Dutchess County Sheriff Dies

Butch Anderson led agency for 20 years

By Chip Rowe

Adrian “Butch” Anderson, who led the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department for more than 20 years and was an officer with the agency for more than 50, died at his home in Pawling on Wednesday (Sept. 29).

Anderson, 73, who grew up in Pawling, began his career with the department in 1970 as a deputy. He was promoted to detective in 1975 and appointed undersheriff in 1983. In 1983, he also was elected mayor of Pawling, a position he held for eight years. (Continued on Page 3)

Flood Insurance Rates Rise

Dozens of Highlands properties will see hikes

By Leonard Sparks

Most property owners in the Highlands who have subsidized coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program will see premium hikes under a new ratings system designed to shift costs from taxpayers to the owners of the properties most threatened by storm flooding that has been exacerbated by climate change.

Nationwide, the program insures 5 million commercial and residential properties. There are 50 policyholders in flood zones in Beacon and parts of Fishkill; 49 in Cold Spring and parts of Philipstown; and 46 in Garrison. Most are single-family homes. Beginning today (Oct. 1), premiums for most properties will rise, according to the National Flood Insurance Program.

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The Return of the Tree Army

The Civilian Conservation Corps transformed the Hudson Valley. Would a new CCC have the same impact?

By Brian PJ Cronin

When Canopus Lake freezes, Fahnestock State Park transforms into a winter wonderland. Trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing appear, including one that glides across the lake, with a brief sojourn to a part of the shore that is otherwise difficult to reach.

“We call it ‘The CCC Loop,’ ” said Evan Thompson, the manager of Hudson Highlands State Park, which includes Fahnestock, as we walked along the shore this past summer.

Along the trail, stone foundations visible in the grass are all that remains of a camp that nearly a century ago housed members of the Civilian Conservation Corps. They lived at camps in the Highlands and thousands of other locations across the country to participate in a federal program designed to pull the U.S. out of the Great Depression.

The legacy of the CCC, which was part of Dutchess County native Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal, can be found throughout the 14,086 acres of Fahnestock, which covers part of Putnam and Dutchess counties, and whose facilities were mostly built by its participants, Thompson said. Their handiwork includes the picnic pavilion at Pelton Pond, three comfort stations, campgrounds, the old water treatment plant and the original park offices located along the Taconic State Parkway (now used by the New York Department of Transportation).

Even Canopus Lake wouldn’t exist without the CCC. When the workers arrived, it was a wetlands. The corps built a dam that created the lake and then constructed Route 301 on top of the dam. The corps also built the dams that created Stillwater Lake.

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Deb Madsen is a former Cold Spring resident and traveling intensive care unit (ICU) nurse. Her recreational vehicle is currently parked in the driveway of a home in Garrison.

**How did you become a traveling nurse?**

I lived in Cold Spring for 20 years until I started traveling nearly six years ago. For many years I worked at the Westchester Medical Center [in Valhalla] and Vassar Brothers Medical Center [in Poughkeepsie]. I was on call 24-7 for a year and was burned out. I needed some inspiration, so I bought an RV and took off. The contracts are three months; you’re there to help out for three months. The contracts dictate their health care. Even a few of the nurses I worked with were COVID-deniers.

**What challenges do nurses face?**

Full-time nurses have been doing the pandemic for almost two years. They’re exhausted; nurses are leaving the bedside in droves. In Nashville, the hospital pays nurses $17 an hour. It’s unbelievable. Pay, morale and safety, all of those are in jeopardy. I often think about a career change, but I find nursing to be my calling. At the end of the day, when I come home, it’s not about the paycheck. It’s about: I’ve participated in the universe. I’ve helped someone smile or I helped them get better. Spiritually, that’s more rewarding than the paycheck.

**Where to next?**

The South seems to be still struggling, I’ll probably head south in mid-October. Right now it’s just about getting to those places that need you most.

“There’s this thing called COVID coming.” Everybody was scared. When we got our first patient, everyone thought it was the kiss of death to go into the room. So I was one of the first nurses to walk into our first COVID-19 patient’s room. After that, I went to Albuquerque. Usually, each ICU room has one patient, there, we had two in every room. There just weren’t enough beds.

Did working in multiple states give you a unique view of the pandemic?

It did. I know people like to say it’s the elderly, it’s the immune-compromised. It was everybody. We had 20-year-olds. We had 30-year-olds. We had physically fit people who were very ill. Whether local people believed in COVID-19 or whether they believed in wearing masks — you saw cultural changes with each region. It’s so strange to see people’s political beliefs dictate their health care. Even a few of the nurses I worked with were COVID-deniers.
**Fall Cruises Return**

**Seastreak will again dock at Cold Spring**

The Seastreak fall foliage cruises are returning to Cold Spring after a year-long hiatus caused by the pandemic shutdown.

The Cold Spring Village Board on Sept. 23 authorized Mayor Dave Merandy to sign an agreement with the cruise company for 2021. The first boats will arrive Saturday (Oct. 2) and Sunday (Oct. 3).

Beginning Oct. 8, cruises are scheduled for each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 14. Passengers will be in Cold Spring from 10:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Friday boats will have up to 169 passengers and the weekend cruises will each have up to 400. Passengers must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination.

Because the door on one of the two public bathrooms at the foot of Upper Main Street is broken, the village plans to install four portable toilets.

In 2019, the cruise line paid the village $22,500 in docking fees, revenue that was lost in 2020.

**Start-up Has Eye on Stewart**

**Seeking OK to begin flights in 2022**

A start-up airline, Norse Atlantic Airways, has asked U.S. transportation authorities for permission to begin flights between Oslo and New York Stewart International Airport beginning next summer.

Aviation industry publications reported this week that the airline revealed its intended routes in an application to the U.S. Department of Transportation for a foreign air carrier permit. Along with New Windsor, it also plans to offer service between Oslo and Fort Lauderdale and Ontario, California (Los Angeles).

Norse owns three Boeing 787s and has purchased 15 more expected to arrive in March.

**Sheriff (from Page 1)**

He was first elected sheriff in 1999 and was serving his sixth, 4-year term, most recently winning re-election in 2019 while running unopposed.

Anderson was honored on Dec. 1, 2020, the 50th anniversary of his employment with the Sheriff’s Department, with a plaque at the Dutchess County Law Enforcement Center in Poughkeepsie.

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**Bomb Squad Called to Parsonage Street**

**‘It looked like a giant bullet’**

By Michael Turton

rama was the last thing Charlie Brooks and her husband Ian Saladyga expected when they cleaned out the dirt space under their Parsonage Street home in Cold Spring to lay a concrete floor.

Contractors removed 2 to 3 feet of ash from the former coal bin and piled it in the driveway. A couple of weeks later, tired of the mess, Brooks asked the workers to remove the pile.

On Sept. 16, she came home to find the workers and her husband examining an object from the pile.

“Ian thought it might be a time capsule,” she recalled. But to Brooks, it looked more like a “giant bullet.”

She hollered: “Put it down! It might be a mortar shell!”

Brooks, who grew up in England, and whose father served in the Royal Air Force, said finding live shells from World War II is still fairly common there.

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The response was immediate: “Get away from it.”

When the bomb squad arrived, it confirmed the shell contained explosives and identified it as a World War II-era anti-aircraft shell. The house was evacuated and searched by bomb-sniffing dogs, but no other shells were found.

“All’s well that ends well,” Brooks said. “We’re all still in one piece.”

She offered some advice: “If you find something that looks like a giant bullet, don’t twist the cap. That’s the timing device!”

**Standoff in Putnam Valley**

**Sheriff responds to man with shotgun**

Emergency medical workers who answered a 911 call in Putnam Valley on Sept. 23 contacted the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department when they were confronted by a man with a shotgun.

The medics were responding at about 10:25 a.m. to a report of a man with chest pain, according to the sheriff. Deputies and other officers arrived and, while keeping their distance, watched as the man fired a round into the air. He later went inside the home and killed himself, the sheriff said.

If you are experiencing distress, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours a day at 800-273-8255.

**The tip of the anti-aircraft shell (right) contained explosives that ignited the round (left).**

Photo provided

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Airbnb Nelsonville

The Village of Nelsonville is acting in an arbitrary and irrational manner in moving to deprive residents of property interests which have been and are allowable by the zoning code (“Nelsonville Proposes Short-Term Rental Law,” Sept. 24).

Property owners in Nelsonville have valid property interests within the meaning of the U.S. Constitution: a practicable right to communicate freely with the public regarding the nature of their homes and to enter into private contracts with them independently of state interference.

There is no demonstrated rational relationship between Nelsonville’s stated ends (safety, housing stock preservation and community character protection) and its means (enactment of Article IX of the code). The Village Board has provided conflicting and inconclusive data as justifications for the arbitrary limitations on short-term rentals it is proposing.

For example, its own survey shows less than 50 percent support for four of the six proposed regulations. The applicability of the proposed regulation cannot be fairly determined because there are no definitions offered or data provided regarding safety or the impact of short-term rentals on local housing stock availability — and “community character” is in the eye of the beholder. I constructed my home and attached an annex apartment in 2018 with the reasonable expectation that I would be able to recoup my investment through rentals as I deemed fit and as allowed by the zoning laws at the time. When I purchased the property, no limits existed on the number of days per year that properties could be rented, and the “letting of rooms” was allowed in the zone. The proposed regulation limiting the number of days for short-term rentals will interfere with this reasonable financial expectation.

This will constitute, therefore, a violation of due process or an unjustified regulatory “taking,” which, as documented in the request for feedback on the village website, could push at least four Nelsonville residents to lose their homes.

Ethran Timm, Nelsonville

Infrastructure

We’ve been down this road before (“Operation: Infrastructure,” Sept. 17). Why does infrastructure money never seem to better our infrastructure?

M aria Leiter, via Facebook

Disappointed

I was disappointed to see the lack of acknowledgment by our local elected officials of several important dates from our history. We finally came out of a pandemic lockdown only to find our history being ignored and erased.

President’s Day (Feb. 3) went unacknowledged and was not honored by our local elected officials. Memorial Day (May 31) went unacknowledged. July 4 went unacknowledged.

On Aug. 26, 13 American soldiers were killed in Afghanistan. There was no acknowledgment or event to honor these heroes by our local elected officials. Labor Day (Sept. 6) went unacknowledged. Sept. 11 went unacknowledged.

I do not see any community events scheduled by our local elected officials to honor the discovery of America on Columbus Day (Oct. 11) or our veterans on Veterans Day (Nov. 11).

Instead, on Sept. 4 our local elected officials promoted Community Day, primarily attended by tourists, which included fireworks paid for by a private family. This sums up the community efforts of our local elected government officials, who have ignored, disregarded and dismissed our history and all those who contributed so much to it.

I hope the upcoming election brings in candidates who not only respect and acknowledge our history but honor those who lost their lives fighting for our freedoms to have community days.

C indy Trimble, Cold Spring
The New York Independent Redistricting Commission is attempting to redraw the maps for the state Assembly and Senate and U.S. House of Representatives districts using 2020 census data but its Democrat- and Republican-appointed members could not agree on a single plan. To meet a Sept. 15 deadline, the 10-person commission released two sets of maps: “letters” maps from the Democrats and “names” maps from the Republicans.

The commission will hold 14 hearings around the state to get public feedback, including one on Nov. 8 at Pace University in White Plains. The panel must submit maps approved by at least seven of its members to the Legislature by Jan. 1. A proposition that will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot would reduce the votes needed to adopt new maps if the same political party controls both legislative chambers from two-thirds to a majority.

The full set of maps for the Highlands is posted at highlandscurrent.org.

Among the proposed changes:

- Beacon and Philipstown are in the 18th Congressional District, represented by Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat. Under the Democratic proposal, Beacon and Philipstown would have different representatives in the House. (Map 1)
- Beacon is part of District 104 and represented in the state Assembly by Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat, while Philipstown is part of District 90 and represented by Sandy Galef, a Democrat. Under the Republican proposal, Beacon and Philipstown would share a member of the state Assembly. (Map 2)
- The state Assembly district that includes Philipstown extends from the Putnam County border south along the river to Ossining. Under the Democratic proposal, it would extend south only to the Putnam border and west into Orange County. (Map 3)
- Beacon and Philipstown are in the 41st state Senate District, represented by Sue Serino, a Republican. Under both proposals, Dutchess County would be its own district, meaning Beacon and Philipstown would be represented by different state senators. (Map 4)
- The Republican map for the district with Philipstown is shown. (Map 4)
- The Democratic proposal for the Assembly would split Beacon in two, with each part represented by a different member. The southern half would be in a district with points east, including Fishkill, while the northern part would be in a district that extends across the river and includes Newburgh.
SCHOOLS Q&A: Philip Benante

Philip Benante, the superintendent of the Haldane school district, spoke with Editor Chip Rowe on Monday (Sept. 27) for a Current Conversation. His responses have been condensed.

You hear concerns about students suffering “learning loss” from the extended remote instruction last year. Are there criteria to measure that?

We have standardized measures, but what we see presenting more so now than we have in the past is the social/emotional impact. We knew this was going to be an issue, but when you don’t have students in front of you day-to-day, it’s hard to assess. Kids need the space to process what their lives have been like over these last 18 months, to connect with one another. That’s an often overlooked but important part of school in the standardization era.

What are your thoughts on a vaccine mandate for teachers?

It’s reasonable to think there’s going to be a mandate. Some staff members have told me candidly that they had COVID and feel they have immunity, while others have medical conditions in which their practitioners have guided them against getting the vaccine. The last position I want to be in is to have discussions with people about their future employment at Haldane if they don’t get vaccinated.

Elementary students, who can’t get the vaccine yet, are especially vulnerable. How many of the teachers at the elementary school are vaccinated?

The vast majority. And locally, the numbers are high. The community has taken this seriously. If it hadn’t, we’d have had exponentially more quarantines and disrupted learning. The community has done right by us.

Have any parents who disagree with the state mask mandate taken their children out of school?

A few families still just do not feel comfortable having their child in school each day — maybe they have someone at home with a serious medical condition. Early in the summer, clearly there was some narrative out there on social media against masks, because I was hearing from some families. But by August I was not encountering a lot of resistance.

One of our student correspondents, Ezra Beato, noted in a column that some students and teachers were not wearing their masks properly. How do you enforce that?

We don’t want to discipline a student for not wearing a mask correctly, but there comes a point where we just need them to do it. It’s a matter that, for whatever reason, has become politicized. Our teachers and administrative staff are doing all that they can to remind, cajole, whatever it may be, and we haven’t had any student outright defy our requests. It has become one of those things we have to incorporate. It’s no different from six years ago, when it was, “Put your cellphone away.”

I’m sure there are older students who are vaccinated and view the mask as redundant. It’s a difficult concept to understand that you can still pass the virus to someone who isn’t vaccinated.

I do think that is part of their mindset, especially when it’s uneven when you go into town. Our students go out on the weekends, they are at each other’s houses, and they may be vaccinated and not be wearing a mask all the time. But they come into school and it’s expected.

In Florida, the governor didn’t issue a mask mandate for schools, and one result has been parents screaming at school board meetings. Here you can argue with a superintendent about masks, but the governor took it out of your hands.

I can’t help but to think that the impact that has on a child, when the focus of conversation at board of education meetings becomes masks. It’s not about teaching and learning or whether our kids are meeting our goals for them. That’s not us, and we don’t want it to become us.

The district got federal funding for its COVID response. Are you restricted on how you can spend it?

It was prescriptive but I think broad enough to address the most pressing needs. We’re in a relatively good place with air quality and ventilation, so we directed it toward staff and hired two teachers last year to support remote learners. We decided for the time being to keep one of them, in anticipation of the learning loss mentioned earlier. We’re still holding a portion of those funds; we have three years to utilize them.

Looking back, is there something you would have done differently? That may be a tough question, because it seems like decisions had to be made week-to-week.

Remember how we thought initially the shutdown would last two weeks? Everybody was doing the best they could, given the circumstances. We were in this battle and, looking back, we didn’t have the space to step back and honor the remarkable work that was going on at the classroom level. It’s remarkable looking at the level of anxiety and uncertainty at the start of the 2020 school year compared to this year. I didn’t know how long we were even going to be open, and we were open for the whole year. Someone told me recently that we should think of COVID years like dog years — you know, 18 months isn’t really 18 months. It’s felt like five years.
mandatory for young children would go. I was talking to a reading specialist at the BOCES at the end of the last school year and we’re working on a plan focused on social/emotional support. We’re also trying to make connections with mental health counselors in the community. There’s been a lot of excitement with kids being back, but there’s been a lot of trauma over the last couple of years that everyone has experienced in one way or another. In many ways, that’s been something I’ve been even more concerned about.

A reader asks: When vaccinated teachers and students are exposed at school, they are not informed or quarantined. As a result, they may unknowingly bring the virus home and expose unvaccinated or immune-compromised family members. Could we improve on this by testing everyone who is exposed?

That’s a great question. All of the language from the state around testing is that it does require parental permission and the only people we can compel to be tested are unvaccinated staff. That being said, we are excited to start having on-site testing throughout the district two to three days a week, probably starting within a week to 10 days. We have to focus on staff who need it but will also open it to students. Working in person for nearly the entire pandemic, I’ve been tested a number of times and it does provide peace of mind.

Curveball: What are you excited about this year that doesn’t have to do with the pandemic?

We have a capital project vote on Oct. 26 that will be big for us. It’s $26 million yet tax-neutral. It takes care of a lot of critical building needs but also recreates learning spaces in each of the schools. Having back not only sports but performances and clubs has been nice to see. There’s still a continual challenge with COVID, but it also feels like we’re more ready to move initiatives forward, so we have a lot of energy and focus on curriculum improvements through the pandemic and beyond. I’ve stopped using the phrase “back to normal,” but it is exciting to be back together.

Matt Landahl
Superintendent of the Beacon School District, spoke with Jeff Simms on Wednesday (Sept. 29) for a Current Conversation. His responses have been condensed.

One of Gov. Kathy Hochul’s priorities was the safe reopening of schools five days a week. You’ve been back about three weeks — how’s everything going?

There’s been a lot of adjusting. A teacher noted on Twitter that last week was the first five-day week that kids and staff have had together since March 2020. The kids have been great wearing masks and the weather’s been super-agreeable. We’re using a lot of outdoor space at all levels.

Last year things were changing almost weekly in terms of guidance from the state. That has slowed down, but the big thing on the horizon is vaccines for elementary-age students.

For the most part, I’m not the one who makes the decision on vaccinations and certainly a mandate for young children would come from someone other than me. It looks like the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) will soon give emergency authorization to Pfizer’s vaccine for ages 5 to 11. That’s going to reduce spread in the community but also will decrease anxiety for folks who want to make use of the vaccine. They’ll feel safer. I wish it could have been available in August. But I’ve learned from past experience that it won’t be the endpoint. A year ago, I thought the endpoint was going to be much clearer.

Do you think “learning loss” will impact students long term?

We have an assessment plan that will give us baseline data, and I’m pretty certain the data will show that it will impact kids who were in pre-K or kindergarten during the last two years, and the same with students who transitioned into middle school or high school. My son’s teacher told me that she felt the kids were where they were supposed to be fourth graders except they are lagging in spelling. I think teachers are going to find those things. Using [federal] American Rescue Plan money, we’re designing support services that will be in place for many students. The teacher who put something on Twitter — she also tweeted a chart of the last grade at which current students had a full, “normal” school year. I thought of my son, whose last normal year was first grade. There’s a bunch of young kids who haven’t ever had a full school year. That being said, kids are enormously resilient. I’ve seen a lot of excitement with them being back and embracing old routines.

The district is working on a social/emotional study as well, correct?

We did an inventory with Dutchess BOCES at the end of the last school year and we’re contemplating adding temporary positions focused on social/emotional support. We’re also trying to make connections with mental health counselors in the community. There’s been a lot of excitement with kids being back, but there’s been a lot of trauma over the last couple of years that everyone has experienced in one way or another. In many ways, that’s been something I’ve been even more concerned about.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

- Number of cases: 11,870 (+152)
- Tests administered: 287,698 (+4,367)
- Percent positive: 4.2 (0)
- Percent vaccinated: 71.5
  - Percent in 10516: 74.1
  - Percent in 10524: 69.5
  - Percent of hospital workers: 70
- Number of deaths: 92 (0)

**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

- Number of cases: 33,827 (+502)
- Tests administered: 925,708 (+11,885)
- Percent positive: 3.7 (0)
- Percent vaccinated: 66.6
  - Percent in 10524: 60.4
  - Percent of hospital workers: 83
- Number of deaths: 490 (+5)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Sept. 29, with change from previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 12 and older who have received at least one dose. The percentage for hospital workers reflects those fully vaccinated.
John Allen Pond and Beaver Pond.

There were ambitious plans for more campgrounds and a bobsled run, but the program was phased out in the early 1940s at the start of World War II.

Over nine years, the CCC employed more than 3.5 million people at 4,500 camps across the country (including 220,000 workers and 206 camps in New York state). They planted 3 billion trees, built 125,000 miles of road and 13,000 miles of trails, put out forest fires, stocked lakes, protected farmland from erosion, re-vegetated 800,000 acres of open range and developed 800 state parks.

Nearly 90 years after the CCC was founded in 1933, President Joe Biden has proposed reviving the program with a new focus, a new mission and a (slightly) new name.

A transformed land

The Civilian Conservation Corps was a national program but its roots were in Dutchess County. Growing up on his family’s estate in Hyde Park, Roosevelt fell in love with nature: He climbed trees, cataloged birds and rode his horse to Beacon to take the ferry to Newburgh (his mother’s hometown).

In his early 30s, FDR would begin the reforestation and conservation of his family’s estate, which had suffered years of neglect. In 1911, he told foresters at Syracuse University that he hoped that, in a century, his grandchildren would be able to grow corn there.

Years before he was elected governor of New York, Roosevelt became chair of the Boy Scout Foundation of Greater New York and introduced sustainable forestry practices and other conservation efforts that he was practicing at Hyde Park to the scouts’ activities. Yet as much as he valued scouting as a way to introduce city boys to the countryside, he was bothered by the lack of outdoor recreational facilities. Even though 6,000 scouts camped at Bear Mountain in the summer of 1922, nearly 14,000 more from New York City could not for lack of room.

Experiences such as these began to link the causes — conservation and outdoor recreation — in Roosevelt’s mind. When the stock market crashed in 1929, Gov. Roosevelt created a state program based on the scouting camps staffed by out-of-work New Yorkers instead of 10-year-olds.

The Temporary Emergency Relief Administration (TERA) provided food, shelter and clothing to 10,000 residents who, over the next several years, planted trees and cleared deadwood throughout the state. When he became president, Roosevelt expanded the concept of TERA to create the Civilian Conservation Corps.

The CCC was sometimes referred to as “Roosevelt’s Tree Army” or “The Soil Soldiers,” although some men who took part joked that CCC stood for “Colossal College of Calluses.” The first camps were focused on planting trees to alleviate the “timber famine” caused by excessive deforestation but soon began fighting tree diseases such as Dutch elm and white pine blister rust, and invasive species like bark beetles and Gypsy moths.

As the Depression wore on, it had the effect of sparking a hunger for the outdoors, which was cheap entertainment for the unemployed and underemployed. In response, the CCC began to build trails and dams and expand the size of parks. In addition to its work at Fahnestock, the CCC built six lakes at Harriman State Park and the stone Perkins Memorial Tower at the summit of Bear Mountain.

The CCC camp at Bear Mountain was the first outpost to experiment with a continuing education program in which corps members were trained for careers in forestry and wildlife management. Bear Mountain hosted another anomaly: The only CCC camp in the country for women. Eleanor Roosevelt urged her husband to allow women to take part in the conservation and forestry training, but the camp at Bear Mountain focused on domestic skills.

Although the CCC charter forbade the exclusion of members because of race, African American and Native American workers found it harder to gain entry. When they did, they found themselves in segregated, substandard, secluded camps.

What would a more just, equitable and inclusive CCC have been able to accomplish? We may soon find out.

A new New Deal

A week after taking office, President Biden — who was a toddler when Roosevelt died in 1945 — issued an executive order that listed initiatives his administration would undertake to address global warming, including what he called the Civilian Climate Corps.

In July, Sen. Ed Markey, a Democrat from Massachusetts, proposed a framework that is part of the $3.5 trillion social spending bill now under debate in the House. It calls for $30 billion to employ 1.5 million people over five years to work on projects that reduce carbon emissions and improve our ability to withstand climate change’s impact.

While participants in Roosevelt’s CCC were often assigned to distant camps, the new CCC would allow many workers to remain near their own homes. It would be open to all, with an emphasis on residents in underserved communities, veterans and the formerly incarcerated. Proponents are also pushing for a minimum wage of $15 an hour, health care benefits and access to training that would lead to long-term, unionized jobs.

The original CCC was so popular in its heyday — a 1939 Gallup poll found that 84 percent of Americans approved — that an official in FDR’s Democratic administration quipped that it was the “one thing in these troubled times of which not even Republicans can complain.”

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That’s not so true today, with the CCC proposal failing to draw bipartisan support. Some Republicans have argued that private businesses that are having problems finding employees should not have to compete with a robust government program paying relatively high wages. Rep. Tom McClintock of California dismissed the proposal as creating an army of “young climate pioneers in every neighborhood to report on who is watering their lawn, whose fireplace is smoking, who is spreading forbidden climate disinformation.”

At the same time, grassroots organizations such as The Sunrise Movement and Outdoor Promise provide hints of the potential impact of a well-funded national program like a Civilian Climate Corps. The Sunrise Movement, a youth-led climate initiative (you must be younger than 35 to join) that has outlets in Poughkeepsie and Westchester County, is lobbying hard for the new CCC. The Westchester chapter was formed last summer; a representative, Nora Lowe, said it provides an outlet for a generation that once survey found is experiencing high anxiety about the climate crisis it will inherit.

“There’s a lot of energy and passion in the climate movement and sometimes people don’t know where to direct it,” Lowe said. “Having a reputable government program [such as CCC] would be a great way to harness that energy.”

On its website, The Sunrise Movement asks visitors to “imagine a world where we have expanded their network, they’ve spoken to people who have been asking the people of Newburgh to plant them where people don’t want them. So 75 percent of the fellowship is community engagement.”

To that end, the Outdoor Promise fellows have been asking the people of Newburgh what they want. That’s easier to do when the people asking the questions are locals.

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Among those reasons: People don’t want to rake leaves, they don’t want branches to fall on their car, they don’t want someone hiding behind them, and they worry that many years down the road, when the roots start breaking through the sidewalks, the city won’t fix them. But the fellows also identified residents who would love trees and are happy to put in the work taking care of them.

Kathryn McKenzie, one of the fellows, grew up in Newburgh and attended college in New York City to become a dancer. She had already been missing the Hudson Valley when COVID struck and the dance theaters closed. She returned to Newburgh to find that her father had planted a vegetable garden in their backyard.

Because her father worked nights for the MTA, McKenzie soon became the chief gardener. She grew so much food she had to give some to her neighbors. She discovered that both her parents had farmed in their native Jamaica, her mother in the countryside and her father as part of a family farm that she had not known existed.

McKenzie’s experience isn’t unusual in Newburgh’s immigrant community, Zorrilla said. Many lived on farms and possess a deep affinity for nature, not to mention generations of knowledge. “A lot of these people are still connected to the land, so if we could give them an outlet here, we can get them engaged,” he said.

McKenzie’s experience led her to the Sanctuary Healing Garden at Newburgh’s Crystal Lake, where she was introduced to Outdoor Promise.

She said learning how many trees Newburgh once had lit a fire. “It’s urgent — and it’s only going to become even more urgent — that we have more green infrastructure in place to protect us,” she said. “We can’t do it later, because the trees aren’t going to be big enough.”

When the tree survey is done, McKenzie said the people she’s spoken with in the community have already tipped her off as to what should be tackled next: garbage.

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AROUND TOWN

WAYWARD PIGEON — Meet the Rombout Racing Pigeon! Cathryn Biordi, an assistant principal at Rombout Middle School in Beacon, shared this photo online of teacher Jeannette Lynch with Leroy, a racing pigeon from Mahopac (per his tag) discovered by a custodian in a utility closet. Lynch and her students plan to find a way to get Leroy home but in the meantime “will enjoy Leroy’s company!”

Photo provided

AMBULANCE RESPONSE — The Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps was among four agencies that responded on Sept. 22 to a single-car accident on the Taconic State Parkway. The lone occupant was transported to a hospital.

FIRST TIME BACK — On Tuesday (Sept. 28), the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce held its first in-person breakfast event since March 2019. Twenty-five people attended at the Putnam History Museum.

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The Dark House will run from Wednesdays to Sundays from 6 to 10 p.m. (5 to 10 p.m. on Halloween weekend), with staggered admissions. Tickets are $30 ($35 on Halloween weekend) and must be purchased in advance at nightmarenyc.com. Visitors must present proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or a same-day test result, and masks must be worn.
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CARMEL
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Boris Godunov
POUGHKEEPSIE
1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Watch a live satellite broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera’s production featuring René Pape in the original 1869 Russian version of Mussorgsky’s masterwork. Cost: $28 ($26 members, $31 ages 12 and younger)

SUN 10
Los Hermanos / The Brothers
BEACON
4 & 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

This documentary chronicles the lives of Aldo and Ilmar Gavalan, virtuoso Cuban musicians who were separated as boys and reunited as adults. They will perform at the Howland in November. Cost: $30

VISUAL ART
SAT 2
Traveling Folk: Worlds Explored
POUGHKEEPSIE
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

Karen Gersch curated this show with works by 16 artists that will take visitors to new places. Through Nov. 16.

THURS 7
Dutchess County Executive’s Arts Awards
POUGHKEEPSIE
5:30 p.m. Locust Grove Estate 2683 South Road | 845-454-3222

The 35th annual event will honor arts organizations, artists, businesses and supporters. Cost: $225

MUSIC
SAT 2
Reflection
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The Hudson Valley Philharmonic will perform a program including Beethoven, Chevalier de Saint-Georges and Yumi Oshima with conductor Kyle Ritenauer and performer Hannah White. Cost: $40 ($36 members and seniors, $12 ages 12 and younger)

SAT 3
Willie Nile Band
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier 379 Main St. | townecrier.com

The New York rocker and singer/songwriter will play songs from his latest release, The Day the Earth Stood Still. The show was rescheduled from March 2020. Cost: $30 ($35 door)

SUN 10
Ian Moore
POUGHKEEPSIE
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Farmers’ Market 223 Main St. | townecrier.com

Fiddler and dance Ian Moore will wander the market in a performance sponsored by The Highlands Current.

THURS 7
East Northeast Music Festival
NEWBURGH
3 p.m. East Northeast 1100 Route 9D | eastnortheast.com

The third annual film and music festival will have its selections available through livestream daily through MON 11. Cost: $5

SAT 2
Family Dance Workshop
GARRISON
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre 10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900

The Putnam County Dance Project will lead this workshop. Ages 5 to 12 will learn about lizards, snakes and exotic insects.

CIVIC
MON 4
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza 845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 5
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse 44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800

TUES 5
School Board
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St. 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 6
School Board
PHILIPSTOWN
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St. 845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

SAT 9
Doansburg Chamber Ensemble
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. St. Mary’s Church 1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4167

doansburgchamberensemble.org

The ensemble, which includes flute, harp and bassoon, will present a program including works by Jolivet, Elgar, Albert and Piazzolla. Watch in person or through a livestream. Free

SAT 9
Motherland Featuring Eva Sita
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

The international ensemble will present a multimedia experience focused on West African culture and storytelling. Cost: $20 and $30

SUN 10
Nefesh Mountain
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. Towne Crier 379 Main St. | townecrier.com

Doni Zasloff and Eric Lundberg will perform songs from their latest recording, Beneath the Open Sky, combining bluegrass and old-time music with Jewish culture. Cost: $15 ($20 doar)

THURS 7
Learning Differences
COLD SPRING
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar

Students in grades 2 to 4 are invited to discuss The Bookwanderers, by Anna James. Register online.

FRI 8
Creepy Critters 4-H STEP Club
BREWSER
6:45 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension 1 Geneva Road | buttefieldlibrary.org/calendar

In this six-week series, students ages 5 to 12 will learn about lizards, snakes and exotic insects.

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Bayley-Hazen Souffles

Mouths to Feed

By Celia Barbour

E ven in the midst of summer, Scotland feels autumnal, what with all those tartans and sheep. Maybe that’s why my thoughts often go back there once we pass the equinox here in New York’s own version of the Highlands. Scotland makes chill and gloom feel like the best thing going.

I went to northwest Scotland four times in my late 20s and 30s; once alone, twice with just Peter, and once with all three kids in tow. So some of the memories blur. Still, I can pinpoint certain food moments exactly: Where I sat, who I was with, what we ate.

Which is why I found myself recently transported back to the Summer Isles Hotel in Achiltibuie, sitting down to dinner with Peter. Our table overlooked Badentarbat Bay and the namesake Summer Isles, which dotted the inlet from which the award-winning restaurant harvested its daily offerings of scallops, langoustines, oysters and fish.

We must have been offered a prix fixe menu that evening because otherwise there is no way Peter would have ordered salad with Stilton souffle for his cheese course — he disliked blue cheese intensely. I recall eating mine and then polishing off most of the rest. He would never have ordered salad with it.

However, souffles are one of those dishes that actually more intimidating than difficult. Howard McGee, the legendary kitchen-science guru, describes them as “reliable and resilient,” as well as convenient. In On Food and Cooking, he writes, “if you manage to get any air into the mix, an inexorable law of nature will raise it in the oven, and opening the door for a few seconds won’t do it any harm.”

Thanks to him, I’ve learned to trust my instincts when making souffles. I turn to a recipe only to get the basic proportions down (the mise en place), then rely on memory to pull the thing together: Prepare ramekins, make a mornay, add beaten egg whites, bake. I find it’s much less stressful than panic-running back and forth to a recipe.

Even so, I have never served a souffle as part of a five- or even three-course meal. Luckily, fall is a time when all I often want for dinner is a salad of bitter greens with some nuts, fruit and cheese on the side, and a little cheese souffle fits into this menu perfectly. But if I ever did want to aim higher, it’s nice to know that these souffles can be made ahead and re-heated at the last minute, with only a slight diminishment in loft.

Like many people, I am aching to travel again. I haven’t been on a plane since 2018. Yet I suspect that my next opportunity will seem much less carefree, thanks to the massive carbon outlay of jet engines, and a growing sense that none of us can be cavalier about our contributions to global warming any more. So, for now, I’ll go on exploring the Highlands at my doorstep, and returning to Scotland in my mind, and my kitchen. Only this time, when I share a Bayley-Hazen souffle with Peter, he’ll say, “Dang it, I always knew you’d find a way to make me like blue cheese.” Because that’s exactly what he did.

Bayley-Hazen is a buttery, well-balanced blue cheese that’s sold at the Cold Spring Cheese Shop. Jasper Hill, the farm that produces it, calls it a “gateway blue” — appealing even to folks who normally shun blue cheeses.

Makes 4 lunch-size or 6 appetizer-size souffles

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Butter the ramekins, and dust with a bit of the grated parmesan. Set aside about ½ of the remaining parmesan for the final glaze.
2. Place 1 cup of the milk in a small saucepan and heat over very low flame just to scalding. Meanwhile, in a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in the flour and cook, stirring constantly, about 5 minutes. Ladle a splash of the hot milk into the flour mixture and whisk vigorously until combined. Continue adding milk gradually into the flour mixture, whisking all the while, until you have a smooth, thick sauce. Turn off the heat, mix in the remaining parmesan, along with the Dijon, thyme, cayenne and nutmeg. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
3. Transfer the sauce mixture to a large bowl and stir in the crumbled blue cheese.
4. Prepare a water bath: fill a roasting pan for water bath.
5. In a clean, large bowl, whip the 5 egg whites and cream of tartar to stiff peaks. Stir a generous dollop of the whites into the cheese mixture, then gently fold in the remaining whites. Spoon the mixture into the prepared ramekins, to about a ½-inch below the top. Trace a circle around the outer edge of each souffle with the tip of a sharp knife. Transfer ramekins to the water bath and place in the oven. Bake 20 minutes, or until the tops are puffy and deep gold. Remove from oven. Carefully lift the ramekins from the water bath and set aside to cool 10 minutes.
6. To serve, heat the oven to 425 degrees. Mix the remaining egg yolk with the 1 tablespoon milk to make a glaze. Brush this on the souffles, dust with the reserved parmesan (you can roll them around in it if necessary; they’re pretty hardy), and bake for 10 to 11 minutes. Serve with a fall-mix salad and slices of fresh pear.
A Muralist Discovers Beacon

Longtime artist transforms wall near Fridman

By Alison Rooney

Last month, a solo exhibition of paintings and textiles by Dindga McCannon opened at the Fridman Gallery in Manhattan. About the same time, the gallery’s owner, Iliya Fridman, asked McCannon if she would address an empty wall near the entrance of his gallery’s Beacon outlet at 475 Main St. that was crying out for a mural.

“I knew that Dindga had painted five or six murals in New York City that all have been erased or demolished,” he explained. (One of her murals, in East Harlem, survived for more than 40 years; the others were painted over when the buildings changed ownership.)

McCannon agreed to the request. After traveling to Beacon to see the wall, she decided on a painting with the title “Maybe If the Mothers of the World Unite We Could All Live in Peace.”

“The solo show at the Fridman Gallery in Manhattan, In Plain Sight, is the most recent acknowledgement of the 74-year-old McCannon’s ascendance; it is the first major solo show in her five-decade career and was cemented by the sale of one of her oil paintings in April at Swann Gallery. The work, “The Last Farewell,” was expected to sell for up to $40,000 and realized $161,000.

Soon after that sale, McCannon was approached by four galleries, including Fridman, expressing interest in representing her.

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For decades, McCannon has run her own apparel company. “I did wearable art,” she says. “I could sell clothing more easily than paintings and it’s not too far removed from fine art. My audience is mostly African American women. I use a lot of textiles from Africa.”

Looking ahead, McCannon says that “being able to be in the studio as much as or as long as I want, with no ifs and buts, is what I’m after. I hope to make 100, but in the event that I don’t, at least I was able to live the way I want: to create art with no strings attached and no immediate worries.”
Roots and Shoots

Bright Leaves, Big Impact
By Pamela Doan

It’s the start of leaf-peeping season in the Hudson Valley, with 20 percent change in color noted on the I Love NY website and higher-elevation areas in the Catskills and Adirondacks further along.

In my landscape, the sugar maples, spice-bush and ash are turning while the oaks and understory trees are behind. All the signals of fall are prompting the trees to get ready to drop their leaves.

Burning bush (Euonymus alatus) is an iconic fall landscape shrub. Along with butterfly bush (Buddleia davidii), it’s probably one of the best known and widely planted home landscape woody plants. Both are easy to grow, rewarding with color, and ubiquitous in the ornamental horticulture industry. Both are also not native to the U.S., found originally in Asia and brought here many decades ago.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation listed burning bush in 2013 as a “regulated” invasive species for its rapidly increasing distribution outside of the yards where it was first installed. Birds carried its seeds into wild areas where it grew into thickets, spreading also by suckering and sending up new sprouts.

Its ability to grow in full sun to full shade makes it highly competitive for space and resources with native woody plants while not offering anything of value to the ecosystems it enters, like habitat, forage or serving as a host for insects.

Falling into the regulated invasive species category means that while it can still be sold commercially, anyone who plants it must control it from spreading into wild areas. That sounds like a grayish-gray area to me, too, since containing it would mean removing at all the berries and shoots. Better not to plant it all and consider removing it and replacing it with some of these native alternatives that need a boost in our climate-changing, monoculture, developed landscapes. Best of all, each one is needed by birds, insects and wildlife.

When I’m describing winterberry to someone, I recall the branches with red berries typically found in farmers’ markets around the holidays in December. They are sold as décor. The berries are also hugely popular with birds. In spring, winterberry has tiny white flowers that are hard to notice. I first found them because I wondered why clouds of bees were buzzing around mine. It gets a lot of action. The rest of the summer it’s a reliable placeholder and in early fall, the berries appear and last as long as the birds allow into midwinter, I’ve found. The foliage in fall has a purple tint but winterberry really shines after the leaves drop.

Cranberry Bush (Viburnum trilobum) All things being equal, the American cranberry is probably the best one-to-one substitute for a burning bush in terms of size, shape, color, foliage and care. Entire volumes have been published about viburnums, so be sure to look for the Latin name to get this one. I’ve struggled with viburnum leaf beetles decimating my cranberry bushes but there are treatments if you can pay more attention to your plants than I can. The flowers are lovely, too.

Oak Leaf Hydrangea (Hydrangea quercifolia) I wanted to add one that can tolerate some shade, too, and the oak leaf hydrangea is an all-around favorite. The white blooms glow in shadier spots, its oak-shaped leaves turn red and purple in fall, and the bark on mature bushes is appealing, too.

Running out of space, so here is a short list of a few others to check out:
• Spicetbush (Lindera benzoin yellow)
• Witchhazel (Hamamelis virginiana)
• Chokeberry (Aronia arbutifolia)
• Blueberry (Vaccinium spp.)
The space at 44 Main St. in Cold Spring has for the past two years served as a weekend pop-up shop for a revolving array of sustainable wares. But now the storefront has its first longer-term tenant, Understory Market, a low-waste market with dry goods and bulk refills for the pantry, home and trail. It opened two weeks ago and will remain at the location for at least five months, said its co-owners, Lara Shihab-Eldin and Sammy Smith-Coleman, who both live in Cold Spring.

“We’re learning how to collectively reduce our footprint as we source basic pantry dry goods and household items in a more local, direct and environmentally conscious way,” Shihab-Eldin says.

Basic pantry goods include grains, rice, oats, beans, pastas, nuts, flour and granola. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own containers, although they are also sold at the store.

The store also includes cleaning and laundry products and personal care items such as deodorant, toothbrushes, soap and razors, all sustainably packaged or without packaging. Liquids can be refilled in the back room, while a table out front has glass growers with a pump for items like soaps, cleaners, shampoos and conditioners.

To accommodate hikers, the market also sells snacks. “We did a lot of research on snacks and items like flatware and straws with compostable packaging,” Smith-Coleman says. Shihab-Eldin adds: “We live in a beautiful natural landscape with lots of outdoor resources and tourism, so we carry products that encourage stewardship of the environment, along with fun, flavor and nutrition.

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Beacon Housing Talk Goes Private

Eviction measure would restrict landlords

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council postponed its discussion this week of what is known as “good cause eviction” legislation after City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis asked to confer with council members in private first.

The council members had planned to discuss the measure — which stalled at the state level but has been adopted by local governments in Albany and, this week, Hudson — after more than a dozen residents spoke in support of it during a Sept. 20 meeting.

A bill introduced last year in the state Legislature would have stopped evictions without an order from a judge, prevented landlords from arbitrarily deciding not to renew leases and required landlords to justify rent increases above 1.5 percent of the consumer price index. It was championed by advocacy groups such as Housing Justice for All, based in Albany.

After the council began talking over the summer about a number of initiatives to make Beacon more affordable — a Dutchess County survey last year found that the rent on a market-rate studio apartment in Beacon averaged $2,165 per month, or nearly $1,000 more than the county average — Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair asked his colleagues on Sept. 13 to add good cause eviction to the list.

Brahvan Ranga, a political coordinator from For The Many (formerly known as Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson), said that Beacon is experiencing a “housing crisis.”

“Tenants live in constant fear,” he said during the council’s Sept. 20 meeting. “They’re afraid that an arbitrary eviction or unconscionable rent increase will force them from their homes. They’re afraid to come forward and ask their landlords for better conditions because of how their landlords might respond.”

But on Monday (Sept. 27), Ward-Willis asked the council to discuss “what other municipalities have done” in executive session, to better inform, he said, a public conversation.

When Aymar-Blair argued that a private session wasn’t necessary, Mayor Lee Kyriacou responded that litigation threat goes in executive session “without further explanation.”

In its quest for affordable housing, the council has also considered revisions to laws regulating accessory dwelling units. The idea is that if the city makes it easier for a homeowner to create an accessory unit, it could slowly increase the availability of lower-cost apartments in Beacon.

Currently, homeowners must request a special-use permit from the Planning Board to build an accessory unit, and there have been only eight applications in the last five years. But there is concern that relaxing the requirements could lead homeowners to use the apartments as short-term rentals, rather than long-term housing.

The city also included affordable housing in its application this month for a $10 million state Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant. In that context, the council has discussed repurposing municipal parking lots into structures combining housing, parking and commercial uses.

Philipstown Planning Board Updates

More work ahead on HVFS move, Horton Road subdivision

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Planning Board welcomed fall by continuing its review of two large pending projects on Route 9: The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival plans to transform The Garrison golf course property into its new home, and Horton Road LLC’s efforts to create an upscale 25-house subdivision in North Highlands.

Both projects consumed most of the board’s 2.5-hour Zoom meeting on Sept. 16. The panel’s next scheduled meeting is Oct. 21.

Shakespeare

HVSF plans to relocate next year to The Garrison site from Boscobel, where it had held summer performances since 1988. It plans in several phases to create a cultural-arts campus on the property, which was donated by Chris Davis, who owns The Garrison. The golf course is closing. Along with Planning Board approval, HVSF needs a zoning change from the Town Board.

With approvals, HVSF plans to open its 2022 season in a temporary tent; repair entry roads; install a driveway and stream crossing from Snake Hill Road; upgrade the parking lots; add lighting; and do basic landscaping.

The Planning Board has been plowing through the project’s state-mandated Environmental Assessment Form, which, with appendices, fills 68 pages.

On Sept. 16, Aaron Werner and Chris Robbins, from AKRF, a consulting firm retained by the town, asked for more information from the applicants on the temporary tent; how the plans align with the zoning code’s Scenic Protection Overlay; and more on HVSF’s assessment of any wildlife habitat fragmentation.

In addition, Planning Board Member Neal Tomann and town engineer Ron Gainer inquired about the status of a small dam on the property. Gainer also sought more information on stormwater management.

Neal Zuckerman, who chairs the board, asked about vehicle trips to and from the site. “The volume of traffic is my primary concern,” he said. “I’d like to see the total number of people and, therefore, vehicles” when all operations are underway — performances and events, a hotel and restaurant, diners and so on.

Highlands Reserve

Launched in 2014, plans for Hudson Highlands Reserve, envisioned as a small community with a horse-riding center, were addressed at a 2019 public hearing, where some residents expressed misgivings.

The project, on about 230 acres bounded by Horton Road, Route 9 and East Mountain Road North and South, then went into hiatus, as the sponsors, the New York City-based Horton Road LLC, drafted responses to the developer’s concerns. As efforts to build the equestrian center, moved the location of a couple of homes and prepared a draft Final Environmental Impact Statement that the Planning Board took up in July.

At the planning board meeting, developers provided applicants to provide more details on the development’s effect on Route 9 traffic and the reaction to the plan by the state Department of Transportation, which must grant a permit. It also wanted more on stormwater management, wetlands-related matters and fragmentation and protection of forests.

The developers’ recent mention of East Mountain Road North as an option for accessing the site drew attention. “I’m certain that coming out onto East Mountain Road North is something the public will not react to in a positive way,” said Board Member Kim Conner.

Richard O’Rourke, an attorney for Horton Road LLC, said using East Mountain Road North is only a possibility and that “it’s up to the Planning Board to decide what the access should be.”

Glennon Watson of Badley & Watson, a local surveying and engineering agency, said the developers would need to provide the environmental impact statement before presenting a revised version to the board.

Cold Spring Reconsiders Marathon Site Status

Also, vandals destroy lights on village dock

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board this week reversed a recently proposed change to the zoning of the former Marathon battery plant site on Kemble Avenue.

The proposed change for the parcel from light industry to mixed-use had been part of a Sept. 7 public hearing on revisions to the village code.

At the Tuesday (Sept. 28) meeting of the board, Mayor Dave Merandy suggested that instead of mixed-use, the 12-acre parcel be considered for Planned Unit Development.

Village Attorney John Forst described PUD as a “floating zone” that takes focus once a developer has a conceptual plan. If the board agrees with the concept, detailed site planning can begin, overseen by the Planning Board.

“There are benefits to the developer because it provides flexibility,” Forst said. “The municipality also has flexibility, not being subject to rigid zoning.”

Forst said the result is a collaborative process that can produce “the best development for everybody.”

Ted Fink, who serves as the village planner and is the owner of Greenplan, a Rhinebeck-based consulting firm, also supported the approach, saying it puts control in the hands of the Village Board and Planning Board and that the Kemble Avenue site is “tailor-made” for a PUD.

Fink noted that the Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan addresses the site specifically and provides “the types of standards that can be written into the PUD regulations” that would be “protective of the village character.” He said he would provide the board with examples of PUD projects in other New York villages.

After the discussion, the board voted unanimously to rescind its previous recommendation to zone the site as mixed-use. As a result, it and a number of smaller areas will continue to be zoned for light industry.

Forst said adding a framework for including Planned Unit Development in the village code would need to be drafted separately.

The public hearing on Chapter 134 of the village code, which deals with zoning, remains open. Comments can be submitted until Oct. 14.

In other business ...
Legislators Again Attack Sheriff’s COVID-19 Policy

Montgomery accuses colleagues of playing politics

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County legislators on Monday discharged another fusillade against the Sheriff’s Department’s COVID-19 policies, fueling a debate portrayed either as pursuing answers to tough questions or playing politics a month before Election Day.

Meeting in Carmel on Sept. 27, the Legislature’s Personnel Committee grilled Sheriff Robert Langley, a Democrat seeking a second term. Eight of the nine legislators are Republicans; the ninth is Democrat Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley.

Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson, a committee member, described Monday’s proceedings as an effort to learn “what was the criteria” Langley used when allowing staff to take paid COVID leave.

“If they had a direct exposure, they were put out” on leave, and “had to get testing before they could return to work,” Langley said. In the absence of a county policy, he said the department followed guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and New York State orders.

In a memo he read aloud, the sheriff said that “there have been no COVID clusters among staff” and that the county jail is one of a few in the state and country “to not have a single inmate test positive.” Further, he said, “corrections officers and deputies came to work every day, 24/7, throughout this pandemic, to date, and never compromised” colleagues’ health “or the safety of the residents of Putnam County.”

He termed it “a great insult” to be second-guessed.

In response, County Attorney Jenni-

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a collaborator on our Community Day event.” He said attributes such as “positive, smart, patient, grounded, delightful, warm, loving, caring, honest, dedicated, compassionate and selfless are a few that come to mind” but that “genuine” was the most appropriate. “She made me feel happy; this is a sad moment for us all at a rather bleak time.”

Separate from the meeting, Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department said there has been another rash of break-ins involving unlocked cars, this time in the upper village and Nelsonville. This follows earlier burglaries on and near The Boulevard and Constitution Avenue. He also said vandals had destroyed lights on the village dock and that he would like to install security cameras similar to those used to monitor Mayor’s Park.

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Ginny Pidala
(1955-2021)

Virginia Elizabeth Pidala, “Ginny,” a long-time resident of Nelsonville, NY, passed away suddenly on September 24, 2021, at NYP-Hudson Valley Hospital. She was 66.

Born on February 1, 1955, in Cold Spring to the late John E. Timmons and Elizabeth Lewenicht Timmons, Ginny graduated from Haldane High School in 1973. She then attended SUNY Plattsburgh then SUNY Onondaga where she earned her bachelor’s degree and later a master’s degree in Education.

Ginny was a Home Economics and Child Psychology teacher at Haldane High School for 36 years prior to her retirement, where she taught many students and touched countless lives. She dedicated countless hours to the school and her students, acting as an advisor and yearbook advisor, just to name a few.

Currently she was the president for the Cold Spring Lions Club. She was dedicated to serving her community. She enjoyed sewing, baking, vacationing on Cape Cod and in Disney World. She especially had a bond with her grandchildren, spending as much time as she could with them. Ginny was one of the most special and kindest people you could meet. She would do anything she could to help someone.

On August 20, 1977, she married the love of her life, Salvatore Pidala Jr., at Our Lady Of Loreto Church in Cold Spring, NY. Together they raised their family in Nelsonville, NY.

Ginny is survived by her devoted husband, Salvatore Jr. Loving children, Salvatore III (Annette), Michael (Alena), Marisa (Jon) DeGraw. Cherished grandchildren, Salvatore IV, Vincenzo, Lorenzo, Molly and Evan Pidala. Loving siblings, John E. Timmons (June) Thomas Timmons, Richard Timmons (Sandy), Michele Hanna and Diane Shaffer (Shannon), and sister-in-law Pam (Kevin) Timmons. She is also survived by numerous loving family members and her friends who will miss her dearly. Ginny is pre-deceased by her brothers Kevin and Gerald Timmons, and brother-in-law John Hanna Sr.

A mass and Christian Burial was celebrated on Sept. 30 at Our Lady of Loreto Church, Cold Spring, with interment following in Cold Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Ginny’s memory to the Cold Spring Lions Club, P.O. Box 308, Cold Spring, New York 10516 or The Ginny Pidala Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 1, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Funeral Arrangements under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home - Cold Spring
Floods (from Page 1)

According to data from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In Beacon, seven properties are projected to see increases of $20 and $30 a month; in Cold Spring, eight will see increases of $10 to $50 per month. Nationally, the average annual premium is $739.

At the same time, about 18 percent of property owners will see their payments drop, including nine in Cold Spring and eight in Garrison that will see premiums fall by more than $100 annually, according to FEMA data.

Because federal law caps increases in National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) premiums at 18 percent annually, the increases for some property owners will be phased in over years. The rates also will apply to new policies.

FEMA says the changes in the program, which was created in 1968 to insure commercial and residential structures and their contents in areas at high risk of flooding during major storms, shift more of the costs for higher-value properties. The new system uses more criteria to establish the rate for each property, such as the frequency of flooding and the cost to rebuild.

Nationwide, the annual costs for two-thirds of the 5 million policyholders, which include renters, will remain the same or increase up to $10 per month, while for 23 percent, the bills will fall by an average of $86 annually, according to FEMA.

The new system is “the right thing to do,” said David Maurstad, NFIP’s senior executive, in a statement on Sept. 24. “It mitigates risk, delivers equitable rates and advances the agency’s goal to reduce suffering after flooding disasters.”

Under federal guidelines, any area with a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in a year is considered high-risk.

In the Highlands, properties near the Hudson River, Fishkill Creek in Beacon and the Foundry and Indian brooks and Clove Creek in Philipstown are designated as high-risk flood hazards. That risk has risen, officials say, as climate change creates more intense storms and heavier rains that swell creeks and streams.

In 2012, rain from Superstorm Sandy generated surges that flooded riverside properties in Cold Spring and Garrison and, last month, rainfall from Tropical Depression Ida caused flooding along Foundry Brook and other waterways in Philipstown and at spots along Fishkill Creek.

The effect of the rate increases will be most acutely felt in coastal areas. In one case cited by The New York Times, the premium for one resident of Tampa, Florida, could rise in time from $480 to $7,147 annually.

Of the single-family homes with NFIP coverage, 2.4 million will see rates rise up to $120 in the first year; 304,000 up to $360; and 25,000 (about half of which are in Florida) up to $1,200, according to FEMA. About 627,000 homes will see their rates fall.

Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York were among the nine U.S. senators who wrote to FEMA’s administrator on Sept. 22 asking her to delay the increases, saying they were troubled by an agency estimate that “900,000 policyholders will drop out of the program over the next 10 years due to unaffordable premiums.”

STORM FLOODING — Scenic Hudson has created a stand in Madam Brett Park overlooking Fishkill Marsh where visitors can document rising water levels with cell phone photos. The image at left was taken July 27; the image at right was taken Sept. 2, the day after Tropical Depression Ida caused flooding in the Highlands.

Photos by Brian PJ Cronin

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Haldane High School will be homecoming next weekend with five home games and a ceremony to induct the newest members of its Athletic Hall of Fame.

The ceremony was postponed last year because of the pandemic shutdown, so inductees for both 2020 and 2021 will be honored.

On Friday (Oct. 8), the girls’ tennis, girls’ soccer, volleyball and football teams will all play home games, starting at 4 p.m. The induction ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Thayer Hotel at West Point and there will be a presentation at halftime of the boys’ soccer game that starts that day at 2 p.m. at Haldane.

The inductees and their stories:

**The 1945 Haldane football team** finished 5-0-1, scoring 110 points while holding its opponents to 12. **Roger “Hoot” Gibson** (Class of 1946), a Nelsonville native, starred in the backfield.

As a wrestler, **Jim Budney** (Class of 1974) won the Dutchess County Scholastic League in his senior year at 177 pounds; on the track, he set a freshman record in the 440 meters at 53.5 seconds. Budney was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1974 and served in the Army for 28 years.

**Tom Nastassi** (Class of 2001) holds the Haldane boys’ high jump record (6’5¼”) and won the 2000 C-D state championship in the event. At SUNY Cortland he jumped a career-high 6’10”. He also was a standout in football.

The 2014 girls’ varsity soccer team finished 17-3-2 and won the Class C state title. It also won the team’s fourth consecutive sectional and second regional titles.

**Peter Hoffmann** (Class of 2015) was a four-year starter on the varsity basketball team and a 1,000-point scorer. In his senior year, Peter earned first team All-State honors. He also played soccer and lacrosse and scored more than 1,000 points for the Hamilton College men’s basketball team.

**Allie Monteone** (Class of 2015) scored more than 1,500 career basketball points, batted nearly .500 in softball and won four sectional titles in soccer. She is the only athlete in Haldane history to be selected first-team All-State in three sports. Monteone went on to score more than 1,000 points for the Pace University women’s basketball team.

During her four years playing varsity volleyball, **Kathy Valhos** (Class of 2015) led her teams to four straight state tournament appearances, winning the Class D championship in 2011 and 2013 and being named the tournament’s most valuable player both years. She went on to play for James Madison University.

**Robert Nappi**, coached football and baseball during his 34 years at Haldane. From 1981 to 1984, his Blue Devils teams were 14-3-2 in league play.

**Ralph Paonessa** was the Haldane athletic director for 27 years and coached football during two decades.

The first three classes of inductees, from 2017, 2018 and 2019, are profiled at haldaneschool.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.
Puzzles

**CrossCurrent**

**ACROSS**

1. “Arrivederci —”
2. Jazzy style
3. Wild guess
4. Slender
5. Piercing tool
6. Brownish purple
7. In — veritas
8. Corp. boss
9. Desertlike
10. Nowheresville
11. Saint Patrick’s Day event
12. Hide-hair insert
13. Nine-digit ID
14. Engrossed
15. Promptly
16. Wedding words
17. Expert
18. Granada gold
19. Wonder Woman actress
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**DOWN**

1. Answer an invite
2. Hodgepodge
3. Behave
4. Quantity
5. Scenic route, often
6. Have bills
7. Fall into a chair
8. Meager
9. Puccini opera
10. Battery fluid
11. Eliot’s Adam —
12. Rejection
13. Bat wood
14. Predator
15. Oklahoma city
16. Bikini pattern
17. Sgt., for one
18. Tied down
19. Mouths (Lat.)
20. Saint Patrick’s Day event
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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. ask questions (9)
2. seal’s insulating fat (7)
3. clear wrap (10)
4. TV shark Barbara (8)
5. massive African falls (8)
6. friendly hello (7)
7. Everest and Elbrus (9)

**Solutions**

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**SudoCurrent**

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.
The Haldane tennis team defeated Westlake and North Salem.

The girls have been playing well,” said Coach Hugo Alzate. “Unfortunately, our starting center back [Emma Campagiorni] sustained a major injury, and we felt her loss against Goshen. That’s the first time we’ve been shut out all season.”

“At White Plains on Sept. 25, Chelsea DerBoghossian scored in the 26th minute of the first half after she intercepted a pass. Deyn Kelly had five saves in goal.

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Haldane placed third at a tournament hosted by Hendrick Hudson, falling 4-1 to Croton before defeating Peekskill, 6-0. Bianca Harmancin and Chloe Rowe were named to the All-Tournament team.

Harmancin had a hat trick and Rowe added two goals and an assist in the victory over Peekskill. Betsy Cates, playing in place of injured goalie Ruby Poses, had seven saves. Against Croton, Cates stopped eight shots. The Blue Devils (2-4-1) were scheduled to host Croton-Harmon on Thursday (Sept. 30) and travel to Putnam Valley on Saturday. The team will host Pawling and North Salem next week before a 4 p.m. game on Oct. 8 against Arlington for homecoming.

BOYS’ SOCCER

In the first half of the boys’ soccer game on Wednesday (Sept. 29) between Pawling and Haldane, both teams had plenty of quality scoring opportunities. Unfortunately for the home team, it was Pawling that converted on three chances on its way to a 3-1 win.

Haldane scored midway through the half when Clement Grossman found the back of the net to make it a 2-1 game. But Pawling kept the pressure on and scored with seconds remaining in the half. “We came out flat,” said Coach Ahmed Dwidar. “We need more intensity early. We may have underestimated them. In the second half, we had lots of chances but just didn’t connect.” Keeper Ronan Kiter had four saves.

On Saturday (Sept. 25) at North Salem, the Blue Devils played well in a 2-2 tie. Matt Nachamkin and Matt Silhavy each had goals, and Kiter had seven saves.

“I was happy with that tie, because they beat us 6-0 in the playoffs last year,” said Dwidar. “We had intensity from the opening whistle.”

On Sept. 24, Croton edged Haldane, 4-3, on a penalty kick with 90 seconds left. Ryan Eng-Wong had two goals and Emilio Schweizer had one. Kiter stopped six shots.

“We’re surprised we don’t have more wins at this point,” Dwidar said. “We’ve lost four or five heartbreakers; with six games left, we’re hoping for a strong finish.”

Haldane (2-7-1) is scheduled to visit Tuckahoe on Saturday at 11 a.m., travel to Putnam Valley and host Croton-Harmon next week before matching up at home with North Salem at 2 p.m. on Oct. 9 for homecoming.

Beacon defeated Cornwall, 2-1, on Wednesday in what Coach Craig Seaman described as “a great result against a top team” in a game that had “a postseason feel.” Beacon is ranked No. 5 in the state in Class A by the New York State Sportswriters Association, while Cornwall is No. 10.

Jack Philipbar and Miguel Ruiz both scored on assists from Chase Green.

On Monday (Sept. 27), Beacon topped Minisink Valley, 1-0, on a last-minute goal by Green. “We had the majority of the chances but struggled to score,” Seaman said. “Minisink played physical and hard, making it difficult to find a rhythm.”

Beacon (6-1) is scheduled to visit Goshen Saturday and Monticello on Monday.

The Haldane girls’ tennis team rebounded with a pair of wins, edging Westlake on the road, 3-2, and defeating North Salem at home on Wednesday (Sept. 29), 4-1.

Against North Salem, Mairead O’Hara fell (6-1, 6-3) at first singles but Caroline Nelson (6-0, 6-0) won at second, as did Fiona Shanahan (6-0, 6-1) at third.

The doubles team of Amanda Johanson and Emilia Osborn won (6-2, 6-0), while Ellen O’Hara and Betsy McBride won by forfeit.

In Monday’s win at Westlake, O’Hara lost (6-0, 10-8), 6-2, while Nelson was victorious (6-1, 6-4) and Johanson lost (6-2, 6-4). At doubles, Osborn and Shanahan won (6-0, 6-2), as did O’Hara and McBride (6-6 [7-5], 2-6, 10-8).

“We had a rocky start to the season, but we’ve started to hit our stride,” said Coach Simon Dudar. He noted that O’Hara and McBride, who are 5-1, have made steady improvement. “They’ve been playing some incredible tennis.”

Haldane (2-4) was scheduled to host Lourdes on Thursday (Sept. 30) and will face Croton-Harmon, Valhalla and Carmel next week before hosting Irvington on Oct. 8 for homecoming.

FOOTBALL

Haldane was doomed by turnovers and penalties in a 15-8 loss on Saturday (Sept. 25) at Albertus Magnus. The team’s lone touchdown came in the second quarter after Soren Holmbo recovered a fumbled snap on a punt. Three plays later, quarter-back Ryan Van Tassel found Ryan Irwin on a four-yard pass.

The Falcons scored the first two touchdowns on a five-yard run and then scored with 55 seconds remaining in the game on a six-yard run.

Tommy Tucker returned the ensuing kickoff to the Magnus 40, where the Blue Devils took over with 50 seconds left. The team reached the 10-yard line but a pass by Van Tassel (10-of-17 for 66 yards, and 66 yards rushing on four carries) was picked off.

“The Magnus player made a great play on that interception,” said Coach Ryan McConville. “Tornhurts us in this one, and some penalties. We have to clean those things up.”

He said that Holmbo, who also had an interception, played well, as did Giancarlo Carone (who led the team in tackles) and Jake Mason, who snagged his first interception.

The Blue Devils (2-1) are scheduled to play Hastings at home on Saturday at 1 p.m. and host Croton-Harmon for homecoming on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m.

Beacon (2-0) did not play last week. The Bulldogs are scheduled to travel to Goshen today (Oct. 1) for a 7 p.m. kickoff.