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Haldane Volleyball Rolls
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ALL ABOARD! — The 42nd annual Spirit of Beacon Day on Sunday, Sept. 29, brought thousands of residents and visitors to Main Street to watch a parade (which included a children's train, above) and visit booths set up by local organizations and businesses. For more photos, see Pages 10 and 11.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Cold Spring to Crack Down on Airbnb

Board will hire part-time code enforcer and a fire inspector

By Michael Turton

The Village of Cold Spring is taking steps to improve enforcement of regulations that ban short-term rentals except on county and state roads such as Route 9D.

At its Tuesday (Oct. 1) meeting, Mayor Dave Merandy said the village will hire a part-time code enforcement officer, as well as a part-time fire inspector.

At a packed public meeting on Sept. 17, most village residents expressed support for increased enforcement and fire inspections of short-term rentals such as those offered through Airbnb.

Such rentals are illegal in residential areas zoned R-1, except those on state Routes 9D and 301. Village code also requires homeowners to pay \$500 and apply for a special-use permit before renting rooms in a "tourist home."

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Study: Hudson Valley 'Out of Alignment'

Costs rising, population stagnant and jobs lacking

By Jeff Simms

The mid-Hudson Valley, including Putnam and Dutchess counties, could soon face an economic crisis, with stagnant population and low-paying jobs coupled with rapidly rising costs, according to a study issued Thursday (Oct. 3) by the nonprofit think tank Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress.

The findings paint an especially gloomy picture of the region's public school districts, which could lose more than 25 percent of their students by 2028, pushing

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Beacon to Add Three Firefighters

City receives \$537K federal grant

By Jeff Simms

Using \$537,000 in federal funding, Beacon plans to add three full-time firefighters next year, giving the city — at 16, plus a chief — the most firefighters it has ever employed.

Beacon officials announced the funding, which will come from a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program designed to make sure there is "adequate fire and emergency response," on Wednesday (Oct. 2). The firefighters, who will be hired through the Dutchess County civil service agency, must attend the New York State Fire Academy in February before joining the city's department in June, said Chief Gary Van Voorhis.

The Beacon Fire Department, which responds to more than 1,600 calls annually,

has struggled in recent years with staffing as the number of volunteers who complement the full-time (or "career") firefighters has bottomed out. Van Voorhis said the

department once had more than 150 volunteers and a waiting list but now has only 21.

Of those volunteers, only four are certified for interior firefighting — a shortfall the chief and other fire officials highlighted

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The Beacon Fire Department hopes to have three new firefighters in place by June.

Photo by Scott Harrison



FIVE QUESTIONS: ELISE LAROCCO

By Alison Rooney

Elise LaRocco, a writer who lives in Cold Spring, will be conducting free workshops on Oct. 7 and Oct. 9 on how to write a college application essay. Register at butterfieldlibrary.org.

What will you be doing at the sessions?

I'll be going over the students' drafts and pointing out anything that sounds awkward or that's grammatically wrong. I ask, "What's your opinion on this?" I want to hear the student's voice.

So a parent should not help write the essay?

No. Admissions people know the 17-year-old voice; they're reading thousands of essays, and they can tell when someone is trying to imitate it. All I do is ask questions.

How important is the essay?

It's extremely important because it allows the college to see who you are. They're trying to get a compatible group of all different types of students. There may be a slew of applicants with the same grades and test scores, so it differentiates. Students should also differentiate themselves throughout the

application. If a college asks, "Why do you want to come here?" don't write, "Because of your great academics." Find something unique that intrigues you.

Should students tailor their essay to what a school is looking for?

It's impossible to predict what any college will want that year. Every admissions person will tell you: They want to learn about you. One example given to me is that if you dropped the essay in the hallway with no name, the teachers and students would know whose it was. The most common mistake students make is not putting themselves into the essay. Intropective writing can be difficult because it isn't done much in high school classwork.

What do you tell students who

haven't had any "college essay" moments?

At a Yale information session, they said the best essay they had the year before was from an applicant who wrote about the 15-minute walk to school each morning. Ordinary can be interesting if you are able to reflect on it. I had a student who talked about working for his father over the summer, thinking it was just to earn money. Instead it helped his overcome his shyness because he had to interact with customers. Another wrote about the baton hand-off in a track relay race and the trust you needed to have in your teammate.



Elise LaRocco
Photo by A. Rooney

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Do you believe in reincarnation?

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I haven't thought as much about where I've been as where my next stop will be.

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~Sherine Natiello, Beacon

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I'm open-minded but not as convinced as I used to be.

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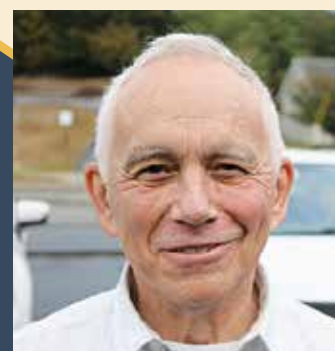


~Shirley Hot, Beacon

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~Chuck Dizenzo, Cold Spring

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Airbnb *(from Page 1)*

The village's Code Update Committee is working on revisions that would include replacing the term *tourist homes* with *short-term rentals*, require owners to be on-site and to provide off-street parking, have proof of insurance and conduct annual fire inspections. The proposed changes would limit rental rooms to three and ban cooking facilities in units.

Cold Spring has not had its own code enforcement officer since 2017, when the village and Philipstown merged their building departments. Merandy said Monday that sharing code enforcement "hasn't worked so well," noting that the full-time officer "is overwhelmed at times."

He said the village is required to hire its new code enforcement officer through Putnam County, which provided a list of six qualified candidates.

Merandy said the village will reach out to the Cold Spring Fire Co. to see if any of its members are interested in the fire inspector position. If not, the village will advertise or contact other fire companies. He said the person would be paid per inspection.

Merandy said he will work with the board to develop a plan for dealing with short-term rentals. "We pretty much know the concerns," he said. He also repeated his view that there is no need "to reinvent the wheel" since a number of municipalities have already enacted regulations that can serve as a guide.

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce on Sept. 29 posted a survey to collect its own feedback from Philipstown

residents about short-term rentals, and its monthly mixer on Oct. 22 at Glynwood Farm will also address the topic. See coldspringchamber.com.

In other business ...

■ Deputy Mayor Marie Early outlined a proposal to expand the free hours at the municipal parking lot on Fair Street to include weekday evenings. Early said that data from the pay station indicated that only as many as 14 of 38 spaces are used at those times. She suggested the village could offer 20 residential permits on a first-come, first-served basis. Residents at the meeting asked that the proposal also include Saturday and Sunday evenings. The board will continue the discussion at its Oct. 22 meeting.

■ James McBride asked the village to extend by 1 foot the orange line on the curb in front of his properties at 24-28 Rock St. McBride complained that drivers ignore the parking restriction and that his driveway is often blocked. Merandy expressed doubt that adding a foot of paint would solve the problem, advising McBride to instead call the police. "Call the police every day?" McBride asked. Merandy responded, "Yes, why not?"

■ The board unanimously declined a request by Ethan Rockmore to purchase a portion of the village-owned sidewalk outside the building formerly occupied by Tightrope Interactive at 114 Main St. Merandy said while the board has approved the sale of village-owned stoops he didn't support selling portions of sidewalk.

NEWS BRIEFS

Garrison School Board Names Two Members

Apicello and Speiser will finish vacated terms

The Garrison school board on Oct. 2 appointed Jocelyn Apicello and Matthew Speiser to fill seats vacated over the summer. The district said it received five applications for the volunteer positions.

Apicello is co-founder of the Ecological Citizen's Project and teaches public health at William Paterson University and with the Bard Prison Initiative. She and her husband, Jason Angell, moved to Garrison in 2011 to start Longhaul Farm.

Speiser, a native of Maplewood, New Jersey, is the chair of the history department at Marymount School of New York in Manhattan. He and his wife, Phoebe Geer, the daughter of the former longtime rector at St. Philip's Church, moved to Garrison in 2016.

Apicello and Speiser will succeed Ray O'Rourke and Diana Swinburne, both of whom resigned in July, citing other commitments. O'Rourke was first elected in 2009 and Swinburne in 2004. The board discussed reducing its size from seven to five members before deciding to make the appointments.

The two appointed board members will serve through June, and both seats will appear on the May ballot. The person elected for Swinburne's former seat will serve a full,

three-year term, and the person elected to fill O'Rourke's seat will serve the remaining year of his term. Courtney McCarthy's seat also will be on the ballot in May.

Putnam Reports Case of Measles

County identifies possible exposure sites

The Putnam County Department of Health said on Oct. 1 that it had confirmed a case of measles in Carmel and that the patient had been isolated.

Measles is a highly contagious disease that can be spread through the air by coughing or sneezing. Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, the county health commissioner, said several possible exposure sites have been identified: the Route 52 Laundromat in Carmel from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21; the Nativity of the Holy Mother of God church in Mahopac on Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and its Annual Feast Day Celebration from noon to 6 p.m.; and the Putnam Hospital Center Emergency Department on Sept. 28 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

"Measles symptoms begin with fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes and sore throat," said Dr. Nesheiwat in a statement. "It is followed by a rash that spreads over the body." Anyone who develops symptoms should contact the Health Department at 845-808-1390.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Chick-fil-A

The canceled Chick-fil-A fundraiser at Haldane left a nasty taste in my mouth ("Haldane Cancels Football Fundraiser," Sept. 27). As members of the LGBTQIA and Cold Spring communities, my wife and I also found the statement "nobody cared about the LGBTQ connection" hard to digest.

Imagine how LGBTQIA members of Haldane's sports programs and student body felt reading that for some parents, consideration of their rights was trumped by a free chicken sandwich. This is not how we should relate to one another in what a commentator described as our "nice, small community."

It is also difficult to swallow that some Haldane parents elected to drive 45 minutes to Danbury to provide sandwiches made by a corporate chain. Plenty of local vendors offer delicious sandwiches and/or the supplies to make them. I'm sure they would have appreciated the business.

It seems we should be celebrating Superintendent Philip Benante's decision to cancel the fundraiser, not only for his stand against intolerance in our schools, but also for its tasty economic implications.

Bill Coelius, *Cold Spring*

No public school should be aligning itself with a business that promotes such outright bigotry. It's a terrible example for young people. In the future, should chicken sandwiches be needed, ask myself and other local gays to make them, and I assure you they will be amazing.

Phil Geoffrey Bond, *Garrison*

Congratulations, Haldane, for teaching students what to do when confronted with an alternative viewpoint: Shut it down,

even when Chick-fil-A's views have evolved into support which "helps with economic mobility of young people by focusing on homelessness and poverty, education and community revitalization, and is done with no political or social agenda." Disgraceful.

Mary Ellen Yannitelli, *Garrison*

We are lucky to have a superintendent like Philip Benante who ensures that Haldane activities are in compliance with state law and district policy. The community benefits when we witness the power of consumer choice, such as steering clear of corporations that fund intolerance and hate, which has no place at Haldane or any other school. Well done, Dr. Benante!

Melissa Beck, *Cold Spring*

I hope people can understand the negativity Chick-fil-A represents to me and many of our neighbors. I am certain that all-a-y'all had no ill intention, and I hope this does not stop anyone from continuing to make great contributions to our community.

I have been in Philipstown since I was

a baby, and am grateful to be part of this amazing, evolving community.

Alex Clifton, *Philipstown*

The bigger issue is, how did the coach and athletic director arrange for a commercially sponsored fundraiser without first seeking superintendent or school board approval?

Kenneth Filmanski, *Cold Spring*

Chick-fil-A has a long history of fighting to restrict the rights of the LGBTQ community. Statements made by its CEO in 2012 were blatantly homophobic, and he has never apologized for them. Tax records prove the company continues to aggressively support an anti-gay agenda, while posturing as all-inclusive.

I am proud that leaders in our community took a stance for what is right. There is nothing more American than standing up for equal rights. Regardless of your personal beliefs, if we are not all equal before the law, then none of us are.

Greg Miller, *Cold Spring*

Every time the liberals balk about this company, they sell more chicken.

Phil Petillo, *via Facebook*

It's not about being offended or not being able to listen to opposing viewpoints. Haldane is a community of children who we are preparing to be adults. There are LGBTQ students in this community, and LGBTQ families in Philipstown. To have a community where we feel invested in the common good, everyone needs to feel welcome. The alternative is criticism of fundamental aspects of who they are, which only leads to shame and worse.

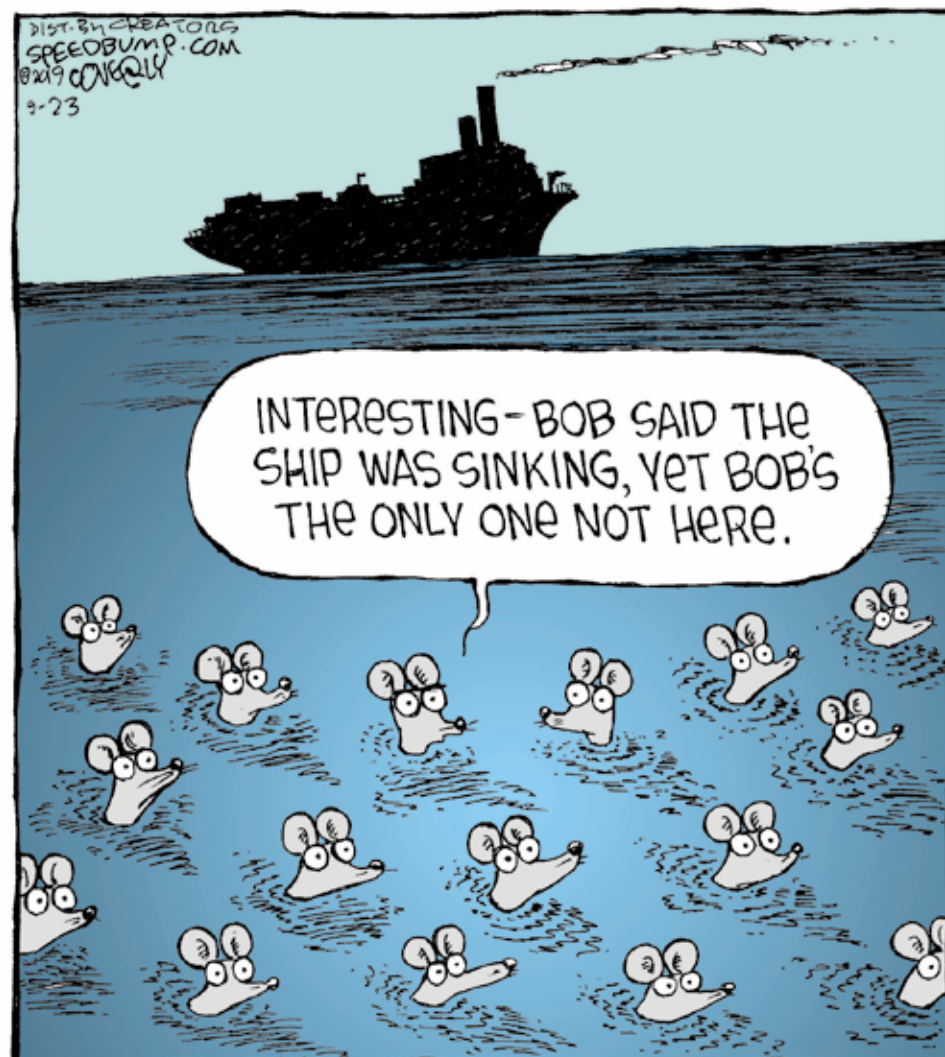
Liz Kelly, *via Facebook*

The fundraiser was not approved through the proper channels. That alone would have been enough to cancel it. But Benante went further because of Chick-fil-A's longstanding opposition to LGBTQ issues.

The lesson to me is that bullies are alive and well in our community. Distributing these sandwiches was an affront to Haldane students who might be sitting in a classroom or on the bleachers wondering if their school is a safe space for them. Teen suicide is highest among its LGBTQ population, and despite the argument that this was harmless, it sends a clear message. Children look to adults to see which path to take and which behavior to model.

I applaud Benante for understanding the finer points of this issue. Sometimes

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actions do more harm than people realize.
Rian Keating, *Cold Spring*

If this action was taken for the proper reasons, I would expect to see many more people and businesses banned from school property. This is simply political, hysterical bull. Had I been there, I would gladly have purchased a sandwich to support our team.
Carol Herring, *via Facebook*

Kudos to Superintendent Benante, who did the right thing. It is imperative that anybody who chooses or finds themselves living in a small community not succumb to small-mindedness. While some loathe intolerance while also practicing it (no small feat!), I loathe dishonesty and any type of supremacy.
Gregory Bochow, *Cold Spring*

Being conscious of how others perceive your choices should be Humanity 101. Clearly no one in this great town wanted to offend, yet clearly some would take offense to it. Why didn't anyone suggest that? And why do others seem to take such joy in abusing those who are offended? The smart money would've been to choose a less-controversial option for this worthy cause. Be part of the solution, not just another angry voice holding us back from the harmony we all should be seeking.
Amy McIlwaine, *via Facebook*

I am a board member for the football booster club, and we had nothing to do with the sandwiches being distributed at the game. It was not our issue. I asked the crowd to move on; I'm sorry I didn't get there sooner because I was watching my two boys on the team play together for the first time at homecoming.
The administration made an error and the superintendent needs to put policies in place as guidelines for fundraising. The students need money for equipment and so much more.
MaryRose Donaghy, *via Facebook*

Outsourcing
I find it puzzling that the director of Putnam County's Department of Tourism, Tracey Walsh, would hire a Pennsylvania company to create its new marketing campaign ("Tourism Director Visits Cold Spring," Sept. 27). The department's theme of "so much to offer so close to home" does not seem to apply to businesses in New York.
Rena Corey, *Cold Spring*

Walsh responded: "We use both in-county and out-of-county vendors for our campaigns. The marketing firm, Jill Duffy/Applied Golf, has worked with the county before and was familiar with what we needed to accomplish quickly. I also have contracts with very talented folks in Putnam. The deciding factor is always the quality of the work and competitive pricing."

When Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy said, "We're pretty much overwhelmed" by tourists and "We don't need any advertising" via the Tourism Department, was he bragging or complaining?
Geraldine Fuller, *via Facebook*

Names in the news
I was surprised when I saw the item in "Looking Back in Philipstown" (Sept. 20) about the Navy destroyer docking at Cold Spring in 1919 on a recruiting trip, and that my great uncle, Buster Lyons, enlisted that day. I heard many stories about him from my father. He was quite a guy and also served in the Army.
Michael Lyons, *Cold Spring*

The editor responds: The big attraction for Cold Springers who went aboard was a wireless phone that an operator used to contact other ships nearby.

Climate action
The Garrison PTA would like to thank everyone for coming to vote on Sept. 24 ("Garrison Voters Approve Capital Spending," Sept. 27). Among the many important and necessary improvements will be an upgrade to the heating and cooling system to make it more energy-efficient and environmentally responsible, running on electricity instead of oil.
The Garrison district is demonstrating alternatives to fossil fuels. Thank you to the

school and community for being a leader.
Krystal Ford, *Garrison*
Ford is president of the Garrison PTA.

Thanks to Ross Corsair for his fine images of our climate action event in Cold Spring ("Global Climate Strike," Sept. 27). It was a fabulously exciting time, there in our little town, and it's too bad the photos can't be accompanied by the music, the chants, the voices and the roar of the crowd that made this such an empowering moment.
Thank you also to organizer Krystal Ford and to the children and students whose voices were so powerful, so passionate and so inspiring.
Pete Salmansohn, *Garrison*

I want to share the wonderful news that a Trees for Life, Trees for Cold Spring campaign to raise money to plant trees in the village topped \$3,000, with donations ranging from \$5 to \$500.
The community support for this has been incredible and creative: Ascend Yoga held a yoga class in which the proceeds went to the trees. Several children donated money they had raised hosting lemonade stands.
The village's Tree Advisory Board will purchase the trees and select where they will be planted. We are hoping volunteers can help with the planting, which will take place in November.
Hooray for the trees!
Zoe Tcholak-Antitch, *Cold Spring*

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Mayor Randy Casale announces the FEMA grant with other officials, including state Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson (left), Firefighters' Union President Gary Simmonds (third from left) and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro (right).

Photo by J. Simms

Firefighters (from Page 1)

last year when asking the City Council to add four paid staff to the 2019 city budget.

The council added one firefighter, but in February directed City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero to apply for the FEMA funding. On Wednesday, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale credited U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney with helping to secure the grant.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro and state Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, wrote letters of support, as well.

"This is a critical time in Beacon," Casale said, "and this will give us the time to ease into the burden" of paying for additional firefighters "while development adds to our tax base over the next three years, so it's easier for the taxpayers to absorb the cost."

The grant funding will cover 75 percent of the firefighters' salaries — about \$97,000 each, according to the 2019 city budget — in 2020 and 2021, and 35 percent in 2022. In

2023, the salaries will shift entirely to the city.

Before this year, Ruggiero said, the department had 12 career firefighters for "almost forever." Once the new staff is added in June, Van Voorhis said he will be able to have four firefighters on duty at all times, with two at the Tompkins Hose station on South Avenue and one each at Mase Hook and Ladder on Main Street and the Beacon Engine station on East Main.

"This is something we've been asking for — manpower — for years," said Gary Simmonds, president of the Beacon firefighters' union. "This gives us a first-strike capability: two (firefighters) in, two (firefighters) out. It's much safer. But four men [on duty] is just the beginning."

Casale also used Wednesday's announcement to reiterate his call for regional — rather than municipal — fire protection. Because of the drop in volunteers, the cost of an adequately staffed full-time department is more than a city like Beacon can afford, he argued.

"It will bankrupt us and it will bankrupt smaller communities," Casale said.

Hudson Valley (from Page 1)

the average annual cost to educate each student up more than \$11,000, assuming 2 percent annual spending increases.

The report, *Out of Alignment*, analyzes data for the seven counties that make up the mid-Hudson region. Pattern says it plans to take its findings on the road for feedback while it prepares the second part of the study — which will address what to do next — that it hopes to complete by year's end.

The 44-page report was funded by Central Hudson, which asked the organization to answer two questions: (1) What does the recovery from the Great Recession [December 2007 to June 2009] look like?, and (2) What can we expect in the next 10 years?

It took Pattern, which issues an annual Urban Action Agenda for the mid-Hudson Valley, as well as other studies, a year to complete.

The study is "the first time that someone has tried to link all of these different elements, from housing to growth and wages, together and say: 'What have their impacts been?'" said Jonathan Drapkin, Pattern's president and CEO.

If there's a prevailing theme to the report, it's that earnings and the cost of living are traveling on different tracks, leading to what Pattern calls "a misalignment between the economy and its demographics."

Regionally, household incomes appeared to have grown from 2010 to 2017. But when adjusted for inflation, all but Greene County (2.4 percent increase) saw median incomes fall. Adjusted incomes fell 3.8 percent in Dutchess and were roughly flat in Putnam County.

Almost 9,000 higher-paying manufacturing jobs were lost between 2000 and 2017, Pattern said. Tourism, historically one of the Hudson Valley's economic drivers, is growing but retail and food services pay less than half what manufacturing did, it found.

At the same time, residents in five of the seven counties spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, including in Dutchess (32.4) and Putnam (34.8). In six counties, including Dutchess and Putnam, renters spend nearly 50 percent of their income for housing. (The exception is Columbia, at 41.5 percent.)

That's where it's important to remember the timeframe being studied, said Drapkin, who was the manager of Sullivan County before joining Pattern. "At the end of the Great Recession, when unemployment was high, any job was a good job," he said. "Eleven years later, we need to pay more attention to the kinds of jobs we're creating, because the cost of living has increased."

Trending Toward Trouble

School Enrollment

The number of public school students in Dutchess and Putnam counties is expected to fall **26 percent** by 2030 from its 2000-01 levels.

Cost Per Student

By 2028, the average annual cost to educate each public school student in Dutchess is expected to rise by **38.5 percent**, to \$36,185, and in Putnam by **44.7 percent**, to \$47,057.

Aging Population

The number of people aged 55 and older is expected to grow in Dutchess and Putnam from about **1 in 5** in 2000 to more than **1 in 3** in 2030.

Household Income

When adjusted for inflation, the median household income has remained stagnant in the Hudson Valley, falling in Dutchess by **4 percent**, to \$75,585, since 2010, and in Putnam by **1 percent**, to \$99,608.

Close to Home

In Putnam, **61 percent** of 18- to 34-year-olds live with their parents, the highest of any county in the region. In Dutchess, the figure is **48 percent**. The percentage is 40 percent in New York State and 34 percent in the U.S.

Source: Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, citing state and federal data and the Cornell Program on Applied Demographics

Population in the seven counties is projected to increase by only 2,403 (0.2 percent) by 2030, with nearly all of that attributed to Hasidic communities in Orange County. This lack of growth, the report projects, will lead to declining school enrollment, a shrinking workforce and fewer taxpayers. Public schools could lose 20,500 students in the next 10 years.

"If any business lost 25 percent of their customer base, would they change their business model?" Drapkin asked. In the next decade, the region will need "real innovations in how we educate and how we fund school districts," he said.

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NEWS BRIEFS



Karen Smythe announced her candidacy on Sept. 29. Photo provided

Smythe Will Again Challenge Serino

Announces 2020 run for state Senate

Karen Smythe, who in 2018 narrowly lost to state Sen. Sue Serino, will again challenge the Republican incumbent in 2020.

Smythe, a Democrat, announced her candidacy for the 41st District seat on Sept. 29 in Poughkeepsie. The district stretches along the east side of the Hudson River from Putnam Valley to Tivoli.

Serino defeated Smythe by 688 votes to win her third, two-year term. Serino won by 600 votes in Dutchess (of 103,000 cast) and 88 votes (of 15,000) in Putnam.

Woman's Body Found at Anthony's Nose

Police searching for suspect

Police continued on Oct. 3 to search the roads and trails near Anthony's Nose

in Cortlandt for a Poughkeepsie man suspected of killing his wife after a woman's body was found last week inside his vehicle parked at the trailhead.

According to the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department, officers received a phone call at 8 p.m. on Sept. 27 from a man who said his father, George Grogan, 59, had told him that he had killed Audrey Grogan. Police responded to the couple's home but said no one was there. Area law enforcement agencies were notified.

The next day, at 7:30 p.m., an employee of Bear Mountain State Park discovered a minivan parked at the Anthony's Nose trailhead with the body of a woman inside. Her identity had not been confirmed as of Oct. 3, and police are still searching for George Grogan. They said there is no indication he is a threat to the public.

Police pulled a man's body from the Hudson on Oct. 2 near Dobbs Ferry but the remains did not match the description of Grogan.

The state police asked that anyone who might have seen Grogan (who is 5 feet, 6 inches tall and weighs 150 to 160 pounds) or his vehicle (a black 2010 Dodge Caravan with plates ANM-7621) in the area on Sept. 28 between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m. to call 914-769-2600 and reference case 9178276.



Grogan

Putnam Names Climate Coordinator

Will oversee state initiative

Putnam County has appointed a coordinator for its newly adopted Climate Smart Communities initiative.

County Executive MaryEllen Odell named Lauri Taylor, a senior environmental planner for the county, to the position. Taylor is also the district manager for the county's Soil and Water Conservation District.

If the county achieves the benchmarks required to become certified by the state as a Climate Smart Community, it will become eligible for clean-energy grants.

Odell also assigned the county's Capital Projects Committee to serve as the program task force. The committee has overseen an energy audit of county buildings, she said, and is preparing to upgrade nearly 20 facilities by adding solar arrays, converting from oil to natural gas, and replacing aging windows and HVAC systems.

Report Says Bridges in Bad Shape

Philipstown span among worst in region

Thirteen percent of the 2,251 bridges that are 20 feet or longer in the Hudson Valley are in poor shape, with significant deterioration of the decks, supports or other major components, according to a report by a national transportation think tank called TRIP. More than 2.5 million vehicles cross the bridges daily, it said.

The most heavily damaged bridges are closed or have their weight limits reduced, which can require emergency vehicles, trucks, school buses and farm equipment

to use alternate routes.

All five of the most heavily traveled Hudson Valley bridges in poor condition are in Rockland County. The I-84 bridge in East Fishkill, built in 1968, and the Route 9 bridge in Poughkeepsie (1966) are in the top 25.

In Putnam County, the Sprout Brook Road bridge over Canopus Creek in Philipstown (1935) and the Oscawanna Lake Road bridge over Peekskill Hollow Creek in Putnam Valley (1964) were among the 25 Hudson Valley bridges with the lowest ratings for the condition of their decks and supports, according to TRIP.

Haldane Has 'Master Teacher'

Simon Dudar among 228 honored

The state department of education named 228 new "master teachers" of science, technology and mathematics, including Simon Dudar, a fifth-grade teacher at Haldane Elementary.

The state has recognized more than 1,200 master teachers, with applications open through Feb. 22 for the next round at suny.edu/masterteacher. Teachers participate in the program for four years, during which they receive a \$15,000 annual stipend and professional development. Aaron Burke, a library and technology teacher at South Avenue Elementary in Beacon, is currently a Master Teacher.



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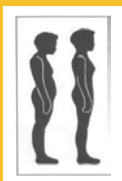


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AROUND TOWN



▲ **PLUGGED IN** — Mike Cappella of Cold Spring (right) takes a look at Guy Garty's Nissan Leaf during an electric car show held at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on Saturday (Sept. 28). Other models on display at the Philipstown Climate Week event included the Tesla 3, Honda Clarity, Hyundai Ioniq and Chevy Bolt, as well as a hybrid Chevy Volt.

Photo by Michael Turton



▲ **DON'T BLINK** — Peter Farrell of Cold Spring stopped to take photos of a fire on Storm King on Sept. 22 but it wasn't until he got home to look at the shots that he saw this falcon.

Photo by Peter Farrell



◀ **HAVE A SEAT!** — For his Eagle Scout project, David Pasphal of Troop 41 in Glenham organized the construction of chairs and tables for the front porch at the Elks Lodge in Beacon. Pasphal (second from left), who will soon be a U.S. Marine, is shown with the volunteers he recruited to complete the work.

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The Calendar

Can Cardboard Be Beautiful?

One artist thinks so

By Alison Rooney

Cardboard. It's everywhere, but probably not something you give much thought.

Henry Klimowicz gives it a lot of thought. He's been creating art from it for the past 12 years and he's still excited about its infinite possibilities for shape-shifting.

Examples are on exhibit in his most recent show, *Method for Proceeding*, which continues through Nov. 10 at the Garrison Art Center.

It's not that Klimowicz sees things in cardboard that mere mortals do not. It's the opposite. He uses the material because, he says, it's straightforward.

"It has an ever-present cultural bias related to its past uses as a container or its present use as waste," he says. "I love it when the material transcends its cultural confines. If I can make something beautiful from card-



Henry Klimowicz at the Garrison Art Center

Photo by Amy Kubik

board, I have then said that anything can be made valuable, fruitful or hopeful."

In 1986, after moving to Brooklyn from his hometown of Milwaukee, he found himself living as a sculptor without room to make

anything very large. "In this one little room, cardboard seemed to be a natural," he recalls.

After an extended break following the birth of his daughter, Klimowicz found himself working with circles. "I wanted a form, a size,

literally 6 feet, slightly bigger than life-size, to hold your attention," he says. "They were mounted on wood, but as they progressed I lost the need to be upright and rigid."

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Endless Blooms

Show examines floral art, then and now

By Alison Rooney

In Boscobel's latest exhibit, *Cross-pollination*, the merging forms are separated by centuries, rather than disciplines.

The show, which continues through Nov. 3, unspools on the walls, mantels and tables of the Federalist-era mansion before concluding in the exhibition room. It was inspired, says Jennifer Carlquist, the site's director, by a "re-imagining" of the replanting of Boscobel's formal garden with species native to the Hudson Valley that were coveted in early American gardens. The flora blooms for long

stretches of the season and was friendly to birds, bees and other pollinators, she said.

Carlquist's frequent walks through the garden, which is situated between the ticket office and the entrance to the house, led her to reconsider the floral motifs in the mansion and the permanent collection, as well as how prevalent floral design remains in contemporary furnishing and décor.



"Cascade" (left) and a terrarium (above) by Jill Parisi

Photos provided



An ink drawing by Marian McAvoy

"So many objects at Boscobel, including those which are intimate and personal, even the wallpaper, have plant forms," she says. "It made me think of doing something which juxtaposes old and new aesthetics. Foliate forms such as leaves and flowers are fundamental units of design."

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Spirit of Beacon Day





The 42nd annual Spirit of Beacon Day on Sunday, Sept. 29, included a parade with more than 60 entries and booths set up by some 90 organizations and businesses. Those with food stands, including the St. Rocco Society, Sons of Italy and St. Joachim's/St. John's churches, each sold out before the event ended. Six bands performed, along with dancers and choirs.

On the main stage near the post office, Mayor Randy Casale presented the Volunteer Spirit Award to Carman Johnson for her service to the Girl Scouts, Beacon

Reads and the Beacon Welcome Center, while the annual Community Spirit Award was given to Antalek & Moore insurance agency, which has been in business in Beacon for more than 150 years.

Glenham Elementary was recognized for having the best float and The Roundhouse was thanked for its "pioneer spirit" because of its continuing support of Spirit of Beacon Day and many community groups.

For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.



Photos by Michael Turton and Ross Corsair



THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 5

Plaque Dedication

COLD SPRING

10:30 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
68 Kemble Ave. | scenicHUDSON.org

Richard Laudenat, president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, will present a plaque recognizing the landmark achievements of the foundry, which was organized in 1817 to supply the U.S. government with artillery. The presentation in front of the foundry's 1865 office building will be followed by tours of the site, which is maintained by Scenic Hudson.

SAT 5

Block Party

NELSONVILLE

Noon – 4 p.m. 18 Secor St.

This informal neighborhood gathering will take place on the lawn of the former Hickory Grove Academy, now the Masonic Lodge. Bring beverages and food to share, as well as musical instruments and stories.

SAT 5

Community BBQ

GARRISON

1 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Bring picnic blankets and desserts to share in this celebration of firefighters, ambulance crews and sheriff's cadets. Also learn how to get involved. The rain date is SUN 6.

SUN 6

Troop 437 Clothing Collection

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Donate clothing, shoes, textiles and accessories such as backpacks and bags in clean, good condition to the Boy Scouts at either of two locations: the Foodtown parking lot or Perks Plaza on Route 9 in Philipstown. Donated items will be resold, recycled or redistributed to benefit a scholarship fund.

SUN 6

Heritage Apple Fest

GARRISON

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Enjoy the fall harvest with cider-pressing, apple-preserving and cider samples. Mark Rust will share stories and music, and the historic mansion will be open to visitors. The rain date is SUN 13. *Cost: \$22 (\$13 children, \$18/\$12 members, under 5 free)*



Plaque Dedication, Oct. 5

SUN 6

Sustainable Textiles Workshop

BEACON

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Farmers' Market
Veterans' Place
commongroundfarm.org

Bring anything that needs to be patched, darned or felted. Participants will learn how to use Japanese Sashiko and improvisational stitching techniques as well as needle-felting to give new life to old clothes. *Cost: \$10 donation per item*

SUN 6

Two-Penny Social

BEACON

12:30 – 4:30 p.m. St. Rocco Society
15 S. Chestnut St.
midhudsonanimalaid.org

Take home holiday items, kitchen stuff, tools, pet accessories, baskets and gift cards at this benefit for Mid Hudson Animal Aid. The calling begins at 1:30 p.m.

THURS 10

Flu Shot Clinic

GARRISON

2 – 6:30 p.m. Garrison Fire Department
1616 Route 9 | 845-808-1390
putnamcountyny.com

Bring proof of Putnam County residency, such as a driver's license. Must be 18 years or older. *Cost: \$25 (65 and older or with Medicare card free)*

THURS 10

Clean Power Expo

BEACON

5 – 8 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 Main St.
hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com

Mayor Randy Casale and representatives from Hudson Valley Community Power will discuss sustainable energy. *Free*

THURS 10

Wine and Cheese Festival

BEACON

7 p.m. St. Rocco Society
26 S. Chestnut St. | 845-831-4300
tiorondagardenclub.org

Win gift baskets of wine at this annual fundraiser for the Tioronda Garden Club. Purchase tickets at Antalek & Moore, 340 Main St., or call 845-831-9199. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 12

Record & CD Fest

BEACON

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. VFW Hall | 413 Main St.

Shop for vinyl, CDs, DVDs, cassettes, concert posters, music books and stereo equipment (turntables, receivers and speakers) offered by 20 vendors. *Free*

SAT 12

Book Drive for Incarcerated People

BEACON

Noon. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Donate new or gently used books to be distributed to prisoners by the Mid-Hudson Library System. Popular adult fiction in paperback and graphic novels are preferred. Leave books in the red bin in

the Youth Services area any day after noon through Nov. 1.

SUN 13

Catoberfest

BEACON

4 – 8 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
2 Churchill St.
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

Enjoy food and live music at this annual benefit for Mid Hudson Animal Aid, a cat sanctuary in Beacon. *Free*

TALKS AND TOURS

SAT 5

Permaculture 101

GARRISON

10 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Colin Wright of the Permaculture Arts Collective will discuss principles for creating and utilizing regenerative ecological systems. At 10:30 a.m., Wright will lead a foraging tour. *Cost: \$17 (\$15 seniors, \$11 children, \$5 members)*

SUN 6

Playwriting Workshop Bake-off

BEACON

10 a.m. Howland Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
hvshakespeare.org

In this two-hour workshop organized by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, Christine Scarfuto, acting director of the master of fine arts playwriting program at Hunter College, will help participants turn their ideas into short plays on the theme of "Hudson Valley harvest." Selected works will be read by actors on Nov. 24 at the Philipstown Depot Theatre. Registration required. *Free*

SAT 12

The Ghost in the Mist

BEACON

6 – 8:30 p.m. Memorial Building
413 Main St. | 845-831-0514
beaconhistorical.org

Costumed guides will lead lantern-lit, hourlong tours in which they share stories of local legends,

haunted places and historic Beacon "ghosts." Tours leave every 30 minutes. Also SUN 13. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 children)*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 5

Family Nature Activities

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2880 Route 9
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Pete Salmansohn will lead sensory-awareness activities to help people ages 6 and older connect with nature. Online registration required. *Free*

SAT 5

Woolly Bears

CORNWALL

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 x204
hnm.org

Learn about the thick and fuzzy caterpillars commonly seen this time of year and what they turn into. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, \$7/\$6 members)*



SAT 5

Halloween Children's Costume Exchange

BEACON

2 – 5 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Stop by to donate, swap or pick up costumes, which must be clean and unstained with no holes or runs.

SUN 6

Storytime with Elisha Cooper

COLD SPRING

10:15 a.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

The author of *River* will read from his book about a woman and her canoe trekking on the Hudson. Best for ages 4 to 8. A portion of the proceeds from book sales will be donated to the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. *Free*

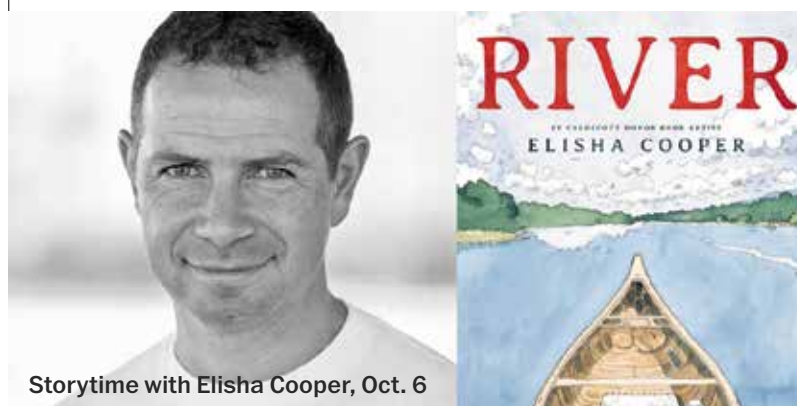
MON 7

Writing Your College Essay

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

High school seniors are invited to bring their drafts and questions



Storytime with Elisha Cooper, Oct. 6

about the Common Application for advice and tips from Elise LaRocco. See Page 2. Also WED 9. *Free*

THURS 10
How Much Does College Really Cost?

COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Sandra Moore, an educational consultant, will discuss what to expect to pay for higher education. *Free*

SAT 12
Garri*Con
GARRISON

1 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Chris Duffy, Drena Fagen, Regina Gelfer, Jordan Jeffries, Alessa Kreger and Dan Weise are among the artists scheduled to appear at this fifth annual comics celebration. Come in costume and take pictures in a green-screen photo booth. *Free*

SAT 12
Fall Festival
PHILIPSTOWN

1 – 4 p.m. Stepping Stones
25 Lady Blue Devils Lane
845-809-5007
childcaresteppingstones.com
There will be a show with characters from *Frozen*, magic, a bounce house, pony rides and pumpkin-painting at this benefit for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Call ahead to enroll children in the “trike-a-thon.” The rain date is SUN 13. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 per additional child)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 5
Re-Nature Environmental Exhibit
BEACON
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

The exhibit will feature work by Alexis Siroc, Marjorie Morrow, Gail Tuchman and Naomi Teppich celebrating nature and art. Through Oct. 28.

SAT 12
Prints by Tom McKeveny
BEACON
2 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St. | 845-204-3844
catalystgallery.com



The Hundred-Foot Journey, Oct. 8

SAT 12
Vintage
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Ten photographers from the Beacon Photography Group will share their “vintage-inspired” visions.



SAT 12
Hatched in the Drift
BEACON
5 – 8 p.m. No. 3 Reading Room
469 Main St. | photobookworks.com
Mariam Aziza Stephan and Julia Johnson will be the guests at this reception for their show, which features works on paper by Stephan and poetry by Johnson. Through Oct. 27

SAT 12
Sleepwalker
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. Denise Gianna Designs
480 Main St. | 845-216-4196
sleepwalkerproject.squarespace.com

This pop-up shop and show “asks what it really takes to pay people a living wage,” according to the artist, Beacon resident Sally Schein, who will showcase a line of textile products repurposed from dead people’s sheets.

SAT 12
Without Fear and Full of Love
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
Meghan Spiro’s show will be mounted in Gallery 1, Pamela Zaremba’s work in Gallery 2 and the Beacon Room will have a collection of small works by member artists. Through Nov. 3.

SAT 12
microcosm
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Gallery
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com
Works by Tanja Bos. Through Nov. 3

SAT 12
Halloween Kaiju / Erica Borghstijn-Prinse / Katie Gamb
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

SAT 12
What I Saw
BEACON
7 – 9 p.m. Oak Vino Wine Bar
389 Main St. | oakvino.com
Randy Calderone will showcase a decade of his photos shot on the streets of the Hudson Valley and the world. Through Nov. 2.

MUSIC

SAT 5
In the Pines
BEACON
5 – 11:30 p.m.
University Settlement Camp
724 Wolcott Ave. | inthepinesbeacon.com
Stephen Clair will share songs from his latest album, and Knock Yourself Out and the Dirt Bikes will also perform. *Cost: \$15 (\$25 door, children 12 and younger free)*

SAT 5
Tesla String Quartet
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537
chapelrestoration.org
The quartet will perform Gesualdo’s *Suite of Madrigals*, *Zaretsky’s Muted Gestures* for string quartet and piano four hands, and Beethoven’s *String Quartet in E minor, Op. 59 No. 2 “Razumovsky.” Cost: \$20*

SAT 5
Karen Borca Quartet
NEWBURGH
8 p.m. Atlas Studios | 11 Spring St.
845-391-8855 | atlasnewburgh.com
As part of the Jazz at Atlas series, the bassoonist will lead an ensemble including Warren Smith on vibes, Hilliard Greene on bass and Jackson Krall on drums. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 5
Rock of Ages
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The band and singers from the hit Broadway show will perform monster 1980s hits by Bon Jovi, Foreigner and REO Speedwagon, among others. *Cost: \$30 to \$60*

SAT 5
Tom Paxton
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The folk singer, who in 2009 was awarded a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, will team up with another Grammy winner, The Don Juans (Don Henry and Jon Vezner). *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*



SUN 6
Les Filles de Illighadad
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
clubdraw.brownpapertickets.com

Club Draw presents a group of musicians from Niger who use guitars to “re-contextualize” traditional “tende” music. The songwriter MSL opens and there will be painting and art during the performances. *Cost: \$17 (\$20 door)*

THURS 10
Gloin
BEACON
9 p.m. Quinn’s
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon
The psychedelic, lo-fi band from Toronto blends “elements of dark wave and punk” against a “narrative backdrop of sci-fi and fantasy.”

SAT 12
Luthier’s Show and Sale
BEACON
2 – 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Makers and players will gather to strum, admire and buy and sell hand-crafted guitars, violins, ouds and basses. *Cost: \$5 donation*

SUN 13
Sitkovetsky Piano Trio
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandmusic.org
Alexander Sitkovetsky on violin, Wu Qian on piano and Isang Enders on cello will perform a program that includes works by Rachmaninoff, Beethoven and Saint Saëns. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

SUN 13
Sarah McQuaid
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Madrid-born, Chicago-

raised and Cornwall-based singer/songwriter will sing her dark melodies while performing on guitar, piano and drums. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SUN 6
Pink Eggs & Glam Drag Brunch
BEACON
Noon. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | skycasper.com
Pissi Myles will star in this comedy and singing drag show. Seatings are at noon and 12:30 p.m. and the show begins at 1 p.m. For ages 15 and older. *Cost: \$42.50 (\$52.50 door)*

TUES 8
The Hundred-Foot Journey
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Bring Indian-inspired food or drinks to share while watching this 2014 film that will be screened as part of the library’s Edible Flicks series. A family leaves India for France to open a restaurant across the road from a Michelin-starred eatery. *Free*

THURS 10
Kickin’ Up A Soundstorm
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Victor Moore will screen his documentary about the Hudson Valley band Slambovian Circus of Dreams. *Free*

CIVIC

MON 7
Municipal ID After Hours
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org
The City Clerk’s office will be accepting applications and taking photos for city identification cards. Also SAT 12, noon to 3 p.m.

MON 7
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
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The council will hold public hearings on a proposal that would give the city more options to deal with “nuisance” properties that require a disproportionate amount of police response and code enforcement and an application to convert 305 Main St. into a wine-and-tapas bar.

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"Rectangle #8"



"Likien Liche #1"



Detail from a window installation

Photos by Amy Kubik

Cardboard *(from Page 9)*

The circles mutated into abstract forms. "A great thing with working figuratively is you can make scale changes," he explains. "The structure can be seen as if you are looking through either a telescope or a microscope. That's why my titles [e.g., "Circle #4"] are so blasé. I'm trying not to weigh in on what you find."

Many of his pieces have no clear orientation, because, Klimowicz says, "front or back, turned this way or that way, inherently it's the same object. I'm a strong believer that there are lots of good solutions."

Klimowicz says his works grow organi-

cally. "I sit there and interact with 'the thing' through this whole process," he says. "I'm somewhere at the back of the boat, doing the steering. They work best when I'm not overtly demanding of them and there isn't a dominant human presence in the making of them."

The artist, who works in a studio in a barn in Millerton that also houses a gallery he runs, uses only one type of cardboard: single ply, which is not pulpy or rigid.

"I want a material that's generic, and that I don't have to fight to find," he explains. "Some people bring me beautiful cardboard, but it's not something I can count on. It goes back to the sense that what I make is

made by me and not by the material itself. There's an entrance into this work because we all use this material. Unlike many art materials, everyone knows what it's like to deal with this stuff."

The question Klimowicz now finds himself asking is: "How many ways can I think of to use this? The work progresses; it can be like mining coal, following a vein. My studio is large enough that I have the privilege of looking at my work from the past. I can see a piece, 150 pieces back, where I missed something about it, and I can go back to it."

"For most artists, who don't have this kind of space, in order to make the fourth piece, they have to use memory, which is a bit of

manipulation on the part of your brain," he says. "I feel as committed to a piece I did 12 years ago as I do to a piece I did last month. That's a difference between older and younger artists. Eventually we figure out it's a continuum where you have to acknowledge the past as well as your present."

The Garrison Art Center is located at 23 Garrison's Landing; its gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. On Oct. 19, Klimowicz will speak about his process during an evening benefit, and on Nov. 2, he will host two sculpture workshops. See garrisonartcenter.org.

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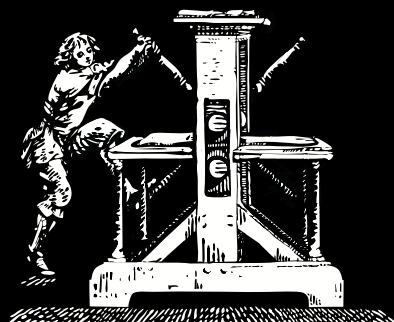
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"Celadon" wallpaper from the Kimono group by Sara Story

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Endless Blooms *(from Page 9)*

As a visitor walks through the house, the contemporary works are not always recognizable in the period rooms.

At the front entrance, a pair of Wendy Small cyanotypes mirror each other on opposite walls. The artist "makes meaningful graphic patterns, many of which refer to fertility," Carlquist explains. "She celebrates her weeds. Weeds are a cultural construct anyway: What's a weed in some cultures is a plant in others."

Placed nearby are works by Eleanor White, one made with silver paper onto which she flocked glass beads, eggshells from chickens and emus, and wood ash. "To me these are mixed media pieces of abstracted floral forms, some natural, some man-made, reflecting changes of light all day long," Carlquist says. "The piano below complements it, with its carved, patterned, floral forms."

In the dining room, there is an installation of modern wallpaper by Sara Story of Beacon, with a kimono pattern. In early America, "there was already an Asian influence such as with the bamboo chairs, which they called 'fancy chairs,'" Carlquist explains. In the adjacent pantry room, "we have bamboo wallpaper, which highlights the traditional Chinese porcelain set. Americans couldn't buy decorative porcelain until the Treaty of Paris" in 1783 that ended the Revolutionary War.

Among the contemporary objects placed throughout the house are Livia Cetti's geranium paper designs in the drawing room and Jill Parisi's faux terrariums (always in bloom) in the library. "Geraniums began to be imported in the 18th century, and it's fun to show them off in this way," Carlquist says.

Other works include sculptures made from bookbindings and covers by Erin Walrath; ink drawings by Marian McAvoy; lamp sculptures as fantastical underwater plant forms by Austin Ballard; sugar-maple photos printed on Japanese kozo paper by Jeri Eisenberg; field notes made with pigment and printed on mulberry paper by Lori van Houten; and Matthew Friday's diagrams that explore species migration made with plant dyes.

Cross-pollination: An Evolution in Foliate Forms is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. Admission is free with tickets to the grounds, which cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. See boscobel.org. On Oct. 16, Carlquist will speak on floral imagery in early America and on Oct. 27 Boscobel will host a paper-flower workshop.



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Roots and Shoots

Gardening is Hard, That's a Thing

More reader questions

By Pamela Doan

When I asked *Current* readers recently to share their gardening questions, I received so many responses I wasn't be able to fit them all in a single column. Here are more answers.



Q: As we go into fall planting, do you have suggestions for native bulbs?

A: I only knew of one — Canada lily (*Lilium canadense*) — so I turned for help to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (wildflower.org). I stuck with true bulbs, although plants that grow from corms and rhizomes could be planted or divided in the fall, as well. Try Turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*), wood lily (*Lilium philadelphicum*), Michigan lily (*Lilium michiganense*), or

yellow-trout lily (*Erythronium americanum*). Each is a delicate and vibrant lily that will be sure to liven up your landscape.

Q: What do Betula "Heritage" and "Dura Heat" need to be healthy and happy?

A: These cultivars of the river birch have been bred to be more tolerant of hot, dry summers and common pests, which is a positive as our climate changes. River birch thrives in neutral or low pH soil that doesn't dry out. It won't do well in full shade.

Q: Have you heard anything about haskap (*Lonicera caerulea*)? I was in Nova Scotia and it was all the rage.

A: The shrub, also called honeyberry, is part of the honeysuckle family and native to Eurasia. It likes peaty, moist soil and I've read its berries taste similar to blueberries. Depending on your location and microclimate, some winters it might not get enough freezing days to fruit. It's not self-pollinating so it would take at least two bushes to get berries. That all sounds good, but according to a risk assessment by the International Society for Horticultural Science, it has the potential to be an invasive species here.

Q: Black and pale swallow-wort seems to be taking over. What can be done about it?

A: The black (*Cynanchum louiseae*) and pale (*Cynanchum rossicum*) swallow-wort vine have similar leaves but are differ-

Turk's cap lily (*Lilium superbum*)

ent species. They spread rapidly through prolific seed production and dispersion and rhizomes. Studies show that when either colonizes an area, it will lead to fewer native birds and plants. Monarch butterflies mistake it for milkweed and lay eggs but the larvae don't survive.

Dig it up, bag it and remove it, because the pods can still mature and disperse on uprooted plants. Small patches can be kept from spreading by mowing before the seeds

mature. Leave areas that have mature seeds alone to prevent spreading them around. Once swallow-wort is removed, plant a fast-growing native plant that's suitable for the growing conditions in its place. For a sunny spot, consider black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*) or coneflower (*Rudbeckia lacinata*). For a shady spot, native ferns will grow quickly.

Q: For years I've tried to grow grass on a portion of my lawn, but it never takes. I've used fresh soil, overseeded with sun and shade fescue, and plowed. I've done pH testing and found bare patches and lush ones with equivalent readings. Any suggestions?

A: The pH test will only tell you that the soil is within the range that allows roots to take up nutrients; it doesn't reveal the nutrient level. You didn't mention the soil composition, which is important for water retention and root health. Try planting a cover crop such as winter rye over the patch for the winter that can be worked into the soil in the spring. Then seed it again with an appropriate fescue. Or find a copy of *Turfgrass Problems, Picture Clues and Management Options*, a manual published by the Cornell Cooperative Extension. It has 210 pages of possible issues and management solutions.

Great questions! Let's keep solving the challenges of gardening. Email rootsandshoots@highlandscurrent.org.

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(1) The city completed the first phase of improvements to **Green Street Park** this summer, planting two rows of trees and adding handicapped parking spaces as part of a new entrance. The next phase — based on a master plan created after a series of community workshops — will include a biking and walking path around the perimeter and plantings on the Prospect Street hillside. In the spring the city plans to replace the play structure with a two-story climbing tower with slides. Much of the work is being funded by Dutchess County.

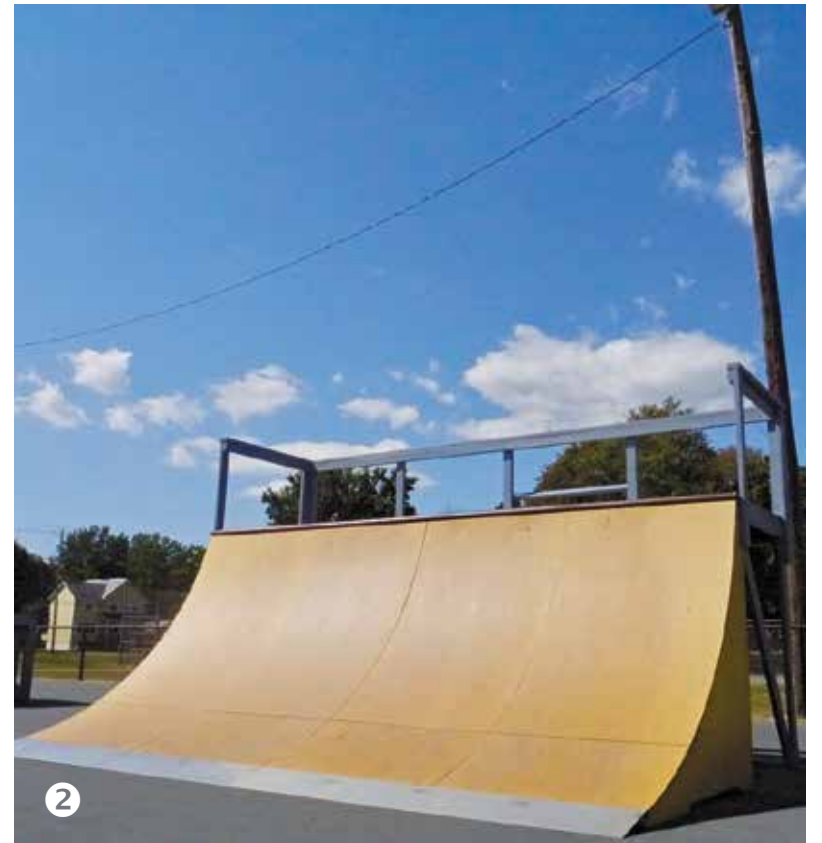
(2) The first phase of construction at **The Ramps at Memorial Park**, a skateboard park built and maintained by volunteers, was completed this summer. Organizers are raising money for more ramps and artwork.

(3) The city is working on a master plan for the **Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park** that would nearly double parking and include resurfacing basketball courts (seen behind Price) and possibly adding tennis and wall ball courts. The city also would like to upgrade utilities at the park so it can host larger events, Price said, and to build a courtyard that would serve as an entryway. If all goes smoothly, construction could begin in 2021.

(4) The new mural on the **Memorial Park** restrooms "absolutely transformed" that corner of the park, Price said. It was funded by the nonprofit Wee Play community group, as was the Wee Woods, a play space that opened last year. Climbing boulders (shown, waiting to be installed) and a network of rope bridges will be added soon. The city also plans to replace play structures and the synthetic surface of the Tot Lot.



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RealFeel 64/41

Sunday

68/62

Rather cloudy; breezy in the afternoon

POP: 25%

S 7-14 mph

RealFeel 67/60

Monday

69/43

Mainly cloudy with a shower in the afternoon

POP: 55%

WNW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 69/42

Tuesday

64/38

Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers possible

POP: 30%

NNW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 65/38

Wednesday

64/44

Overcast

POP: 25%

N 4-8 mph

RealFeel 65/49

Thursday

67/41

Clouds and sunshine

POP: 0%

SW 3-6 mph

RealFeel 69/40

Friday

67/46

Partly sunny

POP: 25%

W 4-8 mph

RealFeel 67/48

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ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

Football

Beacon was scheduled to play at Hendrick Hudson on Sept. 27, but rain the day before led to flooding that moved the game to Lakeland High School.

The Bulldogs (2-2) gave up three long touchdowns early and showed little fight in the second half on their way to a 27-0 loss, touching the ball just once in the third quarter. "They were more physical, and they beat us up running the ball," said Coach Jim Phelan. "That's the first time all year that has happened."

Quarterback Jason Komisar was 12-of-26 for 189 yards with one interception, and Lionel Cumberbatch had four receptions for 68 yards. Santino Negron had three tackles for losses and a sack, and Angel Feliz had a sack and five tackles.

Things don't get easier for Beacon (2-2) this week, when the team hosts Brewster (3-1) at 7 p.m. today (Oct. 4) for homecoming. The Bulldogs will play under the lights on their new turf field.

The rebuilding Haldane Blue Devils fell to 1-3 on Sept. 27, after a 40-16 pounding from Tuckahoe (3-0), their perennial rival for the Section 1, Class D title.

Haldane was never in this one, falling behind 32-0 before Dan Santos scored on a 1-yard run in the third quarter. Doug Donaghy ran for the two-point conversion. Darrin Santos scored Haldane's second TD on a 25-yard run in the fourth, with Darrin Santos running for the conversion. Haldane (1-3) plays Saturday, Oct. 5, at Croton.

Girls' Soccer

Beacon lost twice to league rival Lourdes (4-0, 4-1), but Coach Hugo Alzate said the games "made us a better team. There were 15- to 20-minute stretches where you wouldn't



Beacon's Angel Feliz (right) gets a toe in-bounds for a reception at Hendrick Hudson.

know that the deficit was three or four goals. We just need to find a way to score."

Katelyn Rosa had the lone goal for Beacon. The Bulldogs, at 1-10 with five games remaining, will need wins to qualify for the playoffs. They host Peekskill (2-6) today (Oct. 4) for homecoming and travel to Peekskill on Oct. 8 and Hendrick Hudson (4-5) on Oct. 10.

Haldane (5-2-2) also lost twice. In a 2-0 home defeat against North Salem (6-4), "we played a solid first half but made a couple of mistakes that turned a potential push forward into a counterattack for North Salem, and they made us pay," said Coach Steve Schweikhart. "After that we hung our heads a bit, and it allowed them to get another one."

In a loss at Pleasantville, freshman Liv Villella had Haldane's lone goal — her first — in a 5-1 defeat. The Blue Devils were missing their leading scorer, Jade Villella. The Panthers (9-0) are ranked No. 4 in the state

in Class B by the New York State Sports-writers Association, while Haldane fell from No. 3 to No. 6 in Class C. The Blue Devils travel to Pawling (6-4) today (Oct. 4) and host Putnam Valley (0-10) on Oct. 7.

Boys' Soccer

Beacon is 5-3-1 after defeating Poughkeepsie, 5-2, on Sept. 27. Coach Craig Seaman said injuries have slowed the Bulldogs but he expected the team to be at full strength when it travels to Peekskill (3-6-1) on Oct. 5 and hosts Ketcham (4-6) on Oct. 8.

Girls' Swimming

Beacon sits atop its 11-team league after wins over East Ramapo (98-52), Mount Vernon (87-47) and Port Chester (49-41) pushed its record to 6-1.

Blue Devils Can't Solve Valhalla but Roll Against Everyone Else

Haldane volleyball improves to 9-2



Senior Taylor Farrell (2) and the Blue Devils, shown here during a match at Beacon, improved their record to 9-2.

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The Haldane High School volleyball team cruised to easy victories over Beacon and North Salem last week but dropped a 3-1 decision at Valhalla.

At Beacon, the Blue Devils (9-2) were led by Olivia Monteleone (nine kills, two aces), Grace Tomann (12 kills), and Melissa Rodino (nine assists, four aces).

"We got off to a slow start, but we picked it up in game two," said Coach Kelsey Flaherty. "Grace and Olivia got the momentum going, and Melissa ran the offense well."

The Sept. 28 game at Valhalla (10-3) was a rematch of last fall's sectional final, with a similar result. Maria Barry had three solo blocks, Rodino added five kills, Monteleone had seven kills, and Sophia Viggiano had nine digs and a pair of aces.

"It came down to who made fewer mistakes," Flaherty said. "Unfortunately, we made a lot of unforced errors. Maria did a great job defending against their middle hitter."

The Blue Devils earlier defeated North Salem and Pawling in straight sets. In the latter match, Taylor Farrell had 12 consecutive aces.

The Blue Devils travel to Putnam Valley today (Oct. 4) before hosting Beacon on Oct. 7 and Keio on Oct. 8.



AMERICA'S TEAM — The 4- and 5-year-old members of *The Highlands Current* team play in the Mini Division of the Beacon Soccer Club. From left to right: Assistant Coach Glen Wrafter, Howie Mauks, Madda Devin, Kishan Kalathur, Harrison Limbert, Eli Sullivan, Milo Montuori, Oscar Wrafter, Lai Blackwell, and Coach Derek Limbert with mascot Eden Limbert. The season continues through Nov. 9.

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