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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, accord-

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Dutchess County Sheriff Dies

Butch Anderson led agency for 20 years

By Chip Rowe

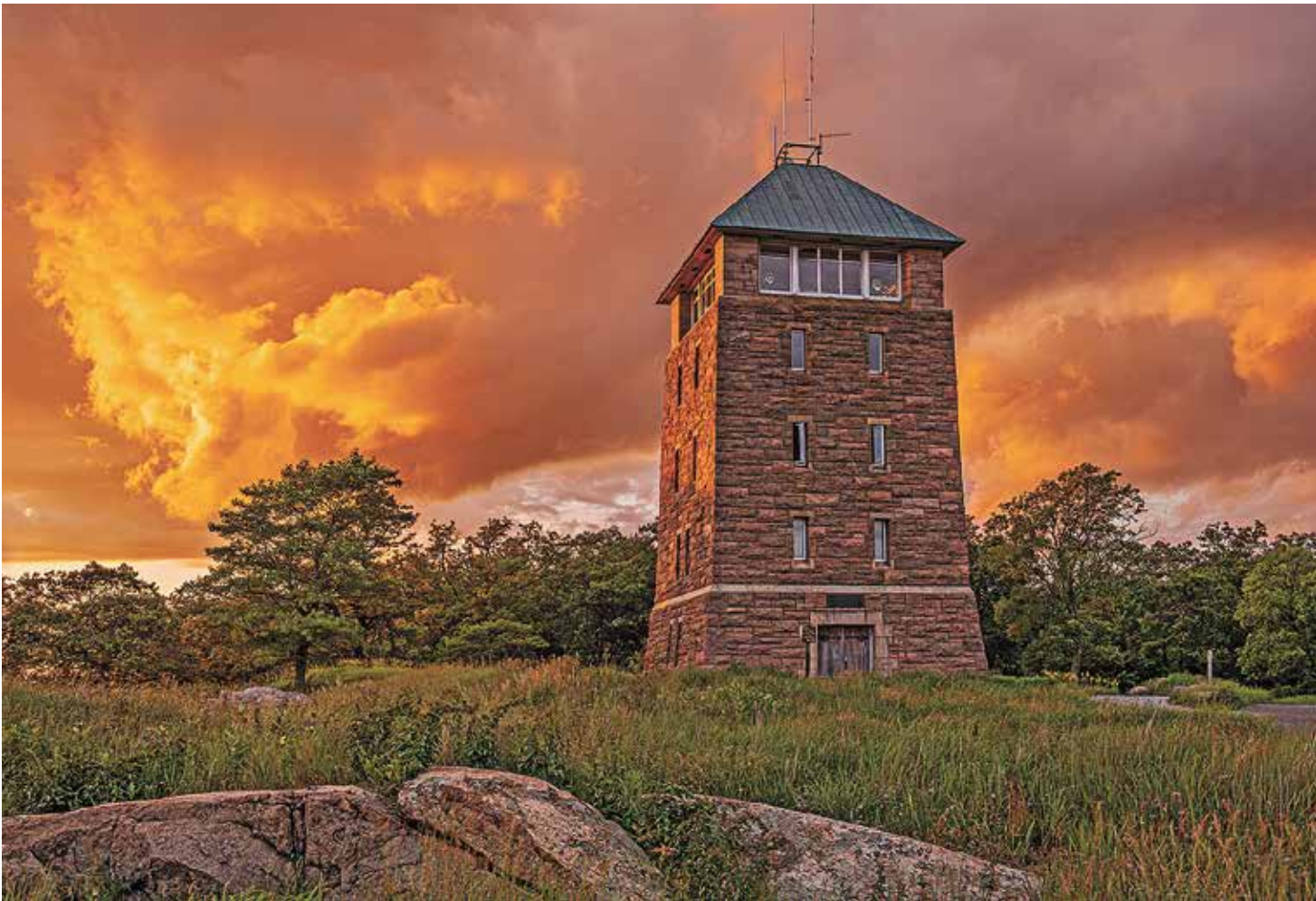
Adrian “Butch” Anderson, who led the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Department for more than 20 years and was an officer with the agency for more than 50, died at his home in Pawling on Wednesday (Sept. 29).



Anderson

Anderson, 73, who grew up in Pawling, began his career with the department in 1970 as a deputy. He was promoted to detective in 1974 and appointed undersheriff in 1993. In 1983, he also was elected mayor of Pawling, a position he held for eight years.

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Built by Civilian Conservation Corps workers between 1932 and 1934, the Perkins Memorial Tower (named for the first president of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission) in Bear Mountain State Park provides views of four states and Manhattan. Photo by Greg Miller

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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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: DEB MADSEN

By Leonard Sparks

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 when hospitals are low on staff. When I'm just driving, I'll stay overnight in Walmart parking lots. When I'm on assignment, I'll use a campsite because I need water and electricity. Every two years I come home [to New York] and visit friends and family, and then I hit the road again.

Where were you when the pandemic started?

I was in Sedona, Arizona, for six months, in a small community hospital. I started the job and all of the sudden, they're like:



"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.

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.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

If you could have one "do over," what would it be?

I wish I'd married my wife sooner.



John MacEnroe, Beacon

I would have started working at M&T Bank sooner. I loved the customers there, the relationships.



Carol Kniffin, Cold Spring

I would have accepted a promotion from the Marines and joined the reserves.



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NEWS BRIEFS

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 149 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.



Norse Atlantic Airways has asked for the OK to fly between Oslo and Stewart airport. NAA

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.

Bomb Squad Called to Parsonage Street

'It looked like a giant bullet'

By Michael Turton

Drama 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.

A call went out to the Cold Spring Police Department. Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke sent a photo of the shell to the Westchester County Police Department's bomb squad.

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 evacu-



The tip of the anti-aircraft shell (right) contained explosives that ignite the round (left). Photo provided

ated and searched by bomb-sniffing dogs, but no other shells were found. The squad removed the shell and disposed of it.

"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!"

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.

In 2018, the Grand Healthcare System opened the Butch Anderson Cardiopulmonary Center in Poughkeepsie to offer treatment to people who have experienced a heart attack, bypass surgery, cardiac or lung surgery. At age 38, Anderson had open heart surgery, then an experimental procedure, and he credited rehabilitation for his recovery.

In a statement on Wednesday (Sept. 29), Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. offered his department's "heartfelt condo-

lences."

State Sen. Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, called Anderson "a true hero... Sheriff Butch Anderson was not only a dear personal friend, but someone who felt like a father, a brother, and confidant to everyone who crossed his path. He truly was a steadfast and selfless leader who treated our whole community like family."

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said of Anderson: "He was my friend, a

mentor and I loved him like an uncle. Butch Anderson was truly 'second to none' and we will honor him by following his example and his only ask of all of us: 'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'"

Anderson, a Republican, was a friend of former President Donald Trump and the Trump family, and served as an honorary co-chair of the campaign in 2016 and 2020 and was appointed to the transition team in 2016.

"I support Jason for the Philipstown Board because he has already proven that he cares about serving our community: by helping move Philipstown to renewable energy, donating food from his family's farm to feed neighbors when COVID hit, and working to improve care for seniors. His family has been in this community a long time and I know he'll work every day to make it better."

- Tony Merante,
Cold Spring, NY



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- Dottie Gilman,
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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

Corrections

In a story in the Sept. 24 issue, we stated that Mel Laytner, author of *What They Didn't Burn*, had found 233 documents related to his father's experiences during World War II. In fact, he found 23.

In an article in the Sept. 24 issue about the Putnam County Dance Project, we reported that the Pilobolus dance company created a dance for an Oct. 3 performance. In fact, a former dancer for Pilobolus, Gaspard Louis, created it. The title of the dance was also reported incorrectly; it is "Inside Out."

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.

Ethan Timm, *Nelsonville*

Infrastructure

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

Maria Leiter, *via Facebook*

If Democrats and Republicans cared about the people and not their own agendas, all of these issues wouldn't be issues.

Joe Hyatt, *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.

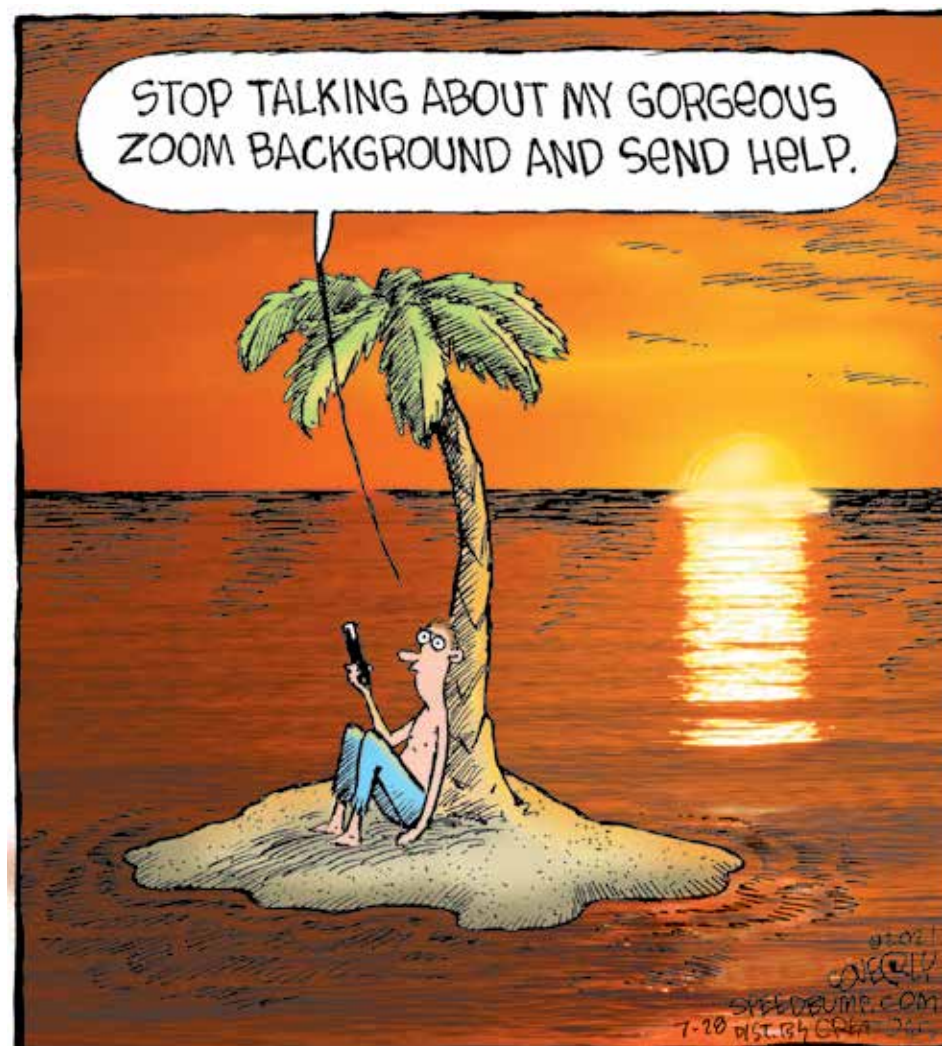
On Aug. 26, 13 American soldiers were killed in Afghanistan. There was no acknowledgment or event to honor these heroes by our local elected officials. Labor Day (Sept. 6) went unacknowledged. Sept. 11 went unacknowledged.

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.

Cindy Trimble, *Cold Spring*



Map Maker, Map Maker

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.

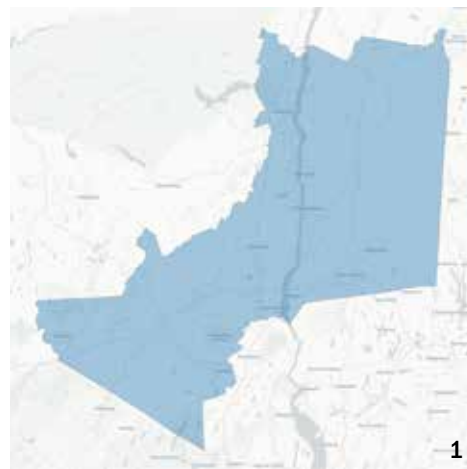
Among the proposed changes:

■ 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)

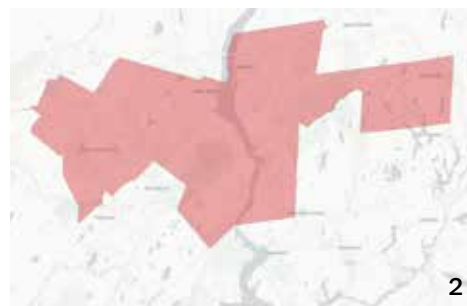
■ Beacon is part of District 104 and repre-

sented 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)

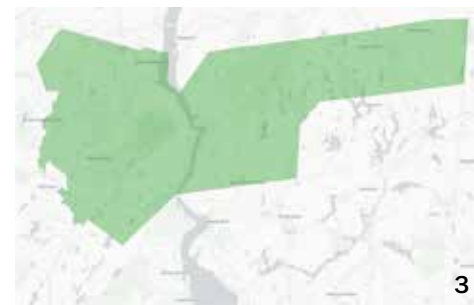
■ The state Assembly district that includes Philipstown extends from the Putnam County border south along the river to Ossin-



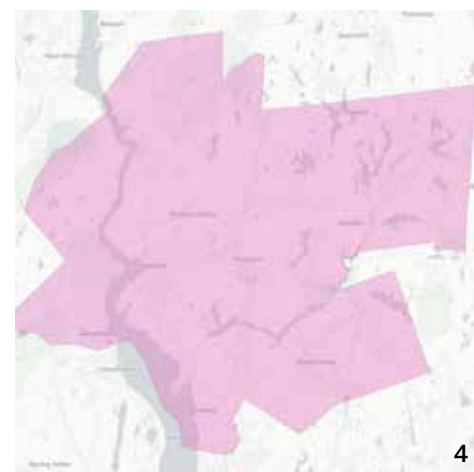
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ing. Under the Democratic proposal, it would extend south only to the Putnam border and west into Orange County. (Map 3)

■ 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.

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.

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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 that we have our bearings 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 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?



Benante

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 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

Schools & COVID

Percentage of teachers and staff vaccinated at

HALDANE	88
GARRISON	99
BEACON	72

Teachers who have tested positive (2021-22)

HALDANE	0
GARRISON	0
BEACON	2

Students ages 5-17 who have tested positive (2021-22)

HALDANE	0
GARRISON	1
BEACON	11

Percentage of fully vaccinated students, ages 12-15, in

PUTNAM	49.9
DUTCHESS	47.3

Sources: School districts and New York State

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.

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SCHOOLS Q&A:

Matt Landahl

Matt Landahl, the 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.



Landahl

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

We have an assessment plan that will give us good 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 needed to be as fourth graders except they are lagging in spelling. I think teachers are

COVID-19 by the Numbers

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
11,870 (+152)	287,698 (+4,367)	4.2 (0)	71.5	92 (0)
Active Cases in Philipstown: 21-25			Percent in 10516: 74.1 Percent in 10524: 69.5 Percent of hospital workers: 70	

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
33,827 (+502)	925,708 (+11,885)	3.7 (0)	66.6	490 (+5)
Active Cases in Beacon: 11			Percent in 12508: 60.4 Percent of hospital workers: 83	

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.

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.

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 unvac-

inated 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 this year and beyond. I’ve stopped using the phrase “back to normal,” but it is exciting to be back together.

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Tree Army *(from Page 1)*

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 208 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, catalogued 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



The pavilion at Pelton Pond in Fahnestock State Park was built by CCC workers.

Photo by B. Cronin



On a February day in 1939 in Washington, D.C., Robert Fechner (left), then director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, inspected a new uniform created for its workers.

Library of Congress

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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Outdoor Promise fellows work with Newburgh residents to care for new trees.

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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 one 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 millions of people, recent high school graduates and middle-aged alike, could work on projects protecting communities from sea-level rise, taking care of the elderly, distributing fresh produce in food deserts, restoring wetlands and rebuilding after climate disasters, while getting paid a living wage, having access to health care, and getting apprenticed to continue their career, instead of working a shitty job at



Ronald Zorrilla directs Outdoor Promise, a program based in Newburgh that is similar to what has been envisioned for a Civilian Climate Corps.

Photos provided

Amazon making Jeff Bezos richer."

One of the Westchester chapter's ongoing volunteer projects is to remove invasive species from local parks, including knotweed, mile-a-minute, Japanese barberry and mugwort. It's slow work that can only be done by hand, and Lowe said that CCC workers could have a huge impact.

"You realize that the world is fungible."

Across the river in Newburgh, Ronald Zorrilla is also working to empower a generation of climate advocates. As a Dominican kid growing up in Queens, Zorrilla didn't have much access to the outdoors until a scholarship from the Queens Hall of Science allowed him to spend a week at a state Department of Environmental Conservation camp when he was 13. That led him to found the nonprofit group Outdoor Promise when he was in college to give city kids access to the outdoors, as Roosevelt had done.

Zorrilla also saw something else: When

it came to the climate crisis, children who shared his background were being left out of the conversation.

"To leave the growing minority — and soon to be majority — of people out, we're doing our whole world a disservice," he said. "It's going to take all hands on deck."

Outdoor Promise fellowships follow a similar model to that envisioned for the new CCC. Through a grant, the nonprofit employs four young women from Newburgh who are working on a community initiative to restore the city's urban trees, in response to studies that show that green spaces in cities can lower summer temperatures, prevent flooding and provide cleaner air — along with the mental health benefits of natural spaces. Newburgh has lost thousands of trees over the past few decades, and previous efforts to replace them did not go well.

"The city is planting 15 to 20 trees every year, but most of them die because nobody waters them," Zorrilla explained. "Or they

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. "People like us bring some historic barriers down," Zorrilla said. "And we find out tons of reasons why people don't want trees, reasons you would never think of if you didn't talk to people."

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.

The city does not put out adequate public trash cans, citing their cost. "The solution can't be to do nothing," said McKenzie, noting that it falls to nonprofits and organizations such as Safe Harbors of the Hudson and Melanin Unchained to host community cleanups, doing the work that the city won't.

These types of projects could be undertaken by the new CCC, which would not only build infrastructure to combat the climate crisis but give younger generations a reason not to despair, Zorrilla said. "They've expanded their network, they've spoken at city council meetings — all of this stuff empowers you and you realize that the world is fungible," he said. "You can push onto it."

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.

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◀ **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 Calendar



Timothy Haskell demonstrates a move to actors preparing for a previous production (left) while others were outfitted and led through a test run.

Photos by Russ Rowland

By Alison Rooney

Why be terrified in your own home, when you can do it communally — while socially distanced, of course?

The Philipstown Depot Theatre is ready to make your nightmares come true with *The Dark House*, a “heart-pounding, immersive, horror-theater experience.” It was created by Timothy Haskell, co-founder of the Psycho Clan (and proprietor of Cold Spring Cheese), who has been concocting popular immersive theater installations and experiences in New York City for more than 20 years, including *Nightmare: New York’s Most Horrifying Haunted House*.

Don’t let Haskell’s friendly exterior lull you into thinking this will be a benign, laugh-filled, quasi-haunted house.

“I’m not downplaying — it gets scary,” he says. “Some of the best horror is about plot and development. Nowadays, filmed horror usually depends on startles and jump scares, but I like the ones that make me concerned about the characters involved: sweet, menacing, malignant. This one gets darker and darker as it goes along. For the first 33 minutes, you’re in a safe space, then...”

The production, which opens Thursday (Oct. 7) and continues through Halloween, is recommended for those 14 and older. “If you can watch a scary movie, you can do this,” Haskell says.

The Dark House is inspired by “The Toll House,” a classic British ghost story by W.W. Jacobs. Visitors will spend most of their time inside the Depot Theatre in darkness, wearing headphones that “download the experience into your mind,” according to the promotional literature. You are assigned to spend the night in a haunted house to prove it’s not haunted and follow rope lines to navigate.

What it won’t be, Haskell says, is a “walk down dark hallways where monsters jump out at you with chain saws. It is not that at all.”

Haskell didn’t start out as a haunted-house maven. “For years I was a somewhat

PREPARE FOR A SCARE

Philipstown director creates horror-filled space at Depot Theatre

successful off- and off-off-Broadway theater director, taking Brechtian ideas of populist theater and applying them to popular culture,” he says. He had some commercial success with “an avant-garde theatrical take on the movie *Roadhouse* — I’m not kidding. It transferred to an off-Broadway theater. Before, I was always excited when there were two people in the audience.

“I had grinded it out in downtown theater for a while, and just when I had taken steps toward going back to school to get a master’s degree in anthropology, this just took off. I started getting hired. I did a *Fatal Attraction* one, a Paris Hilton one — I had a two-year period doing 10 off-Broadway shows.

“They were high comedy; I was the king of straight camp. They were all a little ridiculous,” he says. “There were always lots of fights, as I was a certified fight choreographer, and we did things that lent them-

selves to that.”

Eventually he segued into haunted houses.

“I loved haunted houses,” he recalls. “There had been one at Madison Square Park, but it had been closed for eight years. I thought about a play I’d seen where the audience moved from room to room and thought I could do that in a way where the rooms got progressively scarier. I got eight theater companies to participate. It was tongue-in-cheek but kind of artsy funhouse.

“I sent a press release to *Time Out* and thought we might get 100 people,” he says. “I opened the door and there were 1,000 people outside. It was nuts. It was just me and my wife as tour guides and all we had was a cashbox.

“After that year, it was crazier each time. We had 5,000 people attend the first year and soon it was 40,000. We stayed at that for 20 years. Each year brought more copycats, so I



Timothy Haskell, creator of *The Dark House*

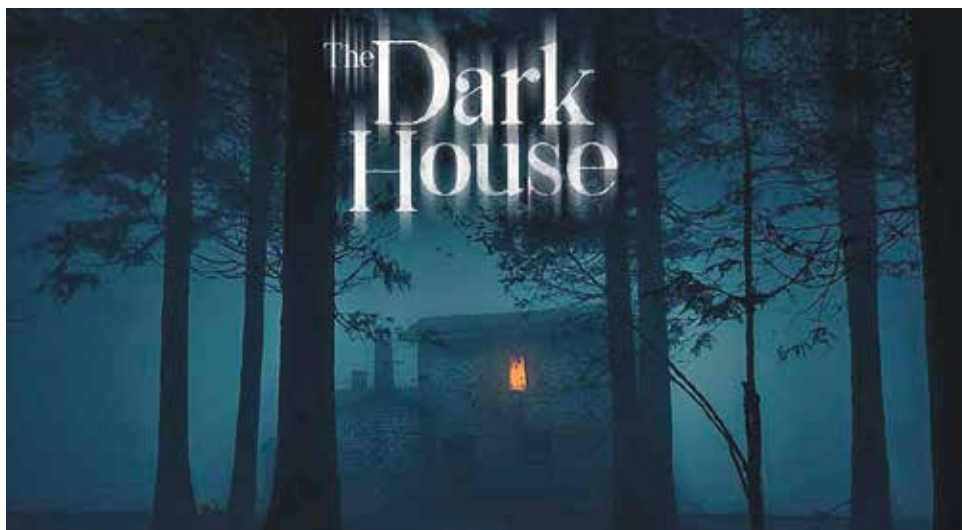
Photo by A. Rooney

started doing more intimate ones. Eventually there were 12 haunted houses in the city, most with no character-build, just lots of shouting.”

A precursor to *The Dark House* was *This is Real*, which ran for three years. Eight people were admitted at a time for the one-hour experience. The premise was that the participants had been kidnapped and woke up in a cage. *The Dark House* is a reworking of another production, *I Can’t See*, that ran in Manhattan in 2019, re-designed to fit the Depot space, including in its waiting room and box office.

Haskell’s most recent scare-stravaganza took place in the back of Cold Spring Cheese three years ago. It sold out in two days. “It was my first experiment with blindfolding” visitors, he says, “and I confirmed that a small space doesn’t matter — I have enough tools in my shed that I know how to make things feel a certain way.”

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.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 2

Craft Fair and Bake Sale

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Methodist Church
216 Main St.

Find crafts, gifts and baked goods. Call 845-265-3365 to order soup, sandwiches or other food. Masks required.

SAT 2

Record & CD Fest

BEACON

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

Find music, posters and ephemera of all styles from more than 20 vendors.

SAT 2

Repair Cafe

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Farmers' Market
1601 Route 9D | desmondfishlibrary.org

Bring a damaged household item and volunteers will do their best to fix it. First come, first served. Sponsored by the Desmond-Fish Library.

SAT 2

Harvest Fest

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Visit the animals, paint pumpkins, see artisan demonstrations and find crafts and food at this annual event.

Free



SAT 2

Walktoberfest

POUGHKEEPSIE

Noon – 5 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
61 Parker Ave.

walkway.org/walktoberfest

More than 100 farmers, artisans, restaurants, distilleries, wineries and breweries will showcase their goods. Tasting tickets are \$25. Also SUN 3. Free

SAT 2

Boots by the Bandshell

WAPPINGERS FALLS

2:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bowdoin Park
85 Sheafe Road | 845-486-2555
dutchessny.gov

The family friendly country music and line-dancing event will

include a scavenger hunt, bonfire and game area. Fireworks will follow at 7:45 p.m.

SAT 2

Party Under the Stars

PHILIPSTOWN

7 – 10 p.m.

Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
haldaneschoolfoundation.org

This fundraiser for the Haldane School Foundation will include dinner, drinks, an auction and live music. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test is required. Cost: \$150

SUN 3

Blessing of the Animals

GARRISON

1 p.m. St. Philip's Episcopal Church
1101 Route 9D | 845-424-3571
stphiliphighlands.org

All pets are welcome at this outdoor event.

WED 6

Rent Relief Assistance

CARMEL

1 – 8 p.m. Gilead Presbyterian
9 Church St. | 845-418-5740

Volunteers from Putnam Progressives and Legal Services of the Hudson Valley will help renters learn if they qualify for aid. Repeats weekly.

SAT 9

Fall Craft Fair

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D
bit.ly/fall-craft-fair

The event will feature craft vendors, food, face painting, Nerf wars, a cornhole tournament and a dog costume contest. Parking is \$5. Free

SAT 9

Harvest Festival

HOPEWELL JUNCTION

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Barns Art Center
736 South Drive | barnsartcenter.org

Food and farming will be explored through the premiere of the film *Lost Arts*, panel discussions, art exhibits and activities, as well as an artisanal market.

SAT 9

Philipstown Fights Dirty Celebration

GARRISON

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Garrison's Landing
philipstownfightsdirty.org

Residents who pledge to reduce their carbon emissions can enjoy live music by the Breakneck Ridge Revue, Freddy Martin and Little Stony Point Allstars, Al Hemberger, Kathleen Pemble, Susan English, Margaret Vetare, John Teagle and Open Book. Bring a picnic lunch.

SUN 10

Heritage Apple Fest

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

All things apple-themed will be the focus of this event honoring the historical significance of the fruit and Boscobel's orchard. Entertainment will be provided by storyteller Jonathan Kruk and the band Trillium, and artisans will showcase their crafts. Cost: \$18 (\$14 seniors, \$9 ages 5 to 18, free for 5 and younger)

SUN 10

HVSF Gala

GARRISON

4 – 8:30 p.m. The Garrison
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org

Nance Williamson and Kurt Rhoads will be honored as the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival celebrates its past at Boscobel and its new home. Cost: \$700

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 2

Dog Fun

COLD SPRING

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

Librarian Noelle will lead a training class for humans and their dog partners. Bring treats.

SAT 2

Japanese Tea Ceremony

GARRISON

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Experience a traditional (outdoor) tea ceremony while learning about the history and customs. Register online.

TUES 5

Regeneration

GARRISON

Noon. Via Zoom | garrisoninstitute.org

As part of the Pathways to Planetary Health series, Paul Hawken will discuss his book, *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*.

TUES 5

Meet the Author: Ann E. Burg

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Via Zoom
butterfieldlibrary.org

In this Butterfield Library event, the author of, most recently, *Serafina's Promise*, will discuss her work for adults who are interested in books for children.



Pamela Zaremba Photography, Oct. 9



Ghost in the Machine, Oct. 9

WED 6

Sustainable Beekeeping

BREWSTER

7 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm | 100 Route 312
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Beekeepers will discuss honeybees, apiculture and Hudson Valley trends. Free

SUN 10

Mohican Nation: Their Trail of Tears

PUTNAM VALLEY

11 a.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

David McKay Wilson, a reporter for the *Journal News*, will discuss his visit to the Mohican's Wisconsin reservation and look back at their time in what is now Putnam County. Free

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 9

Ghost in the Machine

BEACON

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

Photographs by Traer Scott and Jon Wollenhaupt will be on view through Oct. 31.

SAT 9

Pamela Zaremba | Ilse Schreiber-Noll

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org

Zaremba's *Overcome* series explores Victorian era women's roles beyond domesticity and Noll-Schreiber's *I don't know what I am doing...* ties in her emotional relationships with Edgar Allan Poe's poem, "The Raven." Through Nov. 7.

SAT 9

Czee | Twelvedot

BEACON

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

Figures and multiples will be on view in each solo show through Nov. 7.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 2

Night Train: Storytelling

GARRISON

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

Drew Prochaska, a two-time *Moth* Slam winner, will host storytellers Meredith Maddox, Erik Lenhart and Patrick Lennon. Cost: \$15

SAT 2

Jay Mohr

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The actor, comedian and radio host began doing stand-up three decades ago. Cost: \$27.50 to \$42.50

THURS 7

The Dark House

GARRISON

6 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing
nightmarenyc.com

Co-created by Cold Spring resident Timothy Haskell, this non-traditional haunted house is an immersive experience that relies on creative storytelling for its heart-racing moments. See Page 11. Through Oct. 31. Cost: \$30

SAT 9

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, \$21 ages 12 and younger)*

SUN 10

Los Hermanos / The Brothers

BEACON

4 & 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.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: \$10*

VISUAL ART

SAT 2

Traveling Folk: Worlds Explored

BEACON

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

Karen Gersch curated this show with works by 16 artists that will take visitors to new places. Through Nov. 14.

THURS 7

Dutchess County Executive's Arts Awards

POUGHKEEPSIE

5:30 p.m. Locust Grove Estate
2683 South Road | 845-454-3222
artsmidhudson.org

The 35th annual event will honor arts organizations, artists, businesses and supporters. *Cost: \$125*

MUSIC

SAT 2

Anonym

BEACON

7 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

The quartet — Joanna Mattrey, Sami Stevens, Evan Allen and Simon Hanes — will perform chamber music. *Free*

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 Bach, Beethoven, Chevalier de Saint-Georges and Yumi Oshima with conductor Kyle Ritenauer and performer Hannah White. *Cost: \$40 (\$36 members and seniors, \$15 ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 2

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 3

Ian Moore

BEACON

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Farmers' Market
223 Main St.
beaconfarmersmarket.org

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

THURS 7

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

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
paramounthudsonvalley.com

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

SAT 9

David Broza & Trio Havana

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | townecrier.com

From Haifa to Havana, the Israeli singer/songwriter will collaborate with Manuel Alejandro Carro, Yuniel Jimenez and Jorge Bringas for a Cuban twist on his music. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

SUN 10

Nefesh Mountain

BEACON

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 door)*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 2

Family Dance Workshop

GARRISON

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

The Putnam County Dance Project will lead this workshop. Its



Doansburg Chamber Ensemble, Oct. 9

performance on SUN 3 is sold out. *Cost: \$12 (\$15 families)*

SAT 2

Teen Advisory Board

COLD SPRING

2:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

During this introductory meeting, teens can get involved in library programming.

THURS 7

Elementary Book Club

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.

THURS 7

Learning Differences

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. | Ascend Center Building
75 Main St., Suite 1 | bit.ly/ldhaldane

Families who have neuro-divergent children are welcome to this joint meeting of the Haldane-Garrison PTA committee. Email through the website for a Zoom link or attend in person.

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Bayley-Hazen Souffles

Mouths to Feed

Highland Blues

By Celia Barbour

Even 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 his. These weren't fragile, collapsing souffles; they were more like slightly fluffy, baked omelets: light yet substantial, crisp at the edges, and melt-in-your-mouth (but not gooey) within.

It's funny how a dish that a restaurant offers as, say, one course in a five-course meal — like, *oh la, we'll just toss in this little bibelot* — can devour a whole day when I try to replicate it at home, leaving me slightly

wrecked and the kitchen a mess. Usually, I justify such outlays of time and energy by serving something originally designed to be an appetizer or *amuse* as a main course: Dig in, kids, this is all you're getting.

However, souffles are one of those dishes that is 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

2 ounces parmesan, finely grated, divided	Salt and pepper to taste
1 cup plus 1 tablespoon whole milk	4 egg yolks, plus 1 yolk set aside for glaze
3 tablespoons butter, plus more for greasing ramekins	5 egg whites
3 tablespoons flour	Pinch cream of tartar
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard	Mixed green salad and fresh Comice or Bartlett pears, for serving
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves, minced	Equipment: 4 medium (6-ounce) or 6 small (4-ounce) ramekins. Roasting pan for water bath.
Pinch each cayenne and nutmeg	
3 ounces Bayley Hazen blue cheese, crumbled	

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Butter the ramekins, and dust with a bit of the grated parmesan. Set aside about $\frac{1}{3}$ 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.
3. Transfer the sauce mixture to a large bowl and stir in the crumbled blue cheese. Lightly whisk the egg yolks and stir into the mixture in the bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
4. Prepare a water bath: fill a roasting pan about 1 inch deep with very hot water; set aside.
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 $\frac{1}{2}$ -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.
5. Gently run a knife around the edge of each ramekin and turn out each souffle onto your hand, then flip it upright onto a baking sheet. At this point, you can leave the souffles to cool for up to five hours (cover with a clean towel or an upturned bowl once completely cool).
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.

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Dindga McCannon's mural at 475 Main St. in Beacon



McCannon working on the mural

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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."

"My son, Harmarkhis, and I worked on it together," she says. "The idea and title reflect the fact we seem to be living in hell right now — not that that has changed from one generation to another. Such turmoil led

me to think what would happen if women ruled the world. Women feel the brunt of pain from the war going on in the streets. A child grows inside of women, so perhaps they're a little more connected. If everybody united, perhaps we would slow the wars down a bit."

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.

"Fridman not only wanted to sell my art, they wanted to make sure my career is sustained for the rest of my life," she said of her choice to partner with Iliya. "The other galleries were mostly interested in my older works, but Fridman accepted the whole package: the fine arts, the fiber arts. I've always fought against being pigeon-holed as one particular type of artist."

Asked if she is enjoying the recent attention on her work, McCannon says: "I've always been renowned in my own art

world. Now I am in the greater art world. It feels OK, but really, I've been doing fairly well in my own art world."

That world began in Harlem, where McCannon was born and raised. She now lives in Philadelphia, which she feels "is cheaper and kinder to senior citizens. Had I stayed in New York, I would have had to teach" to pay the bills.

As a young woman, McCannon studied under members of what became known as the Harlem Renaissance and joined what she calls "intentional groups" — artists who shared a common cause, whether it was civil rights or feminist advocacy. She went on to become a pillar in the African American art

collective Weusi and co-founded Where We At Black Women Artists.

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 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."

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Roots and Shoots

Bright Leaves,
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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, spicebush 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.

Red Twig Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
and/or Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

Focusing purely on the aesthetics, red twig dogwood and gray dogwood have berries, blooms and colorful leaves in fall, and as a bonus, lovely, bright bark that's visible in winter. Plant in a grouping or hedge in full or partial sun. The flowers don't have the same impact as flowering dogwood but it's not really fair to compare them. They have different shapes, definitely more of a shrub than a tree. In fall, the leaves of both red twig and gray dogwood turn a purplish-red color.



Winterberry bush will show off its red berry-covered branches after the leaves turn color and drop.

Photo by P. Doan

Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)

I find this understory tree more common in yards because of its spring blooms. It's like a sweet pea vine in branch form on what can become a 20-foot rounded tree. Butterflies appreciate it and I like its heart-shaped leaves because it is easy to recognize out of its bloom season. In the fall, those leaves fade from green to soft yellow or greenish-yellow. No gaudy yellows here.

Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*)

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 defoliating 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:

- Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin* yellow)
- Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
- Chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*)
- Blueberry (*Vaccinium* spp.)



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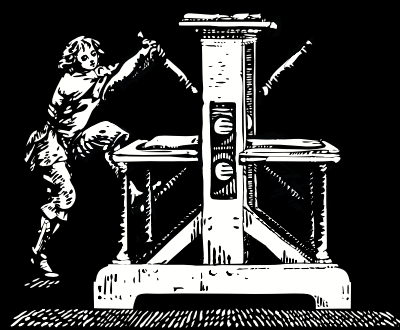
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Pantry with a Purpose

Cold Spring residents open dry goods shop

By Alison Rooney

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, flours and granola. Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own containers, although they are also sold at the store.

The stock 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 growlers 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.

"We have colored bins for hikers to bring back their packaging," she says. "We're working with a place in Cortlandt Manor that we can bring compostable things to.



Lara Shihab-Eldin and Sammy Smith-Coleman



Grains, rice and pasta are available in bulk.

You save a certain amount of packaging, pay a fee and bring everything to them."

In sourcing all these products, "we're also trying to represent people of diverse backgrounds: We have a Mexican American soap-maker, and seek out women-owned businesses," says Shihab-Eldin.

Smith-Coleman, a former social worker who specialized in care management for the elderly, and Shihab-Eldin, an architectural



The Understory Market is located at 44 Main St. in Cold Spring.

Photos provided

designer, met while walking their dogs in the woods. Smith-Coleman, who moved to Philipstown from Brooklyn three years ago (Shihab-Eldin has been here for six), says she "noticed how much waste was accumulating, and how everything was plastic."

"I thought: 'What could I bring to Cold Spring that was low waste? I love grocery stores — I've always been that person who travels around to markets. I mentioned my idea to Lara, and she had been thinking of it, too. Soon we had a solid plan, full of ideas, a million texts a day.'"

That was about a month before the pandemic shutdown, which extended their "research stage" considerably. Aided by a like-minded group on Facebook, the pair spent time in stores with similar practices and met via monthly Zoom sessions with members of SCORE, a network of small business mentors. "They're a crucial part of how we got here," says Shihab-Eldin. "There's so much knowledge we would otherwise have had to learn about on the fly."

Between them, they spent a lot of time considering what to call their endeavor. "We had both read *The Overstory* [a Pulitzer-winning novel about people who defend forests] and we found 'understory' correlated well," Smith-Coleman says. "The understory layer [of a forest] has the most biodiversity of any of the layers and felt perfect. Our current consumer world is extractive. As humans we like to forage, we like to hunt, but how do we tap into it in a way that feels more interconnected and respectful?"

The name is set, but the co-owners were

still not certain about the space; 44 Main has visibility and foot traffic but lacks street parking. They opted to sacrifice the parking and start small and re-evaluate in the spring.

Both women said they don't want to come off as sermonizing. "The market is not saving the planet and individual choices won't change things right away, but collectively people can shift, and that can have a small impact," says Smith-Coleman. "The other piece is our shop is a welcoming place, not too boutique-y. We've been conscious about our pricing. It's also fun, if you like jars the way we like jars!"

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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 \$2,163 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, weddings 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 210 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 feedback. It scrapped the equestrian center, moved the location of a couple of homes and prepared a draft Final Environ-

mental Impact Statement that the Planning Board took up in July.

AKRF advised the 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 penetration 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 Badey & Watson, a local surveying and engineering agency, said the developers would tinker further with 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 Furst 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,” Furst said. “The municipality also has flexibility, not being subject to rigid zoning.”

Furst 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.

Furst 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 ...

■ The public hearing on Chapter 126 of the Village Code, dealing with vehicles and traffic, will remain open until Oct. 5 as the board considers possible changes to one-way streets.

■ Public hearings were closed on proposed amendments to code chapters on the historic district, streets and sidewalks and swimming pools. A hearing was also closed for a new chapter on waterfront consistency review, while an outdated chapter on shopping carts was deleted.

■ Trustees authorized Merandy to sign an agreement with ParkMobile, the company that will provide the smartphone application for paid parking at the municipal lot on Fair Street and Mayor’s Park, and later on Main Street.

■ The board declared various village-owned items as “surplus,” including what Merandy described as badly rusted equipment and vehicles. The items will be sold at auction.

■ Merandy delivered a heartfelt tribute to Ginny Pidala, who died Sept. 24. “She was a shining example of volunteerism, working for a cause and not accolades or honors,” he said. “Fittingly, just a few weeks ago, she was

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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-

fer Bumgarner said that decisions about employee leaves were for county officials to make, not the sheriff. Because they involve "an interpretation of law," she said she assumed she would be consulted "to determine whether an individual is entitled to time off paid by the county."

When the sheriff urged the county to issue a COVID-leave policy, Bumgarner replied that "you don't need to see a policy." Instead, she said, the sheriff should contact her or the personnel director for advice. Given the vagaries of COVID-19 and personal situations, she said, "drafting a policy covering everything is nearly impossible."

Legislator Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac, who also serves on the Personnel Committee, criticized the sheriff for relying on CDC guidance, "which is not our guidelines." He argued that the sheriff's approach "would burden the taxpayers by paying people for being off and [creating] overtime" for their counterparts. "That's why I have such a problem with the overtime."

(In other business, the committee voted 2-1 to approve transfers to cover Sheriff Department overtime charges for March through August, with Sullivan voting "no." He also was the lone "no" vote when the Protective Services Committee approved the transfers on Sept. 16.)

Legislator Paul Jonke of Southeast, who chairs the Personnel Committee, said that

"a lot of money was spent on this leave" and "we want to make sure the money was spent in accordance with the law."

Langley and Capt. Lisa Ortolano, a lawyer who handles civil affairs for the Sheriff's Department, each noted that Putnam County had received \$18 million in federal pandemic reimbursement. "We have the money to pay for this overtime," Ortolano said.

Montgomery wondered "why we're having this discussion now." But then, she continued, "it's election season. That's possibly why." She also said some legislators seem poised to accuse deputies of lying to claim paid leave.

Jonke cut her off. "This discussion is about communication and transparency," he said. "You're out of line. When you come up with a nonsense statement, I'm going to interrupt you."

Sullivan, too, chastised her, and a shouting match ensued.

"Talk about grandstanding!" Jonke said, berating Montgomery.

"Yeah, talk about grandstanding!" Sullivan echoed.

When the clamor quieted, Nacerino said: "I don't know how it [leave policy] came onto the agenda. I certainly do not appreciate this dialogue." Nonetheless, she declared, "in no way, shape or form is it any political ploy to understand the dynamics of what occurred" at the Sheriff's Department.



**Ginny Pidala
(1955-2021)**

Virginia Elizabeth Pidala, "Ginny," a longtime 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 Plattsburg then SUNY Oneonta 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 Loretto 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 (Jane) 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 Loretto 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

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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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Floods (from Page 1)

ing 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



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

\$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.”



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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 Central 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

SPORTS

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

New Haldane classes will be honored Oct. 9

Haldane High School will celebrate 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 shut-down, 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 Nastasi (Class of 2001) holds the Haldane boys' high jump record (6'5¼") and won the 2000 C-D state championship title 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 Monteleone (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. Monteleone went on to score more than 1,000 points for the Pace University women's basketball team.

During her four years playing varsity volleyball, Kelly Vahos (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 haldan-eschool.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.



TOP GOLFERS — The Southern Dutchess Country Club in Beacon wrapped up its golf championship last month after several postponements because of rain. The flight winners were Trevor Zamudio of Beacon (first); John Torkildsen of Hopewell Junction (second); and Tim Sullivan of Beacon (third). In the championship flight, John Hopper (shown here with Zamudio, his grandson) won the 36-hole match for his seventh club title. His run included a hole-in-one (his 11th) and, at 81, he set the club record for oldest title winner (beating his old record, set when he was 67). Barry Winter of Beacon, who had won the title for five consecutive years, was runner-up. Photo provided

Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. "Arrivederci —"

5. Jazzy style

8. Wild guess

12. Slender

13. Piercing tool

14. Brownish purple

15. In — veritas

16. Corp. boss

17. Desertlike

18. Nowheresville

20. Saint Patrick's Day event

22. Hide-hair insert

23. Nine-digit ID

24. Engrossed

27. Promptly

32. Wedding words

33. Expert

34. Granada gold

35. *Wonder Woman* actress

38. Remain

39. Beer barrel

40. Stolen

42. Alpine home

45. Casts out

49. Opera set in Egypt

50. Guffaw syllable

52. Lavish party

53. Espy

54. Reuben bread

55. Kismet

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56. Sparkling Italian wine

57. German conjunction

58. Lean-to

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* —

19. Rejection

21. Bat wood

24. Predetermine

25. Oklahoma city

26. Bikini pattern

28. Sgt., for one

29. Tied down

30. Mouths (Lat.)

31. Playpen item

36. Trattoria desserts

37. Candle count

38. Refuses to pay

41. Symbol of strength

42. Juanita's home

43. Swinging joints?

44. Drive- — window

46. Wife of Jacob

47. Diminutive suffix

48. Burpee buy

51. Novelist Rand

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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)

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Answers for Sept. 24 Puzzles

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1. UNPOSED, 2. WOODCUTTERS, 3. UNINSPIRING, 4. STICKINESS, 5. ACTED, 6. ZHAO, 7. TYPIFY

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

SPORTS



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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

GIRLS' SOCCER

The Beacon High School girls' soccer team picked up wins last week over Cornwall (4-1) and White Plains (1-0) before absorbing a 4-0 loss on Tuesday (Sept. 28) at Goshen.

"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. Devyn Kelly had five saves in goal.

At day earlier at home, the Bulldogs rolled over Cornwall behind two goals from DerBoghossian and two from Reilly Landisi. Maddie Bobnick and Landisi each had assists, and Claire Derrenbacher had seven saves in net.

The Bulldogs (5-3-1) are scheduled to host Port Jervis on Tuesday (Oct. 5) at 4:30 p.m.

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



Reilly Landisi fights through two Cornwall defenders during Beacon's 4-1 win.

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



Will Sniffen (5) of Haldane heads the ball during Wednesday's loss to Pawling.

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.

"I'm 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.

GIRLS' TENNIS

After dropping its first four matches, 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 (6-6 [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, quarterback Ryan Van Tassel found Ryan Irwin on a four-yard pass.

The Falcons evened the score in the third quarter 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. "Turnovers hurt 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.



The Haldane tennis team defeated Westlake and North Salem.

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