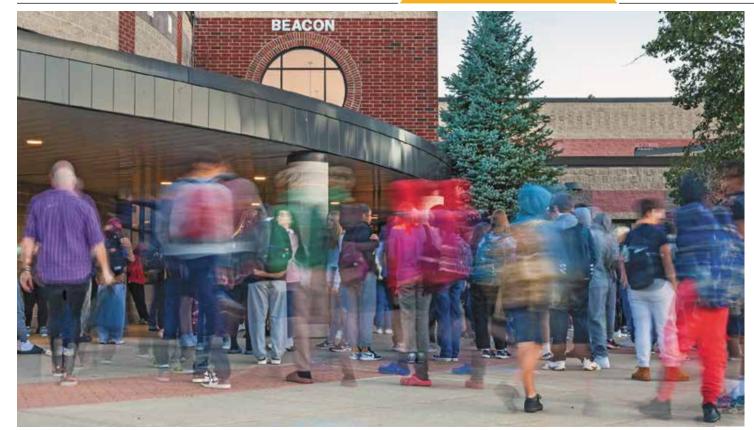
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Most high school students, including those in Beacon, have not had a "normal" academic year since middle school. Photo by Valerie Shively

Are the Kids Alright?

The Beacon High School parent described her teenage daughter as "the glue of the family" – a headstrong young woman who always "wants to make sure everybody's well and together."

But by the summer of 2020, after students in New York finished the last three months of the school year behind computer screens because of the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown, something had changed.

One day that summer, the mother took her daughter to Long Dock Park at the

School is back to normal but students may not be

By Jeff Simms

Beacon waterfront for some fresh air. The girl wore a sweater. "I thought it was weird, because it was hot out," said the mother, whose identity, along with her daughter's, is being withheld so she could speak candidly about her family's mental health.

Later that summer, her daughter was in the kitchen "grabbing something — and that's when I noticed her arm," the mother said. The girl, who said she felt isolated because of the shutdown, and feared she or her parents would contract COVID before vaccines were available, had been cutting herself with a razor blade.

While her reaction was extreme, the Beacon student was hardly alone in her (Continued on Page 18)

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Beacon Will Add Metal Detectors at Night Games

Move made in response to shooting in Newburgh By Chip Rowe

The Beacon school district said this week it will make "security enhancements," including handheld metal detectors, at its evening football and soccer games following a shooting after a high school game in Newburgh.

In addition, the contents of bags and backpacks will be inspected, games will have a single point of entry and no spectator who leaves will be allowed to return.

The measures will be in effect for the varsity football games tonight (Oct. 7) and Oct. 21 and boys' soccer games on Oct. 12 and Oct. 18, said Superintendent Matt Landahl in a statement.

"Having these evening events is very important to us and we love providing our students and the community a place to cheer on our student-athletes and also hang out with each other," he said. "These changes are not in response to any specific Beacon-related concern but instead are an attempt to be proactive."

The changes come in the wake of a shooting after a Newburgh Free Academy game on Sept. 30 that left three adults with injuries. Police said shots were fired at about 9:35 p.m. during a fight near the north parking lots as the crowd left the game. The victims were all Newburgh residents but not students; they were shot in the thigh, foot and ankle. No arrests have been made. The Newburgh district said this week

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Outside Money Millions pour into local

House races for negative ads By Victor Feldman

t a pizza parlor in Kingston, a stark black-and-white image of Rep. Pat Ryan, the former Ulster County executive who is running for the U.S. House district that will include Beacon, appears on a bar TV screen. Ryan, the narrator says against a background of ominous music, wants to disarm the police and free violent criminals from prison. The video cuts to an image of an inmate behind bars, then back to Ryan's face. "Pat Ryan is dangerously liberal," the narrator warns.

Another ad, this one online, features an image of Republican House candidate Colin Schmitt, broadly grinning. "Anti-choice and doesn't stand up for kids," asserts the video's narrator over a background drumbeat. The ad cuts to an image of a woman looking up from a voting booth. She peers into the camera, an expression of disgust across her face. "New Yorkers are on to Colin Schmitt," the narrator declares.

National political groups, including the (Continued on Page 6)



FIVE QUESTIONS: RACHEL ARBOR

By Joey Asher

achel Arbor, 31, is the coordinator of environmental education at the Garrison School.

What is your philosophy as an environmental educator?

My mantra is "connection to nature, connection to self, connection to others." If we're going to fight this climate crisis, we need to understand and appreciate nature. We also need to understand ourselves and our role in nature. Finally, we need to understand how we can collaborate with others to solve the problem.

While you have your own class teaching environmental engineering and community-based conservation projects, you also contribute to the core curriculum. What's your approach?

Here's an example. Our fifth grade teacher has a unit called "The Age of Exploration," about European explorers. I'll teach how that relates to the environment. The explorers needed resources from the environment. That's why they explored. That mindset is something that we still have. We ask, "How can this ecosystem give us what we need?" rather than, "How is this a two-way relationship?"



You received a butterfly grant?

I'm applying for a grant to make the Garrison School part of the Pollinator Pathway. That means we will plant local flowers that attract migratory monarch butterflies on their path from Canada to Mexico. This is part of my community-based conservation initiative. My goal is to connect Garrison students with the larger community. Students also will learn about pollinators as part of their ecology curriculum.

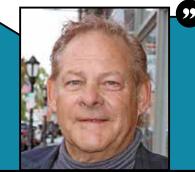
You had said that the late Bob Oddo, who taught science at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, was a big influence on you. How so?

He was so unconventional. In one assignment, he made us go be "freegans" [someone who scavenges for food]. We went to Dunkin' Donuts and got all of their extra bagels. We had no idea what restaurants did with their waste. He got us out there in a way that changed our perspective on what food manufacturing looks like. He sent us dumpster diving! His passion was contagious.

Do people remark on your last name? It seems appropriate for an environmental teacher.

My husband and I met while leading backpacking trips. We loved being in nature and we loved helping students be in nature. When we got engaged, we wanted to find an identity that fit us both. So we looked at the letters in our names [Rachel Tabin and Jake Harrison Latchaw] and we figured out how we could scramble them to give us an identity we appreciated. When we changed our names legally, the judge said, "Let the court reflect the fact that this is beautiful." We both go by Arbor. Jake is an English teacher at Beacon High School. His students call him Mr. Tree. My students call me Ms. Arbor.





Rick Brownell, Beacon

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Paula Dowd, Beacon

NEWS BRIEFS

Shots Fired Into Fishkill Restaurant

Man charged with attempted assault

Police arrested a 42-year-old man on Sunday (Oct. 2) after shots were fired into Antonella's Pizza on Route 9 in Fishkill. The six people inside the restaurant were not injured.

Gary P. Bonventre Jr., of Fishkill, was charged with six counts of attempted assault, criminal use of a firearm, criminal possession of a weapon and six counts of reckless endangerment. Police said they recovered a Rohm .22 short-caliber revolver.

Police said Bonventre fled the scene. He was arraigned in Village of Fishkill Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail on \$100,000 cash bail or secure bond, or \$1 million partially secure bond. He is scheduled to return to court Oct. 17.

Byrne Announces Transition Team

Running unopposed for Putnam executive

Kevin Byrne, who is running unopposed to succeed MaryEllen Odell as the Putnam County executive, announced his transition team on Monday (Oct. 3).

Byrne, a state Assembly member, will appear on the Republican and Conservative Party lines on the November ballot. He said his transition team will be chaired by Jim Burpoe, commissioner of the Orange County Department of General Services, and include Joe DeMarzo, Putnam County's former deputy commissioner of mental health and social services; George Oros, who was the chief of staff for Rob Astorino when he was Westchester County executive; Willis Stephens Jr., the Southeast town attorney; and William Spain, the former Putnam County attorney.

Byrne said in a statement he has "reached out to every town supervisor and village mayor in the county to hear their thoughts and discuss ideas on how they can do more to work together moving forward."

He also said he had "secured a group of top-tier government experts to review the current structure, finances, programs and personnel within Putnam County government" to provide "detailed recommendations" for his tenure.

Haldane Foundation Opens Grant Requests Application deadline is Oct. 31

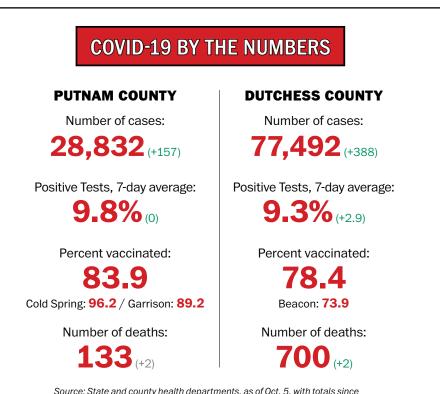
The Haldane School Foundation has opened its fall grant application process

and is accepting requests through Oct. 31. The nonprofit said it funds projects "that enrich students' education, supplement curriculum and provide rich experiences, programs and resources that fall outside the regular school budget." See haldaneschoolfoundation.org.

Metal Detectors (from Page 1)

it will move its remaining Friday night games to the daytime on weekends. The district already has metal detectors in place and security guards who inspect bags at night games and said it will add lighting and cameras. It also canceled or moved home games for all sports scheduled through Oct. 13.

In his statement, Landahl also alluded to a stabbing after a football game in September 2021 at Arlington High School that killed a 16-year-old student.



Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 5, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those who have received at least one dose as of Sept. 30.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Clarification

A story in the Sept. 30 issue reported that the Putnam County Sheriff's Department had been alerted that a suspect in a shooting was fleeing north on the Taconic State Parkway. Arrested in Putnam Valley, Shyvarie Hernandez, 40, of the Bronx, was charged with fleeing a police officer and reckless driving. The Sheriff's Department later clarified that Hernandez was not wanted in the shooting, but that the NYPD had been looking for the car he was driving.

input ("Cold Spring Raises Concerns With Fjord Trail Officials," Sept. 30).

Residents of Market, Lower Main, New, Fish, North and West streets should be given a similar seat at the table as Fair Street residents were.

Further, how can HHFT prove that all traffic to the trail will be routed through the Dockside trailhead and/or a shuttle bus? Imagine a resident or visitor standing at the corner of Main Street and Route 9D, or Main and Fair, directed by GPS to head as the crow flies down the hill to Little Stony Point, along roads that have no sidewalks or shoulders. What measures will be in place

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to ensure that they are compelled to walk half a mile out of their way, under the underpass or over Lunn Terrace, to start their journey at the official Dockside trailhead?

Support our nonprofit. Become a member!

If Cold Spring pushes back too much, my instinct is that HHFT will switch to a Little Stony Point terminus and be done with it. We need safe access to Little Stony Point, and we need to save Dockside from overdevelopment/overuse.

The solution is bike/pedestrian improvements on 9D and Fair Street connecting the village to Little Stony Point, regardless of what happens at Dockside – a multipoint trailhead that responds realistically to the facts on the ground.

Ethan Timm, Nelsonville

We should expect the village and trail to be asked to accommodate special events. On Oct. 1, Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie hosted Walktoberfest, with 120 vendors, shuttle buses, food and alcohol. It's easy to imagine that charities and for-profit groups would be eager to use the trail as a draw for events.

Aaron Wolfe, Cold Spring

I was somewhat disappointed with the outcome of the Sept. 28 meeting on the Fjord Trail but hopeful for the Planning Board's intervention. I thought its members spoke eloquently and provided insights that should persuade the Village Board to scuttle support for the ill-conceived idea of an elevated pedestrian walkway starting at Dockside.

Whereas Planning Board members seem to see the forest for the trees, the mayor adopted the position that the village should wait and see what the traffic and environmental impact studies turn up. There's no need to wait. Clearly, the Planning Board is better suited and far more experienced in such matters. It would be a dark day if we have to rely on the government and developer's conflicted-interest impact studies to sway decisions.

Because Fair Street already conveys pedestrians to Little Stony Point, the idea of an elevated walkway to the same destination is a solution in search of a problem. Further, it directs people in the opposite direction of nearly every village business. Why would any village support that counterintuitive notion? Hikers will use Fair Street, bridge or no bridge.

Is it too much to ask elected officials to be practical?

Derek Graham, Cold Spring

Haldane plans

As the parent of a Haldane High School senior who grew up in Philipstown and has attended Haldane schools her entire life, I am well aware that the students and

owners, it's astonishing they refuse to Lynn Miller, Cold Spring It has become clear that – after receiving pushback from Fair Street residents over the original proposed route - that

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Public restrooms

Street businesses.

entertain the idea.

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Fjord Trail

The ongoing problem of access to the public

restrooms needs to be solved, stat ("Notes

from the Cold Spring Village Board," Sept. 23).

ber of Commerce does nothing to contrib-

ute to the costs of maintaining a service

that directly benefits its members and Main

I cannot understand the rationale. The

cost of a cleaning service to maintain the

restrooms on the weekends could easily

be covered if every Main Street business

owner contributed \$5 per week. It doesn't

cost much for anyone but benefits everyone.

for permits or licenses to do business in

the village, as in many neighboring munici-

palities, it seems like the least they could

do. Considering that two members of the

Village Board are Main Street business

the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail has

chosen the Dockside Park terminus as a

facile alternative to sidestep official village

Since merchants are not charged a fee

It's shameful that the Cold Spring Cham-

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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staff need more accommodating space ("Haldane Ponders Next Big Project," Sept. 23). For example, there is no space in the high school for students to eat lunch or gather. Some classes are held in an annex that is difficult to navigate. There is no auditorium; folding chairs are set up in a gym for assemblies, theater and music performances and community events.

I have visited high school campuses in Putnam, Westchester, New Jersey and Connecticut, and I attended public school in New York City. I can assure you that, although my daughter will be graduating, other students will need better space and the school district will need better space to attract the best faculty, administrators and coaches. In a community like ours, we can hope for nothing less.

Judy Farrell, Cold Spring

Mystery solved

In the Sept. 30 issue, you reported that the late husband of Anne Papalardo-Blake, whose body was found near Beacon. and whose killing remains unsolved, murdered the next woman he married, his fourth wife ("Woman's Remains ID'd After 42 Years," Sept. 30). Do you know what happened to wives one and two? Floyd Norris, Garrison

According to news reports at the time of Rick Blake's arrest in 1982, his first wife died of natural causes and his second wife was living in Canada.

Fishkill Approves Developer's Request

Water/sewer district will be expanded for themed hotel, shops

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

ollowing a court ruling, the Fishkill Town Board on Wednesday (Oct. 5) approved extending a water and sewer district to include a planned shopping and hotel complex on a Revolutionary War site on Route 9.

The board voted, 3-1, to reject a proposal to appeal the ruling, and then voted, 3-0, with a member abstaining, to extend the district to the property. Supervisor Ozzy Albra, who has opposed the project, did not vote.

The board acknowledged that the judge's decision was binding but also pointed out that the town must approve any mains and pipes that are installed.

Domenic Broccoli, the developer, intends to construct a complex on the 10.5-acre site that he calls Continental Commons, with an inn, shops, restaurants and museum designed to replicate a colonial village. The land lies across Route 9 from the Dutchess Mall and across Snook Road from the Van Wyck Homestead, which served as a headquarters for the Continental Army.

Although Broccoli's plans call for drawing water from Fishkill, sewage and wastewater would be treated by Beacon's plant.



A rendering of the north end of the proposed Continental Commons development

The contested land was once part of the sprawling Fishkill Supply Depot, which Gen. George Washington established as a military base that stretched from northern Philipstown to the Village of Fishkill and present-day Beacon. It includes a cemetery that critics say may contain Revolutionary War dead. While promising to protect the graves, Broccoli maintains that the military burial ground lies some miles northeast.

In a Sept. 26 statement, Broccoli praised the judge's ruling, saying the Town Board's 2020 denial of his request had been part of "an ongoing scheme to 'strangle' and 'bleed' " him financially.

On Tuesday, the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot, a nonprofit historical preservation group that has led opposition to Continental Commons, continued its objections, saying that Fishkill has a surplus of unused commercial space. "Why destroy a critically important and unique archaeological site to create even more?" it asked.

After Wednesday's votes, the FOFSD

charged that Town Board members who allowed the water and sewer extensions "sold out the people of Fishkill and disrespected the soldiers who are laid to rest at the Fishkill Supply Depot." Although the developer "has won his case," it said, "we feel that we have won our case in the court of public opinion."

When it rejected Broccoli's applications two years ago, the Town Board questioned his plan to use existing pipes and determined it was not in the public interest to approve the extensions because neither water nor sewer hook-ups had been approved by the Dutchess County Department of Health.

In her Sept. 19 ruling, the state judge said that although the case file "is rife with public opposition to the project in general. there is no evidence that approval of the water and sewer extensions would be contrary to the public interest." She also noted that town approval of the extensions only grants a right to utilize the water and sewer districts and that connections could not be made without county approval.

NOTICE OF SEQRA PUBLIC SCOPING HEARING

TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL PROJECT October 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Philipstown Planning Board, as Lead Agency pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), will be holding a public scoping hearing to provide an opportunity for public input on the Draft Scope for the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for to the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) project. The public scoping hearing will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. at Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516. The Draft Scope and other application materials on the project are available on the Town of Philipstown's website at:

https://philipstown.com/pb/2022/2022-09-16-GGC-HVSF-Draft-Scope-Final.pdf

https://philipstown.com/government/planning-board/planning-board-agendas-minutesindex/planning-board-agenda-packets-video-for-2022

Garrison Properties, LLC and HVSF (the "Applicant") are requesting amendments to the Town of Philipstown's Garrison Golf Club Planned Development District (GGCPDD – established 2005) and Rural Conservation District (RC) (the "Proposed Action") to allow the relocation of HVSF from the Boscobel House and Gardens (also in Philipstown) to the Garrison Golf Club (2015 Route 9, Garrison). In addition to approval of the proposed amendments to the GGCPDD and RC districts from the Philipstown Town Board, the Proposed Action also requires site plan, subdivision, and special use permit approval from the Philipstown Planning Board, and freshwater wetland permit approval from the Philipstown Conservation Board.

The Planning Board has declared the Proposed Action a Type I action under SEQRA, and has adopted/circulated a Positive Declaration (dated July 21, 2022) requiring that the applicant prepare a DEIS to address certain potential environmental impacts of the project. Involved and Interested Agencies, residents and other members of the public are invited to participate in providing input on the Draft Scope. At the SEQRA Public Scoping Hearing there will be a three-minute time limit for each public speaker. Written comments on the Draft Scope are encouraged and will be accepted by the Lead Agency until October 27, 2022. Written comments may be sent to the Philipstown Planning Board, 238 Main St., PO Box 155, Cold Spring, NY 10516 or emailed to the Planning Board Secretary at crockett@philipstown. com This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (SEQRA) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

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CONGRESS 17	Raised	% \$2K +	Spent	On Hand	
Sean Patrick Maloney (D)	\$4M	47	\$2.47M	\$2.4M	
Michael Lawler (R)	\$519K	54	\$84K	\$270K	
CONGRESS 18					
Pat Ryan (D)*	\$2.6M	57	\$2.2M	\$411K	
Colin Schmitt (R)	\$1.4M	34	\$757K	\$649K	

Source: Federal Election Commission, from April 1 to Aug. 3 *Ryan's numbers are through Sept. 12

Outside Money (from Page 1)

Democratic National Congressional Committee (DCCC) and the Congressional Leadership Fund (CLF), which supports Republicans, are behind most of these negative TV and digital advertisements, as they seek to influence the races for New York's newly redrawn 17th and 18th congressional districts.

In the 18th, Ryan faces a challenge from Schmitt, a state Assembly member who lives in New Windsor, and in the 17th, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat who lives in Philipstown, is defending his seat against Republican Mike Lawler, a state Assembly member who lives in Pearl River. (Maloney currently represents District 18, which includes Beacon and Philipstown, while Ryan was elected in August to fill the District 19 seat until the end of the year after it was vacated by Antonio Delgado when he became lieutenant governor.)

Outside funding for negative ads happens all over the country. According to the nonpartisan OpenSecrets.org, super political action committees (known as super PACs) have spent \$814 million during this election cycle. In the 2020 presidential election, super PAC money accounted for two-thirds of outside spending, according to its analysis.

The amount of outside money devoted to a race generally reflects its importance to the national parties; the balance of power in the House, where Democrats have an eightseat advantage, could easily shift based on the outcomes of the most competitive races.

As of this week, the elections forecaster Fivethirtyeight describes the race for District 18 between Ryan and Schmitt as "leaning Democrat" while District 17 between Maloney and Lawler is "likely Democrat." The site lists the Ryan-Schmitt race, as well as a campaign for the new District 19 between Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro, a Republican, and Josh Riley, a Democrat, among the 50 most competitive House races in the country.

That is reflected by independent expenditure reports compiled by the Federal Elections Commission (FEC). The Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC aligned with Kevin McCarthy, the House minority leader, spent \$1.2 million in September on digital ads, text messages and flyers blasting Ryan and \$961,000 going after Maloney. At the same time, the DCCC, a wing of the Democratic Party that seeks to elect Democrats to the House and is chaired by Maloney, spent nearly \$1.7 million in September on ads attacking Schmitt but has spent nothing to oppose Lawler.

Notably, the negative ads purchased with outside money stand an arm's length from the candidates. When a candidate buys an ad, he or she must explicitly endorse the message on camera. Ads run by political committees and PACs are not endorsed or paid for by the candidates. For example, the New York Republican State Committee has distributed flyers featuring Lawler that accuse Maloney of being "too extreme" for the Hudson Valley because of his progressive positions on abortion and bail reform.

While candidates and campaign strategists apparently believe negative ads are effective, political scientists aren't so sure. "The effect of negative advertising on voter mobilization is a highly studied thing in political science, but it's also something we don't have good answers on," said Scott Minkoff, a political science professor at SUNY New Paltz.

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Looking Behind Negative Ads

By Leonard Sparks

We selected negative ads about each candidate and researched their claims. It is not exhaustive but illustrates that any campaign material should be read with a critical eye.



DISTRICT 17

Maloney (D) on Lawler (R)

CLAIM: "He [Mike Lawler] voted against protecting safe and legal abortions in New York."

CAVEATS: In June, two weeks before the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Roe v. Wade, Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a package of bills to protect abortion rights in New York, Lawler, who is a member of the state Assembly, voted against the bills. including those that would protect medical professionals from misconduct charges for providing abortions and protect them from criminal and civil cases if they treat patients from states where abortion is illegal. Lawler's anti-abortion position is wellestablished, but his campaign accuses the Maloney campaign of running an ad that "claims that Mike's against the national ban on abortion when we're on the record in over a dozen other news outlets saying we're not." This ad doesn't make that charge, although another calls Lawler "extreme on abortion" and implies that he would join with Republicans who support a national ban.

Lawler (R) on Maloney (D)

CLAIM: "They've [Sean Patrick Maloney and President Joe Biden] given us record inflation and surging crime."

CAVEATS: The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' monthly inflation update released July 18 showed that prices rose 9.1 percent between June 2021 and June 2022, which was the highest 12-month increase since November 1981. However, there were several periods when the highest 12-month rate was much higher: June 2019 to June 2020 (23.7 percent); March 1946 to March 1947 (20.1 percent); and March 1979 to March 1980 (14.8 percent). Lawler's campaign stood by its claim: "If we're nitpicking 'record' to say in the past 100 years, that's one thing," a representative said. "But realistically, most folks, I think, would agree that inflation has not been higher in a long time in their lifetimes, and it is near record highs."

DISTRICT 18

Ryan (D) on Schmitt (R)

CLAIM: Pat Ryan is "endorsed by a group pushing to end cash bail, turning criminal defendants loose."

CAVEATS: The ad, created by the Congressional Leadership Fund, refers to the Working Families Party, which supported reform laws that eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies. A Current analysis found that about 20 percent of defendants released since the law went into effect were charged with other crimes before their prosecutions were complete, but that only a small number involved violent felonies. There was a slight increase statewide in serious crimes in 2020, followed by a slight decrease last year.

Schmitt (R) on Ryan (D)

CLAIM: "[Colin] Schmitt fought to make health care more expensive for 8 million New Yorkers and opposed lowering prescription drug prices."

CAVEATS: The claim is among several in an ad accusing Schmitt of voting against health care legislation. This particular claim references Schmitt's vote in the state Assembly in 2019 against expansive legislation that implemented the annual health and mental hygiene budget. It is a big budget, covering programs like Medicaid, home health aides, lead-poisoning prevention and contraception. Ryan's campaign may have been referring to provisions to create New York State of Health, the state's health care exchange under the Affordable Care Act. They appeared to get the number 8 million from a Center for American Progress analysis of how many people in each state would be affected if the ACA were eliminated or scaled back.

The statement implies that Schmitt voted against a specific expansion of health care, when he may have voted against the legislation for other reasons.

(Continued from Page 6)

The prevailing wisdom, he said, is that negative advertisements suppress voter turnout but do not boost support for the candidate on whose behalf they are created.

"These groups don't spend money that they know will be wasted," said Richard Born, a professor of political science at Vassar College and an expert on congressional politics. "Sadly, negative advertising catches voters' eyes. It causes them to pay more attention."

The new ads

The new Congressional Leadership Fund ad, the one in which the narrator

labels Ryan a "dangerous liberal," echoes a familiar Republican attack: Democrats are soft on crime and want to defund the police. In the 30-second TV spot paid for by the group, Ryan can be seen marching with Black Lives Matter demonstrators in Poughkeepsie during the summer of 2020 following the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin. (Molinaro also attended.)

The CFL has also created a website, which the super PAC is paying to promote on Google, that encourages visitors to share the ad on social media.

Minkoff observed that the ad is likely

designed to boost turnout among rankand-file Republicans, not to persuade independent voters. "If you thought Ryan was anti-police or going to take your gun away, you probably weren't going to vote for him anyway," he said.

On Twitter, Ryan maintained that negative attacks won't persuade voters. "My opponent has Kevin McCarthy and his dark-money super PAC spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to attack me, and it won't work in November," he wrote. Ryan has pledged not to accept campaign contributions from corporate PACs.

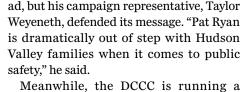
Schmitt's campaign did not pay for the

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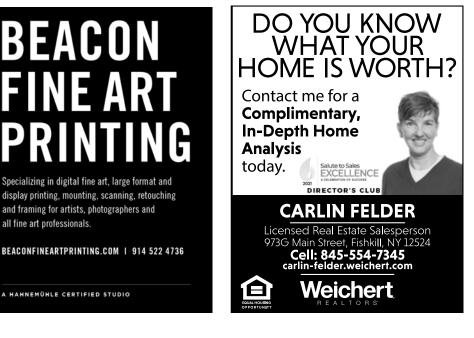
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30-second TV and digital ad on YouTube highlighting Schmitt's stance on abortion, a point Ryan is also hammering on the campaign trail.

"If he [Schmitt] gets to Congress, he and his extremist allies could ban abortion nationwide," declares the video's female narrator. Like the CLF ad, this one uses dramatic music to give urgency to its message. The narration (Continued on Page 9)





Heritage Applefest

BOSCOBEL HOUSE AND GARDENS





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Celebrate Hudson Valley harvests with cider pressing, apple preserving, and sweetcider sampling.

Live music and storytelling by Carla Hall and Jim Keyes, 19th-century games, demonstrations and hands-on crafts, plus Open House tours of the Historic House Museum.

Shuttle service available from Putnam County's Cold Spring Trolley.





1901 NY ROUTE 9D, GARRISON, NY | BOSCOBEL.ORG

Outside Money (from Page 7)

plays over an image of Schmitt speaking at a podium, as the faces of distraught women appear above him on a red background.

How it works

Under the Federal Election Campaign Act, super PACs are allowed to raise unlimited sums of money from individual donors. Unlike citizens or companies, they cannot make direct contributions to political campaigns. Instead, they spend money on behalf of campaigns and candidates, such as on ads.

All super PAC donations must be made public, in contrast to so-called "dark money" or "issue welfare groups," which are usually nonprofit 501(c)(4) organizations and can accept unlimited contributions from any source; these groups are not required to disclose their donations publicly.

As a result of the 2010 Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, which rolled back campaign finance regulations, dark money groups can raise unlimited sums of money from corporations, trade unions and individuals and spend it on ads and direct mailers, as well as phone banking and canvassing operations on behalf of candidates. Like super PACs, these groups cannot coordinate any of their spending with the campaigns themselves.

Examples of dark-money groups include the National Rifle Association and Planned Parenthood, as well as think tanks like the



Ads targeting Colin Schmitt (top) and Pat Ryan, who are competing in District 18

Heritage Foundation or the Center for American Progress. Campaign committees like the DCCC and the Republican National Committee can raise a maximum of \$36,500 per year from each individual donor. The FEC also prohibits candidates from communicating with PACs that support them. But elections experts note that the laws intended to prevent candidates from coordinating with outside groups can lead to more negative political ads.

"Super PACs often run very negative or misleading ads," said Minkoff. "They do the dirty work because the candidate on whose behalf the money is being spent can claim they had nothing to do with it."

Even if campaigns cannot write the ads PACs run on their behalf, Minkoff noted, candidates can skirt the rules by simply releasing their campaign strategy to the public in the hopes that PACs will run ads based on those messages.

On rare occasions, negative advertising can backfire. In 2016, the CLF ran ads attacking Delgado during his 19th District race against John Faso. The ads targeted Delgado's career as a rapper in Los Angeles during his 20s, labeling the Black candidate, who was also a lawyer and Rhodes scholar, a "big city rapper."

Many local TV stations pulled the ads from their airwaves, and Patrick Murray, director of the Monmouth University Polling Institute, told reporters that the ad appeared to galvanize Democrats to vote for Delgado, rather than energize Republican voters to line up against him and in support of Faso.

Faso was forced to distance himself from the videos in a debate against Delgado. "Those are not my ads," Faso told the audience.

This story was adapted from an article by Feldman that appeared in the Red Hook Daily Catch (thedailycatch.org), with additional reporting on the District 17 race by Leonard Sparks.



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AROUND TOWN

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CATCHING AIR – A dance troupe rehearsed at the Beacon waterfront on Sept. 24 for a performance that day at the Soon is Now climate-action festival. Photo by Ross Corsair



NEW ORGAN – St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Garrison dedicated its new organ on Sunday (Oct. 2) with a performance by Craig Williams of the West Point Cadet Chapel. Photo by Ross Corsair







Alisa Sikelianos-Carter with some of her paintings

Artist seeks connections with Black ancestors

By Alison Rooney

n her mixed-media artwork, Alisa Sikelianos-Carter feels she is sharing information communicated by her Black ancestors, and their stories of resilience.

"I am them, they are me," she says. "I have to recreate my family tree, because descendants of Africans don't always have that information available to them. This work is that: trying to retrace those relationships."

Her show, *A Spell is a Map to What is Meant for You*, is on view at the Fridman Gallery in Beacon through Oct. 30 and includes seven new works.

Sikelianos-Carter grew up in Bethlehem, New York, near Albany, and also spent time in the Berkshires and Cherry Valley, all places she says had an impact on her life and outlook. "There's a through-line between all of those places that runs through the stars, nature and mountains. Trees were always important and inspiring in terms of the ways I think about material and aesthetic."

She also was influenced by her experience being "a Black person in very white school. Feeling isolated informed how I saw and see myself in sometimes negative, and sometimes positive, ways. If I had grown up in New York City, my work would be different. I lived in the city for two years and found it overwhelming."

Sikelianos-Carter, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from SUNY Albany in painting and drawing, is currently based at the Headlands Center for the Arts in Sausalito, California, the most recent of nine residencies.

The artist believes she was called to make connections to those who came before by incorporating memory, the divine and, importantly, "the painful trajectory of collective ancestors in constructing new archetypes." She has written: "I envision a cosmically bountiful world that celebrates and pays homage to ancestral majesty, power and aesthetics."

Sikelianos-Carter says she is inspired by traditional Black hairstyles, using sources from online and printed catalogs to create with her paintings "a mythology centered on Black resistance and utilizing the body as a site of alchemy and divinity."

Citing two of her works in the show, *In* Shape of My Memory 1 and 2 (see above, center), Sikelianos-Carter explains that "the black silhouettes are planetary forms. The shape, the color palette and the makers' marks describe the beginning of this world, and the pink and green dash marks are asteroids."

She adds: "I love the idea of a superopulent, seductive, beautiful fantasy world. The beauty is on purpose, to draw people to it, eye-catching. It's also about what materials feel good — delicious — physically. I want my beings to exist in an abundant world where they have everything they need, including adornment, which can be a Black aesthetic. It's what Black Americans are bringing: a kind of glamor magic, which uses beauty to uplift and draw in."

She enjoys show openings because she can engage with visitors about her work. "Their experience, their understanding of it, is so exciting, and is so much of why I do it," she says. "I'm happiest when I can tell that my work has done its job, created portals for feeling it."

The Fridman Gallery, at 475 Main St. in Beacon, is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, or by appointment. See fridmangallery.com or call 646-345-9831. Photo provided

Photo by Alan Koppel



"At Work"

I have to recreate my family tree, because descendants of Africans don't always have that information available to them. This work is that: trying to retrace those relationships.



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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org) For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 8 **Flea Market STORMVILLE**

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Stormville Airport 428 Route 216 stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

Browse antiques and collectibles, arts and crafts, and new merchandise. Rain or shine. Also SUN 9. Free

SAT 8 **Fall Fair**

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. United Methodist 216 Main St.

Browse craft items and baked goods, or order breakfast and lunch from the kitchen. For take-out, call 845-265-3365.

SAT 8 **Rascal's Craft &** Flea Market WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 Route 9D | 845-838-0094 Find artisan wares and treasures. Parking is \$7. Free

SAT 8 **Market Day Crafts Fair** FISHKILL

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Van Wyck Homestead 504 Route 9

fishkillhistoricalsociety.org Take a tour of the museum, enjoy seasonal refreshments and find a showcase of local craft-makers. The

SAT 8 **Open House**

rain date is SUN 9. Free

CARMEL

11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Putnam Humane Society 68 Old Route 6 | 845-225-7777 puthumane.org

Bring a can of dog or cat food to donate and meet the dogs and cats looking for homes. The Cadillac Brothers will perform.





Wangechi Mutu, Oct. 8

SUN 9 **Heritage Applefest** GARRISON

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Boscobel 1901 Route 9D | boscobel.org Enjoy cider pressing, apple preserving and samples, plus live

music and storytelling. Cost: \$24 (\$21 seniors, \$13 children, free ages 4 and younger)

TUES 11 Blood Drive BEACON

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Memorial Building 413 Main St. | redcross.org Register online for a time or walk

in to donate.

WED 12 Putnam Flu Shot Clinic GARRISON

2 - 6:30 p.m. Garrison Firehouse 1616 Route 9 putnamcountyny.com/seasonalfluclinic

Appointments required, ages 18 and older. Cost: \$25 (free for 65 and older or with Medicare card)

SAT 15 Record & CD Fest BEACON

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. VFW Hall 413 Main St. | recordshowmania.com

Browse recorded music. memorabilia and posters from 45 dealers. *Cost: \$2 (\$5 early admission)*

SAT 15

Meadows and Trails 5K CORNWALI

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 hhnm.org

The benefit run, which begins at 11 a.m., follows a course through the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum grounds. Cost: \$40

SAT 15 Rummage Sale BEACON

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Christ United 60 Union St. | 845-831-0365 The church will also be offering

soup and salad take-out for \$15.

SAT 15

Grand Slam Beer Festival WAPPINGERS FALLS

1 - 6 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 Route 9D | hopsonthehudson.com

Enjoy beer, cider, food, live music, games and a makers' market. Ages 21 and older. Cost: \$82 (\$107 VIP, \$25 designated driver)

SAT 15

Taproots Festival BEACON

1 - 4 p.m. The Yard I 4 Hanna Lane Beacon Climate Action Now will host this afternoon of trivia. storytelling and children's games, food and a raffle. Get information about reducing energy use and ways to get involved.

SUN 16 Memorial Car & Bike Show WAPPINGERS FALLS

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 Route 9D l jameswarriors.org All proceeds from this third annual event will benefit No One Walks Alone, which works to prevent suicide. To show a vehicle, see carshowpro. com/event/1122. Cost: \$5 admission

SUN 16 Pumpkin Festival

BEACON

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

Enjoy pumpkin pie at this annual event hosted by the Beacon Sloop Club and sign up for a free sail on the Sloop Woody Guthrie. Musical

performers will include Betty and the Baby Boomers, Pat Jones and Laurie Siegel and the Neverly Brothers. Free

VISUAL ART

SAT 8 **Gilardi Study Day** PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art 2700 Route 9

845-666-7202 | magazzino.art Christian Rattemeyer, Elena Re, Elizabeth Mangini and Teresa Kittler will discuss Piero Gilardi,

whose work is on display at the museum through Jan. 9. Register online. Cost: \$5 (students free) SAT 8

Bon Appetit PUTNAM VALLEY

1 - 3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center 729 Peekskill Hollow Road 845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

In this group show, artists Monica Battles, Dorene Battles, Vivian Berry,

Kate Hoekstra, Michael Garland, Nora Roberto, Kalpna Hamilton and Jacqueline N. O'Malley-Satz will interpret the phrase. Through Nov. 19.

SAT 8 **Jayoung Yoon** GARRISON

2:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center 23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960 garrisonartcenter.org

The artist will discuss her exhibition, Sowing Seeds of Emptiness, on view through Nov. 6.

SAT 8

Wangechi Mutu NEW WINDSOR

3 p.m. Storm King Art Center 1 Museum Road | 845-534-3115 stormking.org

The artist will lead a tour of her sculptures. Registration required. Cost: \$28 to \$140 per car (members free)

SAT 15

Rato Kim | El Hooligan | **KLAV**

BEACON 3 - 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St. 212-255-2505 | clutter.co The solo and custom exhibitions

will be on view through Nov. 4.

SECOND SATURDAY

S AT 8

Belief in a **Disenchanted World** BEACON

4 - 6 p.m. Mother Gallery 1154 North Ave. | 845-236-6039 mothergallery.art

This two-person exhibit will include paintings by Kadar Brock and alabaster sculptures by Lee Hunter. Through Dec. 10.

SAT 8

American Impressionists BEACON

4 - 6 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery 150 Main St. | 845-831-6346 bannermancastle.org

Deborah Cotrone, Gary Fifer and

Marguerite Takvorian will share their work in this group show on view through Nov. 27.

SAT 8 **Man Saves Shark**

BEACON

4 - 7 p.m. Garage Gallery North Elm Street | garagegallery.com Emil Alzamora's sculptures

explore connections with other species. Through Oct. 30.



SAT 8 Words Unbound BEACON

5 - 7 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | beaconlibrary.org Work by more than 20 artists inspired by the printed word was chosen for this exhibit to celebrate

the 150th anniversary of the library. Through Nov. 27.

SAT 8

John DeMarco BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St. 845-440-7584 | baugallery.org DeMarco's paintings and mixed

media works explore existential

references. A group show will fill

Gallery 2 and the Beacon Room

will feature work by Rob Boryk,

Jason Laney, Sarah Fox, Sydney

BJ Watson, Through Nov. 6.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 8

GARRISON

boscobel.org

children)

SAT 8

BEACON

23 W. Center St.

Ruckdeschel, Eileen Sackman and

Kids Craft Connection

9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Boscobel

1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638

to take a flashlight tour of the

style clay pots. Cost: \$24 (\$13

Children and families are invited

mansion and make early-American-

Halloween Costume Swap

2 - 5 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center

Bring a children's costume and

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select a new one at this exchange.

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6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

desmondfishlibrary.org

Claribel Ortega

4 p.m. Cold Spring Coffeehouse

As part of the Split Rock Kids

Book Club, the author will read

from her latest graphic novel.

Frizzy. Registration required.

STAGE & SCREEN

Readers Theatre

8 p.m. County Players Theater

2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491

The Players will alternate the

readings of two plays, Admissions

and The Niceties. Also SUN 9. Cost:

Comedy Variety Show

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

Serious Comedy Theatre will

perform stand-up and skits. Cost:

9 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.

Event Horizon (1997), about the

years ago. Other screenings will

on WED 12 and the parody Scaru

Movie (2000) on SUN 16. Cost: \$10

HorrorShow, Oct. 8

return of spacecraft that vanished

include the slasher film *Popcorn* (1991)

The annual festival returns with

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

WAPPINGERS FALLS

countyplayers.org

\$15 (\$20 for both)

92 Main St. | 845-265-2080

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

Gather in the Maker's Space to use

tools to make tools. Children ages 12

and younger must be accompanied

by an adult. Registration required.

craft and learn about nature. Email

TUES 11

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GARRISON

THURS 13

COLD SPRING

splitrockbks.com

CP2 Series

SAT 8

SAT 8

BEACON

\$20 (\$25 door)

HorrorShow

storvscreenbeacon.com

SAT 8

BEACON

HIGHLANDS FALLS

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SAT 15 Benjamin Verdery PUTNAM VALLEY

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

The classical guitarist will play original songs and covers by diverse artists. Cost: \$20

SAT 15

Popa Chubby BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com The hard-rocking blues guitarist will perform with his band. Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)

CIVIC

THES 11 **City Council BEACON**

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

TUES 11 Dutchess Legislature

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

TUES 11 **School Board**

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

TUES 11

School Board

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

WED 12

Village Board **COLD SPRING**

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

WFD 12

Village Board

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

District 17

This forum, hosted by the League of Women Voters, will include Sean Patrick Maloney, the Democratic incumbent, and Mike Lawler, his Republican challenger. Register online to attend and submit questions. District 17 includes Philipstown.

WED 12 School Board

GARRISON

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

Superintendent Carl Albano will host a coffee and conversation during the hour before the meeting.

SUN 9 The Ivy League of Comedy BEACON

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

Karen Bergreen, Shaun Eli and Jon Fisch will perform stand-up. Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)

SAT 15 Inside Out

POUGHKEEPSIE 11 a.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. dutchessny.gov/movie Residents of all abilities and

their families are invited to this sensory-sensitive screening of this 2015 animated film. Registration

TALKS & TOURS

required. Free

SAT 8 The Stone Chambers of **Mead Farm** CARMEI

10 a.m. Mead Farm 1090 Route 52 | 845-265-4010

putnamhistorymuseum.org Learn about three mysterious areas

of the landscape and hypotheses about how they came to be during this hike organized by the Putnam History Museum. Register online. Cost: \$15

WED 12 Energy Grid Transition ALBANY

7 p.m. Via Zoom

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, whose district includes the Highlands, will host this forum with panelists from New York Independent Systems Operator, Sustainable Westchester and Sustainable Putnam, as well as heat pump installation experts. Call 914-941-1111 or email

THURS 13 **Children of Fire**

BEACON 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134

Horror writer Chris DiLeo will read from his latest novel.

SAT 15

PEEKSKILL 1008 Brown St.

paramounthudsonvalley.com This will be a staged reading of Cold Spring playwright Mona Z. Smith's coming-of-age story about an unexplainable event witnessed in

Sightings

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

a park on the Hudson River by three

galefs@nyassembly.gov to register.

7 p.m. Howland Public Library beaconlibrary.org





MON 10

BEACON

FRI 14

COLD SPRING

92 Main St.

Irreversible Quartet

8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.

Aquiles Navarro, Keir Neuringer,

Luke Stewart and Tcheser Holmes

People's Day observance as part of

will perform for an Indigenous

Quinn's weekly jazz series.

Lyndsay Stone and

6 p.m. Cold Spring Coffeehouse

perform music from her latest

release, A Couple Seeds.

The singer and songwriter will

The Lowliest One

facebook.com/quinnsbeacon

teens. Email sightingstheplay@ gmail.com for tickets. Free

Carmen Maria Machado | Samantha Hunt BEACON

7 p.m. Binnacle Books

321 Main St. | binnaclebooks.com Machadao, the author of the

memoir In the Dream House and the graphic novel, The Low, Low Woods, and Hunt, whose most recent book is a collection of essays, The Unwritten Book: An Investigation, will read from their works in the garden, weather permitting.

MUSIC

SAT 8 **School of Rock Music Festival**

POUGHKEEPSIE 2 - 10 p.m. The Chance 6 Crannell St. | thechancetheater.com Students of all ages from the Beacon school will perform, including the bands Rock 'n Grohl,

Live Aid and Heavy Millennium.

SAT 8 Steve Forbert & **The New Renditions**

BFACON 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com The five-piece band will perform

folk music. Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)

SAT 8

Chris Cochrane and John Thayer

9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St. facebook.com/quinnsbeacon The duo will perform music from its new release, Excavation.

SUN 9 WeFreeStrings COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | 845-265-5537 chapelrestoration.org

The Afro-Modernist group includes violist and composer Melanie Dyer, violinists Charles Burnham and Gwen Laster, cellist Alexander Waterman, bassist Ken Filiano and percussionist Michael Wimberly. Donations welcome. See Page 17. Free

FRI 14 Gratefully Yours BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com The Grateful Dead cover band will accept audience requests for a "dream set." Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)

SAT 15

Space Out, Outside BEACON

3 p.m. Polhill Park | Main and South facebook.com/spaceoutoutside Andy Rinehart, Errant Space and

Neonach will play experimental music.

SAT 15

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What Schools Can Do

By Krystal Ford

S chool is back in session. Energy, imagination, laughter and learning pulses in the halls and classrooms for the next 10 months. And while some schools recognize

the challenge that climate change poses to students' future and the necessity of teaching climate science and solutions, there is one glaring disconnect. For one reason or another, schools aren't practicing what they preach.

According to New York State, our 6,000plus public and private schools spend about \$1 billion on energy each year while producing 5.6 million metric tons of carbon dioxide.

Do school districts have a responsibility to do whatever they can to reduce greenhouse emissions and sequester carbon? Of course. Not only would they be setting an example to their students and the community, the money saved by moving away from fossil fuels is important when budgets are so tight. If we can't get teachers, staff, school boards, parents and other community members to care about the generational justice issue of our time, who will?

What would it look like to have everyone at a school working together?

For starters, parents would email district leaders and attend board meetings asking for more action. If parents don't care about this issue, it remains lower on the priority list.

I encourage everyone to learn about and vote yes on Proposal 1 in November, which supports the \$4.2 billion Environmental Bond Act that will help fund projects related to the environment and global warming mitigation. Among the list of items that could be funded are electric school buses.

Teachers should support state Senate Bill S4783A, which would require the teachers' retirement system to divest of any source of income that profits from fossil fuels.

The district has some ability to act, but there could be much more legislation passed to help schools with the financial burden of making the transition.

The New York State School Board Association has called on Gov. Kathy Hochul and the Legislature to help districts address areas such as alternative energy sources, energy efficient technology and sustainable retrofitting or construction. Aside from building aid, there is no consistent and dedicated funding source for these sorts of environmentally focused projects.

In Garrison, where I lived until recently, the school district has already taken advantage of state funding and eliminated its dependency on fossil fuel to heat its building. As part of its recent capital improvement project, the school's oil-heating system was replaced with an electric HVAC system. The district received \$120,000 from the



Lion Electric, a company based in Quebec, produces electric-powered buses that it hopes will soon be in high demand.

state's Clean Heat Program that will be used to purchase sustainable, eco-friendly furniture for a new Learning Commons space. Additionally, the district was awarded a \$90,000 state and municipal facilities grant that will be used to replace inefficient oilheated water heaters with electric. The oil tank will be removed from the campus.

Superintendent Carl Albano said the district applied for a highly competitive Environmental Protection Agency Clean School Bus grant to purchase electric buses and will find out soon if it was selected. (The EPA says it received 2,000 applications for the \$500 million earmarked for bus grants; in response, it increased the funding to \$965 million for 2022 and \$1 billion for 2023.)

Like Albano, Philip Benante, the superintendent at Haldane, said electric buses would be at the top of his list if grants were available. Both may get their wish: New York announced in April it plans to transition all 50,000 school buses in the state from gas to electric by 2035.

In the meantime, districts can institute purchasing policies that consider the environment. They can also promote practices that improve public and worker health, reduce carbon emissions, conserve natural resources and reward environmentally conscious manufacturers, while remaining fiscally responsible.

Next, they could calculate their carbon

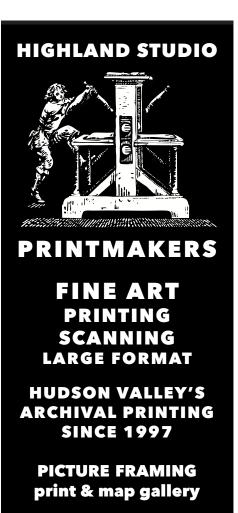
NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on

Thursday, October 20th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Planning Board October 2022. footprint and begin work on a climate action plan that could include a plan to replace oil burners with heat pumps or geothermal; phase out diesel buses; install electric vehicle charging stations for staff and visitors; convert unused lawns to meadows that don't require mowing and can better handle water runoff and survive droughts; and switch out gas-powered lawn equipment.

The climate crisis is urgent, even if it doesn't feel that way. Isn't the goal of school to prepare students for the future? Let's make it a good one.



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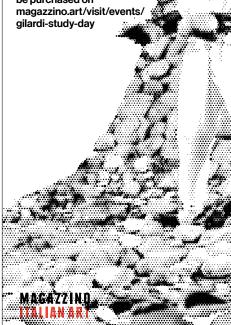


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WeFreeStrings in 2018 performing "Baraka Suite," a masked ceremony with dance and spoken word based on poems by Amiri Baraka.

Photo by Patricia Nicholson Parker

hen violist and composer Melanie Dyer decided to create a sextet, she says she had one criterion: "I was looking for string players who could improvise."

WeFreeStrings, which includes violinist and Beacon resident Gwen Laster, violinist Charles Burnham, cellists Alexander Waterman and Michael Wimberly and bassist Ken Filiano, will perform at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring at 4 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 9).

The performance will resemble the Sunday afternoon jam sessions that occurred in Dyer's Harlem apartment from 2004 to 2013. "We were improvising and recording what we played," she recalls. "Then we listened to what we played, while having a meal — there was always food.

"I was looking for people who I knew were excellent players, technically," she recalls. "Having played with this group influences the way I write. We all develop our own voice, and different voices in the room change the conversation and the way the music is expressed. As improvisers, we don't always tell the music what to do - it takes us where it wants to go."

Writing in *The Wire*, critic Phil Freeman said the music "combines free jazz with the music of African American string bands and classical avant-garde." He described it as "surging, stabbing, thumping."

When the Sunday afternoon sessions began, Dyer was already hosting what she calls "multigenerational, multi-ethnic activist speakers centered around ecological issues, parlor music having to do with Earth and justice — socio-political events." There were films,

Jazzy classical sextet to play Chapel

By Alison Rooney

plays and lectures, as well as music. "It was wonderful — fun and stimulating," she says. After a hiatus of five years, Dyer called

Burnham and they reached out to others. In 2017, the new group was formed. It weathered the pandemic, pared down temporarily to a trio and performed a few livestreams, including one for the Chicago Jazz Strings summit. Eventually it was able to get into a studio courtesy of Art for Art, a Lower East Side organization that supports musicians who work in free jazz and improvising.

That was followed by a grant from New Music USA that allowed WeFreeStrings to record an album, *Love in the Form of Sacred Outrage*, released this year on streaming platforms. It includes compositions by Dyer written in tribute to the late writer and poet Amiri Baraka and civil rights activists Fannie Lou Hamer and Fred Hampton.

Much of the album will be performed at the Chapel, as well as Andrew Lamb's "Pretty Flowers," a lyrical duet between Dyer's viola and Laster's violin, grounded by Filiano's bass.

"Whatever inspires the writing, the music becomes what it's going to become," Dyer says. "With composing, you start out alone, you write something down on paper, then you give it to other musicians and their creative energy comes in and sometimes takes it beyond the initial ideas. They expand and improvise that expansion. The listening audience closes that creative process."

Dyer is excited to play in front of an audi-

ence again — the sextet has four gigs in October. "Folks are busy, in a good way," she says. "Because we were on lockdown for two years, I'm finding audiences are hungry for art in all of its forms and incredibly appreciative."

She's also happy to be returning to the Chapel Restoration, which is located on the Hudson River. "I played with Gwen's group there on Halloween night in 2015," she recalls. "It was a beautiful night, and the doors were open, with music flowing out. I walked down the hill trail there, looked up and there was a little white-speckled owl in a tree, talking to us, singing."

The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St., adjacent to the Metro-North train station, where parking is free on weekends. Admission is free, although donations are welcome.



Alex Waterman, Gwen Laster, Charles Burnham, MelanieIDyer, Michael Wimberly and Ken FilianoPhoto by James Ramsey



Melanie Dyer

Are the Kids Alright?

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emotional struggles during the pandemic.

Last month, schools in the Highlands began the 2022-23 academic year unfettered by the pandemic for the first time since early 2020. Classes are being held in person and there are no mask or distancing requirements.

But according to school officials, teachers and parents, not everything is back to normal. Problem-solving and other skills have diminished in the classroom, they say, while many children are more withdrawn and fearful of making mistakes, and less able to regulate their emotions. In this series, we hope to provide insight into what's happening with children and teenagers, the youngest of whom have never attended school without precautions.

Anxious times

After discovering she was cutting herself, the Beacon girl's parents removed knives from the kitchen and shaving razors from the bathroom. If she needed to shave, her mother would stay in the bathroom with her. The couple installed security cameras inside their home to keep an eye on her.

"It was something that came out of nowhere for us," the mother said. "We never thought that she would be suffering like that."

The girl told her parents that, in the moment, cutting made her feel better. Research has shown that cutting often begins as an impulse and, because it provides a temporary sense of relief from other painful or overwhelming emotions, can become habitual. "It may help for that moment, but you have to address the core of the problem," the mother told her daughter. "Whatever you're dealing with is still there."

Although public schools in Beacon reopened for "hybrid," two-days-per-week in-person instruction in the fall of 2020, the girl began having stomach aches and continued to feel anxious around crowds. At one point, feeling unsafe at home, she

CURRENT GRADE	LAST NORMAL GRADE
12th grade	9th grade
11th grade	8th grade
10th grade	7th grade
9th grade	6th grade
8th grade	5th grade
7th grade	4th grade
6th grade	3rd grade
5th grade	2nd grade
4th grade	1st grade
3rd grade	Kindergarten
2nd grade	Never
1st grade	Never
Kindergarten	Never

asked to be admitted to a mental health treatment facility.

The stay only lasted a few days; upon returning home, she committed to learning to manage her anxiety. The parents met with school administrators and designed a plan that allowed the girl to give teachers a nonverbal signal and leave class to speak with a counselor if needed. She was also provided extra time to complete tests, to counter anxiety.

Her mother said as she and her husband helped their daughter, "we found out that some of her other friends were dealing with the same issues, becoming very depressed or dealing with anxiety. It was a real eye-opener."

Of course, many children and teenagers were hurting before the pandemic; the U.S. surgeon general noted in an advisory last year that "an alarming number of young people" struggled with depression and thoughts of self-harm even before the shutdown. But the isolation of COVID did nothing to help.

Topsy-turvy

Last month, while reviewing state testing scores with the Beacon school board, Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neill, the district's assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support, presented a chart to summarize the issue.

In one column were students' grade levels — first, second and so on. In the other was the grade at which the students last experienced a "normal" year.

For a teenager entering the ninth grade at Beacon High School, for example, the last uninterrupted academic year was 2018-19, when he or she was in the sixth grade. For a third grader, the last typical year would have been kindergarten.

In the fall of 2021, "our second grade students were technically coming in for the first time like kindergarten students, emotionally," Rudecindo-O'Neill noted in an interview. "When you come into kindergarten, we're teaching things such as eye contact, sharing and sitting in the seat and sustaining attention. So all those pre-writing skills that you need in order to be able to learn, we had to start those over again, because your typical second grader didn't get an opportunity to do that."

The gap in emotional development is even more evident among middle and high school students.

"The last time ninth grade students had a normal school year, they were sixth graders," Rudecindo-O'Neill said. "So now they're going into high school, not having had that real experience of middle school, which is when your body is changing and you're changing emotionally. That's why middle school is so tough.

"They get into high school, and they're struggling to sustain attention and fulfill the expectations that a 'regular' ninth grader would be able to. You have to be ready to learn in order to learn," she said. In the fall of 2020, after the state Depart-

Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neill, the Beacon school district's assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support, in her office Photo by Valerie Shively

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

One of the mental health positions added in the Beacon school district through American Rescue Plan funding was a high school teacher focused on restorative practices, a discipline that involves "interventions," or face-to-face meetings, between parties involved in conflict.

The technique was historically found in Indigenous communities and religious traditions. It began seeping into mainstream culture in the 1970s and was first implemented in Australian schools in the 1990s as an alternative to punitive discipline.

Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neill, Beacon's assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support, explained how the practice is implemented in a school setting.

"If you think about how we have traditionally handled discipline, if you do something, there's a consequence," she said. "Restorative practices empower our students to have a voice, to be able to say, 'We're noticing things in this space that aren't helping us to be productive.'

"Having that open method of

communication goes both ways, as opposed to, 'I'm the authority figure and you're not, so what I say goes.' There's a meeting of the minds because they're living there [in the educational space]. What's also missing in our discipline is a student might do something and there's a consequence, but there's not an opportunity to have reconciliation.

"If I did something that hurt or offended you, we're able to sit down and have that conversation, where you're telling me how my actions may have hurt you or disrupted the environment. Then we can say, 'We're going to move forward; and here are some of the ways.' That holds more weight.

"If we look at our penal system, we know that, statistically, punishment doesn't work. But when you look at countries where they do restorative practices, people don't repeat. Because there's a human element to it, where you're seeing what the consequences of your actions are, but you're not an outcast from society. There's an understanding that, yes, this happened, but we still respect you and want you to be a part of our community."

ment of Health reviewed hundreds of reopening plans, the Beacon, Haldane and Garrison districts began the year offering a mix of in-person and virtual instruction. It was the first opportunity for students to return to school since the shutdown six months earlier. Families choosing a hybrid plan sent their children to in-person school two days per week, while all-virtual options were available for students whose families did not want to send them back into classrooms.

As students bounced between virtual and in-person schooling, administrators were juggling mask mandates, contact-tracing and temporary closures in an effort to keep school open while mitigating a highly transmissible virus that by the end of 2020 was killing 2,700 people in the U.S. daily and would get even worse in 2021.

In the spring of 2021, in-person learning was expanded in Beacon and at Haldane High School and — despite the super-contagious Delta variant, which spread throughout the country that summer — in the fall of that year, schools in the Highlands reopened for full-time in-person instruction, albeit with mask requirements.

For students who had been all-virtual, the return to classrooms required some adjustment.

"It's different when you're at home," Rudecindo-O'Neill explained. "You don't have to change clothes if you don't want to; you don't have to turn on your camera. It's a different space than coming in [to the If there were negative behaviors in school, those came back even more pronounced, which demanded further intervention on our part in ways that we weren't doing before the pandemic.

~ Haldane Superintendent Philip Benante

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school building], where there's all these expectations of interaction."

Online, "you can't freely speak the way you would in person," she said. "You have to wait. When you go into those breakout rooms, it's very different. And God forbid if the technology isn't working right. In an in-person conversation, you pick up body language, you pick up nuances and you know how your behavior is affecting someone else. You don't get to do that virtually."

Anxiety in children and teens manifests itself in many ways, said Rudecindo-O'Neill. "There's inattention and irritability, or misinterpreting things from other students. We've had to go back to things that we had under control before — how we treat one another in the [educational] space."

At Haldane, Superintendent Philip Benante said students have been dealing with similar circumstances. In 2020-21, "we were still seeing signs of kids who were struggling to demonstrate pro-social behaviors," he said. "For some, it was clear that they hadn't been around other kids for some time. There was this disconnection, or lack of engagement, or, when they were engaging, it was in ways that weren't the most constructive.

"If a student was already struggling in school, socially or emotionally, that was exacerbated," Benante said. "If there were negative behaviors in school, those came back even more pronounced, which demanded further intervention on our part in ways that we weren't doing before the pandemic."

A second account

Another Beacon High School parent shared in an interview how she, too, grew concerned about her son's social and academic well-being during the pandemic.

Before the shutdown, her son was "friendly, but not the most social kid." Once virtual schooling began, he was in his room alone from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. every day, and the isolation intensified.

While the mother hoped her son would become more social as he grew older, the pandemic accelerated the opposite effect. Friendships fell by the wayside, and the teen showed little desire to get together with peers outside of school. He would shoot baskets at home but wasn't interested in trying out for the basketball team at school.

Her son appeared "happy in his own little world," his mother said, but "I don't want him to miss out on forming close friendships. I want him to have fun and still be a kid."

Academics became more challenging, as well. Over Zoom, the teen didn't get the one-on-one interaction he needed and fell behind. The boy's mother said that "some teachers were great," while others "just made assignments." At times, the boy would make a "technology" mistake, such as forgetting to hit "submit" after finishing an assignment, and get a zero, even though the work had been completed.

That led her son to become disheartened with school. "Even when students went back to in-person instruction, if he didn't have a teacher that was on top of things," his mother said, the boy would make comments like, "'This class is a waste of time.'"

As the 2022-23 school year approached, she noticed that he had become less motivated and more judgmental. He remarked that he hoped he wouldn't have any "lousy" teachers this year, his mother said.

Few openings

Denise Angelo, a licensed clinical social worker based in Cold Spring, counsels children as young as 3 years old in Dutchess and Putnam counties. She believes the explosion in pandemic-related anxiety in children and teens stems from a need for stability.



Denise Angelo, a Cold Spring-basedtherapistPhoto by Ross Corsair

"The pandemic dropped their basic stability, which was school," said Angelo, who was a social worker at a Westchester County middle school for 23 years before going into private practice. "I used to see kids whose behavior would worsen when summer was coming, because school was the only stable thing in their life. Whether or not they liked it, school was stable, it was someplace to go. The teachers were always there. The social worker was there."

When schools went virtual, and interactions with friends and their extended families were relegated to FaceTime and other digital mediums, children sought something to attach to, she said.

"A lot of kids only see their friends in school," Angelo said. "So what's happened is you have a lot of virtual friends, and kids see them as their 'real' friends, as their lifeline. Their sense of security says, 'Well, I attach to these people,' and that's their whole socialization."

But a life lived via text messages, or through FaceTime or Discord, can lead to misinterpretation, hurt feelings and anxiety. "I've seen so many kids coming in with anxiety," Angelo said. "We're living in a crazy world that has everyone in anxiety, but the anxiety level of children has risen so much."

Since reopening, Beacon, the largest of the three Highlands districts with about 2,600 students, has added two social workers, as well as a teacher focused on social and emotional learning and another on "restorative practices" (see Page 18). It now has 23 mentalhealth staff members across its six schools.

Haldane, with about 800 students, added a behavior analyst (therapist) and has six full-time mental-health staff members, as well as a part-time psychologist. Garrison, with 215 students, has a psychologist and a guidance counselor, the same as before the pandemic. (The American School Counselor Association recommends one counselor for every 250 students.)

Beacon and Haldane funded their new staff with a combination of money from the American Rescue Plan, a \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill enacted in March 2021, and state and local funding.

Before the pandemic, Nick DeMarco, a psychologist at Beacon High School, would refer students to private therapists "pretty frequently" for issues more substantial than "go to counseling, and then go to math class." But now, with DeMarco seeing 40 to 60 students during a busy week — roughly double his pre-COVID caseload — there's an

Mental Health Staffing at Schools

DISTRICT (# OF STUDENTS)	Psychologists	Social workers	Guidance Counselors	Special- Assignment Teachers	Behavior Analyst
BEACON (2,600)					
2018-19	6	6	7	-	-
2022-23	6	8	7	2	-
HALDANE (800)					
2018-19	1.5	2	2	-	-
2022-23	1.6	2	2	-	1
GARRISON (215)					
2018-19	1	-	1	-	-
2022-23	1	-	1	-	-

How High School Students Felt 24%

Boys who reported they experienced poor mental health "most of the time or always" during the pandemic

49%

Girls who reported the same

31%

Boys who reported in early 2021 that they persistently felt sad or hopeless during the previous 12 months

57%

Girls who reported the same

53%

Boys who reported feeling close to people at school during the pandemic

41%

Girls who reported the same

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, based on a 2021 survey of 7,705 high school students. The report's authors recommended "comprehensive strategies that improve connections with others at home, in the community and at school."

increased need for referrals but nowhere to send them, he said.

Angelo said she began working one to two days a week as a private therapist after retiring in 2014. "I'm now working four days a week, sometimes as early as 9 a.m., until 8 p.m. Then, every other Friday, I come in to see a number of kids. I come in one Saturday a month to see someone else who can't come another time. And I'm always getting referrals — I had two yesterday and one the day before," she said in August.

Angelo estimates that she sees around 35 to 40 clients each week, most of them children and adolescents. Before the pandemic, her caseload was about half that. She does not advertise or have a website; referrals are all word-of-mouth.

"I'm totally booked. I'm trying to figure out my schedule for the school year," Angelo said. "I have three groups on Wednesdays, a group on Monday and a group on alternate Thursdays. That way I can see more children and work with their needs, because some kids do better in groups and a lot of kids are socially isolated. That was something that started with the pandemic and it keeps going."

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Social media, self-image and testing data

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The view from Storm King; are we in for a "classic fall" this year?

Out There

The Return of the Crisp By Brian PJ Cronin

e are sometimes accused here at The Current of not printing enough good news. While I don't think it's our job



to provide comfort and happy assurances - that's what diners are for - I can offer this one bit of glad tidings: I am wearing a sweater, and it's quite possible that you are, as well.

After three consecutive sweltering Octobers, including last year's humid, mosquitoladen dystopia, this year's October is already cooler than normal, and that's before you take into account the arctic cold front that's due to arrive this weekend. Of course, because of human-caused climate change, "normal" is a slippery term these days. The majority of the last dozen Octobers have been warmer than "normal," so this current "colder" October probably feels "normal" to those of us who are old enough to remember what dial-up internet sounded like.

It's especially welcome after a brutally hot and dangerously dry summer. Measurements taken at the Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappingers Falls reveal that we just got through the hottest August and second-driest summer ever recorded. None of that should surprise those of you who spent the summer watching your lawns turn straw-yellow or the ever-widening patches of brown spread across the mountains.

Another bit of good news, then: Just as lawns quickly reverted to green once the rain came in September, the majority of the brown trees on the mountains aren't dead. They went dormant due to the stress of the drought, shutting down early so that they can make it through the winter. Most of them should bud in the spring, unless they were already in rough shape before the drought.

Stressed trees are more vulnerable to insects such as the emerald ash borer, which means that the drought may prove to be a death blow for the majority of the remaining ash trees.

I was once told that, in summers of drought, the transition to fall foliage is early, fast and bland. The trees go from green to brown to bare. This is what I noticed last weekend while driving to the Finger Lakes. Everything between the Catskills and Ithaca was green on Friday and pale 48 hours later. I saw the same thing a few days later in northern Dutchess County: The leaves were turning, but the colors were flat.

Will that happen here? With the Highlands' microclimates, the rain earlier in the week and a cold front moving in, it's hard to say. The stress of the drought may lead to trees turning dull yellow sooner, while the arctic air may provide a jolt to the anthocyaning that produce striking reds. But what about brilliant yellows, oranges, and reds at the same time? What about a normal fall?

There's that word again. In a recent interview, climate researcher Peter Gleick suggested that we might need to stop thinking about normal.

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"The climate is changing," he said. "We're not approaching a new, stable normal a 'new normal.' Rather, we're entering a period of rapid, unstable changes, and we're not adequately prepared."

He was talking about being physically prepared, but I can't help but think that we're not mentally prepared, either.

My description for what's going on these days isn't global warming or climate change. It's global weirding, a phrase attributed to environmentalist Hunter Lovins to convey the fact that things are becoming unpredictable. Several summers of deluges, as we've had here, give way to a summer of drought. Things are too hot, then too cold. Some species of plants and animals suddenly flourish, while others vanish.

If you're someone who finds comfort in what fall has looked and felt like, it's time to adjust your expectations. Celebrate those victories of stability and familiarity when you can. I don't know what the leaves will be doing this weekend, but I do know that it should feel like October. That's worth celebrating with a long walk in a sweater and, if the colors of the leaves disappoint, a trip to the diner.



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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses m 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** "Satisfaction" singer Mick (6)
- 2 placid (6)
- 3 monthly magazine recipient (10)
- **4** with some uncertainty (10)
- **5** not appraised (10)
- 6 movie lover (10)
- **7** tropical tree gum (6)

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SPORTS

VARSITY Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

BOYS' SOCCER

Haldane continued its strong play on Tuesday (Oct. 4), shutting out Pawling in a dominant, 8-0 performance during a steady rain. That followed a 3-0 victory on the road last week over Croton.

The Blue Devils' win on Tuesday was their eighth straight. Ryan Eng-Wong scored twice (to bring his season total to 23), and added an assist; Matt Silhavy had two goals and two assists; Clement Grossman had a goal and two assists; Liam Gaugler and Max Westphal each had goals; Brandt Robbins had a goal and an assist; and Rhys Robbins had one assist.

"With a wet surface, things can go either way," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar. "But we came out with a lot of fire."

On the defensive end, keeper Ronan Kiter stopped three shots; Haldane has given up only five goals this season. "Our defense has been phenomenal," Dwidar said.

Against Croton, Haldane got goals from Eng-Wong, Westphal and Grossman, with Silhavy and Luca van Dommele delivering assists. Kiter had four saves.

"That was a statement win," said Dwidar. "Croton won the league last year, and they have a grass field that can be tough to play on." Neither team had scored 40 minutes into the game, "but after we chatted at halftime, we put three in the net," he said.

"We have some special talent at every position," he added. "But it's not how you start, but how you finish. Our No. 1 goal is the league [title], then the section."

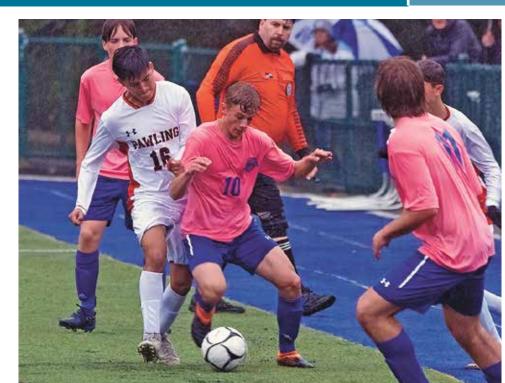
The Blue Devils (9-1, 5-0 league) — their only loss was a 3-2 defeat at Hastings on Sept. 9 - are scheduled to host Ketcham at 10 a.m. on Saturday (Oct. 8) and visit Peekskill on Tuesday and North Salem on Thursday.

GIRLS' SOCCER

After finishing with a losing record last season, Beacon has been on the rise this fall, with the Bulldogs winning their fourth straight this week (and sixth of their last seven) with a 1-0 verdict Monday (Oct. 3) at home against Newburgh Free Academy. Beacon also defeated Cornwall, 1-0, last week at home.

In Monday's thriller against Newburgh, Beacon got the winner with 20 seconds left in regulation when Rory Ladue took a free kick from Sara Gonzalez and sent it to Julie Whittemore for the score.

Coach Mike Lentini said his team didn't



Matt Silhavy (10) controls the ball during Haldane's victory in the rain on Tuesday.



Blue Devils keeper Ronan Kiter makes a diving save Tuesday during the win over Pawling. Photos by S. Pearlman

lack scoring chances. "We had lots of opportunities in regulation and finally sealed the deal," he said. "NFA played well, and their keeper made some really good saves."

Keeper Hope Cleveringa had six saves for Beacon. "She kept us in the game," Lentini said. "Our back line — Sara Gonzalez and Kasey Senior — were also great and Noelle Haase and Ladue played strong."

Against Cornwall, the Bulldogs got a "golden goal" victory 3:50 into overtime to end the game. Devyn Kelly scored the winner off a corner kick from Olivia Del Castillo. Cleveringa had six saves.

Lentini, in his first year at Beacon, has been impressed with the team's turnaround. "They're in a good mindset," he said. "They're starting to believe in themselves."

Beacon (7-2-1, 4-1 league) is scheduled to travel to Goshen on Tuesday and Minisink Valley on Thursday.

Haldane dropped a pair of games this week, falling 8-1 on Oct. 1 at Bronxville and 6-0 on Monday at Franklin Roosevelt. Marissa Peters scored against Bronxville and Ruby Poses had 15 saves in net. Poses stopped 13 shots in the loss at FDR. The Blue Devils (4-6) are scheduled to visit Putnam Valley today (Oct. 7) and Pawling on Tuesday.

FOOTBALL

Haldane traveled to Rye Neck on Oct. 1 and treated the host rudely, dropping three touchdowns on the Panthers in the first half on the way to a 41-16 win.

The Blue Devils' offensive line opened running lanes, and Evan Giachinta took advantage, collecting 221 yards on 15 carries. Quarterback Ryan Van Tassel ran for 152 yards on 11 trips and was 7 of 9 in the air for 135 yards. Thomas Tucker and Mike Murray had receiving touchdowns, and Tucker added an interception.

Haldane got a 53-yard TD strike from Van Tassel to Tucker, and a 20-yard Giachinta score in the first quarter, adding two-point conversions each time. A 26-yard run by Van Tassel in the second gave Haldane a 22-0 halftime lead, in what Coach Ryan McConville called a "complete" performance.

"That was a huge game for us," McConville said. "Giachinta and Van Tassel were both outstanding, and we controlled the

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game on the ground. Mike Murray did a great job, and Tucker and Luca DiLello (two receptions for 40 yards) both made some big plays. And our defense was solid."

Haldane (3-1) is scheduled to host Valhalla at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 8).

Beacon fell, 42-7, on the road Sept. 30 to a strong Goshen team. The Bulldogs scored on an 87-yard kickoff return by Javan Verdile in the fourth quarter.

Leibenson Perez-Novas had 38 yards rushing for the Bulldogs and added seven tackles. Owen Lynch, Mike Varian and Mercer Jordan each had five tackles.

"Goshen is much improved from last year, and we just couldn't match up with them physically," said Coach Jim Phelan.

Beacon (0-4) will host Cornwall at 5:30 p.m. today (Oct. 7) with new security protocols in place for spectators (see Page 1).

CROSS-COUNTRY

Beacon traveled on Tuesday (Oct. 4) to compete in the inaugural, five-team Woodstock Invitational at Monticello, where the boys' team took first.

Henry Reinke won the race in 18:01, Jack Twining was second in 18:03 and August Wright finished sixth in 19:27. The other Beacon finishers were Harsh Gupta (11), Rubio Castagna (12), Peter Vermeulen (17), Bryce Manning (19), Hiroto Tanaka (21) and Alex Browning (28).

For the girls, Rachel Thorne finished fourth and Elizabeth Carbone was 21st. Beacon also brought along its modified teams, and had the top finisher in both the boys' (Caellum Tripaldi) and girls' (Cecelia Allee) races.

"All jokes aside about racing in muddy conditions at Woodstock, I was proud of how the team responded to the conditions," said Coach Jim Henry. "It was the second heaviest downpour I've had the 'pleasure' of racing in during my two decades of coaching. At some point, you just give up trying to stay dry, embrace the conditions and gut it out. A great deal of character was developed during that invitational, for all of the participants."

GIRLS' TENNIS

Haldane picked up three wins this week, blanking North Salem, Pawling and Croton to lock up the league title, but dropped a 4-1 decision to Briarcliff.

Two doubles teams — Caroline Nelson and Mairead O'Hara, and Fiona Shanahan and Ellen O'Hara — will compete this weekend at Harrison High School in the individual sectional tournament. It will be the third trip to the tournament for Nelson and O'Hara, who two years ago reached the finals before falling to a team from Croton.

For the team tournament, Haldane (9-4, 7-2 league) should receive a high seed. Nelson is 10-1 in second singles and the doubles team of Ellen O'Hara and Amanda Johanson is undefeated.