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Electricity, Gas Rates Spike

Utilities forecast an expensive winter

By Leonard Sparks

Beacon and Philipstown residents will pay 57 percent more for electricity this month and both Central Hudson and the agency that oversees New York's grid warned that prices will likely remain high into the winter.

As of Tuesday (Sept. 13), local homeowners and renters are paying 13.06 cents per kilowatt-hour, up from 8.32 cents in August, and gas prices that took effect Sept. 1 rose by 12 percent, to 97.8 cents per hundred-cubic-feet.

Compared to September 2021, the rates are 65 percent higher for electricity and 154 percent higher for gas.

The pandemic shutdown in 2020 led to a 4 percent reduction in electricity use and record-low prices. But the average whole-

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Central Hudson Rates

	Electric*		
	2020	2021	2022
JAN.	5.9	5.8	10.5
MAY	4.4	4.4	6.1
SEPT.	5.1	7.9	13.0
DEC.	4.3	7.7	-

	Gas**		
	2020	2021	2022
JAN.	42.6	36.2	55.7
MAY	31.0	41.7	64.2
SEPT.	20.7	38.5	97.8
DEC.	35.1	58.2	-

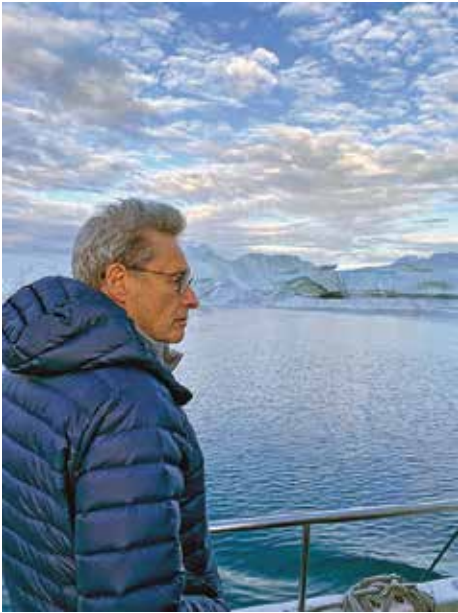
*Price = cents per kilowatt hour
** Price = cents per hundred cubic feet

Eight Days in Greenland

The effects of global warming, up close

By David Gelber

Editor's note: David Gelber, a Garrison resident and former *60 Minutes* producer who now makes documentaries about climate change, arrived home on Sept. 7 after spending eight days in Greenland. While he was there, a spike in temperatures caused the first significant September melting event in recorded history, creating rushing rivers of runoff with enough water to flood Manhattan to the top of the Empire State Building. His report on the rapidly disappearing ice sheet will air on CBS News in November. In the meantime, he kept a journal for *The Current*.



Gelber in Greenland earlier this month
Photo by Conny Fridh

WEDNESDAY: Landed in Nuuk, the capital (population 18,000), where the airport terminal was nearly deserted. I shared a cab with the cameraman (from Sweden), sound technician (from Greece) and a Danish nurse; she'd been coming here several times a year for two months at a time for more than 30 years to care for Inuit people in remote villages. I asked if any young Greenlanders travel to Denmark to study medicine. "Yes," she said, "but they don't come back to Greenland."

THURSDAY: There's a building boom in Nuuk, with construction cranes swiveling to and fro. Royal Arctic cargo ships in the harbor are packed with more cranes. I'm told the construction is mainly for Greenlanders who are leaving their villages because life is hard and the ice is soft, making it too dangerous to hunt with dog sleds. At the same time, farming has

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Part 1 TRAILS (TOO) WELL TRAVELED

*The outdoors is getting crowded.
Do we need to ration recreation?*

By Brian PJ Cronin

People have been drawn to Breakneck Ridge for as long as there have been people in the Hudson Highlands. The Native Americans referred to it as Matumpseck, which loosely translates as "bad rocks to climb." People have been breaking their necks for quite some time. To European settlers, and later the first Americans, Breakneck and Storm King Mountain were hailed as the "Wind Gate," the northern entrance to the High-

lands. When New York City's population swelled in the 19th century, its denizens looked for outdoor havens accessible by train. They explored Breakneck as part of organized hiking clubs, and in the 1920s and '30s were spurred by "The Long Brown Path," a daily column by Raymond Torrey in *The New York Evening Post*. Visitors (and locals) were lured by the climb and the view.

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A new trail and better signage at Breakneck has helped those who arrive unprepared get down the ridge.

Photo by B. Cronin

Clerk Seeks Rights for Partners

Dutchess proposal has faced resistance in past

By Leonard Sparks

The Dutchess clerk would like to see the county allow residents and its employees to register as domestic partners if they have been living together for at least a year.

County Clerk Brad Kendall proposed legislation that was introduced in the Legislature on Monday (Sept. 12) that would give unmarried partners, including same-sex couples, the same rights as

spouses if they can show they are in a "close and continuous" relationship. The law would also cover Dutchess County employees, regardless of where they live, and mirror registries in nearby counties such as Putnam, which approved a domestic partner registry in 2008. Kendall, a Republican who has been county clerk since 2006, issued a statement on Sept. 9 calling attention to the legislation, which he had proposed to County Executive Marc Molinaro and Legislative Chair Gregg Pulver in May, sending along a draft of a Dutchess law based on one

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: DENNIS LAHEY SR.

By Jeff Simms

Dennis Lahey Sr., 89, has volunteered with the Beacon Fire Department for more than 62 years.

Why did you join the department?

My uncle was a member of the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. Then a guy I worked with kept asking me to join. So I finally volunteered in April 1960. In 1961, I became a second lieutenant and, in 1962, I became a first lieutenant. The following year I became captain, and I served for eight years. From January 1970 to April '71, I was the chief. Every two years they switched chiefs from the three stations. I was the first to become chief without being assistant chief. After I was chief, I became second assistant chief for two years, then first assistant chief for two years, then chief again for two years. I'm the only Fire Department member to have held every office.

Why have you continued to stay involved?

The Lahey family has always been involved in firefighting, going back to my grandfather and father in Wappingers Falls and my Uncle Joe here in Beacon. My son is the assistant chief, and he's been chief offi-



cer for the last 30 years. My granddaughter became a volunteer at age 16 and served as a second and first lieutenant. After seven years, she became an EMS [emergency medical services] worker and, after that, she became a career firefighter — the only female in Beacon to become a career firefighter. I

joined to protect the life and property of the people I serve. That was always my goal. I'm 89 years old, but I still go to calls. If there's something I can do without injuring myself, I will help out. I go just in case anybody needs any advice. It's in my blood.

Beacon will soon have a new chief. What advice would you offer?

With all the new buildings, there's a lot of potential out there for a bad fire. Right now, the volunteer system is pretty shot in Beacon, and in the next three years it's going to be completely career firefighters. We're only running four career staff on a shift. That's a dangerous situation if they come up on something serious. I recommended that they have at least six firefighters and an officer on every shift. The new chief is going to have to treat the career staff right, because those are the people who are putting their lives on the line every day. It's not an easy job.

Will you be excited to see the new firehouse open?

When I was the chief back in 1975, I told the city that Tompkins Hose was deteriorating, and we should build a new station. We had a committee from 1975 to 1980 looking into the possibility, and in 1980 we got [the current] Tompkins Hose station. [The renovation project] will take a lot of history away from the Tompkins Hose Co., but you have to realize, the time for a central station is here. The city tried to get property to build one but they came to the conclusion that it was better to renovate Tompkins. A lot of the members feel disappointed, but you have to move with the times.

Why do you think there are fewer volunteers now?

People don't have the time. There are a lot of requirements now, even to be a volunteer, and a lot of people don't want to do that. My family — I had six generations in fire service, you know, but things are deteriorating, where the sons and grandsons aren't following.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

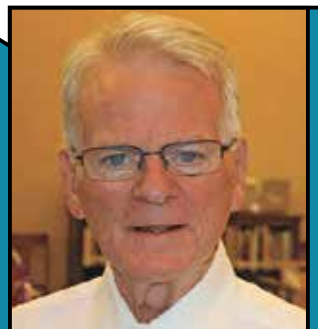
How do you rate diners as a place to eat?

I love diners. My favorite is in Millbrook, small and so quaint.



Emilia Sweeney, Beacon

I live in diners. I've been going to the Yankee Clipper for 52 years.



Tom Craven, Beacon

They serve a purpose, provide major comfort. Certain moments call for a diner.



Channah Grey, Cold Spring

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Notes from Cold Spring Village Board

The rain helped, but water restrictions still a must

By Michael Turton

More than 3 inches of rain has fallen on Cold Spring in recent days, raising the village reservoirs to nearly 70 percent capacity after a drought in July and August reduced them to about half their limit.

But, at the Wednesday (Sept. 14) meeting of the Village Board, Mayor Kathleen Foley said residents and businesses should continue to conserve.

"New York State has our region under a drought watch through October," she said. "The village emergency order will remain in effect for [at least] two more weeks."

Village officials are concerned about having to request an emergency connection to the Catskill Aqueduct, which would be costly.

Unrelated to the drought, the village is closing in on an agreement with New York City for a long-term connection to the aqueduct so it can repair the reservoir dams, a project that has been in the works for years.

The mayor pointed out that although Cold Spring provides water to Nelsonville and a few Philipstown homes, there has never been a formal agreement. That agreement is being drafted in conjunction with the aqueduct connection.

In other business...

■ Larry Burke, officer-in-charge of the

Cold Spring Police Department, said officers had seen an increase in calls related to anxiety and mental health and has worked with the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub on where to direct people for help. He said he also wants to increase officer training. Burke said part of the problem is that most services are located in eastern Putnam. "People don't want to leave their comfort zone, and I don't blame them," he said.

■ CSPD responded to 60 calls for service in August. Officers issued 121 parking and 16 traffic tickets. There were no arrests. The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 16 calls, including four runs to aid other departments.

■ The Village Board and Planning Board will hold a joint meeting on Sept. 28 to discuss strategies to provide input to the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. Trustee Laura Bozzi has been meeting with Fjord Trail officials about plans to manage traffic and parking.

■ The board approved wording for a sign at the Cold Spring Boat Club as required by its lease with the village. The sign will indicate the launch is available to residents at no charge and include information about membership.

■ New signs at Mayor's Park will identify it as being open to the community, rather than for "residents only." Foley said she favored doing away with the permits required to bring dogs into the park but advocated requiring leashes.

■ The board approved a law to allow its meetings to be livestreamed.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dutchess Gives History Grants

Beacon society receives \$5K

Dutchess County announced on Wednesday (Sept. 14) that it had distributed \$205,000 in funding to 16 historical societies and museums for capital projects.

The Beacon Historical Society received \$5,000 for technology upgrades to create a digital archive; the Dutchess County Historical Society was awarded \$30,000 to purchase archival supplies, hardware and software; and the Fishkill Historical Society received \$10,000 to make structural repairs to its Van Wyck Homestead Museum on Route 9.

General Electric Will Study Lower Hudson

Reaches agreement with EPA

Although General Electric has stopped its dredging operations to remove pollution it put into the Hudson River, it has agreed to do more research in the lower portion of the river to determine how to address pollutants it dumped into the water for 30 years, the federal government announced on Tuesday (Sept. 13).

Under the terms of a legal agreement with the Environmental Protection Agency, GE will develop a plan to sample the water, sedi-

ment and fish between the Troy Dam and the mouth of New York Harbor for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other contaminants, with oversight by the EPA at GE's expense. The work will start early next year.

Environmental groups were not happy when, in 2019, the federal government said GE had done enough to clean up the PCBs it dumped into the river. Under a 2006 order, the company spent \$1.7 billion dredging north of Albany in what the EPA said was the most polluted 40-mile stretch.

Philipstown Hires Climate Smart Coordinator

Martha Upton is Garrison resident and environmental advocate

The Philipstown Town Board voted on Sept. 8 to hire Martha Upton as its new Climate Smart coordinator.

Upton, who succeeds Krystal Ford, is a Garrison resident and retired educator who has helped organize electric-vehicle shows, pollinator gardens and recycling events as a member of the Climate Smart Task Force. She also volunteers with the Sierra Club.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation certified Philipstown as a Climate Smart Community in March 2021. The town has pledged to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions and promote the use of renewable energy.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Busy trails

I agree that memberships to access Breakneck and other busy locations could be introduced, maybe with a discount for residents of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties ("Trails [Too] Well Traveled," Sept. 2).

Recently, on a solo Breakneck hike, I had to "rescue" a very intoxicated group of young hikers from Staten Island who couldn't find their way back to Route 9D. Also, there's been an uptick in obnoxious Bluetooth speakers blasting music, which is a great way to chase off any wildlife you might want to see.

It's sad that we can't just chill and respect precious natural space.

Chelsea Pegues, *via Instagram*

If we can remember to carry in, carry out and obey leash laws (i.e., keep dogs leashed on trails and pick up their waste, even in the woods), it would go a long way to lessen impact while we all enjoy these natural spaces.

Emily Boone, *via Instagram*

Sustainable clothing

Recycled and repurposed items are truly the original sustainable shopping experience, and Cold Spring has a rich history of these "green" offerings.

In addition to the outlets mentioned in "Clothing That Lasts" (Aug. 26), Cold Spring is a veritable treasure trove for vintage, antique and collectible shopping, and has been for years. Other purveyors of low-impact, high-value items on Main Street include Poor George, the Cold Spring

Corrections

A story in the Sept. 9 issue reported that the City of Beacon had hired former building inspector Tim Dexter as a consultant for its plan to rehab the Tompkins Hose Co. firehouse. In fact, the city hired the Poughkeepsie-based Palombo Group to manage construction.

A story in the Sept. 9 issue on a resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature opposing state regulation of certain streams said that many residents and groups such as Sustainable Putnam had written legislators asking them to oppose the bill. In fact, they asked legislators to vote against the resolution.

Due to an editing error, a name was misspelled in a letter that appeared in the Sept. 2 issue. Wiley Coyote is, in fact, Wile E. Coyote.

organizations in town, such as the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub and the Topfield Equestrian Center.

We are so proud of our local teen board members who were interviewed for the article, and all our school-age ambassadors across the country who work passionately to make a difference, build kinder communities and save the lives of their bullied peers.

I am excited to share that one of our teen board members in Cornwall received the Diana Award, the world's most prestigious humanitarian and social action award, for her work with Be A Friend. Thank you for acknowledging the mission and helping us grow our reach.

Jennifer Young, *Cold Spring*

Fishkill rescue

Wow — this is amazing bodycam footage of a truly heroic action by a New York State Police trooper who on Aug. 17 saved a man who had driven into a pond off Route 9 in Fishkill [see highlandscurrent.org/fishkill-rescue].

Did he wait and call for backup? Did he worry about protocol? No, he jumped right in. This is what our police encounter on a daily basis. When they second-guess their instincts, that's when bad things happen.

This video should be standard viewing for all the organizations that want to defund law enforcement. The next time some people talk about how bad cops are, refer them to this story. Unfortunately, the media as a whole only focuses on the small minority of "bad" players.

Tony Bardes, *Philipstown*

Antiques Center, Bijou Galleries, Vintage Violet and Once Upon a Time.

Ethan Timm, *Nelsonville*

Making connections

Thank you, *Highlands Current* and Michael Turton, for such a warm welcome to our new headquarters in Cold Spring ("A Kind Word for Victims of Bullying," Aug. 5). Your feature has already connected the Be A Friend Project with other like-minded



Update

Jan. 6 Arrests

By Chip Rowe

Nearly two years after the attack on the Capitol to disrupt the vote count that certified Joe Biden as president, 866 people have been arrested and accused of charges that range from trespassing to violent attacks on police officers. About half of those sentenced have received prison time.

Five men from Putnam County, two from southern Dutchess and two with ties to Newburgh were among those arrested. Here is the status of their cases.

Robert Ballesteros, Mahopac

Ballesteros, 28, 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, Ballesteros said he had “made my stand.” He pleaded guilty to a count of “parading, demonstrating or picketing” inside the Capitol and on April 28 was sentenced to 36 months of probation and 40 hours of community service, and ordered to pay \$500 in restitution.

Robert Chapman, Carmel

Chapman, 51, drew the FBI’s attention after a person with whom he interacted through an online dating service alerted agents that he had written: “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.” Chapman pleaded guilty to a count of parading, demonstrating or picketing and on May 18 was sentenced to 18 months of probation (including three months of electronic monitoring), 60 hours of community service, and ordered to pay \$500 in restitution and \$742 in fines.

Edward “Jake” Lang, Newburgh

Arrested Jan. 16, 2021;
remains incarcerated

The FBI said Lang, 26, 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.” He was arrested on Jan. 16, 2021; at a hearing in December, a prosecutor said Lang had turned down a plea deal with a sentence of up to about 6½ years. On April 5, Lang’s defense filed a motion to dismiss one of the counts, obstruction of an official proceeding, arguing that “his presence near the Capitol did not directly go after the vote counting.” On June 7, the judge agreed. In its most recent motion, Lang’s defense argued that his constitutional rights have been violated because he cannot use a laptop in his cell or “speak to anyone he so chooses.” The judge has yet to rule.

Roberto Minuta, Newburgh

Arrested March 8, 2021;
released on personal recognizance

An FBI agent testified that Minuta, 37, was at the Capitol “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 but lives in Texas, was charged with 17 other alleged members of the Oath Keepers. He was indicted on five counts: seditious conspiracy; conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding; obstruction of an official proceeding; conspiracy to prevent an officer from discharging any

duties; and tampering with documents or proceedings. He pleaded not guilty on Dec. 6 but no trial date has been set.

Will Pepe, Beacon

Arrested Jan. 12, 2021;
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. Following his arrest, Pepe was fired from his job at Metro-North in Brewster. He was indicted on four counts, including conspiracy; assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers; and aiding and abetting. A trial is scheduled for July 17.



Pepe

Gregory Purdy Jr., Kent

Arrested Nov. 10;
released on personal recognizance

A 2016 Carmel High School graduate, the 24-year-old was one of six candidates in May 2020 for two seats on the Carmel school board (he finished fifth) and in 2016 managed a campaign by his father, Gregory Purdy-Schwartz, a Republican who hoped to unseat longtime state Assembly Member Sandy Galef, a Democrat whose district includes Philipstown and Kent. Purdy Jr. was indicted on nine charges that included assaulting, resisting or impeding police officers and ille-

gal entry. Purdy’s uncle, Robert Turner, 39, of Poughkeepsie, who traveled with him and faces the same charges, was arrested Nov. 22. Both pleaded not guilty. A status conference was scheduled for today (Sept. 16).

Matthew Purdy, Kent

Arrested Nov. 10;
released on personal recognizance

Gregory Purdy’s younger brother, 22 and also a Carmel High School grad, was indicted on Jan. 14 on four counts, including disorderly conduct and illegal entry. He pleaded not guilty; a status conference was scheduled for Sept. 16.

William Vogel, Pawling

Arrested Jan. 26, 2021;
released on personal recognizance

The FBI says Vogel, 27, recorded himself inside the Capitol and posted the video to Snapchat. He pleaded not guilty to unlawful entry, disorderly conduct and violent entry; a trial is scheduled for April 11.

Anthony Vuksanaj, Mahopac

When police detained Vuksanaj, 52, in June 2021, in connection to a robbery, records indicated his phone had been at the Capitol on Jan. 6. He pleaded guilty to a single count (parading, demonstrating or picketing) as part of a plea agreement and on April 29 was sentenced to 42 days in jail (served in three periods of 14 days each), 36 months of probation (including three months of electronic monitoring) and ordered to pay \$500 restitution and a \$2,000 fine.

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Energy Prices *(from Page 1)*

sale price in New York for electricity more than tripled between January 2021 and January 2022. In February, Central Hudson announced a 33 percent increase in electricity and gas costs that it attributed partly to cold weather and rising wholesale gas prices.

The electricity price increases will seem especially jarring to 25,000 households and businesses that had been benefiting from fixed rates as members of a collective purchasing agreement that included Beacon, Philipstown, Cold Spring and seven other municipalities. They had been paying 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for households and 7.1 cents for businesses until the supplier, Columbia Utilities, bailed in July during the second year of a three-year contract, sending customers back to Central Hudson.

The New York Independent System Opera-

tor (NYISO), which runs the state's electric grid and facilitates the wholesale purchase of energy, said on Tuesday that it expects a "sharp rise" in costs as residences and businesses return to using power at pre-pandemic levels, natural gas gets more expensive and the state's continues its legally mandated, long-term transition to renewable energy.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, enacted in July 2019 when electricity supplied by Central Hudson cost 5.5 cents and gas was at 30 cents, requires that carbon-free renewable sources such as solar and wind supply 70 percent of New York's power by 2030. It also mandates that the state achieve zero-emissions electricity by 2040 and net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

"Until there are enough clean energy resources on the grid to replace the reliability services provided by fossil-fueled generation, natural gas must continue to

play an important role in meeting energy needs," said NYISO.

In July, NYISO told the Climate Action Council, which was created to meet the renewable energy goals established by the 2019 law, that non-renewable sources of electricity, such as coal-fired plants and the Indian Point nuclear plant in Buchanan, are "retiring faster than new resources are entering the system."

A company that monitors the energy market for NYISO said that prices in New York have "generally increased" because of the closure of Indian Point in April 2021. Last year, fossil fuels accounted for 89 percent of electricity production downstate, including in New York City and the Hudson Valley, compared to 77 percent in 2020.

Without adequate renewable sources, according to NYISO, the grid's margin — the amount of excess generating capacity — is being reduced to "unprecedented levels" at

a time when extreme weather is becoming a more powerful and frequent threat to plants, power lines and other components of the grid.

Because of that, the time is "fast approaching" when plants running on fossil fuels cannot be closed without a renewable source ready to replace them, said NYISO.

In the near term, Central Hudson is recommending that customers conserve by maintaining their cooling and heating systems, weatherproofing, turning down thermostats and avoiding space heaters, which use more energy.

"We understand the challenges our customers face with regard to the increased cost of electricity and natural gas and are working hard to keep costs as low as possible," said Anthony Campagiorni, the company's senior vice president of customer services and gas operations.

Domestic Partners *(from Page 1)*

enacted in Suffolk County, as well as the forms he would provide for establishing or dissolving a partnership.

The clerk noted that Dutchess is home to many residents who have moved from places with domestic-partner registries, such as New York City and Rockland and Westchester counties, as well as Putnam. In Dutchess, "they are unable to continue to prove their partner status since most jurisdictions require residency," he wrote.

"Establishing a registry now would allow

those whose long-term relationships have been acknowledged in other jurisdictions to be recognized in their new county of residence," he wrote. "It will also allow partners to participate more fully in joint financial and medical decision-making."

Pulver, a Republican who represents Pine Plains and other parts of northern Dutchess County, said the proposal will be considered by the Government Services and Administration Committee when it meets next month.

"I don't know why we wouldn't do it," he said. "There's a lot of domestic partnerships out there."

If the Legislature were to pass the law, couples would need to complete a notarized affidavit and provide at least two documents showing their financial interdependence, such as a bank or investment account statement, deed, power of attorney or life insurance policy.

The Dutchess Legislature has considered recognizing domestic partners at least three times over the past 22 years, but the proposals "sometimes got derailed by extraneous concerns," wrote Kendall.

In 2000, a proposal died after Republican leaders said it would have to first be negotiated with unions. In 2002, a proposal

was introduced but pulled from consideration. And in 2007, a proposal died in the Government Services and Administration Committee on a 7-5 vote.

Robert Sears, a Republican who then represented LaGrange, joined with five of his party members and a Democrat, Alison MacAvery, whose district included part of Beacon, to prevent it from being sent to the full Legislature.

"Passing this resolution is not only going to condone it, but reward it," said Sears at the time. "It destroys marriage; it destroys the foundation of this country."

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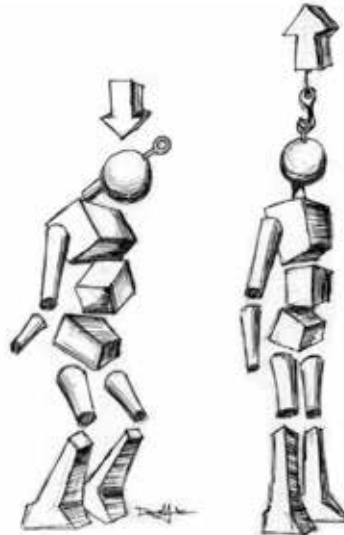
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Booming Beacon

Updates on pending development

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Planning Board held six public hearings during its 5½ hour meeting on Tuesday (Sept. 13) on proposed developments. Here is an update.



1113 Wolcott Ave.

Number of units: N/A

Status: Plans call for converting the former Reformed Church of Beacon into an event space with restaurant and bar. Based on public feedback, the applicant has reduced the event capacity from 350 people to 198. The applicant also told the board in August that windows would be treated for sound containment and security would be used to ensure the safety of attendees and nearby residents. “Large” events are expected to take place weekly.

Parking remains the biggest unanswered question. The site has 31 spaces; project officials have said they expect to make up the shortfall through a combination of nearby public lots, lease agreements, street parking and the Metro-North station, although the Planning Board and its consultants are concerned about the lack of a stable, long-term solution.

A dozen residents spoke during a public hearing last month, many of them questioning the parking capacity, the potential noise and the scope of the proposal. The hearing was scheduled to continue at the Planning Board’s meeting this week but the applicant asked that it be postponed.



12 Highland Place

Number of units: 5 houses

Status: A developer would like to subdivide a 1-acre lot with an existing home into five lots, with four new homes. The proposal claims frontage on Anderson Street on the west and Grove Street to the south, but steep slopes and a block-long retaining wall on Grove make access impossible anywhere but from Highland Place. Plans call for converting a driveway on Highland into a private road leading to driveways for the new lots.

This was the most contentious of the public hearings this week, with numerous residents speaking out against the proposal. Neighbors said the project would create a “mini gated community” that would increase traffic on the narrow Highland Place. Others questioned the potential for a lengthy disturbance caused by the developer having to dig through rock to build foundations and basements. A wooded area on the lot is habitat for the Indiana bat, an endangered species in New York.

Project officials this week said they would only remove trees during the bat’s hibernation period, from late October to March. Plans indicate that seven trees of a 6-inch or greater diameter will be removed, with six being replaced elsewhere on the site, but a neighbor charged that closer to 20 would need to come down to build the homes.

Tuesday’s public hearing, on the environmental impacts of the proposal, will continue next month. Board members asked the applicant to address in writing the questions raised by residents.



16 W. Main St.

Number of units: 62

Status: This project, at the corner of West Main and Bank streets, was presented to the Planning Board in 2019. The board has signed off on an environmental review; the next step is a public hearing on the site plan, which will be held in October.

2 Cross St.

Number of units: 18

Status: First submitted to the Planning Board in 2019 as a four-story building at the corner of Main and Cross, the developer now proposes a three-story, mixed-use building. It would include an “open-air” storefront at street level and 18 apartments for seniors, half below-market-rate, on the top two floors.

A building at 172 Main St. would retain its facade and be integrated into the new construction, while 4 Cross St. would be demolished. A corner public plaza would have seating for 15 to 20 people. Project officials



told the Planning Board this week that they envision music, poetry readings and children’s story times in the plaza, along with art installations on the facade overlooking the plaza. The board on Tuesday authorized its attorney to draft a resolution for next month completing the environmental review.



Tioronda Estate

Number of units: N/A

Status: Mirbeau, a chain of luxury hotels and spas, plans to restore the historic Tioronda Estate, the home of the former Craig House psychiatric facility, as a 75-room inn and spa, with a 110-seat restaurant, gardens and cottage rentals. The Craig House mansion, built in 1859, will be renovated with “core hotel facilities” and four hotel rooms. An addition will include eight rooms, while a four-story spa building will have 63 more. The spa will replace a 1978 accessory building, which would be demolished.

Future phases will include resort cottages, a “micro-farm” and the restoration of the Tioronda School. The project proposes 272 parking spaces. Phase one plans call for Route 9D to be widened to allow for a turning lane into the site. City consultants have also suggested adding a pedestrian crosswalk on 9D at the entrance

to University Settlement Camp.

On Tuesday, project officials and Planning Board members differed on the level of vegetative screening that should be planted or retained along Route 9D. City code says the mansion should be visible from the road, but because the site is in the historic district, new buildings and parking lots should not be. There was also discussion about the Fishkill Creek Greenway and Heritage Trail and whether a segment of the trail will run through the property. When Bernard Kohn, the former owner, approached the City Council with his plans to restore the estate in 2020, he was receptive to allowing the trail. However, representatives from Mirbeau, which purchased the 64-acre site in February for \$10.1 million, on Tuesday were non-committal.

A public hearing on the environmental review will continue next month, and a hearing on the site plan is scheduled to begin in October, as well.

The Lofts at Beacon

Number of units: 28 lofts plus artists’ studios

Status: Because this project is in the Fishkill Creek development zone, the City Council must approve the concept plan. The council last month sent the proposal to the Planning Board for environmental review, which began this week.

The expansion of the apartment complex would include a two-story building with 28 one-bedroom lofts and 30,000 square feet of commercial studios, along with a 95-space parking lot. There would also be a rooftop garden. The architect told the board on Tuesday that the building would be patterned after historic industrial buildings in the area.



After the Planning Board completes its environmental review, the project will go to the City Council for a vote on the concept plan, then return to the Planning Board to complete the site plan review.

Catching up with Philipstown School Boards

By Joey Asher

Recent Haldane school board meetings:

- Hired Regina Kaishian as director of pupil personnel services at an annual salary of \$140,000 (April 19).
- Approved a \$24,000 contract for campus signage with Timely Signs of Kingston (May 3).
- Accepted a \$1,700 grant from the Haldane School Foundation for the middle school band and chorus to participate in a music in the parks program (May 17).
- Hired Kristen Spooner as a special education teacher for grades K-6 (June 7) and granted tenure to special education teachers John Bernstein and Bryan O’Gorman and elementary teachers Elena Neumann and Christine Spinelli (June 21).
- Accepted grants from the Haldane School Foundation of \$1,620 for yoga and mindfulness skill-building, \$1,500 for a fourth-grade trip to Albany and \$4,180 for students to attend the Model U.N. annual conference at the University of Connecticut (June 21).
- Hired Erin Von Dollen as an elementary teacher at a salary of \$68,766 (June 21); Samuel Sauer as a music teacher for \$59,875; Nicole Seholm as a family and

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:
28,276 (+121)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:
9.2% (0)

Percent vaccinated:
83.8
Cold Spring: **95.9** / Garrison: **88.7**

Number of deaths:
131 (+1)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:
76,902 (+306)

Positive Tests, 7-day average:
10.1% (+0.6)

Percent vaccinated:
78.3
Beacon: **73.8**

Number of deaths:
694 (+1)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Sept. 13, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects people who have received at least one dose as of Sept. 9.

consumer science teacher for \$75,136 and Kaitlyn Secor as a middle school social studies teacher for \$72,296 (July 5); and Eden Held as a world language/Spanish teacher for \$77,945 (July 26).

Recent Garrison school board meetings:


- Hired Michael Roman as the middle school math teacher for \$66,112; Caitlin Moreno as a special education teacher for \$70,162; and Laura Fumero as the Spanish teacher for \$105,959 (July 13).
- Hired Cecelia Rohrs of Visual Touch Media to record board meetings for \$400 each, plus \$50 per hour for those that last more than two hours (July 13).
- Accepted a donation of \$20,081 from the Garrison Children’s Education Fund to purchase technology equipment (July 13).
- Hired Dawn Gorlitsky as the school psychologist (Aug. 24).

(AUGUST)

Real Estate Market Report


	BEACON		PHILIPSTOWN	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
New Listings	11	8	8	12
Closed Sales	4	9	15	11
Days on Market	55	32	43	38
Median Price	\$470,500	\$600,000	\$750,000	\$669,000
% List Received	101.1	105.9	96.0	100.1
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Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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A melting iceberg near Ilulissat

A view of the village

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Greenland (from Page 1)

become easier. Perhaps Greenland, where 56,000 people live in an area three times the size of Texas, will someday become home for climate refugees fleeing heat waves and other weather catastrophes.

FRIDAY: Ever been caught in an arctic rainstorm? I staggered through a wind tunnel from the hotel to the car, 30 feet away. Mary Kay Magistad [of Asia Society, based in New York City] joined us on a visit to the Greenland Climate Research Centre to meet its director, Mie Winding, a Danish ocean scientist. Winding shared how climate change is pummeling ocean inhabitants from zooplankton to whales. To cut down on fossil-fuel consumption, which contributes to global warming, she said the Danish government plans to limit home heating to 66 degrees. Could the U.S. ever enforce such a rule? It wasn't received so well when President Jimmy Carter suggested

it, decades ago.

SATURDAY: The high point today was a three-hour cruise near Ilulissat. We're doing this for television, and the images of melting icebergs couldn't be more gorgeous and sad. After the cruise, we went for dinner. Greenlandic cuisine isn't strong on vegetables, and I don't eat fish, so I made do with potatoes and cheese while the others feasted on halibut. On the way back to the hotel, I mentioned that one of my pleasures in Philipstown is taking Ponyo, the family dog, to the Recreation Center, where she chases squirrels. They are always just out of reach, but that never diminishes her resolve. Was it a metaphor for the fight against climate change? "Maybe," said Mary Kay. "But I bet your dog tries a lot harder than we do."

SUNDAY: A day of rest.

MONDAY: I've been producing documenta-

ries on climate change for 10 years. I've watched hours of footage of flooded cities, wildfires, drought and refugees fleeing catastrophes. What I saw today was as chilling as any of it: Standing on an ice sheet, we studied a face of the Russell glacier, a staggering mass of crumbling ice that looked like a mythical beast taking its last gasp. Chunks fall off daily. I felt like I was witnessing a decisive battle in a world war, and it wasn't going well for the good guys — assuming we are the good guys. The nations of the world are obliterating ice sheets that have lived with us at peace for hundreds of thousands of years. And unlike our other world wars, this one will last several lifetimes, at least.

TUESDAY: Mia Biillmann-Larsen, 24, is a native Greenlander and a pilot for Air Zafari, a company she owns with her parents. We climbed into her six-seater for a journey over the ice sheet. She described a trail of soot

she had seen on the ice over the summer, which accelerated the melting. It was ash from wildfires in the western U.S. — a vivid example of how we are connected in a feedback loop. Melting ice in Greenland makes wildfires more likely in California, while ash from wildfires accelerates the melting, which infuses the atmosphere with vapor, which leads to more intense hurricanes.

WEDNESDAY: A climate scientist who traveled with us to Greenland, Marco Tedesco of Columbia University, had visited the country nine years earlier with reporter Lesley Stahl for a series I produced for Showtime, *Years of Living Dangerously*. On the ice sheet, Marco and Lesley saw lakes that would soon drain and weaken the ice. They heard the rumble of melting, cracking ice. Today, Marco tells me that the effects of climate change are worse than anticipated. "Things we didn't expect to happen for decades are happening now," he says.

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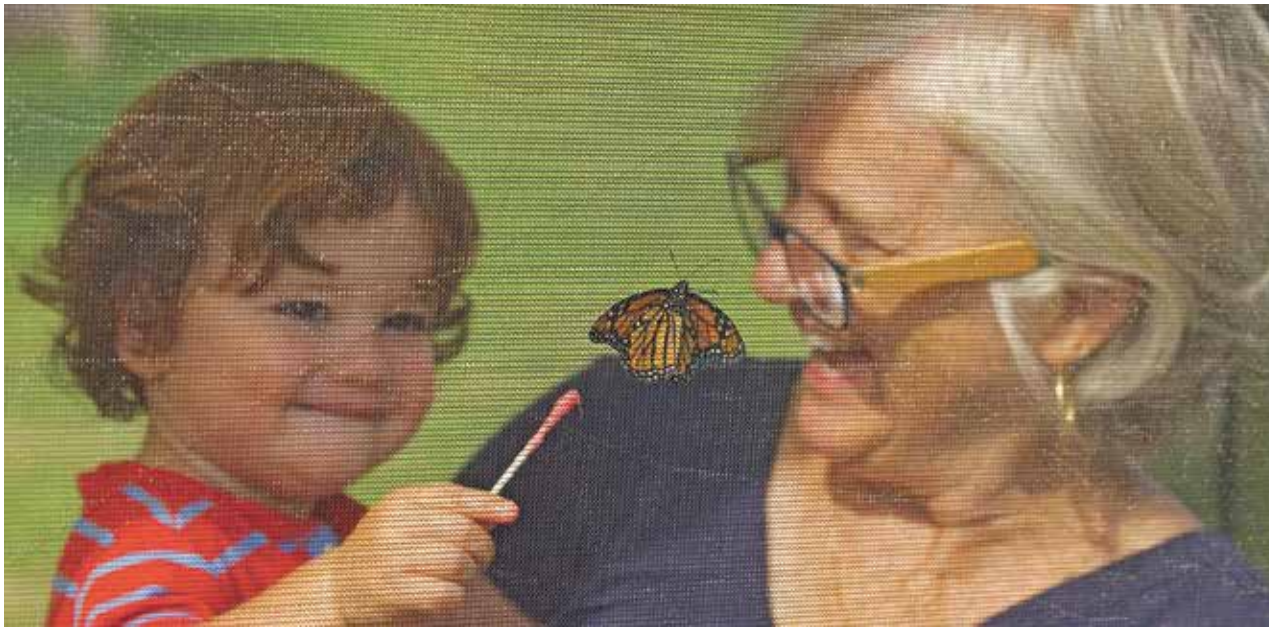
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▲ MILES TO GO —

At the Hudson Highlands Outdoor Discovery Center in Cornwall on Sept. 10, children and families were invited to offer the monarch butterflies Gatorade on a cotton swab as fuel for their migration to Mexico.

Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ BOOK CHAMPS —

The middle school Battle of the Books team from the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring won a Mid-Hudson Library System regional tournament on Sept. 9 and will compete in the finals against teams from LaGrange, Tivoli and Pleasant Valley.



◀ PURPLE POWER —

In honor of National Recovery Month, the friars at Graymoor lit their water tower in purple. The religious order in Garrison operates St. Christopher's Inn, a center for men.

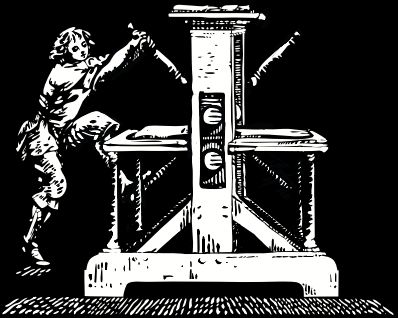


◀ 9/11

FLAGS — Sophomore Claire Bolte and other Haldane students placed flags on the lawn in front of the high school on Sept. 10 to remember those lost in 2001.

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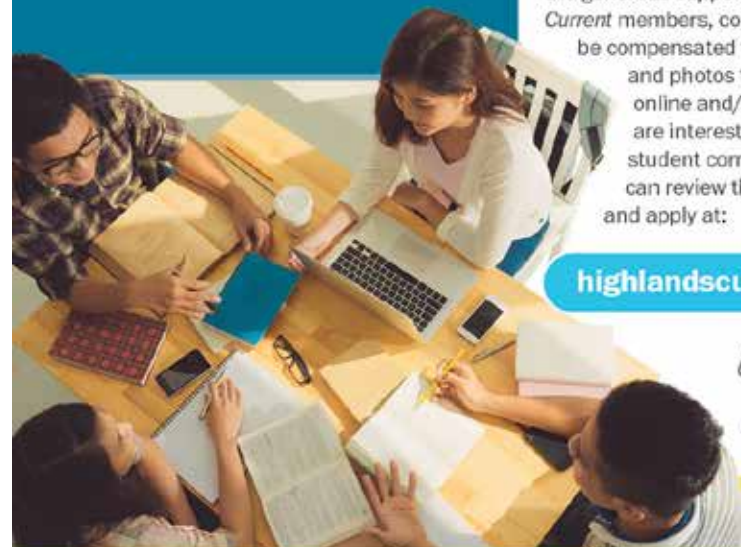
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An image from *Battleground*, which chronicles the anti-abortion movement.

Photo by Gabriella Garcia Pardo

The documentary *Baato* highlights the impact of development in Nepal.

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The Calendar

Beacon Film Society Returns

After operating in the shadows for the past few years, the Beacon Film Society is ready to step into the light.

The society, which is run by volunteers, plans to screen three topical documentaries, with filmmakers in tow, over the next three months.

Each screening will take place at Story Screen and conclude with a Q&A. The society's goal, says Lucas Millard, a filmmaker and director of photography who is the sparkplug for the organization, is to provide a venue for films not otherwise available in local theaters, and to encourage dialogue about the art and craft of filmmaking.

The first film, scheduled for Thursday (Sept. 22) at 7 p.m., will be *Baato*, directed by Millard and his wife, Kate Stryker. It chronicles the construction of a transnational highway in Nepal. The filmmakers, who have visited the country for decades, said they hoped to give voice to the people affected by the project.

Documentaries scheduled through November

By Alison Rooney

"While *Baato* looks at a very specific geography and takes you along on a trip through the eastern Himalaya with a local family on migration, the issues at the heart of the film are about development and progress," the filmmakers say. "Even here in Beacon we are grappling with these questions."

On Oct. 20, the society will screen *Battleground*, a documentary about the anti-abortion movement by Cynthia Lowen, who lives in Woodstock. Lowen and her crew attended rallies and strategy sessions and interviewed its leaders. "Lowen does not find rabid zealots, but sincere, media-savvy, well-organized women — presented respectfully throughout — who have been playing the long game for years and can see victory at hand," noted a reviewer in *The Hollywood Reporter*.

"By screening *Battleground*, communities have an opportunity to break the stigma around abortion and talk about how they are impacted, and to galvanize pro-choice voters by depicting what they are up against: the tireless determination and political connectedness of anti-abortion organizers to achieve their goals through utterly undemocratic means," Lowen says.

Devil Put the Coal in the Ground, produced and edited by Beacon resident Lucas Sabean, will be shown Nov. 17. The film, directed by Peter Hutchison with music by Steve Earle and Iris DeMent, documents the effect of the industry on West Virginia.

"The issues that the film raises are applicable to any community in the country that is suffering from extractive industries,

What Happened to BIFF?

The Beacon Film Society should not be confused with the annual Beacon Independent Film Festival, which was founded by Terry Nelson in 2014 and later organized in an abbreviated form by James Thomas and Diana Currie. The festival, held in September, went on hiatus with the pandemic and Nelson says he knows of no plans to revive it.

unfettered capitalism or the opioid crisis and serve as both a warning and foreshadowing of the consequences," says Sabean.

He adds: "Community screenings are the lifeblood for a film like ours. This is how we get our message out into the world."

The Beacon Film Society showed films at Beahive and The Yard before going into hibernation during the pandemic, Millard says.

"I have been trying to nurture it into a self-sustainable organization," he adds. "I'm always wanting to keep things going with hard-to-access documentaries. Narrative films would be great, too, but they are trickier to manage, in terms of distribution timelines and the availability and participation of filmmakers."

"I could not do this without the help of a handful of volunteers, particularly Scott Tillett [of Beahive], who swings in when needed," says Millard, who attended his first Beacon Film Society screening in 2016. The group is always looking for volunteers but "especially cinephiles with skills or strong interest in design, web programming, organizing, accounting or grant-writing," he says. For more information, email info@beaconfilmsociety.org.

Story Screen is located at 445 Main St. Tickets to *Baato* are \$12 at storyscreenbeacon.com/special-screenings or beaconfilmsociety.org, which also has a trailer.

A still from *Devil Put the Coal in the Ground*

Photo provided

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 17

Tag Sale

COLD SPRING

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

Shop to support the library's programs at its second annual sale.

SAT 17

Walk-a-Thon

GARRISON

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saint Basil Academy
79 Saint Basil Road | sbagoa.org

Enjoy a walk on the campus, a cookout, children's games and a raffle. *Cost: \$25 donation*

SUN 18

Garden Party

GARRISON

2 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-452-3077
communityfoundationshv.org

The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley is hosting its 26th annual benefit at the historic site. It will honor youth activist Tay Fisher of Kingston, environmentalists Anne and Fred Osborn of Garrison and Joan Sherman, who created the Poughkeepsie Head Start program in 1965. *Cost: \$250 to \$500*

SUN 18

Catoberfest

BEACON

4 – 8 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St.
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

This annual benefit for Mid Hudson Animal Aid will include craft beer and Groundlings pizza. There will also be a raffle and live music from Stephen Clair and The Costellos. *Free*

THURS 22

Traveling Wall

CARMEL

7 p.m. Memorial Park
20 Gipsy Trail Road
pcjvc.org/the-traveling-wall

This replica of the Vietnam War Memorial will be open 24 hours a day through SUN 25, with a continuous reading of names.

SAT 24

Slaterpalooza

GLENHAM

2:30 – 9:30 p.m. Slater Chemical Fire Co.
76 Old Glenham Road

The 11th annual event will feature seven bands, including No Worries, Raw Honey and Colleen Rose and the Thorns. There also will be food trucks, children's games and raffles. Coolers are permitted. *Cost: \$15 (military free)*

SAT 24

Lions Club BBQ

PHILIPSTOWN

3 – 7 p.m. Taconic Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
coldspringlions.org

The Cold Spring Lions Club will honor the late Ginny Pidala at this annual event with music by Hudson Lovell and Friends, a raw bar, barbecue chicken and ribs, wine and beer. *Cost: \$80*

SAT 24

Nourish Our Neighbors Shindig

BEACON

7 – 10 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | fareground.org

Enjoy food and drinks and a silent auction, followed by dancing, to support Fareground's work to address food insecurity. *Cost: \$50*

SUN 25

Spirit of Beacon Day

BEACON

Noon – 4 p.m. Main Street

The street festival opens at noon, followed by the parade at 1 p.m., which will head east from Bank Square to the Howland Cultural Center. Musicians and dancers will perform on a stage at Cross Street.

VISUAL ART

SAT 24

Open Studios

NEWBURGH

Noon – 6 p.m. Various
newburghopenstudios.org

More than 150 artists' work will be on view during this self-guided tour, along with group shows at the Dutch Reformed Church, Glenlilly Grounds and Holden Arts. See the website or pick up a map at Newburgh Art Supply, 5 Grand St. Also SUN 25.



SAT 24

Jayoung Yoon

GARRISON

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

In her exhibition, *Sowing Seeds of Emptiness*, the South Korean artist uses lengths of hair to create two-dimensional sculptures and weavings. Through Nov. 6.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 17

Calligraphy and Origami

GARRISON

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

The Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association will host this workshop for students ages 8 to 12 and 13 to 18. Registration required.

TUES 20

Social Media Mental Health for Kids & Teens

GARRISON

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

Students will learn how to make connections and find healthy outlets while avoiding anxiety, misinformation and screen addiction.

WED 21

Seed Bombs & Launchers

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

During Family Science Night, make a seed bomb with native plant seeds to help fill the library meadow. Registration required.

WED 21

Decorate a Tote Bag

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Students in grades 1 to 5 can decorate a canvas bag and use it for library books. Registration required.

THURS 22

Mike Cavallaro

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Cold Spring Coffeehouse
92 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

As part of the Split Rock Kids Book Club, the author and illustrator of the Nico Bravo series will lead a discussion, answer questions and sign books. Register online.

STAGE & SCREEN

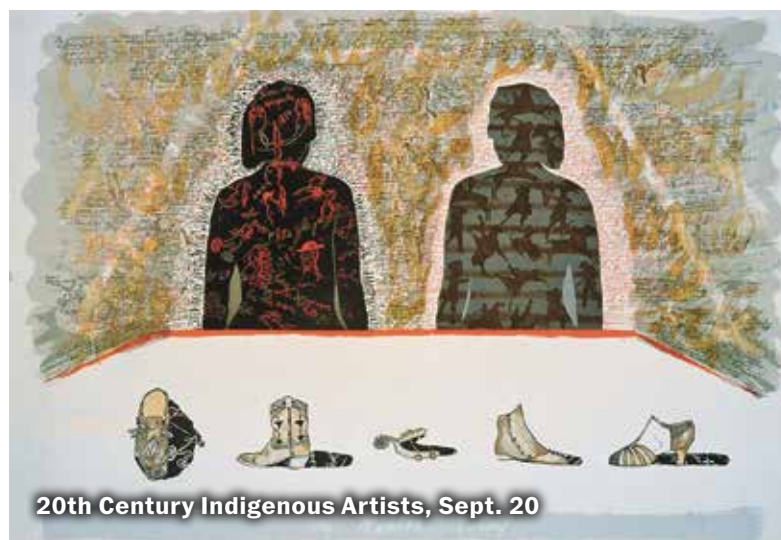
SAT 17

Bridge Music Dance Project

BEACON

6 & 9 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.
storyscreenbeacon.com

Composer Joseph Bertolozzi, choreographer Livia Vanaver and director Jesse Brown will screen a documentary about dances set to movements from *Bridge Music*. *Cost: \$20*



20th Century Indigenous Artists, Sept. 20

SAT 17

Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play

GARRISON

7:30 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

After the electrical grid fails, a group of people come together to share memories and stories that have been lost on hard drives. This will be the final performance of the season. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

SUN 18

Sean Singer

PUTNAM VALLEY

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

Singer, whose most recent collection is *Today in the Taxi*, will share his poems, followed by an open mic.

SUN 18

Romeo and Juliet

GARRISON

7:30 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

Kurt Rhoads and Nance Williamson star in this interpretation of the fated lovers' story directed by Gaye Taylor Upchurch. This will be the final performance of the season. *Cost: \$10 to \$95*

THURS 22

Baato

BEACON

7 p.m. Story Screen
445 Main St. | beaconfilmsociety.org

The Beacon Film Society will screen this documentary about a family in Nepal that illustrates the changing country through their annual trek to sell medicinal herbs in the Himalayas, where a road is being built. Co-directors Kate Stryker and Lucas Millard will answer questions. See Page 11. *Cost: \$12*

SAT 24

Soon is Now

BEACON

2 p.m. Long Dock Park
23 Long Dock Road
hvcimatesolutionsweek.org

As part of Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week, performers, actors, musicians, dance and artists will encourage climate action. See Page 14.

TALKS & TOURS

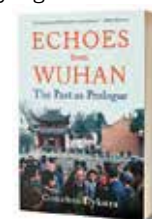
SUN 18

Echoes from Wuhan

GARRISON

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

Gretchen Dykstra will discuss her new memoir, which details the two years she spent as a teacher in China.



TUES 20

20th Century Indigenous Artists

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

John Murphy, the curator of prints and drawings at the Frances Lehman Loeb Center, will discuss work by contemporary Indigenous artists, including Jaune Quick-to-See Smith and Fritz Scholder, in this program hosted by the Butterfield Library. Register online.

WED 21

Richard Morris Hunt in Beacon

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-0514
beaconhistorical.org

Historian Steven Baltas will consider Hunt's design and influences when he planned the original Beacon library, a church and a music room for Gen. Joseph Howland's home, Tioronda. The program is part of a series to mark the 150th anniversary of the Howland Library. Reserve a seat or watch via Zoom.

WED 21

Memoir Writing Workshop

BEACON

7 p.m. Via Zoom | donnaminkowitz.com

The author of *Growing Up Golem* will lead an eight-week course focusing on craft and voice. *Cost: \$325*

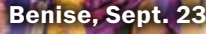
FRI 23

History Hike: Denny Mine

PUTNAM VALLEY

1 p.m. Fahnestock State Park
398 Dennytown Road
putnamhistorymuseum.org

The Putnam History Museum will host this guided hike to explore the abandoned mine while discussing the impact of the discovery of iron in



MUSIC

For this ongoing series, Daria Grace, Matt Dickey, Brad Hubbard, Neil Alexander, Jeremy Portwood and Tristen Napoli will perform music

The indie R&B band will play music from its new release, *Shores of Opulence*.

As part of the Global Music Initiative, violinists Trina Basu

The New Paltz band will perform

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

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Liz Zito, Eric Magnus and Andrew Brehm perform "The Oysters," by Miranda Rose Hall, at Soon is Now in 2021.



Edwin Torres performing "And My Mother's Mother's Other" at Soon is Now in 2021.



Jaanika Peerna performing "Glacier Elegy" in Brooklyn. Photo by Annette Solakoglu

Arts Festival Will Focus on Climate

Soon is Now returns to Beacon

By Alison Rooney

On Sept. 24, Long Dock Park in Beacon again will be the setting for a climate-arts event focusing not on dire prognostications but hoping to spark action and hope.

Titled Soon is Now, the free event will run from 2 to 5 p.m. with performances, participatory arts and tables hosted by community members and stocked with information on activism. Guided tours of the performances will begin at 3 p.m. Now in its second year, Soon is Now is part of the Sustainable Hudson Valley's Climate Solutions Week (hvclimatesolutionsweek.org), which begins Saturday (Sept. 17).

Eve Morgenstern, the founder and director of Soon is Now, describes it as an "immersive day of climate theater, eco-themed art and activism set in a beautiful, ecologically sustainable park that was once a toxic brownfield" and originally the territory of the Wappinger, Mohican and Munsee peoples.

"Art moves us, our hearts and minds, to the greatest challenge of our time — to act and to communicate," says Morgenstern, a documentary filmmaker and photographer. The setting is right, she adds, because "the region has been a vital history of environmental activism rooted in Scenic Hudson's fight to save Storm King Mountain from industry and Pete Seeger's fight for an unpolluted Hudson River.

"It feels great to do some kind of climate arts project in Beacon, linked to so many wonderful projects done around the world. So much action can be taken now that the Infla-

tion Reduction Act passed [in August]. There are small and large ways people can help."

The afternoon will include several in situ performances. Morgenstern, along with Beacon residents Connie Hall and Brian Mendes, theater professionals who are fellow producers of the event, walked around Long Dock envisioning where each performance could take place. For example, dancer and choreographer Elise Knudson will be located at the George Trakas environmental sculpture at Beacon Point, conveying, through body and movement, the rising level of the river tides in a piece performed with two other dancers to Lou Reed's "River Wind Meditations."

Once they saw where they would be located, "some performers fine-tuned it," says Morgenstern. "For example, [poet] Edwin Torres shifted his slightly so the

view was extended. Learning from last year, we've been more collaborative with the artists in planning." A former poet laureate of Beacon, Torres will perform with an ensemble he's calling a "poet's orchestra."

Other shows will include Jaanika Peerna, whose work encompasses drawing, video, light, installation and performance, and who often deals with natural phenomena, in *Glacier Elegy* with Coco Karel; Twinkle Burke and Stephanie Anuwe in *How to Hold Water*, a play by Erika Dickerson-Despenza; Connie Hall in *The Penguin*; and Tom King and Katiana Rangel in an original piece about extinct birds. Jean Brennan will also display her eco-themed art.

The plays originated with Climate Change Theatre Action, which commissions playwrights from around the world to write five-minute plays based on a prompt. The collected plays are made available for readings, performances, radio shows, podcasts, film and other adaptations.

"The presentations aren't meant to be polemics," says Morgenstern, but to present an interplay with nature "that allows the audience to absorb climate narratives in a space that reminds us of the beauty and fragility of our earth."

Soon is Now will also have a center in the park for environmental activism, with booths staffed by members of Sustainable Hudson Valley, New Yorkers for Clean Power, the Climate Reality Project, Sloop Clearwater, Fareground, Outdoor Promise and the Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee. Faye Leone, Beacon's Climate Smart coordinator, will provide information on composting.

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Once upon a time there was a man who dreamed of dirt. That's because for many, many years—ever since he emigrated from Bangladesh—Nurul Kader had lived in rentals without space for a garden. When he found out about the community garden at Stony Kill, he signed right up.

I COME BEFORE WORK FROM FIVE TO EIGHT AND AGAIN ON THE WAY HOME.

The Dream
DREAMER: NURUL KADER

The garden is trellised. The vegetables hang.

IF A GOURD GETS HEAVY I USE ROPE ON FOUR SIDES TO SUPPORT IT.

The vines shade the Elephant's Ear and cilantro growing below. Wait a sec—Elephant's Ear is edible?

THE LEAVES. THE STEMS.

YOU CHOP IT.

FRY IT.

Nurul also grows Malabar spinach. Red Amaranth, pink Brandywine tomatoes, chilies, and more chilies.

DON'T PULL UP SPINACH. JUST CUT.

I WELCOME PEOPLE TO CONTACT ME TO HELP THEM GROW.

Dawn Filippone, a neighbor from a nearby plot, has her eye on a ripening Bitter Melon she would like to taste.

Nurul's happy to give it away.

I GIVE TO MY CO-WORKERS, MY SISTERS, MY BROTHERS, MY NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS...

NOT ONLY DO I ENJOY SHARING—I HAVE TO! BECAUSE I GROW...

...SO MUCH.

Erik Fyle of the Stony Kill Foundation says, Folks bump into each other, they ask about what's growing, relationships happen organically.

That's exactly what happened with two sisters, Jai Li and Pan Cao, who are part of a group farming together.

Jai

DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE COULDN'T GET TO CHINATOWN FOR OUR VEGETABLES.

WE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SHORTAGES AND THAT WE SHOULD PLAN AHEAD.

They rented two plots.

WE ARE NOT FARM PEOPLE. WE HAD TO LEARN.

It grew to six plots when their neighbors asked to join.

YOU HAVE TO GROW YOUR SOIL FIRST.

It should be soft.

Jai is the leader of the group.

I LEARNED FROM OTHER GARDENERS WHEN I LIVED IN JAPAN. IT'S A SMALL COUNTRY. THERE'S NOT SPACE FOR BIG MACHINES. YOU NEED STRATEGIES TO GROW EFFICIENTLY TO FEED THE POPULATION.

THE CELERY GROWS UNDER THE LOOFAH.

THE LONG BEANS GROW WITH THE ELEPHANT'S EAR SO THEY GET SHADE AT THE START.

WE GET ALONG WITH THE WEEDS. THEY SHADE THE LETTUCE. OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE TOO HOT.

I'M A NURSE IN ICU. MY JOB IS STRESSFUL. I COME HERE, I SEE NEW LIFE.

IT HAS MEANING.

⁴ Sense for Scents

Cold Spring store offers custom fragrances

By Marc Ferris

There's a new goose in town and it smells terrific.

Many aspects of the space formerly occupied by The Country Goose for nearly four decades remain the same, including the shelves and the checkerboard strip on the floor.

But now, at Mundane scent shop, fragrance fills the air, track lighting brightens the room and a groovy, indie chill-out soundtrack keeps the beat pumping.

"It's pretty shocking for people who had no idea [Country Goose owner Leonora Burton] retired," said owner Alexandra McGill. "They're usually worried about her health, but I'm happy to tell them that she left [for her native U.K.] on her own terms."

Clean lines replace the charming clutter that Burton cultivated. A white quartz-topped bar with eight chairs and settings dominates the space. A row of shelves to the left are lined with candles featuring more than 60 scents and other accoutrements.

Customers can buy a ready-made fragrance



Alexandra McGill has opened Mundane in the space formerly occupied by The Country Goose.

Photo provided

or work with McGill to combine their favorites for custom candles, ceramic beads akin to potpourri or oil for a reed diffuser, which resembles incense sticking out of a vase.

Client-centered scents are blended after bellying up to the bar, set with trays that include a jigger, typically used to measure alcohol, and a spoon for perfecting the concoction. McGill wears an apron, but looks more like an arts-and-crafts counselor than a bartender.

She recommends sticking to two or three fragrances. "It's like paint," she said. "When you start mixing a lot of colors, everything becomes brown."

Candles take two hours to settle, so she encourages customers to visit other shops during the wait (or she can ship). She plans to extend the line into body lotions and soaps, but testing and blending bases and oils will take time.

Participatory retail presents a learning curve for customers, though scent-experience outlets are gaining in popularity. Similar stores exist in Hudson, Manhattan and Montclair, New Jersey. About half of McGill's visitors know their way around; the rest require guidance, she said.

McGill developed her nose working at a longstanding scent emporium on Long Island, where she grew up. "I fell in love with the creativity, the interaction with people and that adrenaline rush after coordinating a lot of things at once and making clients happy," she said. "People leave with something they've made and hopefully they had a good experience."

She met her husband, Charlie, in New York City. After bouncing around the country, they drifted back east, stopping off in Columbus, Ohio, for a few years, where she worked as a

manager at Candle Lab and forged her path.

Lovers of the outdoors, the couple always intended to settle in the valley. In October 2020, after they bought a house in Beacon, she began building the business in her basement and on the internet.

When the time came to open a storefront, McGill had trouble finding space in Beacon. One spot attracted 10 applicants, she said. Her broker suggested the former Goose location and she opened with regular hours in June.

Brooklyn resident Heather Byne, who often visits Cold Spring with her mother and young daughters, is already a regular.

"It's something we can do together that's creative and makes good use of all our senses," said Byne. "People rarely pay attention to their olfactory sense, but it's a great way to recreate memories."

For McGill, reconnecting with the past is one of her broader missions. "After my grandmother passed away, I found one of her sweaters and when I smelled her distinctive perfume, it brought me right back in touch," she said. "Fragrance is powerful."

As reflected in the name, the store also promotes a philosophy: Dwell in the present as much as possible and make the mundane sacred by stopping to smell the roses — or the agarwood, patchouli and citronella.

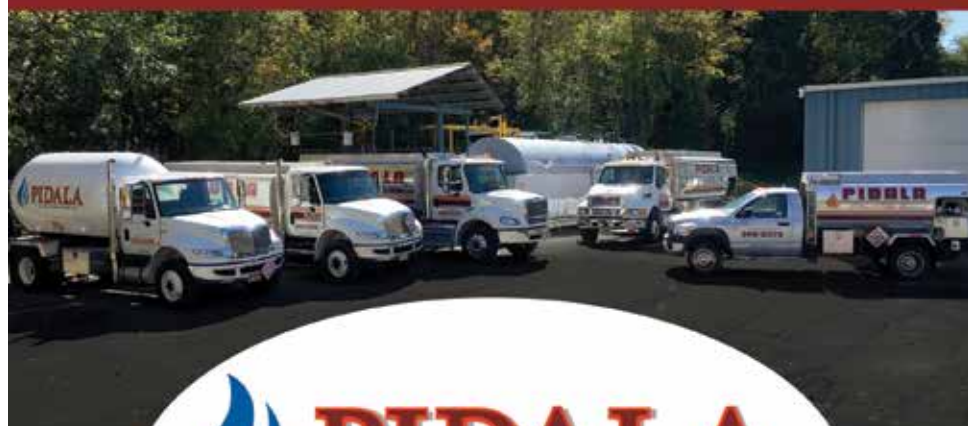
"I could have called this The Scent Bar or something like that, but I wanted to make people think and hopefully realize that only our attitude makes something mundane," she said. "We should appreciate all the little moments."

In addition to the fragrances, she sells a pack of cards entitled Small Pleasures. Each card features a photo on one side and a word or phrase on the other, such as "grandmothers," "old stone walls" or "a new friend." Another card set, Everyday Adventures, suggests eating an unfamiliar fruit or buying "a toy from your childhood on eBay."

Despite Mundane's distinctiveness, people will continue to stop in looking for The Goose until memories fade. Many local dogs, who developed muscle memory because Burton offered limitless treats, still turn toward the shop instinctively, said McGill, also a dog lover who enjoys pampering four-legged visitors.

"I'm honored to be in this space," she said. "People knew Leonora as a friendly personality and it's inspiring. I hope that people will feel the same way about me."

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Mouths to Feed

Constant Cravings

By Celia Barbour

Here's a curious fact: The word *earworm* was coined not by Spotifying millennials, but rather by turn-of-the-last-century Germans, who came up with the word *öhrwurm* some four decades after the advent of recorded music.

Since then, scientists have proposed several less-troubling phrases, including "involuntary musical imagery" and "stuck-tune syndrome," but none has had the proverbial legs of the original.

Scientists have also speculated about the reason for earworms' tenaciousness. Perhaps music tunnels into our brains so obstinately, they say, because long before humans invented writing 5,000 years ago, songs were the tools we used to convey and remember our most important information and stories. For more than 150,000 years before that, we relied on earworms to survive.

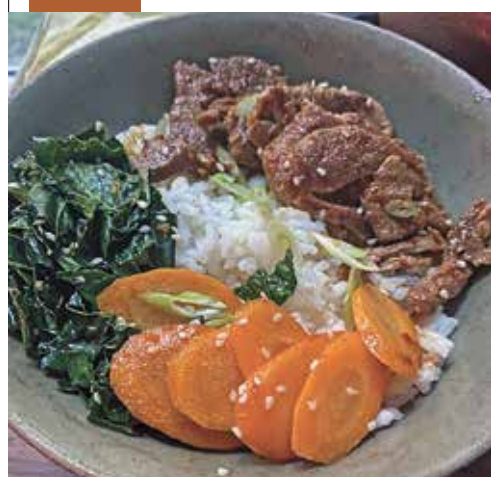
The idea of the earworm corresponds nicely with the idea of the mind as a garden, one of many gray-matter metaphors that scholars and writers have put forth. Others include an aviary (Plato), a filing cabinet (Dostoyevsky), a pitcher (Dickens) and a stream (William James). No one, as far as I can tell, has ever compared the mind to a kitchen or a larder — which may explain why no one has ever come up with a satisfying metaphor for food fixations.

I've been thinking about fixations, cravings and obsessions lately because for the past several weeks I have had both a song and a food craving stuck in my head. The former has completely worn out its welcome; I dread hearing on the radio the song that has been on endless repeat in my mind. The other, meanwhile, remains happily, eagerly anticipated.

The object of my gustatory infatuation is a dish I first cooked in July for an ailing friend. I sampled a few bites before packing it up and delivering it to their doorstep. Since then, I've been hankering for an opportunity to make it again. I even tried to convince my kids that they should request it as one of their going-away dinners before leaving for college, but they wanted old favorites instead.

It's no surprise that the dish in question is inspired by the flavors of Korean bulgogi, or beef barbecue. The characteristic combination of savory, sweet, salty and spicy-hot seems custom-made to lodge in memory.

I expect I'll be making this dish many times in the years to come. Will it wear out its welcome? Everything does, eventually. In the meantime, I'll relish it however I can — in anticipation and memory, and right in front of me on my plate.



Korean-flavored Pork Bowl with Kale and Carrots

1 to 3 tablespoons sambal oelek (chili paste), depending on desired spiciness (I like 2)
 ¼ cup brown sugar
 2-inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled and thinly sliced crosswise (about ¼ cup slices)
 3 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
 ⅓ cup soy sauce, divided
 4 teaspoons sesame oil, divided
 1¼ pound pork tenderloin
 Vegetable oil, for cooking
 Salt to taste

3 medium carrots, peeled and thinly sliced on the diagonal

1 bunch lacinato kale, ribs removed, leaves sliced

1 tablespoon rice vinegar

For serving: steamed white rice, sliced scallions and sesame seeds

NOTE: Freeze the pork for about half an hour before beginning this recipe, until it is firm around the edges; this makes slicing it much easier. Meanwhile, start the rice and prep the vegetables and aromatics.

Combine the chili paste, brown sugar, ginger, garlic, ¼ cup soy sauce and 3 teaspoons sesame oil in a blender and blend until smooth, about 20 seconds. Transfer marinade to a medium bowl, reserving 2 tablespoons in a separate dish.

Remove the pork from the freezer (see note) and, using a very sharp knife, thinly slice crosswise. Transfer pork slices to marinade, toss well and set aside for 20 minutes.

Heat 1 tablespoon of the vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. When oil is hot, add the pork in a single layer, working in batches so as not to crowd the pan. Season lightly with salt. Cook without turning or prodding until brown, about 1 minute. Flip pork and cook on other side until cooked through, about 1 minute more. Transfer to a plate. Add another 1 tablespoon vegetable oil to skillet and repeat with remaining pork. Wipe out skillet.

Return the skillet to medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon vegetable oil. When hot, add carrot slices, sprinkle lightly with salt and cook, undisturbed, until beginning to soften and brown underneath, 2 to 3 minutes. Push carrots to one side. Add kale, tossing to coat with oil. Cook, tossing occasionally, until crisp-tender, 3 to 4 minutes. Add reserved marinade, dividing it between carrots and kale, and toss to coat.

Whisk together vinegar, remaining 1 tablespoon soy sauce and ½ teaspoon sesame oil in a small bowl.

To serve, divide white rice among bowls. Arrange pork and vegetables on top. Sprinkle with sliced scallions and sesame seeds. Serve with dressing on the side.



Tina Gilsenan (1935-2022)

Christina "Tina" Gilsenan, 87, of Garrison passed away peacefully on September 11, 2022 at North Westchester Restorative surrounded by her loving family.

Born on August 14, 1935 in New York City to the late Rudolph and Connie Padilla.

She retired from Sing Sing Prison in Ossining as the Head of Purchasing.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 66 years John, Loving Children Jeanne Klein and her husband Fred, John "Shawn" Gilsenan and his wife Maureen, Christina "Crissy" O'Neill and her partner Jack Ward. Cherished grandchildren, Daniel Gilsenan and his wife Danielle, Brandon Gilsenan and his wife Emily, Jennifer Farrington and her husband Logan, Tyler Klein and his wife Taylor, Dylan Gilsenan, Devon O'Neill, Thomas O'Neill, and Shane Gilsenan. Her dear Great Grandchildren Ava, Owen, Teddy, Parker and Woodson. Her dear Brothers Jimmy Padilla, and his wife Christina, Rollo Padilla and his wife Loretto, William Padilla and his wife Karen and her Sister in Law Rosie Padilla, along with numerous nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends, who will miss her.

Christina is predeceased by her brother Roland Padilla and Philip Padilla.

Friends may call on Saturday September 17, 2022 from 2-4 p.m. at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott Street, Cold Spring. In Lieu of flowers please make donations in Christina's name to The Friendship Center of Philipstown, 1756 NY-9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

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LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago [September 1872]

An express train from Albany struck and killed Hezekiah Dykeman, 72, a 50-year resident of Philipstown, about 2 miles south of Garrison. According to a witness, Dykeman, who worked as a flagman, was tightening a loose joint in the rails when he was distracted by a northbound freight and surprised by the southbound express. He was survived by his wife and six adult children.

Daniel Pratt, an eccentric known as “the great American traveler,” visited Cold Spring. “We were glad to see him — travel,” quipped the editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder*. Pratt would claim in 1874 that he had traveled 200,000 miles, seen 27 states, met 16 Native American tribes and seen five presidents inaugurated. His offbeat lectures on “the harmony of the human mind,” the solar system, world history and his own life were popular on college campuses.

Officer Morrison stopped a beating by four men of a stranger near the dock. He was told the victim, Maxmillian Griner, had stabbed John Gallagher in the abdomen with a pocket knife during a quarrel. Griner testified that he had asked the men where he could find a drink because Thurm-bichler’s was already closed, and offered to buy a round. But he said the men instead demanded his money, saying they’d buy their own drinks. Because all the lawyers in town were in Carmel for county court, the justice adjourned the hearing until their return.

James Schegel, who supplied the revolver that was used in a bank robbery in Cold Spring in 1870 that left a man dead, was spotted wandering around the village in his Navy uniform. He had enlisted a few days before the crime.

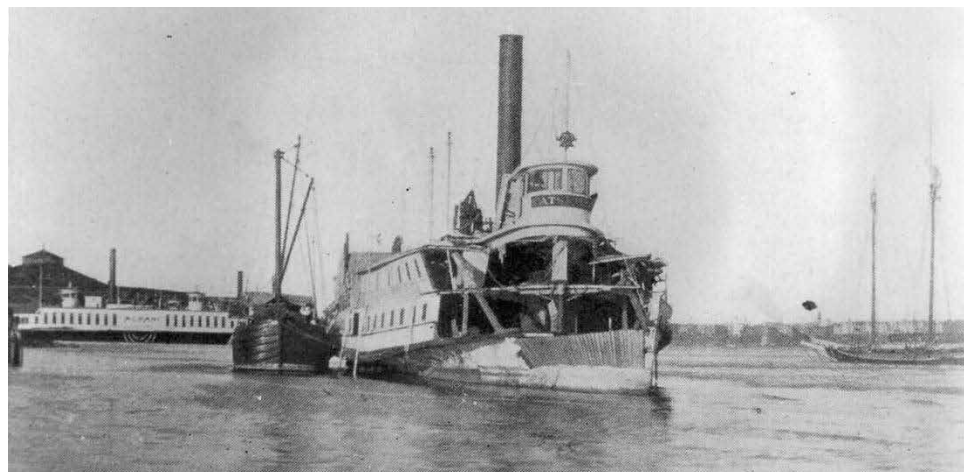
125 Years Ago [September 1897]

The steamer Sirius failed to stop as advertised at Cold Spring on Labor Day, leaving about 100 disappointed passengers on the dock, because it was at capacity with Odd Fellows members on an excursion from Fishkill to Coney Island.

Eugene Connors of Boston was struck and killed near the railroad bridge south of Constitution Island by a southbound passenger train. When the train stopped at Garrison, the engineer noticed blood and a man’s cap on the front of the engine; Connors’ body was found the next morning.

Irving Lloyd, manager of the Catskill Mountain House, returned home to Cold Spring after the resort closed for the season.

The Cold Spring Village Board raised the license fee for peddling bread and cake from \$1 to \$10; for general peddling from \$10 to \$20; and for selling products from a



A Cold Spring woman survived a collision in 1897 between the steamers Catskill (shown here after being raised from the water) and St. John.

Mystic Seaport Museum

vehicle from 50 cents to \$1 per day.

The Ladies’ Aid Society of St. Mary’s Church organized a “fair of the Zodiac” in which tables were set up to represent each month of the year with themes such as winds, roses, harvest and Christmas.

George Hustis purchased the milk route of James Brewster. [Hustis Dairy would make deliveries for the next 123 years, until it closed on Dec. 31, 2020.]



The Hustis Dairy barn on Route 9 is all that remains of the 123-year-old farm, which once covered 500 acres. Photo by M. Turton

At a meeting of the Cold Spring Hose Co. No. 1, Capt. Henry Metcalfe suggested that cannon-sized firecrackers be exploded to signal a general alarm.

After a baseball game between athletic clubs from Garrison and Peekskill on Iona Island was called in the fifth inning, a Peekskill newspaper lamented the constant grouching by the players, which it said “makes people sick of the game of baseball.”

Bridget McMahon, who shot and killed Patrick O’Malley in October 1896 at her saloon near Highland Station, was acquitted by a jury in Carmel.

William Raftery, who relocated from Cold Spring to California from 1849 to 1852 for the Gold Rush, died at age 61.

Items lost on the roads: A silk umbrella with a bone handle and a photo album containing views of Hamilton, Scotland.

William Pollock of Fishkill Landing [Beacon] leased a building on Stone Street to open a steam laundry.

The Recorder reminded veterans and pensioners that, while they were exempt from village, county and state taxes, they still had to pay school taxes.

The Rev. John Scott, a former pastor at the Baptist Church, was reported drowned while swimming at Coney Island. A week later, *The Recorder* printed a correction with the headline, “Not Dead.”

Lillian Foster of Cold Spring was among the passengers rescued from the steamer

Catskill before it sank following a collision with another steamer near 60th Street in New York City. She was reported to be home recovering from bruises and shock.

The Haldane principal recommended that the district raise Miss Green’s salary by \$50 because she was also teaching drawing.

Charlie Warren, the longtime milkman, was all smiles on his route after he became a grandfather.

Alfred Pearsall, the elocutionist, presented scenes from the Civil War in story and song during a benefit for the Garrison Society of Christian Endeavors.

Several home lots were sold in the newest section of the village, north of Main Street and east of Fishkill Avenue.

Perry Ferris, of Putnam Valley, died at age 58. He was on his way home from Cold Spring with friends when his head fell to his shoulder. A veteran of the Civil War, he had recently received word that his pension application had been approved with \$2,000 [about \$71,000 today] in back pay.

A granite monument for Sylvanus McKeel, who died in 1892, was installed at Cold Spring Cemetery. It stood 10½ feet high and weighed 3½ tons.

100 Years Ago [September 1922]

Two Bronx residents were killed when their car overturned on the state road. They were among five people traveling to Kiskatom for Labor Day, where other family members were waiting. Two others were seriously injured and the fifth was unhurt.

Marion Wilson left for Babylon, New York, where she was a teacher; Helen Cooley left for Rumford, Maine, where she had been hired as a music teacher for the first four grades; and Anna Inman, newly graduated from Syracuse University, left for the Village of Florida in Orange County to teach Latin and history.

James Childs was summoned to appear before Justice Ladue on a charge that he had violated the taxi ordinance after he was seen with Lake Surprise campers in his truck. Childs said he had not received any pay and the judge dismissed the charge.

A two-reel comedy produced by Harry Williams was shown following the features at the Hillcrest Theatre. Williams also was working on a six-reel comedy he and his crew shot in 1921 in Philipstown with local residents as extras.

Margaret “Grannie” Robinson, who had

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lived in her Garrison home for 69 years and been a member of St. Philip's Church for 70 years, died at age 88.

A meeting was held at Town Hall to organize a Public Health Nursing Association. The nurse would assist the school physician and also make house calls for a suggested fee, or at no charge.

Short on players, the Cold Spring baseball team had to recruit spectators against visiting Liptondale and lost, 11-3.

The Cold Spring board held a meeting at the firehouse to consider a proposal to purchase, for \$8,000 [about \$141,000], the 21-acre Foundry Dam property that included the brook and two reservoirs that provided the village with water.

The Hudson River Day Line bought the Bonner brickyard at Verplanck's Point to create a recreation park called Indian Point.

John Haldane Flagler, a Cold Spring native who sold his company, the National Tube Co., to U.S. Steel, died at age 86 at his summer home in Greenwich, Connecticut. His fortune was estimated at \$20 million to \$30 million [about \$350 million to \$530 million]. He founded the steel tube works in Boston to supply the rapidly expanding oil fields in Pennsylvania; at its height, the firm employed 4,700 men. Services were held at his home on Park Avenue in New York City.



Flagler

A convoy of about 25 cars carrying members of the Dutchess County Historical Society were greeted at the county line by Stuyvesant Fish, vice president of the Putnam County Historical Society, for an annual tour of Philipstown historic sites that included the North Highlands home built in 1730 by David Hustis, Continental Village and St. Philip's Church in Garrison.

A man's body was found along the road near the Hill Country House in North Highlands; it was supposed he had been hit by a car.

Leslie Merritt, 13, of North Highlands, was seriously injured when, while swinging from a vine, he fell about 30 feet and struck his head.

The Recorder shared this joke: Brown: "Black, you appear embarrassed. Has your little boy been asking you questions?" Black: "No, my wife has."

The state police stopped a car in North Highlands that had traveled from Montreal loaded with illegal alcohol. Its two occupants fled.

50 Years Ago (September 1972)

The Old Foundry Corp., which owned the West Point Foundry property, said it planned to build a 125-room Hilton hotel and 330-slip marina while preserving the ruins as a tourist attraction that could draw as many as 200,000 visitors annually. The village clerk said the project would "put Cold Spring on every tourist map" and become "one of the greatest boons for the Hudson Valley in 100 years."

David Dahlia, a senior at Haldane

High School, where he excelled in football, basketball and track, was killed in a car crash on Route 9D a mile north of the Dutchess line. He was survived by his parents and seven siblings.

The Wappinger Savings Bank, founded in 1869, and the Fishkill Savings Bank, founded in 1857, merged to create the Mid-Hudson Savings Bank. The Fishkill bank operated a branch on Chestnut Street (now Wells Fargo).

Kenneth Atherley of Lane Gate Road sent a complaint with photographs to the state Department of Environmental Control to alert the agency to mounds of exposed garbage at the Philipstown dump. He noted a fire had been smoldering in the pile for months. Atherley said the town kept the dump open five days a week but only provided funds for the garbage to be buried twice a week.

25 Years Ago (September 1997)

After a sting operation, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department arrested a 26-year-old Wappingers Falls man and four teenagers for selling LSD and marijuana from a parking lot adjacent to Haldane High School.

First responders were busy on Labor Day. In Garrison, a car went off Snake Hill Road into the woods and a man nearly drowned swimming at the Landing. In Cold Spring, a couple from Beacon was leaving Sandy Beach in their 18-foot boat when it hit heavy wake, split in half and sank within 90 seconds.

Elliott and Jessie Hammond, who operated Hammonds Groceries for more than 35 years on Main Street in Cold Spring, celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

The Philipstown Forum, a newly formed group, asked the Town Board to enact a moratorium on cell tower applications to allow time to adopt land-use laws.

Following the hookup to its new water filtration plant, Cold Spring discovered serious leakage problems, with nearly 90,000 gallons — or about a quarter of the supply — lost daily, and a puzzling 280 gallons being used per minute between midnight and 2 a.m. The village shut off service completely for five hours overnight to repair one leak: a fire hydrant at Main Street and Route 9D that had no shut-off valve.

The board of the Garrison Fire Department voted not to sell its station on Upper Station Road. Most of the 85 residents at the meeting said they wanted the department to keep the station rather than consolidate at its new building on Route 9. When the board noted that it didn't have the manpower for two stations, members of the audience expressed surprise and offered to help recruit more volunteers. The board said it would review the situation in six months.

The Garrison fire department installed a dry hydrant at Manitou Crossing, ending the practice of throwing linked tubes into the Hudson to draw water to a pumper.

A ceremonial groundbreaking was held at the 28-acre Philipstown Park on Route 9D, which had been part of the Malcolm Gordon School campus. At the same time, The Hastings Center moved from Westchester to the former school building.

The Philipstown Town Board discussed a local law that would allow residents to operate bed-and-breakfasts.



Keep Cats Indoors

Domestic cats make wonderful companions and pets, but when allowed to roam outside, they are the greatest human-caused source of mortality to birds.

Cats now function as introduced predators in many different habitats across the world. When outside, cats are invasive species that kill birds, reptiles, and other wildlife. Because most cats—whether feral or owned by humans—receive food from people, they also exist in much higher concentrations than wild felines do. But despite being fed, they kill wild birds and other animals by instinct.

There are now over 100 million free-roaming cats in the United States; they kill approximately 2.4 billion birds every year in the U.S. alone, making them the single greatest source of human-caused mortality for birds.

Free-roaming cats also spread diseases such as Rabies, Toxoplasmosis, and Feline Leukemia Virus, and face many more threats like vehicles and predators. Living outdoors shortens a cat's lifespan to just 2-5 years, whereas indoor cats can live to be 17 and beyond.

The easiest way you can help prevent needless bird deaths and keep you and your pet safe is by keeping your cat indoors.

* Paid for by a concerned citizen

TRAILS (from Page 1)

Standing at the bottom of the ridge and looking up, the sheer, rocky climb seems impossible. But with sturdy footwear, comfortable clothing, two free hands, a clear head and patience, the impossible can be achieved. What awaits atop the three summits is even more empowering: stunning views of the Wind Gate, West Point, Bannerman’s Island and the Hudson River.

In the last decade, social media spread that view across the world, enticing increasing number of hikers. It has been less successful in conveying the risk. Hikers began arriving in flip-flops, intoxicated, in constrictive clothing, or without a backpack to keep hands free for the scramble.

Some, upon reaching the first summit, opted to climb down, ignoring a sign that said it was safer to keep going. Rescue crews made regular appearances. Instead of a printed map, many hikers relied on sites such as alltrails.com, which have been a major cause of the increase of unofficial “social” trails created when hikers who get lost or go off-trail upload their GPS data, leading others to think that the paths are the trail, rather than bushwhacks.

On summer weekends, Route 9D is lined with cars on both sides, along with crowds of hikers, much to the mounting frustration of residents, who take to social media to proclaim that the state should start limiting access to the trail, or close it altogether. One resident this year created a website at breakneckridge.org that tries to convince

people to hike elsewhere.

But conditions at Breakneck have been improving, in ways that aren’t immediately obvious from the road.

“DISNEYLAND IN THE WOODS”

Chris Morris started developing a visitor management plan for Breakneck Ridge shortly after he joined the state parks department in 2015. Usually, such a plan would conclude with recommended steps. But Morris says with growing crowds at Breakneck, the state paused the planning and took immediate action.

The most notable change has been the Ninham Trail, which opened last year. Named for the last leader of the Wappinger tribe, the trail is aimed at hikers who decide to bail. It starts at the first summit and gently winds back to Route 9D. It also provides an easier hike up.

While it’s not part of Breakneck, the report also found that the Mount Taurus trail that winds past the quarry had eroded to a sliver and went so close to the edge that some hikers were tempted to inch closer for a better look and ended up having to be rescued while clinging to the quarry wall. Recent work rerouted, stabilized and widened that trail. Improved signage, blazes and posted maps also have led to fewer lost hikers along Mount Taurus and Breakneck.

Then there’s the human infrastructure: trail stewards from the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference who hang out at Breakneck and other busy trailheads on weekends. The stewards chat up every hiker to figure

out if they know what they’re getting into. Evan Thompson, the manager for Hudson Highlands State Park, said that some of the people showing up at Breakneck in 2020 and 2021 had never hiked before — they just needed to get out of the house during the pandemic and Breakneck was the only hike they had ever heard of. Inexperienced hikers are gently directed to a less challenging trail.

Breakneck had days during the pandemic when more than 1,000 hikers showed up. Yet, with stewards directing foot traffic, rescues are down so far this year, and the number of hikers in 2021 was the lowest since counts began in 2013. Part of that, Thompson said, may be due to months of unusually high temperatures and high gas prices. But it could also be that many people have decided that the pandemic is over. “People are traveling more,” Thompson said. “Instead of going hiking, they’re going shopping or going to the movies or whatever they used to do.”

One advantage of Breakneck being the most popular trail on the East Coast is that its rocky geology can withstand the traffic. “It’s not going to erode,” said Thompson. “You’re walking on granite.”

But that doesn’t mean the experience is ideal.

“It’s like Disneyland in the woods,” said Hank Osborn, a Philipstown native who is director of programs for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. “The trail can handle it. But being mobbed with hundreds of other people right around you for your entire experience is not what most people are looking for.”

Osborn said he prefers to discuss “increased use” of local trails rather than “overuse,” since the latter usually is defined by trail erosion. But other factors have to be taken into consideration, such as parking, if there’s room on the trail for hikers to spread out and the ability of nearby communities to handle the influx. There’s also the fact that not every hiker has the same impact. “One hundred hikers who are less educated in responsible recreation will do more damage than 100 who are,” said Morris.

While trail stewards at Breakneck have decreased the number of inexperienced hikers who get lost or injured, the long-term goal isn’t to turn them away. “Providing the right information to visitors is the solution to combating the threats from increased use,” said Osborn. “Threats to local communities, threats to nature and threats to themselves.”

Efforts to ease crowding and accidents at Breakneck may have been occurring “behind the scenes” over the past few years, but a project intended to continue that progress is ready to break ground and will be harder to miss.



The Ninham Trail offers a gentler descent from the first summit of Breakneck Ridge.
Photo by B. Cronin



Erik Kulleseid (left), the commissioner of state parks, examines stone steps on the Ninham Trail built by the volunteer Jolly Rovers trail crew.
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time, the growing crowds at Breakneck had outpaced the plan’s goals. Route 9D was clogged with hikers, as were the streets of Cold Spring as hikers arrived by train. Some hikers went beyond Breakneck to get a better view of Bannerman’s Castle and ended up on private property (and in some cases, porches). And despite the state’s insistence that no swimming is allowed at Little Stony Point, people continue to enter the water, leading to occasional drownings because of the unexpected current and a sudden drop-off. What if the Fjord Trail could address all of these problems?

In April 2020, during the early weeks of the pandemic shutdown, the Fjord Trail was reintroduced as a more robust project with its own nonprofit under the wing of Scenic Hudson, and input from such groups as the Lenape Center, the Little Stony Point Citizens

BREAKNECK VISITORS

	Total Hikers	Most in One Day	Days w/ 1,000+	Turned Away
2013	26,172 (1)	711	0	300
2014	26,743	1,426	2	392
2015	33,872	1,755	14	470
2016	35,570	1,522	22	528
2017	38,714	1,697	28	512
2018	33,700	1,469	13	539
2019	44,312	2,091	18	564
2020	47,161 (2)	2,095	20	628
2021	23,428	1,033	1	94

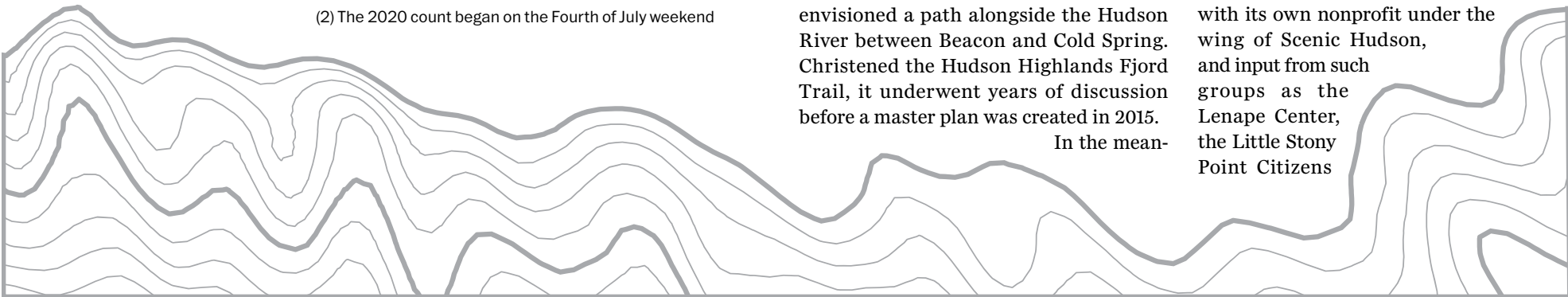
Source: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference steward counts from Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day

(1) The 2013 figure is extrapolated from a 7-day count
(2) The 2020 count began on the Fourth of July weekend

NOT JUST FOR TOURISTS

Fifteen years ago, a group of residents envisioned a path alongside the Hudson River between Beacon and Cold Spring. Christened the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, it underwent years of discussion before a master plan was created in 2015.

In the mean-



Association, state parks and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust. Among other provisions, the trail plans to lead hikers out of the Cold Spring train station to Little Stony Point, largely bypassing the village while providing the bathrooms and trash collection by Dockside that the village sorely lacks.

Organizers say the trail will offer better views of Bannerman's Castle and provide attractions that spread out foot traffic. A sanctioned swimming area will be constructed at Little Stony Point in an area currently overrun with invasive species.

The largest part is the one due to break ground soon: the Breakneck Connector, which will include two parking lots between Route 9D and the river and a pedestrian bridge over the tracks that will be accessible to hikers with disabilities. "That is going to be a huge improvement for that trailhead," said Morris. "For the major issues that we've seen, the parking and safety along the corridor with hikers arriving, that's just going to be phenomenal."

Morris thinks the Fjord Trail will probably pull people off Breakneck who would prefer a "front country" — rather than back country — experience. But some Highlands residents are asking: Could the trail prove to be so popular that it ends up making the overcrowding problem worse?

"THIS IS NOT YANKEE STADIUM"

Pete Salmansohn is an outdoor educator who, among other volunteer positions, has served as a trail steward at Breakneck and elsewhere. After seeing the crowds up close, he said he is not convinced that the Fjord Trail, as envisioned, will help.

"I just don't think that Cold Spring can handle more people," he said. "You don't have to be a genius to see what happens to other regional tourist attractions, like Walkway Over the Hudson [in Poughkeepsie], or the Highline [in New York City], to know that Cold Spring is too small for this. It will radically upset the small, rural town that we have."

He points to the emphasis on hikers using the Metro-North station lot, which is free on weekends. "There would be a continual flow of cars up and down Main Street," he said. "This is not Yankee Stadium."

Salmansohn thinks that eliminating the portion of the trail between Cold Spring and Breakneck would solve the majority of the problems, as would a permit system at Breakneck. (Both Thompson and Morris said a permit system would be impractical because the ridge has too many access points.) And despite the plan for new parking lots, the proposal would still allow visitors to park along Route 9D.

"For a multi-gazillion-dollar project to allow parking on 9D is nuts," Salmansohn said. "It's dangerous, ludicrous and self-sabotaging."



A rendering of the proposed Fjord Trail bridge at Breakneck

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Joined by elected officials, about 125 residents gathered at Chalet on the Hudson in October 2014 to review a route map for the Fjord Trail.

File photo

Amy Kacala, the executive director of the Fjord Trail, said that parking on 9D will be limited to parallel spots on the east side of the highway and will include a crosswalk and reserved spaces for emergency responders. The strategy is to allow the state Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit near Breakneck from 55 mph to 40 mph, she said.



Kacala

The critiques from residents are not new to Kacala, as the Fjord Trail has been making presentations this year to the public and elected officials. "We can't say that this isn't going to draw more people," she said. "However, they're already here. To do nothing doesn't seem

like a reasonable answer. I haven't heard an alternate scenario for how visitation will be managed without the Fjord Trail."

The trail, she said, fits into Cold Spring's comprehensive plan and will help solve issues that the village and the state parks department don't have the resources to deal with, such as trash collection, restrooms and swimming at Little Stony Point. "This project is implementing the vision the community had for itself," she said.

The trail will ultimately serve locals more than tourists, as the locals will be able to easily access the trail every day, she said. And it will add amenities such as public swimming and outdoor activities suitable for older residents and provide access points for paddlers, she said. "It's just another way people are interacting with the space," she said. "One of the key goals of the trail is to reconnect people with the river. From the land side, you're physically and visually being connected to the river

WHY THIS SERIES

Over the past two years, many state and national parks have set visitation records. In one sense, this is good news. The emotional, physical, mental and spiritual benefits of spending time outside have been exhaustively documented. But many parks found out the hard way that they were not ready to handle the crowds and are asking themselves some difficult questions such as:

How to best balance preservation with access? Can we make sure, in providing access, that we don't destroy what makes the site special? Is there such a thing as a mutually beneficial relationship between hikers and the outdoors? How much "wild" do people want in their wilderness experiences? Are humans separate from the natural experience, or an integral part of it?

In Part 1 (Sept. 2), we looked at the problem of Indian Brook Falls in Garrison, and the collateral damage that occurs when a once-secluded spot becomes internet-famous.

In Part 2 (Sept. 9), we looked at how and why trails in the Highlands were created — and what might have been instead — as well as what happens when unmanaged wilderness suddenly needs to be managed.

Both stories are posted at highlandscurrent.org.

through the project. From the water, you're able to touch the lands a bit."

Kacala said the concern about even larger crowds is based on a belief that the visitors will bunch up in Cold Spring. "I don't see that as how it will play out," she said, in part because the trail will be 7.5 miles long.

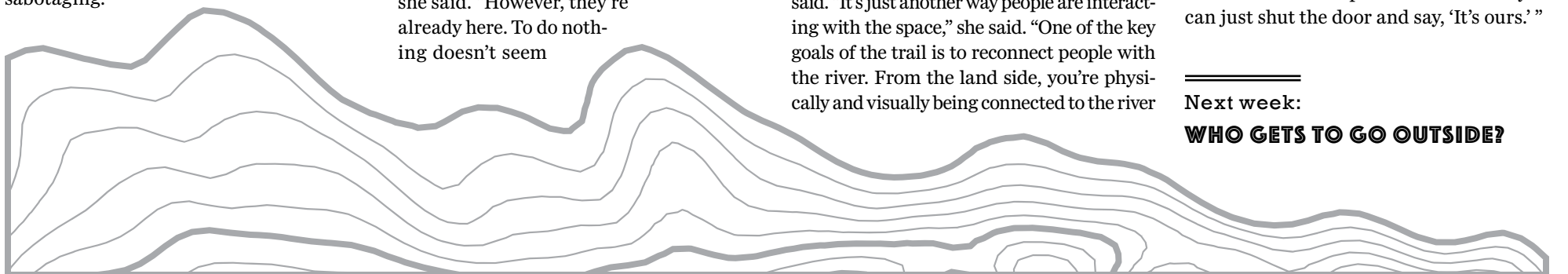
Osborn, who has been involved with the trail planning since its earliest days, thinks the completed project will win over skeptics. "Through traffic and parking management, to intelligent and sustainable trail design, the local communities will soon realize the tremendous benefits of all the years of careful planning," he said.

"We're all lucky to live in this area," said Thompson. "Does it create some problems? Yes. But that's why we're trying to work on the problem so that everybody can be happy."

Even if any project that draws people to the Highlands will make somebody who lives here unhappy, "this is a matter of equity and the value of public space," said Kacala. "This isn't private land where you can just shut the door and say, 'It's ours.'"

Next week:

WHO GETS TO GO OUTSIDE?



Roots and Shoots

Breeding for Beginners

By Pamela Doan

This season I've been closely watching which of my perennials and grasses is handling the drought with more ease. I'm curious about why one part of my Joe pye weed, a 10-year-old plant that has been in the same spot, barely bloomed, turned brown and withered, but another section had larger blooms and green foliage.

Joe pye wouldn't typically thrive in the spot where I planted it, with full sun and dry soil. It likes moisture and a few hours less sun. But it's done well all these years because I planted it directly in line with a downspout. In a season with consistent precipitation, it's almost a rain-garden effect. The plant soaks up the rainwater that flows toward it, giving the water more time to filter into the soil. This year's drought unbalanced the relationship, though, and it's suffering.

I am going to experiment by collecting seeds from the part of the plant that did better and see what they produce. By collecting seeds from certain plants and germinating them, we are breeding them to the specific micro-climate of our landscapes.

In botany, the word *ecotype* is a sign of how a native plant is, well, more native than another. It means that the plant has adapted and evolved to the hyperlocal growing conditions. If your seed was collected in Cold Spring, it conceivably has characteristics that help it thrive here.

That may be not true for some generalist plants such as white wood aster (*Aster divaricatus*), common milkweed (*Ascle-*

pias syriaca) and butterflyweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). But ecotype can play an important role for more particular plants such as whorled milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*), which prefers sandy, rocky and clay soils in woodlands.

When it comes to vegetables, by collecting seeds, gardeners can choose plants for taste, hardiness and other characteristics. Even if your tomatoes are all the same variety, only preserve seeds from the strongest plants. When you sow them in another season, you're influencing its genetic makeup.

It's important to know your seed types to collect and propagate. Stick to open-pollinated plants and straight species. Open-pollinated plants will grow true to type and bear the parent plant's characteristics. This is reproduction, don't forget. A hybrid plant has two parents. For example, the Summer Sun ox-eye sunflower (*Heliopsis helianthoides*, var. *scabra* *Sommersone*) is shorter than the straight species, more compact and has an orange disk instead of yellow.

If I collected seeds from Summer Sun, it might have orange disks or it might have yellow, it might be taller or shorter, or it



During the drought, this Joe pye weed withered and died in one section while another section bloomed. Photo by P. Doan

might have characteristics different from either of the parents. That's a fun experiment as long as I don't mind a surprise, but it's a waste of garden space if it's a zucchini hybrid. The resulting plant from saving seeds of a hybrid vegetable can be inedible.

I once tested this and let a squash plant grow in the compost pile. The fruit was yellow and oblong and full of seeds. Even the hens weren't thrilled with it.

Some perennial seeds can be saved by drying and storing them in an envelope. The Wild Seed Project (wildseedproject.net) is a useful resource for instruction on preserving and germinating native plants and grasses. Or skip all those steps and order seed from the project, which is a nonprofit based in Maine.

Vegetable seeds are trickier and the process depends on the plant. Tomatoes do well after fermenting by sitting on the counter for a few days. Growers recommend taking seeds from tomatoes on different plants and combining them. After the seeds are dry, they can be stored in an envelope or in the refrigerator or freezer. Just don't try to sow frozen seeds.

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32. Wilderness Road pioneer

33. Unoriginal one

34. Actress Arthur

36. Hindu royal

37. Gold-loving king

39. Country named for an imaginary line

41. Eye, slangily

43. Tax form ID

44. One of the Fab Four

46. Cairo's nation

50. Hoosegow

53. Perched

55. Slithery

56. Shrek, for one

57. Part of TNT

58. Dance move

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14

15 16 17

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22 23 24 25 26 27

28 29 30 31 32

33 34 35 36

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44 45 46 47 48 49

50 51 52 53 54 55

56 57 58

59 60 61

59. Pitch

60. Chatter

61. Wedding words

DOWN

1. Recedes

2. Oodles

3. Novelist Jaffe

4. Purse

5. Composer

6. Former

7. Easy-to-peel citrus

8. Poetic tribute

9. Moving day rental

10. Invoice fig.

12. Partake in a

19. Day light?

21. Clothing protector

23. Gist

25. Burden

26. — account (never)

27. Dam

28. Bivouac

29. Mayberry moppet

30. Give up

31. Golf prop

35. Rm. coolers

38. Salty expanse

40. Exploit

42. Out of practice

45. Zhivago's love

47. Bigfoot's cousin

48. Begged

49. Printing error

50. Scribble (down)

51. Past

52. Apr. check casher

54. Gratuity

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 high school annual (8)

2 pearly gem (9)

3 in a cheerless way (8)

4 it cleans up around the edge (7)

5 supporting in wrongdoing (8)

6 senior Kardashian sister (8)

7 from the western Pyrenees (6)

SOLUTIONS

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7	4	8	2	5	1	3	6	9

1. CONCOCTION, 2. RESOLUTE, 3. GOBSMACKED, 4. CERISE, 5. PLAYLET, 6. INFURIATING, 7. RETRACTION

SPORTS



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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

FOOTBALL

Haldane shook off an early 14-0 deficit on Sept. 10 in its season opener, responding with three unanswered scores for a 21-14 road win at Irvington.

The home team got off to a fast start in the first quarter, scooping a Blue Devils fumble and taking it 44 yards for a touchdown, then scoring again on a 5-yard run.

Junior quarterback Ryan Van Tassel put Haldane on the scoreboard in the second quarter with a 6-yard run. Erik Stubblefield added the point-after kick.

Soon after, Thomas Tucker picked up a fumble and returned it 76 yards for a score, and Haldane added a two-point conversion on a Tucker run to make it 15-14.

The Blue Devils increased the lead to 21-14 in the third quarter on a 2-yard run by Evan Giachinta, although a 2-point conversion failed.

"I thought a big factor was our sense of resiliency," said Coach Ryan McConville. "We started out slow, but we settled down, started to gel and got some momentum on offense. That first score calmed us a bit, and we played better from there."

Giachinta finished with 123 yards on 25 carries. Van Tassel completed only 2 of 6 pass attempts for 18 yards but ran for 101 yards on 12 carries.

"Defensively, Erik Stubblefield has been a key cog in the middle of our defense," McConville said. "Chris Moore made his first varsity start, Luca Dilello came in and had a nice 18-yard catch and Tyler Hyatt, Julian Schwartz and Arthur Owens all did a nice job."

Haldane (1-0) will host Albertus Magnus at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 17) in the Future Blue Devils game, during which players in grades K-6 can run onto the field with the varsity. Children are invited to join the team at 1:20 p.m. in the south end zone.

It looked like the season opener on Sept. 9 for Beacon against Warwick was going to be a one-sided affair, with the Wildcats scoring on the opening kickoff and building a 27-0 lead by halftime.

But the Bulldogs came back with some fight in the second half, putting two touchdowns on the board in the third and another in the fourth in the 34-21 loss.

"In the first half it felt like they had some experience on us, with them playing a game already," said Coach Jim Phelan. "The guys seemed a little nervous, a little antsy. But we got better as the game went on. Joey Vallaro, in his first high school game, had



Dan Urbanak fires a pass against Warwick on Sept. 9 at Beacon High School.



The Bulldogs had a solid second half in a 34-21 loss.

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an interception and 52 yards receiving, so there were some promising signs. The guys stayed together."

Quarterback Danny Urbanak put the Bulldogs on the board in the third quarter with a 6-yard run and later connected with Aaron Pegues for a 3-yard TD pass. Leibenson Perez-Novas scored on a 4-yard run in the fourth.

Urbanak completed 5 of 16 attempts for 91 yards and had one interception. Ryan Wandji ran for 37 yards on seven carries. Alex Khalil and Owen Lynch made key contributions on defense, Phelan said.

The Bulldogs (0-1) visit Valley Central tonight (Sept. 16).

GIRLS' SOCCER

Beacon battled Kingston to a scoreless tie on Sept. 10 after two overtimes despite dominating the game with 17 shots on goal

to Kingston's zero. The Bulldogs responded Wednesday (Sept. 14) at home with a 9-0 shutout over Middletown.

Beacon got two goals each from captains Chelsea DerBoghossian and Devyn Kelly, as well as scores from Sara Gonzalez, Reilly Landisi, Mika Sanchez, Noelle Haase and Abi Ahmed.

"Against Kingston we had a tough night — we were not finishing and had tons of opportunities," said Coach Mike Lentini. "We just couldn't put one away."

The Bulldogs (2-1-1) are scheduled to visit Port Jervis today (Sept. 16).

Haldane took an 8-1 loss to Briarcliff on Tuesday (Sept. 13), with Anna Cat Nelson scoring for the Blue Devils. Ruby Poses had 15 saves in goal.

The Blue Devils (1-3) are scheduled to travel to Woodlands on Saturday and host Poughkeepsie at 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

VOLLEYBALL

Beacon came up with a win over Newburgh on Monday (Sept. 12) on the road, winning in straight sets (25-16, 25-19, 25-12). Kiki Rodriguez had eight kills and eight digs for the Bulldogs, and Sydney Jones had 11 points, including four aces.

The team defeated Tuxedo, 3-1, on Wednesday at home and is set to visit Chester today (Sept. 16) and host Minisink Valley at 6 p.m. on Sept. 21.

Haldane dropped a 3-1 decision to visiting Rye Neck on Monday. Scotia Hartford had 17 assists, Mikayla Santos had eight aces and Jillian Weinpahl had nine kills, two aces and 10 digs.

Haldane will travel to Westlake and Putnam Valley next week.

BOYS' SOCCER

Beacon suffered a 2-1 loss at Newburgh on Tuesday (Sept. 13), with Andre Alzate scoring the Bulldogs' goal, assisted by Jack Philipbar.

"We were a bit undermanned, due to some illness and a suspension, which gave us a short bench," said Coach Craig Seaman. "We need to continue to develop and mature to string together a consistent effort over 80 minutes."

Beacon is scheduled to host Kingston at 4:30 p.m. on Monday and travel to Goshen on Wednesday.

Haldane dropped a 3-2 decision to Hastings on Sept. 9 before defeating Poughkeepsie, 5-1, and Putnam Valley, 3-1, this week.

Against Putnam Valley, Clement Grossman scored twice and had an assist and Ryan Eng-Wong added a goal. Ronan Kiter had two saves in net.

Eng-Wong scored twice against Poughkeepsie, with additional goals from Grossman, Brandt Robbins and Matt Nachamkin. Against Hastings, Eng-Wong and Emil Schweizer had goals and Max Westphal had an assist.

Despite the loss, Haldane is off to a strong start at 4-1. The Blue Devils will visit Pawling today (Sept. 16) and host Tuckahoe at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Beacon traveled to Monticello on Tuesday (Sept. 13), where the boys improved to 3-0 with a four-point victory. Jack Twinning (14:55.1) and Henry Reinke (14:55.4) finished first and second, while August Wright (6), Harsh Gupta (8), Jon Ramirez (9) and Bryce Manning (10) filled out the top 10.

"That was a good performance on a sloppy course," said Coach Jim Henry. "We were happy to come out with a victory, but even happier to have no spills or injuries."

Beacon will be at the Suffern Invitational at Bear Mountain on Saturday (Sept. 17).