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Chaos in Cold Spring

Overcrowding creates parking problems, safety concerns

By Michael Turton

Parking tickets provide revenue to Cold Spring, but they may be the one funding source elected officials would prefer to see reduced.

At the Tuesday (Oct. 13) meeting of the Village Board, Deputy Mayor Marie Early asked Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge of the Police Department, to explain a large increase in parking tickets issued last month (227) compared to June (50).

"People are coming up in droves and basically parking wherever they want," Burke explained. Burke said a veteran Cold Spring officer told him the weekend of Oct. 10 and 11 was the busiest he has seen in the village in 17 years.

Mayor Dave Merandy agreed. "It was just insane," he said, citing the din of traffic, sirens and motorcycles. "If you closed your eyes, you could have been in New York City." Burke outlined problems that arose last

weekend:

• With parked cars lining both sides of (Continued on Page 10)



HALLOWEEN TRADITION – Each October since 2011, the Shackelford family of Cold Spring has created a family portrait in costume. The four here are from (clockwise from top left) 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2019. For more, see Page 17.



Philipstown has erected a barrier to block off its parking lot near Constitution Marsh. Photo by Chip Rowe

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Three Beacon School Board Candidates Withdraw

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Remember

the '80s?

Two remain, but panel could wait for election

By Jeff Simms

he nine-seat Beacon school board last month filled one of two vacancies in what proved to be a contentious process that led to a shouting match and the board president hitting the pause button at the meeting.

But after three of five candidates for the second opening withdrew, the process to fill it this week looked far different.

The board on Tuesday (Oct. 13) interviewed John Galloway Jr., who had applied for the first vacancy, and Joseph Puliafito, a new candidate. The board last month appointed Jasmine Johnson to fill the first opening. It will decide at its Oct. 26 meeting whether to fill the second seat or leave it empty until the district election in May.

There were stark differences between the meeting on Tuesday and the two that preceded it.

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Fracas at Indian Brook Prompts Calls for Action

Legislator renews push for human rights commission

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

confrontation near Indian Brook Falls in August has prompted appeals from elected officials for serious talk in Philipstown about bigotry and renewed a push to create a human rights commission in Putnam County.

The incident occurred on Aug. 21 when a bus stopped on Indian Brook Road to drop off six teenage girls and four adults for a hike at the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

Two residents challenged them and the situation escalated until a call to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department brought one or more deputies to defuse the situation. The girls and staff, from a fostercare program, were all African American, and at least one resident allegedly used a racial epithet.

A brief Sheriff's Department report said "a parking problem" sparked the altercation, and that the bus had departed by the time the Sheriff's Department arrived. It also stated that in placing the call, a woman had claimed that "the tour bus is back and she is 'being harassed.' "The report did not identify the residents.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea, who has expressed alarm at the incident, said on Tuesday (Oct. 13) that he likewise does not know who the residents were.

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown on the Putnam County Legislature, told fellow lawmakers on Oct. 6 that

FIVE QUESTIONS: LIZ KEIFER

By Alison Rooney

iz Keifer, an actor who lives in Garrison, will take a nostalgic look back at the 1980s at 1 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 18) at the Desmond-Fish Public Library.

Did you have your big break in the 1980s?

Yes. I grew up in the Pacific Palisades [California], so the industry was in my back door. I was working as a waitress when I saw an ad looking for an 18-year-old actor for *Hill Street Blues*. I wrote my phone number on my headshot, and soon after it was, "Oh my gosh, I just got a phone call from the casting director!"

So, your break was on *Hill Street Blues*?

It turned out that the job was on *Lou Grant*. The casting director was the



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daughter of a big-name casting director. To that point, she had been an assistant, and this was her first job on her own. She was paying it forward and gave me the opportunity. That stuff happens. Then the director learned that I was studying acting with a good friend of his, and he said, "I'm going to give you the part." I immediately called agencies saying, "I'm shooting a *Lou Grant*

> [episode], would you like to represent me?" That's how it began; I did it myself. It was before I started listening to people!

How big was your hair in the '80s?

In '81 and '82, it was wavy and brushed out and had a '70s feel to it. Then I did an independent movie in South Africa where they bleached my hair blonde so it was Goldie Hawn with a machine gun. It really got big when I was on *The Young and the Restless*, but *21 Jump Street* was the first show where I looked like I put my finger in a socket. *Full House* was the apex, when the hair hit the fan. I look back and wonder: How was that hair even possible?

Y&R? I thought you were on *Guiding Light*.

Yes, for 17 years, until the show ended in 2009. I played Blake. But before that I was on *Y&R* for a year-and-a-half and *General Hospital* for a year. For *Y&R*, they brought me to New York City, which was wonderful. I lived in the West Village over a French restaurant. I'd hang out on my fire escape and they'd toss up rolls. I played one of three sisters, spitfire Irish factory workers. It was supposed to show class differences. It gave me a taste of New York in the '80s, which set up nicely for when I came back for *Guiding Light*. I'm almost at the point where I've spent half my life in California and half in New York.

What were the best and worst aspects of the '80s for you?

Work was the best. I bopped around for five or six years working on sitcoms, which I loved, particularly with the threecamera set-up in front of a live audience. I loved that as an actor. I was always "the girlfriend." I worked with a lot of boys who were, or were becoming, mega-stars: Ted Danson and Woody Harrelson on Cheers; Johnny Depp on 21 Jump Street; Henry Winkler on Happy Days; John Stamos on Full House; and George Clooney on Facts of *Life.* I played his ex-girlfriend on that one. There were some shenanigans in the plot. I didn't know who he was -he didn't even know who he was! What I don't miss is how I felt inside; I was terribly insecure and I didn't find my voice as an artist. I didn't find that until the '90s, after I had children. I was a little soldier in the '80s: I became a warrior in the '90s. I don't miss any part of that, not one.



What's the longest road trip you've taken?



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Murder Suspect Barred From Some Info

Attorney accuses Putnam jail of violating privacy rights

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam County judge this week temporarily shielded information about several people who may testify against a Philipstown man charged with killing his father after a prosecutor accused the defendant of intimidating potential witnesses.

Louis Weber IV, 20, was arrested on Aug. 23 and charged with second-degree murder in the death on Nov. 4 of Louis J. Weber III, 72, in a fire at the Post Road Mobile Home Park south of Route 301. The elder Weber's body was found in the remains of his home at 3 Fourth St. after the trailer was destroyed by the blaze.

In addition to the murder charge, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, Weber is charged with thirddegree arson and tampering with physical evidence, according to court records. He pleaded not guilty on Sept. 11 and is being held without bail at the Putnam County jail.

Judge Joseph Spofford ruled on Tuesday (Oct. 13) that the district attorney could withhold details about some of the people interviewed by prosecutors until 30 days before the trial.

Under a state law passed last year, some evidence that prosecutors must turn over to the defense may be restricted if a judge determines there is a "risk of intimidation, economic reprisal, bribery, harassment or unjustified annoyance or embarrassment to any person." Larry Glasser, an assistant district attorney, asked the judge to withhold

information on six or seven of about 30 Weber

potential witnesses until 10 days before trial. He accused Weber of instructing people by phone to approach witnesses, asking one person to "tell them that Lou says hi." One witness, Glasser said, is "questioning his participation in this case."

MaryJane MacCrae, Weber's attorney, argued that Glasser's request "certainly defeats the purpose" of the state discovery law. "There's no showing that there's been a direct threat to anyone," she said.

During Tuesday's nearly three-hour session, Spofford approved MacCrae's request to hire an investigator and a forensic psychiatrist or psychologist. She also plans to request permission to bring in experts on arson and child sexual abuse, as well as an independent medical examiner.

MacCrae also accused the Sheriff's Department of violating her client's right to speak to her privately. The attorney said she has written Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., the county Legal Aid Society and the American Bar Association protesting the procedures governing attorney visits with clients at the county jail in Carmel.

A jail guard stood "20 feet away" while she and Weber spoke, said MacCrae, which violated Weber's right to have private conversations with his attorney, especially since the Sheriff's Department is investigating the case. Spofford responded that he had no authority to order the sheriff to change jail procedures.

Weber's next court appearance is scheduled for Nov. 10.

Dutchess Jail Plan Moves Ahead

Legislature approves study for youth court

By Leonard Sparks

utchess County has selected a general contractor to build a \$134 million, 328-bed replacement for its antiquated jail, a years-long project that Democrats on the Legislature unsuccessfully sought to delay after a state bail-reform law dramatically reduced the number of inmates held by the county.

The Legislature also on Tuesday (Oct. 13) approved spending \$15,000 to study the creation of a youth court such as the one that exists in Putnam County, or some other "restorative justice" program for minors.

The Pike Co., which is based in Rochester, will oversee the construction of the jail complex on the site of the current facility in Poughkeepsie. It will combine six housing units of 50 beds each with a 28-bed unit for inmates with medical and mental-health issues. A New Jersey firm was selected to install the security system.

The project is scheduled to be completed in March 2023 and occupied in June or July of that year, officials said. It will cost about \$20 million less than the \$154 million that the Legislature authorized, Robert Balkind, the county's public works commissioner, said on Tuesday in a presentation to the Legislature's Public Safety Committee.

A building from 1985 that is part of the current facility will be demolished, while one constructed in 1995 will be repurposed. Temporary pods that the county leased, then purchased, in response to overcrowding will be demolished unless the county finds someone who wants to buy or salvage the structures, Balkind said.

"It's going to be a very attractive asset to the neighborhood," he said.

Democratic county legislators — including Nick Page and Frits Zernike, who each represent parts of Beacon — tried in July to overturn a 2016 vote that authorized the county to borrow up to \$192 million to build the jail and a headquarters for the Sheriff's Department, which has already been completed. They cited the falling inmate population as well as unexpected revenue shortfalls due to the COVID-19 shutdown. The proposal died in committee, 8-4, along party lines.

The jail averaged 133 inmates a day in September, according to the state Division of Criminal Justice Services, compared to 303 in September 2019. But at the time of the 2016 vote, the jail was overcrowded and inmates were being housed in the temporary housing pods, which, according to the report released in May by the county Comptroller's Office, cost Dutchess \$7.3 million. Other inmates were being sent to jails in other counties at a cost of \$6 million to \$8 million annually.

In addition, a February 2018 report from the state Commission of Correction ranked Dutchess among the five "worst offenders" when it came to health and safety risks for inmates and staff. Past evaluations faulted the county for not providing adequate medical care, mandated youth education services and even bras to female inmates.



A rendering of the proposed Dutchess jail complex

In 2011, an inmate committed suicide by hanging; another did so in 2014.

County Executive Marc Molinaro said the county cannot "continue to warehouse souls in an inhuman, unsafe facility built at a time when they didn't care and they threw away the key." He and Legislature Chair Gregg Pulver, both Republicans, have said that the new jail will be safer, allow for more programming for inmates and save an estimated \$4 million annually by eliminating the need through its design for 100 of the current 235 corrections-officer positions.

After Balkind's presentation, the full

Legislature met and approved several resolutions, including one to study the youth court concept. In the Putnam County program, created in 1988, teenage volunteers hear cases involving first-time offenders up to age 17, including charges of assault, burglary, drug possession and harassment.

Such courts have "proven track records" in preventing youth "from becoming repeat offenders," said Dutchess Legislator Craig Brendli, who represents parts of the city and town of Poughkeepsie and was the resolution's lead sponsor.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Indian Brook Falls

Indian Brook Falls is part of a state park - it's not only for residents of Indian Brook Road ("Philipstown Threatens to Sue State Over Park Crowds," Oct. 9). It's absurd to close the Constitution Marsh parking lot, because people just park in the cut-outs along the road. I see no data about or reports on how the environment at the falls is "fragile" – all I see are homeowners who should have bought property on a private road or in a gated community.

As a part-time resident who hikes 1.5 miles in to avoid people walking around like they own the street, I'm going to begin an effort to build a parking lot large enough to handle the crowds. This will be fun. There is already state land there. More traffic on the way!

Ryan Fischer Harbage, Philipstown

Closing the lot only made the problem worse. What were they thinking?

Donna Heyner, Philipstown

There's only one parking lot on Indian Brook Road to access the falls or the Audubon trails. Closing it blocks even locals from visiting unless you are willing to walk/run/

bike 1.5 miles on busy Route 9D.

It's no wonder people are "illegally" parking along the road; they have nowhere else to go! This area was a great place to bring my kids and I'm no longer able to do that because I'm not willing to risk their lives on 9D.

Anna Rizik, Cold Spring

People were living along that part of Indian Brook long before the zombies took over. Route 9D has the same problem at Breakneck, where at least 2,000 zombies each weekend leave garbage, human waste and spray-painted rocks, not to mention the spread of COVID-19.

The state is nowhere to be found. The village is even worse - there must have been 5,000 people in town this past weekend. I have lived on Market Street the past 30 years and in Cold Spring for 50. No good will come of this town as long as it is advertised in every newspaper as the place to go and dump on. The garbage overflow will only bring more rodents and sickness.

I use the word zombies because the people coming here think it's a free-for-all and show zero common sense on how to act. Humans ruin everything.

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It seems to me the smartest thing is to close Indian Brook Falls. If the town takes the position that the park is open but you can't park there, it's not going to solve the problem. If people run the risk of being arrested for trespassing, plus loss of their vehicle, that ought to solve the problem.

Thomas VanTine, via Facebook

It's been a horrifying six months of litter, trail abuse (i.e., people going off trail) and traffic and parking problems. It needs to be curbed. The state needs to invest in parking lots and give rangers a fighting chance at maintaining the trails and paths.

Gavin Wassung, via Instagram

Beacon budget

I'm not a fan of Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, but you have to give the man credit. The proposed 2021 city budget has no tax increase and increases spending on the Police Department ("Despite Shortfall, Mayor Proposes More Money for Police," Oct. 9). That's a wonderful thing, and something his predecessor would never consider. The former mayor - Mr. "I Am Beacon" allowed overdevelopment, which you would think would ease the tax burden on citizens, and raised taxes to record highs.

Matthew James, via Facebook

Thank you, Mayor Lee, for giving law enforcement the tools and training it needs so officers can do the right thing.

Justin Riccobono, via Facebook

Boomtown

Will any of these new buildings still be standing 25 years from now ("Booming Beacon," Oct. 9)?

Ginny Buechele, via Facebook

Beacon needs to fill the vacant retail spaces before creating more. Buildings have sat vacant for 20 years and we need more? Mary Collyer, via Facebook

Correction

Our story on crowding at Indian Brook Falls ("Philipstown Threatens to Sue State Over Park Crowds," Oct. 9) stated that the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Garrison is closed. In fact, only its Visitors' Center is closed. The trails and boardwalk remain open, but visitors should be dropped off or park at Boscobel (for a fee) and walk a trail through its property to Indian Brook Road.



Beacon Schools (from Page 1)

On Sept. 14, the board conducted lengthy interviews with Johnson, Galloway and Barbara Fisher and Travis Fisher, a married couple who each applied to fill a vacancy created by the resignation in July of Michael Rutkoske.

Eight days later, James Case-Leal, who is white, resigned from the board, saying he should be replaced by a person of color. On Sept. 29, about 50 people attended the first in-person school board meeting since March, and close to a dozen asked the board to appoint Johnson and Galloway, who are both African-American and relatively recent Beacon High School graduates, to fill the two openings.

The board voted to appoint Johnson, but a motion to appoint Galloway failed and the members opted to restart the application process.

When the school board met again this week at Seeger Theater at Beacon High School, there were no spectators other than Galloway and a few friends, who attended for about 30 minutes before leaving.

The three candidates not selected for Rutkoske's seat were allowed to roll their applications over for the second vacancy, but Barbara Travis and Travis Fisher withdrew. A third candidate applied but withdrew before the meeting, board President Meredith Heuer said.

In an interview on Thursday (Oct. 15), Barbara Fisher, who owns Barb's Butchery, said she was pleased to see Johnson, a



Jasmine Johnson with her parents, Myra and Steven Burrows, after she was sworn in as a member of the Beacon school board Photo by Meredith Heuer

family friend, appointed. "I was very happy that someone was willing to do it," Fisher said. "I don't care who's doing it, as long as somebody's doing it."

Fisher said she and her husband applied to fill Rutkoske's seat to ensure that the short-handed board would have a quorum for votes if members were absent or sick, especially during the pandemic. She said they agreed with the decision to reopen the application process for the second seat.

"When James resigned was when things got really complicated," she said. "Our

school board has had enough procedural issues, so let this one run" its course.

With the Fishers out of the running, that leaves Galloway and Puliafito. Their interviews on Tuesday were much shorter than those of the candidates a month ago.

Puliafito, who joined the meeting by Zoom but did not appear on camera, said that he has lived in Beacon since the 1950s and has "a lot of experience with multicultural classrooms and teaching technology and special-education students."

Since 1970, he said, he has worked "in

colleges and with public school teachers in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, and I've seen the problems there. It's not easy to solve problems, but everybody has to be on the same page and not think about themselves but about each other."

Puliafito said he had not considered running for the school board before but was interested in seeing where his tax money goes, "so I started to think, 'Maybe I should be part of it.'"

Galloway, who on Sept. 14 accused board members of being "disconnected" from segments of the community and said that the district's 2017 capital improvement plan should have funded a community center rather than a multi-sport turf field at Beacon High School, rejoined the Tuesday meeting via Zoom but said little.

"Do your best to respect the board and respect the process of the board," he said, referring to a half-dozen residents who had earlier called in to pledge their support. "It is an appointment process, and we have to stick to the process and hope for the best."

If the board appoints a new member on Oct. 26, the person will serve until May 18, when the seat will be on the ballot. Voters will also decide on three other seats: the one held by Johnson and those held by Elissa Betterbid and Flora Stadler, whose terms end next year.

The top three vote-getters in May will each serve three-year terms. The fourthplace finisher will complete the remainder of Rutkoske's term, which ends in 2022.



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A public scoping period for the EIS is underway to solicit input on the proposed implementation of the Clinton District ADP. The 45-day public scoping period was initiated with notification in Federal Register on October 9, 2020. In response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the United States and the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for social distancing and avoiding large public gatherings, the Army will not hold in-person public scoping meetings for this action. Instead, the Army will hold two virtual meetings that will allow the public and other interested parties to dial-in to the virtual meeting to listen and provide comments on the proposed action. The meetings will be held on Wednesday October 28, 2020; one from 2pm to 4pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) and the second from 6pm to 8pm EDT. The call-in phone number and PIN for each call is: 877-229-8493 (PIN: 119890).

Scoping materials providing information about the proposed action are available online at https://www.nan.usace.army.mil/Missions/Environmental/Environmental-Assessment/ Clinton-Area-Development-Plan/. For those who do not have ready access to a computer or the internet, the scoping materials will be made available upon request by contacting Mr. Chris Pray, U.S. Army Garrison West Point, NEPA Coordinator, by phone (845) 938-7122 or mail at PO Box 102, West Point, NY 10996.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Putnam Police Panel Invites Feedback

Says it would like to hear from diverse voices

Putnam County last month put out a call for residents to discuss policing issues with its 21-member Police Review Panel, which is chaired by Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell and includes police officials as well as legislative, county and municipal leaders.

The panel was established in August in response to an order by Gov. Andrew Cuomo that requires each of the 500 jurisdictions with police departments in New York state to develop a reform plan by April 1 that addresses the use of force, de-escalation and community-based outreach, among other topics.

At a meeting held on Sept. 15, Michael Piazza Jr., the commissioner of the county's Department of Social Services and Mental Health, invited residents to participate in the discussion, "particularly those in community and cultural diversity groups, people of color, the Latino and LGBTQIA communities, faith-based groups, veteran's organizations, schools and mental-health consumers," according to a news release by the county.

The email address to sign up is policereviewpanel@putnamcountyny.gov.

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	5	-	Intimations: Six Essays	Zadie Smith			
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z	1	-	Dog Man: Grime and Punishment	Dav Pilkey			
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	2019	2020	2019	2020		
New Listings	17	16	24	29		
Closed Sales	9	7	10	17		
Days on Market	91	70	70	75		
Median Price	\$385,000	\$415,000	\$550,000	\$565,000		
% List Received	89.9	99.8	96.9	97.7		
Inventory	46	23	108	70		

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Coronavirus Update

■ State health officials said that, as of Oct. 14, 1,710 people had tested positive for COVID-19 in Putnam County; 5,289 in Dutchess; 39,200 in Westchester; 16,972 in Rockland; 2,392 in Ulster; and 13,033 in Orange. Statewide, there have been 479,400 positives, including 252,274 in New York City.

■ Statewide, 25,618 people had died as of Oct. 14. No deaths have been reported among Putnam residents since the week ending July 3.

■ Beacon had 11 active cases as of Oct. 14 and Putnam had 27 for the week ending Oct. 8, with no new cases reported in Philipstown, which has had 133 since March.

■ In Dutchess County, there were 1,951 tests conducted on Oct. 14 and eight positives reported, and in Putnam, there were 481 tests and five positives reported. The percentage of positive results in the Mid-Hudson Region was 1.6 percent. Statewide, there were 133,212 tests conducted on Oct. 14 and 1,460 positives, or 1.09 percent.

■ The number of people with COVID-19 who are currently hospitalized in New York state as of Oct. 14 stood at 897; the number in intensive care was 197; and the number of intubations was 95. ■ On Oct. 14, the governor threatened to cut off state funding to localities and schools in COVID-19 "hot" zones that fail to enforce limits on gatherings and the closure of schools. He said a warning would be sent to officials in New York City, Orange County, Rockland County, the Town of Ramapo and the Village of Spring Valley.

■ On Oct. 13, the City of Beacon announced that three of its employees had tested positive and had not been at work since Sept. 30 and Oct. 5, when they were placed on a mandatory 10-day quarantine. In response, the city said it hired Servpro to disinfect all of City Hall on Oct. 4 and notified the Dutchess County Department of Health and engaged state contact tracers.

■ The Metropolitan Transportation Authority says the number of riders on subways, buses and railroads seen without masks has dropped from 10 percent to 5 percent since the agency began issuing \$50 fines on Sept. 14. The agency said on Oct. 8 that eight tickets have been issued by agency and city police officers since the fine went into effect.

■ On Oct. 9, the state health department said it would make rapid-result tests available to every county at no charge. The initial 400,000 kits will be supplied to local health departments, hospitals, pharmacies and other health care providers in areas seeing an uptick in cases. The tests provide results within 15 minutes.



Seven Hedgewood Deaths Tied to Virus Outbreak

47 residents and 28 staff test positive

By Leonard Sparks

he tally of COVID-19 cases tied to an outbreak of the virus at the Hedgewood Home for Adults, an assisted living facility in Beacon, has risen to 75 and the number of deaths to seven.

A total of 47 residents and 28 staff at the facility, which is located at 355 Fishkill Ave., have tested positive for COVID-19, and seven residents have died since the outbreak hit the facility last month. As of Thursday (Oct. 15), there were still nine active cases, all residents, and five people hospitalized at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in the City of Newburgh, according to Dutchess County.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said during his weekly briefing on Oct. 7 that the spread of the disease at the facility seemed to have slowed. A quarantine requiring all residents to remain on the property will expire this week and is not expected to be extended, the county said on Thursday.

The cases at Hedgewood were uncovered last month after county officials,



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Hedgewood, in a statement on Sept. 24, said the resident tested positive after returning to the facility following a hospitalization. In addition to COVID-19-positive residents being isolated in their rooms, visits were suspended and meals for every resident were being delivered to rooms.

The state Department of Health, which licenses assisted-living facilities, said in a statement last month that it inspected Hedgewood for compliance with infection control requirements during an unannounced visit on Sept. 17 and helped the county test residents on Sept. 18. The department said it had no other comment because "this is an ongoing investigation."

COVID-19 by the Numbers

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

1,710 (+41) New Cases in Philipstown: 0

Tests administered:

54,244 (+3,489)

Percent positive:

3.2 (-0.1)

Number of deaths:

63 (+0)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

5,289 (+67) Active Cases in Beacon: 11

Tests administered: **196,256** (+11,701)

Percent positive:

2.7 (-0.1)

Number of deaths:

163(+2)

Source: New York State Department of Health, with weekly changes in parentheses, as of Oct. 14. New cases in Philipstown for the week ending Oct. 8.

Indian Brook (from Page 1)

the incident was "pretty awful" and demonstrated the need for a county human rights commission to "address things like this," she said. The Legislature in August rejected her proposal to establish a commission, but Montgomery said she'd "like to continue the discussion."

The girls were on a trip organized by The Felix Organization, a nonprofit that provides "inspiring opportunities," including hiking and other outdoor activities, for foster-care children, and in Putnam Valley operates an overnight camp that has been shuttered this summer because of the pandemic.

Shortly after the argument, the eight-car, town-owned parking area on Indian Brook Road near the Audubon site was blocked with traffic cones and, later, more permanent barriers.

For years, homeowners near Indian Brook Falls, a picturesque waterfall on state parkland, and the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, west of the falls, have complained that visitors overrun the area, engage in unruly behavior, drive erratically and park haphazardly on the winding dirt road that at times narrows to a single lane. The neighbors aired their grievances again at an Oct. 1 Town Board meeting.

Greg MacGarva, a representative of the delegation, told the Town Board that disagreements with visitors included one "culminating in a near-violent physical assault on a resident this summer by some people on a bus tour." He did not elaborate.

In letters to Shea and Montgomery several weeks ago, and in a phone interview with *The Current* on Tuesday (Oct. 13), Amanda Ricken Simonetta, the executive director of The Felix Organization, said that while she was not on the trip, she received a detailed account from the adults who were.

Simonetta, who lives in Beacon, said she is familiar with Indian Brook Road and "I know that parking there is a pain." She said "there was never an intent to park" the bus, only to halt long enough for the girls and chaperones to disembark.

The neighbors "were the ones creating the traffic problem," she said. "They started yelling and chastising and saying,



The Constitution Marsh site includes a boardwalk, visible at left, that is popular with visitors. File photo by L.S. Armstrong

'Go back where you came from' and used the N-word."

She described the incident as "heartwrenching" because the girls "are survivors of abuse and neglect" and "have faced abandonment in their life and overcome quite a bit of trauma. To re-traumatize them like that is just really unconscionable."

To help the adolescents process the incident, The Felix Organization urged them to write about it. One wrote that the girls had been called the N-word and xenophobic epithets, adding that a staff member had been called a "Black bitch." The girl wrote that she had eagerly anticipated the visit to the marsh but that, after reaching the trailhead, "we were told to leave, that 'we' did not belong there," and that she felt "embarrassed and confused" by what happened "In the end, I just want to say: black lives matter."

Simonetta praised the Sheriff's Department. Upon reaching the scene, a deputy asked "What's the problem here?" and soon decided the hike could proceed, she said. "That was a very positive side of this story, that the police were called" and found the girls "aren't doing anything wrong. That was very good because, who knows, it could've gone in another direction, if there had been a different response from the police. So I was very grateful to the Sheriff's Office."

On a subsequent trip, the girls visited Boscobel, "where they had a great time," Simonetta added. "Boscobel was wonderful."

In an Oct. 13 letter to *The Current*, Shea wrote that "use of racial slurs is never acceptable and everyone knows this." He said he has asked Simonetta to bring the group back to Philipstown so he and others can "attempt to make amends by doing something that shows our best selves," perhaps a hike or visit to a local farm. He also proposed a discussion "of what they felt and how we can do better here in Philipstown."

He had spoken, more obliquely, at the Town Board meeting on Oct. 1. In an unusual speech as the meeting convened, Shea said that Philipstown residents are fortunate to live in such a setting and need to recognize they have responsibilities, including being "a good ambassador for this town" and trying "to lead by example and be better people." He acknowledged that "recently we've been inundated and there's a lot of tension about a lot of things. But we need to extend ourselves, we really do."

He confirmed on Tuesday that dismay over the Indian Brook incident had prompted his remarks.

Visiting the Marsh

Scott Silver, director of the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, said on Wednesday (Oct. 14) that while the Visitors' Center at the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary is closed, the grounds and trails, including the boardwalk that extends into the marsh, are open daily to visitors. The boardwalk had been closed for a time this summer because of the COVID-19 threat.

He said that to his knowledge there have been not been other confrontations such as the one that occurred on Aug. 21, "although our neighbors have previously asked people to move vehicles blocking their driveways." With the increase in visitors to Constitution Marsh and Indian Brook Falls, "the parking situation has become increasingly more difficult," he said.

To alleviate traffic congestion, Audubon has arranged with Boscobel for visitors, for a fee, to use the parking lots there from Friday to Monday and walk to the Audubon preserve, about three-quarters of a mile. Aubudon recommends that large groups notify it in advance of a visit.

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Chaos (from Page 1)

Marion Avenue, the street could not accommodate two-way traffic. He said police broke up a verbal altercation between two motorists there.

- A minor car crash occurred near The Depot Restaurant.
- On Fair Street, some drivers ignored the one-way sign while others parked ille-gally on the west side of the street.
- Residents complained of parked cars blocking driveways.
- "No parking" cones had to be positioned on narrow sections of some streets to ensure access for emergency vehicles.
- Parking overflowed into areas seldom used by visitors in the past, including Academy, Cherry and High streets and Marion and Northern avenues.

Patrick Biesemans, who lives on Railroad Avenue near The Depot, told *The Current* that the weekend "was the busiest I've seen in the five years I've lived in the village. The traffic generated by the Depot and ice cream shop is increasingly busy and becoming a huge inconvenience and possibly a hazard.

"Aside from having to manage tourists using our property as though we were an attraction at Disneyland, the streets are getting to a point where near car accidents are a constant," he said. "Commercial vehicles are also constantly getting stuck between Stone and Depot, on Railroad, usually needing police assistance." At the Oct. 13 meeting, Merandy suggested the board re-establish the parking committee it approved and revisit a permit system for residents. One hurdle, Merandy said, is a state requirement that 20 percent of all spaces be available to visitors. The board discussed a number of poten-

tial mitigations, including expanding and metering parking at Mayor's Park, shortened parking times, lobbying Metro-North to encourage weekend parking at its riverfront lot and marking the street in front of driveways as no-parking and tow-away zones.

A substantial increase in fines could also be considered. Burke noted that if five people visit Cold Spring together by car and split the cost of a \$45 parking ticket, "that's not a bad fee for a full day of hiking."

The issues go beyond village boundaries. Merandy said he welcomed a petition being organized to protest congested conditions along Route 9D to the north of Main Street. But he noted that the village ends at Fair Street, just before the entrance to Little Stony Point.

"I'm glad people are getting riled up," Merandy said. "But the petition needs to go to the right people — send it to DOT and Parks," referring to the state departments of transportation and parks. "DOT does not seem to want to help," the mayor said. "They're the ones that put up signs, control the speed limits."

In addition, "state parks has a responsibility," he said. "They advertise, bring people in, but don't seem to want to control the numbers. It's destroying our properties



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and our parks."

Trustee Lynn Miller suggested the village join forces with the Town of Philipstown, which has threatened to sue the state over its management of local parks.

Rally canceled

Blue Live Matter, a Carmel-based group that has hosted rallies at the Putnam County Courthouse and whose motto is "only criminals have a reason to hate the police," circulated a flier calling for supporters to gather at the waterfront on Oct. 25 to "show support for the Cold Spring Police Department."

The flier targeted Heidi Bender, identifying her as the owner of Split Rock Books and claiming that she "wants to abolish the Cold Spring Village Police Department! Come out and show Heidi that CSVPD is here to stay!"

Bender is running unopposed for a seat on the Village Board. She wrote in an email to *The Current*: "My job as trustee will involve examining all aspects of the budget, which includes the Police Department. I am not going in with the idea of mindlessly slashing anyone's budget. I plan to do my research, learn from seasoned trustees and think about how we can all best be served."

Bender added she doesn't know why Blue Live Matter is targeting her. "Perhaps because I have unequivocal support for Black Lives Matter and I've made it clear," she wrote. "I believe strongly in citizen engagement."

There have been discussions for years about whether Cold Spring needs its own

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Cold Spring Soundtrack

police force, which accounts for about 17 percent of the village budget, when the area is also patrolled by the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, which has a station in Nelsonville.

In the 2015 race for the Village Board, for example, the three candidates were each asked about abolishing the department. Fran Murphy, who is currently on the board, said she believed the village needed a police force, while Marie Early, the deputy mayor, said "we need police services" but that "who provides them, I think, is a good question" to investigate.

A representative for Blue Live Matter, who declined to be identified, said on Thursday (Oct. 15) that the rally had been canceled. "We decided it would be best to refocus our efforts to reelect President Donald J. Trump," he said.

In other business...

Showtime is considering Cold Spring as the location for a limited television series to be filmed between January and June 2021.

Burke is compiling a list of private surveillance cameras whose footage could be accessed during criminal investigations. Participation is voluntary and confidential, he said.

Burke said he has received noise complaints as a result of cars lining up at the Philipstown Food Pantry on Academy Street as early as 4 a.m. on Saturdays when fruits and vegetables are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. A night-shift officer will be assigned to patrol the area.



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The Calendar

World on Fire

During pandemic, artist's fantasies don't seem as distant

By Alison Rooney

Lucia Love depicts fire and water, with their destructive and healing elements, in myriad ways in *Firewater*, an exhibition of a series of seven paintings at The Ice House in Garrison that opens Saturday (Oct. 17).

Although unplanned, the works seem to reflect the jagged emotions and fears of the moment. "I've been using the subject matter for years but people are ready to see what's actually going on," Love says. "It's been strange to see how much more willing people are to have these conversations, like 'Yes, the world really is on fire.' " Before the pandemic, Love says, a more typical reaction was, "Oh, monsters, that's weird."

Speculative fiction, myths and the fantasy genre have always been part of Love's realm. "The connection to myths is always present," the artist says. "It's always something that has given me permission to make this work, this lineage of visual and written worlds that are analogous to ours. I want to build the metaphors in that speculative reality that sci-fi gives to you, but these fantasies I make as an extension of reality. I'm trying to process it and deal with heavier feelings of, for instance, powerlessness."

Love, who lives in Brook-

lvn and studied painting and animation at the School of Visual Arts with a grant from Jasper John's Foundation for Contemporary Arts, notes that "there are a lot of different mediums that go into the process: written backstories of the characters, different drawings, sculptures of the characters. It mixes together and is added to different things taken from the news culture's omnivorous way of taking in information. In building the narrative, some things are attached to something real in history, while other things are atemporal, and you have to piece together what the sequences are."

In many of the works, there is a central character known as The Water Carrier, a figure Love has used for years. "She's a character I can attempt to weave issues around: particularly what liberation means, or meant, in a feminist lens," the artist says. "I made a character who is in a kind of bondage, shackles, forced to have a cup balanced on her head — there's this cultural thing; in many places women are tasked with shuttling water from a source into their towns, and what's my position in this? What is gender? Are you tied to gender? What are the shackles of gender?

"I started painting this character in 2013 or 2014, following her through steps of liberation: how do you get yourself to another place? The earlier paintings show struggles, with no answers, but comedic slapstick going on. *Firewater* has a lot more traction. The character, the main story arc, can be seen in the painting 'Lady of the Lake.' She's in this meditative state, with a crossbow shackle device on her but she has such focus it seems as if she's controlling the elements around her. It's within her mind that she has gained power, and through meditation she can change the world through these elements."

Love doesn't consider any of the characters to be self-portraits. "I don't ever think of it as me. It's more like a thought experiment," the artist says. "It's dealing with a lot of American ideas: the house of cards, the precarity that we're in: and of course, there are floods and there are fires." The paintings "aren't meant to be didactic. I'm focused on legibility in the work, as a means to show somebody something that they can process. I know what I was thinking, making the paintings, but I want there to be enough impact in the work to stay with it. When you put a lot of time into something it invites the viewer to do the same."

> The Ice House is located at 17 Mandalay Drive in Garrison. To view the exhibit, make an appointment at jdj. world or text 518-339-6913. Masks and social distancing are required. It continues through Dec. 19.



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THE WEEK AHEA

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 17

Riverkeeper Cleanup PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. - Noon. Various locations riverkeeper.org

Register to help with shoreline cleanup and tree planting at dozens of sites on the Hudson River, including Constitution Marsh, Garrison's Landing and Little Stony Point.

SAT 17

Riverkeeper Cleanup BEACON

9 a.m. - Noon, Various locations riverkeeper.org

Register to help with shoreline cleanup and tree planting at dozens of sites on the Hudson River, including Dennings Point and the waterfront.

SAT 17 Passport Fair CARMEL

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Putnam Clerk 40 Gleneida Ave. 845-808-1142. x49301 putnamcountyny.com/county-clerk

Get a new passport or renew an existing passport. Appointment required

SAT 17

Walk to End Alzheimer's BEACON

10 a.m. Libby Funeral Home 55 Teller Ave.

libbyfuneralhome.com/alzheimers-walk Walk from the funeral home to

Long Dock and back in this fundraiser

SAT 17 Open House on the Farm BREWSTER

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm 100 Route 312 putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

for the Alzheimer's Association

See animals and the Farm Project Art Show, take a hike and enjoy activities like a scavenger hunt and fall-themed food. Registration required. Free

SAT 17 Raise the Roof for ARF BEACON

7 p.m. Denning's Point Distillery 10 N. Chestnut St. | bit.ly/raise-roof-arf

This fundraiser for the no-kill Animal Rescue Foundation shelter for cats and dogs will include a twohour open bar with Denning's Point spirits, food sold by Momo Valley and raffles. Cost: \$30

SUN 18 Blood Drive BEACON

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tompkins Hose Co. 13 South Ave. | donate.nybc.org The Beacon Hebrew Alliance will host this drive. Make an

appointment or walk in.

SAT 24 **Fall Craft Fair** WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 NY-9D | milb.com/hudson-valley Browse crafts by more than 30

artisans and enjoy treats from food trucks in the parking lot. Register

in advance. Cost: \$5 per car

SAT 24 Harvest Fest PUTNAM VALLEY

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Tompkins Corners Cultural Center** 729 Peekskill Hollow Road

tompkinscorners.org Lou Del Bianco will tell Hans Christian Andersen stories in a 45-minute interactive program starting at 11 a.m., plus shop the Putnam Valley Resident's Coalition Farmer's Market and artisan fair. There will be musical performances and raffles throughout the day. Cost: \$10 donation

TALKS

TUES 20

Graphic Novel Book Club COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock Books 845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com The group will discuss *Kampung* Boy, by Lat, via Zoom.

THURS 22 Fiction Book Club COLD SPRING

Hazzard, via Zoom.

7 p.m. Split Rock Books 845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com The group will discuss The Transit of Venus, by Shirley

FRI 23

Little Stony Point and Environmentalism

COLD SPRING 11 a.m. Little Stony Point

3011 Route 9D | bit.ly/2lwtDJr The Putnam History Museum

how the area played a role in the environmental movement in the 1960s. Registration required. Free

SAT 24 West Point Foundry Tour

COLD SPRING 10 a.m. Putnam History Museuam 63 Chestnut St. | bit.ly/34W9CTP

Mark Forlow, chair of the Putnam History Museum and the author of West Point Foundry, will lead a hike through the Preserve and discuss its history. Free

SAT 24

Year of the Sword GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library bit.ly/YearOfTheSword

In this rescheduled event, the Philipstown Reform Synagogue will mark Holocaust Remembrance Day with a presentation by Kathy Yacoe about the culture and history of the Assyrian people and the events that led to their genocide in World War 1. Register online. Free



HALLOWEEN

SAT 24 Great Haldane Pumpkin Hunt

COLD SPRING 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church 1 Chestnut St. haldaneschoolfoundation.org

Get a game card and search for pumpkins in the village. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 25 Pumpkin Glow GARRISON

5:30 - 7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Wear a costume and take a stroll through the spooky pumpkin patch.

THURS 22, FRI 23, SAT 24, SUN 25. Cost: \$10 (\$8 children, seniors, military)

SUN 18 Loving the '80s GARRISON

1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org The library will mark its 40th

anniversary with a talk by actor Liz Keifer. See Page 2. In case of rain, the event will move online. Registration required.

FRI 23 A-Y/dancers BEACON

7 p.m. Long Dock Park | aydancers.com Watch remotely the debut of four works featuring Oluwadamilare (Dare) Ayorinde, Amanda Krische and Deborah Lohse, and a solo workin-progress by Symara Johnson. A Q&A will follow. Registration required. Cost: \$1 to \$100

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 17

Saturday on the Farm WAPPINGERS FALLS

10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmstead Lane

diaart.org/program/program/ saturday-studio

Artists will lead an outdoor workshop on making art and exploration in this Dia:Beacon program. Free

Riverkeeper Cleanup, Oct. 17

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SAT 17 Halloween Story Hour COLD SPRING

12:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 845-265-3040 | bit.ly/2Syj0HA

The Mummy and Dracula will visit. Register online. Also TUES 20, SAT 24.

FRI 23

Trunk or Treat GARRISON

5 p.m. Philipstown Community Center 107 Glenclyffe philipstownrecreation.com

Wear your costume and trick or treat without leaving your parking space. At dusk, Hocus Pocus (1993) will be shown as a drive-in movie. Registration required. Free

SUN 25 Guided Hike: Mushrooms GARRISON

10 a.m. Manitoga 584 Route 9D | 845-424-3812 visitmanitoga.org Mycologist Taro Ietaka will

showcase forest fungi. Cost: \$10

STAGE & SCREEN

Story Screen Drive-In BEACON

8:30 p.m. University Settlement 724 Wolcott Ave. | 845-440-7706 storyscreendrivein.square.site



SAT 17 will lead a guided hike and discuss

The pop-up drive-in theater (1984) this weekend and The Cabin Witch Project (1999) next weekend. health protocols. Snacks will be available for purchase. Also SUN 18,

will screen The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) and Friday the 13th Part IV: The Final Chapter in the Woods (2011) and The Blair See website for show times and

SAT 17 Audubon Nature Exploration

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

Pete Salmansohn will lead classic nature games and help look for signs of animals and birds in the fall landscape. The rain date is SUN 25. Email puffpete@gmail.com with questions.

MUSIC

SAT 24 Loren Connors

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcentertix.com

The guitarist will perform via a livestream as part of the Elysium Furnace Works series. *Cost:* \$15

SUN 25 Jeremy Denk

KATONAH

3 p.m. Caramoor 914-232-1252 | caramoor.org

The pianist will play a program online that includes works by Thomas "Blind Tom" Wiggins, Scott Joplin, Tania León and Frederic Rzewski, bookended by Mozart's *Sonata in C minor* and Beethoven's *Piano No. 32 in C Minor, Op. 111. Cost: \$10*



SUN 25 Colin and Eric Jacobsen

8 p.m. Howland Chamber Music Circle howlandmusic.org/ALIVEmusica.html

AliveMusica presents the founders of the Brooklyn Rider string quartet in an online program that includes works by Heinrich Bilber, Reinhold Gliere, Colin Jacobsen and Maurice Ravel. The concert is co-sponsored by the Chapel Restoration and other arts organizations. Register online. *Cost:* \$20 donation

CIVIC

MON 19 City Council BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall 845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org



MON 19 Village Board

NELSONVILLE 7:30 p.m. Via Zoom 845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 20 School Board

COLD SPRING 7 p.m. Haldane School 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 21 School Board

GARRISON 7 p.m. Garrison School 845-424-3689 | gufs.org A public hearing about the district's safety plan will take place before the meeting.

SAT 24 Putnam Early Voting CARMEL

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Board of Elections 25 Old Route 6 | putnamboe.com Continues daily through SUN 1. See website for times.

SAT 24 Dutchess Early Voting FISHKILL Noon - 5 p.m. Fishkill Town Hall 807 Route 52 elections.dutchessny.gov Continues daily through SUN 1. See website for times.



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Kid Friendly Child Care Bank

By Katie Hellmuth Martin

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not being able to be home. Parents who work inside the home face the impossible task of working alongside children.

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As parents, we don't know what we don't know. We think we have a "self-motivated" child who can do this all alone. But if you pay attention, you may see a great misunderstanding of the concept of decimals, for example. The "simple" concept of the

difference between 809 and .809, when not understood by a 10-year-old, can cause outbursts and resistance.

You may have a child who is "acting out." They might be rejecting attending the "morning meets," or completing the assignments or letting you even see the assignments. You then may be shocked to see them slam a math book on the table or grab the Chromebook by the screen and cart it off to another room.

Helicopter parenting is required, but the children may want nothing to do with us. School is their territory. School is where they had independence, even though they suffered and battled through their own layered dynamics with friends and teachers.

Bribes

The thought of absorbing a screen for hours a day might make you cringe, and it makes some children cringe. While every child has potential, the motivation button must be found. As a business owner, I can tell you that I am motivated by hustle and hunger. If there is creative work I want to do, yet a client is calling me to come to a meeting with their people, who talk in circles for hours, I might wince a little. But they are paying me, so I'll come!

Therefore, I offer bribes to my children to test well in a required app called Reading Plus and to at least complete Typing Club. As a blogger, I'm a fast typist. I can't watch my children finger-point across a keyboard. To understand the root of their frustra-

tion, I tested each program. Typing Club



Pulling up a chair for a new kind of parent/kid quality time. *Photo by K. Martin*

was good. The pressure it puts on them to get to know certain fingers on certain keys is good. My kids don't like the pressure. I can work with this.

Reading Plus, however, is painful. It claims to encourage fast reading by graying out words and doesn't let them flip the page backward if they need to (unless I didn't understand all the functions). So if



they accidentally skip ahead a few pages, they've lost and will test poorly on the exit quiz. This impacts their grade and is anxiety-inducing.

So, I bribe them into paying close attention. They get \$1 Toca Boca app points for a 90 percent on Reading Plus, and \$1 at The Chocolate Studio in Beacon for each lesson completed in Typing Club. (Note to self: Drop that to 10 cents or 50 cents because there are so many lessons.) When necessary, I bribe them with a Glazed Over doughnut to show up for the math tutor the district makes available in their school. My children resist because they don't want to look like they need help, yet an unexpected lightbulb always flashes when they attend.

Perspective + child care

At the heart of this pandemic experience is perspective. If child care is something that you cannot or will not justify because your job would just cover the cost, think about what child care offers to you and your child. (For the people who cannot afford it, we need a child care bank, like a food bank.)

For you, child care might bring your brain back. For your child, it might be the most fun babysitter or a day care center full of friends. For me, it is my toddler cared for and happy downstairs while I juggle working and being a remote-learning teacher to my two older children, who might fall through the cracks without supervision.

Here is an example of perspective. At the grocery store, I build in the 25 cents for the gumball machine at checkout. I was always against this treat. Now, for my third child, I give him the quarter and he goes to work on the knob to get the reward from the machine. I've bought myself time to bag my groceries. This week, a mother behind me in line didn't agree. Her daughter saw my son go work the gumball machine and asked for the same. The mother, having already unloaded her groceries onto the belt while I bagged, shook her head and said: "Those gumballs are unhealthy."

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Holiday Cards, Halloween Style

Each October, Cold Spring family gets creative

By Michael Turton

hen Matthew and Dina Pace Shackelford visited Babies R Us in October 2011, it produced not only a delightful Popeyethemed family portrait celebrating the birth of their first child, Hudson, but a tradition.

Family and friends each fall now receive an annual family Halloween portrait.

"We replaced our boring December holiday cards," Dina explained.

Each photo is produced in an afternoon on a shoestring budget using props and materials from around the house — with occasional help from Photoshop.

The cast expanded in 2013 with the arrival of Asher Shackelford. The card that year, based on *The Wizard of Oz*, also starred Dina's maternal grand-mother, Tisbe Tagliaferri.

Dina's mother, Denise Pace, appears in the 2017 tribute to Grease.

Emma Luna, the Shackelford dog; their cat, Crunch Monkey; and Denise Pace's dog Darla have also been part of the show.

While most of the photography is done at the Shackelford home, the 2019 "Pirates of Cold Spring" was shot on the sloop Clearwater.

Their 2020 holiday card will make its debut as part of *The Current*'s Halloween Costume Contest. For details on how to enter, see Page 7.



We are so not in Kansas anymore.



Small, Good Things Catch of the Day

By Joe Dizney

n the South Louisiana of my birth, the Cajun French word *envie* (pronounced ohn*vee*) is a hankering for



an elusive thing, more

likely than not a specific food, as in, "I've got an envie for some shrimp salad."

This was the predicament I found myself in after coming across Gulf shrimp at the market.

I was thinking particularly of a shrimp roll - the bayou equivalent of a Northeastern lobster roll and the poor man's version of that summer shore staple. Not that the two are comparable: Regardless of how rich lobster meat can be by comparison, the Cajun way with spices will always win out.

With the shrimp poached in a typical Louisiana seafood boil and chilled and bathed in lemon juice and mayonnaise: a little celery and onion for crunch; and cavenne, horseradish and hot sauce for heat, what we have here is a country cousin to New Orleans' Creole shrimp remoulade.

Served as a sandwich on a pan-toasted, buttered roll with a handful of potato chips, it makes for a great on-the-fly munch; or as a salad on greens, bolstered by diced tomato and avocado, it's a healthy light lunch or dinner. And you could almost call it a staple: A container will keep for a few days in the refrigerator and provide the basis for a few quick meals.

A word about shrimp: I mention Gulf shrimp specifically – Gulf white (or pink) shrimp is a varietal designation. They are native to the warm, shallow waters of the Gulf of Mexico and off the Eastern Seaboard of Florida and north through the Carolinas. Caught wild, Gulf shrimp are the preferred variety for taste, texture and size, although I should also plug Royal Reds, a deeper-water variety, which are harder to come by.

In comparison, Chinese whites are usually farmed and noticeably softer in texture, a bit "watery" and less flavorful, although improved farming methods may be changing that. Overall, wild shrimp are preferred. This applies to flash-frozen shrimp. Adams Fair Acre Farms usually has frozen shell-on, wild-caught Gulf shrimp.

And about the shells: Don't toss them because they make a superior broth when quickly fried with a quartered onion, a couple of stalks of celery, a smashed clove of garlic or two, and crumbled bay leaves. Simmer it all in a quart or so of water (and a tablespoon or two of Red Boat Fish Sauce, if handy) for 30 to 45 minutes. This is a great poaching stock for your peeled shrimp as well as a flavor base for any other seafood stew or sauce. Freeze any excess.





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Salt

1- to 4-ounce bag of Zatarain's crab boil (or substitute 4 bay leaves, 1 tablespoon crushed coriander seeds, 1 tablespoon mustard seeds, 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes)

1. Bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Salt generously and add crab boil seasonings. Simmer for 5 minutes and add shrimp and return to a boil. Lower heat to medium-low; poach shrimp until pink, curled and opaque throughout (3 to 4 minutes). Drain and cool; chop roughly and reserve.

FOR THE SHRIMP SALAD

(cooked and cooled shrimp from above) 2 celery stalks, finely chopped ¹/₃ cup mayonnaise 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- A few dashes of Tabasco (or Crystal) hot sauce 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped dill (optional)
- 1 tablespoon minced chives for garnish
- 1 to 2 tablespoons horseradish ¹/₄ teaspoon kosher salt

1. Combine celery, mayonnaise, lemon juice, horseradish, salt, cayenne and hot sauce; stir well. Add shrimp, parsley and dill if using. Toss until well coated in the dressing. Taste and add more mayonnaise, adjust seasonings. Garnish with fresh chives.

2a. For a lobster-type roll, melt a tablespoon of butter in a large skillet and toast a hotdog-style bun (Pepperidge Farm preferred), split side down, until just colored. Add another pat of butter and toast the other side. Fill with a couple of generous scoops of salad and serve with a handful of kettle-style potato chips.

2b. For a salad, place on a bed on tender greens and garnish with diced tomatoes and avocados and/or a squeeze of lemon and light drizzle of olive oil. Shrimp salad will keep refrigerated for about three days.



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Fresh Fish at the Door

Philipstown wholesaler launches delivery service

By Alison Rooney

hough there is much farm-to-table bounty in the Highlands, there is far less fresh fish beyond what you can find at grocery stores or farmers' markets. Earlier this year, a new company, Cold Spring Fish & Specialty Foods, changed that dynamic with free weekly delivery to homes in Philipstown and Beacon.

The firm is an offshoot of Marterra (Spanish for "sea" and "earth"), a fish importer and distributor owned by Ralph Moran of Garrison. He launched Cold Spring Fish in March in part because the distributors he used to deliver to food-service clients shut down due to COVID-19 restrictions.

In addition, Moran says, "friends knew about my business and started asking if they could place orders. I told them I could, but the minimum orders would be too much for one family. So, they asked if we could put out an order list to see if there were enough orders to put together. Suddenly, there were a lot of requests.

"The first order was for 17 households, then the next week it jumped to 22, then 25," he says. "It got out of hand fast, in a good way. It came out of nothing — Facebook and Instagram posts — I'm not savvy with that, but my wife is. But still, it caught us by surprise."

The company now delivers to about 200 families each week in the Highlands, Dutchess and Westchester counties and northern New Jersey. Its stock includes sole filets, wild Alaskan sockeye salmon, black seabass filets, whole branzino, wild Chilean seabass steak, swordfish steaks, halibut filets, Patagonian salmon filets, cod filets, wild tuna steak, ahi tuna sashimi, smoked salmon, gravlax, fresh sea scallops, frozen lobster tails, frozen shrimp and King Crab legs. There's also a smoked salmon spread and an ahi tuna poke bowl.

Moran says he was able to switch gears quickly in response to the shutdown because he already had vague plans to



The people behind Cold Spring Fish: bookkeeper Nicole Raskopf; co-owner Ralph Moran; co-owner and general manager Alejandra Awad; and production manager and deliveryman Johnatan Jativa Photo by Sheila Williams

begin a delivery service and a name in place. He and his wife, Alejandra Awad, asked a friend to design a logo, and they launched the website.

While Marterra was pinched by the loss of its food-service distributors, Moran says the retail business remained strong. "We sell to retailers like Fairway, Stop & Shop and many others across the country," he says. "They know we're always compliant with all the strict regulations which accompany sales of fish now. It's a full-time job maintaining that compliance."

Moran began his career in fish in the mid-1990s, after he graduated from college. His family is from Chile and as a graduation gift his father gave him the opportunity to travel there. Moran stayed for a year, learning Spanish and exploring his roots. A relative worked in the fish industry and Moran became intrigued. When he returned to New York, he spent his days at the Fulton Fish Market.

"I learned the language of selling fish," he recalls. "I learned the only way to make a living was to sell to wholesalers." He founded Marterra in 1996. "The fish was flown to Kennedy Airport, then I'd have it picked up and distributed to the Fulton Fish Market. "It's a lot more complicated today." he says

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Marterra has a processing facility in New Jersey, where the orders are put together by logistics manager Johnatan Jativa, who doubles as the delivery man.

"We're not a fish market; we want to deliver our fish directly from our sources, one of which is Marterra," Moran explains. He cites an example: "Salmon arrives Wednesdays, off the plane from Chile. We deliver it to our customers on Thursday and Friday. It's pretty amazing that in two or three days the salmon goes from Patagonia to your plate."

The business has done so well that Moran and Awad have added freezer space near an office that Moran rented in Philipstown when the couple moved from New York City in 2011. They're also thinking about a retail window. "Retail was never my interest, but I'd like something to show consumers what we're about, and hiring local kids," Moran says. "It could be an enjoyable way to connect with the community."

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FEATURE PROPERTIES OF THE WEEK

Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (October 1870)

John Armstrong, 73, who came to the U.S. from England in 1830 to work for the Matteawan Manufacturing Co. as a superintendent, committed suicide in his tworoom flat over Mr. Davis' store. He was described in a newspaper account "as a great admirer of machinery and philosophical works" but also "eccentric." He left a note that read: "This is my own doing. I ought to have done it before." The deceased, who owned a manuscript library valued at up to \$5,000 [about \$100,000 today], was interred at the Methodist burial ground.

Lewis Tompkins opened new streets through land he purchased from the Teller property near the corner of Wolcott and Teller avenues.

Members of the Presbyterian Synod of New York gathered for four days at a church in Newburgh with the Rev. F.R. Masters of Matteawan moderating. Representatives of the five presbyteries, from 160 churches, were meeting for the first time since the synod split in 1838.

125 Years Ago (October 1895)

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Members of the Fresh Air Club of New York came to Fishkill on a Saturday night.

Rising on Sunday, they gathered at the Matteawan post office at 8 a.m. and walked to Glenham, then to Fishkill Village, across the meadows to the north end of the Fishkill range, and along the summits of Fishkill, North and South Beacons, South Rock, Breakneck and Taurus to Cold Spring, before returning to the city by train.

Robert Hale, 61, a former Cold Spring resident who lived with his daughter in Matteawan, died at his home. His daughter had left on Thursday to visit a friend in Newburgh and when she returned on Wednesday found him on the sofa.

The Dibble Hotel at Matteawan, which had outstanding mortgages of \$38,530, was sold at auction for \$405. [The Beacon Theater was later built on the site.]

The Duke of Marlborough and Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt and her mother, after coming up on the east side of the river in a tallyho [a fast, horse-drawn coach], crossed by ferry to West Point to stay at Cranston's hotel. They hired carriages to take them to Newburgh, where they continued their journey after the tallyho was brought by ferry from Fishkill Landing. [The duke and the 18-year-old Vanderbilt were married in New York City on Nov. 6, 1895. The couple had two sons but divorced in 1921.]

The Democrats of the First Assembly District, which included Fishkill Landing, nominated William Verplanck as their



The Dibble Hotel Beacon Historical Society

candidate for the state Assembly.

Jack Walsh and John "Kid" McManus, who had been accused two years earlier of robbing the Matteawan post office and shooting a police officer, were apprehended aboard the steamer Anchoria as it prepared to leave New York City for Glasgow. However, the officer, brought from Matteawan, failed to recognize either man and they were released.

William Carroll & Co. switched production at its Matteawan factory from wool to straw hats. The building dated to 1814, when it was built as a cotton factory. That business failed in 1851 and, in 1858, the Matteawan Seamless Clothing Co. moved in to make felt clothes and wool hats. Challenged by lower-priced imports, it also went

out of business, succeeded by Falconer, Carroll & Co. and then Carroll alone.

Sixty members of the Beacon Engine Co. of Matteawan, accompanied by a band, visited Philadelphia to sightsee and drop in on the Neversink Fire Co. in Reading. "The Beacon lights are fine-looking fellows, and they wear a handsome uniform," reported The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Ella Cox of Matteawan presented a lecture in Orange, New Jersey titled "Training Schools for Domestics" at the fall meeting of the New-England Society.

A judge freed Bessie Fairbanks, 19, who had been accused six months earlier of shooting and blinding Isaac Cochran in a New York City saloon. Declared insane, she was sent to the Matteawan asylum, where doctors declared her cured and returned her to the Tombs. The judge said he saw no chance of conviction.

A burglar named James O'Neil testified to a state Assembly committee investigating abuses at state prisons that inmates were clubbed at Matteawan, and that even sane inmates were placed in padded cells. He also said the asylum put men in coolers for days at a time, although the warden denied it.

100 Years Ago (October 1920)

J.B. Lodge, the manager of Mount Beacon, said he planned to close the mountain and travel with his staff, including Ortone's Band, to open a winter resort in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Hamilton Fish Jr., the local Republican (Continued on Page 21)

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candidate for Congress, spoke at a Columbus Day celebration organized by the Knights of Columbus. It included the dedication of a large naval gun at Hammond Square and an athletic meet at Caswell Field.

John Cronin, the city's commissioner of public safety, was speaking at the Harding Democratic League's meeting at the Knickerbocker Hotel in New York City when supporters of the Democratic presidential ticket, James Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt, rushed the stage. The meeting resumed after police reserves removed an interloper who had attempted to address the audience. [The Harding Democratic League supported Republican candidate Warren Harding, who was elected but died of a heart attack in 1923.]

Harry Sorenson was seriously injured at the corner of Fishkill Avenue and Old Road when his motorcycle crashed into a pole and he was thrown 15 feet.

75 Years Ago (October 1945)

Members of the City Council voted unanimously to double the mayor's salary from \$1,000 to \$2,000 annually. Arthur Goldsby, the Democratic challenger for the position, said Beacon needed sewers, an incinerator and an adequate water supply. "Our people have had to wait for these improvements and it seems to me the mayor can wait for his salary increase," he said.

The Dutchess County Scholastic League invited Beacon High School to join its athletic conference but Beacon balked, saying that every secondary school in the Hudson Valley should be invited, which the league took as a "no."

Police Chief Jesse Dingee, who lost eight of his 16 patrol officers during the war when they were drafted to serve overseas, said he was happy to have four return so he could extend patrol car service until 10 p.m. and periodically overnight.

The submarine chaser USS PC-1252 tied up at Long Dock as part of the city's Navy Day. The 173-foot-long ship, with six officers and 61 enlisted men aboard, was open for two days for residents to inspect.

Jimmy Grippo,

the manager for Beacon boxer Melio Bettina, said he hoped to arrange a challenge against h e a v y w e i g h t champ Joe Louis as soon as Bettinna was discharged from the Army. [Grippo, whose family moved to Beacon from Italy



Jimmy Grippo

when he was about 12, was better known as a hypnotist and magician and later performed at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas for nearly 25 years.]

50 Years Ago (October 1970)

Joseph Chiarella, 75, of Beacon, who owned Legion Fireworks Co. in Chelsea, died in an explosion that leveled two sheds. He had been mixing powder. Witnesses said they heard two quick blasts.

Elmer's Falls Tavern from Wappingers



The USS PC-1252, a submarine chaser, shown about 18 months before it visited Beacon after the end of the war U.S. Naval Institute

Falls remain undefeated in the Beacon Touch Football League after edging the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 12-6.

Takashi Ohta, a Beacon resident for 21 years who was the author with Margaret Sperry of the 1929 biographical novel, *The Golden Wind*, died at age 78. A native of Izumi, Japan, he served during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services.

During raids in and around Beacon, city police and state troopers arrested 12 people on charges of promoting gambling. In a home on Beekman Street, police said they found records indicating the ring earned about \$100,000 annually [about \$680,000 today].

For the first time, kindergarten students were sent home two hours early so that teachers could meet their parents.

The City Council passed a law requiring stores to be in business for at least two years before they can advertise a liquidation sale.

The city held a groundbreaking ceremony at Dennings Point for its \$4.9 million secondary sewage-treatment plant.

Dr. Jonathan Slocum, president of the Tioronda Co. and the Craig House Corp., objected to plans to re-align Route 9D through the Craig House property. He spoke during a public hearing on the proposed route and four alternatives. Beacon planning officials argued to have the road placed closer to the river, citing "the unrealized development potential of the Craig House and adjoining lands."

25 Years Ago (October 1995)

A trading firm, Jireh Resources Co., and its Chinese partner, Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Co., said they planned to sign a joint-venture agreement and move to Beacon. Juan Carlos Salcedo, a senior partner at Jireh, planned to travel to Shanghai to sign the paperwork, pending approval from the Chinese government.

Three Beacon High School students were arrested after players from Hendrick Hudson High School were attacked as they returned to their bus following a boys' soccer game. One player suffered a dislocated shoulder.

Melio Bettina, 78, was inducted into the

World Boxing Hall of Fame in Los Angeles. Bettina was ailing, so his brother, Joe, and his cousin, former Mayor Jim Fredericks, attended the ceremony. Bettina fought in 99 pro fights over 14 years and had an 82-13-3 record, with one no-decision.

Police raided Hajji's Emporium at 394 Main St. after allegations it was selling pirated VHS copies of movies that were still in theaters. A representative of the Motion Picture Association of America said the tapes were recorded by people who snuck camcorders into theaters.



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Preview Haldane Cross-Country

By Skip Pearlman

ast year both the boys' and girls' teams won the Section 1 regional title and reached the state championships, with the girls taking fifth place in Class D.

Coach Tom Locascio said this week that he expects this year's girls' team to be even better. "We have 10 runners, which is a first," he said. "I was happy with the six we had last year. And I've seen a lot of dedication from all of them.

"It's a real shame there's no state championship tournament this year" because of COVID-19 restrictions, he added. "We've been waiting — I've been waiting — 14 or 15 years for this. We were going to get something done in the state this year. The girls are disappointed, but it's balanced by the fact that they're so happy to be out there doing something."

Heading up the team is senior Shannon Ferri, who was a third-team All-Section performer in 2019, and freshman Eloise Pearsall. Two promising newcomers are sophomore Celia Drury and junior Caroline Cates.

"To have two solid runners is huge," Locascio said. "Shannon will be in the top 20 in every race, and Eloise will be just



GIRLS' TEAM: Eloise Pearsall, Elizabeth Nelson, Shannon Ferri, Caroline Cates, Celia Drury. (Not pictured: Hannah Benson, Erris Maguire, Helen Nichols, Alison Nichols, Quinlynn Carmacino) | **BOYS' TEAM**: L to R: Ben Strol, Everett Campanile, Luke Parella, Walter Hoess, Conrad White, Oliver Petkus, Julian Ambrose, Rowen Kuzminski, Sam Bates, Jackson Twoguns, Roy Smith. (Not pictured: Doug Donaghy, John Kisslinger, Ben McEwen, Simon Pieza, Pelle Sandlund, Roy Smith, Diego Ramos)

outside of that."

SPORTS

The boys' team has won the Section 1, Class D title for 13 consecutive seasons. "Every year that's the goal, and we have our best two runners returning," Locascio said.

Seniors Everett Campanile and Walter Hoess will lead the team. "Last year they solidified themselves as the two best runners on the team, and this year is the same," the coach said. They also have helped sophomore Conrad White and junior Luke Parrella to improve.

The coach said he is looking for good things from two runners who came from the soccer team: sophomore Rowen Kuzminski and senior Ben Strol. "I'm happy with their effort and their speed," he said. "They will help us a ton." He said sophomore John Kisslinger also has been "stepping it up this year."

Locascio retired as a Haldane art teacher in June and had planned to stop coaching, as well. But last year he told the team that if they continued their sectional title streak, he might come back.

"I'm so glad I'm back," he said this week. "We've had some solid teams in my 14 years, but this will be one of our top three boys' teams and probably the best girls' team."

The team has been running with masks at practice and any time they are around a group, but when runners are on a course and able to distance themselves from others, they have the option to remove the mask. Section 1 officials will be figuring out details, such as enforcement, as the season progresses.

Locascio said his athletes are trying to do everything possible to keep the season on track but they understand the tenuous situation. "I have to say that it seems like I have more cooperation in these trying times than I have ever seen before," he said. "The kids know that the section and the district have gone to great lengths to provide this. They don't wanna screw it up. They're taking it very seriously."

Haldane is scheduled to begin four Section 1 competitions at the Hudson Valley Sports Complex in Milton on Saturday (Oct. 17). The team is also hoping to compete in league meets that are still to be scheduled.

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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

- 1. Recede
- 4. Petrol 7. Potato
- 11. Settled down
- 13. Mischief-maker
- 14. Cautious
- 15. "Bye"
- 16. Neither partner
- 17. Rice or Tyler
- 18. Ledge
- 20. Dispatch
- 22. Mary cosmetics
- 24. Half a wet-
- weather pair 28. Game like
- pinochle
- 32. Hoosegow
- 33. Valhalla VIP
- 34. Dog's foot
- 36. Burrito cousin 37. Fifth-day

8. Skillet

- Christmas gift
- 39. Paraphrase
- 41. Impressionist?
- 43. Feathery neckpiece
- 44. List-ending abbr.
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- 50. Coffee
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 - 51. Expert 52. Energy
 - 54. Pistol 30. Galvanizing stuff

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Answers for Oct. 9 Puzzles



Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

- **1** 18th-century writer Daniel (5)
- 2 pavement pounders (8)
- **3** driven by a sense of urgency (9)
- 4 biggest city in New Zealand (8)
- 5 replaceable (8)
- 6 bright (8)
- 7 verb for heart or drum (4)

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Beacon's Dillon Kelly (right) breaks out in front of the Lourdes defense.

Boys' Soccer Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

BEACON 3, LOURDES 0

The Bulldogs broke out of the gate in strong fashion Wednesday (Oct. 14), scoring twice early and never letting Our Lady of Lourdes into the game in a season-opening victory in Poughkeepsie.

Beacon jumped to a 2-0 lead 10 minutes in. Both goals came on headers off corner kicks, with Tommy Franks finding Derek Bilyeu on the first and Dillon Kelly on the second. Warren Banks scored Beacon's third goal. "Dillon at center back did a fantastic job for us," said Coach Craig Seaman. "That's not his normal spot, and he completely dominated. Chase Green at left back wreaked havoc. And Alex Wyant at center mid, with Tommy, did well dictating the pace.

"This season does not have a normal rhythm; nothing is usual," the coach added. "There are some things for us to clean up, but we can take care of that during the season."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to visit Arlington on Monday (Oct. 19) and host Peekskill on Tuesday.

NORTH SALEM 3, HALDANE 1

The Blue Devils did a lot of things right in their season opener at home on Tuesday (Oct. 13) against North Salem but they Photos by S. Pearlman

couldn't find the net in the second half. North Salem went up 1-0 midway through the first half, but Haldane tied it with five minutes left when Max Westphal finished an assist from Clement Grossman.

"That was a nice goal from two freshmen," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar. "We got a nice cross from the right side, it deflected off the defense and Max found it in the box and finished."

The Tigers scored with six minutes left in regulation when a high pass got over the Blue Devils' defense, leading to a one-onone against Haldane keeper Ronan Kiter. North Salem scored an insurance goal with 2:40 on the clock.

Dwidar said his team "ran out of steam a little bit at the end. But I saw fire in them;





Haldane's Ryan Eng-Wong (8) elevates in Tuesday's season opener.

they played together as a unit. They did everything that was asked of them. We just had trouble finishing some opportunities."

He noted that captain Andrew Silhavy picked the team up, and that Matt Silhavy, an eighth grader, started. Frank Bentkowski had a solid game, as well, he said. "Playing the game with a mask on was

not a problem at all," he added.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to host Peekskill today (Oct. 16) and Lourdes on Monday.



Finola Kiter (7) advances the ball for the Blue Devils.

Photo by Scott Warren

Wild Season Opens With Scoreless Tie

By Skip Pearlman

f the Haldane High School girls' soccer team learned anything from its season opener at Putnam Valley on Tuesday (Oct. 13), it's that the Class C, Section 1 title is theirs for the taking if they step it up in this oddball, pandemic-shortened season.

Haldane comes into this Twilight Zone riding a streak of nine consecutive Section 1 titles, and North Salem, whom the Blue Devils will host on Tuesday (Oct. 20), could be a potential roadblock to No. 10.

On Tuesday at Putnam Valley, the teams played to a scoreless tie after regulation and a 20-minute overtime in large part because of Haldane keeper Ruby Poses, a freshman who came up big in her first varsity start, making 14 saves and keeping the Blue Devils in the game.

"Ruby played with a lot of confidence and deserved the shutout," said Coach Steve Schweikhart. "It was a game of strength-versusstrength," he said. "Our back line of Mazzie Maxwell, Bianca Harmancin, Ella Ashburn and Essie Florke is the backbone of our team. They held up well against a Putnam Valley team that has a lot of speed, skill and physicality up front. It was fun to watch. Considering we only have 14 girls and had no opportunity to scrimmage, I thought the girls did well playing for the first time as a unit of 11."

The coach said he thought both teams adapted well to the COVID-19 protocols, including wearing masks during game play.

"It was impressive to see the girls battle for 100 minutes in masks," he said. "When the final whistle blew, Coach [Nicole] Ryan [of Putnam Valley] and I couldn't help but be proud of our teams."

Haldane lost 5-1 at Hendrick Hudson on Thursday (Oct. 15). After hosting North Salem, the team will travel to Croton-Harmon on Oct. 22.