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Two Races, One Candidate

What happens if Maloney wins the AG primary?



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

Campaign photo

By Brian PJ Cronin

Election Day is two months away, and the Democrat candidate for New York's 18th Congressional District, which includes the Highlands, remains TBD.

The picture will become clearer after Thursday's Democratic primary for state attorney general, a position that opened in May when Eric Schneiderman resigned in the wake of a sexual-abuse scandal near the end of his second, three-year term.

Among the four Democrats on the primary ballot is Sean Patrick Maloney, a Philipstown resident who is running simultaneously for his fourth, two-year term representing the 18th District in Congress.

The other three Democrats are Letitia "Tish" James, the New York City public advocate who has been endorsed by the Democratic Party and Gov. Andrew Cuomo; Leecia Eve, a former aide to Cuomo; and Zephyr Teachout, a Fordham law school professor and author of *Corruption in America*.

A Quinnipiac University poll conducted in July found 42 percent of a sample of 415 registered Democrats remained undecided, while James had 26 percent support, Maloney, 15; Teachout, 12; and Eve, 3. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 6.2 percent.

Maloney's campaign has survived two court cases that challenged the legality of running for a state and federal position at the same time, provided he drops out of the congressional race if he wins

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THEY'RE BACK! — Haldane Elementary students disembark on the first day of the 2018-19 school year. Classes began on Wednesday (Sept. 5) in Cold Spring and Beacon and on Tuesday (Sept. 4) in Garrison.

Photo by Michael Turton

Who Will Succeed Skartados?

Five Democrats in primary to face Republican candidate



Ralph Coates



Jonathan Jacobson



Alex Kelly



Kevindaryán Luján



Jodi McCredo

By Jeff Simms

Five Democrats will square off in a primary on Thursday, Sept. 13, to determine who will face Republican and Conservative Party candidate Scott Manley in November to succeed the late Assemblyman Frank Skartados.

The state seat, which Skartados held from 2012 until he died of pancreatic cancer in April, represents the 104th District, which includes Beacon and Newburgh.

Manley is a retired police officer and current member of the Newburgh Town Council. Sakima McClinton, a West Point graduate and former president of the Poughkeepsie school board, also filed to run on the Republican and Conservative Party lines but her nominating petitions were ruled invalid by the state Board of Elections.

The Current asked each Democratic

candidate to provide biographical information and explain why he or she is running. Manley and his Democratic challenger will be asked more detailed questions before the general election. The candidates are presented in alphabetical order. Their responses have been edited for brevity and clarity.

Ralph Coates

Coates, a lifelong resident of Poughkeepsie, holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Nyack College and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Marist. He is director of Liberty Partnerships at SUNY Orange in Newburgh, a state-funded program to prevent Newburgh public school students from dropping out. Coates also served on Poughkeepsie's city council, served two terms on its Board of Education and is a trustee of the Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

"As a resident of an inner city, I want what is best for cities like Beacon, Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, to see us grow and prosper," he wrote. "I have spent a lot of time walking our communities' streets, visiting churches and talking to its people. Beneath our feet lies a well of untapped potential that can be harnessed only with the reins of dedicated leadership and visionary talent from someone who has been working in the heart of our community. I do my homework and I ask the tough questions. I am equipped to represent our cities and towns from Day One in Albany."

Jonathan Jacobson

Jacobson served as an assistant counsel to the speaker of the state Assembly on its Labor Committee, where he researched and wrote legislation. He also served as an assistant state attorney general in charge of the Consumer Frauds Bureau in Poughkeepsie and as a Workers' Compensation judge. Currently a member of the Newburgh City Council, Jacobson chaired the Orange County Democratic Committee for 22 years. His law practice focuses on workers' comp and Social Security disability cases.

"The three top issues are, first, ending the reliance on school property taxes to fund public schools; second, legislation to protect us from the excesses of the Trump administration and the Trump Supreme Court, from reproductive rights

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5 Five Questions: ALICE MATTHEWS

By Alison Rooney

Alice Matthews, a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who now lives in Beacon, won multiple ribbons last month at the Dutchess County Fair for her knitting.

When did you start knitting?

In 1995, after a friend opened a knitting shop. Nobody starts out good. Even Yo-Yo Ma has to practice. It becomes a combination of aptitude and attitude. I'm a craft freak. My grandfather called me "dorky," and not the admiring kind of dorky. I've become one of those old ladies who knits and cusses.

Do you enjoy the Knit Together group?

Oh, yes! It's amazing. We meet at Howland Library every Tuesday morning at 10. Sometimes there are three people and other times there aren't enough chairs. There are men and women; we love our men, when they come. Some people bring babies. We often do work for charities. Recently we knitted for Syrian refugees.

How does the fair judging work?

There are so many categories, and probably 300 to 400 entries. I'd never entered before. I never even knew it existed, but I have gardener friends who have won ribbons, and I wanted ribbons, too! I won Best Knitted Scarf/Cowl; Judge's Choice; and a Blue Ribbon. My goal now is to compete at the Sheep and Wool Festival; that's like the Nobel Prize or the MacArthur grant of knitting. Something like 60,000 people participate, people crazier than I am. But crazy is OK — it's a victimless crime.

What is a cowl?

One continuous piece, doubled, and deceptively easy. I knitted a different piece I think is better, but I gave it away as a wedding present. The one that won is called Fair Isle, or "charted" knitting. Typically, they are historic patterns. This one had 19 charts, which look like graph paper. There

are white and black sections and it's simple, as long as you're not drinking. I separate patterns by the "What you can watch on TV while you're doing it" method. With the hardest things, I can't watch anything. With the easiest one, I can watch a Japanese movie — and drink.

Did your professional life have anything to do with crafts?

Nope, although I've had a million jobs. My last job in Arkansas was at a newspaper called *The Trucker*. My worst job was as a car hop at Shoney's, although they did have chocolate cake with ice cream and hot fudge that made it almost worth it. Now I'm retired and spending time in the yard and doing crafts. My husband and I wanted to get out of New York City. The first time we visited Cold Spring, we got two parking tickets and felt so welcomed we moved nearby.



Alice Matthews

Photo by Casey Morris



Matthews' three ribbons atop her cowl

Photo by A. Rooney

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Where do you go when you want peace and quiet?



"My room. It's my temple, my fortress, my safe place, my happy place, my everything."

~Keije Walser, Beacon



"I used to go to Hudson Highlands State Park, but it has become too crowded. Now I just go to my backyard."

~Chris Rowley, North Highlands



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~Tricia Rivers, Beacon

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Once You're In, You're In

Schools scolded for "re-registering" students

By Christine Sparta

When parents in Brewster expressed concern that some students did not live in the district — one claimed as many as 40 to 50 students should not be enrolled there — the district did something unusual: It required every student to re-register over the summer, compelling families to provide proof of residency as they had done when the student was first enrolled.

"We do realize that this procedure may be an inconvenience, but hope that you understand that with increasing property taxes and tighter school budgets, it is essential that every dollar spent in our schools goes toward the education of Brewster CSD [Central School District] residents only," administrators told parents and guardians in a letter.

At least three districts in Westchester County — Mount Vernon, Mamaroneck and New Rochelle — have done the same to address claims of widespread "residency fraud," in which parents or guardians don't live in the district where their children attend school.

The state of New York was not happy.

In July, the Department of Education sent a "guidance memo" to every public school principal and superintendent in the state, including at Beacon, Haldane and Garrison, reminding administrators that it is against state regulations to register students except when they initially enroll or leave and then return, or if administrators have reason to believe a child's family has left the district.

If that happens, the state noted, there are procedures for administrators to follow, and making every student re-register is not one of them.

In Brewster, parents opposed to the re-registration process formed a Facebook group to argue that the process might be difficult for undocumented or homeless parents who do not have lease agreements, mortgages or utility bills in their names. State law does not allow schools to ask for a student's immigration status.

Registrars for the Beacon, Haldane and Garrison districts said they follow state guidelines and have no plans to re-register students.

At the same time, "it's pretty hard for someone to look me in the face and say I live there when I damn well know they don't," said Gail Morgan, registrar for the Beacon City School District, who has lived in the city for more than 60 years.

Morgan said that while school officials cannot legally question a child about where he or she lives, many times students will divulge a recent move because they are excited about the new home.

Even though she considers the Beacon district tough with its standards, Morgan



BRING ON THE SUN — Local officials and supporters, including state Sen. Sue Serino, BQ Energy's Paul Curran and David Sandbank of NY-Sun, join Beacon Mayor Randy Casale as he cuts the ribbon on Thursday to open a 2,766-kilowatt solar farm at the former Beacon landfill site. The farm is expected to save the city as much as \$140,000 per year by producing renewable energy.

Photo by J. Simms

says administrators will give a family that leaves the district a bit of time to make the transition. For instance, if a non-resident student were discovered in October, the family might have until the holidays to make arrangements, she said.

Laura Mitchell, who has been the superintendent of schools in Garrison since 2014, said non-resident students haven't been an issue for the district. Officials at Haldane said the same.

In other Haldane business ...

The board accepted the resignation of Anthony Showah, the district's student support specialist, who took a job closer to his home in Ridgefield, Connecticut. A search

is underway to find his successor. Guidance counselor Carol Storey also informed the board she plans to retire in December.

Patricia O'Rourke was appointed as a special education teacher in the middle school, and the board voted to establish the position of arts coordinator to serve as a liaison with the Arts Alliance.

Superintendent Philip Benante suspended a plan to redirect the traffic flow on campus. "I am concerned with the manner in how this decision was made," he wrote in a letter to parents. He also noted that students should not be dropped off on Mountain Avenue and that Locust Ridge is one-way from 7 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. on school days.

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The Warrant for the Collection of Taxes for the City School District of the City of Beacon, New York, for the School Fiscal Year 2018 - 2019 has been delivered to me.

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Development for the people

In the past year, *The Highlands Current* has covered the mounting concern in Beacon over the rapid addition of mostly high-end residential units into the cityscape, a concern that led to a moratorium and a revamping of some of the city's zoning codes. Meanwhile, the opportunity to create a powerful antidote to all this development is languishing.

In 2013, New York State closed the Beacon Correctional Facility, a minimum security prison for women. A little over a year later, Empire State Development issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the 39-acre site, situated near the northeast border with Fishkill, down Matteawan Road, just past Beacon High School.

In the interim, a small working group of citizens had met nearly every week, trying to form a coalition of nonprofits, small businesses and educational programs that could respond to the RFP with a viable, dynamic proposal. Our vision included jobs, training and education, centered around community-based, sustainable agriculture. We had a local farm, established small businesses and several well-respected educational programs on board, as well as blueprints for a textile mill and a composting operation.

In fact, the RFP that included these plans was accepted by New York State. Unfortunately, a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed by a number of local politicians asked him to rescind the agreement. This caused the organization acting as lead for the project to withdraw. Whether this was due to delays in funding or political maneuvering or some combination is now unimportant.

This past fall, Empire State Development issued a Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI), as a precursor to issuing another RFP. The Matteawan Group, which consisted of several of us from the original winning proposal, submitted to this RFEI and spoke with representatives directly about our plans. Since then, radio silence.

I believe the state and Dutchess County need to hand this property back over to the city and let us decide (along with Fishkill, where some of the land resides) how to best use it. There are plenty of examples of other communities taking on projects like this successfully, and these can be used for ideas and blueprints — no need to completely reinvent the wheel.

The city could appoint a board to help manage the property. Perhaps some kind of homesteading program could be set up in addition to the commercial uses — we seem to be good at giving land to big developers on the cheap, why not give some to ordinary citizens? Whatever happens, I believe the community should resist at all cost this land being turned over to a developer or any large, outside private entity. We've done enough of that for now.

The city has already managed to construct a \$10 million highway garage on this property. Let's put our not insignificant energy and ideas together and create something truly wonderful that brings

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Letters and Comments

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Mark Roland, *Beacon*

What is a primary?

Last month, the League of Women Voters of Putnam County held a candidate forum for the Democratic primary candidates for the state Senate race for District 40 [which includes eastern Putnam]. We were asked by some folks why we didn't invite any Republican candidates. To be clear: If there are not two candidates in the same party running for a particular office, you cannot have a primary.

Primaries come in two basic forms: open and closed. In an open primary, all registered voters can vote for any candidate. Registered independents can participate in either party's primary. In a closed primary, as we have in New York state, voters may vote only for candidates of the party with which they are registered. In order for the state to change to an open primary, the Legislature would need to amend the state constitution.

The date for the New York primary election is Thursday, Sept. 13. For information on the candidates, visit the New York State League Election Voter Guide at lwvny.civiceengine.com or votingnewyork.org and enter your ZIP code.

Phyllis Hoenig, *Mahopac*
Hoenig is vice president of the League of Women Voters of Putnam County.

McCredo for Assembly

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "Every government degenerates when trusted to the rulers of the people alone. The people themselves, therefore, are its only safe depositories."

Democracy is based on the proposition

Correction

In the Aug. 24 issue, we reported that voters in Beacon's Ward 4 will vote in the Sept. 13 primary at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. In fact, they should vote at the First Presbyterian Church at 50 Liberty St.

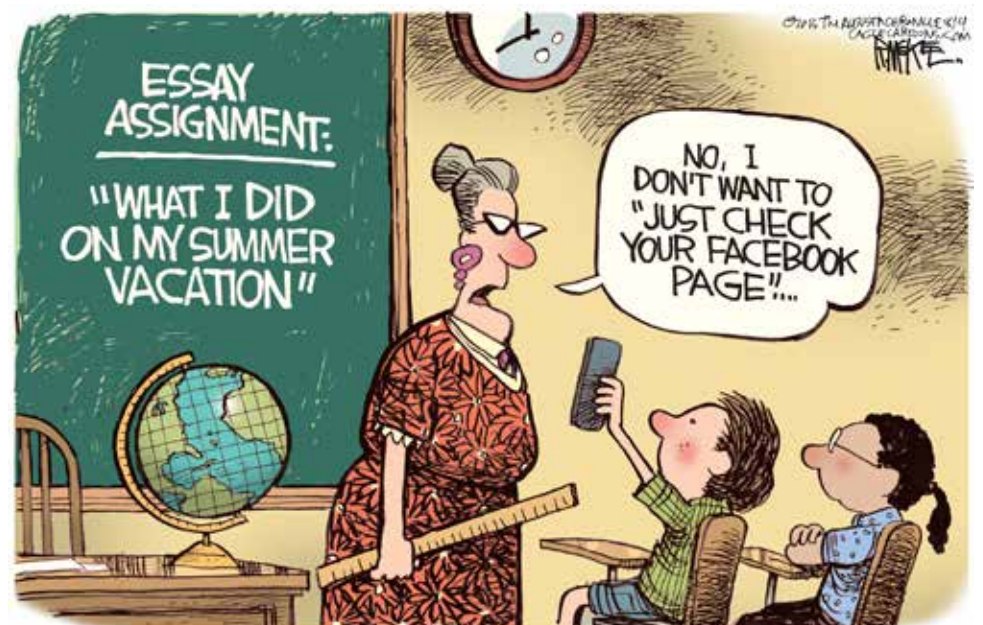
that the best way to safeguard our constitutional rights and civil liberties, and build safe and productive communities, is to solicit and carefully weigh disparate voices across all levels of society. Inclusivity provides the checks and balances needed to ensure that no sector of society experiences disenfranchisement by design or unintended circumstance. Inclusivity is good citizenship; it cultivates the sense of belonging, well-being and worth needed to thrive in all our communities.

This is why I plan to vote for Jodi McCredo for the New York State Assembly in the Democratic primary on Sept. 13. She is an empathetic and socially competent member of the Beacon City Council. Years of advocacy help her comfortably engage with people from all walks of life. She is not content to rest on yesterday's laurels but regularly seeks input from across the cultural spectrum to ensure that her representation is authentic and relevant.

McCredo clearly remembers that her decisions deeply impact our community and she strives to promote an inclusive society where every perspective bears weight. In my opinion, as a member of the state Assembly, Jodi McCredo will bring my voice to Albany and make it count.

Lorraine Hexstall, *Beacon*

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Maloney

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the AG primary. He has said he will do so. Maloney previously ran for the Democratic nod for attorney general in 2006 only to finish third in a four-man primary won by Cuomo, who went on to win.

(As *The Current* was going to press, Teachout filed a lawsuit claiming that Maloney's transfer of more than \$1.4 million from his federal campaign fund to his state coffer violated campaign finance law. Maloney noted the transfer in his state campaign disclosure forms and has said in interviews that campaign laws allowed him to direct "almost all" of the \$3 million raised for his congressional campaign to his AG run.)

The congressman did not respond to a request for comment on the AG race but told *City & State* last month that he was running because "I think what people are looking for is something different, and somebody who can get this job done at a critical time when you need somebody with public and private sector experience, particularly the experience of standing up to Donald Trump in Washington, who understands the federal issues. Who understands the Russia investigation. Who has real experience running investigations. That's the skill set that is needed in this office at this moment."

He also said: "I'm the only one in this race who's actually beat Republicans. It's one thing to win races when you run against other Democrats in New York City. I beat a Republican in three congressional races in a row, in some of the toughest campaigns in the country. I won in a Trump district



Sean Patrick Maloney, Leecia Eve and Zephyr Teachout at a debate on Aug. 28 among the Democratic candidates for attorney general

Photo by Holly Pickett/NYT via AP

as a gay guy with an interracial family. So we're proud of that and we think it demonstrates an ability to win tough fights."

If Maloney wins the AG primary, a Vacancy Committee made up of the chairs of the Democratic parties in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties would select a replacement for the congressional race.

James Borkowski, chair of the Putnam County Democrats, said he and his three colleagues have not met, "but there have been a lot of telephone conversations between us, Sean's office and other people."

Borkowski declined to say who the committee was considering if Maloney is the AG candidate. "I'm not at liberty to discuss who's out there," he said. "It would be rather presumptuous, and might not be fair to

the people who are interested. But we do have several excellent candidates, if Sean wins. And I think he's going to pull it off."

Not every local Democrat has taken a rosy view of Maloney's run for state office, grumbling that abandoning his congressional seat so late in the race could tip the election to his Republican challenger, Orange County legislator James O'Donnell.

The Democratic candidate-in-waiting would also be starting with zero campaign funds, which means that he or she would need to raise money quickly. Although Maloney won his 2016 campaign by a comfortable margin, President Donald Trump took the district by 2 percentage points.

Borkowski believes this is what makes Maloney a formidable candidate.

"That's an extraordinary achievement,"

he said. "Sean has done a wonderful job serving his constituents whether they're Democrats or Republicans. He's done an extraordinary job with veterans, bringing services to his constituents, and now fighting Donald Trump."

Borkowski noted that should Maloney win the AG primary, he has said he will work to keep his former seat blue. Maloney told *City & State*: "Nobody cares about keeping this district blue more than I do, I can assure you. It has been the focus of my life for six years. We turned it blue, we kept it blue and we've done such a good job at that, they couldn't find anybody to run against me. So I've got the weakest [congressional] opponent I've ever had, and for that reason, we are in very good shape in this district one way or the other."

That may not assuage Elisa Sumner, the chair of the Dutchess County Democrats and another member of the Vacancy Committee. She too did not respond to a request from *The Current* for comment but was quoted in *The Intercept* saying she found Maloney's dual candidacy to be "an insult to the people in his congressional district. He's basically saying to them, 'If I can't be attorney general, then I'll still be your representative, but if I can, I'm leaving.'"

Along with the attorney general, Democrats on Sept. 13 will select candidates for governor and lieutenant governor. Actor and activist Cynthia Nixon is challenging incumbent Andrew Cuomo in the governor's race, and Jumaane Williams, a New York City councilman, is taking on Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Beacon Man Charged with 2014 Murder

Allegedly killed woman in Brooklyn

A Beacon man walked into a Manhattan police station on Aug. 28 and confessed to killing his girlfriend in their Brooklyn apartment in 2014, according to the New York Police Department. He was charged with murder the next day.

Ricky Gonzalez, 34, whose last known address was 153 Tompkins Terrace, allegedly told officers he stabbed Maria Quinones, 58, in March 2014, dismembered her body and put it out with the trash. Quinones was reported missing later that year by her sister. Gonzalez is being held without bail.

First Seastreak to Arrive Oct. 6

Cruises will continue into November

Seastreak, which runs cruise boats from Manhattan and New Jersey to Cold Spring, will arrive for the first time this fall on Oct. 6 and continue their weekend runs through Nov. 3. The ships will arrive at 11 a.m. and leave the village at 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The firm has a new, larger ship that can hold as many as 600 passengers but will run only one per day, rather than two, according to the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.



WELCOME BACK — The Manitou School in Cold Spring, celebrating its fifth year, welcomed more than 100 students back to class on Sept. 4. It expanded its classrooms over the summer and plans in 2019 to add a gym.

Photo provided

“The arrival of up to 600 visitors on Main Street at one time will put a strain on restaurants, shops and public facilities,” Chamber officials said in a statement, adding that they were “working with the village and the marketing staff of Seastreak to ensure the most positive experience for Seastreak visitors and to help businesses serve them.”

Rosh Hashanah Services

Scheduled in Cold Spring and Beacon

The Philipstown Reform Synagogue, led by Paul Kaye and the PRS Holy Days Choir, will hold a Rosh Hashanah

service at the parish hall of St. Mary's Church at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9, followed by apples and honey kiddush. A service at 10 a.m. on Sept. 10 will be followed by Tashlich at the Cold Spring pier. See philipstownreformsynagogue.org. The synagogue will also celebrate Kol Nidre at St. Mary's on Sept. 18 and Yom Kippor on Sept. 19.

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance, at 331 Verplanck Ave., will celebrate Rosh Hashanah at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9, followed by a 10 a.m. service the next morning and a Tashlich service at Long Dock Park at 4 p.m. There will also be a Rosh Hashanah service at 9 a.m. on Sept. 11. Kol Nidrei takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 18 and Yom Kippor from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 19, followed at 4:30 p.m. by the Mincha, Ne'ilah, Ma'ariv and a Break Fast and Dance Party.

Passport Day in Putnam

Clerk will extend hours

Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti will host his third annual Putnam County Passport Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sept. 22 at his office at 40 Glenelg Ave., Room 100, in Carmel.

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Cold Spring Says 'No' to Green Mountain Energy

Trustee questions ties to big energy

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Board of Trustees denied a request at its Sept. 4 meeting by Green Mountain Energy to promote its services on Main Street.

A Green Mountain representative, David Baumann, had asked the board to allow the company to set up a table in front of Kismet at Caryn's at 72 Main St. through Thanksgiving to pitch residents and visitors on its renewable energy plans. The company often sets up a table on Main Street in Beacon.

Trustees turned down the request by a 4-1 vote after Mayor Dave Merandy expressed concern over precedent and Trustee Steve Voloto questioned the company's ties to NRG Energy, which last year had operating revenues of \$10.6 billion.

"If we allow this to happen, that opens the door to other people who want to do

the same exact thing," Merandy said, noting that village code requires merchants to keep sidewalk merchandise within 3 feet of buildings. "I don't know if we really want to have tables. It's a narrow area."

Voloto opposed the request mainly on environmental grounds. Most people interested in green energy "wouldn't want to buy if they knew that your company is actually owned by one of the largest coal, oil and natural-gas energy companies," he said.

"We are owned by NRG," Baumann responded, noting that 100 percent of the energy offered by Green Mountain is generated from renewable sources. He also said the company has 600,000 customers nationwide and acknowledges its ownership by NRG when asked.

But Voloto suggested Green Mountain was "hoodwinking" customers by not saying up front where its revenue ends up. "The company that's going to profit is as far from green energy as you can get," he said, using an expletive. "Pardon my French!"

Merandy asked the audience to "forgive Steve's little outburst; he's passionate

about energy and doing it right," but questioned whether the village could lawfully deny Green Mountain's request simply because the trustees didn't like that the firm works with "big oil."

On another front, Trustee Fran Murphy expressed concern that Green Mountain's presence could confuse residents as the village contemplates the bulk purchase of electricity through the Community Choice Aggregate program.

Lynn Miller was the lone trustee to vote in favor of allowing Green Mountain to set up a table.

In other business ...

Trustees approved a photo shoot in the village today (Sept. 7) by 519 Productions, which will take photos for the electronics firm LG in the area of Depot Square, Rock Street and the riverfront.

The Philipstown Community Congress Trails Committee will host Philipstown Bikes Day on Sunday, Sept. 30, to show support for building a more bikeable and walkable community. Bikers, walkers and non-motorized movers will be invited to



David Baumann of Green Mountain Energy at the Cold Spring Village Board meeting on Sept. 4

Photo by M. Turton

use a closed 1.7-mile loop east of Morris Avenue and Chestnut Street. Email philipstowntrails@gmail.com for information.

Tobacco 21 Bill Back to Committee

The Putnam County Legislature tabled a proposal to raise the minimum age to purchase tobacco products and accessories from 18 to 21, with most lawmakers saying it needed fine-tuning. See story at highlandscurrent.org.

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Assembly (from Page 1)

to health insurance to environmental laws; and, third, expanding free college tuition at state colleges to part-time students and vocational training," he wrote. "I also favor developing a single-payer health plan, rebuilding our infrastructure and ending the culture of corruption in Albany. It is not enough to be on the right side of the issues — you need the experience, energy and ideas to be an effective Assembly member."

Alex Kelly

Kelly, a journalist who lives in Beacon, was Skartados' director of policy development and holds the same position with the New York State Assembly Majority Conference. According to his campaign website, he wrote many of the bills that Skartados introduced, including those designed to block pipelines, create public banks, end gun violence, restore public education and prevent overdose deaths.

Kelly says his eight years as a journalist, including for *Truthdig*, *The Nation* and *Harper's*, will provide connections with experts who can inform his policies. He is also a community organizer who led the production of Skartados' forum on opioid abuse and co-organized the Citizen Soapbox, where Beacon residents presented visions for the future of the community.

"The truth of this campaign is that we need each other," he writes on his website. "We must combine our strengths and privileges — patiently, carefully and rapidly. People are committed to this work

throughout the district, and I am running to support them. Skartados' death left a hole in our leadership. In his absence, we need courage, ideas, experience and unequivocal recognition of the unnecessary hardship that most New Yorkers suffer."

Kevindaryán Luján

Luján was elected last year to the Orange County Legislature, representing Newburgh's 4th District. A first-generation Colombian-American, he holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from Florida International University in Miami and a master's degree in international relations and European studies from Central European University in Budapest. He is fluent in English, French and Spanish.

"I have worked in our cities as an advocate on issues such as mental health and substance abuse, municipal IDs and sanctuary city policy, environmental protection and reproductive rights," he wrote.

"My priorities are increased funds for our public schools, improved public transportation, affordable housing, affordable child care, sustainable economic development and livable-wage jobs."

"In the Assembly I will fight to bring the funds and support our region needs while also taking a firm position against the corruption in Albany."

Jodi McCredo

McCredo, who represents Ward 3 on the Beacon City Council, owns and operates a printing company she started with her husband and last year was a recipi-

ent of the 40 under 40 Rising Star Award from the Business Council of Westchester County. A longtime public school advocate, McCredo helped form the grassroots organization Advocates for Beacon Schools and also served on the Beacon Commission on Human Relations.

"I want to work to improve our public education system, enact single-payer health care, bring grants into the district to help improve infrastructure and economic development and protect the Hudson River," she wrote. "I also want to help bring tourism dollars to our beautiful riverfront communities, protect our farms and farmers, help small businesses get started and grow, and protect the rights of everyone."

"I am proud of the legislation I have passed since winning a seat on the Beacon City Council. I am willing to listen and learn, but also unafraid to stand up for what I believe is right for our families, communities and our environment. Together, we can build a safe, fair and healthy New York."

Other races

In other local races, candidates are battling to win lines on the ballot that represent only a small number of voters, under the hypothesis that the more times your name appears, the more likely you will win.

Maureen Fleming, the Democratic candidate for Putnam County Executive, filed an "opportunity to ballot" on the Conservative Party line, hoping that more of the county's 1,831 registered party voters who make it the polls will write in her name

than vote for incumbent MaryEllen Odell, who received the party's endorsement.

At the same time, Odell filed an opportunity to ballot petition to campaign for the write-in vote on the line of the Women's Equality Party, which endorsed Fleming. There are 21 registered WEP voters in the county.

The few registered members in the county of the Reform (42) and Women's Equality (71) parties will decide which of two candidates receive their lines for Dutchess County Surrogate Court and Family Court judgeships.

For Surrogate Court, which handles trust and guardianship issues, the candidates for both lines are Thomas Mansfield, an attorney in Red Hook, and Michael Hayes, the town judge of LaGrange. Mansfield already has the Democratic and Working Families lines and Hayes the Republican, Conservative, Green and Independence lines.

For Family Court, Karen Hagstrom, a county district attorney, is challenging Jeffrey Martin, a lawyer and town justice from Red Hook, for both lines. Hagstrom has the Republican, Conservative, Green and Independence lines and Martin the Democratic and Working Families lines.

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The Calendar



Paper Dreams

Cold Spring artist on the cutting edge

By Alison Rooney

During her commute by train between Cold Spring and her job at Columbia University, Summer Hart says she often gazes out the window, taking in the landscape.

"I'm writing things down, taking off from what I'm seeing," she says. "The world I'm envisioning might have invasive plants taking over a post-human landscape, or it could be a fairytale forest, or something else which moves between biology and storytelling. I keep a running list of phrases and titles."

One of those phrases, *further evidence of invasion*, triggered by water chestnuts washing ashore along the Hudson, became the title for Hart's cut-paper installation at Nelsonville's Create Community space that opens today (Sept. 7) with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues through Wednesday, Sept. 12.

Hart says it's her way of introducing herself, and her art, to the community. She and her husband and their son moved to Cold Spring a year ago.

Hart calls herself "fascinated by organic geometry. The kind found in nature, fracturing, patterning, plant defense mechanisms." She ascribes some of this to growing up in Maine. "My work always has an element of forest and sea. There are sometimes feathery structures, barnacles. Moving to the Hudson Valley has heightened things. I take my dog for a long walk every day, and notice things: wineberries, snapping turtles — a tangible wild nature does affect what I'm doing."

Her installations take the form of cascading "living walls" of Tyvek, a material which simulates paper but is harder. Hung from high and draped on the floor, the walls express a "vision of a ghostly nature, creeping in through any breach, fissure, or opportunity," Hart writes.

She says her work is a lot about obsession — and that she creates it obsessively. "When I'm doing the actual cuts, I lose time, in my head. It becomes meditative. I do no sketching; it's action/reaction and if I make a mistake, it becomes something else."

In her earlier illustrative work, she used "dots, patterning, swarms, clusters, murmurations and repetitive pinwheels" to create images. In one series, *Songbirds*, Hart painted large works using tiny brushes that she used to make "obsessive markings."

"They combined 19th-century botanicals with Victorian children and zoological images, creating two factions: animals like the songbirds who nest and the raiders in raspberry brambles," she explains. "All were figures out of their own time which occupied interstitial spaces, in between sleeping and waking, joy and grief."

When she did an installation at the Vermont Studio Center, "the reactions were all over the place, from 'Fairytale forest dreamland' to 'Dangerous, but not dark.'"



From "Living Walls"

Photo provided



Summer Hart installing her work

Photo by A. Rooney



"Flying Into Objects at Night," a drawing by Summer Hart that is part of her *Songbirds* series

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"Like a Great Quiet Secret in the Night," by Summer Hart, part of her *Songbirds* series

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The cut-paper works stem from the same ideas. Hart says she began working in this form when she was asked, in 2016, to collaborate with a Berlin-based DJ, to investigate "synesthesia" of the senses, in this instance, sound and visual.

"I closed my eyes and heard the sounds, and got very detailed visuals," Hart recalls. "He did electronic, startling sounds which I translated into cutting rolls of paper using an X-Acto knife, dropping the figurative, focusing on the swarm, the cluster." In future projects, she hopes to incorporate the sound of cutting paper into her installations.

Hart, who trained in book arts and printmaking, received a bachelor's degree in fine arts from the Hartford Art School and a master's in fine arts from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. In February she'll be doing a solo installation at a Philadelphia gallery called The Art Dept., and some of that work is included here. She works in the University Semi-

nars Division at Columbia, taking care of its archives, website and design; her husband is a professor there of English and comparative literature.

Create Community is located at 11 Peekskill Road in Nelsonville. The gallery will be open Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.



"Coming Home," by Jennifer Blakeslee



"Main Street," by Mickey Deneher



"Madam Brett Park Factory," by Megan Dowd

Spirit of Beacon Day

What Makes the City Great ... in Photos

By Alison Rooney

What reflects Beacon's spirit? That question was put to the community over the summer by the Howland Public Library, with answers expected in photographs.

The results can be seen in *The Spirit of Beacon*, which opens at the library on Saturday, Sept. 8, with a reception from 5 to 9 p.m., and runs through Oct. 7.

The exhibit, a collaboration between the library and the Spirit of Beacon Day Committee, includes more than 50 photos by 36 contributors. The most popular subjects were the waterfall, the dummy light, and Pete Seeger, says Michelle Rivas, who curated the show with Jennifer Blakeslee.

"One of my favorite photos is by lifelong resident Jean Noack," says Rivas. "The image is a silhouette of three girls just hanging out and enjoying each other's company at Pete and Toshi Seeger Park. It's just such a joyful image, and it perfectly celebrates the beauty of our city and the community."

"Another that stood out is by 15-year-old Alex Turk," she adds. "It's a simple but expressive photo of the shadow of a sculpture at Dia:Beacon. Besides being such a beautiful photo, I appreciate it as a unique and unexpected take on the idea of the Spirit of Beacon."



"Pete Seeger's Banjo," by Jennifer Blakeslee



“Town 2017,” by Stacey Kaufman



“Main Street Rooftop Show,” by Tom Conroy



“Riverside Chat,” by Jean Noack



“Sunset on Main,” by Susannah Pugsley



“Beacon in Bloom,” by Larry Fitzpatrick



“Crooked,” by Alex Turk



“Winter Sledding,” by Kenny Kirsch

Calendar Highlights

Submit to calendar@highlandscurrent.org
For complete listings, see highlandscurrent.org

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

Oktoberfest

5 – 10 p.m. Germania Festival Grounds
51 Old DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie
germaniapok.com

Ice Cream Social and Magic Show

6 – 9 p.m. Methodist Church
216 Main St., Cold Spring
facebook.com/events

Island of Lost Souls (Film) on Bannerman Island

6 & 7 p.m. Boat leaves Beacon dock
bannermancastle.org

Jane Schneider: Sculptures (Opening)

6 – 8:30 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Summer J. Hart: further evidence of invasion (Opening)

Create Community | 11 Peekskill Road, Nelsonville
summerjhart.com

Aery Theatre 20/20 Play Festival

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Cinema in Piazza: The Story of Land Art

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Philipstown
magazzino.art

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

Haldane Sports

9 a.m. Volleyball vs. Valhalla
11 a.m. Boys' Soccer vs. Dobbs Ferry
1:30 p.m. Football vs. Tuckahoe
Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
haldaneschool.org

Northgate and Old Cornish Estate Tour

9 a.m. Meet at Little Stony Point parking
pv10579.com/history

StoryWalk Opening Day

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnm.org

Yorktown Grange Fair

10 a.m. – 11 p.m. Fairgrounds
99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights
yorktowngrangefair.org

Pollinator Walk

11 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
stonykill.org

Oktoberfest

11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Germania
See details under Friday.

Hudson Valley Rise for Climate Day of Action

Noon – 4 p.m. Poughkeepsie
46 Raymond Ave., Poughkeepsie
actionnetwork.org

Korean Cooking Class

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

Chefs' Farm-Fresh Dinner

3 p.m. Bannerman Island | See details under Friday.

Aery Theatre 20/20 Play Festival

4 & 8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Cynthia Loizides-Weber Photography (Opening)

4 – 6 p.m. McCaffrey Realty
140 Main St., Cold Spring
mccaffreyrealty.com

Farm Dance Gala

4:30 p.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

The Vivaldi Project

7 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

BEACON SECOND SATURDAY

Intro to Pour Painting

11 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St., Beacon
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Drawing with Donna Mikkelsen

3 p.m. Ages 1–3 | 4 p.m. All Ages
7 p.m. Art Opening / Performance
Beahive Beacon, 291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Open House

3 – 6 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

September Trio (Concert)

4 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
15 South Ave., Beacon

Botanical Drawing with Erica Hauser

5 – 7 p.m. One Nature Garden Center
321 Main St., Beacon
onenaturellc.com

Group Show: Spirit of Beacon

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

**Carla Goldberg: Water Under the Bridge
Cecile Beck: Factory**

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

Eleanor White: It's About Time

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

Sheilah Rechtschaffer: Listening to Jazz: A Journey

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

They Came from Planet Rainbow Sparkles 2 - Glitter in Your Eye!

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

Tom Chibbaro and Kathleen Andersen

6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St., Beacon
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

Book Party: Playing Changes

7 p.m. Hudson Valley Vinyl
267 Main St., Beacon
facebook.com/hudsonvalleyvinyl

Ate Bit - James Brandon Lewis Trio - Sir/Real

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

SUNDAY SEPT. 9

Wildflower Walk

10 a.m. Audubon Center
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2601 | constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Yorktown Grange Fair

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Fairgrounds
See details under Saturday.

Oktoberfest

Noon – 6 p.m. Germania | See details under Friday.

Hoot on the Hudson

1 – 6 p.m. Little Stony Point
Route 9D, Cold Spring
facebook.com/littlestonypointpark

Art Reception / Film Screening for Steam Punk Camp — 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

See details under Saturday.

Aery Theatre 20/20 Play Festival

2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Impact of Social Media on Relationships (Talk)

2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

An Evening with Groucho

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

Bobby Previte and The Visitors (Jazz)

8 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St., Beacon
facebook.com/quinnssbeacon

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

Rosh Hashanah Eve Service

8 p.m. Philipstown Reform Synagogue
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-8011 | philipstownreformsynagogue.org

MONDAY, SEPT. 10

Beacon Hebrew Alliance

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service
4 p.m. Tashlich at Long Dock Park
See details under Sunday.

Rosh Hashanah Service

10 a.m. Philipstown Reform Synagogue
See details under Sunday.

Boys' Soccer vs. Yonkers

4:30 p.m. Haldane High School
See details under Saturday.

Beacon City Council

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11

Rosh Hashanah Service

9 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
See details under Sunday.

Dutchess Role in Ratification of the Constitution (Talk)

5 p.m. Heritage Restaurant
1379 Route 9, Wappingers Falls
facebook.com/ExchangeClubofSouthernDutchessNY

Beacon School Board

7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

Cold Spring Board of Trustees

7:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12

Cover Cropping Workshop

6 p.m. Glynwood Farm
See details under Saturday.

Nelsonville Village Board

6:30 p.m. Village Hall
258 Main St., Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.org

Garrison School Board

7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Rhiannon Giddens Trio

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Benefits American Center for Folk Music

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

County and State Primary Election

6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
elections.ny.gov



Volleyball vs. Albertus Magnus

4:30 p.m. Haldane High School
See details under Saturday.

Cold Spring Chamber Mixer

5:30 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Philipstown
explorecoldspringny.com

Jonathan Kruk: Legends and Lore of the Hudson Highlands

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

Self-Publishing Workshop

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

Rhiannon Giddens Trio

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Wednesday.

Roscoe & Etta (Music)

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Sugar Ray with Mark McGrath

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

Dracula (Performance) on Bannerman

5:30 & 6:30 p.m. Boat leaves Beacon dock
bannermancastle.org

Aery Theatre 20/20 Play Festival

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
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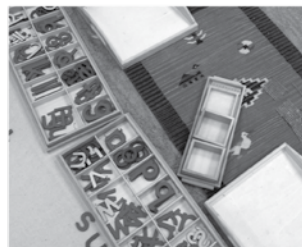
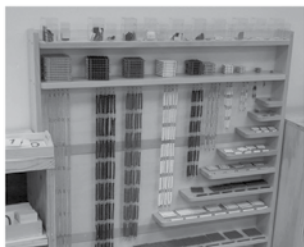
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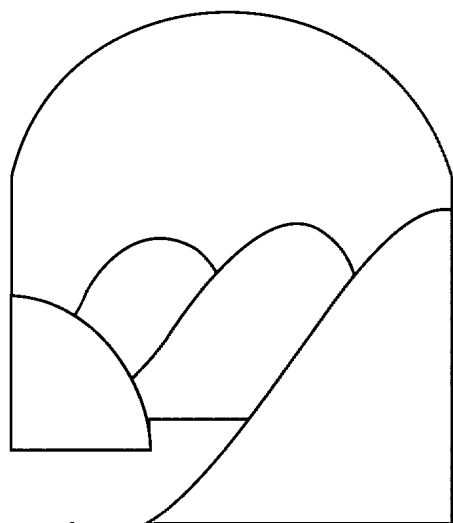
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Kid Friendly

Going Back to School, and Work

By Katie Hellmuth Martin

As a business owner, I find September to be a glorious month. It's back-to-business season.

September is also back-to-school season, which, in theory, is also exciting. School supplies! Fall wardrobes! Kids are occupied! Cheaper than camp!

But, for young parents who are business owners, September is tricky. Just as you're revving back into work, there are last-minute soccer cleats to buy, overscheduling of ballet/swimming/soccer, and Monday holidays. And dinner? Ha. I laugh in the face of dinner!

For fellow parents who are diving back into school and work life, and home life in general: Peace be with you. Staying grounded and focused is going to be our first line of defense. It's actually going to be our offense, because we are going to step in front of September and own it.

Addressing business owners who are parents out there is important for me, because, like me, you've either struggled with justifying child care costs in order to keep working 9 to 5 in a career you love, or you're justifying child care costs so you can start your business that may or may not be paying you a living wage (yet).



A co-working arrangement that doesn't work.

Photo by K. Martin

The ads and articles that promise people they can "work from home with the baby" are totally misleading. Hence the photograph illustrating this article. See his hands smashing the laptop? That's why he has his own toy laptop when I'm on mine. And this is just a picture — we are not colleagues, and we don't "work" together. One can't even clear the decks long enough to pay bills with a baby around.

My job as a writer and publisher is de-

signed to be kid-friendly and work with a malleable schedule (which can be self-sabotaging). But for someone who needs to go to a physical space every day and make things, I have little insight. So I turned to two business owners: Carley Hughes, owner of Ella's Bellas in Beacon, and Dawn Scanga, who owns Cold Spring Fitness on Route 9.

Carley's business is named after her daughter. Before she had a shop, Carley delivered her baked goods to coffee shops.

"I started delivering almost 10 years ago to Bank Square when Ella was around 14 months old," she recalls. "It was a family affair. I would bake when Ella napped or was down for the night. My husband would do dishes and late-night deliveries and Ella and I would walk the rest over in the stroller."

Parents who have family living in town can benefit from extended (and often free) child care. Carley has her mother-in-law who can help when their schedules align, and a bonus: "We were lucky to have a wonderful former bakery employee turn into child care help off-and-on over the years. She and Ella are still great friends and she's now a successful business woman and mother, too!"

Dawn worked with private clients as a fitness trainer but now has a boutique studio where she also manages several teachers, members, classes, and her four children and husband.

"Managing the business location, school, and activity schedules has to include a plan of attack," she says. "I learned early on that I don't have to do it all myself. My husband and I tag-team the schedule. We have joint calendars so we can divide and conquer. I have older children to help with driving and drop-offs, which is a life saver."

For those of us who don't have family in town or partners with available schedules, building relationships with neighbors and friends can be an option. It's why I got a ginormous car — so that I could help other families who have helped me when I've needed it.

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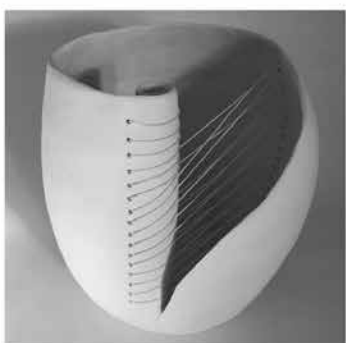
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Repair Cafe set for Boscobel

The Desmond-Fish Library, Boscobel, and the Cold Spring Farmers' Market have lined up volunteers with technical expertise who will attempt to fix broken items at no charge during a Repair Cafe.

Bring damaged goods to Boscobel on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for evaluation. Fans, lamps, and fabrics have been popular at past events, but anything is welcome. Repairs are done on a first-come, first-served basis. Volunteer repair coaches are also welcome. Email karen@desmondfishlibrary.org for details.

Pig Roast Fundraiser

Lions Club will host on Sept. 15

The Cold Spring Lions Club will host its annual pig roast and chicken barbecue fundraiser at Glynwood on Saturday, Sept. 15, starting at 3 p.m. The event includes food, live music and drinks. Tickets are \$60 at coldspringlions.org or The Country Goose on Main Street in Cold Spring. Proceeds support the Philipstown Food Pantry, the Frank Milkovich Scholarship Fund, Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the Philipstown Little League.

Music for Flute and Guitar

Concert takes place Sept. 15 at Chapel

Ben Yarmolinsky, a Cold Spring-based composer and guitarist, and Margaret Swinchoski, a flutist, will perform new music for flute and classical guitar at the Chapel Restoration at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. The program will include a variety of original pieces inspired by folk, world, jazz, classical and other influences. The concert is free but a donation of \$20 is suggested.

Art Center Color

Two exhibits open Sept. 15

The Garrison Art Center will open two exhibits with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. *Color Compositions* is a group show curated by Marilyn Dintenfass that pairs five visual artists with artists from another discipline such as poetry, music and dance. Each pair interpreted "color" in their own medium. The reception includes performances with jazz saxophonist and composer Lena Hovanessian and a dance choreographed by Andrea Miller. The second gallery features an installation by textile artist Pat Hickman called *Streaming: Wind and Water*.



SILENT SCREEN — A lobby card for *Chicago* (1929), which will be shown with live music at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15

Korean Cooking

Learn five traditional dishes

The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will host a seminar, Taste of Korea, that

combines food, culture and history at noon on Saturday, Sept. 8. The cooking demonstration includes five traditional foods served with Bangja bronzeware. The event is free but a \$6 donation is suggested.

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Celebrate Diversity

Zoo will explain habitats

The Trailside Zoo at Bear Mountain Park will host a celebration of biodiversity from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. Learn about local habitats, visit exhibits and see live animal presentations with the Habitat Passport. Parking is \$10 and a donation of \$1 per person is suggested for the zoo.

Roscoe & Etta

Singers to perform at Depot

Roscoe & Etta, which consists of singer-songwriters Maia Sharp and Anna Schulze, will perform at the Philipstown Depot Theatre on Garrison's Landing at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 13, as part of a tour to promote their newly released self-titled album.

Beacon

Flea Market

St. Andrew's and St. Luke's churches will hold a flea market at 850 Wolcott Ave. in Beacon from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15. There will be entertainment throughout the day, including the Yanarella School of Dance, Goldee Greene and the Howland Wolves, Last Minute Soulmates and United Martial Arts Center. The rain date is Sept. 16.

Dutchess and the Constitution

Exchange Club to host talk

The Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess will host a talk on Tuesday, Sept. 11, by Albert Rosenblatt, a retired New York State judge, on Dutchess County's role in the ratification of the Constitution. Cocktails will be served at 5 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m. at the Heritage Restaurant in Wappingers Falls. Tickets are \$40. Email sdexchange-club@gmail.com for reservations.

Dracula at the Castle

Bannerman to host performances

Theatre on the Road returns for two weekends of performances of *Dracula* at Bannerman Island, beginning Sept. 14. Boats leave the Beacon dock at 5:30 p.m.

and 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performance. See bannermancastle.org for tickets.

Grannies on a Mission

Protestors to discuss Texas trip

After news broke of immigrant children being separated from their parents at the U.S. border, a group of grandmothers and other women from the Highlands responded by organizing a caravan to McAllen, Texas. Hear about their protest and get updates on U.S. immigration policies at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 16, at Beahive in Beacon.

Second Show Added

Benefit for American Center for Folk Music

The American Center for Folk Music has added a second night to its benefit at the Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon. The Rhiannon Giddens Trio will perform on Wednesday, Sept. 12, and Thursday, Sept. 13. See townecrier.com.

Bird Walk at Long Dock

Audubon guides to lead

Join the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society for a bird walk at Long Dock Park at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, to look for neotropical birds migrating to boreal breeding grounds. Meet in the parking area. Three guides will lead the walk and donations are welcome. See putnam-highlandsaudubon.org to register.

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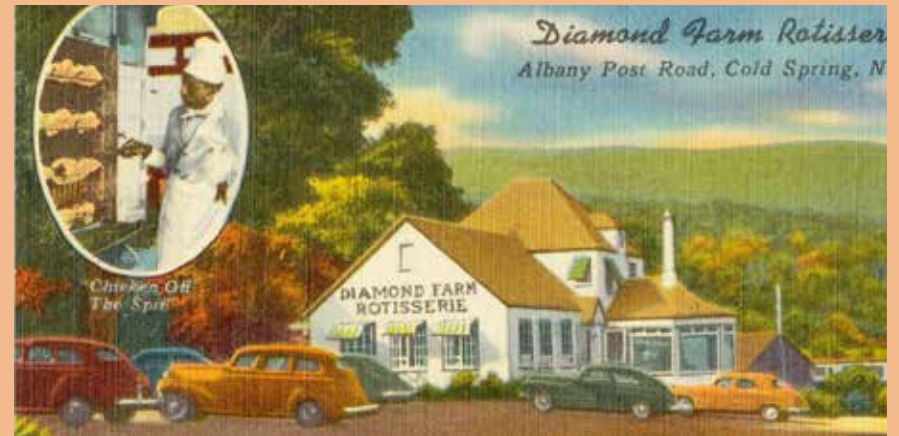
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Kid Friendly

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Owning a business that has a physical location with open hours and class schedules is a huge life change, as it commits someone to one place at set times. Stay-or work-at-home parents may have more lenient schedules. How has Dawn been dealing with it?

“My biggest challenge that has impacted home life is that it has given my children independence that they so desperately needed,” she says. “I was such a helicopter mom. This independence is enabling more life skills. They all have to pitch in now, much more than before.”

Working as a parent has minuses, but

on the plus side, it provides independence, creativity and ownership that both parents and children need. Tackling work goals can be a great way to stop ruminating about personal issues, and vice versa. Unplugging into kid life can provide unexpected clarity or a release from stress from a professional issue.

Enjoy these back-to-school moments, and buy some back-to-school supplies of your own!

Katie Hellmuth Martin is the Beacon mother of three children (ages 1 to 8), wife to one man and owner of — at last count — three businesses. Email her at kid-friendly@highlandscurrent.org.


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Jeff Lutz

Jeffrey V. Lutz, 65, of Carmel, died suddenly on Sept. 1, 2018, at his home.

Born Nov. 4, 1952, in Yonkers, he was the son of Frank and Carmella (Sardo) Lutz.

Jeff was a talented composer, arranger, pianist and organist. He spent the last 14 years as music director at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring, where his music touched many people. Jeff also conducted the adult and children's choirs. He spent much of his career composing various pieces, ranging from television commercials, contemporary and jazz to liturgical pieces.

Jeff enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandson Shea, bicycle riding, and spending time in nature.

On Sept. 4, 1993, he married Maureen Dorman at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers.

Besides his wife and musical partner, Maureen, he is survived by his daughter Jessica Christel (Douglas) of Salem, Massachusetts, from his first marriage to Frances Murray of Yonkers; and his grandson Shea Christel. He also leaves behind his brother, Frank Lutz (Livieta) of Rock Tavern.

A Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled to take place this morning (Sept. 7) at Our Lady of Loretto, with interment following at Cold Spring Cemetery.

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

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1 areas for nature lovers (9)	_____
2 like David Copperfield (10)	_____
3 cheesy fare at the movies (6)	_____
4 baking staple (5)	_____
5 test to find the problem (10)	_____
6 range lights (6)	_____
7 tested out, as an idea (7)	_____

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See answers: Page 7

Sports

Football Preview: Haldane Blue Devils

Twoguns gone, but team has strong core

By Skip Pearlman

With a clear path to the Class D final, it's no surprise that the Haldane High School football team has plans on winning a sectional championship this season, as well.

Haldane's last sectional title was in 2016, and the Blue Devils nearly won another last fall, falling 36-33 to perennial rival Tuckahoe to finish 6-3.

Haldane is scheduled to open its season with two home games — tonight (Sept. 7) at 7 p.m. against Tuckahoe, and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, versus Croton-Harmon.

The Blue Devils will line up with a new quarterback, sophomore Dan Santos, who succeeds Brandon Twoguns, an honorable mention on the Class D All-State team.

His departure to graduation was a big loss, admits Ryan McConville, who is beginning his fifth season as head coach. "But we do have a good number of returning starters back. And we have some guys who are stepping into roles, guys we're

super-excited to get in."

Haldane will rely on Sam Giachinta, a senior running back and linebacker who was third team All-State last season, senior receiver Thomas Percacciolo, junior receiver Matt Champlin, senior offensive lineman Will Westerhuis, senior running back and linebacker Brad Dowd, and senior linebacker and offensive tackle Craig Dowd.

McConville says Santos has been doing a great job behind the ball. "He has a strong arm, very accurate, and the last few weeks he's started to mentally understand the game and the responsibilities of being quarterback," the coach says. "He's taken a bunch of good steps in the last few weeks."

The coach also said he has been impressed with the team's defense. "We have a lot of returning seniors who are hungry, and we have a great defensive line, with guys like John Hankel, Matt Ortiz, the Dowd brothers. These guys have a lot of experience under their belts, and are very physical players."

The Blue Devils also add sophomores Doug Donaghy at linebacker, Christian



Haldane football team leaders Thomas Percacciolo, Sam Giachinta, Darrin Santos, Matt Champlin and Will Westerhuis

Photo by S. Pearlman

Pezzullo at center, Andrew Aiston on special teams and defense, and Josh Reyes. "They all look good, and we're hoping to build these guys up by the end of the year, see how they develop," McConville said.

McConville said the team will look to be unpredictable on offense. "We know teams will key in on Sam [Giachinta], so there will be some pressure on Dan to complete some passes, move the chains."

Haldane Football 2018

Sept. 7 vs. Tuckahoe (7 p.m.)
Sept. 15 vs. Croton (1:30 p.m.)
Sept. 22 @ Onteora (1:30 p.m.)
Sept. 28 vs. Hastings (7 p.m.)
Oct. 6 @ Irvington (7 p.m.)
Oct. 13 @ Rye Neck (1:30 p.m.)
Oct. 19 @ Valhalla (7 p.m.)



The Beacon varsity girls' soccer team won its opener, 3-1, over Brewster. Photo provided

Beacon Soccer Starts with Win

Will this be year girls make a playoff run?

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School girls' soccer team, in the first game defending last season's league championship, looked impressive at Brewster on Aug. 31 with a 3-1 win over the Bears.

The heat index wreaked havoc on practices and games this week, and Beacon's Sept. 4 game against Sleepy Hollow was postponed. The Bulldogs are next scheduled to host Horace Greeley at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8.

Coach Hugo Alzate said he liked what he saw against Brewster. "That was probably the best first game we've had in any of my four years here," he said. "We moved the ball well and worked together well."

The team plays defending Class A state champion Pearl River on Sept. 11 and top-ranked Rye on Sept. 12, the coach noted, "so we'll find out pretty quickly where we stand."

Against Brewster, Anisa Alzate, Emelie Lenaburg and Maddie Bobnick each scored, and Eliza Ericson assisted on Lenaburg's goal. Goalie Meagan Meeuwisse had four saves.

The Bulldogs return eight starters from a team that went 10-6-2 but lost in the first

round of the Section 1, Class A playoffs.

"We're hoping to compete for a league title, get two in a row, and we're hoping for a home playoff game," Alzate said. "In the many years we've been in Class A, we've never won a playoff game."

Beacon is led by senior All-Section full-back Anna Manente. The team will also look for leadership from captains Meeuwisse (a senior and All-Section keeper), Eliza Erickson (a senior and All-League center/mid) and Analiese Compagnone (a junior and All-League center/mid).

"They really stepped up in our opener, helped dictate pace and fed the forwards well," Alzate said of his captains. "Anisa battled good defenders and scored with her left foot, and I love the speed and skill that [freshman] Bobnick brings — she's physical and composed and she scored her first varsity goal."

The team's other returning players are senior Jordana Caputo; juniors Katelyn Rosa (All-League defender) and Samantha McDowell; and sophomores Jessica Spadafino, Gabriella Del Castillo and Ashley Casserly. Junior Sierra Giamportone rejoins the team after being injured.

High School Varsity Scoreboard

Girls' Tennis

Beacon 4, Haldane 3
Carmel 5, Beacon 2

Girls' Soccer

Beacon 3, Brewster 1

Football

Pelham 35, Beacon 7

Boys' Soccer

Ketcham 2, Beacon 0
Beacon 4, Carmel 1

Devin Lambe (2), Zack Nayan (1), Alex Wyant (1)

Pawling 1, Haldane 0