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RUN FOR THE HUB — The Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub sponsored a 5K run on Saturday (Sept. 4) that began at the Cold Spring waterfront. Peter Stone (20:57), Stefan Ebaugh (21:23), Alex Tripp (21:42), Clara Tripp (22:42) and Jordan Planck (22:43) were the top five finishers among 89 entrants.

Photo provided

Keaton's Kids

Garrison mom creates nonprofit to honor late son

By Alison Rooney

Keaton Guthrie-Goss had a strong sense of self, right from the start. As a Garrison preschooler, when asked to “line up for Miss Kathy” he informed his mom, Cat Guthrie, that “I didn’t, because I don’t line up for anything.”

He said it with a smile — the same smile that graced the photos sent to his family by his friends, teachers and the parents of his friends when he drowned in November 2018 at age 25 while surfing in northern California, three years after graduating from Beloit College with degrees in creative writing and classics. (He also attended the Garrison School and Masters high school in Dobbs Ferry.)

“It was devastating, my son, my only child, gone in a flash,” Guthrie recalls. “How could I honor him? How could I bring that joy, that spirit, that passion back to the world?”

Named for the actor and comedian Buster Keaton — a favorite of his father, Joel Goss, who died last year — Keaton possessed a combination of strong-mindedness and infectious good cheer, according to his mother.

“I thought of a commemorative bench, but that just sits there,” she says. “Keaton was avidly for social justice, stood up for the underdog, never let anyone bully anyone else and called me on anything politically incorrect. He made the world a better place by making everyone feel

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Keaton Guthrie-Goss had infectious good cheer, his mother said.

‘We Only Had 10 Minutes’

Highlands recovers from Ida's punch

By Leonard Sparks

First the sky opened up, then so did the ceiling of Chad Wagner and Steven Gray’s apartment at The Lofts at Beacon.

Photos the couple posted on Facebook show water pouring down its stairs and from the ceiling as rain from Tropical

Depression Ida, which struck the Gulf Coast as a Category 4 Hurricane and then weakened as it headed northeast, pummeled the Hudson Valley on Sept. 1 and 2.

The ceiling “crashed” around 11 p.m., filling the apartment with water that lifted and carried appliances, said Gray.

“We only had 10 minutes before our refrigerator burst through the windows — then our couch, then our keyboard, then our coffee table,” he said.

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Chad Wagner and Steven Gray’s apartment at The Lofts at Beacon was among several units that suffered significant water damage from Ida.

Photo by L. Sparks

Road Woes

Proposed law would regulate private lanes

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Dirt roads and private roads — often synonymous in Philipstown — drew renewed attention this month as the Town Board proposed tighter laws on development in areas with difficult terrain.

At the same time, residents asked the town either to take control of their private road for maintenance or to get their public road paved.

At its Sept. 2 monthly meeting, the board voted 5 to 0 to advance two draft laws. The first would create Upland Drive and Ridge Road development districts, in southern Philipstown, limiting construction there. The second would require private roads anywhere in town to conform to the standards of public roads, although developers could seek exemptions.

The board scheduled public hearings on both drafts for Oct. 7.

The Upland Drive-Ridge Road measure would cover Upland Drive, which runs between Winston Lane and Old Albany

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: LEILANI ALARCON

By Leonard Sparks

Capt. Leilani Alarcon and her husband, Josue Alarcon, are pastors and administrators for the Salvation Army in Beacon.

How did you end up in Beacon?

My husband and I were first in Beacon in 2010 as assistants to the corps officer assigned here at the time, Maj. Doris Gonzalez. We spent a year working with her. Then, we went to the Salvation Army College for Officer Training [in Suffern], where we were commissioned and ordained as officers/pastors. Our first assignment was to Port Chester. We were there for three years before being assigned to Beacon in 2016.

What community programs do you offer?

We have a senior program on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for any type of social services. We have a caseworker who handles the food pantry and we also get people who need energy assistance. My husband works at the veterans' hospital [Castle Point] as a chaplain and we have our church. My husband also runs a basketball



program. We open the gym on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays to the community.

How did the pandemic affect your programs?

Obviously we couldn't hold our senior program because they were one of the most vulnerable populations. But we delivered boxes with groceries and snacks to their doors. We also had Social Services calling us about people who were quarantined and we made deliveries for those families. Usually in a month we would see 30 families, but

during the pandemic, that went up to 150 to 200 families. We were experiencing shortages all the time; people were in need.

Does Beacon have enough resources?

Thankfully, there are a lot of resources. There are meals programs, pantry programs, and we all kind of talk to each other. There is a lot of unseen need in Beacon that people are not aware of. We have a unique perspective, my husband and I, because we lived here in 2010 and Beacon was different back then. Most of the stores on Main Street were shuttered. Beacon has changed a lot. There are pros and cons to that.

Any new programs in the works?

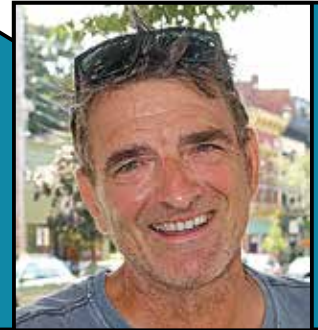
We're hoping to start an after-school music program. It's an intense day of learning music theory from professional musicians who come from our divisional headquarters, learning how to play brass instruments — trumpet, cornet. It also might mean learning how to play piano or guitar. It helps children learn discipline and have fun, as well, to express themselves in an artistic way. Beacon is an artsy town, so a lot of the children here connect with the arts. We're hoping that the music program will be a draw for them.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What was something kind of crazy you believed as a kid?

"I believed someday I would build a windmill – and live in it."



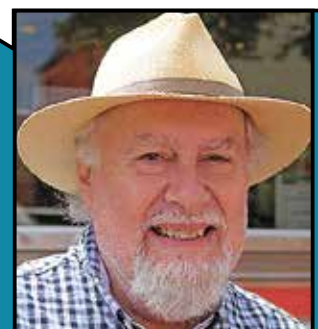
Rudolf Van Dommele, Cold Spring

"I had an imaginary friend, Uncle Winky, who lived behind the couch."



Pat O'Connor, Beacon

"I told my friend I had Rin Tin Tin living in our basement."



Tom Elliot, Beacon

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Ex-Commissioners Sue Dutchess

Legislature had disbanded redistricting panel

By Leonard Sparks

A judge will decide if Dutchess County broke the law when it disbanded a commission tasked with redrawing legislative boundaries following a lawsuit by exiled members.

The Legislature shut down the panel after the county attorney ruled that the appointment of one commissioner had violated a prohibition on elected officials.

Five former members of the seven-person Dutchess' Independent Reapportionment Commission are asking county Judge Hal Greenwald to invalidate that June 24 ruling that the body had to be dissolved because its then-chair, Richard Keller-Coffey, serves on the Webutuck school board in Amenia.

Bryan Faubus, Hance Huston, Whitney Lundy, John Pelosi and Christina VanHorne, who raised more than \$10,000 via GoFundMe to challenge the ruling, allege in a lawsuit filed Aug. 20 that the county attorney's office lacks authority in the matter and that Keller-Coffey should have been replaced through a process outlined in the law that created the commission.

They also argue that the prohibition on elected officials "was never meant to

include nonpartisan elections such as school boards" and asked Greenwald to bar the county from "further interference with the commission's work," order it to pay their legal fees and invalidate legislation passed in July by the county Legislature's Republicans requiring that a new commission be appointed.

Dutchess has yet to file a response but told the judge it would ask him to dismiss the suit. Greenwald has scheduled a hearing for Sept. 28.

In a memorandum that accompanied their legal filing, the ex-commissioners argued that no one party should have control over the commission. "The two major parties have equal — and limited — ability to shape it," they wrote.

When the Legislature unanimously authorized a referendum in 2019 to create the commission, both parties praised its independence. Voters overwhelmingly approved the commission in the November 2020 general election.

Keller-Coffey was one of two commissioners appointed by the Legislature's Democrats. Republicans also chose two commissioners, and those four commissioners then chose the remaining three members from a pool of candidates.

The law specifies that, in order to be eligible, a commissioner cannot be an elected

official; employee of the state, county or any town, city or village in the county; or a member or officer of any political committee, currently or in the three years before the commission was created.

It also says that a vacancy "be filled in the manner that the vacant position was originally filled." It calls for disbanding the commission under limited circumstances, such as not holding public hearings or missing deadlines.

The county attorney argued that Keller-Coffey's position on the school board not only made him ineligible but invalidated his votes in selecting the three at-large members, although all had been appointed unanimously, 4-0.

In response to the county attorney's ruling,

the Legislature on July 12 voted along party lines, with the Republicans in the majority, to restart the application process for the commission. The seven original commissioners were barred from serving.

Republicans also approved language for a referendum to reduce the Legislature from 25 to 21 seats, which will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot. Under the new law, the new redistricting commission will not be appointed until after Jan. 3, after voters have decided whether to shrink the Legislature.

The original commission met monthly from February to June. Because the U.S. Census Bureau did not release redistricting data from the 2020 census until August, its work was limited to hearing presentations.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Beacon downtown

The presentation on Aug. 30 about Beacon's application for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant came across as if it was already approved by some magical wand, without a full public hearing process ("Beacon Shares Details of Downtown Plan," Sept. 3). On paper, it looks workable; in reality, it needs work.

Affordable housing mixed in with public parking garage structures sounds like the master plan; they also have inherent problems. The existing homeless will seek shelter. The unspoken, mostly unreported crime and vagrancy will still lurk. Horror stories one hears on the streets are being drowned out by other chatter. Residents will look for reassurance and a sense of security in their neighborhoods.

While we recognize our Main Street corridor can continue to serve as a catalyst for increased and sustainable development, attracting new residents and visitors to strengthen our city's tax base and customer base for local businesses and housing for a workforce, I believe existing residents should be at the top of the priority list for affordable housing in these scenarios. Whether they're downsizing, moving out, moving up or moving back with families, they must be

part of the plans in the growth of Beacon. If the city is going to be behind this, working with private developers, they must put in a mechanism to make this happen.

I hope to see this grant follow the submitted Main Street Access Committee plans of pocket parks, bicycle boulevards, a few parking garage structures with ground floor commercial space underneath and a few affordable housing units on top, but not a Main Street oversaturated with affordable housing.

I hope the city does not rush into spreading so-called affordable housing throughout Main Street. Every current development newly built, still in construction or in the planning review stage has already promised shares of affordable housing in justifying their build-out numbers to get granted variances and higher-density approvals.

In reality, those qualified units are out-of-reach for most of the general public. Affordable housing is not the same as low-income housing, which is in its own crisis mode throughout our city. And the concept of massing out every neighborhood with accessory dwelling units and smaller lot subdivision of parcels is not the solution either, as this will impede neighborhood quality-of-life issues, burden residential

streets with heavier traffic and jeopardize the safety of local children.

The City Council and its boards must stop issuing variances and making further rezoning changes for developers until there is a full housing study that determines the housing stock, vacancy rate and cost of property throughout Beacon. We need to see no more commercial development if our own residents, many of whom were born and raised here, can't afford to live here.

Theresa Kraft, *Beacon*

The pocket parks and buses are great additions but, really, a giant parking garage? And more spaces for developers to build pointless, shoddy eyesores for the rich?

The last few years have made it pretty clear that developers will exploit to the full every inch you give them at the expense of the town and its residents. Parking lots aren't great, but they're a heck of a lot better than risking another 344 Main. Deeply hoping we don't get this grant.

Ryan Biracree, *via Facebook*

That's a lot of parking.

Arabella Champaq, *via Facebook*

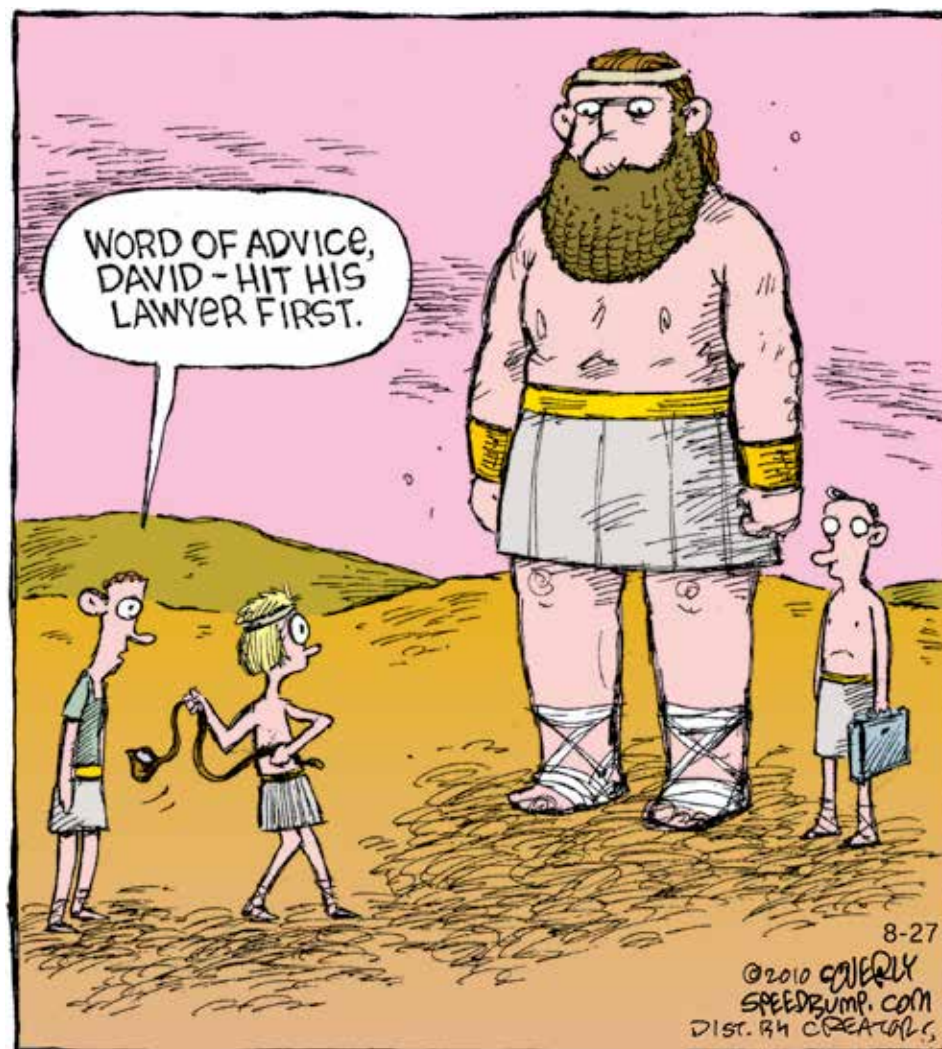
Continental Commons

This lawsuit is yet another attempt to discredit the historic preservation efforts of those people who are genuinely concerned about saving one of the most historic properties in the U.S. ("Developer Accuses Critics of Racketeering," Sept. 3). Lies, deceit and doctored videos of those who wish to preserve the site have become the focus of developer Domemico Broccoli's efforts to destroy one of the remaining pieces of Gen. Washington's supply depot, where most of his Continental Army passed through and mustered.

I have been a Revolutionary War reenactor for 46 years. I have never seen a place so better-deserving of preservation as a valuable resource for education and investigation of our history than the Fishkill Supply Depot. There are more than 80 documented records of the names of those buried there and many of their descendants are aware of this. Maybe that begs the question to Broccoli and his comrades in harm: How would they respond if someone wanted to bulldoze over a cemetery that your great-great-grandfather is buried in and drop an IHOP on it?

My fifth great-grandfather was stationed at the Crossroads guarding the burial grounds. I have his 1832 pension file to prove it. Let's keep America beautiful and not toss all our history into the garbage. That is where this frivolous lawsuit belongs.

James Burr, *Poughkeepsie*



IN MEMORIAM

On Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001 — 20 years ago this week — three hijacked jetliners were flown into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. A fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The attacks killed 2,977 people. Here we remember residents of the Highlands who were lost. The information was compiled from 2001 news accounts, obituaries and the 9/11 Living Memorial (voicescenter.org).

NEWBURGH



JASON COFFEY, 25

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DANIEL COFFEY, 54

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The father and son both worked at the World Trade Center. The Coffey family had lived for generations in Newburgh; Jason was buying his grandparents' house there and planned to be married in 2002.

PAUL RUBACK, 50

NYFD, LADDER 25

Six months from retirement, Ruback was dabbling in home inspection as a second career. He was survived by his son, Paul, 2, and his companion, Debbie Macielag, and three children from a previous marriage to Lynne Ruback.



JOHN GIORDANO, 47

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The Staten Island native was writing his master's thesis in environmental science at Bard College. He was survived by his wife, Roxann, and three children.



RONNIE LEE HENDERSON, 52

RED HOOK ENGINE 279 (BROOKLYN)

Henderson was survived by his wife, Shirley, and four children. "He was always telling us he was going to be a millionaire," said his sister, Sharon. "He was a millionaire, by his heart."



PEEKSKILL

SAMUEL OITICE, 45

NYFD, LADDER 4

Oitice, a Peekskill native, met his wife, Jean, when both volunteered for the Peekskill ambulance corps. He loved roller-coasters, his widow said. "The higher they were, the bigger the drop, the more he loved them." He also was survived by his children, John, 19, and Jessica, 14.



KENT

DANNY HARLIN, 41

NYFD, LADDER 2

Harlin was a New York City police officer for three years before joining the fire department. He was known for his sense of humor and looked forward each year to the start of deer-hunting season. He was survived by his wife, Debbie, and their three children, Brian, 2; Katherine, 7; and Christopher, 9. "He looked forward to taking the boys hunting when they got old enough," Debbie said.



WAPPINGERS FALLS

ALLEN BOYLE, 30

Boyle, a 1990 graduate of Ketcham High School, lived in Fredericksburg Virginia, with his wife, Ronda, and their children, Dylan, 3, and Allen, 2, with another on the way. He was at the Pentagon installing a telephone security system.



Nancy and Jupiter Yambem Voicescenter.org

BEACON

JUPITER YAMBEM, 41

Yambem was a banquet manager at Windows on the World at the top of the World Trade Center. He had arrived at work that day at 6 a.m. to oversee a breakfast meeting for a local firm; he had recently changed his shift so he could coach the soccer team of his 5-year-old son, Santi. "Jupiter was always kind of outgoing, but when Santi was born, he just blossomed," said his widow, Nancy.

"Other people are allowed to grieve in private," Nancy told the Voices Center. "With us, it's something we're reminded of all the time. I always ask myself at every anniversary if this is something I should talk about, and I think it's the right thing to do."

She remembered her late husband, who was born in Manipur, India, and came to the U.S. in 1980, as "the most gentle person I ever knew." They had met as students at SUNY New Paltz.



In 2003, a garden was created near the athletic fields of the Garrison School to remember David Fodor, who died on 9/11. Photo by Chip Rowe

GARRISON

DAVID FODOR, 38

Fodor was a tax accountant with Fiduciary Trust International in the World Trade Center, and the volunteer fire marshal for the 90th floor of Tower 2. He was last seen alive helping a co-worker to a stairwell. He was survived by his wife, Claudia Petrone. In 2003, a memorial garden was created by Susie Homola, Carol Newman, John Benjamin and others near the athletic fields of the Garrison School.

Petrone said a friend who worked on the 90th floor and escaped said her husband was trying to move people away from the elevators and into the stairwell. "He was one of the most fully alive people I've ever met," she told *The New York Times*. "He laughed fully, saw the humor and responded fully to life."



David Fodor

Voicescenter.org



What separates us from the animals, what separates us from chaos, is our ability to mourn people we've never met.

~ Novelist David Levithan, *Love is the Higher Law*

Opt Out on Pot? Philipstown Moves Closer to a Ban

Town Board approves electric-car charger, discusses federal aid

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board voted 5 to 0 on Sept. 2 to advance a proposed law “to promote the public health, safety and welfare” by banning retail marijuana shops and on-site consumption.

Towns, villages and cities in the state have until Dec. 31 to opt out of a state law that will legalize both.

The board scheduled a hearing on Oct. 7 to hear public feedback. If Philipstown opts out, opponents could submit a petition asking that the question be placed on the 2022 ballot. In July, Cold Spring voted to opt out but decided to put the measure on the 2021 ballot. Nelsonville is also consid-

ering opting out.

Stephen Gaba, the town attorney, advised the board that by opting out, “you can buy yourselves some more time. You can always opt in later.” He noted that opting-out municipalities that want to opt-in down the road can meanwhile revise zoning laws to regulate the location of marijuana businesses.

Supervisor Richard Shea said that by weighing an opt-out “it’s not that we’re telling everybody” that they can’t consume marijuana, since legal pot “is the law of the land” in New York, and residents will likely be able to purchase it in Beacon or Peekskill if those communities approve retail sales. “But, in the interim, we probably will not,” he said.

Charging stations

The board voted unanimously to install a public, dual-port electric-car charging station at Town Hall, 238 Main St.

Krystal Ford, the town’s Climate Smart Program coordinator, said that the \$21,211 price tag will be defrayed by a \$8,000 state grant and a rebate from Central Hudson.

Ford and Councilor John Van Tassel said the town and Cold Spring explored another site on Main Street near the railroad tracks but rejected it because of concerns about traffic congestion and downhill stormwater flow.

Federal dollars

Shea reported that Philipstown has received the first half of \$700,000 authorized by the American Rescue Plan, a federal COVID-19 relief package Congress passed in the spring. The remaining \$350,000 should arrive in 2022, he said.

The federal government requires the money to be used for water and sewer or telecommunications-broadband upgrades; to alleviate the economic hardship COVID-

19 inflicted on households, small businesses and the travel and tourism sector; or for similar purposes. It must be spent before 2025.

“We’re not going to have a problem” meeting the deadline, Shea said. He mentioned one priority: overhauling the Garrison water district system, which “is hemorrhaging money.”

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown on the Putnam County Legislature, noted that the county so far has collected \$9.5 million in American Rescue Plan funds, or about half what is expected. She suggested some of it could help with tourism-generated expenses in Cold Spring.

Putnam County “is getting a tremendous amount,” Shea remarked. He urged residents to recognize the county “as this amorphous thing. The county is the towns. We are the county. That money needs to come back to the towns, not just get put on pet projects.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Driver Dies in Taconic Crash

New York City man killed in Putnam Valley

A New York City man died on Tuesday (Sept. 7) when his car left the Taconic State Parkway in Putnam Valley and struck a tree.

The New York State Police said that Douglas W. Day, 55, left the southbound roadway near Exit 31A at about 9:30 a.m. He was declared dead at the scene.

Desmond-Fish Library Receives Grant

\$23K coming for garden and paths

As part of \$14 million in funding for 135 construction projects at libraries around the state, the Desmond-Fish in Garrison this week received a grant of \$23,412 to create a reading garden and paths that will be accessible to visitors with disabilities.

Libraries in East Fishkill, Hyde Park, LaGrange, Montrose, Peekskill, Pleasant Valley and Rhinecliff also received funding.

Bear Mountain to Go Cashless

Tolls collected with sensors and cameras

The Bear Mountain Bridge will go cashless in early October, according to the New York State Bridge Authority.

E-ZPass tags will be read in both lanes by sensors, while cameras will photograph the license plates of vehicles without the devices and a bill for the full-rate toll will be sent to the registered owner.

Cashless tolling has been in use on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge since July 7. To obtain an E-ZPass, see e-zpassny.com.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

■ PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

11,531 (+129)
Active Cases in Philipstown: 6 - 10

Tests administered:

273,974 (+3,575)

Percent positive:

4.2 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

69.5
Percent in 10516: 75.9
Percent in 10524: 71.5

Number of deaths:

95 (+1)

■ DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of confirmed cases:

32,723 (+544)
Active Cases in Beacon: 32

Tests administered:

885,980 (+11,025)

Percent positive:

3.7 (0)

Percent vaccinated:

64.8
Percent in 12508: 59.0

Number of deaths:

474 (+7)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Sept. 9, with change from previous week in parentheses. Active cases in Philipstown as of Sept. 3. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 12 and older who have received at least one dose.

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Beacon School District Sets Referendum on Capital Project

Plans address maintenance and educational needs at all six schools

By Jeff Simms

Voters in the Beacon City School District will be asked on Oct. 26 to approve a \$26 million capital project that school system officials say will upgrade all six district schools without triggering a tax increase.

The Beacon school board approved the plans and set the voter referendum during a meeting on Wednesday (Sept. 8).

The plans range from the upgrade and modernization of the television/multimedia studio, science labs and art classrooms at Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School to playground upgrades at South Avenue and J.V. Forrestal elementary schools.

If approved, Glenham Elementary would have a secure, double-door front entrance installed and the library and media center at Sargent Elementary would be moved into the main hallway.

The plans also address maintenance needs such as roof repairs at the high school and middle school, new boilers at three elementary schools and ventilation upgrades at four schools.

Building committees made up of teachers, parents and district officials created capital improvement wish lists at each school earlier this year. From there, district architects designed a plan that, if approved by voters, will be implemented over the next three years.

On Wednesday, school board members touted the impact the in-school improvements will have on students' educational experiences.

"That library and media space [at Sargent] will create this majestic entrance, a really wonderful way for kids to enter that space," said Kristan Flynn, who is on the board's facilities and operations committee. "Each place is a combination of practicality and joy in education. It will make a big difference in how students experience being inside the buildings."

It's particularly important, she said, to create "spaces that kids want to return to each day" as students recover from the effects of the pandemic.

Superintendent Matt Landahl said that because the district has paid off some of its outstanding debt, the new projects could be funded without an across-the-board tax increase. If approved, the district will utilize bond funding for the majority of the cost (\$24.4 million) while pulling \$1 million from a capital reserve fund and \$600,000 from savings.

New York State also gives districts financial aid on debt payments, so it makes sense to address the capital needs now, Landahl said. The district may set aside money in its budget each year to pay for

smaller interim projects while it makes payments on this debt.

The next steps include a series of Zoom and in-person meetings to share the plans with the community. A public hearing will also be held during a school board meeting prior to the vote.

Proposed Projects

Beacon school district voters will be asked next month to approve a \$26 million capital plan including these improvements:

BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

- Roof repairs
- Science lab upgrades
- TV/multimedia studio upgrades
- Track renovations
- Pool finish work
- Fitness center upgrades
- Emergency lighting installation

ROMBOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Two science classroom/lab upgrades
- Two art classroom upgrades
- Roof repairs
- Ceilings in corridors
- Parent drop-off/bus loop improvements
- Electrical work
- Ventilation

J.V. FORRESTAL ELEMENTARY

- Playground upgrades
- Corridor windows on lower floor
- New boiler
- Lighting interior hallways
- Unit ventilators
- Parking paving
- Accessibility upgrades

GLENHAM ELEMENTARY

- Installing a secure double-door front entrance
- Parking lot and front loop paving and redesign
- Classroom improvements
- Unit ventilators
- New boiler
- Accessibility upgrades
- Septic improvements

SARGENT ELEMENTARY

- New library/media center in main hallway
- Accessibility upgrades
- New boiler
- New lighting in corridors

SOUTH AVENUE ELEMENTARY

- Upgrades to playground and play fields behind school
- Paving front of school
- Emergency lighting
- Ventilation

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

Public hearing suggests need to rethink zoning laws

By Michael Turton

The Tuesday (Sept. 7) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board doubled as a public hearing on proposed changes to five chapters of the Village Code, part of an ongoing update of more than 500 pages of regulations that touch on nearly every aspect of village life.

No one in the small audience commented on chapters dealing with Signs and Placards, Subdivision of Land or Unsafe Buildings. But when it came to Noise (Chapter 76), one resident broke the silence.

Stephen Rose advocated a ban on gas-powered leaf blowers, which, he said, exceed village noise limits. He also said the blowers' gas engines are carbon-intense and that the particulate matter they stir up poses a health threat. He added that village workers using gas-powered blowers to clean streets are among the worst offenders.

"I feel like I'm being assaulted" when the blowers are in use, he said.

The hearing on noise regulations will remain open until trustees consider the comments from Rose, who was supported by two other spectators at the meeting.

Zoning (Chapter 134) produced the most discussion.

Donald McDonald, who served on village committees including the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Code Update, praised the board for its work but suggested improvement beyond the update is needed.

"There is too large a gap between the code and the 'as-built' characteristics of the village," McDonald wrote in a letter to the board. That situation, he said, leads to decisions by the ZBA that can be arbitrary, subjective and vary over time.

He suggested a detailed measuring of the village, including every building and lot, to create a database.

"Informed, defensible standards and regulations could [then] be proposed and their potential effects reliably predicted," he wrote.

Michael Reisman, a past member of the Code Update and other village committees, commented on the need for "conforming the code to the reality of the village," adding the technologies to help do that are becoming less expensive.

Reisman also said there is a risk in making the zoning chapter too complex, which, he said, can make it difficult for residents to understand what is expected.

Eric Wirth, who chairs the ZBA, described the board's work to improve the chapter as "heroic," and submitted additional suggestions, questions and corrections.

Wirth said that under the code, the ZBA is "forced to legislate by granting substantial variances, over and over," and that a "barrage" of minor variance requests, and red tape associated with them, is also an issue.

"The solution is not easy; it's a problem that

requires fundamental rethinking," he said, suggesting that the village be mapped in two sections: "the old village and the new village."

He said the current code suits the new village, but that the old village, which includes hundreds of non-conforming properties that are grandfathered in, requires a separate code.

In a letter from Putnam Independent Living Services, Joseph Guagliano urged the village to require more properties, including shops, to be made accessible to people with disabilities. The village, he said, can avoid violations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the New York State Human Rights Act by proactively addressing accessibility in its code.

The public hearing on zoning will remain open until the board considers the comments received on Tuesday.

Wine bar

Juhee Lee-Hartford of River Architects, who is overseeing the design of a new wine bar and cafe at 15 Main St., told the board she had received verbal approval from the state for a variance that will allow an ADA ramp at the entrance that is slightly steeper than normally required.

However, she said the ramp allowed by the variance would be "a safety issue" for people in wheelchairs and others using the ramp.

Deputy Mayor Marie Early was dubious. "They granted you a variance and you're saying it will create a safety hazard?" she asked.

"Yes, that's my professional assessment," Lee-Hartford replied, adding that the state urged her to seek an easement over village-owned property to allow construction of a standard ADA ramp.

Early said state officials, in recent discussions with the village building inspector, made no mention of an easement.

Mayor Dave Merandy also questioned why state officials would suggest an easement after approving a variance. "I don't see how [the variance] would cause a safety hazard," he said, later commenting that the state would not approve a variance that created risks.

When Lee-Hartford continued to argue for a less steep ramp, Trustee Fran Murphy commented: "The people who gave you the variance are experts in this; they didn't do it for the fun of it."

"This is the end of it," Merandy said, adding there would be no consideration of an easement unless the state, which has yet to respond in writing, indicates the variance is not acceptable.

Trustees Kathleen Foley and Tweep Woods both advised Lee-Hartford to wait for the state's official response, then return to the board with the ruling.

The project has been aired at several previous board meetings as well as at the Planning and Historic District Review boards.

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Hurricane *(from Page 1)*

More than a week later, the storm is gone but damage remains.

As individual renters and property owners like Gray and Wagner work on insurance claims, officials in Beacon and Philipstown are assessing damages for possible reimbursement from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which on Sept. 3 issued an Emergency Disaster Declaration for Dutchess, Putnam and 12 other counties in New York. The declaration made those counties eligible for emergency aid such as equipment and reimbursement for shelter support.

Two days later, FEMA issued a Major Disaster Declaration for five counties — Bronx, King, Queens, Staten Island and Westchester — opening the door to federal funding for municipal building and infrastructure repairs, damages to homes and businesses, and property losses not covered by insurance.

U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes Beacon and Philipstown,

said he and other members of New York's delegation in Congress have twice written to President Joe Biden asking that the declaration be extended to Dutchess, Putnam and Orange counties.

Philipstown had substantial damage in two areas, both on East Mountain, said Supervisor Richard Shea on Tuesday (Sept. 7). In one area of East Mountain Road North, a "normally placid stream and waterfall became a torrent and leapt its bank undermining the road and causing its collapse," he said. Off East Mountain Road South, Trout Brook jumped its banks and destroyed a section of road.

"We will be applying to FEMA for the repair of these roads," said Shea.

In Beacon, the city's infrastructure "fared pretty well," City Administrator Chris White said on Tuesday.

The city Water Department had to undertake a substantial cleanup and repair to Pocket Road, and the Fire Department pumped out nearly three dozen basements, but damage was otherwise minor, he said.

How to Get Help

Dutchess County has launched an online portal where businesses and residents can upload information on damages or losses from Tropical Depression Ida, including estimates on the cost of repairs or replacement. The information is being used to determine the county's eligibility for a Major Disaster Declaration from the FEMA.

bit.ly/dutchess-ida

The toll was more severe on Mason Circle at The Lofts at Beacon, where Gray and Wagner's apartment was part of a row of living spaces and artist workshop spaces damaged by water.

The couple, who run a photography business called TheGingerb3ardmen and

a candle and crystals business called Les Loups De La Lune, said they lost cameras, lighting equipment, packing materials and other equipment and supplies. Firefighters arrived as they slogged through water to rescue items, and told them to leave, said Gray. One firefighter asked Gray where his shoes were.

"Floating?" Gray said he responded.

The next day, neighbors and staff from The Lofts' management office began helping Gray and Wagner look for salvageable items, and found their wallets, car keys and passports. The complex's management also moved them to a vacant apartment on the property.

A GoFundMe campaign they launched, with the goal of raising \$40,000, had received more than \$54,000 in donations as of Wednesday (Sept. 8).

Wagner said they are "overwhelmed with gratitude."

"It was the worst night, and the worst morning, but then it ended up being like, 'Wow. We're OK,' " he said.

Road Woes *(from Page 1)*

Post Road; Cliffside Court, a dead end off Upland Drive; and Ridge Road between Aqueduct Road and Sky Lane.

Under the proposed law, lots in those areas would need to be at least 2 acres; impervious surfaces could not cover more than 10 percent of a lot; existing ridgeline protection laws would apply; and a project involving a slope of 30 percent or more would need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The draft notes that property there remains undeveloped for a reason, such as the rugged landscape, although demands for new housing and potential sale of land owned by Putnam County could trigger development.

"These roads are tricky, at best," said Supervisor Richard Shea. "When you drive and get to the top or end of them, they sort of disappear. They no longer can be considered a road. They're more of a trail."

Town officials want to manage the situation better, he said, especially given the increasing number of storms. "The more development, the more stormwater runoff," he said. "We're certainly not removing anybody's right to develop a lot. These lots exist and property owners have rights. And we firmly support those."

He added that the proposed restrictions reflect efforts "to protect residents and would-be buyers, and take care of the environment in a pretty sensitive area."

The second proposal mandates that access routes to new developments of 10 or more lots comply with public road standards unless they receive an exemption from the Planning Board. Access to developments with up to nine lots must include a 14-foot "travel-way," with an 8-inch base of compacted gravel or crushed stone; enough drainage to prevent water from crossing the surface; and grades that accommodate cars, emergency vehicles and snow and ice removal. The law would require that all private access routes and travel-ways be covered by private road maintenance

agreements.

At the meeting, Claudio Marzollo and two neighbors broached a related topic: paving Lane Gate, which connects Route 301 at the edge of Nelsonville with Route 9.

Marzollo acknowledged that 20 years ago, he favored preserving the dirt surface but "now I'm saying, 'Please, please, can we pave Lane Gate?'"

He pointed out that the Philipstown Highway Department had recently been busy there, but "last night [Sept. 1] all the work they did was wiped out" when Tropical Depression Ida swept through town. "The reality is we're ruining our streams" because the material used on dirt roads disintegrates and pollutes them. "It's a mess," he said, and paving "will save the town money and save people in town a lot of aggravation."

Two neighbors endorsed his proposal. "If we're talking about being environmentally conscious, let's get real on this," one said.

However, Marzollo admitted that others will likely "thump and scream about safety and faster driving" on a paved surface.

Betsy Calhoun, who lives on Old Albany Post Road, a historic dirt road, spoke up

immediately. If handled properly, she argued, "dirt roads are less expensive than paved roads." She recommended a change in town drainage practices, because, she said, the main surface of a dirt road often stays in place in fierce rains but "the sides are a disaster; they're ravines" and must be "replaced over and over."

Shea said the board would consider the Lane Gate issue, but that it could not promise quick answers.

Six days later, the board met with five of the eight homeowners on Brookside Drive, who proposed that the town take over their dead-end road off Canopus Hollow Road, or at least help with snow plowing. They also noted that the town owns 19 Brookside lots.

Shea responded that the lots came from the county, with provisions preventing their sale or development. He also said the town cannot assist with snow removal because it would set a precedent and spark pleas for such private-road aid across town.

Above all, he said, "it's difficult for us to rationalize taking on a small private road that doesn't connect to anything. If it's not a connecting road, it's usually not in the overall interest of the town to take on the liability."



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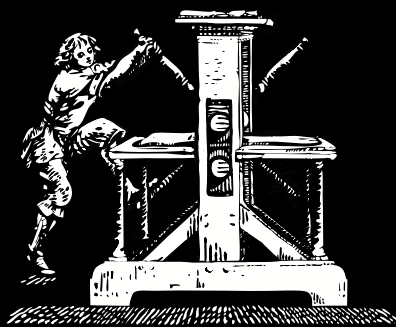
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▲ **OPIOIDS' TOLL** — On the annual International Overdose Awareness Day (Aug. 31), community members wrote the names of those lost to addiction on bags and added a small candle to create a luminaria at the Cold Spring waterfront. According to the most recent state data, 102 people in Dutchess County fatally overdosed in 2020, compared to 65 the year before. In Putnam, 16 people died in 2020, compared to 12 in 2019. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

◀ **NEW DIRECTOR** — Carl Albano, the superintendent of the Garrison school district, greeted Dede Farabaugh, the newly appointed director of the Desmond-Fish Public Library, at a reception on Sept. 2 to welcome her to the community. *Photo provided*

Village Board *(from Page 8)*

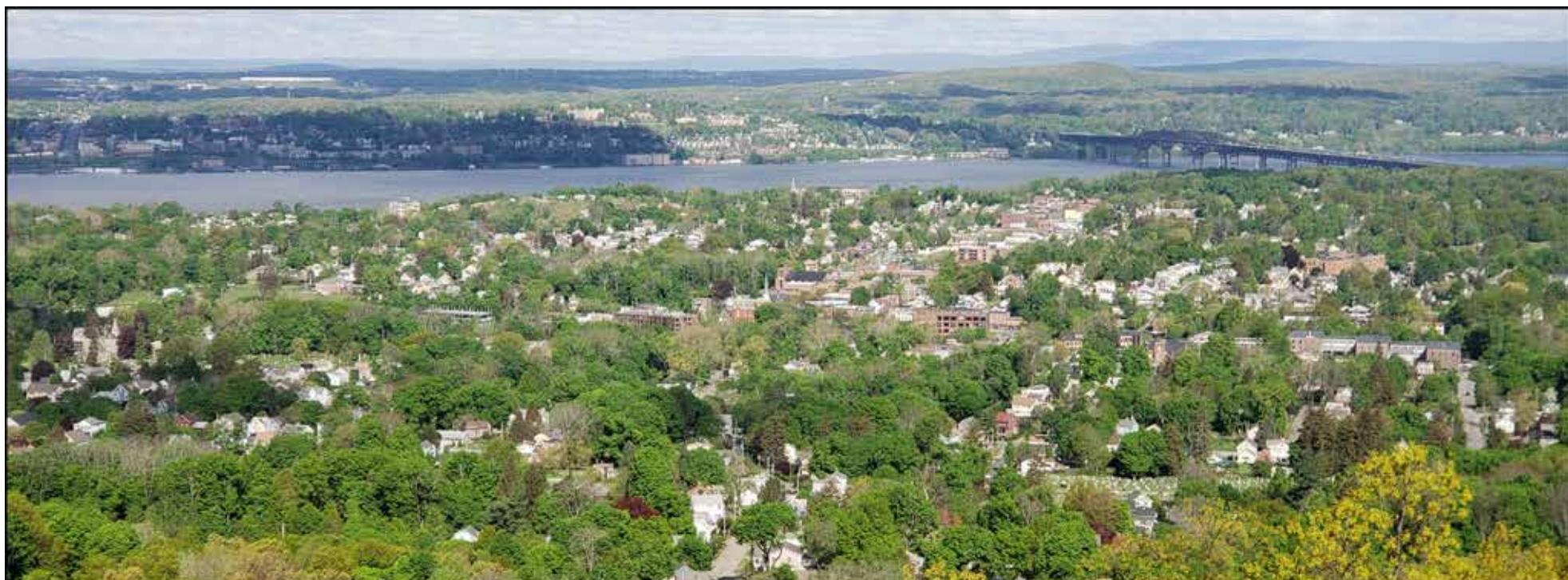
In other business ...

■ The village will again advertise for members of a community stakeholders group to provide input for an ongoing review of the Cold Spring Police Department. The first call for volunteers produced five applicants, the minimum number required for the group.

■ The board voted unanimously to accept a plan recently submitted by the Parking Committee. The proposal includes a residential permit program on 11 streets east of the railroad tracks, areas and times for paid parking, designated areas for business owner and employee parking, and free parking areas. No timeline for implementing the plan has been set.

■ The board unanimously approved a "Share the Growth" proposal presented by Philipstown Town Board Member Jason Angell that will ask Putnam County to share with local municipalities part of future increases in the retail sales tax it collects.

■ A public hearing will be held on Sept. 28 to consider amendments to village code chapters on the Historic District, Streets and Sidewalks, Swimming Pools, and Vehicles and Traffic and one new chapter, Waterfront Consistency Review.



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Old World Meets the New

Cold Spring artist has solo show opening in U.K.

By Alison Rooney

Despite, or perhaps owing in part to the pandemic, Cold Spring painter Daniel Graham Loxton is having a moment — a few moments, in fact.

On Sept. 18, a solo exhibition of his work, *The Patron Saint of Turning*, will open at Projektraum London. It's his first show in the U.K.

Last year, Loxton had a solo show in Copenhagen but could not attend because of the COVID-19 shutdown. This year, he hopes to soon follow his artwork, which has already been shipped. In the meantime, he's at work in his village studio.

The painter came to Cold Spring from Manhattan, where he graduated from the School of Visual Arts and lived for many years. He says he chose the Highlands because of the less expensive studio space, but he's been pleasantly surprised by other benefits, such as the easy access to the outdoors.

Asked to describe his art, Loxton says he "employs Renaissance painting techniques alongside philosophies of contemporary abstraction." He uses antiquated painting materials such as wax and pigment powder, combined with collage elements. "The paintings reveal themselves slowly as different materials, attitudes and elements become embedded within the layers," he says.

"Someone called me a 'post-urban painter,' which is applicable because I have all this urban training and take this with me to a place where I'm most often looking at Hudson Valley landscapes," he says. "But I wasn't quite as urban as I thought, which has been surprising. For me it's not about the scene, it's about the quiet contemplation, and it makes for a nice divide psychologically."



Daniel Loxton in his Cold Spring studio

Photos provided

Loxton spent his first two years at the School of Visual Arts studying film and video and found himself making experimental films that felt closer to painting. He spent his two remaining years studying fine arts.

"The moving images became static," he explains. "Painting seemed organic, and I became more interested in seeing galleries and paintings than in seeing films, even avant-garde ones."

Loxton's first paintings were figura-

tive. Describing his evolution, he says, "I'm a painter whose origins are in the Old Masters. I learned many of their material techniques, for instance, such as how to mix oil with the dry pigment. The components of a painting are often what the painting is about." He adds: "I'm inspired by abstract painters who have their roots in figuration."

He doesn't start with an idea, which he then depicts on canvas. Instead, as he says, "the thought process is happening at the

same time as the hand — head to hand. The best moves on a canvas often don't feel like I did them. Each move tends to lead to a subsequent move until I decide to stop the process. It's about being at the edge of understanding, and being ready for the moments when the understanding happens."

Recently, there's been a decided upswing in Loxton's visibility in the global art world. His Copenhagen show, *Pillow for Dürer*, at Jir Sandel, came about after a yearslong online friendship with a group of artists in Denmark.

Though limitations on capacity meant that few people in Copenhagen saw his work in person, "there was great press, more in-depth than usual," he recalls. "That was a catalyst; I was on this small but important world stage."

That stage now includes Projektraum London, an exhibition space on the lower level of the Claas Reiss gallery in central London. Loxton was pleased to learn that he's the first American artist whose work will be shown there.

He said Reiss visited with him three or four times remotely over the course of a year. The lockdown "gave him time, in his big empty gallery with no visitors, to commune with artists over Zoom," Loxton said.

This is a heady period for the artist, who will also be half of a two-person show in February at the Abattoir Gallery in Cleveland, and soon publish a book of drawings with a forward by Chris Sharp, a Los Angeles-based curator.

"It feels like an overnight success," Loxton says. "I'm unwrapping my mind to tell myself, 'This is your year.'"

Projektraum London, located at 96 Robert St. in London, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and noon to 6 p.m. Saturday. For details, see claasreiss.com/projektraum-london.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

9/11 SERVICES

SAT 11

Day of Service Ceremony

CARMEL

8:30 a.m. Emergency Services Building
112 Old Route 6
845-808-1600 x46113
putnamcountyny.gov

Bring donations for United for the Troops (see unitedforthetroops.org for requested items) and make a thank you card for those serving.

SAT 11

Memorial Ceremony

BEACON

11 a.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave. | beaconny.gov

SAT 11

Memorial Ceremony

FORT MONTGOMERY

6:30 p.m. 9/11 Gardens
1037-989 Route 9W

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 11

Community Mending

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org

Learn how to repair all types of garments and fabrics in the final session of the Sustainable Textiles series. *Cost: \$45 sliding scale*

TUES 14

Jon Kabat-Zinn

GARRISON

2 p.m. Via Zoom | garrisoninstitute.org

This Pathways to Planetary Health forum, moderated by Garrison Institute co-founder Jonathan F.P. Rose, will focus on using meditation to connect our minds and bodies to caring for the planet. Register online. *Free*

WED 15

Introduction to Medicare

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

In this presentation over Zoom, learn about enrolling, insurance options and changing your coverage.

WED 15

Planning for Living Well as We Age

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | paah.net

Alison Anthoine, a lawyer who specializes in issues related to aging, will discuss planning for your needs as you age. Sponsored by Philipstown Aging at Home. RSVPs appreciated to info@paah.net.

THURS 16

J.P. Morgan: The Original, Rich Uncle Pennybags

BEACON

1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Via Zoom, business historian Rick Feingold will discuss the financier who formed U.S. Steel and once bailed out the government.



THURS 16

Wildfire in the Western U.S.

MILLBROOK

7 p.m.
Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
bit.ly/cary-wildfire

A panel of specialists will discuss via Zoom why wildfires are on the rise, the role of climate change and how communities can adapt. Register online. *Free*

SAT 18

A (re)Introduction to Watercolors

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Supplies for Creative Living
143 Main St.
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

Beginners are welcome to learn how to paint with watercolors. *Cost: \$35*

SAT 18

Doggie Fun

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Learn tricks and behavior tips with your dog.

COMMUNITY

SAT 11

Brews With Views

GARRISON

1 – 6 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
hopsonthehudson.com

Sample sips from more than 30 craft breweries and cider makers at the Boscobel estate overlooking the Hudson River, plus enjoy live music and food. A free shuttle will leave from the Cold Spring train station every 15 minutes from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. No pets. Rain or shine. Age 21 and older. *Cost: \$65 or \$95 (\$25 designated driver)*

MON 13

Blood Drive

BEACON

2:30 – 7 p.m. St. John the Evangelist
35 Willow St. | nybloodcenter.org

Schedule an appointment or drop in.



Punto in Aria, Sept. 18

WED 15

Green Teen Produce Stand

BEACON

5 – 6 p.m. 23 W. Center St.
facebook.com/greenteenbeacon

Every Wednesday in September, the Green Teen program will offer free produce at its stand outside the Beacon Recreation Center in partnership with Common Ground Farm and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County.

SAT 18

Philipstown Bikes Day

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Haldane School
15 Craigsides Drive

Start at the elementary school blacktop and follow a 1.6-mile loop open to walkers, bikes and non-motorized movers. Rain date SUN 19.

SAT 18

ReCycle Tag Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | bit.ly/recycle-sale

The Friends of the Butterfield Library and Climate Smart Philipstown are partnering to raise money for the library sustainability fund. Find random and assorted treasures of all sorts. Snacks will be available for purchase.

SAT 18

Hudson River Craft Beer Festival

BEACON

12:30 – 5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park
americaontap.com

Sample from more than 60 brewers and seltzer makers while enjoying live music, games and food. *Cost: \$45 to \$85 (\$10 designated drivers)*

SAT 18

Slaterpalooza

GLENHAM

1 – 9 p.m. Slater Chemical Fire Co.
76 Old Glenham Road | 845-831-2322

Seven bands are scheduled to perform on the main stage, including Heavy Gauge and Last Minute Soulmates, at this 10th annual fundraiser. Bring lawn chairs; coolers permitted. *Cost: \$10 (children free)*

SAT 18

Annual Lawn Party

COLD SPRING

4 – 7 p.m. William Kemble Home
20 The Boulevard
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Tour the restored 19th-century home and enjoy historic entertainment while supporting the Putnam History Museum. *Cost: \$50 (\$30 to \$45 members)*

SUN 19

Electric Vehicle Car Show

BEACON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave.
facebook.com/Climate-Smart-Philipstown

Test drive a Hyundai Kona, Ford Mach-E and Chevy Bolt with Healey Brothers and learn about incentives for electric vehicle purchases at this event co-hosted by Sustainable Hudson Valley, Beacon's Conservation Advisory Committee, the Green Beacon Coalition, Sustainable Putnam and Climate Smart Philipstown.

SUN 19

Depot Theatre Benefit

GARRISON

4 p.m. Philipstown Depot (Patio)
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the theater with music, poetry, cocktails and food from Dolly's. *Cost: \$50 to \$1,025*



Philipstown Bikes Day, Sept. 18

VISUAL ART

SAT 18

Punto in Aria

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Patricia Miranda's textile and sculptural installation will be on exhibit through Nov. 7.

KIDS & FAMILY

SUN 12

A Walking Concert

BEACON

11:30 a.m. Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Dr. | howlandmusic.org

The Howland Chamber Music Circle has organized a concert for children and families that can be enjoyed during a stroll through the park. Register online.

THURS 16

Chess Meet-Up

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Bring a board and get ready for competition.

SAT 18

Biodiversity Celebration

BEAR MOUNTAIN

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive
trailsidezoo.org

Visit the zoo's habitats and learn about the wildlife. *Cost: \$1 (\$10 parking)*

SAT 18

Shine

GARRISON

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
desmondfishlibrary.org

J.J. and Chris Grabenstein will read from their novel about a middle-school girl searching for her place. Suggested for ages 8 to 12. Co-hosted with Split Rock Books. Register online.

**SECOND SATURDAY**

SAT 11

Beyond Binaries

BEACON

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

Works by Milford Graves, Basil Kincaid and Sahana Ramakrishnan will be on view through Oct. 18.

SAT 11

Thinking of Things Inside

BEACON

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Mother Gallery
1154 North Ave. | mothergallery.art

The exhibit will feature sculpture by Carl D'Alvia and mixed-media works by Marcy Hermansader. Through Sept. 26.

SAT 11

Exhibit D: Aftermath

BEACON

1 – 7 p.m. No. 3 Reading Room
469 Main St. | photobookworks.com

Drawings by Mariam Aziza Stephan will be the fourth installation in the *Extraction: Art on the Edge of the Abyss* series. Through Oct. 4.

SAT 11

**Combianaciones/
Combinations**

BEACON

1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Sylvia Diaz curated this group show celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Through Sept. 25.

SAT 11

Mary Ann Glass

BEACON

3 – 5 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

Fine art photographs by the artist will be on view until Nov. 7.

SAT 11

Time & Tide

BEACON

3 – 6 p.m. Garage Gallery
17 Church St. | garagegalley.com

Paintings by M'Liz Keefe and photos by Jim Nickelson will be featured in the gallery's inaugural exhibit. Through Sept. 26.

SAT 11

**Gravitational Artifacts |
Let the Light In**

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Jebah Baum's prints and works on paper will be exhibited in Gallery 1 and Melissa Schlobohm's prints and sculptures in Gallery 2. Through Oct. 10.

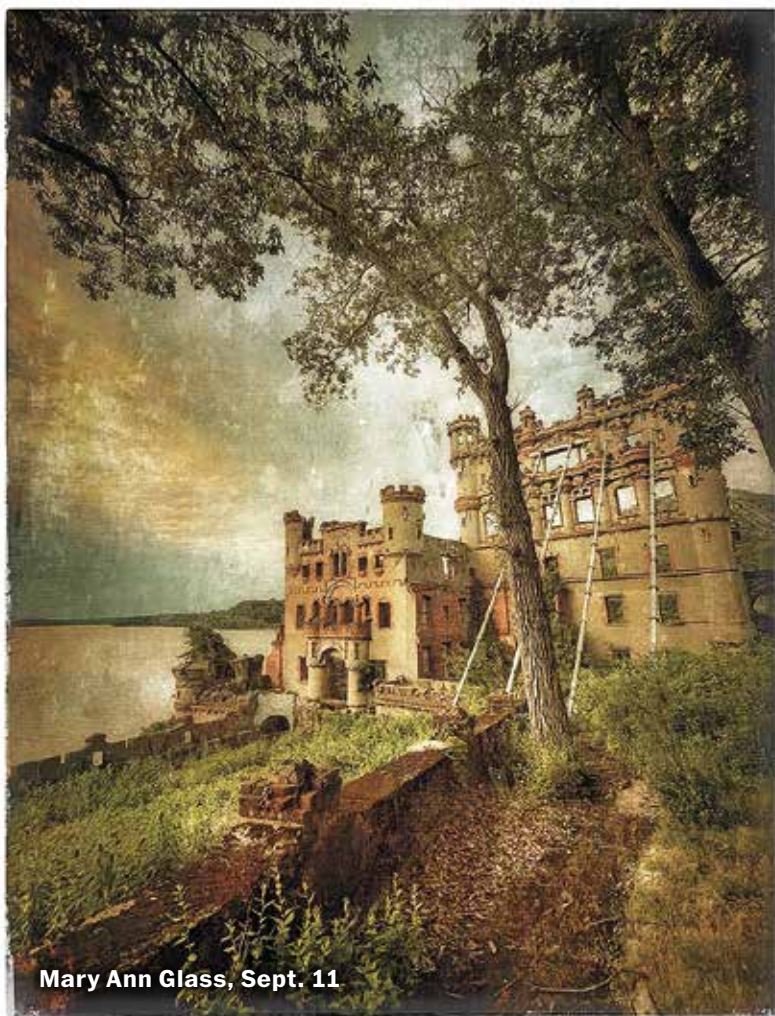
SAT 11

**Brickbot | DeadBeatCity
Bwana Spoons**

BEACON

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

Discover multiples, figures and mixed-media work. Through Oct. 10.



Mary Ann Glass, Sept. 11

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 11

**Aery Theatre One-Act
Play Festival**

GARRISON

4 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

In this 15th annual competition, watch four plays at any or all of three performances on the patio and vote for two to advance the audience favorites to the semifinals, which will be held FRI 17 and SAT 18. Also SUN 12. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 11

Prelude to a Kiss

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

In this romantic comedy, a stranger's kiss after a wedding has magical powers that test the boundaries of love. Also SAT 11, FRI 17, SAT 18, SUN 19. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 seniors, military, ages 12 and under)*

FRI 17

A Night of Barn Comedy

BREWSTER

6:30 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312 | 845-808-1840
tillystablerestaurant.com

Jeff Norris, Melvin George and Michele Fox will perform sets. *Cost: \$40 (includes buffet dinner)*

FRI 17

**Snow White &
The Seven Dwarfs**

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Boscobel (Great Lawn)
1601 Route 9D | coldspringfilm.org

The Cold Spring Film Society will present the 1937 film, Disney's first animated feature, which set

a standard for many years for its vibrancy and songs. *Free*

SAT 18

Woman in the Moon

COLD SPRING

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

Watch the 1929 silent film written and directed by Fritz Lang via Zoom with live music accompaniment by Cary Brown. Register online.

SAT 18

The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
artichokeshow.com

Ophira Eisenberg of NPR's *Ask Me Another* quiz show will be the featured storyteller, along with Courtney Antonioli, Kendra Cunningham, David Hu and Steve Whyte. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 for livestream/video)*



Woman in the Moon, Sept. 18

MUSIC

SAT 11

Piedmont Bluz

PUTNAM VALLEY

4 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Benedict and Valerie Turner will play country blues, preserving a unique style of fingerpicking and African American culture. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 11

Sam Reider

PHILIPSTOWN

7 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9
magazzino.eventbrite.com

Reider, known for his interpretations on the accordion of global folk music, will perform with an ensemble of acoustic musicians, the Human Hands. A full vaccination record is required to attend. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 students, seniors)*

SAT 11

SongSmith Gala

BEACON

7 p.m. The Yard
4 Hanna Lane | songsmith.org

Performers will include KJ Denhart, Open Book, Jeremy Schonfeld and Jen Clapp at this benefit to fund the 2022 season of the music series. A livestream is also available. *Cost: \$30 to \$50*

SAT 11

Transfiguration

NEWBURGH

7:30 p.m. Newburgh Free Academy
201 Fullerton Ave.
newburghsymphony.org

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra program for this 9/11 memorial concert will include works by Missy Mazzoli, Richard Strauss, Richard Wagner and Pyotr Tchaikovsky. A full vaccination record and mask is required to attend. *Cost: \$35 to \$50 (\$25 seniors, students free)*

SAT 11

American Pink Floyd

BEACON

8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The tribute band's show includes projections and laser lights. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

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Luiz Simas, Sept. 17

SUN 12
Shayna Blass

BEACON
 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Farmers' Market
 223 Main St.
beaconfarmersmarket.org

Blass will perform folky-soul songs from her debut album. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

SUN 12
Hoot 2021

PHILIPSTOWN
 Noon – 6 p.m. Little Stony Point
 3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Local musicians and other performers will be showcased at this annual community event organized by volunteers. *Free*

SUN 12
Breakneck Ridge Revue

BEACON
 7 p.m. Towne Crier
 379 Main St. | townecrier.com

At their first live show in 18 months, the ensemble, which includes Andrew Revkin, David Ross, Patrick Stanfield Jones, Todd Guidice, the Trouble Sisters and Mark Murphy, will play twangy, acoustic music with storytelling. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

FRI 17
Luiz Simas

BEACON
 8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
 477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

The Brazilian composer, singer and pianist will be joined by Wesley Amorim on guitar. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 18
Hudson Valley Gospel Festival

WAPPINGERS FALLS
 1 – 5 p.m. Bowdoin Park
 85 Sheafe Road | artsmidhudson.org

The event will feature the Hudson Valley Gospel Festival Choir and will include performances by the Jazz Pioneers, the West Point Gospel Choir, the Bethel Church of God in Christ Praise Team and Angels Without Wings from the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 seniors, students, military; ages 5 and younger free)*

SUN 19
Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach

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

The quartet will perform music by Beethoven, Puccini and Dvorak. *Cost: \$45 (\$24 ages 5 to 18, ages 5 and younger free)*

SUN 19
Thistle

BEACON
 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island
 845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

The composer, singer and harpist will perform on the island. Boats leave the Beacon dock at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 children)*

SUN 19
Pond Music at Quarry Pool

GARRISON
 3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D
 845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

David Rothenberg will play clarinet and transform the natural sounds of the pool into music. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 members)*

SUN 19
Bruce T. Carroll Band

BEACON
 7 p.m. Towne Crier
 379 Main St. | townecrier.com

Comedian Colin Quinn will host the record release for *First Bird to Sing*, Carroll's third album. The band includes Marc Shulman, Deni Bonet, Tommy Mandel, Joe Bonadio and Lincoln Schleifer. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVICS
MON 13
Complete Streets Webinar

PHILIPSTOWN
 6 p.m. Climate Smart Philipstown
butterfieldlibrary.org

Register to join this Zoom event co-hosted by the Butterfield Library, the Ecological Citizens Project and Climate Smart Philipstown to learn about how streets can be designed for every type of use, from biking, walking and driving, for every age and ability.

MON 13
City Council

BEACON
 7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
 845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 13
Dutchess Legislature

POUGHKEEPSIE
 7 p.m. Dutchess | 22 Market St.
 845-486-2100 | dutchessny.gov

TUES 14
School Board


COLD SPRING
 7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive
 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

TUES 14
Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING
 7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 15
School Board

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



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Cat and Keaton shared many outdoor adventures together. Photo provided

Keaton’s Kids *(from Page 1)*

at home. I felt at peace with Keaton, even though he made the party come to life.”

It was while doing a workshop about “getting in contact with ourselves,” 18 months after Keaton’s passing, that Guthrie thought of how she should honor her son. “It hit me: You have got to focus on the underserved.”

With help from her fiancé, Kevin Spath, she created the nonprofit Keaton’s Kids, an organization that would “take kids on transformative outdoor adventures and give kids the experiences that Keaton was fortunate to have and that changed his life.” It would “help change the lives of kids who don’t have the opportunities to hike, much less snowboard or bike or surf.

“Our biggest program so far has been sponsoring a bike program in the Bronx,” she says. “We bought bikes and equipment so the kids could learn how to repair bikes. We supported biking and camping and went out on several multiday trips. “At one, in Harriman State Park, the kids stayed in cabins and swam. “It is very much, ‘It takes a village.’ We’re all in this together to transform kids’ lives.”

Guthrie has raised \$38,000 toward a first-year goal of \$50,000 (donate at keaton-skids.org) and would like, ultimately, to develop long-term relationships with children, “where it’s not just a one-off adventure and they go home.”

She would also like to get more New York City children involved. “I’m from St. Louis, and the first time I saw the Rockies, I realized the world was so much bigger than I knew. It was a spiritual experience. We want to be able to bring kids out to see those majestic mountains and feel that awe.”

Guthrie had her own “adventure buddy” in her son, and together they skied and surfed, boogie-boarded and sky-dived. While skiing together, they challenged each other: “I’d say, ‘Let’s go do a double black diamond’ [the steepest, most challenging run in a ski area]. We’d get up to the top and he’d go whipping down and I’d stand there,



scared — but he would be waiting for me at the bottom, with a smile.”

In a video on the Keaton’s Kids website, Guthrie offers a fuller picture of Keaton’s challenges. “He struggled at school, and I watched that struggle eventually weigh on him, causing him to doubt himself, questioning who he was,” she says. “But I’d watch him come alive outside. He’d get stuck with a math problem or science homework and then he’d go out on his skateboard and work on a kickflip, over and over; he’d know he was right with the world.”

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special City School District Referendum of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, will be held on October 26, 2021, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 9:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting upon the following proposition:

PROPOSITION

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on September 8, 2021, authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various School District facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$26,000,000; authorizing an expenditure of \$600,000 available current funds, \$1,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and the issuance of not exceeding \$24,400,000 bonds to pay the costs thereof to mature over a period not exceeding thirty years; providing that such bonds shall be payable from amounts to be levied in annual installments on taxable real property of said School District; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the aforesaid proposition will appear on the ballot used at such Special City School District Referendum in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the September 8, 2021 bond resolution authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various School District facilities at a maximum cost of \$26,000,000; authorizing an expenditure of \$600,000 available funds, the use of \$1,000,000 capital reserve funds and the issuance of \$24,400,000 bonds (30 year maximum maturity) to pay such cost; providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?

A copy of the bond resolution referred to in said proposition is on file in the office of the School District Clerk, located at 10 Education Drive, in Beacon, New York, where the same is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours.

Said Special Referendum will take place at the following voting sites:

School Election District Polling Place

Election District No. 1 Beacon High School
Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts

Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts
Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts
Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

Election District No. 2 Glenham Elementary School
Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers

Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County, south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, east Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Union Free School District No.3, Town of Fishkill, south by Beacon City line and west by Hudson River.

Bounded northerly by former Common School District No. 4 in the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, easterly by Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

An accurate description of the boundaries of the aforesaid school election districts into which said City School District is divided is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the Board of Education.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Special Referendum, to be held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning fourteen (14) days prior to the Special Referendum. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Special Referendum.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Special City School District Referendum may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the vote, and at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the vote, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application can be sent by email, or delivered by a designated agent. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the vote. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Special Referendum. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a qualified military voter who is not currently registered can obtain a military personal registration form on the District's website, or from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A registered military voter may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk in the same manner. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a military personal registration form, absentee ballot application or absentee ballot via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the vote. Military voter registration and absentee ballots shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Dated September 8, 2021 Beacon, New York
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON,
DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.
By Kelly Pologe School District Clerk



Photos by Ross Corsair (2)

It Was a Beautiful Day for Community Day



The Village of Cold Spring organized a Community Day for Saturday (Sept. 4) and, after torrents of rain, the weather cooperated. The day began with 5K and family runs sponsored by the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub and continued at 2 p.m. with music by Dar Williams, the Dan Zlotnick Band, Hudson Lovell, Tony Merando & Pierre Le Henaff, Jesse Merandy and Andy Revkin and Friends; a pie-baking contest; children's bounce houses in Mayor's Park; and a fireworks show over the Hudson River donated by the Groombridge family.

For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.



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Philipstown Depot Theatre's Fall Pop Up Patio Events:

**Aery Theatre Co.
20/20 One Act Play
Festival Competition**
Sept 10-18, Finals Sept. 26

**Philipstown Depot
Theatre's 25th
Anniversary Benefit**
Sept. 19, 4-7pm

**Night Train:
Storytelling**
Sept. 25 and Oct 2 at 7pm

**Modern Dance
Workshop: Marie
Carstens and
Erin Jennings**
Oct 2 at 2pm
outside at Garrison's Landing

**Taking Flight: An
Afternoon of Modern
and Cultural Dance
(performance)**
Oct. 3 at 2:30 pm
outside at Garrison's Landing

Additional Events at the Depot:

**The Dark House:
A New Immersive
Immersive Horror
Theatre Experience**
Oct 7-31. Nightmarenyc.com

**Music: Maia Sharp,
Opening set by
Hudson Lovell**
Nov. 6 at 7:30pm

Tickets at
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (September 1871)

Detective Scanlon alighted from a morning train with Dan Bow, who had escaped from the Carmel jail in April when he was asked to fetch coal from the yard. The jailor noticed Bow had not returned when the fire got low.

The Rev. Oscar Hugo, who was exiled from Hungary in 1851, spoke at the Baptist Church on "The Pope's Concordat, or Protestant Rights of Connivance in Roman Catholic Countries and Bible Rights in Protestant America." [In 1874, Hugo recounted that in 1851, the Jesuit advisers to the prince said that because Protestants had "been given up entirely to the devil, they should there be at once seized and committed to prison." His father was imprisoned and Hugo banished.]

A "rough-looking fellow" went around the village selling a powder he claimed would prevent kerosene lamps from exploding, although *The Cold Spring Recorder* suggested that "the same feats could be performed, without the stuff, by a man of nerve and experience in handling the oil."

The window at the telegraph office was draped in mourning for its operator, Jennie Dykeman of Nelsonville, who died at age 22.

Robert Barton opened a news depot near the post office stocked with New York City papers and periodicals, which he also offered to deliver.

J.G. Southard installed a lantern in front of his store, making four along one side of Main Street above the railroad.

On Main Street, George Turner showed off a black snake that was 5½ feet long.

While hunting on a Saturday night at Breakneck Hollow, John Foster, Edward Foster and Peter McCaffery shot three raccoons that weighed 18, 19 and 27 pounds.

Blind Tom, billed as a "the son of common Georgia field hands" who had been "caught at midnight many years ago at the piano of Mr. [James] Bethune, playing the difficult pieces the young ladies had been practicing during the day," performed at Philipstown Town Hall. Tom had visited Cold Spring once before, five years earlier. [Born into slavery in 1849, Tom Wiggins was "freed" in 1865 but put on tour for years by Bethune and his son, grossing millions of dollars for the family. In 1860, Tom had been the first African American to give a command performance at the White House.]

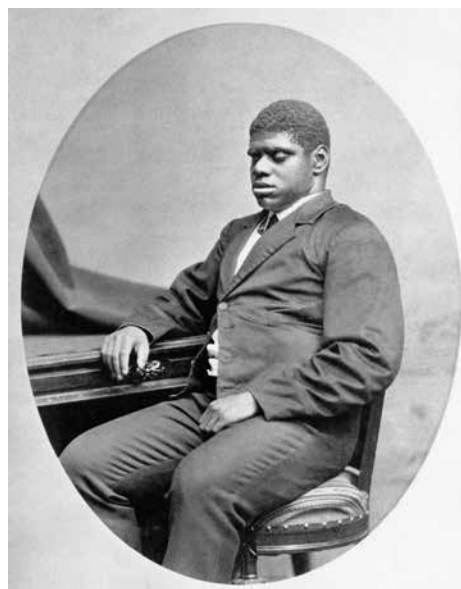
The president of the Village Board, who had opposed a resolution allowing trustees to be paid, donated his salary to fix the walk on Bank Street.

A.W. Cole, a farmer in Putnam Valley, grew an ear of corn that was 14 inches long and contained 592 kernels.

125 Years Ago (September 1896)

The Recorder reminded hunters that there was a \$25 fine for carrying a gun on Sunday.

The Garrison Athletic Club held its first picnic on Labor Day at the Osborn Oval. Tickets were 25 cents and dancing was an addi-



Tom Wiggins performed at Philipstown Town Hall in 1871.

tional 25 cents, but ladies were admitted free.

The Recorder noted that the fish population in the Hudson seemed to be rebounding after falling off sharply due to the introduction of cesspools that drained into the river.

A man seen in the village showing a "terrible-looking arm" and asking for money was said to be a fakir who had applied acid to his limb.

William Church Osborn resigned as chair of the Putnam County Democratic Committee. He wrote: "I cannot retain a position in which the slightest aid for the folly and dishonesty of the Chicago platform is expected of me." [The Democrats had adopted their national platform at Chicago in July; conservatives such as Osborn supported maintaining the gold standard and opposed the creation of a federal income tax.]

A bicycle relay race that started in San Francisco on Aug. 25 passed through Cold Spring on the way to New York City.

The West Point Foundry, for the first time in its nearly 80-year history, closed because of a lack of orders.

The Putnam Social Club of Cold Spring filed incorporation papers in Carmel. Its stated purpose was to offer members "social and literary intercourse."

Bicycle racer William Ladue won a \$35 rocking chair and a silver soup tureen at Catskill; two suitcases at Poughkeepsie; and a diamond scarf pin and a \$35 diamond at the Dutchess County Fair.

Benjamin Turner was walking through the woods on the Philipse estate in Garrison when he felt a stinging sensation in his right ear. Upon closer inspection, he found a bullet had passed through it and wedged in a nearby tree.

While Janet, Julia, Rosalind and Hamilton Fish Jr. hosted a card party for their friends on the family estate along the Hudson, the passing steamer Adirondack threw its searchlight on the scene, illuminating the grounds.

Robert Mason, a brother of Aaron Mason of Garrison, who had not been heard from in 36 years, returned home to Peekskill. Robert said he owned ranches in Washing-

ton, Nevada and Mexico.

John Bracken, the night watchman at the West 23rd Street pier in New York City, was found dead at his post at age 43. He commuted daily from Cold Spring on the 4:29 p.m. train.

The propeller ship Wm. C. Redfield, which ran between Poughkeepsie and New York, collided with the tug Edwin Terry near West Point. The Redfield was saved from sinking when the pilot managed to shout to the engineer through the speaking tube to "Hook her up, for your life!" and the ship ran aground before the water reached the boilers. The ships had collided at 1 a.m. during a heavy storm. The Terry, headed south with the barge Enterprise in tow, had rounded the narrow bend at Constitution Island when the Redfield appeared, going upriver.

100 Years Ago (September 1921)

After the Haldane school board complained to the Cold Spring Village Board about the dirty streets and sidewalks around the school, Trustee McAndrew was sent to investigate. He reported that everything looked fine to him, then added: "If criticism is good for the village, it is good for the school. On Sunday, Sept. 4, the American flag was displayed throughout the village, as a mark of respect to the memory of one who made the supreme sacrifice for his country [James Harvey Hustis, who had been killed in World War I and was buried that day at Cold Spring Cemetery]. This boy was a graduate of the Haldane school. No flag was displayed at the school. They cut the flagpole down five years ago; the patriotism of the institution evidently fell with the flagpole."

Mary Harris Armor, a firebrand from Georgia, spoke in favor of prohibition during the annual meeting of the county chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union at the Methodist Episcopal Church.



Mary Harris Armor of Georgia spoke in Philipstown in 1921 in favor of prohibition.

The Tidal Oil Co. installed a Visible Measure & Pump in front of Selleck's Garage on Fair Street. It had an illuminated electric dome and hand crank.

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The Meyer brothers, formerly of Brooklyn, purchased the grocery and meat business at the corner of Main and Rock streets.

Cold Spring won two of three baseball games in a series against the American Legion team from Beacon. The villagers won the first game at Kemble Field, 2-0; Beacon won at home, 10-0; and Cold Spring won again at Kemble, 6-5.

Nate Lyons installed a concrete sidewalk in front of the Farrell home on Garden Street.

In a pioneering surgery, Dr. John Heslin, a cousin of Mrs. William Casey of Cold Spring, was one of two doctors in Albany who replaced a man's crushed urethra with a dog vein.

The Village Board passed a resolution instructing the police officer to arrest any driver exceeding 15 mph on Main Street.

J.W. DuBois had nearly completed installation at his foundry of a two-ton Heald Machine No. 55, which could grind cylinders up to 9 inches in diameter and 15 inches in length.

75 Years Ago (September 1946)

Henry Holt published *Acres of Antaeus*, the latest novel by Philipstown writer Paul Corey. He and his wife, Ruth, had purchased a local farm in 1929, where he had built a stone cottage. [In 1947 the couple relocated to Sonoma, California, where Paul built another home and published, as his next book, *Shad Haul*, a young-adult novel set in "Philipsville."]



Paul and Ruth Corey in Cold Spring around 1938

Armed with a machine gun and revolvers, three masked men tied up the night watchman at the Cold Spring Dyeing and Finishing Co. and spent an hour stealing \$25,000 worth of dress goods and curtain material. The watchman recalled one of the robbers saying, "It's too bad we didn't bring a bigger truck." After the men fled, the watchman wiggled free and walked nearly a mile to the Cold Spring firehouse to sound the alarm. [Four months later, three New Jersey men were charged with the robbery; they also were suspected of stealing nylon stockings from another plant. Twenty years later, one of the three, Gabriel "Johnny the Walk" DeFranco, was killed in what appeared to a mob hit.]

Eddie O'Keefe of Cold Spring won the highest honor at the American Dahlia Society's 32nd annual show for his 12-inch red flower of the cactus variety called Skyrocket, grown from seed.

50 Years Ago (September 1971)

Adolf Peters, a summer resident of Lake Valhalla, died at age 74. A native of Germany, he worked for the Globe Slicing Machine Co. until his early retirement in 1938. He also dredged and developed Belle Meade Island in Miami.

Harold Homefield, the principal of Haldane High School, resigned, saying that after district residents in August voted down the proposed budget for a second time, "it has become apparent that our community is not particularly education-minded and is willing to sacrifice the welfare of its children, if need be, to protest its tax burden." Homefield said that he had accepted the second rejection of the budget but could not abide the defeat, in separate resolutions, of funding for athletics, the cafeteria and student transportation.

Mark Giammatteo, the president of the Haldane Faculty Association, noted in a statement that teachers were under no obligation to volunteer to coach sports because funding had been cut. "The voters have let the students down, and it is unreasonable to expect a few teachers to make up for it," he said.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York presented the deed to the Chapel of Our Lady, which was built in 1833 on the banks of the Hudson River, to Chapel of Our Lady Restoration Inc. The actor Helen Hayes and Carl Carmer, author of *The Hudson*, took part in the ceremony. The property had been given to the Catholic church in 1830 by Gouverneur Kemble, the first supervisor of the West Point Foundry. It was used until 1906, when a larger church was built.

25 Years Ago (September 1996)

In a surprise move, Putnam Valley Councilman Sam Gambino introduced a motion to abolish the police department, effective Dec. 31. The agency had a \$1.5 million annual budget. Within hours, Chief William Carlos filed a federal lawsuit to block the move.

The state sent Philipstown \$119,381 to repair damage caused by widespread flooding in January.

A state court judge issued a temporary restraining order to stop the paving of Esselborne Road and East Mountain Road North and South in response to a motion by the Philipstown Dirt Road Association.

The Open Space Institute agreed to lease 28 acres on the Malcolm Gordon School property to Philipstown for softball and soccer games. It said it would charge \$1 per year for five years, and that the town could then buy the property for \$1. The town would be required to add a driveway and parking lot and install gates.

El Castillo, the owners of Dick's Castle, announced plans to convert the structure into 28 luxury apartments, plus a library, dining rooms, palm court and lap pool.

A new community recreational facility built by volunteers at Mayor's Park was dedicated as the Mayor Anthony Phillips



A painting depicts the Hellfighters on Sept. 29, 1918, during the Meuse-Argonne offensive in France.

Garrison Connection to the Harlem Hellfighters

President Joe Biden on Aug. 25 signed legislation awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to a New York infantry regiment that fought in World War I and had a Garrison connection.

Known as the Harlem Hellfighters, the 2,000 Black soldiers, including Afro-Puerto Ricans, were volunteers who served in the 369th Infantry. One of the regiment's captains, overseeing Company K, was a state legislator named Hamilton Fish, who was born in Garrison in 1888 and graduated from Harvard in 1910.

The regiment arrived in France in December 1917 and the Black troops and their officers were assigned manual labor. But the French were desperate for soldiers, and the 369th was sent to the front lines, where they earned their Hellfighters nickname from the Germans, although they preferred Harlem's Rattlers. The regiment would spend 191 days, or more than six months, in the trenches.

Information provided by the Desmond-Fish Public Library

In a 1991 memoir, Fish wrote that at the end of the war, he told his men: "You have fought and died for freedom and democracy. Now, you should go back home to the United States and continue to fight for your own freedom and democracy."

Fish was a founder of the American Legion and served as a member of Congress from 1920 to 1945. Three times he sponsored anti-lynching bills that were defeated by Southern congressmen. He is also credited with proposing the bill to create the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, though his efforts in that regard to include the remains of a Black soldier were rejected by senior command.

After a long career, he and his wife, Alice Curtis Desmond, founded the Desmond-Fish Library in 1979; Fish died in 1991. The library, located at 472 Route 403, has installed a display case with books, medals and other artifacts related to the regiment.

Pavilion.

Boscobel opened an exhibit of the surviving books from States Dyckman's library.

The Haldane school board accepted the resignation of Superintendent Diana Greene following a closed-door session that lasted two-and-a-half hours. Greene was then placed on paid leave for the 1996-97 academic year, which would have been her second at the school.

Keith Capolino opened the G.H. Ford Tea Co. at 142 Main St.

A Haldane senior, Jed Dellarmi, 17, was killed in a crash on Wolcott Avenue

in Beacon when the car he was driving collided with a Dutchess County transit bus. Two passengers were treated at St. Luke's Hospital.

The Village of Cold Spring offered 150th Anniversary mugs for \$5 and commemorative plates for \$20. Both featured the Cold Spring bandstand.

Dennis Brady, a former Cold Spring resident, donated a portion of his liver to his 10-month-old son, Dennis Jr., who had been born without the ducts that drain bile from the liver. The 12-hour operation took place at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City.

OBITUARIES

Larry Downey

Lawrence J. Downey, a Cold Spring native and the third-generation owner of Downey Energy, died Sept. 4, with family members at his side.

Larry was a U.S. Army veteran and graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

Along with Joan, his wife of 64 years, he is survived by his sons, Lawrence Downey and Cary Downey; his grandchildren, Victoria, Alexandra and Rebecca; and his great-grandchildren, Christopher, Caiden and Austin.

A graveside service was held Sept. 9 at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Association for Cancer Research Foundation (aacr.org) or to the Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org).



Sable Fields (1987-2021)

Sable Regina Fields, 34, of Beacon, died Aug. 8 at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh.

She was born Feb. 24, 1987, the daughter of Everett and Angela Fields, and grew up in Greenburgh. Sable attended Temple



University and Pace University and earned a bachelor's degree in cinematography and film and video production from the New School in 2011.

She worked at many television and cable production companies in New York City, including MTV, BET, VH1 and FUSE, and became a supervising producer at *Billboard*. Most recently, she was a supervising producer of branded content at WarnerMedia's *Bleacher Report*.

Sable was known for her sharp wit, sense of humor, generosity and work ethic, her family said. After living in Harlem for 10 years, she recently moved to Beacon.

Along with her parents, Sable is survived by a great-aunt, Alease Fields; her aunts, Margaret Marshall and Kelley Wright; and her uncles, Alvin Marshall and Joseph Greenaway (Valerie). Memorial donations may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation (epilepsy.com).

David Noack (1952-2021)

David Noack, 68, a longtime Beacon resident, died Sept. 6.

He was born on Sept. 18, 1952, in Hackensack, New Jersey, the son of Robert and Angelina (Canninzarro) Noack, and grew up in Lodi, New Jersey.

David held a bachelor's degree in communications from Glassboro State College



in New Jersey and a master's in political science from Montclair State. He came to the Hudson Valley in 1982 as a reporter for the *Beacon Evening News*, working there until the newspaper closed in 1990.

He later worked at the United States Military Academy at West Point as an information technology specialist until his retirement in 2020.

David is survived by his wife, the former Jean Yanarella, and a brother, Kenneth Noack (Nancy) of Chandler, Arizona.

Family and friends will gather today (Sept. 10) from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Libby Funeral Home in Beacon. Memorial donations may be made to Mid-Hudson Animal Aid (midhudsonanimalaid.org).

Barbara Scofield (1946-2021)

Barbara S. Scofield, 75, a longtime Beacon resident, died Aug. 18 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

She was born June 20, 1946, in the Bronx, the daughter of Hans and Elise Gentsch.

Barbara worked for more than 20 years at Dykes Lumber in New York City, where she was a millwork specialist. Known by her work family as "the window queen," she commuted to her office in Harlem until her recent retirement.



Barbara enjoyed life, especially the simplest of things, through art and nature, her family said. She loved gardening, flowers and bird-watching. She had a beautiful front porch that overflowed with greenery, flowers and herbs, and took great pride in the gut-restoration of her 19th-century Beacon home.

She is survived by her son, Adam Clauson; her stepchildren, Bridget Huling and Richard Scofield Jr.; and her grandchildren: Mason Hollop, Sophia Clauson and Riley "Ace" Clauson, Streven Teiter, Jenna Saunders, Taylor and Brianna Habinowski and Alexis, Kayla and Joey Scofield.

Family and friends will gather on Sunday (Sept. 12) from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Libby Funeral Home in Beacon. A service will be offered at 7 p.m.

Other Recent Deaths

Beacon

Steven Bell, 71
Kiren Chamberlain, 61
Randy Lehr, 68
Brenda Oswald, 67
Joan Pagliaro, 86
Jack Sauntry, 91
Anthony Stropoli, 61
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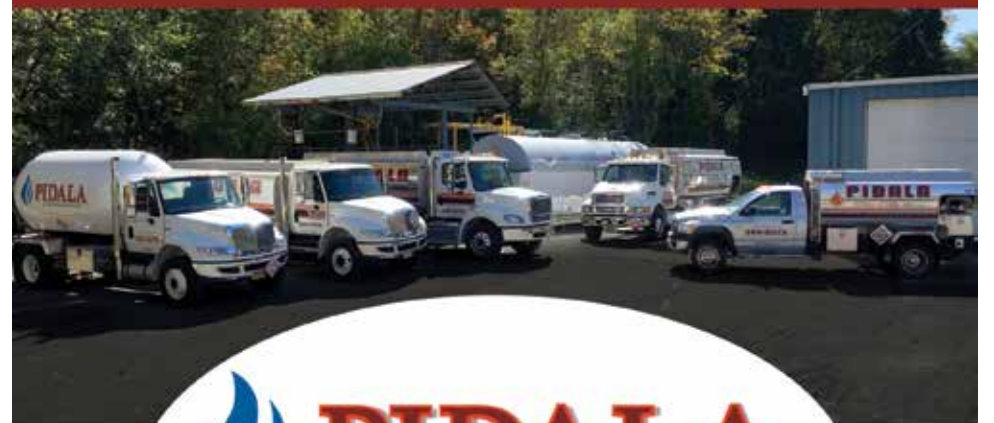
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The Glow Up

By Brian PJ Cronin

The fire tower atop Mount Beacon kicked off its 10th decade by showing off a little.



On Saturday night (Sept. 4), the 90-year-old tower was illuminated for a half-hour, starting at 9 p.m. More than 25 other fire towers across the state joined in at the same time, from Sterling Forest near the New York-New Jersey border, to towers in the Adirondacks. The occasion was the Eighth Annual Lighting of the Fire Towers, an event sponsored by the New York chapter of the Forest Fire Lookout Association.

None of the fire towers in New York are still actively used in fire spotting, Laurie Rankin, the director of the New York chapter explained, but it's important to keep them in working condition because they may be called back into action someday.

"If we were to have drought conditions for three or four weeks in the Northeast, like they're seeing out west, could the same thing happen here?" she asked, in reference to yet another summer of huge wildfires. "Absolutely."

That may seem far-fetched when considering the wet and soggy summer we just had, but in the past 15 years there have been three wildfires that each burned at least 3,000 acres in the Shawangunk Mountains, and Rankin said the fire tower at Roosa Gap was used as a command center. Pennsylvania recently built 16 fire towers, figuring that they would be a cost-effective way to keep an eye out for blazes in heavily wooded areas with few people and poor cellphone service.

Rankin's connection to the state's fire towers is personal. Her father was the



The Beacon Fire Tower, illuminated

Photo by B. Cronin

observer at the fire tower atop Balsam Lake Mountain in the Catskills from 1958 to 1972, when it was decommissioned. (Beacon's tower was decommissioned that same year.)

"I grew up on top of a mountain, hanging out at a fire tower," she said. As an adult, she

became passionate about hiking and was delighted to learn that there were so many towers across the state she could hike to. That led her to the Forest Fire Lookout Association.

The method of illumination for each of the towers last weekend differed. For

many of the remote towers in the Adirondacks, volunteers had to use only what they could carry during a hike that took several hours, which meant Coleman lanterns and collapsible work lights.

To light the Beacon tower, Rankin got in touch with the members of Hudson Valley 4 Wheelers, who have repaired the tower over the years, including with steel left over from the construction of the Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, to make the tower safe to climb. The crew brought up a 6,500-watt generator and six strips of LED lights.

"I don't know if we'll be able to see any of the other towers," said Kevin Gennodie, who served as the point person for the crew. "But they'll be able to see us from three states away."

At 9 p.m., as Louis Armstrong's "What A Wonderful World" played from one of the Jeeps, the generator was turned on and the fire tower blazed to life. Since the crew had last been there earlier in the summer for repairs, an unknown visitor had strung fake ivy in the cab at the top of the tower. Between the bright lights and the leafy green strands, it resembled an illicit basement greenhouse.

At 9:15, the lights of every tower were flashed several times, in the hope it would be easier for all of the illuminators to see each other from a distance. We didn't spot any other blinking lights, but once the Beacon tower started flashing, a plane across the Hudson started heading toward us. "I hope they don't think this is a runway," said Gennodie.

We may not have been able to see any of the other towers, but we knew where Rankin was. She was serving as the illuminator atop the tower at Balsam Lake.

"When they see that light go on, I want them to think: 'There was a man or a woman in that fire tower, in that lonely spot for years, looking over where I am right now and protecting the homes and the business and the forest,' " she told me before the event. "Because where you are would look significantly different if they had not done that."

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SPORTS

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game, a 4-0 win on Wednesday (Sept. 8) at Kingston. Miguel Ruiz, Andre Alzate, Dillon Kelly and Liam Murphy each had goals, and Alzate, Jack Philipbar and Gavin Ladue each had an assist.

"We played much better," Seaman said. "It was not against the same quality opponent, but the guys are developing and growing as players. I like what I'm seeing so far, although our finishing was poor — we should have had more goals. But that's exactly why I wanted to open against John Jay; you learn a lot going up against quality teams."

Beacon was scheduled to host Monticello today (Sept. 10) and visit Port Jervis on Tuesday (Sept. 14).

The girls' team earned a 2-1 win Wednesday over Kingston, with Rory Ladue banging home the winner with 50 seconds remaining.

Reilly Landisi had a goal and an assist and Claire Derrenbacher had an assist. Keeper Hope Cleveringa stopped 10 shots.

"We got great minutes from [sophomore] Kasey Senior and [freshman] Noelle Haaes," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "We got our first taste of Section IX action; Kings-

ton wore us down, but the girls were able to endure the pressure."

Beacon will visit Port Jervis on Monday (Sept. 13) and Valley Central on Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

The Haldane girls' volleyball team, under second-year coach Kristina Roling, is coming off a 13-2 season in which the Blue Devils fell to Croton in the regional semifinals in April during a fall season that had been delayed until spring.

The team will miss graduated All-Section selection Maria Barry but returns Meghan Tomann, Jillian Weinpahl, Megan Farrell, Kate Jordan and Mikayla Santos. Newcomers are Grace Bradley, Lola Mahoney, Maddie Knox and Scotia Hartford.

"We're split down the middle with experience: some varsity and some junior varsity or club experience," said Roling. "We have big goals but are focusing on working as a team and supporting the players with limited experience."

After a season played in mostly empty gyms because of the pandemic shutdown, Roling said that "having spectators will add to the games. It'll be nice to play in front of a cheering crowd."

The Blue Devils open their season today



The Haldane volleyball team opens its season today (Sept. 10).

Photo by S. Pearlman

(Sept. 10) hosting Westlake before visiting Briarcliff on Sept. 17.

On the college front, Olivia Monteleone, a 2020 Haldane graduate who plays for Western Connecticut State, was named Little

East Conference Rookie of the Week, after tallying a team-high 16 service aces (.89 per set) and 41 digs (2.27 per set) in a 2-2 week for the squad that included wins over SUNY New Paltz and Vassar.

Soccer Preview *(from Page 24)*

and Stephen Robinson — will need to lead us on the field and off," Dwidar said. "They'll teach the young guys how to win tough games."

Newcomers are Brendt Robbins, Hunter Erickson, Frank Lanza, Jake Powers, Dusty Berkeley, Marc Firpo, Frankie DiGiglio, Jack Illian and Owen Carmicino.

"It's a talented team, and we're looking to capture a league title and a section title that's been away from the Haldane boys' program for eight years," Dwidar said. "I think we can bring it back home where it belongs, as Class C champions."

The Blue Devils were scheduled to travel to Pleasantville today (Sept. 10) and Woodlands and Lakeland early next week before hosting Alexander Hamilton on Friday (Sept. 17).

The Haldane girls' team opened its season Wednesday with a 1-0 home win over Hyde Park's Roosevelt High School on a free-kick goal by Finola Kiter in the first half. Keeper Ruby Poses had 19 saves.

First-year coach Mike Lentini welcomes back Kiter, Poses, Bianca Harmancin, Maddie Chiera, Katie Shields, Mazzie Maxwell, Ella Ashburn, Chloe Rowe, Sophia Scanga and Sara Ferreira from last year's

team, which finished 1-8-1, with its only victory a 2-1 win over Beacon.

"We have seven returning seniors, of which most have been playing together since eighth grade, so I'd say we're experienced," said Lentini. "We're fortunate to have such a great group of strong leaders and team players."

The Blue Devils will travel to Hastings today (Sept. 10) and host Blind Brook on Tuesday.

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ACROSS

1. Pool stick

4. Gasoline dispensers

9. Attorney's field

12. "Right you —!"

13. Not moving

14. Blond shade

15. Online reference source

17. Carefree

18. By way of

19. Pancake toppers

21. Museum tour guide

24. — Hari

25. Swelled head

26. Solidify

28. Semesters

31. Stately trees

33. Homer's neighbor

35. Mt. Rushmore's state

36. Seized vehicles

38. Dict. info

40. Sundial numeral

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43. Ancient pyramid builders

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54. Blackbird

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56. Inventor Whitney

57. Goat's plaint

58. Lauder of cosmetics

59. Marry

DOWN

1. Crow's cry

2. Mentalist Geller

3. "A spider!"

4. Slipcover trim

5. Like leftovers

6. Club —

7. Spectrum creator

8. Patronize, as a hotel

9. New York airport

10. Now, in a memo

11. Reasons

16. "— been had!"

20. Numbered rds.

21. Woodland grazer

22. Leer at

23. Summaries

27. Went first

29. Primary

30. Tackles moguls

32. Auctioneer's cry

34. Cecil B. —

37. Arm's-length portrait

39. Femme —

42. Ore layers

44. Longing

45. Smile broadly

46. Forearm bone

50. Rebel Turner

51. Morning moisture

52. — -de-France

53. Succor

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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 fixing a hole (8)

2 meandering medieval musician (8)

3 honks (5)

4 burdened (10)

5 telemarketer's gear (7)

6 creating confusion (11)

7 most profound (7)

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1. PRIMER, 2. ARIEL, 3. ACHILLES, 4. SLANG, 5. CHEFS, 6. NEWBERY, 7. INTERROGATE

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

SPORTS



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The FDR goalie made a save as Haldane's Ryan Eng-Wong (12) attempted to score last week.

Photos by S. Pearlman

Preview: Haldane Soccer

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane boys' soccer team opened its season on Sept. 3 at home, falling to Hyde Park's Roosevelt High School, 4-1.

Ryan Eng-Wong scored Haldane's only goal, which came in the first half off an assist from Clement Grossman. Keeper Ronan Kiter stopped six shots.

Haldane trailed 2-1 at halftime. "I thought we played well in the first half," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar. "But our stamina was not as good in the second half; we were kind of slow. FDR is a big, fast team."

Dwidar welcomes back most of his starting lineup from a team that went 5-10-1 last fall. He lost All-Section pick Frank Bentkowski, Andrew Silhavy and John Dwyer to graduation.

The returning starters include Kiter, Eng-Wong, Patrick Dinardo, Stephen Robinson, Matt Silhavy, Matt Nachamkin, Aidan Sullivan-Hoch, Clement Grossman, William Sniffen and Max Westphal. Patrick Dinardo, Rhys Robbins, Scott Bailey, Jeremy Hall, Trajan McCarthy, Luca van Dommele and Emilio Schweizer also return.

"Our two senior captains — Pat DiNardo
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WATCH AT HOME

Haldane games played on its turf field or in the gymnasium are livestreamed at LocalLive (bit.ly/haldane-stream). Many of Haldane's opponents, including Arlington, Carmel, Hendrick Hudson, John Jay East Fishkill, Ketcham, Mahopac, North Salem, Panas and Tuckahoe, also broadcast games at the site when they host the Blue Devils.

Beacon's football, volleyball and soccer games at Roosevelt, Minisink Valley and Newburgh will be livestreamed on the NFHS Network. See bit.ly/beacon-stream. A subscription is \$10.99 per month or \$69.99 annually. Home games will be livestreamed via HUDL through links at beaconk12.org/athletics.

VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BEACON SOCCER

The Beacon boys' soccer team started its season on Sept. 3 the same way it ended last fall: facing always-tough John Jay of East Fishkill. Unlike last year's Section I championship game, the Bulldogs couldn't keep pace with Jay this time, falling behind 2-0 by halftime on the way to a 3-0 home loss.

"In the first half I thought we struggled to adjust to their pace," said Coach Craig Seaman. "The second half was better, and we had a couple of chances" to score.

Beacon came back strong in its second
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Preview: Football

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The spring football season (moved from the fall because of the COVID-19 shutdown) didn't go according to plans for the Bulldogs, who were unable to play two games due to quarantines and went 0-4 in the others.

But the Fall 2021 squad has 11 seniors and Coach Jim Phelan said he expects better things.

"The spring was a disappointment," he said. "We were undisciplined and didn't perform well. But we always go into a new season with high expectations. Some of the seniors are in their fourth year in our system. We'll have more discipline, and we will be in better shape."

The returning starters who are seniors include quarterback Jason Komisar, along with Tyler Haydt, Sam Lunsford IV, Louis Delbianco, Jose Rodriguez, Isaac Hanson and Amir Bell. There's also junior Liebensen Perez-Nova. Key newcomers are senior Cailiel Daughtry and sophomores Mike Varian and Jayden Quintana.

"We have experience on both lines and good depth," Phelan said. "That will allow our playmakers to make plays." On defense, "we gave up a lot of points [in the spring], but there was some inexperience. This year they're more savvy, which makes it easier to make calls."

The team will face new opponents following a move by the school district to Section IX from Section I. "The goal is always to challenge for the league title and then the section title," Phelan said. "Our new schedule [in Section IX] gives us the opportunity to be more competitive."

The Bulldogs open their season today (Sept. 10) hosting Kingston at 7 p.m. and

on Sept. 17 travel to Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park.

HALDANE

The Blue Devils are coming off a 2-4 season, falling in the spring to Tuckahoe for the Section I, Class D title. Haldane will miss quarterback Dan Santos and running back Darrin Santos, as well as lineman Christian Pezzullo and tight end and linebacker Doug Donaghy, who all graduated in June.

In this eighth season as coach, Ryan McConville said the fall group — led by key returnees Ryan Irwin, Will Etta, Jake Mason, Soren Holmbo, Giancarlo Carone, Soliel Gaines, Evan Giachinta, Dylan Rucker and Tommy Tucker — should be able to put points on the board.

"We feel that this year's group is a great combination of returning skill players on the outside, and tough physical linemen who will create a lot of points on offense," he said. "We have an open competition at a lot of positions, and guys have stepped up to the plate to challenge and push one another."

Newcomers include sophomore quarterback Ryan Van Tassel. "He steps into an opportunity to win the starting job," McConville said. He also noted Eric Stubblefield, a sophomore linebacker — "We're excited to see him become a tackling machine" — and sophomore lineman Jack Hartman, "who has worked hard to add size and speed."

On defense, "we want to put teams in situations where they're forced to throw," the coach said. "This year we have a great competitive schedule and look to improve each week to get ready for the end-of-year matchup against Tuckahoe."

Haldane opens its season Saturday (Sept. 11), hosting Rye Neck at 3 p.m., before traveling to Woodlands on Sept. 18.



Quarterback Jason Komisar scrambles this past spring against Tappan Zee; after the game, both teams went into a 10-day quarantine because of COVID-19 protocols.