How They Voted on Vaccinations, Rent Control

State bans religious exemptions, expands tenant protections

By Chip Rowe

On June 14, Gov. Andrew Cuomo made New York the fifth state to ban religious objections by parents to prevent the vaccination of their children. The change will affect about 70 students in the Highlands who will not be able to enroll in the fall unless they are vaccinated or obtain medical exemptions.

Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, voted against the bill, which passed the Senate 36-26. In the Assembly, where it passed 84-61, Democrats Sandy Galef (whose district includes Philipstown) and Jona than Jacobson (whose district includes Beacon) voted for the measure.

New York State requires students in day care or nursery school through grade 12 to be vaccinated against diphtheria, hepatitis B, measles, mumps, pertussis, polio, tetanus and varicella (chickenpox), unless the school issues an exemption, which is now

The Persistent Preservationist

New marker recalls historic Philipstown church

By Michael Turton

“It’s amazing how quickly we lose our history if we don’t preserve it,” Ginny Buechele lamented as she stood beside a newly erected historical plaque marking the site of one the first Methodist Episcopal churches established in Putnam County.

Built in 1812, the North Highlands church was converted into a home in 1949 and then demolished in 2006 when the intersection of Fishkill Road and Route 9 was realigned.

In 2003, Buechele learned the church would be razed and lobbied Putnam County officials to place a marker on the site. Vinny Tamagna, who represented Philipstown in the county Legislature at the time, and then-County Executive Bob Bondi, told Buechele in a letter that once the intersection was finished, a plaque would be installed.

Nothing happened for 16 years.

In the meantime, Buechele wrote a number of emails to the county Legislature. “No one ever answered,” she said. “But I never gave up.”

In 2017, she met then-County Historian Sarah Johnson (now executive director of the Putnam History Museum) and research assistant Jennifer Cassidy. “Sarah took the bull by the horns,” Buechele said. “She and Jen deserve a lot of credit for seeing this through.”

With funds from the historian’s budget and donations from Buechele’s family and friends, the project moved forward. Earlier this month, a county crew installed the long-awaited, $1,200 marker on Fishkill Road.

Judge Reitz Dies at 57

Putnam justice ran drug-treatment court

By Chip Rowe

Putnam County Judge James Reitz died on Friday morning (June 14), at Putnam Hospital Center after suffering a heart attack on the bench. He was 57.

Court officers performed CPR and used an automatic electronic defibrillator in an attempt to save Reitz, said a representative for the state court system.

When he was stricken, the judge was handling a family court matter, repre-
By Alison Rooney

Jennifer Zwarich is a co-founder of the Cold Spring Film Society, which begins its ninth season of free summer screenings at Dockside Park on Saturday, June 29.

What motivated the society’s organizers in 2011?
When we lived in the city, my husband John Wayland and I frequented outdoor screenings in Brooklyn and Manhattan. For years after moving here we talked about how perfect Dockside Park would be for similar shows, but it didn’t happen until Stephanie Hawkins set up a meeting and pushed all of us to do it. The motivation was always to bring the community together, because everyone likes movies!

What was the first film?
The Princess Bride. We borrowed a projector and threw together a screen out of scrap. We thought we’d get a few dozen people, but we had 600.

Has the technology advanced?
Due to many, many donations, our projector is exponentially brighter, which means that we can start the screenings closer to sunset, and our screen is more than twice as large. We have multiple sets of speakers so we reach into the back of larger audiences without blowing out the rest of the village.

Do you need volunteers?
We’re looking for a couple of dedicated people to join our operating committee and board. Bring your ideas for programming and offseason events and help us make it happen. Find one of us at a screening or email info@coldspringfilm.org.

You’re also the chair of the village’s Tree Advisory Board. Do you have any favorite cinematic tree moments?
Sure. Audiences of the earliest motion pictures were famously more fascinated by the motion of wind blowing in a tree in the far background of Louis Lumière’s Feeding the Baby [1895] than in the baby. They hadn’t been trained in the narrative order and let their eyes wander over the frame, or so the theory goes. There’s also the tree hit by Jimmy Stewart’s car in It’s a Wonderful Life [1946], the amazing treehouse tree in Swiss Family Robinson [1960], the demonic tree in Poltergeist [1982] and the moment Treebeard trains his eye on the hobbits in The Lord of the Rings [1978 and 2002]. If you ask my kids, they’ll likely shout, “I am Groot!” [from Guardians of the Galaxy], but my favorite tree is the magic and majestic animated Camphor in My Neighbor Totoro [1988], from which springs all manner of hope and dreams.

The 2019 Films

Raising Arizona (June 29)*
The Big Sleep (July 13)
Thelma and Louise (July 27)
Rosemary’s Baby (Aug. 10)
Field of Dreams (Aug. 24)
Mary Poppins (Sept. 20)
at Boscobel

*Rained out twice last year
Dutchess Legislators Approve Raises

Would increase their salaries by 6 percent

By Jeff Simms

Dutchess County legislators on June 10 voted 13-12 to raise their salaries by 6 percent and the salaries of other elected county officials by 12.5 percent. The measure has been sent to County Executive Marc Molinaro, who can sign the resolution into law or issue a veto. Frits Zernike and Nick Page, who both represent Beacon, voted against the measure. Eleven Republicans and two Democrats voted for the raises.

Before the vote, Legislative Will Truitt, a Republican who represents parts of Hyde Park and Poughkeepsie, attempted to exclude the Democratic leadership from the raises but there was no second to his motion.

Another legislator, Joseph Incoronato, a Republican who represents part of Wappinger, proposed an amendment excluding legislators from the raises, saying he had calculated that each spends about 183 hours annually in meetings and so earns $84 an hour. It failed 23-2, with Zernike and Page each voting "no."

In a statement, the Legislature's Democratic leaders said the party's opposition "focused on the arbitrary nature of the raises, the lack of background material provided to justify the current and future salary levels and Chairman [Gregg] Pulver's failure to provide the public the opportunity to give input."

The salary increase for legislators will be 3 percent over each of the two years beginning in 2020. It will total 12.5 percent for other elected officials over four years.

The increase will be the first for members of the Legislature since 2005. Dutchess legislators currently earn $15,450 annually in salary, and Molinaro earns $339,869. Other elected officials include the sheriff ($125,664), the district attorney ($200,400), the county clerk ($106,023) and the comptroller ($99,567).
Beacon primary

Dan Aymar-Blair was my campaign finance manager when I ran for the Dutchess County Legislature in 2017. He brought professionalism and competence to the position. I never had to check in on Dan, he just got the job done.

Dan is now campaigning for a seat on the Beacon City Council with dogged determination and a solid plan, which he has been diligent and methodical in putting into place. Dan has a similarly well-thought-out plan for representing Ward 4 on the council (“Ward 4 Candidates: What I Will Do,” June 14). Based on my experience working with him, I am proud to endorse his candidacy in the upcoming Democratic primary on Tuesday, June 25.

Development is the single biggest issue facing Beacon. To deal with it — to make it work for all of Beacon rather than the enrichment of a few developers — we don’t need to reinvent the wheel. Beacon has zoning laws. We need the City Council to ensure that they are enforced and set within the context of a broader vision that sees zoning as a means of developing community, not just as a bunch of buildings.

I’m confident Dan will work toward such a vision. I hope voters in Ward 4 will join me in voting for him, and for Beacon’s future.

Frits Zernike, Beacon

Zernike represents District 16 in the Dutchess County Legislature.

I am writing in support of Kelly Ellenwood, a longtime Beacon resident who is running for the Ward 4 seat on the Beacon City Council.

I have known Kelly for more than 30 years and there is no one who passionately supports Beacon and Beaconites more than she does. She fought long and hard for the children’s playground, the Howland Public Library, the Howland Cultural Center, the Beacon schools, and innumerable programs throughout the city as she and her husband, Tim, raised their two daughters here.

What is more impressive about Kelly is that she doesn’t just want to help people who think the same as she does, or have the same political affiliations, or worship the same way. She is understanding and tries to bring us together rather than polarize us.

I know there would not be anyone on the council who would work harder for every person and every business as Beacon enters a new stage in its development. It doesn’t hurt that she is so talented, either!

Stephanie Hepburn, Beacon

For more endorsement letters, see highlandscurrent.org.

Green Party

As chair of the Hudson Valley Green Party, I am delighted to see that people in many parts of the world are turning away from toxic plutocracy by voting for the Green Party, whose four pillars are peace, environmentalism, social justice and democracy.

Locally, the Green Party has become so important that it is no longer enough for a Democratic candidate for mayor to be content with the Democratic line. Instead, he must exploit state election law to attempt to run as a write-in candidate on the Green Party line, without the endorsement of Green Party (“Going for Green,” June 14).

The official Green Party candidate for mayor is lifelong Beacon resident Terry Hochler, who months ago filed to change her party registration to Green. Her platform includes supporting safe green energy, cultural and environmental heritage, local business and affordable housing in Beacon. If you are a registered Green in Beacon, it is crucial that you come to the voting booth on June 25 to fill in the bubble for the only real Green Party candidate. Let’s stop the Democratic candidate from taking the party line from an actual Green Party candidate. Barbara Kidney, Newburgh

Energy switch

Thank you for your clear and helpful coverage of the Community Choice Aggregation program (“Crossed Wires,” June 14). People should be pushing to understand CCAs and any other new approach to energy supply — so it’s a good thing that the Hudson Valley Community Power people are so accessible and professional.

Full disclosure: Jeff Domanski of HVCP is on my board at Sustainable Hudson Valley — but that’s all the more reason to say I’ve found him trustworthy over years of working together.

Melissa Everett, Kingston

Don’t sell it

The 21 acres north of Dutchess Stadium owned by the Beacon City School District should not be sold (“Play Ball (For Now!),” June 7). It would cost the district nothing to keep it and, if someday an additional elementary school is required, the district would have the land.

Land is an important and limited commodity. Even if the district sells the land, the district is restricted on how the money can be spent, just as it was after the sale of the old high school, which was costing the district considerable money to keep. The proceeds had to be used over a 10-year period to reduce the tax liability.

The 21 acres lies in the Town of Fishkill, which is in the process of approving multiple residential communities (two- to four-bedroom townhouses and apartments) which “could” add more students. The proposal to sell the property under Dutchess Stadium would be a viable solution and a smart one, and again help district taxpayers by using the proceeds to reduce tax liabilities.

Charles Symon, Beacon
The Current Wins 15 National Awards

The Highlands Current won 15 awards in the annual editorial and advertising contest sponsored by the National Newspaper Association for stories and photos published in 2018. The newspaper has won 31 NNA awards since 2016.

There were 1,510 entries in the contest, and 97 member papers from 36 states won 485 awards. Judging was performed primarily by retired or former newspaper professionals, retired university journalism professors and community newspaper editors and publishers.

The Current was awarded second place for general excellence among non-daily papers with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000. Brian PJ Cronin won first and third place for sports columns among papers with circulations of 3,000 to 10,000 for two installments of Out There, while Chip Rowe won second place for editorial writing among non-dailies with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000 for “Why Newspapers Make You Mad.”

Cheetah Haysom won first place among all papers with circulations of less than 6,000 for agricultural reporting for her article, “Who Will Pick the Crops?” The story was part of A Growing Challenge: Farms and Food in the Hudson Valley, which won second place among in-depth series published by non-daily papers with circulations of 3,000 to 10,000.

In the feature photo category for non-dailies with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000, Michael Turton won first place for “Hudson Haze” and Ross Corsair was third for his shot of a sledder on Winter Hill we called, “How Do You Steer This Thing?” Corsair nearly had a sweep in the photo essay category for papers with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000: he won first place for “The Fight Scene” (from the Haldane production of Romeo & Juliet), third place for “Play Prep” (from the annual Tots Lot clean-up) and honorable mention for “Shanty on the River” (about a research vessel that passed by the Highlands).

In video journalism, Mark Westin won first place among all papers with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000 for “The Green Man,” a look behind the scenes of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival production last summer of Robin Hood.

In the advertising categories, Kate Vikstrom won second place among papers with circulations of 3,000 to 6,000 for an ad for a used furniture store. In the same division for multiple-advertiser sections for her Summer Camp Guide.

He also received an honorable mention for a sports photo in the 3,000 to 5,000 category of a coach comforting a Little League player.

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Are You Living on the Edge?

A new federal survey found that 4 in 10 Americans, even those who are employed, wouldn’t have the money to cover an unexpected $400 expense.

Are you one of those people living paycheck to paycheck?

We are looking for Highlands residents who are willing to share the details of their financial challenges for an upcoming series called “Living on the Edge.”

Email Managing Editor Chip Rowe at editor@highlandscurrent.org

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BIKE DECORATING CONTEST!

S saturday, J uly 6th
Philips’town youth are invited to decorate their bikes to celebrate patriotism, community spirit & creativity and ride in the parade!

• Butterfly Library will host a decorating “Fun Shop” between 2 - 3:30pm (materials will be provided). Registration is required.

• Youth riding in the parade should gather on High Street at 4PM.

• Parade kicks off at 4:30PM.

• Tykes on tricycles or small bikes who don’t wish to join the parade are welcome to join the bike decorating contest at the Bandstand.

• Bikes will be judged at the Bandstand immediately after the parade. Prizes of $25, $15 and $10 will be awarded.

(Rain Date July 7th)
sentative said. While county judges also hear surrogate matters and criminal cases, Reitz was best known for presiding over the county’s Judicial Diversion / DWI Treatment Court.

In an interview with The Current in 2017, he said the biggest challenge for defendants in drug treatment court was “staying alive, to give us time to hold them accountable. It’s a minimum two-year program and I won’t take ‘no’ for an answer. If they don’t do things that force them out of the program, we have a fighting chance to change their lives.”

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Judge James Reitz, with his back to camera, speaks with a defendant during a drug treatment court session in 2014.

Judge Reitz (from Page 1)

In 2017, The Current’s Michael Turton spent a day observing Judge Reitz at drug treatment court. His account is posted at highlandscurrent.org/judge-reitz.

A Lasting Impression

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Reitz, who lived in Mahopac, also had been an acting state Supreme Court justice since 2007, overseeing personal injury and wrongful death suits, matrimonial and divorce cases, and land ownership and property claims. He was a graduate of Carmel High School, Mercy College and the Thomas M. Cooley Law School at Western Michigan University.

“Jim was always the person I turned to for support in good times and bad times, and his advice was honest and from the heart,” said County Executive MaryEllen Odell in a statement. “He was a pillar of this community and his everlasting impact cannot be measured…

“His love of serving the people was only surpassed by his love for his children and grandchildren, who provided him with many hours of well-deserved bragging rights,” Odell wrote. She noted he had been “an outspoken advocate for addiction recovery and second chances, which is why he was a pioneer for his beloved drug treatment court. His program was instrumental in saving countless lives and families in Putnam County.”

A visitation was held on Monday (June 17) at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, followed by a funeral Mass on Tuesday at St. James the Apostle Church in Carmel before burial at Raymond Hills Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Reitz is survived by his children, Alyssa, Jaime and Michael; six grandchildren; his mother, Mary; his brother, David; his twin brother, Thomas; his sister-in-law, Kris; and his nephew Matthew and niece Madison. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org) or a GoFundMe account established at bit.ly/reitz-fund for funeral and other expenses.

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A ‘Do-Over’ at West End Lofts

Also, Beacon schools take next step with stadium land

By Jeff Simms

The developers of the West End Lofts, the below-market-rate housing complex being built next to Beacon City Hall, must begin work on a “do-over” after the Planning Board flagged one of the development’s three buildings for not matching renderings that were submitted two years ago.

According to drawings given to the Planning Board in 2017, the brick façade around Building No. 1’s windows would extend several inches out from the building, but as constructed, the “articulated” detail is flush with the windows.

The work to correct the detail isn’t expected to set completion of the project back significantly, developer Ken Kearney said this week. Its first building, with 28 apartments, should be completed in August or September, he said. The second building, with 45 units, should follow two months later.

Together, the buildings will feature 63 market-rate apartments. The window detail is only an issue with Building No. 1, Kearney said.

The miscue happened after West End officials submitted renderings to the city that were not meant to be precise technical drawings, Sean Kearney, Ken Kearney’s son, told the Planning Board on June 11. “We have our architectural plans and that’s what we build by,” he said. “The rendering represented something that we never picked up on during the architectural review process.”

But board Chair John Gunn was clearly not happy with the mistake.

“If you weren’t going to build it, you shouldn’t have represented it that way,” he said. “You’re putting us in a challenging position. Let’s get it right. The responsibility is with the applicant. You should not put it on us to find these discrepancies.”

Sean Kearney said the company will fix the windows so they more closely correspond with the drawings. The company could also return to the Planning Board and apply for an amended architectural plan.

Dutchess Stadium

The Beacon school board approved a measure on Monday (June 17) to move forward in appraising two parcels owned by the district — the 21-acre parcel beneath Dutchess Stadium and a vacant 21-acre parcel north of the stadium.

The district must decide whether to enter into a long-term lease with the county or sell it the stadium land. The two sides agreed to a short-term extension of their existing lease late last year.

School board members added a clause to the agreement before voting Monday night to have the “north 21” acres appraised independently, in case they decide to lease or sell that land separately.

While the school district decides what to do with its parcels, the county is also negotiating with the Hudson Valley Renegades, the minor league baseball team that has played at Dutchess Stadium since it opened in 1994, for a new long-term rental agreement.

The school board also voted on Monday to extend Superintendent Matt Landahl’s contract for three years, through June 30, 2022. He was hired in 2017 to succeed Ann Marie Quartironi, who had been acting as interim superintendent since the resignation of Barbara Walkley in January 2016.

Landahl, who was the district’s 10th superintendent in as many years when he was hired, will earn $197,676 annually.
Nelsonville Again Talks Sewers

Replacing septic, cesspools could cost millions

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Nelsonville Village Board on Monday (June 17) informally launched efforts to address the community’s lack of sewers and find a solution acceptable to all – including Cold Spring and some of the Nelsonville residents who sued both villages.

The issue arose at the newly reconstituted board’s formal June meeting, on former Trustee Michael Bowman’s fifth day as interim mayor. On June 12, the board appointed him to fill the vacancy created by the unexpected departure of Chris Caccamise, who had been elected in March.

With about 500 residents, Nelsonville relies largely on backyard septic systems, or, in some instances, cesspools that channel sewage into underground pits. A scattering of properties near the Cold Spring-Nelsonville border — including Bowman’s home — connect to the Cold Spring sewer system.

With a population of about 2,000, Cold Spring operates a sewage treatment plant capable of accommodating its smaller neighbor, which already utilizes the separate Cold Spring water system.

Decades ago in Nelsonville, a few Pearl Street residents installed a line to tie into the Cold Spring sewers. In 2016, six Pearl Street residents sued both villages, alleging that Nelsonville and Cold Spring own and should maintain the pipe. In response, the villages cited a 1956 agreement between Pearl Street residents and Cold Spring that it said “clearly establishes that the sewer pipe is owned by private individuals.”

The residents withdrew the lawsuit last fall. On Monday, one of them, Gary Gunther, addressed the board, declaring that the lack of sewers in Nelsonville is “a ticking time bomb” and that environmental laws are likely to compel the village to act.

“Ticking time bomb” he observed, noting that “there’s money out there” to help communities like Nelsonville. “It just has to be tapped.”

Gunther asserted the Pearl Street residents had only sued the villages “as a last resort. It’s disheartening that Nelsonville, rather than help us” sided with Cold Spring and that the two villages “treated us like trash. While a community-wide sewer system should be the end goal, it doesn’t solve our immediate concerns” on Pearl Street, he said. “This village needs to engage Cold Spring.”

Bowman promised to confer with Cold Spring officials. Installing sewers could cost $7 million to $10 million, but not having them could lead to serious health problems going forward, he said. “We’re trying not to kick the can down the road any farther,” he said.

Also on Monday, the board voted unanimously not to fund a land survey of the Secor Street parcel that has been proposed as an addition to an existing conservation easement maintained by the Open Space Institute (OSI). Trustee Lisa Mechaley reported that the cost of the survey was an estimated $25,000, more than three times the expected amount.

“OSI should pay” for it, Bowman said. “We don’t have the money.”
Paint from Pollution

Artist mines pigments from toxic water

By Amy Lipton

John Sabraw, a professor of art, and Guy Riefler, a professor of civil engineering, along with their students at Ohio University, developed a process in which they filter out iron pigments from toxic water recovered from abandoned coal mines.

By neutralizing and aerating the polluted water, the oxyhydroxide particles settle out and leave the water clean. The iron sludge is dried, milled into a fine powder and added to refined linseed oil or acrylic polymer to create paint. The paint is sold to raise money to clean up toxic streams, and to make art, some of which is on display through October at the Beacon Institute Gallery in an exhibit called Anthropographies, which refers to the hidden network of industrial scars on the landscape that are not always easily accessible.

“The artist, like the scientist, has a crucial role to perform in our society: to see things differently, act on this vision, report the failure and successes,” says Sabraw, who will be at the gallery at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, as part of a panel discussion on efforts to restore waterways through art.

The discussion, “From Acid to Art: A Sustainable Solution to Water Pollution,” will be moderated by Charles Riley II, director of the Nassau County Museum of Art and also include Clarkson University engineering professors Michelle Crimi and Shane Rogers. (To RSVP, see clarkson.edu/acid2art.)

Sabraw says he finds natural excoriations — primarily coal mines and surface watersheds — “fascinating in their design and compelling in their geography. By drawing and painting interpretations I am seeking an understanding of humanity itself.”

Sabraw began his pigment work several years ago while working with a sustainability immersion group. It was during a tour of southern Ohio — a region with the largest concentration of coal burning power plants in the world — that he took an interest in the visible effects of pollution in the state.

“I was struck by the local streams that are largely orange, red and brown, as if a mud slide was happening further upstream,” he recalls. “When I found out that these colors were mainly from iron oxide, the same raw materials used to make many paint colors, I wanted to use this toxic flow to make paintings” rather than with the imported iron oxide commonly found in paints.

Some of Sabraw's artworks in the exhibition use these polluted raw materials. In others, he employs laser cutters and computer-driven routers to burn or excavate natural materials and re-enact the common practice of resource extraction. He created some works specifically for the exhibit using dust from bricks made long ago along the Hudson that shaped its form even while polluting its waters.
A Series Pairs Writers for Readings

Newburgh studio hosts monthly discussions

By Alison Rooney

Ruth Danon considers small presses to be “an anchor for displaced writers.”

The poet, who leads writing groups in Beacon, also believes they “keep literary writing alive. They’re experimental, innovative and have an aesthetic perspective, which the huge, commercial presses can’t do.”

That’s why Danon, with encouragement from Joseph Fratesi and Thomas Wright, Beacon residents who own Newburgh’s Atlas Studios, organized a reading series that on Saturday, June 29, will feature small-press publishers, editors and writers from the Hudson Valley.

Wright was inspired to approach Danon about organizing the series at Atlas after hearing a reading at Quinn’s in Beacon by members of her writing group. Danon suggested monthly get-togethers that paired a local and non-local writer and asked them to address a specific concept. She called it the Spring Street Reading Series. (Atlas is at 11 Spring St.)

The 2019 series kicked off May 17 with Beacon writer and Get Lit founder Julie Chibbaro joining Laura Sims of New Jersey to discuss “how and why writers come to write what they write.” Danon admits to being concerned that only a few people would show up; instead, the room overflowed with “a lively, large audience.”

The common thread in Danon’s pairings is not always immediately obvious. For Chibbaro and Sims, the link was that each started out trying to write in a single genre. Chibbaro first wrote a novel for adults but became a young adult author, while Sims got multiple rejections for her young adult manuscripts and instead wrote a novel, Looker, which was purchased by Simon & Schuster after a bidding war.

“So many people become discouraged with what they’ve attempted when sometimes it just needs a shift they may not have considered,” says Danon.

The readings are intended to “provoke meaningful conversations among writers” that extend to the audience, she says. At the first event, it was revealed that Chibbaro had written a novel called Deadly, about Typhoid Mary, and Sims had written a novel, Stalker, so both authors had unstable women as protagonists. Danon moderates the discussion and sometimes asks the writers to bring questions for each other.

On June 29, beginning at 7 p.m., a publisher or editor from each of several small presses based in the Hudson Valley — Off the Grid Press/Grid Books; Slapering Hol Press; Thornwillow Press; and Conjunctions, a literary journal at Bard College — will discuss its work before introducing one of their writers for a reading. From 6 to 7 p.m. there will be a small-press fair with books for sale.

On Saturday, July 20, the theme will be “unusual and unpredictable bonds between women,” with fiction writers Laura Catherine Brown of Beacon and Idra Novey of Brooklyn. In Brown’s Made by Mary, a mother is a surrogate for her own daughter’s baby; in Novey’s Those Who Knew, there’s an unusual connection between a college professor and a bookstore owner.

There is no session in August, but the series will continue on Sept. 21 (The Exile’s Child is Also an Exile with Danon and Edwin Torres of Beacon), Oct. 18 (Writing in and Out of Prison with Gretchen Primack of Kingston) and Nov. 30 (Food and Drink: A Holiday Event with Emily and Matt Clifton of Beacon).

Wander boldly into summer theater!

June 9 - Sept 8 hvshakespeare.org

Shakespeare’s MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING Directed by May Adrales

In Residence at Boscobel House and Gardens, Garrison, NY
Dear Haldane Class of 2019,

During my 13 years at Haldane, I made many memories and several incredible friends. More than anything, I will miss the people at Haldane, which is a tight-knit community of peers, teachers and parents.

Although small, Haldane had a lot to offer from academics to a multitude of clubs, sports and arts programs. The high school puts a strong emphasis on taking challenging academic courses. I took 10 advanced placement courses in high school, many of which inspired me to pursue a career in medical technology and pharmaceutical research and allowed me to develop important skills in problem-solving, analytical writing and public speaking.

One of the things that I found distinctive was the opportunity for one-on-one interaction with my teachers. Because Haldane has small classes, every teacher knew students by name and could consider and cater to individual learning styles. They were always there to support and challenge me. The 10th period at the end of the day allowed students time to confer with teachers, collaborate on assignments or run club meetings. I was also able to form strong bonds with fellow classmates who had differing interests and perspectives than my own.

Haldane allows every student to discover what he or she passionate about, whether it is music, sports, dance, art, leadership, community outreach or STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). I am blessed to have met and been inspired by so many wonderful people over these past 13 years.

I will miss walking up the hill every morning with the mountains on my left before finding myself in the high school, seeing the smiles and hearing the greetings of classmates and teachers. I can attest that the staff at Haldane has put so much care and effort into each pupil. They are one of the reasons I feel confident and excited to go off into the world. Most of this year’s graduates have been here for a good deal of our lives. I have friends I’ve known since kindergarten. We’ve shared incredible experiences and nurtured a competitiveness to strive toward our ambitions. I’ve been able to run cross-country and track, participate in drama productions like Romeo & Juliet and Cabaret, and visit New Orleans on our senior trip.

The culture of support and camaraderie at Haldane, along with the stunning natural beauty of the Hudson Valley, makes the school unique. I will be forever grateful.

Adam Silhavy
Silhavy is the salutatorian of the Class of 2019. He will attend Binghamton University in the fall.

I sat in your shoes 50 years ago excited about the next phase of my life. I have been blessed to have good health, a loving family, and a tremendous career as a family doctor for the past 40 years and a research scientist for the past 30 years.

My advice to you is to never give up your dreams! Work hard but not so hard that you don’t appreciate the people and the natural beauty around you. For the success you may have in life, give thanks to those whose helped make you be successful. For those less fortunate, give a helping hand. This kindness will come back to you in spades. Good luck!

Dr. Chuck Eaton
Eaton was the salutatorian of the Class of 1969. He is a professor of family medicine and epidemiology at Brown University and directs its Center for Primary Care and Prevention.

Angela Fee
Fee is the valedictorian of the Class of 2019. She will attend Northeastern University in Boston in the fall to study bioengineering.

The Haldane High School commencement will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 22, at the school. Photos of the graduates appear on the next two pages.

The Beacon High School commencement will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 29, at Dutchess Stadium on Route 9D in Wappingers Falls. We will publish a list of Beacon graduates next week.
CONGRATULATIONS 2019 GRADUATES

Haldane High School
CLASS OF 2019

Nathan Allen
Helena Alvarez
Evelyn Ashburn
Max Barkman
Theodore Bates
Robin Ben Adi
Adam Bernstein

Riley Bisninger
Fiona Brady
Philip Cairns
Jamie Calimano
Grace Campanile
Sophia Catalina
Randall Chiera

Jason Chimbo
Grace Claffey
Sydney Cottrell
Odalis Cristillo
Samuel Curto
Roisin Daly
Alexander deMartine

Alden Dobosz
Brad Dowd
Craig Dowd
Catherine Dwyer
Morgan Etta
Angela Fee
Catriona Fee

Mairead Fee
Meghan Ferri
Willa Fitzgerald
Daley Florke
Alyson Fay
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Morgan Gronau

Ethan Gunther
Ashley Haines
John Harnell
Sandra Harrison
Devin Heanue
Eric Holmbo
Adam Hotaling
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Maura Kane-Seitz
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Everett Knapp
Kathleen Langer
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Stefan Linson

Joshua Lisikatos
Zoe Lyons-Davis
Dominic Maglio
Justin Markey
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Maja Maxwell
Matthew Mikalsen

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Thomas Percacciolo

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Justin Roffman
Julia Rotando
Jamison Sabatini
Paulina Saldana

Reid Sandlund
Michael Scicluna
Devin Siegel
Adam Silhavy
Amy Singh
Vladimir Siriia
William Speziale

Genna Sposet
Kyle Sussmeier
Arian Thornquist
Lucy van der Merwe
Tatiana Vidakovich
Henry Weed
William Westerhuis

Freya Wood-Gallagher
Congratulations
2019 GRADUATES

Andres Carpio of Beacon, an academic counselor at Mount Saint Mary College, received an MBA from the school on May 18.

Photo by Matt Frey

ACADEMY GRADS -- Three Putnam County Sheriff’s deputies were among the 83 graduates on May 31 of the Westchester County Police Academy. From left, Sheriff Robert Loprieino, Elizabeth Sangalli and Connor Carroll, and Undersheriff Michael Corrigan. Following six to eight weeks of field training, the deputies will begin patrols.

Photo provided

2019 GRADUATES

For a continually updated list, see highlandscurrent.org.
Four Corners to Tail Winds
Name and venue changes as festival grows

By Alison Rooney

ooking the bands for the Tail Winds Music Festival, which takes place at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappingers Falls on Saturday, June 29, was fun but frustrating, says organizer Matthew Cavaliere.

He began with a wish list of 50 bands, hoping to assemble an eclectic roster for the event, formerly known as the Four Corners Music Festival and held outdoors at a private residence in Hopewell Junction. But Cavaliere admits he had to face the realities of cost and the fact that Wappingers Falls lies outside established summer tour routes.

Nevertheless, he managed to land the Chris Robinson Brotherhood, fronted by the former Black Crowes singer, for his headliner. He also booked a Kentucky-based group with a southern rock edge, Black Stone Cherry, whose influences include Cream, Led Zeppelin, Muddy Waters and The Faces.

At the second Four Winds festival, more than 1,000 people turned up, which surprised Cavaliere, who works in medical sales in Hopewell by day and organizes the festival at night and on weekends. “We decided to make it bigger,” he says, upping the capacity to 5,000 by moving it to the airport.

“The biggest challenge with the [Hopewell] site was parking,” he recalls. “The challenge here is bringing in a lot of stage and sound equipment, but the good part is that it all goes into an open, clear field.”

There will be plenty to eat, with 12 food trucks selling everything from crab cakes to barbecue to Thai food, and craft beer from Poughkeepsie’s King’s Court Brewing Co. and Chatham Brewing, along with wine and seltzer. Copper Horse Coffee is also coming from Ithaca. (No outside food or drinks can be brought in.)

A 100-foot-long VIP tent will provide an all-you-can-eat buffet with couches, tables and private viewing. Eighteen smaller tents will also be available to rent in advance. Another tent will offer henna design, and there will be a sand art area for children. There will also be a massage booth, and a hatchet-throwing stall — hopefully not too close together! Vendors will sell clothing and jewelry and spectators can pay to take helicopter rides.

Also on the bill is Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Geoff Tate, best known for his work with progressive metal band Queensryche; King’s X, a hard-rock trio which has opened for AC/DC; and Sass Jordan, whose raspy and soulful voice has made her the “queen of rock” in Canada, Cavaliere says. Three local acts, Big Guns, The Playback and The Jason Gisser Band, will also perform.

Tickets: Admission is $65 at tailwinds-musicfest.com and at the gate, if available. VIP tickets are $165. A portion of the ticket proceeds will benefit the Miles for Hope Breast Cancer Foundation (“our slogan is ‘concerts for a cause’,” Cavaliere says). Children and teens under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for children ages 12 and younger are $25. Parking will be $10 to $25.

What You Need to Know:
The airport is located at 263 New Hackensack Road. The parking lot will open at 10 a.m. and the gates at 11 a.m. Folding chairs and picnic blankets are allowed, but not pop-up tents. Rental lockers can be booked in advance. Wristbands will be given out upon admission and no re-entry is permitted. No dogs are allowed.
Asparagus Custard with Black Olive Vinaigrette

— Makes 4 servings —

For the custard
- 1 pound asparagus, tough ends removed; 12-to-15 two-inch tips reserved
- 1 clove garlic, peeled and smashed
- 2 large eggs plus an additional egg yolk
- ½ cup heavy cream (or soy milk)
- Zest of ½ lemon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

For the vinaigrette
- ½ cup chopped pitted Kalamata olives
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 teaspoon sherry or red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

1. Blanch the reserved tips for 2 to 3 minutes in a wide pan of amply salted water. Remove tips and refresh in cool water and drain. In the same pan, simmer the spears for 15 minutes until well cooked. Refresh in cool water and drain.

2. In a food processor or blender, puree the asparagus spears, garlic, eggs, cream (or soy milk), lemon zest, salt and pepper until smooth (about 10 to 15 seconds).

3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Generously butter four half-cup ramekins; fill with the asparagus mixture to about a quarter-inch from the top. Place the ramekins in a small roasting pan with two-inch sides to fit and carefully fill the pan with hot water to halfway up the sides of the cups. Bake for 25 minutes on middle rack of oven.

4. While custards cook, split the reserved tips lengthwise. Prepare the asparagus mixture to about a quarter-inch from the top. Place the ramekins in a small roasting pan with two-inch sides to fit and carefully fill the pan with hot water to halfway up the sides of the cups. Bake for 25 minutes on middle rack of oven.

5. When custards are done, remove immediately from the water bath and cool on a wire rack. To serve, put three pieces of the split tips on the top of each custard; spoon about 1 tablespoon vinaigrette over the split tips. Best served slightly warm.

The emulsion is too thick, and the tip of the custard almost smashes the tip of the custard. The custard itself can be either cream-based or dairy-free by the simple substitution of soy milk (unsweetened if you can find it). Served unmodified, you save 20 minutes of unnecessary aggravation and cleanup. The asparagus tips for garnish are admittedly gratuitous but add a bit of crunch.

Ducasse's recipe calls for a final drizzle of balsamic vinaigrette, tarted up with black olive paste (or grandiosely, crushed black truffles). I modified that to a more manageable, assertive — and affordable — chunky black olive and sherry vinegar dressing that adds a measurably brighter, bolder and welcomed taste and texture.

This recipe also has the bonus of prolonging the typical asparagus-growing season, in that it's fine to use larger spears once the more delicate early crop is gone because the preparation requires longer simmering to tenderize the spears for puréeing. (It also makes this a virtually year-round menu addition.) My taste testers found the custard a great spread for crackers or toast, but I prefer to serve it just barely-warm alongside a simple green salad for a light lunch, or pair it with poached, roasted or grilled salmon or chicken for a simple but spectacular summer feast.

Joe Dizney is a designer, art director and unrepentant sensualist. When the Cold Spring resident is not thinking about food, he is forging for, cooking or eating it. Email him at jdizney@highlandscurrent.org.
Festival Taps into Growth of Craft Beer

Cold Spring event will feature 45 breweries

By Alison Rooney

For the first time, a beer-lover’s nirvana, Hops of the Hudson, will bring 45 breweries and cideries to Cold Spring’s Mayor’s Park on Saturday, June 29.

More than 90 taps will be pulled at the craft beer and food festival, which is being organized by Cold Spring resident John Scherer and his family. He hopes it will be the first of many similar annual events.

“We are putting this festival on because of a love of craft beer and the Hudson Valley, and some of the breweries have probably come about for the same reason,” Scherer says. “It’s an opportunity to go from having a hobby to turning it into a small business and then, hopefully, having the ability to employ people in the area.”

New York State has 400 breweries — the most since 1876, when it had 393 — and nearly 250 of them opened in the past seven years. Beer is now brewed in 57 of the state’s 62 counties, according to the governor’s office.

Many of the breweries at the festival are located in the Hudson Valley, although four of five New York City boroughs also will be represented (Manhattan is the odd man out — it only has one brewery, according to Scherer). Other brewers will travel from as far away as Syracuse and Saratoga Springs.

Scherer says he and family members spent months traveling to “70 or 80 breweries, meeting the people who run them. Luckily most had the ability to come to our event, although some are just two-person operations where they have to stay put and pour beers. There will also be 10 food trucks, he said, including from the Cold Spring Pantry and Round Up Texas BBQ in Phillipstown, as well as Octavio’s Food Wagon, which often parks at Annsville Circle.

The festival will have music from Kat Selman, the John James Band, Kathleen Gaiano and a brewer, Evan Watson of Plan Bee Farm Brewery. Other entertainment will include foosball tables, blindfolded basketball shooting, hooce ball, a cigar tent, corn holes and hatchet throwing. There will also be 34 tables set up with markers and other drawing tools, for people to get creative, he says.

Tickets: Tickets are $64 and include three hours of unlimited tasting, from 2 to 5 p.m., a sampling glass and a meal ticket. VIP tickets are $84 and allow entry at 1 p.m. Designated driver tickets are $18. See hopsontehudson.com. Identification will be checked at the gate and only those ages 21 or older will be admitted.

You should know: The festival will take place rain or shine; two tents will be available should there be a downpour. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome, but dogs (except for service animals) are not allowed. Mayor’s Park, at 105 Fair St., is a short walk from the Metro-North train station, where parking is free on weekends.
THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 22
Hope for Youth Foundation 5K Race/5K Walk
GARRISON
8 a.m. Graymoor | 1350 Route 9 | hyfoundation.org
Run or walk to raise funds for programs that assist children in need. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K kicks off at 9 a.m. with the walkers close behind. Each participant receives a T-shirt, bag and banana. The event is sponsored by Super Race Systems, Graymoor, the Gorevic family and Nancy and Jim Witt. Cost: $30

SAT 22
Hudson Valley Taco Fest
BEACON
1 – 5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park 123 Red Flynn Drive | hvtaconfest.com
Sample tacos made with traditional and unusual ingredients and wash them down with craft beer, margaritas and sangria while enjoying live music at this third annual gathering. Cost: $20

SAT 22
Ascend Festival
COLD SPRING
2:30 – 9 p.m. Dockside Park 34 West St. | ascendfestival.com
Yoga, music, food and wellness will be on hand at this festival to celebrate the summer solstice. Cost: $40 ($30 children)

SAT 22
Community Conversation
BEACON
3 – 5 p.m. University Settlement Camp 724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org/communityconversations
Anyone who lives or works in the city is invited to share ideas, concerns and hopes for the future of Beacon at this forum organized by the Howland Public Library.

SAT 22
Annual Barn Dance
GARRISON
7:30 – 11 p.m. Saunders Farm Old Albany Post at South Highlands
Bring a dish and beverages to share and dance for fun and dancing. Park in the field across the road. Bug spray and nightlights are a good idea. Free

WED 26
Democratic Presidential Debate Watch Party
COLD SPRING
8:30 p.m. Old VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave. philipstowndemocrats.org
Join members of the Philipstown Democrats and the Putnam Young Dems for light refreshments and conversation. Also THURS 27.

THURS 27
Free HIV Testing
BREWSTER
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Department of Health 1 Geneva Road | 845-808-1390 putnamcounty.gov
Putnam County residents can receive results in 20 minutes. No appointment required.

SAT 29
Hudson Valley Press Fair
NEWBURGH
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
This festival will feature one-act plays by seven women playwrights. Also SUN 23.

STAGE & SCREEN

FRI 28
Before Night Falls
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D | hvshakespeare.org
This 1998 black comedy from The 1998 black comedy from the Stonewall uprising for gay rights, producer Joy Tomich will host a screening of this 2012 documentary about the activists who fought the early AIDS epidemic. Cost: $10 donation

FRI 28
How to Survive a Plague
PUTNAM VALLEY
7 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center 729 Peekskill Hollow Road | 845-528-7280 | tomkinscorners.org
In honor of the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising for gay rights, producers John Tobin and John Barlow will share their experiences with their families and friends.

SAT 29
Cyrano
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D | hvshakespeare.org
Longtime Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival company member John O’Connell leads a five-person cast in this opening preview of an adaptation he wrote with Brenda Withers of Edmond Rostand’s 1897 play. Cyrano de Bergerac (1601-1655) was a French thinker, wordsmith and swordsman. In this fictionalization of his life, HVSF notes, “he’s a thorny romantic with an outsized reputation and a barely-contained love for his childhood sweetheart, Roxane. Can she sniff out the truth in this sophisticated suitor’s heart before it’s too late?” The Friday show will be preceded by a discussion at 6:15 p.m. with director Meredith McDonough. Also FRI 28, SAT 29, SUN 30. Cost: $30 to $400

SAT 29
Glass Ceiling Breakers
GARRISON
6 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre 89 Hayden Street | 845-424-3900 philipstowndepottheatre.org
This festival will feature one-act plays by seven women playwrights. Also SUN 23.

SUN 23
Adult Stories with John Blesso
BEACON
6 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St. oakhv.com
This storytelling series features true, first-person accounts of an offbeat, edgy or emotionally-challenging nature shared from memory. Free

THURS 27
From Acid to Art
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon Institute | 199 Main St. 845-838-1600 | biere.org
This panel discussion centers on an exhibit of artwork created by John Lumen using natural pigments created from iron oxide extracted while remediating polluted streams. See Page 8. Free

WED 26
Know the 10 Signs of Alzheimer’s
BEACON
1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 800-272-3900 beaconlibrary.org
A representative from the Alzheimer’s Association (alz.org) will explain why early detection is important.

WED 26
Driving Rights for Seniors
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Philipstown Friendship Center 1756 Route 9D | putnamcountyiego.gov
Diane Lapis of the Beacon Historical Society will moderate a discussion with postcard collectors who will share their funniest, strangest and most interesting cards.

TUES 25
Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Mary Beth Pfeiffer, a journalist who has written about Lyme disease since 2012, discusses her book about how our warming world has fostered its spread. Free

TUES 25
Resume Writing and Online Job Search
BEACON
10 a.m. Department of Health 272 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Learn how to submit a resume electronically and use the internet to search for work. Free

TUES 25
Independence Day Festival and Fireworks
BEACON
5 – 10 p.m. Memorial Park Enjoy food, live music and fun events followed by fireworks sponsored by Beacon Natural Market, Key Food and The Roundhouse in this annual celebration.

TUES 25
Nature Photography
CORNWALL
10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 hhnm.org
Photographer Stephen Susmann will lead a guided walk while sharing his favorite shots and explaining how to capture them. Cost: $8 ($6 children; $3 seniors)

TUES 25
Sunset at the Clay Hut
WOODSTOCK
6 p.m. Wise’s Espresso Bar 138 Main St. 845-679-2600 wiseesso.com
A multimedia event of poetry, music and clay-making featuring Earthen Clays art collective’s unique clay sculptures. Free

WED 26
Postcard Panel
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon Historical Society 17 South Ave. | 845-831-1514 beaconhistorical.org
Beacon Historical Society members will present postcards and stories from the collections.

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Mother Gallery, June 22

Artwork by Chason Matthams

Jenny Morgan, Larysa Myers and Elisa Soliven. It continues through Aug. 4.

SAT 22
Arte Povera
COLD SPRING
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | 845-666-7702
magazzino.art

The museum’s outdoor Cinema in Piazza series kicks off with short documentaries in which artists, critics and historians provide an overview of the movement. Cost: $7 ($5 students)

SAT 22
Gus Wieland
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

The guitarist, who has played with Chubby Checker and the Turtles, will perform songs from his latest album, A Minstrel, A Poet, A Fool. Cost: $15 ($10 students and seniors)

SAT 22
Ticonderoga
NEWBURGH
8 p.m. Atlas Studios | 11 Spring St.
845-381-8851 | atlasnewburgh.com

As part of the ongoing Jazz at Atlas series, Joe McPhee on saxophones, Jamie Saft on electric piano, Joe Morris on upright bass and Charles Downs on drums will play what they promise to be daring jazz. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SAT 22
Tani Tabbal Trio
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

Tabbal began playing drums professionally as a teenager, performing with Oscar Brown Jr., Phil Cohran, and Sun Ra and his Arkestra. His group will performing with Oscar Brown Jr., Phil Cohran, and Sun Ra and his Arkestra. His group will perform music from its new album, Opposite Edge. Cost $20 ($25 door)

SAT 22
The Dream Choir
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St.
meetup.com/The-Dream-Choir-of-Hudson-Valley

Cat Guthrie will lead her community choir in a program of upbeat songs from the 1960s and 70s. Cost: $5 donation

SAT 22
Tail Winds Music Festival
WAPPINGERS FALLS
11:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Hudson Valley Regional Airport
263 New Hackensack Road
tailwindsmusicfest.com

Eight bands, including the Chris Robinson Brotherhood, will perform in this daylong event with food trucks and craft-beer vendors. See Page 15. Cost: $25 to $35

SAT 29
Benny Havens Band
WEST POINT
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point
westpointband.com

The band, led by Staff Sgt. Jeremy Gaynor, a former contestant on The Voice, will perform everything from rock to hip-hop and R&B.

FRI 28
A-Y Dancers
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org

The Beacon-based repertory company will perform contemporary dance. Cost: $20 to $30

SAT 29
Mary Poppins Returns
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
Upper Landing Park | walkway.org

Bring chairs and blankets to watch the 2018 reboot of Mary Poppins on a big screen as part of the summer Movies Under the Walkway series. Music by Crash and Byrne begins at 7 p.m. and the film at sunset. Food trucks and refreshments will be available. Free

SAT 29
Raising Arizona
COLD SPRING
8:45 p.m. Dockside Park
coldspringfilm.org

The Cold Spring Film Society’s ninth annual free summer movies series begins with this 1987 comedy by the Coen brothers starring Nicholas Cage and Holly Hunter as a couple who will do anything to be a family. The screening begins at dusk and popcorn will be available. Bring blankets, chairs and bug spray. See Page 2. Free

SAT 29
Solarium
ACCORD
6 p.m. Rhinebeck Library
126 Main St. | 845-876-5552

The Library will launch its summer reading program as part of its celebration of Solarium, a local festival dedicated to celebrating all forms of light. Cost: Free

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kill Road North, west of the intersection of Route 9 and Fishkill Road.

“I’m just thrilled; it’s something I can cross off my bucket list,” Buechele said.

In an email, Tamagna, who is now the county’s transportation manager, said the marker was delayed due to a change in county leadership. “Three [county] historians later, it has been accomplished. Amen!” he wrote. “I consider those markers sacred ground, those critical places in our history.”

A resident of Fishkill, Buechele began researching her family history 25 years ago and discovered Philipstown ancestors dating back to the 18th century. Jotham Hawks, her great-great-grandfather, fought in the Revolutionary War and appears in a local 1810 census. Leonard Hawks, her grandfather, lived on East Mountain Road South and attended the church now commemorated by the marker.

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By Deb Sucke

The May 31st event at the Southern Dutchess Country Club was all about fun and fundraising. The money raised goes to the Beacon Police Benevolent Association. From there, much of it makes its way back into the community through PBA donations and scholarships.

65 golfers participated: Beacon policemen, Poughkeepsie and Newburgh policemen, local firemen, and local businessmen. Hence, the manliness.

It was a shotgun start with foursomes on every hole. Each team played from the longest drive or shot. Contests were held for “Longest Drive” and “Closest to the Pin.” On the 8th hole you had an opportunity to bet that you could land on the green in one shot.

Despite the heated competition, several golfers stopped and took in the beauty of the day.

The golf carts had their own rivalry going as to which musical style would dominate.

The Raymond/McNallen/How/Chawan team has won this tournament 4 out of the last 5 years.

But 2019 was different.

“His guy” being Greg Drohoj. He told this reporter he was in Traffic Enforcement but a google search showed him to be an honored police officer in the Patrol Division. Apparently, he’s also a joker.

He and his fellow teammates from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police won.

* Swear words may not be exact. Jason Turner won the “Longest Drive.” Damon Angelo was “Closest to the Pin.” Kurt McNallen got on the green twice, but left his winnings in the pot. (Deb Sucke 2019)
How They Voted (from Page 3)
voted no, and Jacobson voted yes).
Among its provisions, the new law:
• Makes the rent-regulation system pemanent, rather than requiring the Legislature to renew it every four to eight years.
• Removes provisions that allowed landlords to remove units from control when the rent became high enough, the unit became vacant or the renter’s annual household income reached $200,000 or more.
• Limits landlords and their immediate family from claiming more than one unit in a building for owner use, which removes it from rent control.
• Removes the “vacancy bonus” that allowed owners to raise the rent by up to 20 percent each time a rent-controlled unit became vacant. It also removed a “longevity” bonus that allowed owners to raise rents depending on how long the previous tenant had occupied the unit.
• Lowers the rent increase cap from 6 percent to 2 percent in New York City and from 15 percent to 2 percent elsewhere in the state.
• Limits the amounts that owners can raise the rent to pay for capital improvements to the building or individual units.
• Raises the number of tenants in a building who must agree to purchase apartments before the building can be converted to condos from 15 percent (which included outside investors) to 51 percent (who must all be residents).
• Bans landlords from using “blacklists” of people who appear in police reports and court documents.
• Limits security deposits to one month’s rent.
• Creates the misdemeanor crime of “unlawful eviction,” punishable by a civil penalty of $1,000 to $10,000 per incident.

Real-estate developers in New York City, which has nearly a million rent-controlled apartments, fought the measure and appealed to Cuomo to veto it.
Serino did not immediately respond to a request for an explanation of her vote, but Galef said she voted “no” because she is concerned that “landlords will allow buildings to go into disrepair given the very limited ability to recoup repairs through rents. Also, there is [now] no limit on the income for those under rent control, possibly denying those who need affordable housing and allowing those with wealth to be subsidized.”

“Another issue is that the legislation is applied automatically statewide to all rental properties under six units,” she said. “We have never covered these properties before and I am concerned that if a tenant is not paying rent or has other issues that the new protections will mean months of no rental income on these small units [for landlords], which may be hard to absorb.”

Drivers’ licenses
On Monday (June 17), Cuomo signed legislation soon after it was passed by the Assembly and Senate that allows undocumented immigrants to obtain driver’s licenses.
Serino and Jacobson each voted yes.

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Breezy and pleasant with plenty of sunshine.

POP: 0%

Monday: Increasing cloudiness

Tuesday: Mostly sunny

Wednesday: Sunny to partly cloudy and humid

Thursday: Mostly sunny

POPL: Probability of Precipitation; The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is an exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

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SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 6/22 5:23 AM
Sunset Sat. night, 6/22 8:33 PM
Moonrise Sat., 6/22 none
Moonset Sat., 6/22 10:14 AM

Pollen

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Grass  Weeds  Trees  Molds

Moderate  Absent  High  Low

ACROSS

1. Church section
5. Gangster’s girlfriend
9. GPS forerunner?
12. Contemptible
13. Met melody
14. Expert
15. Grand
17. Scooted
18. Baltimore athlete
19. Luxurious fabric
21. Rocky Balboa’s greeting
22. Native New Zealander
24. Lowers the lights
27. Proscription
28. Make a sweater
31. Historic time
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41. Money under the table
43. Star-related
47. Knock
48. Bread spread
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53. Lotion additive
54. Lair
55. Collars

DOWN

1. Magazine contents
2. Orchard fruit
3. Ganges garment
4. Representatives
5. Guy
6. Plata partner
7. Lucy of Elementary
8. Cow catcher
9. Strict disciplinarian
10. “Super-food” berry
11. Teller’s partner
16. “Xanadu” band, for short
17. Sun and clouds with a shower possible; humid
18. Rocky Balboa’s greeting
19. Luxurious fabric
20. Clumsy craft
22. Parade
23. Opposed
24. Society newbie
25. 401(k) alternative
26. Almond confection
27. Variety of 2-Down
28. Make a sweater
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Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive versions.
Josh Caray, 37, in his fourth season as the radio announcer for the Hudson Valley Renegades, the minor league baseball team that this past Sunday began its 26th season at Dutchess Stadium, is the son of Skip Caray, a broadcaster for 43 years (including 32 with the Atlanta Braves) until his death in 2008 and the grandson of Harry Caray, a broadcaster for more than 50 years, including his final 16 with the Chicago Cubs before his death in 1998. Josh’s older brother, Chip Caray, who calls Braves games, has been behind the mic for 32 years.

Josh Caray’s game calls can be heard online at milb.com/live-stream-games/audio.

**What was your first broadcasting job?**

The Rome Braves, a minor league team in Georgia, in 2007.

**Do you ever tire of being known as the son and grandson of famous broadcasters?**

When I was younger, yes. I wanted to find my own way. But when folks come up to me now and say they remember my father or grandfather, you can tell it means a lot to them. You learn to appreciate the impact they had on others.

**Have broadcasters become too “vanilla” lately?**

Local broadcasters still have personality. They tell a lot of stories, because they know the players. At the national level, they tend to hold back, so a little life has been sucked out of the game. If the Red Sox and Yankees are on ESPN and the broadcaster is from Dallas, he’s going to be neutral. Joe Buck doesn’t get overly excited about a home run during the playoffs; he doesn’t want to be accused of bias.

**Do you favor the Renegades?**

Absolutely. When they win, I’m excited. When they lose, I’m bummed. You’re calling the game for an audience that is your market. You cater to them.

**Besides the play-by-play, what’s your role behind the mic?**

You’re not just talking about the game, you’re marketing the stadium, the promotions, fireworks on Saturday. You have to keep people coming to the ballpark. Promotions and the memories are what keep them coming back.

**Dead air is a killer on radio, but do broadcasters sometimes talk too much?**

Yeah, and I’m as guilty as anyone. It’s imperative to allow the game’s ambience to take hold once in a while: the peanut vendor yelling, the roar of the crowd, the organ music. That’s the stuff that makes baseball unique.

**Have you seen rookies you instantly knew would make the big leagues?**

At Rome, we had Freddie Freeman, now with the Braves. He was something special. During Freddie’s first week with the team, Russ Springer [a Colorado Rockies pitcher in the minors for rehab] fires a pitch to Freddie, who tattoos it for a double. He was 18. I thought, “He’s going to be good!”

**What major leaguer has most impressed you?**

Dale Murphy [who played for 18 seasons], not just because he was a great player; he was a good guy as well. He carried himself so well as a man. He was religious, and off the field he didn’t just say it, he practiced it. I’ve always looked up to that.

**What do you think of video reviews of disputed umpire calls?**

I hate it. The human element is what’s made baseball special. You have to let people officiate. Sports are like life. Mistakes happen. Sometimes things are unfair. You want to see a team work their way around that and still try to achieve victory. With reviews, not only are you not forcing the players to work around an ump’s mistake, you’re slowing up the game.

**What rule would you change?**

The pace of play is a big deal. Next year relievers will have to face at least three batters [before they can be replaced], which I think is outstanding. I would require the batter to stay in the box, not step out to adjust his gloves. Pitchers should have to stay close to the rubber, not step off the mound.

**Do you like the emphasis on home runs?**

It’s a bad brand of baseball. Home runs were supposed to be something special. You don’t see the bunt, the hit-and-run, the strategy. I can’t stand it.

**What’s the most exciting play to call?**

An inside-the-park homerun. A guy dives for the ball, misses, it goes to the wall. A speedster is coming around the bases; the crowd gets into it. There’s the relay; you build to a crescendo. It’s easily the best.

**Which is your favorite major league team?**

I have to say the Cubs, because grandpa was there for so long. I’ve followed them forever, always been a Cubbie.

**Favorite baseball movie?**

Major League. It’s a little goofy, but a lot of the clubhouse stuff captures the players’ personalities.

**What’s your most vivid Renegades’ memory?**

Winning the championship in 2017. The team lost 13 games in a row early in the season, turned it around, won 15 in a row, and snuck into the playoffs. They swept Vermont, capping a season that saw both ends of the spectrum.

**Where to from here?**

Next year I’m headed to Huntsville, Alabama, and the Rocket City Trash Pandas, a new double-A affiliate of the California Angels. They’re building a new stadium, a new everything. It’s a good step up for me.