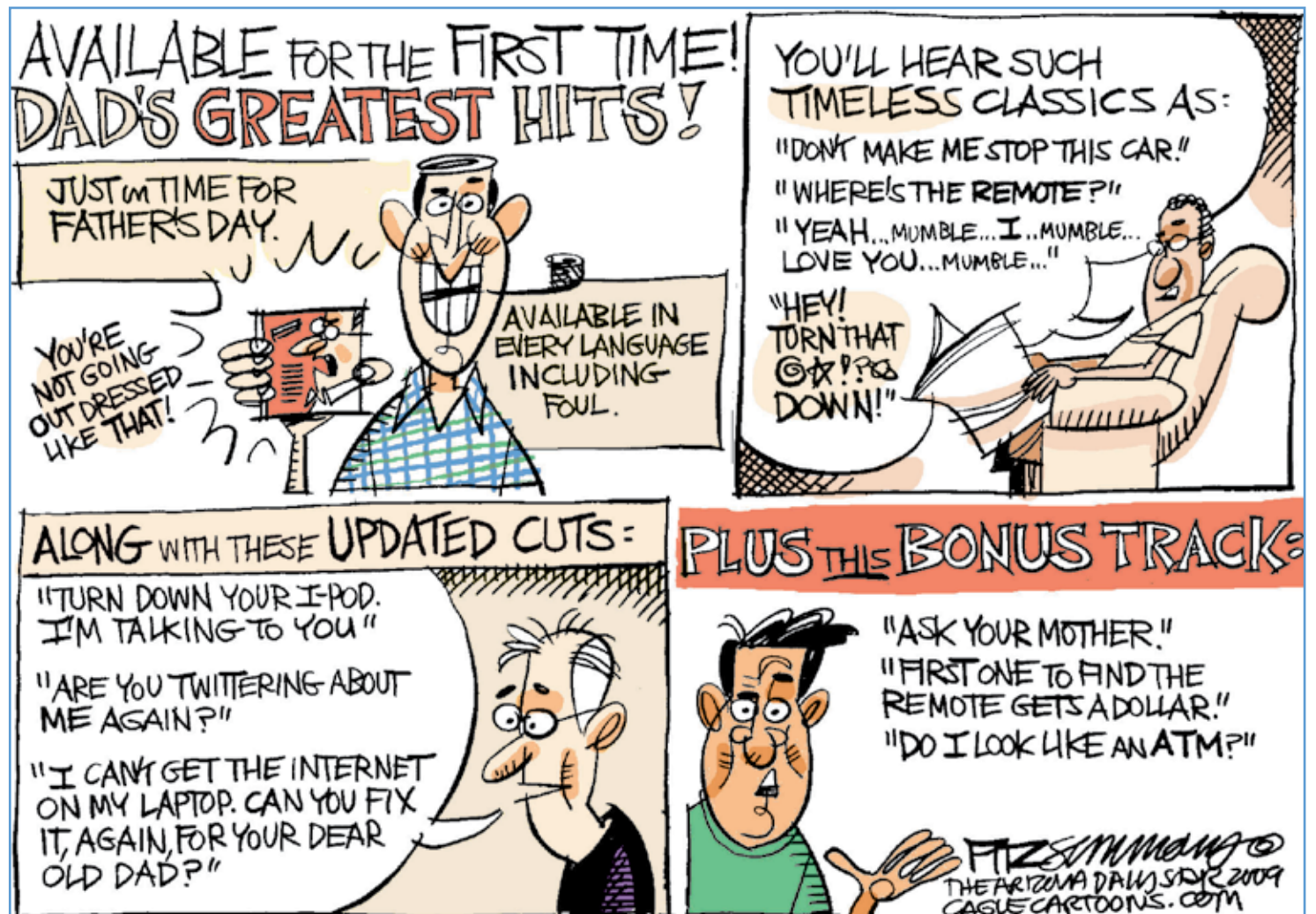
members working on the Comprehensive Plan update and the Highway Department workers who are assisting in water-quality inspections and improvements. This is a good start toward a large task force capable of tackling multiple projects at once.

We are also ready to launch our Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, which will replace conventional energy production (oil, coal, gas, etc.) with renewable green energy (hydro, wind, solar). We will establish a conservation program to help residents reduce their energy needs.

Philipstown can be example of a town unified over and understanding of our changing environment and the need to face it now. If we wait, we end up with fewer choices later.

Michael Leonard, *Philipstown*
*Leonard is a member of the
Philipstown Town Board.*

I find it amusing to have to declare an emergency on the increase of global temperatures 11 degrees over 15,000 years. I was a potato and corn farmer for close to 60 years in Maine and can remember all kinds of variations in weather. In the 1950s we were told by *LIFE*, *Time*, *Look*, *The New York Times* and *The Saturday Evening Post* that a "new ice age" was coming. The magazines had sketches of the northern hemi- (to next page)



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sphere under ice.

Relax. Speak to someone older than me and they will verify what happened 30,000 years ago. (Just a bit of humor.) You are entitled to earn a living as reporters but 30 years is a blink of the eye.

Stephen Gans, *Beacon*

Our little *Highlands Current* coverage of this monumental crisis is far superior to most major news outlets. It was especially inspiring to learn of the brilliant, caring people in our community engaged in the effort to save us from ourselves.

Steve Laifer, *Cold Spring*

Global sea level is the best gauge of global temperature. Sea level has been reliably measured for more than 100 years at dozens of locations. When data from all of these stations are averaged, it provides the most reliable long-term sea-level rise data set. No modeling is required.

Sea level has been rising since the end of the last ice age. The rate of rise has been essentially constant for the past 100 years, and the rate of rise has not significantly increased in the past 50 years.

This basic fact invalidates the man-made global warming theory. Fears of the Hudson River drowning local waterfronts is unfounded and irresponsible. The rate of sea level rise is about 7 to 8 inches per century; expect it to continue. If you want to prepare for the worst, double that rate.

Steve Knowles, *Beacon*

I live on the western edge of the Everglades. The National Park Service says the average elevation is 6.0 NAVD. The average daily high tide is elevation 3. The local estimates for sea-level rise are 4 to 6 feet by the year 2100. That puts the Everglades totally under salt water at high tide once a day, every day.

How big is Constitution Marsh? You think you have problems? And the government is still hell-bent on "restoring" the Everglades.

Stan Chrzanowski, *Naples, Florida*

Remembering Dan

I am so saddened to learn of Dan Einbender's passing (Obituary, June 1). I was looking forward to seeing and hearing him sing at the Clearwater Festival on June 16 and 17 when I instead saw a listing for a tribute to him. We worked together at Burke Rehab, and he was a sensitive, caring music therapist for the Alzheimer's

patients. He got them singing, smiling and dancing. And me, too.

Judy Wald, *South Salem*

I sailed with Dan on the Clearwater beginning in 1988 and on the Soviet-American sail in 1989. He was a music buddy, boon companion and close friend for the next 30 years. He was a hub of community in the Hudson Valley and it's a painful, present truth to say he is sorely missed.

He had a particular connection to Philipstown because in the 1980s he lived on Garrison's Landing in the red house with the gambrel roof next to the yacht club, known then as the Clearwater House, where the roommates were underpaid crew members on the boat, many long-term couples were formed and children who are now adult members of the community were conceived.

Stephen Kent, *Rhinebeck*

Nelsonville property

We are the new property owners of the former Allen Coal lot, as Whoville LLC ("Notes from Nelsonville," May 25). We are happy to attend to any concerns regarding our venture. Our intentions are to work on the overall betterment of the property so that we are able to contribute to the community. Our goal is to establish relationships and fill our space with businesses which the community has expressed interest in.

Renate and Rich Frost, *Nelsonville*

Haldane praise

Being a Garrison parent, I've only had the opportunity to know Haldane High School's Julia Sniffen for a few years ("Julia Sniffen: 20 Years at Haldane," June 1). She is a great principal! She is approachable, knowledgeable and it's evident how much she cares for her students.

Donna Pidala, *Garrison*

New bookstore

I have been yearning for a bookstore in Cold Spring to replace the empty place in my heart left by the closing of Merritt and Salmagundi's ("Back to Basics," June 1). I am hoping the community heartily supports this wonderful new business, Split Rock Books.

Katie Bissinger, *Cold Spring*

This will be a delightful addition to our beautiful Main Street. Who doesn't love a good bookstore? Here's wishing Heidi and

Michael Bender great success. We need to do everything possible to encourage reading in this day of total electronic communications.

Patty Villanova, *Putnam Valley*

These guys haven't opened yet, but we already love them! Can't wait.

Erin Bell, *Cold Spring*

Opioid abuse

The series in your paper last fall on the opioid abuse crisis in our midst (*Fighting Back: The Opioid Crisis*) was an important step in helping to destigmatize addiction and provide information and resources.

A month ago, at a workshop about the opioid crisis, the Philipstown Town Board introduced its newly hired, very part-time substance abuse prevention and treatment coordinator, Danielle Pack McCarthy. She can be reached at 845-570-5183 or dpackmccarthy@philipstown.com. All contacts are confidential.

It is noteworthy that the U.S. surgeon general's office last month created its first advisory in 13 years, recommending that more Americans be trained and carry the opiate antidote Narcan (naloxone).

Free training and kits are available at St. Christopher's Inn in Garrison on the first Sunday of each month. Narcan is also available without a prescription at Drug World and CVS pharmacies.

I hope Philipstown, this paper and the new drug coordinator will make information, resources, education, meetings, groups and open dialogues more prevalent. There is much speculation about the number of young adults who have died here from overdoses in the past five years. Eleven? Fifteen? Or 18, as many believe? How many more will die before Philipstown is accountable, can talk openly and take meaningful action?

Laura Nathanson, *Cold Spring*

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown will conduct a Public Hearing on June 20, 2018, at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, at 7 p.m. in the evening of that day upon the enactment of a Local Law establishing a six (6) month moratorium on the submission and processing of applications for Lane Use Approvals for "Vape Shops" within the Town of Philipstown.

A copy of the proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk's office where it may be examined during regular business hours. All persons interested will be heard at the time, date and place specified above.

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such as cigarettes or their own prescription medication in excess of what is allowed.

Discipline is dished out with confinement for weeks or months in the Alternative Housing Unit, where an inmate must remain in his or her cell 23 hours a day without privileges such as television, cigarettes, personal calls, or books beyond those with religious or educational themes.

Inmates occasionally appeal their detentions; a few handwritten letters were included with the documents released. The appeals were all denied. Patrick O'Malley, then captain of the jail, replied to one prisoner, "I encourage you to continue to follow facility rules."

Here are summaries of selected disciplinary reports released by the county:

March 25, 2016

An officer reported that while monitoring a telephone call for an investigation "based on the overabundance of drugs within the jail," he heard an inmate admit to possessing narcotics.

March 28, 2016

Officers with drug-sniffing dogs swept the jail. A search of one cell turned up a piece of paper with what appeared to be Suboxone film hidden in a toilet paper roll, but the charges were later dismissed. In another cell, a piece of paper had traces of heroin.

Sept. 28, 2016

A strip search of an inmate in his cell revealed three Xanax hidden in his sock.

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He attempted to throw the pills into his toilet but was "taken down" by a guard. The inmate handed over a half pill hidden inside a cigarette pack.

Oct. 15, 2016

An officer discovered a broken Xanax pill in the cell of an inmate who had arrived at the jail the day before.

Oct. 16, 2016

An inmate who served her time on weekends told an officer she had been asked by another inmate to smuggle in heroin and had been paid in advance with Xanax.

Oct. 27, 2016

During a search of a cell, an officer found a bag with seven quarts of a red substance with a fruity smell that he noted is "commonly referred to as hooch," or homemade liquor.

Jan. 12, 2017

Under a table in the visitation room, an officer found an orange pellet that turned out to be a strip of Suboxone folded into a tight triangle. A surveillance video

showed the woman take something from her bra and hand it to the inmate, who put it in his lap. Both the inmate and his female visitor sitting at the table were strip-searched. According to a guard the inmate said: "You don't have any proof of anything, and I am going into drug court, so it does not matter, they give people so many chances."

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June 15, 2017

Inmates were instructed to sit outside their cells while officers conducted a sweep with drug-sniffing dogs. In one cell, a dog alerted officers to three labels stuck atop a mattress with a glue-like residue. In another, a dog led officers to a Suboxone strip concealed in the lid of a pack of cigarettes.

June 16, 2017

After receiving a tip from an inmate, officers found a cigarette pack containing Suboxone in the lunchroom trash.

June 25, 2017

An officer discovered a plastic bag of "fermented liquid" under a cell bed.

Aug. 31, 2017

A cell search turned up a torn piece of

Suboxone strip, about the size of a quarter, hidden inside a cigarette pack. A strip search of another inmate revealed two pieces of Suboxone in her bra. A cell search uncovered a sock with two pills identified as Gabapentin, which is used to treat nerve pain. A strip search of an inmate revealed 15 torn pieces of Suboxone and seven Gabapentin pills in a Ziploc bag tucked into her bra. A subsequent search of her cell uncovered three Clonazepam pills, a sedative.

Oct. 20, 2017

During a search, an officer found an opened peanut M&M bag in a cell with two fingers of a latex glove stuffed with substances suspected to be baker's yeast (used to make hooch) and tobacco.

Dec. 22, 2017

An officer thought he observed an inmate in a holding cell remove something from his buttocks and swallow it. (The inmate later became sick.) A search of his cell turned up the finger of a blue rubber glove, paper with powder residue and a piece of clear plastic stained brown. An officer noted: "These items are consistent with methods of smuggling contraband into or out of a correctional facility."

Jan. 5, 2018

A pat-down of a 39-year-old suspect during booking revealed \$1 and \$5 bills inside her bra, each rolled, with powder inside. "When asked what the substances were, inmate replied one of them was cocaine and the other one of them was heroin," the officer reported.



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Galef Speaks with Putnam Sheriff, Peekskill Chief

Officers discuss body cameras, mentally ill, domestic violence

In a wide-ranging conversation for her public-access television program, Sandy Galef, who represents the Highlands in the state Assembly, on May 4 spoke with newly elected Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. and newly appointed Peekskill Police Chief Don Halmy. The 30-minute exchange can be viewed at bit.ly/putnam-peekskill or at 8:30 p.m. on June 15, 22 and 29 on Cablevision Channel 21. The excerpts below, prepared by *The Current*, have been edited for clarity and brevity.

Galef: You have both been in the policing business for a long time. How has it changed over the years?

Langley: The foundation of law enforcement has remained the same, and that's community policing. You need that connection to not only get information out there but to get information back to keep your community safe. Technology, however, progresses so rapidly. We try to keep pace but it moves faster than our budgets do.

Galef: Don, what changes have you seen?

Halmy: There's a fear of technology among a lot of police officers, but you have to embrace the change. Our officers now



Galef, Halmy and Langley

Photo provided

have body cameras. Many officers were vehemently against it. They didn't like having to feel that Big Brother was watching. But in almost every, if not every, case where we've had to review body-camera footage because of a complaint, it's vindicated the police officer. The young officers that come out, they don't think twice about it.

The other big thing with technology is that, when I started 20 years ago, if something was happening and you needed a photo, you had to run into your house and grab your Instamatic from a shelf. Today everyone carries a camera. And everyone has access to social media, where things are posted immediately. If you're doing the right thing, you have nothing to be concerned about.

Galef: Robert, do Putnam County deputies have body cameras?

Langley: We don't. But we have dash

cameras in all our [squad] cars and, much as in Peekskill, they exonerate the officers from false accusations. Cameras truly are the friends of police officers. Every single time, I can honestly say, the officer has been conducting himself properly, professionally and courteously, and it's the person who made the complaint who was very aggressive.

Halmy: The day will come when everyone will have them. It is expensive. It's a budget commitment, but once you start it, there's no turning back.

Galef: Robert, are there new areas you are covering in Putnam County?

Langley: There are bike trails through the county that you can take from Connecticut to Westchester. Much of that area gets pretty desolate. So, much like Peekskill, we have bicycle patrols on the trails. Sometimes we will come across a small homeless community that has found these desolate areas and set up camp, so we want to ensure those areas are kept clear and also assist the homeless in finding adequate shelter.

Galef: How engaged do you get with the mental-health issues?

Langley: If someone poses a risk to their own safety or public safety, they are transported to a facility and either committed or released. It's up to the medical professionals to make that determination. But if they come to our jail, they get the treatment they need, they get the medication, but now the problem arises with the transition when they are released. It's quite frightening for them. They've been in a situation that's quite comfortable, and they have a relationship with a counselor and now you're putting them out on the street. They usually, repeat offend and wind up back in our custody. We're starting to implement a release program with [the nonprofit counseling center] CoveCare so they continue their care. The big problem is the aid for mental-health transition all goes to state prisons. All county jails have to bear the expense.

Halmy: The unfortunate thing is that there a lot of people who need full-time treatment. They don't need a half-day interview and a lunch and an opportunity to take a shower and change clothes. That is a budget concern in every field in the public sector.

Galef: We could always do more, if we had the money. As police officers, you're also social workers, mental-health providers, health care ...

Halmy: Marriage counselors.

Galef: Have you seen more domestic violence over the past 20 years?

Langley: I think it's more only because it's being recognized. The wake-up call was an incident in Torrington, Connecticut [in 1983, when police ignored a woman's calls when her husband repeatedly violated a restraining order. They arrived 25 minutes after one call to find her with 13 stab wounds]. The zero tolerance [aspect] came in with O.J. Simpson.

Galef: After the O.J. Simpson case, all these domestic-violence bills that were going nowhere in Albany suddenly popped up again and were implemented. For a while it was hard, because how can police go into a home and determine how people are relating to one another?

Langley: The state Legislature has helped by giving us more authority to remove someone from a home. If there are children in the home, that escalates to a whole other category. Without that legislation, we don't have as much power to de-escalate those situations.

Galef: How about the epidemic of opioid abuse? How do you handle that?

Halmy: Our officers all carry [the opiate antidote] Narcan, and I have administered it myself. One of the most important things for police officers is to try not to dehumanize people who are addicted. They come from all walks of life. Someone may have become addicted after a back injury, or a car accident, or the obvious way of just hooking up with the wrong person. When people are deeply into addiction, they tend to become involved in thefts and problems in their homes, because they are difficult for parents and grandparents to deal with. I have felt the crisis; my sister's son passed away two years ago from an overdose.

Langley: It is everywhere. It doesn't discriminate.

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Townhouse Proposal Draws Fire *(from Page 1)*

thing you see in Beacon when you arrive from the train,” said David Burke, a member of the board. “I ask you to make sure that you’re convinced, yourself, that this is going to be the right development for this site.”

Residents of Bayview Street, which overlooks the property, objected to the possible obstruction of their Hudson River vista.

“Most of the value of my home is in that view,” said Bradley Dillon. “It would be really disheartening to have a four-story building come up.”

The final speaker, James Pantano, suggested the site was more appropriate for

“Most of the value of my home is in that view. It would be really disheartening to have a four-story building come up.”

“trees, flowers, benches [or] a fountain” and hoped the proposal would be “nipped in the bud.”

Hudson Hills Academy

The Planning Board on June 12 granted environmental approval for a request from St. Luke’s Episcopal Church to subdivide its Route 9D property and allow the Hudson Hills Academy to expand into the



Hudson Hills Academy would operate out of the school building at St. Luke’s Church on Route 9D.

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church’s school building.

The proposal drew considerable feedback from residents, many of whom expressed concern that it would bring too much traffic to Rector Street, a narrow residential road adjacent to the church.

The nonprofit Hudson Hills, a Montessori school, has about 50 students in preschool through third grade at its Hanna Lane location in Beacon. A second location in Newburgh, has students in preschool through eighth grade. The Newburgh campus would be closed if the Beacon expansion is approved.

School officials seemed to address most

Hudson Hills Academy has a message on its website saying it is “excited to be moving to Beacon in the fall.”

of the traffic concerns by agreeing to use entrances and exits on Phillips Street and 9D while avoiding Rector. The school also agreed to cap enrollment at the site at 100 students.

Hudson Hills must next obtain a special-use permit for the expansion from the City Council. Its lease with St. Luke’s is expected to run for 10 to 15 years.

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The Calendar

Walking into the Past

Library director will lead Cold Spring history tour

By Alison Rooney

When Gillian Thorpe was appointed 18 years ago as director of the Julia L. Butterfield Library, she says it seemed like the culmination of her decades-long obsession with the wealthy Cold Spring woman who in 1913 provided the funds to build and stock the structure.



Julia L. Butterfield

When Thorpe was a child growing up in Cold Spring, “Mrs. Rathjen, who gave us kids cookies from her porch on Mountain Avenue, told us of seeing Julia Butterfield going by in her carriage.” When Julia Butterfield’s summer home, Cragside, burned down in 1979 on the site of what is now Haldane High School, Thorpe remembers standing in a night-gown, watching.

“I’ve been a bit obsessed with Mrs. Butterfield since I was a child,” admits Thorpe. “She is forgotten among our local history. Whenever students visit our library, I tell them about her.”



Haldane High School now occupies the site of Cragside.



Cragside, which fell into ruin and burned down in 1979

Putnam History Museum



Butterfield Memorial Hospital was built in 1925 and torn down in 2015.

Butterfield and her realm will be the focus of a tour that Thorpe will lead on Saturday, June 23, in what she hopes will be the first of monthly walks on various historical themes. Digital, self-guided audio versions will be posted online.

The tour will begin at 9 a.m. at the library, then head up Craigsides Drive (Thorpe will explain the change in spelling) to the site of the former home, with several stops on the Haldane campus, including the Mabel Merritt administrative building, once the property’s stables.

From there the group will advance to James Pond, which Thorpe describes as the Butterfield watering hole; to Cold Spring Cemetery, which holds the family tombs; and to the site of Butterfield Hospital, now redeveloped but with a prominent street named Julia Lane.

Born in 1823, at age 18 Julia Lorillard Safford married Frederick James, a broker and banker in New York City. They lived on Fifth Avenue and in 1852 in Cold Spring built a magnificent stone village house that was named Cragside because it had been constructed on a hillside strewn with rocks. It was surrounded by elaborate gardens, lawns, orchards and fields, according to Trudie Grace, author of *Around Cold Spring*. A gatehouse built in 1866 still stands at the foot of Craigsides Drive as a private residence. An expansive terrace still remains, as well, although “you have to peer into the woods to see it,” says Thorpe.

Frederick James died in 1884. Two years later, Julia married Daniel Butterfield, a Civil War general who is credited with composing “Taps” and whose father co-founded American Express. He lived until 1901. When Julia died in 1913, her estate estimated to be worth \$3 million, or about \$75 million today.

Although most of her wealth was left to the Young Men’s Christian Association, Butterfield bequeathed \$150,000 for the construction of a hospital and \$60,000 for a public library to be located in the village and include a stage.

The Georgian Revival building was constructed on the foundation of the old Dutch Reformed Church and dedicated in 1925. The hospital, finished the same year, was built, many believed, because one of Julia’s sons had

died after a fall from a horse and she felt he might have survived if a hospital had been closer.

To reserve a spot on the tour, visit butterfieldlibrary.org and click on “Calendar.” For the online maps, click on “History Tours.”



Gillian Thorpe outside the former Butterfield carriage house, now a private residence

Photo by A. Rooney

Where the Money Went

Bequests by Julia Butterfield in her 1913 will, with current values

- YMCA - \$2.32 million (\$59m)
- Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Hospital - \$150K (\$3.8m)
- Union College, Schenectady - \$100K (\$2.5m)
- Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library - \$60K (\$1.5m)
- Home for the Relief of Respectable Aged Indigent Females - \$20K (\$500K)
- Association for the Aid of Crippled Children - \$10K (\$250K)
- St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (for parsonage) - \$10K (\$250K)
- Association of New York Day Nurseries - \$5K (\$125K)

FRIDAY, JUNE 15

HVSF: *The Taming of the Shrew*
6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7 p.m. Opening Night Toast
7:30 p.m. Performance | Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-809-5750 x12 | hvshakespeare.org

Open Mic
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

Audubon Society Bird Hike
8 a.m. Fahnestock State Park
Meet at Sunken Mine Road parking
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronics Recycling
8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Department of Public Works
626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie
845-463-6020 | co.dutchess.ny.us/HHW/Register

Glynwood Farm
9 a.m. Farm with Your Farmer
Noon. Picnic Day
6:30 p.m. Farm Dinner
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | glynwood.org

Hyde Park Garden Tour
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. See hydeparkvec.org

Elks Soccer Shoot (ages 5-14)
9:30 a.m. Sargent Elementary, Beacon
845-702-1064

Guided West Point Foundry Tour
10 a.m. 80 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring
845-473-4440 | scenichudson.org

Clearwater Music Festival
11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Croton Point Park
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HVSF Community Playwriting Bake-Off
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
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The Art of Balance: Meet the Artists
2 – 4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
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The Circular Letter: Washington's Legacy (Talk)
2 p.m. Washington's Headquarters
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Public Canoe Trip
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MONDAY, JUNE 18

Hello Again, Dolly! Festival
4 p.m. Parade with Tommy Tune
5 p.m. Ice cream social
6 p.m. Riverboat cruise
8:45 p.m. *Hello, Dolly!* (1969)
Garrison's Landing, Garrison | helloagaindolly.com

Annual Square Dance
6 p.m. Saunders Farm
Old Albany Post at South Highlands, Garrison

Get On Up, Get On Down Dance
7 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | 845-765-0667

Soulful Summer Jam Benefit for Food Pantry
7 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
15 South Ave., Beacon
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HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood*
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

Clarinet Madness
8 p.m. The Gallery at Atlas Studios
11 Spring Street, Newburgh | atlasnewburgh.com

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Petting Zoo Visit
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Saturday.

Haldane School Board
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)
15 Craigside Dr., Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

HVSF: *The Taming of the Shrew*
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Cold Spring Yard Debris Pick-Up

Philipstown Communities That Care
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison | philipstownctc.org

Public Hearing on Vape Shop Ban
7 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall
238 Main St., Cold Spring
philipstown.com

HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood*
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Summer Solstice Celebration
8 a.m. – 10 p.m. Dockside Park, Cold Spring
ascendfestival.com

Creative Completion Workshop
6 p.m. Butterfield Library | Details under Monday.

Summer Solstice Yoga Mala
6 – 9 p.m. Long Dock Park, Beacon
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Common Ground Farm Solstice Dinner
6:30 p.m. Kitchen Sink | 157 Main St., Beacon
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Dance Jam
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe | 379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

HVSF: *Richard II* (Preview)
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Summer Reading Kickoff
2:15 p.m. Butterfield Library | Details under Monday.

***Moana* (2016) (ages 10+)**
3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Dutchess Cruisers Car Show
5 – 8 p.m. Elks Lodge | 900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-242-0951 | dutchesscruisers.com

Reel Life Film Club: *No Impact Man* (2009)
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

HVSF: *Richard II*
6:15 Friday Night Prologue
7 p.m. Opening Night Toast | 7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel | See details under June 15.

International Film Night: *Spare Parts* (2015)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library | See details above.

Silent Movie Series: *The Kid* (1921)
7 p.m. Butterfield Library | Details under Monday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
See details under Thursday.

Bill and the Belles (Music)
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Amythyst Kiah (Music)
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration | Details under Sunday.

The Buddy Rich Band
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
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Graduates****O'Neill High School***West Point, June 21, 7 p.m.*

Alexandra Angelopoulos	David Higbee
Bridget Batignani	Brian Kelly
Derek Champi	Alex Mancuso
Frank Colasurdo	Christian Mayo
Alexa Gagnon	Kristin Serrand
Hudson Heckert	Nichollette Thompson
	Joshua Wimer

Beacon High School*Dutchess Stadium, June 23, 9 a.m.*

Philip Abongo	Jamal Carter	Siobhan French
Jordan Acevedo	Alexandra Caruso	Jemond Galloway
Sophia Acquisto	Aaliyah Christiansen	Kiara Garris
Oluwatofunmi Akinwunmi	Xavier Collins	Kyle Giamportone
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Li Liu, amazing hand
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Beacon High School

(from previous page)

Zakiya James	Sailor Owen
Daniel Jenkins	Maya Padilla
Sierra-Del Jenkins	Mark Padoleski III
Marin Kacur	Heledy Pagan Quiles
Colby Kelland	Brithney Patino Solano
Alyssa Killmer	Eric Peifer
Quinn Kitzrow	Elimaris Perez
Dionte' Komisar	Eliora Peterson
Zachary Kotzias	Kelly Ramon Astudillo
David Kristoferson	Kendall Rhea
Andrew Kronk	Darian Rios
Brianna LaBarbera	Kayla Rivera
Fox LaBelle	Gentel Robinson
Autumn Lennon	Tyler Rosado
Isabela Leon Ferrer	Taylor Salvato
Domenic Leonetti	Aaliyah Santana
Chasity Lopez	Ceasar Saragozin Jr.
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Peter Lukianowicz Jr.	Marissa Schiller
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Jessica McTeer	Sierra Taylor
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Christian Mendoza	Emmanuel Torres III
Noah Mensch	Desiree Torres
Ryan Middlemore	Lineras Torres
Dana Miller	Juliet Trautman
Cherrell Mima	Tiana Truong
Journey Minto	Michael Tubbs
Jasmin Montoya	DaSean Turner
Daniel Moore	Samantha Tutasi
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Elena Neyen	Matthew Welsh
Justin Ni	Sheanna Williamson
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Ian Oliva	Matthew Wyant II
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Taleemar Ortiz Santiago	Theodore Yannitelli

Oakwood Friends School

Poughkeepsie, June 8

Lily Schaeufele, Beacon

Kennedy Catholic High School

Somers, June 2

Nicholas DiBrita, Beacon
Kelly Gebman, Beacon
Marianna Haag, Garrison
Matthew Seman II, Beacon

The Masters School

Dobbs Ferry, June 9

Caroline DiSarro, Garrison
Campbell Ives, Garrison
Yunus Solakoglu, Garrison
George Weed, Garrison

For photos of the Haldane, O'Neill and Masters graduates, see highlandscurrent.com

Community Nursery School

Cold Spring

Ali Amato	Nikki Lyons	Rosemary Rodino
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Mary Dwyer	Karla Narvaez	Billy Villette
Murphy Hendrix	James O'Sullivan	Orson Wayland
Alli Lyons	Thomas Otto	Zephyr Wayland
	Scarlett Ritholz	

Garrison Middle School

Garrison, June 20, 6 p.m.

Colin August	Zach McCarthy
Madelyn Bartholomew	April Ransom
Tim Ben Adi	Allison Rimm
Daniel Carlos	Sariya Samson
Charlotte Dinitz	Ella Schweizer
Terence Driscoll	Lina Sharifi
Evelyn Higbee	Samuel Smith
Jayda Kirkwood	Tomas Struck
Evan Maasik	Eva Turko
Chase Mayer	Sidonie Weed

Hudson Hills Montessori

Beacon, June 10

Jace Misiano
Aryan Singh

Top of the Class

Oluwatofunmi 'Jummie' Akinwunmi
Valedictorian, Beacon High School

Akinwunmi will attend Yale in the fall to study biology on a pre-med track. She was a member of yearbook and creative writing clubs, class treasurer and a standout volleyball player and jumper in indoor and outdoor track.

Amelia Hall
Valedictorian, Haldane High School

Hall will attend Tulane in the fall to study neuroscience. Last summer, she interned at the National Institute of Health and earlier attended an aquatic ecosystem camp at the Acadia Institute of Oceanography. She sang with the Blue Notes and chorus and played trumpet in the jazz band and French horn in the band. She also played soccer and was treasurer for the student council.

Nicole Mitchell
Salutatorian, Haldane High School

Mitchell will attend Colgate and is interested in the field of mental health. An Advanced Placement

Scholar, she was co-editor of the literary magazine, co-president of the Identity Club, and vice president of the History Club. Last summer she attended the Harvard pre-college program.

Rayna Thompson
Valedictorian, Career and Technical Institute, Dutchess BOCES

Thompson will attend the Culinary Institute of America to pursue a food and business management degree in baking and pastry. The Beacon resident is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and SkillsUSA.

Juliet Trautman
Salutatorian, Beacon High School

Trautman will attend Northeastern University in Boston in the fall to study biomedical engineering with a concentration in cell and tissues, with the hope she can one day contribute to solving the shortage of organs for transplants. She was a member of the Beacon Players drama club.

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John Hughes, Cold Spring (Mathematics)

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Dutchess Community College

Carlos Delgado, Beacon (Architectural and Construction Technologies)

Andy Duran, Beacon (Architectural and Construction Technologies)

Rebecca Ambrosini, Beacon (Art)

Khalidah Carrington, Beacon (Art)

Somayah Cook, Beacon (Art)

Benedicta Geithner, Cold Spring (Art)

Emily Mercado, Beacon (Art)

Gregory Ortiz-Bauldrick, Beacon (Art)

Christian Bach, Cold Spring (Business)

Fernando Gonzalez, Beacon (Business)

Dominique Lamar, Beacon (Business)

Jeremiah Richards, Beacon (Business)

Brad Thomas, Beacon (Business)

Amanda Varas, Beacon (Business, Paralegal)

Katherine Webster, Beacon (Business)

Melissa Biavati, Cold Spring (Communications and Media Arts)

Shaun Diaz, Beacon (Computer Information Systems)

Ian Geithner, Cold Spring (Computer Science)

Lidia Armijos, Beacon (Criminal Justice)

Lucas Esposito, Beacon (Criminal Justice)

Hallie Matthews, Beacon (Criminal Justice)

Ayanna Carrington, Beacon (General Studies)

Andrew Ford, Garrison (General Studies)

Dante Nastasi, Cold Spring (General Studies)

Zaid Newsome, Beacon (General Studies)

Robert Vasquez Melendez, Beacon (General Studies)

Jesus Velasquez, Beacon (General Studies)

Conor Yankovich, Cold Spring (General Studies)

Elizabeth Dandreano, Garrison (Human Services)

Jessica Salomon, Beacon (Human Services)

Gloria Vega, Beacon (Human Services)

Jessica-Ryann Wallace, Beacon (Human Services)

Tatiana Baer, Beacon (Liberal Arts — Humanities)

Veronica Dandreano, Garrison (Liberal Arts)

Aneesa Dika, Beacon (Liberal Arts)

James Duffy, Cold Spring (Liberal Arts)

Cesar Escoto, Beacon (Liberal Arts)

Catherine Miller, Beacon (Liberal Arts)

Carolyn Naughton, Beacon (Liberal Arts)

Abby Zukowski, Beacon (Liberal Arts)

Jessica Giovinazzo, Beacon (Early Childhood Education)

Araksia Pendergast, Beacon (Early Childhood Education)

Alexandra Frost, Beacon (Medical Laboratory Technology)

Darab Sullivan-Davachi, Beacon (Paramedic)

Marist College

Sara Alsdorf, Beacon (MPA)

Jennifer Buitrago, Beacon (Business

Administration)

Mary Callaghan, Cold Spring (Mathematics — Adolescence Education)

Nicholas Canale, Beacon (Master's in Information Systems)

Rafael Colon, Beacon (Business Administration)

Jenna Czumak, Beacon (MBA)

Cori-Bianca Embler, Beacon (Master's in School Psychology)

John Hammer, Cold Spring (Business Administration)

Michelle Miller, Cold Spring (Social Work)

Cassandra Paupst, Garrison (Master's in Information Management Specialization)

Beverley Rhamdas, Beacon (Political Science)

Anthony Romanelli, Beacon (Business Administration)

Caroline Schweikhart, Cold Spring (Psychology)

Robert Vahos, Cold Spring (Environmental Science & Policy)

Sarah Warren, Cold Spring (Applied Mathematics)

Mount Saint Mary College

Ashley Adorno, Beacon (Psychology)

Sarah Agbonkpolo, Beacon (Public Relations)

William Biersack, Beacon (Educational Literacy)

Jacqueline Brown, Beacon (Biology)

Jennylyn Escritor, Beacon (Nursing)

Jenna Malouf, Beacon (Nursing)

Jay Marchese, Cold Spring (Business

Management)

James Mullamphy, Garrison (Nursing)

Anthony Musacchio, Beacon (MBA)

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SUNY Cobleskill

Rebecca Haviland, Cold Spring (Graphic Design)

SUNY Geneseo

Clayton Smith, Cold Spring

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Mouths to Feed

Stalking the Long-lost Celery

By Celia Barbour

There were several summers when I ate cold celery soup all the time. *All* the time. I kept a quart jar of it in the fridge from mid-June through August, sipped it for lunch or snack, and carried a Thermos of it with me whenever I set off for a long, busy day in the hot city.

I'd first tasted this particular soup on a photo shoot in the Hollywood Hills, at the swank house of an A-list actress whose dinner party we were featuring in a magazine. Her personal chefs, a couple of lovely and down-to-earth sisters, explained to me that the actress had been subsisting on powdered diet shakes and protein bars before they came along and introduced her to the idea that food could be fresh, clean and nourishing, as well as paparazzi-friendly.

I have never had to worry that paparazzi lurking at the end of my driveway or helicoptering over my infinity pool might catch me looking less-than-perfect. Nonetheless, I became devoted to this soup, which manages to conjure, from nothing but vegetables and broth, flavors that are almost poetic: complex, fragrant and enticing as well as comforting and soothing.

The secret is celery.

These days, we Americans regard celery as a dull staple of the crudité dish, a work-



The secret is in the stalk.

horse vegetable with about as much flavor as a garden stake. But that's only because we've forgotten how to taste it. Lovely celery has been victim of its own popularity.

In the early 1800s, raw celery — herbal, peppery and slightly astringent — was a rare and exotic delicacy on Northern European tables (wild celery had been consumed medicinally around the Mediterranean and Caucasus region for millennia). Victorian chefs and hostesses developed an obsession with it, and by the middle of the 19th century, celery was *de rigueur* at fancy dinner parties, presented in vases designed specially to show off its slender stalks.

Celery's moment of fame lasted a remarkably long time. It was still chic enough to be served on the Titanic in 1912, and equally classy 40 years later, when President Eisenhower offered it at a dinner in honor of the king and queen of Greece. But eventually, success bred indifference. These days, celery is as common as sliced bread — or over-exposed movie stars.



Cool Celery Soup

Photos by Henry Weed

My affection for celery soup followed a similar trajectory. After a slew of summers when I couldn't get enough of it, one day I suddenly could. The last time I made it, about five years ago, I found its flavor had grown almost off-putting. I was over it.

Why do we humans do this to ourselves? We fall hard for something — song, TV show, person, food — then binge on it until we've drained all the magic from it.

Fortunately, the aversion is seldom permanent.

A couple weeks back, I found myself hosting a lunch with barely 24 hours' notice (in trying to find a mutually agreeable day, we'd realized that the only possibil-

ity was *tomorrow*). Oh help, I thought. Then: Well, OK, what's in the fridge? The answer, of course, was celery, along with random handfuls of other vegetables. I realized I had everything I needed for this formerly beloved soup. Moreover, I knew I was ready to open my heart to it again.

It tasted wonderful. One of my guests, a highly regarded gourmet, even requested the recipe. I put the leftovers in a Thermos, and took them into the city with me the next day.

As I passed by a newsstand in Grand Central, I noticed a familiar face on the cover of *People*. The celebrity, too, was once again in the news.

Cool Celery Soup

Adapted from *The Family Chef*, by Jewels and Jill Elmore and Ann Marsh

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| A splash of olive oil | Salt and pepper |
| 1 onion, roughly chopped | 1 bunch Italian parsley |
| 1 leek, white part only, roughly chopped (optional) | 1 bunch celery, root removed and leaves reserved, roughly chopped |
| 1/2 fennel bulb, roughly chopped | 1 to 2 handfuls frozen peas |
| 6 cups chicken or vegetable stock | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 potato, chopped into medium pieces | |

1. Heat a soup pot over medium high. When hot, add a splash of olive oil, then throw in the onions, leeks and fennel. Reduce heat and cook until translucent (do not brown).
2. Add stock and potatoes, bring to a simmer, and cook until potatoes are tender. Meanwhile, remove and discard coarsest stems from parsley.
3. Add celery to onion mixture and cover pot; cook until celery is just tender. Remove pot from stove and allow to cool slightly.
4. Working one batch at a time, transfer vegetable mixture to blender (never fill blender more than 1/3 full with hot liquid). Add frozen peas and parsley to final batch, and blend until incorporated.
5. Strain blended vegetable mixture over a fine-mesh strainer into a bowl (see note, below); allow to cool and then transfer to containers and refrigerate until ready to serve.

Note: Straining the well-blended soup might seem like an unnecessary step, but it not only vastly improves the texture, it also removes bitterness, making the soup sweeter and milder.



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Sweet Spot

The Beacon Sloop Club hosted its annual Strawberry Fest on Sunday (June 10) at Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com. Next up for the Sloop Club at the park is the Corn Festival on Aug. 12.

Photos by Michael Turton



Clockwise from top, left: Painted face; waiting for the barbecue; a Pete Seeger fan; folk singers; simple pleasures; sampling the strawberry shortcake; the Woody Guthrie



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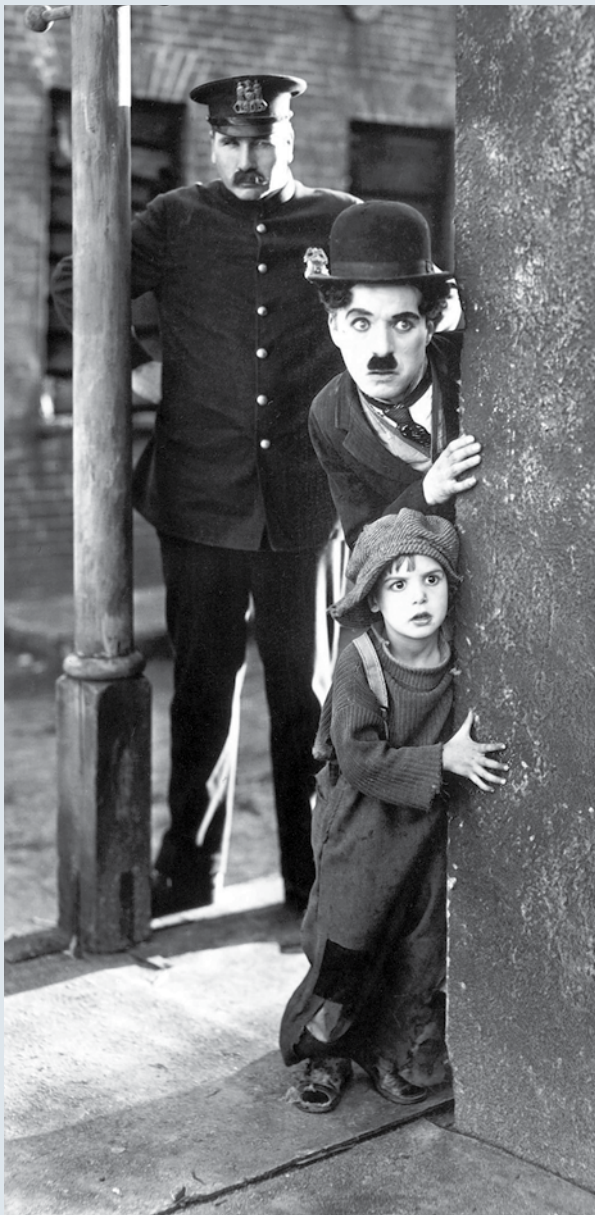
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



SILENCE IS GOLDEN — As part of its ongoing Silent Film Series, the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring will screen Charlie Chaplin's *The Kid* (1921) at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 22. Cary Brown will provide a live musical score.

Music on the Hudson

Beethoven, Strauss at Chapel

The Chapel Restoration Music Series continues on Sunday, June 17, with a performance at 4 p.m. by violinist Rolf Schulte and pianist James Winn. The program will include Beethoven's *Sonata No. 3, Op. 12*, Schumann's *Adagio and Allegro*

and Richard Strauss's *Sonata Op. 18*.

On Friday, June 22, singer and songwriter Amythyst Kiah will perform at the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Restoration Roadhouse Concert Series. Tickets are \$25 at eventbrite.com (search for the artist's name). The Chapel Restoration is located across from the Metro-North station in Cold Spring.

Aubudon Bird Hikes

First is June 16 at Fahnestock

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will begin its Third Saturdays series on June 16 with a 90-minute bird-watching hike at Fahnestock State Park. Meet at 8 a.m. at the Sunken Mine Road parking lot off Dennytown Road. Target birds include the yellow warbler, scarlet tanager and American redstart.

The society also plans hikes on July 21 at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center and Aug. 18 at the West Point Foundry Preserve. See putnamhighlandsaudubon.org.

Here Comes the Summer Sun

Two solstice events planned

Two events are scheduled in the Highlands to mark the summer solstice, when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky, which occurs on Thursday, June 21.

The Ascend Festival will take place at Mayor's Park from 8 a.m. into the evening. See ascendfestival.com to purchase tickets for the yoga, music and art celebration. nOMad will host its fourth annual

summer solstice yoga mala at Long Dock Park in Beacon from 6 to 8 p.m. See bit.ly/nOMadSummerSolstice2018. Register to reserve a mat space, which is \$15.

Conservation K-9

Trail Conference raising funds for invasives detection dog

The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference is raising \$10,500 to add a conservation detection dog on its Invasives Strike Force. Willow, a year-old Labrador retriever being trained in Philadelphia, will be able to sniff out Scotch broom (*Cytisus scoparius*). See nynjtc.org/donate.

Tour of Putnam

Bike tour set for July 1

Registration is open for The Tour of Putnam, a bicycle ride on Sunday, July 1, that begins and ends at Veterans' Park in Carmel. There are routes of 14, 26 and 62 miles. Riders are required to wear helmets, and the ride will occur rain or shine. Registration is \$40 online or \$45 on the day of the ride. See bikereg.com/38520.

Community Choice Forums

Group to offer info at two events

The Hudson Valley Community Choice Aggregation will host two public forums to explain the renewable-energy program and provide updates. On Saturday, June 23, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., its representatives will be at the Howland Public Library in Beacon and on Tuesday, June 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring. For more information see renewablehighlands.com or call 845-592-2120.

Beacon

River of Words Has New Home

Program will expand to Beacon

The Hudson Highlands Land Trust has handed off oversight of its Hudson Highlands River of Words environmental education program to the Beacon Institute, effective July 1. The institute hopes to expand the 10-year-old project to the Beacon and Newburgh school districts.

The Beacon Institute has launched a website and gallery at bire.org/row with student art and poetry, photos and videos, and more information.

Newburgh Symphony to Perform

Concert scheduled for June 23

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform a Roaring '20s concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23,



GIRL AND CHICKEN — Susan Choi of Garrison shared this photo of her daughter, Emmie, 5, who is finishing kindergarten at the Garrison School and carries her silk chicken everyday, including down the slide. She calls him Fluffy. Photo provided

at Aquinas Hall on the Mount Saint Mary College campus in Newburgh.

Under the direction of Russell Ger, the orchestra will perform Mozart's *Symphony No. 25*, Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G Major* and Stravinsky's *Pulcinella Suite*. Tickets start at \$30, or \$22 for seniors, with no charge for students. Call 845-913-7157 or visit newburghsymphony.org.

Sleeping Bee

Band will perform June 23

Sleeping Bee will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, at the Howland Cultural Center as part of the ongoing Equinox Series. The band is comprised of bassist Lindsey Horner, multi-instrumentalist Andy Goessling, percussionist Randy Crafton and singer Timothy Hill. It just recorded its second album, *Come Down in Thunder*. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Elks Offer Assistance

Program for deployed service members

The Elks Lodge in Beacon has created a program to assist deployed military personnel and their families. Call Carl Oken at 914-474-1891.

Soccer Shoot

Set for June 16 at Sargent

The Elks are also hosting a soccer shoot at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at Sargent Elementary School in Beacon for children who were ages 5 to 14 as of Jan. 1. The winners will advance to district competition. Call 845-702-1064 with questions.

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Dia:Beacon Plans Expansion

Will create new gallery space

Dia:Beacon plans to upgrade and expand its lower-level galleries, adding 11,000 square feet of exhibition space within the footprint of the museum and improving the lighting and HVAC systems. The project will also restore the façade and the landscaping at the back of the building.

The improvements are part of a \$78 million campaign by the Dia Art Foundation to increase its endowment and renovate its three sites. The nonprofit has raised \$60 million so far.

People in the News

Giorgio Spanu of Garrison was named a knight in the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic on June 2 by the Italian ambassador to the U.S., Armando Varricchio, in a ceremony aboard the frigate Alpiro at Pier 88 in New York City. Spanu is the co-founder of Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown. The Order of Merit was established in 1951 by the then-president of Italy to honor contributions to the arts and philanthropy, among other activities.

The Putnam County Chamber of Commerce recognized 36 women with Trailblazer Awards in a ceremony on June 12, including **Tara Carroll**, co-owner of Old Souls and Barber & Brew in Cold Spring; **Katie Liberman**, managing director of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival; and **Jennifer Zwarich** of BlackDashStudio.

John Libscomb, patrol boat captain for Riverkeeper, was honored by the nonprofit Mohonk Consultations on June 10 with its Distinguished Achievement Award. For the last 17 years, Libscomb has patrolled the Hudson River from April to December between New York Harbor and Troy to monitor tributary streams, waterfront facilities and pollution levels.

Boscobel's board of directors has appointed **Jennifer Carlquist** as the site's executive director. She succeeds Steven Miller. Carlquist joined Boscobel as curator in 2015.

Erik Schaffler, a Garrison student who is a junior at Putnam-Westchester BOCES' Environmental Science Career Academy, won the climbing competition and a \$1,500 scholarship during a four-day class camping trip to Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks. The event included 54 students from 18 high schools. The trip was paid for by firewood sales.

An arrangement by composer **Joseph Bertolozzi** of Beacon of his *Tower Music* for percussion quintet has been awarded a New Music USA Project Grant. The work features 82 percussion instruments played by five performers. The grant covers expenses in the extraction of parts from the full score so each member of the ensemble will be able to read his or her part on a tablet computer.

The New York Army National Guard promoted **Andrew Ransom** of Beacon, who is assigned to Company C, 1-69th Infantry, to Staff Sergeant, and **Alessandro Serradas** of Cold Spring, who is assigned to the Company C, 2-108th Infantry, to Private 1st Class.

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Jennifer Carlquist, the new executive director of Boscobel



John Libscomb on patrol north of Kingston.

Photos provided

Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Matthew Speiser and Phoebe Geer of Garrison shared this shot of their son, Teddy, with Dorothy, owned by Grace Kennedy. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.com.



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County Hires Firm to Draft Shared-Services Plan

Plan to have completed by October

By Holly Crocco

The Putnam County Legislature has approved spending \$31,000 to hire a consultant to develop a shared-services plan as part of an initiative created last year by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. The plan is expected to be finished by October.

As part of the state budget process, Cuomo asked counties to join a Shared Services Initiative to reduce property taxes by pushing municipalities to work together. To encourage participation, he dangled the possibility of funding from the state that would be equivalent to what was saved.

While County Executive MaryEllen

Odell was hesitant in 2017 about creating a shared-services plan, saying the cooperation already existed, in January she said discussions were taking place to put something into effect this year.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown) cautioned during the June 5 Legislature meeting in Carmel that the creation of a shared-services plan would not be easy.

"It's a huge initiative," she said. "You're talking about the towns and the villages and the whole county — 100,000 people — so it's a lot to do."

Scuccimarra noted that some people questioned why a request for proposals was not issued before the county decided to spend \$31,000 to hire Laberge Group, a planning and grant consultant based in Albany. She said that because the county will

be spending less than \$50,000, it falls below the threshold for which an RFP is required.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) said the \$31,000 is "a very modest fee" for the scope of work. "This is mandated; this is something that we have to do, and we will get it done," she said.

Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac) said that he and his colleagues on the Fiscal Vision and Accountability Commission have been working to find ways to reduce redundancy in government for quite some time.

"It's something that I know Legislator



Nacerino, Legislator Scuccimarra, myself and the county executive have been working on for many years, which is consolidation, shared services, trying to find ways to reduce the cost of government for taxpayers," he said. "We are finally going to see some real progress over the next couple of months."

Philipstown Proposes Ban on Vape Shops

Public hearing scheduled for June 20

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board on June 7 called for a moratorium on shops that sell e-cigarettes and scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday.

The board proposed a six-month moratorium on applications for "vape" shops, which sell devices that allow a user to inhale vapor from liquids that contain nicotine and are sold in hundreds of flavors,

including cotton candy, watermelon, blueberry, peanut butter and chocolate.

The public hearing will take place at 7 p.m. on June 20 at Town Hall, 238 Main St., in Cold Spring.

Vape shops are "something we really don't want to see," said Supervisor Richard Shea. "It is obviously being marketed to children. It's just not acceptable. We're not going to have that in Philipstown."

Councilor Nancy Montgomery explained that a moratorium would provide time to prepare a permanent law. "We know it's poisoning our kids," she said,

arguing that it's "where they get their start" before smoking tobacco and abusing other drugs. "This is just one of the many things we can do to combat this [addiction] crisis."

Councilor Mike Leonard said vaping liquids contain "a lot of harmful chemicals" that spread in the air and threaten others.


The draft moratorium cites the board's legal and constitutional obligation "to protect and preserve the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the town as well as to protect the value, use and enjoyment of property." It asserts that permitting vape shops "may have a permanent, significant and substantial impact on the nature and quality of life" of Philipstown.

Planning Board Wants Review of Horton Road Project

The Philipstown Planning Board said on June 5 that the developer of the planned Horton Road development project must prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The seven-member board scheduled a hearing for 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21, to hear from the public before the EIS work begins. It will take place at the Old VFW Hall on Kemble Avenue in Cold Spring.

For more details on the meeting, see highlandscurrent.com.



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Sports

Track & Field: Catching Up with Highlands Grads

Grey an All-American; Hughes finishes distance career

At the NCAA track and field championships on June 6 at the University of Oregon, a former Beacon High School athlete, Rayvon Grey, who is now a sophomore at Louisiana State University, made a wind-aided leap of 26-1.5, finishing fourth and qualifying him as a first team All-American in the event.

Closer to home, John Hughes, a 2014 Haldane grad who this year finished his

degree in mathematics at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, placed 78th among 280 competitors for the Gators in November in the NCAA Division III cross-country national championships. On March 3, at the North Coast Athletic Conference indoor championships, he was named the men's distance runner of the year for the second time after winning the mile (4:14.53) and 3,000 meters (8:40.99).

In May, his 3.9 grade-point average earned him a spot on the Google Cloud/CoSIDA All-Academic team for Division III track competitors in Pennsylvania. The national team will be named June 19.



John Hughes

Allegheny College

Haldane's Stowell Third in Pentathlon

But disappointment for Beacon jumper

By Chip Rowe

Abbey Stowell, the Haldane senior who has made three trips to the state championships to compete for the pentathlon title, finished third among small-school competitors in her final meet on Saturday (June 9).

She scored 2,999 points, her best finish. She was fourth with 2,714 points in 2016 as a sophomore and seventh in 2017 with

2,559. Logan Bruce of Delhi (Delaware County) won the Division II title with 3,165 points, followed by Molly Baker of Newark Valley (Tioga County) with 3,081. All three athletes are seniors.

In the pentathlon events on Friday, Stowell was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.87) and second in the shotput (9.97 meters) but was stymied by a 12th-place finish in the high jump (1.39 meters). On Saturday, she was seventh in the 800-meter run (2:23.70) and won the long jump (5.08 meters). She had scored a Haldane record 3,160 points in the sectional qualifier.

Ethan Burgos of Beacon High School also finished with a medal, running seventh among Division 1 schools in the 400-meter hurdles in 55.52. He qualified for the state meet with a personal best of 55.03. The state champ was Ryler Gould of Newburgh Free Academy, in 53.04.

Jummie Akinwunmi, the standout Beacon jumper (and class valedictorian), was presented with the Section 1 Sportsmanship Award but otherwise had a disappointing weekend.

On a gusty Friday, the senior faulted four times in the long jump after achieving 17-11 in her final leap of the sectional qualifier. (The state champ among Division 1 schools was Nadia Saunders of North Rockland, who jumped 19-2.25.)

The next day Akinwunmi and three other competitors in the high jump failed to clear 5 feet in three attempts to advance past the initial round. Akinwunmi had cleared 5-1 to win the Section 1 qualifier; the state champion would clear 5-6.

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