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25 YEARS OF FUN — The Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison celebrated its anniversary last month with show tunes and other songs, costumes and model set designs from past performances, and a newly painted mural. The performers included, from left, Elaine Llewelyn, Gemma Sabin, Percy Parker, Cat Guthrie, Maia Guest, Sophie Sabin, Phoebe Bokhour and Maya Gelber.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Postal Delivery Expected to Slow

*New mail standards will
add one to two days*

By Leonard Sparks

Those late holiday cards may arrive even later this year. Before new U.S. Postal Service delivery standards took effect on Oct. 1, half the first-class mail sent to addresses in the Highlands took two days to arrive and the other half took a day longer, according to the USPS, whose goal is to deliver mail anywhere in the contiguous U.S. within three days.

Under the new standards, which the service says will increase “reliability, consistency and efficiency” and save the agency \$170 million annually, about 30 percent of first-class mail and periodicals such as magazines and newspapers sent to Beacon and Philipstown from outside the area may take one or two days longer to arrive, according to an analysis by *The Washington Post*.

That’s because the agency will transport more mail by truck instead of cargo planes.

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Missing Numbers

*Some candidates fail to file
campaign finance reports*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Republicans running for the Philipstown Town Board and the District 1 seat on the Putnam County Legislature failed to file mandatory campaign finance disclosure records due by Oct. 1, nor did they explain whether they obtained exemptions because their campaigns have raised or spent less than \$1,000.

Searches this week of a state Board of Elections database turned up nothing from Barbara Scuccimarra, the GOP candidate for legislator, or Town Board candidates Neal

Tomann and Sarina Tamagna. Nor was there anything submitted on their behalf by the Philipstown Republican Committee or the Putnam County Republican Committee.

None of the Republican candidates replied to inquiries this week about campaign finances. Anthony Scannapieco, the leader of the Putnam Republicans (and a county election commissioner), also did not respond.

With one exception, the Democratic candidates in the Highlands each filed financial reports, as did both candidates in the Putnam County sheriff and Beacon city judge races (see Page 8).

In Cold Spring, the Better Together team

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FEARS FOR FUTURE — Officials with the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps are concerned it may not survive if the city contracts with for-profit companies. Shown are President Andy DiLuvio, Chief Nick Scarchilli and Assistant Chief Antony Tseng. See Page 23.

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The Village We Love,
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The Cold Spring
We Want To See.

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: CHRIS CARNABUCI

By Chip Rowe

Chris Carnabuci, 57, who lives in Philipstown, is an architectural designer and sculptor. On Oct. 1, three of his pieces — busts of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor, who were each killed by police officers in 2020, and the late civil rights leader Rep. John Lewis — were installed in Union Square in New York City for an exhibit called *SeeInjustice* that continues through Oct. 30.

This project grew out of a 20-inch-tall bust you did of Floyd [at right]. What motivated you to create it?

After he was killed and the world reacted the way it did, my wife, Paula, said: “You need to do a sculpture of George Floyd.” It made perfect sense; I would be capturing a moment that was significant, no matter how you feel about it.

How did it expand to include the others?

A friend, Andrew Cohen, showed it to Lindsay [Eshelman, the co-founder with Cohen of Confront Art, which organized the Union Square show], and she knew someone who knew someone who knew Terrence Floyd [George’s brother]. Terrence saw a photo of the piece and was moved by it. At that point I was working on a bust of Breonna and thought, “If this is ever going to be in the public eye, I might want another one,” and John Lewis came to mind. Then Terrence said, “You should make a bigger one,” and I said, “I can do that,” and scaled them all up to 66 inches. I had used Baltic birch for George but that was now hard to find because of the pandemic, so I used okoume mahogany for Breonna and John. The woods have different hues so I painted all three bronze.

The sculptures were made with a process called Computer Numerical Control. What is that?

I start with a 3D model that I feed into software that slices it into layers, down to 1,000th of an inch. I toggle the height because I don’t want so many slices that it would lose the “art” of it, or so few that

it becomes abstract. Floyd has about 200 layers. Finally, I write the code so that the CNC machine at a shop in Suffern will know what bit to use, how fast the bit should spin and how far it should travel when it cuts each sheet. I number them all because otherwise it would be like assembling a jigsaw puzzle without a picture. Then I glue sections of sheets together to create pieces to assemble and disassemble. Otherwise it would weigh 1,000 pounds.

Two days after the installation, someone vandalized the Floyd statue. Were you surprised?

When we displayed the Floyd sculpture in Brooklyn over the summer, it had been vandalized, so it wasn’t unexpected. I saw photos someone posted on Instagram; at first I thought it was from a milkshake, but it was gray paint. What’s interesting is that bystanders — one guy was a painter, another guy had tools — had it fixed within a few hours. I don’t understand why people would be that pissed off. I don’t usually read comments online but a few I’ve seen said, “Why a statue of this guy? What did he ever do?” My response is: “Where have you been?” He’s a symbol. You can’t damage the symbol.

In 2019 you installed a 22-foot-tall CNC sculpture at the Burning Man festival of a woman inside an egg. I’ve heard it’s in your driveway?

It’s not *in* my driveway. It’s *off* my driveway. But it’s only her. The egg didn’t survive exhibits in Toronto and Mexico City. She’s right there at the edge of the forest. There were three goals with that piece: Finish her on time, have her look good and make sure she didn’t fall over and kill anyone.

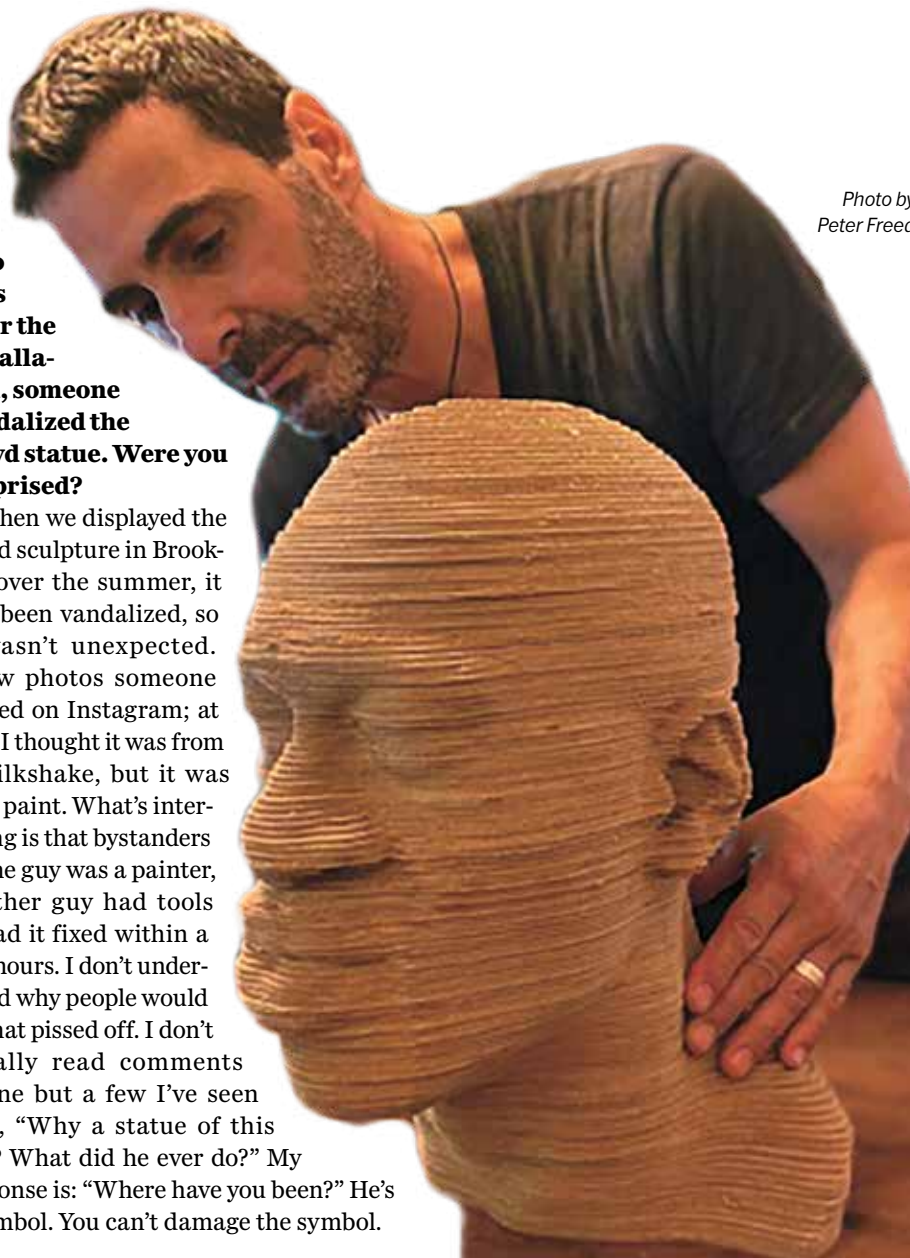


Photo by Peter Freed

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Where do you like to go in the fall?

Hunter Mountain — there’s lots to do there.



Marlo Barbarita, Beacon

Cape Cod, especially Provincetown. Fewer tourists, cool ocean breezes, changing leaves.



Andrew D'Angelo, Garrison

I like driving north on the Taconic. People take it for granted, but it was meant to be a scenic drive.



Samantha Rathe, Cold Spring

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Third Putnam Man Arrested in Capitol Riot

Allegedly identified by detective from earlier encounter

By Chip Rowe

FBI agents arrested a Putnam County man last week on charges that he illegally entered the Capitol during a violent demonstration on Jan. 6.

Anthony Vuksanaj, 52, of Mahopac, pleaded not guilty in federal court in White Plains to charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct and “parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building.” He is the third resident of Putnam to be charged in connection with the riot.

In a court document unsealed on Sept. 30, an FBI agent said that police had detained



A photo included by the FBI in a criminal complaint last week against Anthony Vuksanaj of Mahopac

Vuksanaj and two other people on June 6 in connection to a robbery at knifepoint. He denied being involved but a search warrant revealed that his phone had been at the Capitol on Jan. 6, the FBI said, and the agency received a tip with video clips that appear to show Vuksanaj inside the building.

He was identified by one of the detectives who interviewed him about the June robbery, the FBI said. It said Vuksanaj was also filmed inside the building by a documentary filmmaker and security cameras.

Two years ago, in June 2019, Vuksanaj and his wife, Gina, were arrested in Somers and charged with criminal mischief as a hate crime. He also was charged with criminal possession of a weapon. According to news reports that cited the New York State Police, the couple attempted to forcibly remove a person from a vehicle during a domestic dispute and damaged her car with a tire iron, and the crimes appeared to be related to the victim’s sexual orientation.

THE ACCUSED

Other men from Putnam and Dutchess counties who have been charged in connection with the Jan. 6 riot include:

Robert Ballesteros, Mahopac

Arrested March 15, released on personal recognizance

According to court documents, Ballesteros posted a video on Instagram of himself inside the Capitol wearing a black mask. When asked online by another Instagram user if he had been inside, the FBI stated, Ballesteros said he had “made my stand” and that “some kid told me he tipped off the [FBI] hotline.” He also said he had video of the killing of another protester, Ashli Babbitt.

Robert Chapman, Carmel

Arrested April 21, released on personal recognizance

Chapman drew the FBI’s attention after a person with whom he interacted through an online dating service alerted agents to a

remark and photo posted by someone with that name. In the message, “Robert” wrote that “I did storm the Capitol. I made it all the way into Statuary Hall.” His potential date replied: “We are not a match.” He conceded, “I suppose not.”

Jake Lang, Newburgh

Arrested Jan. 16, remains incarcerated

The FBI said Lang can be seen in the crowd wearing a green-and-black gas mask and striking officers’ shields with a bat. On Jan. 7, the day after the riot, Lang posted to Twitter, according to the charging documents: “I watched a woman die yesterday in front of my eyes. I saved two others from being trampled and suffocated by Capitol Police. They murdered her and tried to murder many, many more. This is an act of war by TYRANTS against the American people.”

Roberto Minuta, Newburgh

Arrested March 8, released on personal recognizance

An FBI agent testified that Minuta was at the Capitol on Jan. 6 “equipped with military-style attire and gear,” including ballistic goggles, a radio earpiece and radio, hard-knuckle tactical gloves, bear spray and apparel emblazoned with a crest related to the Oath Keepers militia. He “aggressively berated and taunted” police officers before entering the building, the agent said. Minuta, who owns a tattoo parlor in Newburgh, was indicted with 11 other alleged members of the Oath Keepers.

Will Pepe, Beacon

Arrested Jan. 12, released on personal recognizance

Prosecutors allege Pepe, Dominic

Pezzola of Rochester and Matthew Greene of Syracuse acted together as members of the far-right Proud Boys by coordinating travel and lodging, using earpieces and radios to communicate, dismantling barriers and breaking windows. Pezzola and Pepe, who was fired from his job at Metro-North in Brewster, have pleaded not guilty. Pezzola and Greene remain incarcerated.

William Vogel, Pawling

Arrested Jan. 26, released on personal recognizance

The FBI says Vogel recorded himself inside the Capitol and posted the video to Snapchat. At least four people who saw the video reported it to the FBI and identified him, the agency said. Vogel pleaded not guilty to unlawful entry, disorderly conduct and violent entry.

Meet Jason

I’m a farmer, teacher, small business owner, and nonprofit leader. I work with my hands on Philipstown land that my family has lived on for four generations with my wife and two children, and my parents live next door. I love this community and I want to continue to work to make it better.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Sheriff overtime

The all-but-one Republican majority in the Putnam County Legislature is again banging the drums about Sheriff's Department overtime ("Putnam Legislators Renew Attack on Sheriff Overtime," Sept. 24). This is yet another attempt to portray the sheriff and his deputies as bilking the public coffers. Why not outlaw any overtime so that emergencies cannot be responded to, places cannot be under patrol and when situations cause understaffing, well, we've already witnessed party over county, so why not party over public safety?

As the election nears, we can contemplate hearing that the election will be "fixed" if a Democrat should emerge victorious in Republican Putnam County. After all, these legislative bozos have swallowed whole the Republican playbook that mandates not caring about competency but only blind loyalty to whatever bizarre set of values the party honchos should hatch overnight.

Sheriff Langley and his deputies deserve our respect and admiration for making Putnam County a safe place.

Phil Bayer, *Carmel*

Seastreak returns

Not everyone shares the outgoing Cold

Spring mayor's enthusiasm for the return of the Seastreak tourist scow ("Fall Cruises Return," Oct. 1). Unlike more comely sailing vessels like the Clearwater, the tanker is a three-story break-metal eyesore that sullies the cherished view across the river.

It's noteworthy that few people enjoy the waterfront area while the boat founders for most of the day, because of the lack of view and proximity to the Seasow. If it didn't sit all day, perhaps the waterfront could be enjoyed by locals and tourist hordes alike.

The docking fees collected may be just enough to pay for extra portable toilets the village added. For my money, the detriment to quality of life for locals just isn't worth it.

Derek Graham, *Cold Spring*

Tree army

Brian PJ Cronin, yet again, provided your readers with an excellent report on an innovative program ("The Return of the Tree Army," Oct. 1). To remember all that the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) did for our region with respect to land preservation and infrastructure transformation was inspiring. And to learn more about the proposed incarnation of the program as the Civilian Climate Corps was hopeful.

A nonprofit I created with my husband,

Jason Angell, the Ecological Citizen's Project, has worked with the Philipstown Climate Smart Community Task Force since its inception in 2017 and reached hundreds of Philipstown neighbors to spread information on the climate emergency and the need to act collectively. In our published greenhouse gas inventory report, *Sink, Store, Reduce, Offset*, we called for the creation of a Philipstown CCC.

After reading Cronin's article, we hope our neighbors, elected officials and civic and community organization leaders see the promise in providing good-paying jobs to local residents who want to be a part of the work of ecological repair. And we hope our town's younger residents recognize that it can give them "a reason not to despair" and hope that they, too, could be planting, gardening, building or protecting, rather than "working a shitty job at Amazon making Jeff Bezos richer," as the Sunrise Movement put it.

Let's keep Philipstown an environmental leader, start a local CCC and become a model for our neighboring towns and villages.

Jocelyn Apicello, *Garrison*

I love seeing CCC work throughout the U.S. It's amazing and enduring and beautiful.

Mellanie Longpre, *via Facebook*

My dad was with the CCC in Tennessee. I have the steamer trunk he used that has an autographed picture of Shirley Temple in it.

Rose Story, *via Facebook*

Candidate forum

We believe a healthy democracy relies on an informed citizenry and that anyone seeking public office, regardless of party, should stand before the people they hope to serve, talk to them and listen.

In that spirit, at 3 p.m. on Oct. 16, we are hosting a candidates' forum on our lawn at The Cottage, 20 The Boulevard, in Cold Spring, at the historic home of William Kemble that was once visited by Abraham Lincoln. The League of Women Voters of Putnam County will moderate the event, which is open to the public. We will serve refreshments to all our neighbors and celebrate the place we live.

Also invited, of course, are the candidates running for village, town and county offices. The majority of the Democratic hopefuls have said they can attend, along with Cold Spring mayoral candidate Kathleen Foley and trustee candidates Yaslyn Daniels, Tweeps Phillips and Eliza Starbuck. Much to our dismay, the Republican candidates have

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declined, as have the other village candidates. We very much hope they will reconsider, as robust debate among candidates from both parties is good for our community and good for our democracy.

Whether all the candidates participate or not, the event will go on as scheduled. Voters benefit when they hear from and can respond to the people asking for their votes. Democracy benefits, too. We hope that all the candidates will come and inform the people who vote for them.

Marianne Sutton and David Watson,
Cold Spring

Flood insurance

For as long as I can remember — four decades and counting — the mighty Hudson River has flooded. Climate change? How about acknowledging that building at the river's shores is a bad idea ("Flood Insurance Rates Rise," Oct. 1)?

Bonnie Donato, *via Facebook*

Marathon site

Planned Unit Development is a process that makes sense ("Cold Spring Reconsiders Marathon Site Status," Oct. 1). Well done for Stage 1 of this.

Joe Curto, *Cold Spring*

Bomb scare

"Bomb Squad Called to Parsonage Street" was an amazing story and a lucky escape, but the big question left unanswered is: How did a World War II shell end up under a house in Cold Spring?

The story rightly notes that such discoveries are still fairly common in the U.K. and across Europe because they were sites of active hostilities. But in the Hudson Valley, far from the active theaters of war? It would be interesting to know more.

James Turpin, *Cold Spring*

Editor's note: Could it have originated on Bannerman Island, a longtime arsenal?

COVID tales

It's disturbing to read about a middle school science teacher espousing during a school board meeting in Beacon what sounds like sci-fi thriller novel content ("experimental gene therapy" and "cancer-causing agent") in making anti-vaccination decisions and resisting COVID testing ("Health Workers Due for Shots," Sept. 24). It makes me think she is a seriously questionable influence on young minds in terms of science study in general, let alone endangering their health and safety.

Laura DesBrisay, *Nelsonville*

Private roads

Living on a private road is much more expensive than I thought it would be. Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea would like to keep private roads private, but honestly it's a disservice to many people

in the community ("Road Woes," Sept. 10).

Many private roads fall into disrepair, which leads to dangerous conditions for everybody. Some of these roads don't lead anywhere except our neighbors' houses. Snow, ice and flooding conditions are left for individual homeowners to deal with at their own expense. I had a giant tree fall on our private road; the town wouldn't even remove that. There were elderly people trapped in houses past the tree.

These issues have been lingering here for many years, and all we hear is the town doesn't want liability for roadways in their town. Think about that.

Chris Nelson, *Philipstown*

Inspiring librarian

Ginny Figlia inspired all entering the Howland Public Library to listen, read and imagine ("Beloved Librarian Retires: Ms. Ginny," Sept. 24). She was exceptionally engaging with her gentleness and sparkle. Her work in Beacon helped open young hearts and minds to create community. Personally, I always enjoyed coming to the library to story-tell because of Ginny's presence.

Jonathan Kruk, *Cold Spring*

Infrastructure

It would be great if we could actually spend the funds coming out of D.C. on items that are scheduled for repair or needed replacement, but somehow that never happens ("Operation Infrastructure," Sept. 24). This subject has been talked about for decades. Politicians have their pet projects and payoffs here, there and everywhere. Money is taken from here to wherever a vote can be purchased.

Why are our roads in such bad repair? What happens to those billions and trillions of road taxes and fuel taxes? Have you ever seen the back of a tractor trailer which states: "This truck has paid \$45,691 thus far this year"? Are not these funds supposed to be used toward infrastructure?

Unfortunately, when the government gets involved in handling anything, multiply every needed fund by four to 10 times. A real business head is needed at the top.

Leonard Lindros Jr., *Garrison*

Dirt roads are safer than paved roads, period ("Road Warriors," Sept. 24). Vehicles drive slower on dirt roads. That is undisputed. Dirt roads are safer for children and the elderly, pets and animals, walking and hiking, running and jogging, and bicycling and horseback riding. The paving companies are drooling over the money coming from the government to pave our dirt roads.

If you live on a dirt road and want to make sure it stays dirt, reach out to the Old Road Society of Philipstown. It's a fantastic organization that helps make sure we value and protect the rare and endangered gift of dirt roads.

Alex Clifton, *Garrison*

Mark Your Calendar

It's nearly election time

By Chip Rowe

The general election will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Nov. 2. To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, registered with the Board of Elections and a resident of your present address for at least 30 days before the election.

In our Oct. 15, 22 and 29 issues, *The Current* will provide information about the candidates in Cold Spring, Philipstown, Beacon, Putnam and Dutchess.

On Wednesday (Oct. 13), we have scheduled an online forum at 7 p.m. with the two Cold Spring mayoral candidates, Kathleen Foley and Vinny Tamagna. Register at bit.ly/hc-mayor. The video will be posted online and a transcription edited for brevity will appear in the Oct. 15 issue.

We are trying to organize an online forum for the following week with three of the four candidates for the Philipstown Town Board: Jason Angell, Megan Cotter and Neal Tomann. Sarina Tamagna declined.

We also are trying to organize an online forum for the week of Oct. 24 with candidates for the Cold Spring Village Board. One forum will be with Yaslyn Daniels and Tweep Phillips Woods, who are running to complete an unfinished term and have both confirmed. The second would be with Cathryn Fadde, Jeff Phillips and Eliza Starbuck, who are competing for two seats.

Other races

We had planned to host an online forum with Nancy Montgomery, a Democrat who is seeking a second term representing Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley on the Putnam County Legislature, and Barbara

Scuccimarra, a Republican who lost to Montgomery in 2016 and hopes to regain the seat. Montgomery agreed to a face-to-face discussion but Scuccimarra declined.

Because our goal is to inform voters, we asked Scuccimarra if she would discuss her positions in an interview. She agreed, as did Montgomery. We will publish edited transcripts of these separate conversations in the Oct. 29 issue.

We also planned to host an online forum on Oct. 20 with the candidates for Putnam County sheriff — the incumbent, Robert Langley Jr., a Democrat, and the challenger, Kevin McConville, a Republican. Langley agreed but McConville said he had a scheduling conflict, so we are trying to find a date when both are available. If we cannot, we will attempt to interview each candidate separately.

In Beacon, there are competitive races for city judge, and, in Ward 4, a Dutchess County legislative seat. In these cases, we will submit the same questions to each set of candidates and publish their written responses.

How to register

The deadline is today (Oct. 8) to postmark an application to vote in the Nov. 2 election. Download the form at putnam-boe.com/voter-registration. In Dutchess, see elections.dutchessny.gov. If you are not sure of your status, visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.

How to vote by absentee

The deadline to request an application is Oct. 18; see absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov. The ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day. The last day to apply in person for a ballot at the boards of elections in Carmel (for Putnam) or Poughkeepsie (for Dutchess) is Nov. 1.

Early voting

Early voting will be available daily from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. For Putnam, it will take place at the North Highlands Firehouse, 504 Fishkill Road, in Philipstown. For Dutchess, it will take place at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52.



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How They Voted

Governor(s) signs round of bills passed by state legislators

By Chip Rowe

Through this week, Govs. Andrew Cuomo and Kathy Hochul had signed 428 bills passed during the 2021-22 legislative session, which began in January. Another 55 await Hochul's signature. None has been vetoed.

Below are summaries of select laws and the votes cast by Republican Sue Serino (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Sandy Galef (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

Solar panels

On Aug. 2, Cuomo signed legislation introduced in the Assembly by Galef that prohibits homeowners' associations from "unreasonably" restricting the installation of rooftop solar panels.

"Unreasonable" is defined as banning the panels from functioning at their maximum efficiency and charging fees that increase the cost of installation or maintenance by more than 10 percent. Associations can deny permission to install panels



Serino, Jacobson, Galef

but must provide a detailed justification in writing. Similar legislation has passed in California, Arizona, Florida and Massachusetts.

Passed by Senate, 47-16
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 120-29
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Meal shaming

On July 29, Cuomo signed legislation that prohibits school districts from taking parents or guardians to court over unpaid student lunch fees. It built on a 2018 directive that required districts to submit a plan to the state that would prohibit "meal shaming" tactics, such as making students with unpaid meal charges wear stickers, announcing their names over the loudspeaker or giving them an alternative lunch, such as a cold cheese sandwich.

Passed by Senate, 63-0
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 118-30
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Trafficking victims

On July 28, Cuomo signed legislation that allows victims of human trafficking to sue for damages up to 15 years — rather than 10 — after the crime. If a victim was a minor, the limit is 15 years from when he or she reaches the age of consent. Disability and other factors also can lengthen the limit.

Passed by Senate, 63-0
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 124-24
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Child support payments

On July 30, Cuomo signed legislation making it easier for families to locate and collect unclaimed child-support payments.

Under the previous law, if a family that was owed child support could not be located, the state had to petition a judge to allow the money to be sent to a county treasurer. It had to remain there for five years before being turned over to the "unclaimed funds" department of the state comptroller.

Practically, this meant that it could take seven years or more for a record of the funds to be added to a public database. The new law allows the agency to skip family court and send the funds to the comptroller after two years.

Passed by Senate, 61-2
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 148-0
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

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Sam Harle



Nix Spodek



Violeta Edwards Salas



Lily Zuckerman



Ezra Beato

Current Names Student Correspondents

Reporters will cover high schools, youth issues

By Chip Rowe

The Highlands Current has named four students from the Highlands as its latest correspondents for the paper and website as part of its Student Journalists Program, now in its second year.

The program, which is funded by gifts from The DJ McManus Foundation and members of *The Current*, provides students with an opportunity to be mentored by professional journalists while they serve as paid correspondents for our nonprofit newspaper and website. The correspondents will primarily cover their high schools and issues related to young people.

The correspondents for 2021-22 are Sam Harle, a senior at Beacon High School; Nix Spodek, a freshman at Beacon High School; Violeta Edwards Salas, a freshman at Haldane High School; and Lily Zuckerman, who lives in Garrison and is a sophomore at the Masters School in Dobbs Ferry. In addition, Ezra Beato will continue with the program during his senior year at Haldane.

In the first year of the Student Journalists Program, Beato and Rachel Thorne, then a freshman at Beacon High School, wrote about topics such as a student whose parent was deep into QAnon; the effects of the pandemic on classwork, standardized testing and afterschool clubs; remote library programs for teens; and the sources teenagers rely on for news.

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BEACON				
Old	49%	51%	—	—
New	20%	49%	24%	7%
PHILIPSTOWN				
Old	50%	50%	—	—
New	36%	34%	22%	7%

Source: The Washington Post. Applies to non-local, first-class mail

Mail Delivery (from Page 1)

Nationally, 39 percent of first-class mail is expected to take longer to deliver, with four-day delivery for mail that has to travel between 1,000 to 2,000 miles and five days for greater distances. The longest delays are projected for mail sent to the West Coast, Florida and Texas.

Longer delivery times is one of the linchpins of Delivering for America, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s 10-year plan to reverse years of operating losses for the agency. (The USPS receives no taxpayer money but is funded by postage and fees.) Revenue for domestic mail fell by \$21.9 billion between 2007 and 2020, and mail volume by 42 percent, according to the USPS. An increase in package volume during the pandemic shut-down has not offset those losses.

The goals of the plan are to boost revenues by \$24 billion and invest \$40 billion over 10 years in electric delivery trucks,

processing equipment, upgrades to post offices and other capital projects. Absent those and other changes, the USPS is predicting that its losses will reach a combined \$160 billion from 2021 to 2030.

An advisory opinion issued in July by the Postal Regulatory Commission, an independent oversight agency, concluded that the estimated annual cost savings, even if realized, “does not indicate much improvement, if any, to the Postal Service’s current financial condition.”

The longer delivery times follow other changes. Stamps recently rose to 58 cents from 53 cents, and higher rates for priority mail and packages over the holidays took effect Oct. 3. The rates expire on Dec. 26.

The USPS also announced in April that it would resume a delayed plan to move mail-processing operations from its facility in Newburgh to Albany as part of the consolidation of 17 facilities. The moves are expected to be completed by next month.

COVID-19 by the Numbers

PUTNAM COUNTY	DUTCHESS COUNTY
Number of cases:	Number of cases:
12,172 (+302)	34,772 (+945)
Active Cases in Philipstown: 11-15	Active Cases in Beacon: 14
Tests administered:	Tests administered:
293,810 (+6,112)	943,409 (+17,701)
Percent positive:	Percent positive:
4.1 (-0.1)	3.7 (0)
Percent vaccinated:	Percent vaccinated:
72.0	67.2
Percent in 10516: 78.3	Percent in 12508: 60.9
Percent in 10524: 74.0	Percent of hospital workers: 89
Percent of hospital workers: 86	
Number of deaths:	Number of deaths:
96 (0)	493 (+3)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 6, 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.



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Together)

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

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

PROPOSITION

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

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

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

School Election District Polling Place

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Campaign Spending

	OPENING	EXPENSES	ADDITIONS	BALANCE
SHERIFF				
Robert Langley Jr. (D)	\$35,320	\$12,810	\$28,842	\$46,353
Kevin McConville (R)	\$23,785	\$5,218	\$21,732	\$40,299
PUTNAM				
Democrats	\$13,829	\$6,162	\$435	\$8,102
Republicans	No filing			
Nancy Montgomery (D)	\$7,258	\$5,309	\$12,800	\$14,749
Barbara Scuccimarra (R)	No filing			
PHILIPSTOWN				
Democrats	\$4,447	\$5,618	\$11,541	\$10,370
Republicans	No filing			
Jason Angell (D)	\$11,732	\$4,153	\$1,300	\$8,880
Meghan Cotter (D)	Included with Philipstown Democrats			
John Van Tassel (D)	Filed “no activity” in July; nothing more recent			
Neal Tomann (R)	No filing			
Sarina Tamagna (R)	No filing			
COLD SPRING				
Forge Ahead	\$6,621	\$7,820	\$7,445	\$6,246
Better Together	No filing			
BEACON				
Democrats	\$6,385	\$2,906	\$5,825	\$9,304
BEACON JUDGE				
Greg Johnston (D)	\$1,465	\$1,483	\$4,474	\$4,455
Timothy Pagones (R)	\$2,635	\$2,239	\$95	\$490
DUTCHESS LEGISLATURE				
Ron Davis (R)	No filing			
Yvette Valdes Smith (D)	\$7,784	\$3,411	\$4,203	\$8,576

Source: State Board of Elections, as of Oct. 7

Campaigns (from Page 1)

— which includes mayoral candidate Vinny Tamagna and trustee candidates Cathryn Fadde, Jeffrey Phillips and Yaslyn Daniels — has nothing in the state campaign finance database. But Tamagna said each of its candidates applied for a waiver under a state election law permitting a candidate or committee in a town or village with a population of less than 10,000, such as Cold Spring or Philipstown, not to file if they do not raise or spend more than \$1,000.

Tamagna said Thursday (Oct. 7) that while Better Together has purchased newspaper ads and produced campaign materials, “we are not doing anything glossy. Most of my stuff is done in-house and it would be absurd to spend more than \$1,000 per candidate to reach 900 households. And none of us are taking any contributions.”

The opposing ticket, Forge Ahead (mayoral candidate Kathleen Foley and

trustee candidates Eliza Starbuck and Tweeps Phillips Woods), filed a regular financial disclosure report.

It was not immediately clear whether other local candidates or committees filed for exemptions; the state elections board said that information can only be released after a Freedom of Information Law request.

In Beacon, six Democrats are running unopposed for six open council seats. None filed individual reports but they were covered by a filing from the Beacon Democratic Committee. In the race for a Dutchess legislative seat that includes Ward 4 in Beacon, neither the campaign of Republican Ron Davis or any committee supporting him appears in the database. His Democratic opponent filed.

The forms due Oct. 1 were those required 32 days in advance of a general election. Candidates or their committees must file again on Oct. 22, or 11 days before the election.



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AROUND TOWN



▲ **LOVING CATS** — The ninth Catoberfest was held Sept. 23 at the Hudson Valley Brewery in Beacon to raise money for Mid Hudson Animal Aid. Jean Noack shared this photo of “special guest” Millie, the therapy cat.

Photo provided



▲ **DOORS REOPEN** — Siblings Kostas Koustoubekis and Lia Gatanis opened J. Murphy at Main Street and Morris Avenue in Cold Spring last month in the space formerly occupied by Whistling Willie's. They also own Juan Murphy's in Poughkeepsie. The historic building dates to 1849, when it was known as the Diamond Hotel, and it served as a veterans' hospital (and tavern) after the Civil War. Koustoubekis described the menu as eclectic Americana. “We’re selling a lot of fish and chips, and people love the reuben spring rolls,” he said.

Photo by Michael Turton



▲ **REMEMBERING BRUCE** — Evan Campbell tees off on Friday (Oct. 1) at the first BC Memorial Golf Tournament, named in honor of his father, Bruce Campbell, a former village and Haldane trustee who died in September 2020. Bruce Campbell organized his own annual “BC Open” for nearly 20 years with his son and a friend, Jim Corless.

Photo by Michael Turton



▲ **INSTANT GARDEN** — The Green Team at First Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring had a vision for a pollinator garden in the church playground, and Bev and Bruce Taylor made it happen, painting the concrete walls white to create a canvas for mural artist Ami Brown. A Hudson River scene was added to the opposite wall and the church's Community Nursery School students used their painted handprints to add “flowers” to another section.

Photos provided

The Calendar



The Visitor Center is located at 233 Liberty St. in Newburgh.

Photos provided

The Visitor Center is Open

Curator opens new gallery in Newburgh

By Alison Rooney

“Why in the world are you opening a brick-and-mortar gallery in Newburgh? You’re insane and reckless.”

Eva Zanardi says she heard many variations of that judgment last year when she made her plans known. Soon, the doubters will be able to see for themselves, as Visitor Center, her contemporary art gallery, will open on Saturday (Oct. 9) with *Sound Mirror*, an exhibit of work by Audra Wolowiec.



Eva Zanardi

Zanardi, who is a native of Padua in northern Italy, builds and manages collections for international estates, foundations and collectors. She was formerly the head of communications for the Italian Cultural Institute in Manhattan and manager and director of the GR Gallery in the Bowery.

She envisions her gallery as a showplace for therapeutic and healing art. “Our goal is to create a bridge through pandemic suffering by being able to bring peace and calm and happiness,” she explains.

Her plan is to present artists who work in diverse media and forms, including painting, sculpture, mixed media, sound, video and virtual reality. The gallery, which occupies 2,000 square feet of a building owned by Zanardi and her husband, Stephan Jay-Rayon, is located on the ground floor. One flight up is the U.S. workshop of Hysteric Glamour, a Japanese streetwear company for which her husband is the design director.

The building also includes an apartment that Zanardi plans to offer to artists for two-week residencies, beginning in March.

Zanardi moved to Milan as a young woman, then followed a boyfriend to Tokyo before also coming to New York for love. She also fell for the U.S. and decided to stay, finding work at the cultural institute.

When the pandemic shutdown began, she and her husband “needed a change of pace. Friends always talked about Newburgh and how there was such a strong feeling of neighborhood, which I never had in Manhattan.” They moved in October 2020.

“Newburgh is a diamond in the rough: beautiful, but not completely gentrified and polished, with some grit left, in a good way,” Zanardi says of her new home. “It gets bad PR, and I want to flip that script. The Newburgh thing is happening. It’s such a vibrant city with so much spirit.”

Of her gallery space, Zanardi is clearly infatuated. “I’d been thinking of creating a little haven for artists, where they could develop a practice,” she says. “The gallery has these huge, beautiful windows that are curved and come to a point. It feels cozy and luminous.”

She decided to call it Visitor Center because “it’s a space where people come and visit. The artist is the feature. On my end, I am willing to cut my commission to a bare minimum. I want the artists to thrive and I don’t want them exploited.”

Zanardi met Wolowiec in Newburgh, and says she was “spellbound by her work. There is a comforting feeling in their permanence; instead of a wobbly or porous surface, they exude a sturdiness. They suggest sound, but there is an absence of sound which brings a sense of serenity.”

“I also respond to her patterns, which we’re inclined to recognize in nature because they give us a sense of safety in repetition, of

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These handmade drums represent another of the McDuffie’s passions: wordworking

Photos provided

A Little Bit of JAZZ

Margaret McDuffie releases third album



Margaret McDuffie

By Alison Rooney

Most people in the Highlands who follow local musicians know Margaret McDuffie as a jazz singer. For over a decade, McDuffie & Co. and The McDuffie Trio have performed all over the Hudson Valley, including at the Towne Crier, Dogwood and the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, and the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison.

In fact, McDuffie was in the midst of a 15-year hiatus from her first love, composing and singing songs. For her newly released album, *Dreamers of Atlantis*, recorded with Rob Kissner at Cassandra Studio in Beacon, she wrote, arranged, edited and produced every track but one in her home studio.

Her debut album, *Under a Spell*, released in 2015, “was a mix,” she says. “It started out jazzy, swingish, kind of country, plus dark folk.” That was followed by *Pass It On* in 2019, which was “more like R&B mixed with jazz.” The new album is “Americana with a jazz edge.” (The albums are available for download at margaretmcduffie.com.)

“The title track was written a long time ago and I’ve been performing it a long time, waiting for a project where it would fit,” says McDuffie, who has lived in both Philipstown and Beacon. “I have hundreds of songs. It’s a matter of choosing what I’m going to produce.”

She records locally; *Under a Spell* was made with Todd Giudice at his Roots Cellar studio in Philipstown, and the basic tracks for *Pass It On* and *Dreamers of Atlantis* — usually drums, bass and guitar — were recorded at Cassandra.

Those tracks don’t usually include McDuffie, who, aside from providing a “scratch” vocal as a reference track for the producers and audio engineers, records in her home studio.

“When you record the basic track, you want the guys [in the band] together — they’re the meat and bones,” she says. “But if I book a session, I might be tired or it’s just not right on the day. I prefer doing things at home, where I can choose my moment, do a velvety track or a hoarse one, if that’s the style I’m after.”

She adds: “The vocals get mixed in, then I can send it to a piano or harp studio. For instance, I love working with Art Labriola [of Garrison], who plays Hammond organ, pedal steel guitar and piano.”

Singing goes way back for McDuffie. “Honestly, I’ve been singing ever since I’ve been walking,” she says. “I sang myself to sleep, with my sister telling me to shut up! On road trips, my mom and I would say, ‘Look at that tree, dad,’ and my dad would sing back, ‘What a handsome tree.’ I sing when I’m walking the dog.”

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

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*

WED 13

Autumn Evening Tea

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | tiorondagardenclub.org

Support the Tioronda Garden Club's programs while enjoying

savory and sweet treats and tea.
Reservations required. *Cost: \$20*

THURS 14

International Observe the Moon Event

GARRISON

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

Jack Chastain from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will set up a telescope on the lawn to get close-ups of the night sky. Bring binoculars or your own telescope if you want help using your equipment.



Photo by Skip Pearlman

SAT 16

Great Give Back

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Butterfield Library
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Public libraries across New York are organizing community service projects today and Butterfield Library patrons will help clean up the riverfront from Dockside Park to the West Point Foundry Preserve. Bring gloves and grabbers if you have them.

SUN 17

11th Annual Car Show

BEACON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street

In addition to a wide range of cars on display, there will be live music, awards, food and raffles.

SUN 17

Warriors Memorial Car Show

WAPPINGERS FALLS

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D
jamestownwarriors.org/car-show

This second annual event, organized by the nonprofit that works to prevent suicides, will include entertainment, food, vendors and raffles. The rain date is SUN 24. *Cost: \$5*

SUN 17

Pumpkin Festival

BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Drive | beaconsloopclub.org

Organized by the Beacon Sloop Club, this annual event will include pumpkin pie, apple cider, chili and entertainment on two stages.

TALKS & TOURS

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 Mohicans' Wisconsin reservation and look back at their time in what is now Putnam County. *Free*

WED 13

Medicare Seminar

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Via Zoom
butterfieldlibrary.org

Anyone who is new to Medicare or wants to make changes can learn about their options at this free webinar organized by the Butterfield Library.

SAT 16

Bird Walk

COLD SPRING

7:30 a.m. Glynwood Center
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Meet at the Big Woods Lot in Fahnestock on Route 301 for a walk around the farm's woods and meadows. Register online.

SAT 16

Flora & Fungi Walk

COLD SPRING

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

Laura Chávez Silverman of the Outside Institute will lead a nature walk at the West Point Foundry Preserve and discuss the edible and medicinal properties of the plants and mushrooms found there. *Cost: \$30*

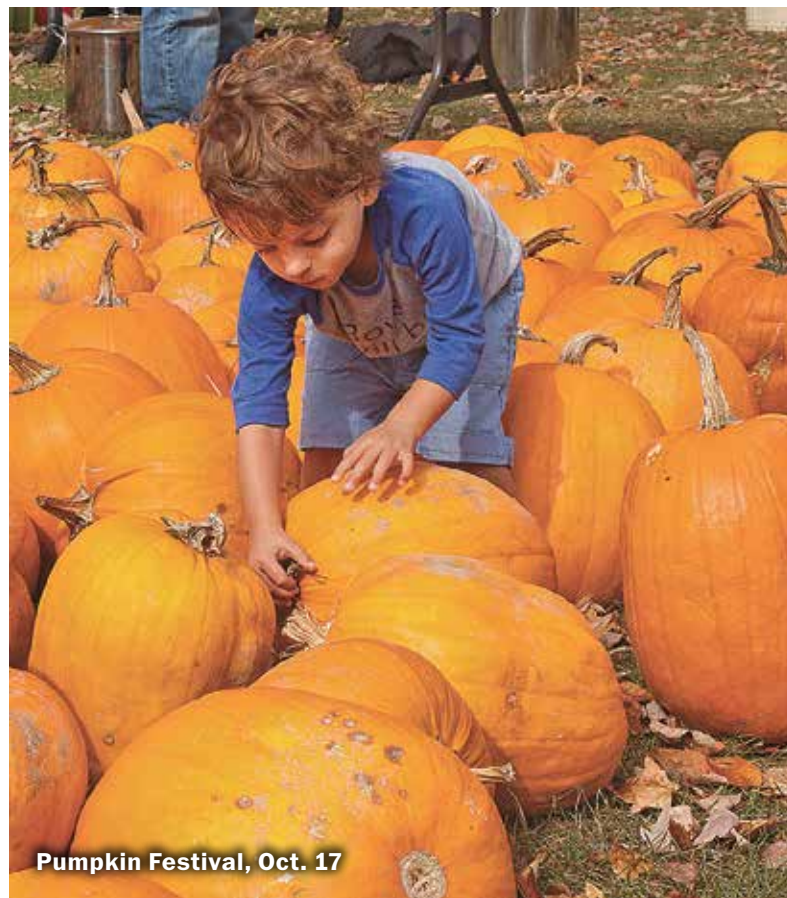
SAT 16

Mattawan: People and Land Are One

BEACON

Noon. Water Ecology Center
199 Dennings Ave.
clarkson.edu/events-beacon-institute

Evan Pritchard, founder of the Center for Algonquin Culture, will discuss native New Yorkers' relationships with Dennings Point. An exhibit called *Mapping Native New York* also will be on view.



Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 17

SUN 17

Backyard Basketry

COLD SPRING

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

Katie Grove will teach participants how to make a coiled basket using materials found in backyards in the fall.

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.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 9

Studio on the Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS

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

Join Dia:Beacon artists for an outdoor workshop offered in partnership with Common Ground Farm. For ages 5 and older. *Free*

MON 11

Got Jokes?

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students ages 6 to 8 are invited to share their favorite jokes in the Reading Garden. Register online.

TUES 12

Nailing It

BREWSTER

6:45 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension
1 Geneva Road
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Students ages 8 to 10 can make projects with the 4-H Woodworking Club while learning about tools. A parent/guardian must be present.

FRI 15

Fairy Walk

BEACON

Polhill Park (Route 9D and Main)
fairywalk.com

The Beacon Fairies — with help from anyone who wants to contribute a fairy house — will have a display. Also SAT 16, SUN 17. *Free*

SUN 17

Meet the Girl Scouts

COLD SPRING

1 – 3 p.m. Mayor’s Park
61 Fair St.

Find out what Girl Scouts are about and how to join.

VISUAL ART

SAT 16

**Cristian Chironi:
New York Drive**

PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | maggazzino.art

For the community-based performance, the artist will be joined by volunteers as he drives his Fiat 127 to various parts of New York, concluding at Magazzino for a final performance and viewing of the vehicle. The piece is designed to evoke conversation about immigration, memory, the history of sites and our present moment.

STAGE & SCREEN

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)*

SAT 9

**CP2 Readers Theatre
Mini-Festival #2**

WAPPINGERS FALLS

2 & 8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.org

The Children, by Lucy Kirkwood, will be performed at 2 p.m. and *A Number*, by Caryl Churchill, will be performed at 8 p.m. and on SUN 10 at 2 p.m. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 9

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. Through Oct. 31. *Cost: \$30*

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*

FRI 15

Shooting Stars

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

This month’s Silent Film



Destination Motown, Oct. 16

Series selection at the Butterfield Library is a 1928 British feature written and directed by Anthony Asquith. Register online. Cary Brown will provide live musical accompaniment.

FRI 15

**The Velvet Underground
(Film)**

POUGHKEEPSIE

7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Todd Haynes produced and directed this new documentary about the seminal band. *Cost: \$6*

FRI 15

Anthony Rodia

PEEKSKILL

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

The first-generation Italian American from Westchester County will perform his signature skits and song parodies. *Cost: \$25 and \$35*



SAT 16

David Sedaris

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The humorist and satirist can make people laugh over life’s toughest moments. His latest collection of essays and stories is *The Best of Me*. *Cost: \$49*

MUSIC

SAT 9

**East Northeast
Music Festival**

NEWBURGH

eastxnortheast.com

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*

SUN 10

Marsh King’s Daughter

BEACON

12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Farmers’ Market
223 Main St.
beaconfarmersmarket.org

The psychedelic jam band’s performance is sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

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)*

FRI 15

Ellis Paul

BEACON

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

The singer and songwriter will be joined by Laurie McAllister of Red Molly. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

Yo Ma of the harp” and Luiz is a two-time Latin Grammy nominee. The performance is sponsored by the Howland Chamber Music Circle and will include works by Bach, D’Rivera, Albeniz, Torres and Britten. *Cost: \$45 (\$15 students)*

SUN 17

The Easy Street Band

BEACON

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

The legendary Hudson Valley group has reunited. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

CIVIC

TUES 12

City Council

BEACON

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

TUES 12

Dutchess Legislature

POUGHKEEPSIE

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

TUES 12

School Board

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900
beaconk12.org

TUES 12

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

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

WED 13

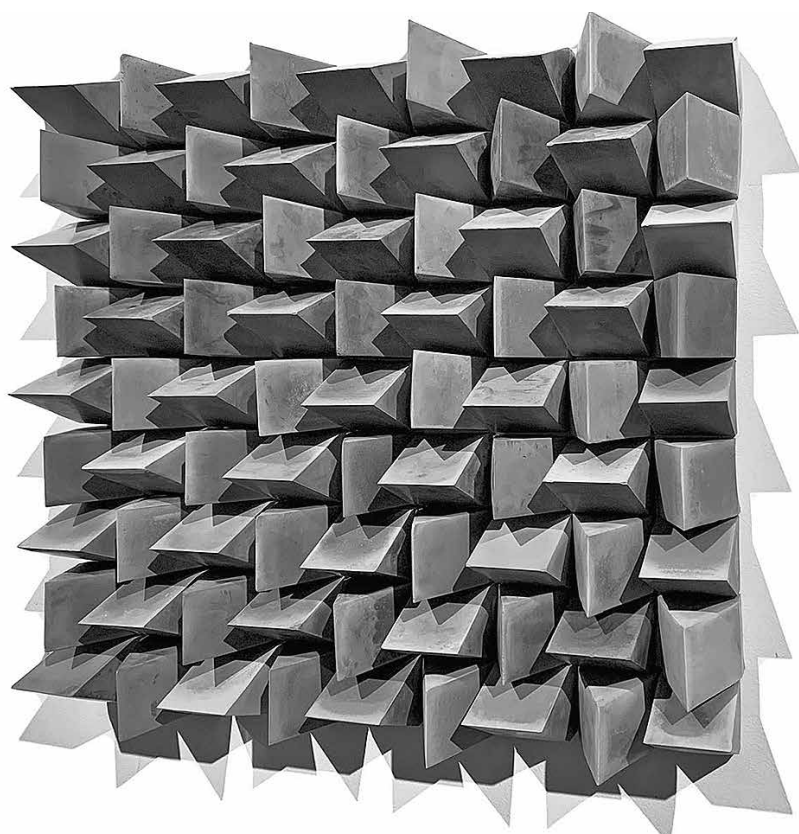
Village Board

NELSONVILLE

7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov



Nefesh Mountain, Oct. 10



"Concrete Sound," by Audra Wolowiec, whose work will be shown starting Oct. 9 at the Visitor Center *Photo provided*

Visitor Center *(from Page 11)*

calm. I tend to look for serenity and peace [in artwork]. Maybe it's because I get so excited about everything so I wind up yearning to bring myself down. But, I love art that is disturbing, as well, and I will enrich my roster with artists whose work is provoking."

Visitor Center, located at 233 Liberty St. in Newburgh, will host an opening reception for Sound Mirror from 4 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 9, with COVID-19 guidelines in place. The show will run through Nov. 26. The gallery will be open from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday to Saturday, or by appointment. See visitorcenter.space or call 212-228-8965.

Jazz *(from Page 11)*

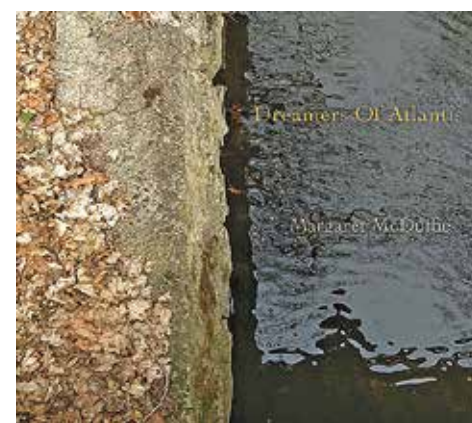
After growing up in Westchester County, McDuffie attended college in coastal England, then relocated to Geneva with a jazz-musician boyfriend before heading to San Francisco. When she returned to the East Coast in the late-1990s, "I knew I needed the river," she says, and she settled in Garrison.

Since graduating from college, McDuffie has long had another passion: cabinet-making. She's had a studio in Philipstown for years where she creates furniture. "I'm also making drums right now — six-sided pieces that are made of wood," she says.

Although she had taken piano and clarinet lessons as a child, she recalls being frustrated that she couldn't perform her songs without an accompanist. So she borrowed a guitar from a friend and taught herself, although she finds now that she often doesn't need it.

"I write a lot of songs with no instrument, usually walking, and I repeat it till I know I have it memorized," she explains. "If it's going to be a song, I go to the piano to figure out the chord progression and what key it sounds best in. I work out most of my arrangements on the keys."

She created her combo after meeting musician Greg Doyle and, through him, the late guitarist Eddie Diehl, described by McDuffie as "a bebop player who in youth worked with Benny Goodman. He wound up living in Poughkeepsie, working as a luthier. I asked him, 'Can I do a lesson? Can you teach me how to sing jazz?'"



McDuffie recorded her third album with Rob Kissner at Cassandra Studio in Beacon.

"One way to sing publicly was to get to know the jazz guys," she says. "That was my strategy. It took 10 years, but I learned hundreds of songs and I love them, but at my core I'm a singer-songwriter. When I was working with [musician] Steve Raleigh, I started sticking my songs in amid the jazz. I sometimes write songs that are like jazz, from being around them."

McDuffie says songwriting came naturally. "You imitate for a while until you find your bearings," she says. "Unless I'm singing standards, the jazz guys don't consider anything I do to be jazz. They stay away from labels; they're more interested in what they're playing in the moment. People other than the jazz guys always seem to call it 'jazz' — I don't understand it. As Art Labriola would say, every one of my songs has something different in there."



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Reservoir Moves to Cold Spring

Owner of Beacon store needed a 'refresh' after shutdown

By Alison Rooney

After making it through a rough year navigating a Beacon store during a pandemic shutdown, Erin Murphy was ready for a break.

Despite being, as she says, “an insane multitasker” — juggling a business, a newborn and a child attending school remotely — she had a decision to make in April when the lease for Reservoir, the apparel and homewares boutique she had operated for nearly eight years on Main Street, came up for renewal.

She decided to move.

“I wanted a refresh,” she says. “We did well during the shutdown by hustling, so I wasn’t overly stressed economically. But I wanted to take a step back and focus on family.”

She took a few months off while searching for a space that worked. She toured a few in Beacon but nothing said, “This is it.” A friend noted that Burkelman, a homewares store, had moved out of its space on Main Street in Cold Spring.

When she saw the space, she was smitten. She signed a lease and opened in late July. “It’s beautiful here — just walking down Main Street is so lovely and I love how tight-knit the Main Street businesses are,” she says. “It felt good and is working out well. People shop their community here.

“It was a little scary, too, because I love Beacon and the community,” she says. “I



Erin Murphy owns Reservoir, which moved this year from Beacon to Cold Spring.

Photo by A. Rooney

was nervous that my Beacon customers might feel slightly abandoned, but it’s been a beautiful transition.”

A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Murphy attended Michigan State, where she earned a degree in apparel and textile design. She made her way to New York City to work as a patternmaker at Proenza Schouler and Vera Wang Bridal and as a freelancer for other luxury brands, before starting her own

label. She and her husband initially split their time between the Hudson Valley and the city until she opened Reservoir in Beacon.

Named for the Ashokan Reservoir in Ulster County, a favorite spot for the couple, the shop focuses on goods that are “sustainable, organic, eco-focused and made in America by artists with a similar mission to myself,” Murphy says. The stock includes her own designs, under a house label.

To find products, Murphy relies largely on research, referrals and word-of-mouth rather than trade shows. “I think of what I would want: Can I see it in my home?” she says. “Would I wear it? Would I want my daughters to wear it? It’s not, ‘I need the perfect towel’ but ‘What makes the perfect towel?’”

Coffee mugs are a bestseller. “I’ve always been obsessed with my morning coffee and need the perfect mug, something which balances form, function and aesthetics, holds 16 ounces, has a good grip and keeps the liquid heat,” she explains. “It has to check all those boxes. Customers get a story, and they’re taking it home with them, including the maker behind the product.”

The Cold Spring space also lent itself to something else Murphy had wanted to do: create a casual art gallery. (The current exhibit features works by Monica Shulman.) “The gallery aspect was a nice bonus,” she says. “It was another thing that said to me, ‘I can see myself here long-term.’”

Reservoir, at 101 Main St. in Cold Spring, is open weekdays except Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and weekends from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. See reservoir.us.

“Would I wear it? Would I want my daughters to wear it? It’s not, ‘I need the perfect towel’ but ‘What makes the perfect towel?’”



Reservoir’s popular mugs were designed by Murphy.

Photo by Meghan Spiro

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Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (October 1871)

While digging a grave for a child at the cemetery, the sexton discovered an adult skeleton dressed in woolen clothing at the depth of about 2 feet. The remains were exhumed, along with pieces of a coffin, a pair of boots and a hat. A passerby offered the opinion that the deceased had been buried in haste about 20 years earlier during a cholera outbreak; a county coroner's jury concluded only that he had been killed or drowned, but that he had been "legitimately buried."

Mr. Williams, of the firm Williams & Plumb in New York City, visited his Van Winkle relatives in Cold Spring to share a land deed dated 1728 that he said showed the family had once owned most of Newark, New Jersey. He said that by legal neglect they had lost the rights that would have made them all wealthy.

A bugler from the Cavalry Detachment at West Point who was in a rowboat with three other soldiers drowned in the Hudson after the vessel capsized as they tried to switch seats.

John Depew, of Garden Street, accidentally shot himself in the hand while examining a pistol.

A jury awarded Gilbert Austin \$21.90 for the damage he said James Farley's cattle had done to his cabbage crop.

In their annual report, the trustees of the Foundry District No. 13 reported that the school's principal and two teachers had recorded the names of 225 children during the previous year but that the average attendance was 120.

A man who was walking along the ridge south of Main Street was knocked unconscious when he fell onto the railroad tracks. He said he had been walking toward the light from a house, but officials said it was more likely he saw the lantern at the switch. He was taken to the county poorhouse in an easy wagon.

125 Years Ago (October 1896)

Hugh Costello, described by *The Cold Spring Recorder* as "a gypsy who has been traveling through this section of the country for the past 20 years," and who had arrived in the village two weeks earlier with his house-wagon and camped in the grove at the foot of Garden Street, died at age 65 of Bright's disease. The undertaker suggested to Mrs. Costello that the body be removed but she said if she had a tent she would take care of it. The body was placed inside, and the widow kept a vigil until a funeral was held at Our Lady of Loretto.

H.F. Benjamin, the son of Mrs. S.N. Benjamin of Garrison, was a halfback on the Yale College football team.

A woman found intoxicated on the road to Poughkeepsie said she was on her honey-



This memorial to the "mothers of the Revolution" was dedicated in Continental Village 100 years ago this month.

Photo by Jay Campbell

moon and that her husband had abandoned her in Cold Spring.

A village water line was installed at the Haldane school.

Martha Squire, known as "Aunt Patty," died at her daughter's home in Nelsonville two weeks after celebrating her 102nd birthday. She was survived by seven of her 10 children; the eldest was 84.

The Haldane Debating Club met at the school. The question was, "Resolved, that the European powers should interfere to prevent further massacres in Armenia."

Robert Barrett of North Highlands completed a waterwheel that contained

200 pieces of wood and 600 bolts.

William and John Ward, who had been living at the Alexander Mead place in Garrison for two years, sold their household goods at auction before one departed for England and the other for Philadelphia.

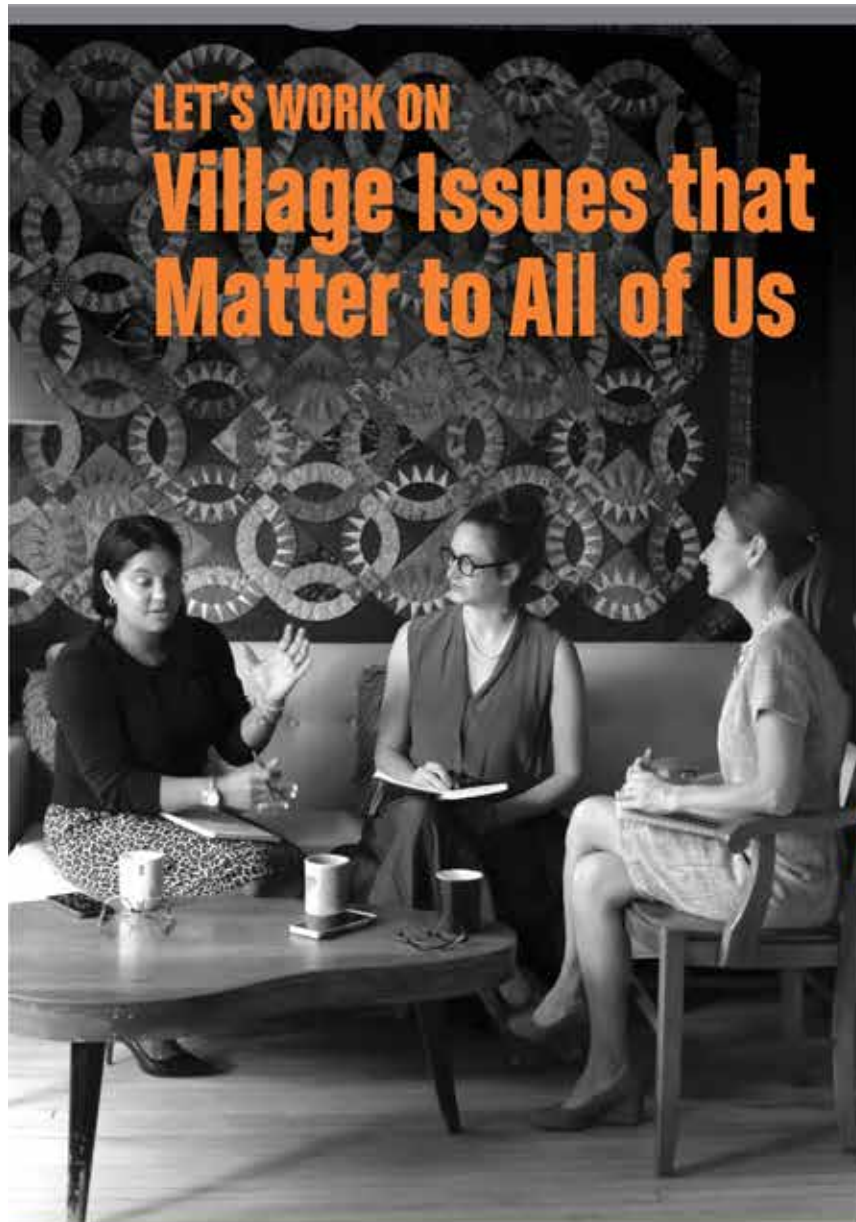
According to *The Recorder*, "a mother in Cold Spring says she means to give her daughter, who has finished a college course, a course in bakeology, boilology, roastology, stitchology and mendology before she will consider her education finished."

The Recorder noted that a new state law required that ballots be preserved for six months after Election Day in case the losing candidate asked for a recount.

Bridget McMahon, who was behind the bar at her family's saloon on the road to Highland Station, fatally wounded Patrick O'Malley, a worker on the new state road near Anthony's Nose. He was taken to the Philipstown Town Hall, where he died. After McMahon refused to serve O'Malley because he was so intoxicated, he demolished the bar with an ax. McMahon said that when she ran to alert her husband, O'Malley followed and threatened her. She shot him in the chin and, when he swung the ax, she shot him in the side. By O'Malley's deathbed account, McMahon struck him inside the bar and then followed him outside, saying she would "fix him." Three witnesses corroborated that account, and McMahon was indicted for murder.

Undertaker James McIlroy's new hearse arrived by riverboat.

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Infrastructure

- ▶ Repair and improve existing infrastructure; prepare for and protect against increasing storms
- ▶ Plan roadways, sidewalks, signage, and public parking to reduce traffic congestion and increase walkability

Public Engagement

- ▶ Engage residents in community forums and working groups to inform Village decisions
- ▶ Improve the Village's overall communication tools and processes for ease of use

Quality of Life

- ▶ Manage impacts of tourism; leverage the dollars it generates to preserve residents' quality of life
- ▶ Optimize and prioritize our parks and waterfront for resident use and enjoyment

Our Village Team

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Peattie Bros., of Fishkill Landing [Beacon], left a telephone message for Sheriff Bailey asking him to look out for a stolen horse.

Judge Nathaniel Parker of Kent sang his campaign songs at a meeting of the Republicans of Philipstown at the Town Hall.

Mary Proctor recounted her cruise to Norway and shared 60 lantern slides in a lecture at the Haldane school to benefit its library.

Police Chief O.E. Hayden had a successful day of hunting, shooting four partridges, four quail and six squirrels.

100 Years Ago (October 1921)

Stuyvesant Fish unveiled a plaque at his farm in Continental Village in memory of the mothers of the Revolution, which Fish said he thought might be a first. The state historian, James Sullivan, delivered the dedication address. The plaque, affixed to a 9-foot-high piece of granite, reads: “Continental Village 1776-1783. A military post and depot of supplies, burned by the British, October 9, 1777. In Memory of the mothers of the Revolution, who watched and prayed while our Fathers fought that we might be free.”

50 Years Ago (October 1971)

A \$1.67 million budget put forth by the Haldane school district was rejected by voters, 539-335, for the third time in a year. School officials noted that the budget was

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Sgt. Sanders “Matty” Matthews was a model for a statue to honor the Buffalo Soldiers erected at West Point last month.

A Tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers

Last month the U.S. Military Academy at West Point unveiled a statue on campus in tribute to the Army’s Buffalo Soldiers. It was created by sculptor Eddie Dixon based on a photo of Sgt.

Sanders “Matty” Matthews, who served on base from 1939 to 1962 and in his retirement was a bus driver for the Haldane school district. He died in 2016 at age 95.

The Buffalo soldiers supposedly received their nickname while fighting the Plains Indians in the 19th century; the Native Americans thought their

dark, curly hair resembled a buffalo’s coat. In 1907 the remaining soldiers in the regiments were stationed at West Point to teach horsemanship to the cadets. The units were disbanded in 1948 when the Army was integrated.

The statue was a gift from the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point, which Matthews founded in 2008.



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only \$23,824 more than the austerity budget.

The Haldane school board hired Alfred Curven as a part-time public relations consultant. A week later he resigned, saying that PR for the district would be a full-time job.

The winners in the local Punt, Pass & Kick competition sponsored by Ray Impellitteri Motors were Michael Haight (age 8), Mark Miller (9), Stephen Turner (10), Russell Miller (11), Stephen Misuta (12) and Michael Hustis (13).

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department parked a new substation for the western side of the county — a converted office trailer that had been donated to the agency — on Route 9 near Lane Gate Road. Sheriff Ray Weizenecker also noted that the Cold Spring Police Department had agreed to use the same frequency in its patrol cars as the sheriff's deputies.

The Haldane High School football team defeated Pawling, 2-0. The only scoring was a safety in the second quarter after Jim Budney blocked a punt.

The Philipstown Men's Basketball League named its sponsors and coaches for the winter season: Impellitteri Ford, coached by Tom Impellitteri; Percacciolo's Construction, coached by Bill Mazzuca; Stevenson's Painters, coached by George Stevenson; and the Lions Club, coached by Jim Stevenson.

25 Years Ago (October 1996)

An employee of the Putnam County Jail was arrested after she was caught sleeping while assigned to suicide watch over a troubled prisoner. The department said the guard falsified records to show that she had made her rounds.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. celebrated its 100th anniversary with a carnival at Mayor's Park, with music by The Barkling Spiders and a firematic parade with 29 companies that had been rescheduled from July 13 because of Hurricane Bertha.

The following weekend, the Village of Cold Spring celebrated its 150th anniversary with a Main Street parade and two Civil War reenactment camps at Mayor's Park.

John Loase of Garrison, a math profes-

sor at Westchester Community College, published a book on *sigfluence*, a word he invented in 1984 that means a "significant, long-term, positive influence."

The Philipstown Recreation Commission began the conversion of the Depot Theatre in Garrison into a community arts center. The Hand to Mouth Players, who had been leasing the building for its performances, left for a larger space on the grounds of the Veterans Affairs hospital in Montrose.

John Pierson discussed his newly released book, *Spike, Mike, Slackers and Dykes: A Guided Tour Across a Decade of American Independent Film*, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. He and his wife, who together ran Running Rainy Pictures in Cold Spring, sponsored a film series in 1991 and 1993 that showed movies on a barge in the Hudson River.

A former Putnam County Sheriff's Department deputy sued the sheriff and his top aide in federal court, claiming they had forced him to falsify reports so they could discipline certain employees. As a result, he charged, a dispatcher had been suspended for 40 days without pay.

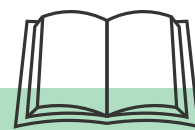
Sheriff's deputies arrested a 22-year-old Poughkeepsie woman after she allegedly sold cocaine to undercover officers on Fair Street.

Metro-North hired the Allright Corp. to begin selling parking permits for 11 of its stations, including Cold Spring and Garrison. Allright agreed to pay the railroad \$200,000 in annual rent and 50 percent of its gross over \$600,000.

Cold Spring got its water from the Catskill Aqueduct for a week while the Highway Department installed pipes and valves to prepare for a hookup to a new water treatment plant under construction.

The state Supreme Court threw out a petition filed by the Philipstown Dirt Roads Association to prevent the widening and paving of Esselborne Road, East Mountain Road North and East Mountain Road South. The association had argued that the town failed to comply with state environmental regulations.

Joseph Klingelsmith, the innkeeper at the Hudson House, was seriously injured when he fell from a second-floor balcony. He was attempting to untangle a flag while leaning over a railing. It gave way and he fell about 15 feet to the sidewalk.



Start Reading

October book club selections

Middle School Book Club (Grades 5+)

TUES 19, 4 P.M.

Small Spaces, by Elizabeth Arden
Organized by Butterfield Library
Reading Garden, Cold Spring
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

2021 Big Read

WED 20, 1 P.M.

The Best We Could Do, by Thi Bui
Organized by Howland Public Library
Memorial Park, Beacon
Email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Middle School Book Club

WED 20, 4:30 P.M.

Small Spaces, by Elizabeth Arden
Organized by Howland Public Library
Memorial Park, Beacon
Email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Graphic Novel Book Club

TUES 26, 7 P.M.

The Secret to Superhuman Strength, by Alison Bechdel
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring (via Zoom)
Register at splitrockbks.com.

High School Book Club

WED 27, 5:30 P.M.

Pet, by Akwaeke Emezi
Organized by Howland Public Library
Memorial Park, Beacon
Email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Fiction Book Club

THURS 28, 7 P.M.

Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead, by Olga Tokarczuk
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring (via Zoom)
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Family Alleges Deputies Caused Death

Say they may revise lawsuit against Putnam County

By Leonard Sparks

The stakes were already high when George Taranto and his wife filed a \$50 million lawsuit in federal court alleging that he was permanently injured in 2019 during an encounter with Putnam County sheriff's deputies.

The lawsuit named as defendants the county, Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., three deputies, a sergeant and an investigator.

Now, with Taranto's death on Aug. 25 at his daughter's home in Connecticut, the stakes have grown. On Aug. 27, Taranto's family told NBC News that they believe a brain injury he suffered during his interaction with police led to his death and that they plan to add wrongful death to their claims of excessive force and false arrest.

They also called for the deputies to be investigated for manslaughter under a state law that says people can be charged if they



George Taranto

"recklessly" cause a death.

The family's attorney, Thomas Gambino, said on Sept. 27 that the Connecticut Medical Examiner's Office has completed an autopsy and the family expects in a few weeks to have a determination on the cause of death.

An internal investigation by the Sheriff's Department concluded that its officers used acceptable force, and the county has asked a judge to dismiss the case.

"I keep coming back to — didn't have to happen," said Taranto's widow, Karen, in an interview with NBC New York. "They could have done police work, but they were like cowboys."

One fact is not in dispute: that Taranto, then 75, was carrying a licensed and loaded Colt Mustang .380 pistol when he encountered the deputies around 2 a.m. on July 8, 2019, as they investigated a report of a stolen car in Southeast.

In the lawsuit, the Taranto family said he had come outside after hearing noises and seeing flashlights, and that his gun was pointed at the ground. The family said Taranto complied when deputies, with their weapons drawn, began screaming at him to drop the gun, raise his hands and walk toward them.

As Taranto approached the officers, Deputy Vincent Dalo "violently threw him to the ground, banging his head on the ground and smashing his face upon the pavement," according to the lawsuit. At the time of the incident, Taranto was recovering from open-heart surgery and suffering from early dementia, according to court documents.

The family said Taranto was hospitalized at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, where he suffered cardiac arrest and respiratory failure, as well as a pulmonary endema, before being moved to Danbury Hospital in Connecticut.

At the hospital, deputies issued him tickets for second-degree menacing, fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon, resisting arrest and second-degree obstructing governmental administration, all misdemeanors.

Taranto was released but hospitalized again on Sept. 1, according to the lawsuit. A scan revealed bleeding in his brain.

"It spiraled into something that, based on everything we've been given, doesn't justify him winding up on life support and ultimately having to have his skull opened to relieve pressure," his son, Chris, told NBC New York.

The Sheriff's Department's arrest report

says the deputies were at a neighboring residence when Taranto walked up to Investigator Daniel Hunsberger, who yelled, "He's got a gun!"

The deputies said Taranto initially failed to comply with their order to put his gun down, but that he had done so when Dalo "was able to sneak up behind Mr. Taranto and bring him to the ground." The report says that Dalo and the other officers struggled to handcuff Taranto because he refused to put his hands behind his back.

An internal investigation concluded that the officers "acted within the scope of their duties" and had not violated any state laws or agency regulations. The last line of the three-page report, which was completed on July 9, 2020, reads: "No action needed. Acceptable force used on combative subject who was armed with a firearm which was still within reach."

In a motion filed Aug. 20 to dismiss the lawsuit, Putnam County said the deputies had probable cause to arrest Taranto and are covered by qualified immunity, which gives government officials broad protection from civil lawsuits.

The county also argues that Langley should not be named as a defendant because he was not at the scene and that the family has failed to show why the sheriff should be held liable as a supervisor.

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

An hourlong discussion at the Tuesday (Oct. 5) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board failed to produce a decision on a request from two business owners for an exemption from new short-term rental regulations.

David and Melia Marzollo own the Ascend yoga studio at 75 Main St. They also have operated an Airbnb in the building since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

"I'm asking for a one-year exemption," David Marzollo said, describing it as a grace period to help the couple cover financial commitments from before the pandemic and before the short-term rental law was adopted in August. The regulations state that any resident "aggrieved by" the law "may apply to the Village Board for relief."

In January 2020, Marzollo said, the couple began building a house on Lane Gate Road in Philipstown. When the shutdown began soon after, their yoga studio "tanked." Even as life slowly began to return to normal, exercise facilities were among the last businesses allowed to reopen.

Ascend began offering classes outdoors at Boscobel but that only covered payments to the instructors and rent to Boscobel. At the same time, they gave rent deals to their tenants at 75 Main St. who were shut down.

"We were between a rock and a hard place," Marzollo said. "We started an Airbnb out of necessity, to stop the bleeding, and it worked."

Under Chapter 100, the Marzollos can't

apply for an STR permit because their building is owned by a limited liability corporation and they don't live on the premises. He said they could apply with the state to be classified as a bed-and-breakfast, "but we're not a B&B. We want to be a wellness center."

Deputy Mayor Marie Early said granting relief from an entire chapter of the code "is not something we should do," pointing out that even before Chapter 100 was adopted, it was illegal to operate a short-term rental on Main Street. Under the old law, STRs were allowed only along state highways, which in Cold Spring includes Route 9D and Route 301 east of the traffic signal.

Although that law was not enforced, most STRs operating in Cold Spring were technically in violation of it. Chapter 100 now limits the number of STRs.

Mayor Dave Merandy said granting Marzollo's request would set a bad precedent. "There's no way we'd have an effective code if we grant you this," he said. "Everyone will say the same thing: 'We have a hardship; we have investments.'"

"I agree with my colleagues that exemptions are slippery slope," said Trustee Kathleen Foley. "You might have more of a case [for hardship] if you didn't have any other capacity for income."

She suggested the couple approach Putnam County and Philipstown about federal relief funding. "They're considering using some of it for personal and commercial relief," she said.

Melia Marzollo questioned why the possibility of relief is part of the STR law if

it can't be granted. "You say you can't make an exception because of precedent; but it says in the law to come forward and tell you why you need relief."

After an hour of debate, Merandy said: "We're not going to make a decision tonight. I need to think about things."

"That's better than 'no,'" David Marzollo responded.

“There’s no way we’d have an effective code if we grant you this. Everyone will say the same thing: ‘We have a hardship; we have investments.’”

~Mayor Dave Merandy

Zoning challenge

Discussion continued on proposed zoning changes that are part of an update of the Village Code. At last week's meeting there was agreement that the Light Industry designation for the 12-acre Marathon site on Kemble Avenue be left in place, reversing an earlier decision to zone it Mixed-Use. Instead, Planned Unit Development (PUD) would be used for

the site, an approach supported by Village Attorney John Furst and planner Ted Fink.

That was challenged at Tuesday's meeting by Paul Henderson, who served on the Code Update Committee. In an email to *The Current*, Henderson said Furst and Fink had also advised the committee that the Mixed-Use designation it recommended was "based on hours of discussion and research."

PUD for the Kemble site has been "insufficiently vetted," he said. "It leaves the village open to [industrial] development, whose character would be at odds with that of the historic village."

A public hearing on proposed changes to Chapter 134 of the Village Code (Zoning), Chapter 104 (Signs and Placards) and Chapter 76 (Noise) is scheduled for Thursday (Oct. 14) at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

In other business ...

■ Merandy "reluctantly" accepted Ruthanne Cullinan Barr's resignation from the Recreation Commission, congratulating her for having done "a great job." Jeff Amato was appointed chair and Aaron Leonard was appointed a member.

■ Jablko Construction of Scarsdale was awarded an \$87,000 contract to repair a stone wall on the north side of Main Street between Orchard and B streets.

■ The council approved the purchase of a \$6,288 computer to install in a new Cold Spring police vehicle.

■ As part of the Village Code update, the public hearing on Chapter 126 (Vehicles and Traffic) was closed and amendments were adopted for Chapter 111 (Subdivision of Land) and 124 (Unsafe Buildings).

How They Voted (from Page 6)

Affordable housing

On Aug. 13, Cuomo enacted the Housing Our Neighbors with Dignity Act, which creates a system in which the state can finance the purchase and/or conversion of distressed hotels and/or office space by nonprofits to create low-income housing.

Passed by Senate, 49-14

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 146-2

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Overdraft fees

On Aug. 20, Cuomo signed legislation regulating how banks bounce checks. If a bank receives a check for a greater amount than is in the account, it may decline payment. Under the previous law, the bank could also bounce subsequent smaller checks, even if there was enough money in the account because the larger check bounced.

Passed by Senate, 48-15

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 102-46

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Virtual meetings

On Sept. 2, Hochul signed legislation that allows local and state legislatures to continue to meet by audio or video as along as the meetings are recorded and transcribed. Cuomo had issued an emergency order because of the pandemic shutdown

that allowed remote public meetings, but it expired. This new law will expire Jan. 15. The New York Coalition for Open Government noted in its opposition that the law does not require public comments to be heard or meeting videos to be posted online.

Passed by Senate, 38-19

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 81-60

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Making contractors liable

Hochul on Sept. 6 signed legislation that makes contractors on construction projects liable for wages owed to the employees of subcontractors. The law also allows contractors to demand payroll information from subcontractors and withhold payment if it is not provided.

Passed by Senate, 50-13

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 122-25

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Speeding in work zones

On Sept. 6, Hochul enacted legislation to test adding cameras to highway construction zones to record drivers who speed or violate other laws designed to protect workers.

Passed by Senate, 61-2

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 122-26

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Shared work benefits

This legislation, signed by Hochul on

Sept. 6, changed the cap on “shared work” unemployment benefits from 26 consecutive weeks to 26 weeks. The program allows employees to receive partial benefits if their hours are reduced.

Passed by Senate, 62-0

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 103-44

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Official sport

On July 30, Cuomo designated baseball as the official sport of the state of New York. This law was proposed by the fourth-grade class at the elementary school in Cooperstown, home of the Baseball Hall of Fame. The state sport joins the state beverage, fruit, reptile and snack. (Can you name them?*)

Passed by Senate, 61-2

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 147-2

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Text spam

On June 2, Cuomo added “electronic messaging text” to the legal definition of telemarketing, effectively banning spam sent to cell phones owned by people who have opted out.

Passed by Senate, 63-0

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 149-0

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

*Milk, apple, snapping turtle, yogurt

Hot meals

On Monday (Oct. 4), Hochul signed legislation establishing a program that allows the homeless, elderly and disabled who are receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to buy prepared food at participating restaurants and delis. If the plan is approved by the federal government, supporters say it will allow people who lack basic cooking facilities to receive hot meals.

Passed by Senate, 56-7

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 112-35

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

First responders

On Sept. 11, Hochul added dispatchers to the legal definition of “first responder.”

Passed by Senate, 63-0

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 149-0

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Legal needles

On Thursday (Oct. 7), Hochul signed legislation that decriminalized the possession and sale of hypodermic needles and syringes to allow for “harm reduction approaches” for people suffering from addiction and reduce HIV and hepatitis transmission.

Passed by Senate, 42-21

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 98-51

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NEWS BRIEFS

Walking the Bridge at Night

Newburgh-Beacon Bridge could open after dusk

The New York State Bridge Authority will consider this month whether to allow pedestrians and bicyclists late-night access to the walkway on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

Maureen Coleman, the authority's executive director, told its board that she intends to introduce at its Oct. 21 meeting a resolution to eliminate language limiting the walkway's use to between dawn and dusk. Board approval of the resolution would launch a public process to amend the regulation.

Local officials and transportation groups have lobbied NYSBA to allow 24/7 access as a benefit to workers without vehicles who need to cross the river after dusk, as well as recreational walkers and bikers, said Coleman.

Big Bucks Coming from Opioid Settlement

Settlement money must be used for treatment and prevention

Dutchess County will receive between \$3.7 million and \$6.4 million, and Putnam County between \$1 million and \$1.7 million, from New York State's settlement with opioid manufacturers and distributors, Attorney General Letitia James said



SEASTREAK ARRIVES — The first fall foliage cruise docked at Cold Spring on Saturday (Oct. 2). The cruises, which board passengers at Highlands, New Jersey, and at the foot of Wall Street in New York City, will dock each Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 14.

Photo by Michael Turton

on Monday (Oct. 4).

New York is one of the states and municipalities that sued drug companies and distributors, blaming them for flooding the U.S. with prescription painkillers and fueling a rise in overdoses and deaths.

The attorney general's office filed its lawsuit in 2019 against Purdue Pharma, Johnson & Johnson and other drug companies, as well as distributors such as McKesson and Amerisource Bergen.

The state will receive \$1.5 billion to distribute to counties for treatment, recovery and prevention programs. A state law

enacted in June by then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo prevents the Legislature from diverting the funds for other uses.

Afghan Refugees Headed to New York

Feds say up to 1,143 could be resettled in state

Federal authorities said last month that as many as 1,143 Afghan refugees may be resettled in communities throughout New York state by March 31, although none

are destined for the Hudson Valley.

The U.S. Department of State said it expects to relocate up to 100 refugees in Albany, 335 in Buffalo, 240 in the New York City metropolitan area, 200 in Rochester, 248 in Syracuse and 20 in Utica. About 7,500 Afghan immigrants already reside in New York state.

Who Should Succeed Dutchess Sheriff?

Governor to appoint successor

Even before the funeral of Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian "Butch" Anderson took place on Wednesday (Oct. 6), politicians began lobbying the governor over his successor.

Anderson, 73, a Republican who was in his sixth, 4-year term, died Sept. 29. He had been an officer with the department for more than 50 years.

Under state law, Gov. Kathy Hochul will name Anderson's replacement, who then must be approved by the state Senate. In a letter to the governor on Monday, County Executive Marc Molinaro urged her to appoint Under-sheriff Kirk Imperati, the acting sheriff and Anderson's deputy for 14 years.

On Tuesday, the 10 Democrats in the county Legislature (including Nick Page and Frits Zernike, whose districts include parts of Beacon) also wrote Hochul, asking her to hold off on an appointment during "this period of remembrance and mourning."



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Donald Munro Graham (1935-2021)

Cold Spring — Donald Munro Graham, 85, an area resident since 1969 died suddenly on Friday, October 1st. Born in Wishaw, Scotland, on December 16th, 1935, Donald was the youngest of five children of Robert Cleland Graham and Marion (Munro) Graham.

Donald moved to the United States in 1960 with his wife Margaret (Greta) Graham, living in Dobbs Ferry, NY, before settling in Cold Spring, NY. Donald and Greta married on July 15th, 1960, in Scotland and they recently celebrated 61 years of marriage. They met at a dance hall, and continued their love of dance for many years. They were always the first couple up on the dance floor at events.

Donald trained to become a carpenter before coming to the United States. He was always working on projects and, along with help from his friends and family, he fully restored their retirement home in Nelsonville, which Donald and Greta fondly named “The Wee Hoose.” Donald was always available with a smile and a helping hand for a friend or neighbor. After a long career he retired from his carpentry position at Metro-North Railroad.

Donald loved traveling with his family and visiting new places. He and Greta especially enjoyed going to New York City to see a show and always stopped at the Oyster Bar in Grand Central for a Manhattan before heading home. Among his other pastimes he loved to read all sorts of books. Donald had a great sense of humor and was famous for his April Fool’s jokes that he would play on his two daughters growing up. Donald cherished his time with, and was very proud of, his three grandchildren. He loved taking them on walks, reading to them, playing with them and teaching them how to drive as they got older.

Donald is survived by his wife, Greta, daughter and son-in-law Diane and Jim Rosasco, daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and James Rockett and his three grandchildren: William Rockett, Isabel Rosasco and Thomas Rockett, as well as several nieces and nephews.

There will be no calling hours. A graveside service to celebrate Donald’s life will be held with family.

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Beacon Budget Back to Normal

Spending plan would include minimal tax decrease

By Jeff Simms

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou on Monday (Oct. 4) revealed the city’s 2022 budget proposal, a return in some ways to normalcy after a COVID-driven aberration.

While the 2021 budget drew more than \$2 million from savings to make up for sales tax and other revenues lost to the pandemic shut-down, the proposed spending for next year uses a more typical \$550,000 from reserves.

The city’s general fund spending is proposed at \$23.4 million, a \$1 million increase over 2021. The water and sewer funds, which are calculated separately, are proposed at \$4 million and \$5.2 million, respectively. Water spending will increase about \$114,000 and sewer by \$500,000.

Water bill rates would rise 2.5 percent to help cover capital investments.

Residential properties will see a slight (0.66 percent) decrease in their city tax bills, the result of increased assessments balanced by a nearly 10 percent tax rate decrease. With roughly even assessments, commercial and apartment properties will pay at a 3.3 percent higher tax rate, the first increase since 2015. The net impact will be about a 3 percent tax bill increase.

Overall the city will increase its tax levy from \$11.8 million to the state cap, which for Beacon is \$12.3 million. It will gain about \$380,000 in tax revenue due to new construction.

Major spending initiatives include, for the first time, \$200,000 for emergency medical services and what is expected to be a one-time \$323,000 payment to bring the city up-to-date with its retirement contributions for its municipal employees.

The Police Department would represent the city’s largest expenditure at \$5.9 million, which is roughly equivalent with 2021 spending. A captain’s position, unfilled since mid-2020, would be eliminated, while Kyriacou has proposed adding a second civilian dispatch officer, which would have to be negotiated with the officers’ union. If added, the move would save about \$80,000 and free up an officer for patrol duty.

The budget also proposes to retain the case manager position that was added this year through a partnership with Mental Health America of Dutchess County. The manager has been a “great success” for the Police Department, City Administrator

Chris White said on Monday.

Parks and recreation spending would increase \$94,000, or 11 percent, which would likely fund facility and building repairs at the University Settlement Camp, White said.

The City Council will spend the next several weeks meeting with department heads to review their budgets in detail. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 15. The budget must be adopted by the end of the year.

Good cause eviction

City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis told the council on Monday that he has asked the state Attorney General’s Office for guidance on whether Beacon can adopt a “good cause eviction” law that would protect tenants from inordinate rent increases and some evictions.

A week earlier, Ward-Willis spoke to the council in a private session about the law. This week he wrote in a memo that he believes the city could face legal challenges if it adopts good-cause legislation, which, after failing to gain traction at the state level, has been enacted recently in Albany and Hudson.

“The state Legislature ‘has adopted a statewide regulatory scheme which courts have interpreted to prevent a municipality from enacting its own landlord/tenant statute.’

~ Beacon City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis

The state Legislature “has adopted a statewide regulatory scheme which courts have interpreted to prevent a municipality from enacting its own landlord/tenant statute,” Ward-Willis wrote. “If this were permitted, then each municipality could have its own unique regulatory scheme, some that might protect tenants and others that might grant more rights to landlords.”

Tom DePietro, the president of Hudson’s Common Council, said in an interview this week that the city was aware of the potential for legal challenges before its Sept. 21 vote on a good-cause measure. It passed 8-1.

“If you’re in city government long enough, you realize you’re constantly being told by attorneys about the possibilities of a lawsuit,” he said. “Even with that caution, we were very concerned with protecting tenants in our city.”

The City Council is expected to discuss the proposal again during its Tuesday (Oct. 12) workshop.

Where the Cap Money Went

Beacon’s 2021 budget included a 1.7 percent residential tax increase, which amounted to about \$35 on a \$300,000 home. The increase was added after residents called on the City Council to “go to cap,” or figure in the maximum tax increase, to create about \$186,000 in revenue to fund community programs.

Here’s where those budget additions stand:

■ Grants to supplement food distribution programs already supported by Dutchess County (\$25,000).

The money was spent providing groceries for the city’s weekly food distribution programs at Rombout Middle School and the Recreation Department office, as well as in support of Fareground’s community food programs.

■ A survey to determine the community’s recreation needs and views on a community center (\$50,000).

The city expects to name a consultant to conduct the study before the end of the year.

■ A study of a possible municipal broadband program (\$30,000). Hasn’t happened yet.

■ Weekend trash and recycling pickup at municipal parks (\$14,000). City monitored, but weekend pickup wasn’t needed.

■ Bathroom maintenance at the parks (\$25,000). Implemented and also included in 2022 budget.

■ Creation of a voucher program that seniors and other residents without transportation can use for free taxi rides (\$10,000).

Pending; the money is being transferred to a pilot municipal compost initiative.

■ A test of a program to increase resident participation in the budget process (\$5,000). Hasn’t happened yet.

NEWS BRIEF

Dutchess, Putnam Added to Disaster Relief List

Officials can apply for aid to repair Ida damage

The federal government has added Dutchess and Putnam to the list of New York counties in which local governments can apply for money to rebuild infra-

structure and facilities damaged by the remnants of Hurricane Ida last month.

The funding can be used for emergency work, debris removal and the repair and replacement of disaster-damaged roads, bridges and public facilities, said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district in the U.S. House includes the Highlands. He and Rep. Antonio Delgado wrote President Joe Biden last month to request the designation for

Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan and Ulster.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said there was more than \$2.5 million worth of damage to public facilities in his county. He said the county would continue to press the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to add Dutchess to a program that would allow individuals to apply for aid.

Beacon Considers Private Ambulance

Volunteers fear it could mean end to corps

By Jeff Simms

Beacon's \$23.4 million general fund budget proposal for 2022 includes, for the first time, \$200,000 for 24/7 ambulance coverage.

Over the next month, the City Council will discuss how much, if any, of that money will go to the nonprofit Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC), which has served the city for 63 years.

City Administrator Chris White says a breakdown in the mutual aid system led the city to consider awarding a contract to a private firm. Beacon officials have had discussions with Mobile Life Support Services (MLSS), the Empire State Ambulance Corp. (EMStar) and Ambulanz — the three companies that provide emergency medical service in many Highlands communities.

BVAC is the only volunteer ambulance service operating in the county. Its seven paid employees and 35 volunteers respond to about 235 calls per month.

In Putnam, EMStar provides the county's service, while the Town of Philipstown relies on two volunteer agencies, the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps and the Garrison Volunteer Corps. A major differ-

ence, however, between Beacon's use of a volunteer company and the Philipstown arrangement is that the PVAC and GVAC are subsidized by the town — to the tune in 2021 of more than \$600,000 combined.

If Beacon goes private, BVAC members say the corps may not survive.

In July, the Town of Wappinger, which has a contract with MLSS, said its ambulances would no longer respond to lower-tier emergency calls in the area covered by

Wappinger Supervisor Richard Thurston wrote in a letter to BVAC in July.

BVAC had a paramedic on board during each call from 2009 to 2016 but now provides only basic life support. The corps estimates that up to 25 percent of the calls in its coverage zone require an ALS response.

"If the city had helped us subsidize that program, maybe it would still be around," said Antony Tseng, BVAC's assistant chief.

But this summer, "like a domino, once the

“Mutual aid isn't supposed to be the default. It's supposed to be the exception.

~ City Administrator Chris White

BVAC, which includes Beacon and the Glenham, Dutchess Junction and Chelsea fire districts. By the end of the year, the town's ambulances will be unavailable for routine and supplemental priority calls, as well.

In 2020, Wappinger's ambulances, which provide advanced life support (ALS) service with a paramedic on board, were dispatched into Beacon's coverage areas more than 75 times. Halfway through this year, that number had already doubled.

The "rapid escalation of requests for taxpayer-funded resources" has become a "significant concern" to the town,

town sent that letter, that put pressure on the other parts of the mutual aid system," White said this week. "Mutual aid isn't supposed to be the default. It's supposed to be the exception."

Soon after, Philipstown, East Fishkill, LaGrange and the Town of Beekman made announcements similar to Wappinger's.

A major challenge facing BVAC is a lack of personnel. "EMS is not a well-paid job," said President Andy DiLuvio. "For a long time, it was close to minimum wage, although we've managed to bring that up considerably."

The last year has also seen the cancel-

lation of training courses and an exodus throughout the health care industry. "COVID is scaring people," he explained. "Nobody is able to get new people."

A state survey of 900 EMS agencies backs him up: It found more than half of the EMS companies that utilize volunteers were "moderately or severely impaired" by shortages.

Even so, BVAC responders said they're on the scene within minutes in 95 percent of the "first" calls in the city. However, when second, third and fourth calls come in, they can't be everywhere at once.

"It's not because we're goofing off," Tseng said. "There are multiple events and our resources don't match up. When it rains, it pours."

DiLuvio said that the Beacon corps has asked the city to help pay for a second ambulance that would cost about \$305,000 annually.

On Monday, several volunteers and residents urged the City Council to work with BVAC.

One of them, Ellen Pearson, said the company has been "invaluable," dating as far back as 1966, when her parents were hit by a drunk driver. BVAC volunteers not only transported her parents to Highland Hospital but checked in for months afterward and donated blood.

"They had a personal investment in community," which "builds a stronger, cohesive" city, she said.

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Out There

Southern Comfort

By Brian PJ Cronin

I had come back from an early morning hike in the Highlands. The temperature was in the high 70s, the air was ripe with humidity, the leaves were green, I was covered in sweat and mosquito bites and it was not yet 10 a.m. The calendar said October. I have not known the calendar to lie, but I did stare it in the eye for a good long while.

Years ago, I started spending a good deal of time down south, for family reasons. To familiarize myself, I did what I always do: Read the local papers. (If it's not in a newspaper, is it worth knowing?) The types of articles they ran in the fall were the same ones you see in the Hudson Valley in the spring, i.e., you have survived another season of brutal, deadly weather that kept you trapped inside. Open the windows and get outdoors.

If you've never experienced summer in the Low Country of coastal South Carolina



and Georgia, imagine being repeatedly beaten with a wet shag carpet and blasted with a hair dryer the size of a Ford F150. The bugs are big enough for saddles and you can set your watch to the biblical thunderstorms that roll in at 4 p.m. Like winter in the Hudson Valley, it is not without its charms. Also like winter in the Hudson Valley, you are always ready for it to end.

But it was still hard for me to accept fall as a season of renewal. Fall here is when the fields are emptied and the darkness comes and we enjoy the blaze of leaves turning. We say goodbye to the wild abandon of summer to crack a book. Fall is the training wheels for winter.

Not this year. We are coming off one of the wettest and most humid summers ever in the Hudson Valley, a summer that will live long in mosquito legends. My wooden garden table has mushrooms. The air is clammy and moist even when the temperature is in the low 60s, leaving you cold *and* sweaty. As I sit outside writing this, the forecast calls for no rain, the weather radar displays no rain, yet it is raining. The warm nights and wet days continue, delaying and dulling the fall foliage. The leaf cover was also decimated throughout the summer by various surging leaf diseases and a banner season for the gypsy moth. As a result, the remaining leaves stubbornly stay green to photosynthesize enough to keep their hosts alive.

I would like to think 2021 is an outlier,



Some of the colors of the New Fall

Photo by B. Cronin

but it's more likely that this is the beginning of our New October. Three years ago, we did a series in *The Current* on the local effects of the climate crisis and learned from scientists that the years to come would be hotter

and wetter. In 30 years the climate here will likely be what North Carolina has today.

For someone like me, who has spent the majority of his life in New York and North Jersey, the loss of the familiar temporal sights, sounds and smells of early autumn is disorienting. As the kids would say, the vibes are off. There's another word for that, *solastalgia*, which describes a feeling of homesickness even though you're at home.

The Current also more recently reported on the need for infrastructure that will mitigate the effects of climate change: higher train tracks to withstand sea level rise, more trees to reduce air temperatures, landscapes that soften the blow of storm surges. We also need to start talking about strengthening our mental resiliency, especially since that can't be held up by Congress.

I can't claim to know exactly what this framework will look like, but I'm going to start by changing my approach to fall. It's no longer a buttoning up and putting to bed, but a season of reckless outdoor freedom. It's a season that encompasses both apple picking and long hikes in the early warm darkness, pumpkin spice and suntan lotion, less flannels and more board shorts. Someday I will reminisce to my grandkids about the pleasures of Old Fall, unless some quick changes are made and crisper Octobers return sometime mid-century. In the meantime, we must learn to love the fall we have, not the fall we want.

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Application materials are available to view on the Village website: <https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/public-hearings>. Hard copies of the application materials are available for review in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Please call the Village Clerk at 845-265-3611 to make an appointment to review the materials in person.

Written comment on the application can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the Village Clerk, vcscclerk@coldspringny.gov. Written comment must be received by Tuesday, October 12th to be included in the record.

The video conference can be accessed as follows:

Meeting link: <https://zoom.us/j/99615097769?pwd=MLFkVmhHNHloRGhORUJESS9UUjJ4QT09>

Join by phone: +1 646-876-9923

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SPORTS

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SOCCER ACTION — The Philipstown Fusion Boys U11 soccer team (in blue) played a tough game at LaGrange on Sunday (Oct. 3), ending with a 3-3 tie. *Photo by Pamela Cook*



VOLLEYBALL UPDATE — Grace Tomann, a 2020 Haldane High School graduate, is a sophomore libero and defensive specialist for the University of New Hampshire. She made her collegiate debut in February with 16 digs against the New Jersey Institute of Technology and had two kills against Holy Cross in a match last month. *UNH Athletics*



WRESTLING HONOR — Eric Romanino, the former Beacon High School athletic director (and recent interim director at Haldane), was inducted last month into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Romanino is a 1974 graduate of Carmel High School who wrestled for the University of Tampa. He also coached the Beacon High School varsity for 13 years. He is shown with his wife, Maryanne. *Photo provided*

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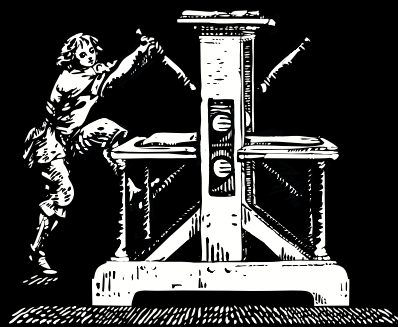
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OR email crockett@philipstown.com or nzuckerman@philipstown.com to request login information before 7 pm on October 21st, 2021.

If you are unable to join in person, the meeting will be viewable on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Planning Board October.

SPORTS

Follow us at twitter.com/hcurrentsportsVarsity Roundup *(from Page 28)*

and Isaac Hansen ran for 67 yards and a TD on 13 carries. On defense, Sam Lunsford had an interception and Dan Urbanak had a fumble recovery.

The Bulldogs host Wallkill (3-2) today (Oct. 8) at 7 p.m.

Haldane picked up a 20-13 home victory over Hastings on Oct. 2 to improve to 3-1.

Evan Giachinta (75 yards on 16 carries) scored on a four-yard run for a 6-0 lead, and Julian Forcello caught a 79-yard pass from Ryan Van Tassel in the second quarter for a 12-7 lead.

Trailing 13-12 in the fourth, Van Tassel (12-of-23 for 183 yards and two TDs) and Giachinta connected on a 17-yard TD pass to take the lead. On defense, Giancarlo Carone and Tommy Tucker each had an interception.

"That was a huge win," Coach Ryan McConville said. "We got a big stop on a fourth down, forced a turnover and marched 53 yards for the winning score."

The Blue Devils will host Croton-Harmon at 7 p.m. today (Oct. 8) for homecoming.

CROSS-COUNTRY

At the Section I, Conference 3 championships at Woodlands High School on Sept. 30, the combined Haldane girls' and boys'



The combined boys' and girls' Haldane cross-country team

Photo by Ryan Courtien

team won the Best Overall trophy with a strong second-place by the girls and a fourth from the boys.

All five Haldane girls — Eloise Pearsall, Celia Drury, Keira Shanahan, Helen Nicholls and Andreia Vasconcelos — had a Top 25 finish and won medals.

John Kisslinger and Conrad White also won medals for the boys and Luke Parrella won a third-place trophy.

Each team was allowed to award two standout-performer trophies and Haldane gave the honors to Shanahan and Jackson Twoguns.

VOLLEYBALL

Haldane dropped a 3-2 decision to visiting Pawling on Wednesday (Oct. 6). Mikayla Santos led the Blue Devils in kills with 14, Jill Weinphal had 24 assists and Megan Farrell had 29 digs. Weinphal also had eight aces, and Santos added five.

"Despite our setter [Meghan Tomann] sitting out with an injury, the girls fought a tough game," Coach Kristina Roling said. "Our focus this week is to get everyone healthy."

The team is set to host Putnam Valley today (Oct. 8) for homecoming.

LIVESTREAMS

Select Haldane games are broadcast online at bit.ly/haldane-stream and select Beacon games at nfhsnetwork.com or through links at beaconk12.org/athletics.



GIRLS' SWIMMING

The Beacon High School girls' swim team has struggled this season, with just one win on Sept. 23 against Marlboro, 85-80. In the squad's most recent meet, it fell at Kingston, 106-62.

Top individual performers included sophomore Meara Kumar, who was second in the 100-meter butterfly in 1:11.64; freshman Saniyah Wiltshire, who won the 100 backstroke in 1:13.25; and sophomore Isabella Haydt, who was first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:22.18.

Next week, the Bulldogs will host Warwick and travel to Middletown.

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

GIRLS' SOCCER

The Haldane High School girls' soccer team started to find its mojo last week before hitting a wall called North Salem.

The Blue Devils edged Croton, 1-0, on Sept. 30 before shutting out Putnam Valley, 4-0, on Oct. 2 and Pawling, 2-0, on Monday, (Oct. 4). But on Tuesday (Oct. 5), at North Salem, they fell 6-0 and the next day, at home in a rematch, 5-1.

On Wednesday, Bianca Harmancin scored Haldane's lone goal against North Salem, assisted by Ella Ashburn. Keeper Ruby Poses had 11 saves.

"I thought we played a great second half," said Coach Mike Lentini, noting that North Salem scored only once after halftime. "We've overcome a lot of obstacles this season, and we're playing well at the right time, before the sectional tournament. Our seniors — Bianca, Madison Chiera, Mazzie Maxwell and Katie Shields — have been stepping up."

In Saturday's win at Putnam Valley, Chiera scored a pair of goals and Ashburn and Sara Ferreira each had one. Poses had six saves.

The Blue Devils (5-6-1) are scheduled to host Arlington today (Oct. 8) for homecoming before visiting Croton-Harmon on Tuesday.

Beacon played a stingy Port Jervis team to a 2-2 tie on Tuesday. The Bulldogs trailed 1-0 at the half but in the 66th minute Devyn Kelly dribbled through three defenders and set up Chelsea DerBoghossian to tie it.

Five minutes later Sara Gonzalez put in a free kick from 30 yards out to give Beacon a 2-1 lead. Port Jervis tied the game with six minutes left in regulation, but neither team could score in the overtime period. Hope Cleveringa and Kelly combined for five saves in goal.

"I was happy with the girls' effort," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "But we didn't finish our chances, and that's something that you can't allow come October."

Beacon (5-3-2) will travel to Monticello today and Cornwall on Monday.

BOYS' SOCCER

Beacon's boys' soccer team took care of business early on Wednesday (Oct. 6) against visiting Port Jervis, scoring four goals in less than 10 minutes on the way to an 8-0 win.

The victory was Coach Craig Seaman's 200th career win. The Bulldogs, who this week are ranked No. 9 in Class A by the New



Haldane's Sara Ferreira (8) fights for possession on Wednesday against North Salem.



Yahya Ouldane (19) scored in Beacon's win over Port Jervis.

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York State Sportswriters Association, had to settle for 3-3 overtime tie last week at Goshen.

On Wednesday, Dillon Kelly had two goals and Miguel Ruiz, Andre Alzate, Liam Murphy, Kirk Dyer, Alex Wyant and Yahya Ouldane each had one. The defense did not allow a shot on goal.

Things didn't go as easily at Goshen, with goals from Kelly, Dyer and Chase Green. A.J. Lucas had six saves in net.

"Goshen was fired up," Seaman said. "They're a deep team. We were a little unlucky. We had a goal in overtime called back [for offsides]. That was a tough call,

but it's all about how we respond."

He noted that, starting Monday (Oct. 11), the Bulldogs will play seven games in 11 days. "That will be a busy finish," he said. "The next two weeks will tell us a lot."

Beacon (7-1-1) is scheduled next week to travel to Byram Hills and Washingtonville before hosting Minisink Valley.

Haldane defeated Tuckahoe, 1-0, on Oct. 2 on the road behind a goal by Ryan Eng-Wong. Ronan Kiter had two saves for the Blue Devils (4-7-1).

Haldane also won against Putnam Valley, 4-0, on Monday, with two goals from Eng-Wong and scores by Max Westphal and Matt Nachamkin. Kiter and Scott Bailey each had three saves at goal.

The Blue Devils were scheduled to host Croton-Harmon on Thursday (Oct. 7) and will play North Salem on Saturday at 2 p.m. for homecoming before traveling to Pawling on Wednesday (Oct. 13).

FOOTBALL

Beacon handed host Goshen a 28-21 defeat on Oct. 1 to improve to 3-0 in what coach Jim Phelan called "an ugly win."

"We made too many mistakes, but were able to persevere," he said. "There's always some extra motivation when you play a team on their homecoming."

Quarterback Jason Komisar ran nine times for 107 yards and scored two touchdowns, while Ahmir Bell had a rushing TD

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