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## Pastors Fight Gun Restrictions

*Wappingers Falls church and others cite safety concerns*

By Leonard Sparks

New York officials believe shootings that have killed religious worshippers in recent years justify the banning of weapons in churches, synagogues, mosques and temples.

The Rev. Scott Harris, pastor of Grace Bible Church in Wappingers Falls, believes the prohibition makes his church unsafe for the same reason.

It is a conviction he shares with Christian ministers in 19 other New York counties who, along with an evangelical advocacy organization called New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedoms, filed a federal lawsuit this month challenging the constitutionality of the designation of houses of worship as a “sensitive location” under the state’s Concealed Carry Improvement Act.

Enacted eight days after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 23 that New York’s 109-year-old law limiting licenses for concealed weapons violated the Second Amendment, the legislation requires gun owners who want a concealed-carry permit to complete 18 hours of training, pass a marksmanship test, demonstrate “good moral character,” sit for an in-person inter-

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Quin Carmicino sits at the West Point Foundry Preserve, where she and friends gathered during the pandemic shutdown.

Photo by Valerie Shively

### PART 2

## Are the Kids Alright?

*Pandemic, isolation exacerbate struggles*

By Jeff Simms

Quin Carmicino, a junior at Haldane High School in Cold Spring, remembers the lengths she went to trying to preserve some normalcy during the pandemic.

Sitting with friends on a brick wall at the West Point Foundry Preserve, each of them 6 feet apart. Dyeing a friend’s hair in her garage, with masks on and the door open,

on a frigid January afternoon. Getting to know every nook and cranny of the nearby public parks.

At the time, Carmicino, who was in eighth grade when schools in New York closed in March 2020, took it in stride. “I accepted it quickly and became close to a few people,” she said. But now, two years older and with the benefit of perspective, she recognizes it wasn’t the smooth transition that it seemed.

“I’ve just now realized how terrible my mental health was” during the pandemic, said Carmicino, 16, in an interview last month. “I was so isolated. I didn’t realize how much I’d shut that part of my life out. I think there was so much wrong with the world, that I wasn’t able to deal with anything that was wrong with myself.”

As we reported last week, students in the Highlands struggled mightily during the pandemic. While the 2022-23 school year began last month with no COVID-related restrictions, it’s not as easy as the flick of a switch to get back to “normal.”

In this series, which will conclude next week with some ideas about what can be done, we hope to provide insight into what’s happening with children and teenagers.

### Unprecedented

By the last week of March 2020, students in the Highlands were attending class virtually, limping to the finish line of a school

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## Weatherman Could Not Have Predicted This

*Jim Witt’s calendar, in its 37th edition, raises \$185,000 for local kids*

By Alison Rooney

In the beginning, more than 50 years ago, not even Jim Witt would have been able to forecast the impact of his annual weather calendar.

The calendar, which foretells daily conditions 14 months in advance, is available every fall at retailers in the Hudson Valley (and online at [hfyf.org](https://hfyf.org)), with proceeds benefiting charities that help children.

In 2021, the Hope for Youth Foundation, which collects and distributes the proceeds, raised \$185,000 for 32 organizations, including the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison, the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps. and the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub in Cold Spring. Since 1998, the foundation also has awarded college scholarships to students from Haldane, Lakeland, Walter Panas, Putnam Valley and Peekskill high schools.

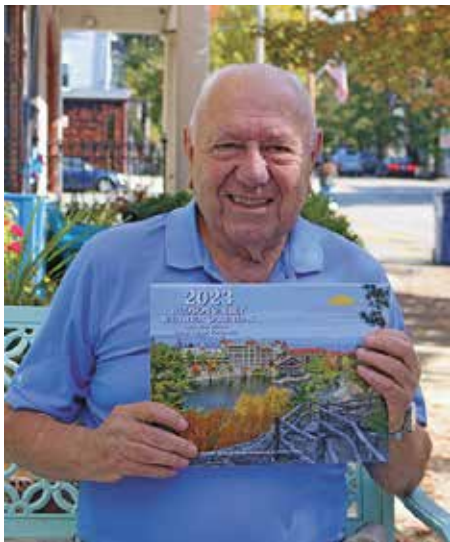
The calendar was born in the early 1980s when Witt was “the weather guy” at WHUD Radio in Beacon. He would make predictions further out than the typical two- or three-day range — “I’d say, ‘Coming Jan. 5, there’ll be a snowstorm,’” he recalled — and the station owner, Gary Pease, observed: “People go nuts over this long-range stuff — maybe we could do a forecast for [the entire] winter.”

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**STORM KING** — It was a beautiful day on Saturday (Oct. 8) for a visit to the Storm King Art Center in New Windsor. Works by Kenyan artist Wangechi Mutu will be on display on its grounds through Nov. 7.

Photo by Ross Corsair



Jim Witt with the 2023 calendar

Photo by Michael Turton



# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: YVETTE VALDÉS SMITH

By Leonard Sparks

Yvette Valdés Smith is the minority leader in the Dutchess County Legislature, which has 17 Republicans and eight Democrats. Her district includes part of Beacon.

## You were elected in November. Why did you decide to run?

I've always been an active and engaged voter, but after Jan. 6 [when a mob attacked the U.S. Capitol in an effort to stop the certification of the presidential vote], I could no longer be on the sidelines. It was not the United States of America that I grew up believing in. I didn't see anybody like me in politics locally — a Latina mom and former teacher — and didn't see us at the table where decisions were being made. I love our community; I wanted us to be a beacon for progress.

## What is your background?

I was born in Syracuse and raised in Puerto Rico. My mom's family was in Beacon, so I would spend summers here. When it came time for college, I really wanted to come back to the Hudson Valley, so at age 17, I left the island and I've pretty much been here since. I'm a former public school teacher and proud



union member. I am a mom of two kids in the Beacon school district, although we moved out of Beacon about five years ago and are in the Town of Fishkill, right on the border. I help run the Environmental Education Center at Stony Kill Farm.

## How can the county best support Beacon?

One of the big things is the rail trail. What a fantastic project. So many of us, no matter what party, have wanted that trail to connect Beacon and Fishkill. You'd think that there would be quicker movement on it but we're

going on multiple years of hearing, "In two years, we'll be able to push this through." If the Republicans in the Legislature didn't have a supermajority, if there was more balance, we would be able to do more.

## What is one thing you hate about politics?

I came in as a newbie, thinking we could bring change immediately. That has not been the case. Democrats have brought forth resolutions that have not even seen the light of day because they get blocked from being put on the agenda. It's difficult to propose legislation that could possibly save a life, that could make positive changes in people's lives, but see it get blocked. It does not feel democratic to me.

## One thing you love?

I love getting out there and talking to constituents. That's where a lot of our best ideas come from. Their ideas and concerns can turn into legislation that makes people's lives better, and that's what I want for our area. I want it to be the absolute best place to live and raise a family and retire. Local elections matter so much and I would encourage anybody who's interested to run for office. It shouldn't just be people who've been in politics before.

# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

## What favorite food does October bring to mind?

Pretty much anything pumpkin, but especially pumpkin pie.



Mackenzie Heichel, Beacon

Plain apple pie, not heated, no whipped cream.



Rowen Kuzminski, Cold Spring

Apple cider donuts from Vera's Marketplace!



Jessica Rozman, Philipstown

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## Garrison Discusses Dropping Haldane

### Board considers Putnam Valley as alternative

By Joey Asher

The Garrison school board is hoping to come to terms with the Haldane school district to continue sending its eighth-grade graduates to the Cold Spring high school but says it may work out a deal instead with Putnam Valley.

The issue was discussed at the board's meeting on Wednesday (Oct. 12).

Garrison educates students only through the eighth grade, after which it pays tuition for those who attend Haldane or O'Neill High School in Highlands Falls.

But a budget crunch and a hike in tuition by Haldane have compelled the district to reconsider how much it pays. Garrison has a five-year deal with O'Neill at a rate of \$16,500 annually per student, which can increase at 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, said Superintendent Carl Albano. He said Putnam Valley has tentatively agreed to offer the same terms.

Haldane had been charging Garrison less than it could under state law but proposed raising the fee in 2021-22 to the maximum allowed under the state's non-resident tuition formula, about \$21,500 annually.

At a presentation during the Haldane school board meeting on Tuesday (Oct. 11), Superintendent Philip Benante said the actual cost of educating a Haldane student is closer to \$27,000 a year.

Haldane has agreed to a four-year deal to charge \$16,500 annually for each of the 53 Garrison students attending the high

school so they will not have to switch schools. But for the Garrison Class of 2023 (which has 28 students) and beyond, the district wants the same deal from Haldane that it's getting from O'Neill, said Albano.

"We don't want to lose Haldane as a choice," he said. "But our ability to pay is limited. We value their programs and we understand that they could charge more. We just can't afford it."

"We started to explore options because we don't have a confirmed rate for our students to go to Haldane in September," he said.

A decision should be made within the next few weeks. "Mr. Albano and I agreed that it was in the best interest of both districts to understand the terms and conditions for our districts by the end of this month," Benante said.

School board members expressed interest in preserving the relationship between the neighboring districts. In Garrison, Kent Schacht said that losing Haldane "would be devastating for a lot of families." A colleague on the board, David Gelber, said Garrison should consider adding Putnam Valley regardless. "It's an extraordinary place," he said, noting its international baccalaureate program. "As a parent, I would want my kid to have that option."

Sean McNall, the president of the Haldane board, who attended the Wednesday meeting in Garrison, said he was gratified to hear its board members acknowledge the importance of the connection between the districts. "I'm committed to doing everything I can to maintain the relationship," he said.

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## Notes From the Cold Spring Village Board

### Aqueduct connection moves three steps closer

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Board of Trustees passed three resolutions at its Wednesday (Oct. 12) meeting that moved the village closer — finally — to a long-awaited emergency connection to the Catskill Aqueduct to allow reservoir dam repairs.

The board approved the results of a state environmental-impact review, authorized Mayor Kathleen Foley to sign a land-use permit, and approved issuing a request for proposals to complete the connection.

The aqueduct, completed in 1924, carries water from the Catskills to New York City. Foley said that a contract between the village and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection is the only major agreement that remains to be completed. "We're nearly there on all of it," she said.

The village has been negotiating with New York City over an aqueduct connection for more than 15 years. Cold Spring plans to draw its water from the aqueduct while its reservoirs are drawn down to repair the dams.

As part of the process, every water meter in the village needs to have "smart tech-

nology" installed to track usage. This will be done from Nov. 7 to 12, Foley said. Residents will receive details by email, over social media and through the mail. Foley said the technicians will wear identification and work from clearly marked vehicles.

### In other business...

■ The public restrooms near the pedestrian tunnel will reopen on weekends. The village will share a cleaning service with Boscobel and M&T Bank.

■ The water emergency remains in effect, with restrictions on use. Water Superintendent Matt Kroog said the minimum amount of water required to maintain an adequate supply continues to be drawn down from the treatment plant on Fishkill Road. Rainfall has totaled less than an inch in October, leaving reservoirs at 56 percent of capacity.

■ The board authorized the mayor to sign an agreement with the Town of Kent to assist with repairs to a storm drain on Northern Avenue. Kent will contribute equipment and labor and in return the village will make an equal contribution to projects in Kent.

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Continental Commons

It's a horrible plan to create a shopping mall and hotel on Route 9 near Dutchess Mall ("Fishkill Approves Developer's Request," Oct. 7). They are destroying and paving over natural landscape (and a Revolutionary War site) only to make money, while the nearly vacant, already paved-over Dutchess Mall is right across Route 9.

Peggy Hill, *via Instagram*

Route 9 is developed in the least thoughtful way. No one wants strip malls in their community, and no one wants redundant shopping centers.

Matthew Robinson, *via Instagram*

The colonial village strip mall was popular in the 1960s. It's 2022.

Becky Fifield, *via Instagram*

In your Oct. 7 story about the proposed Continental Commons project, you reported that the Town Board "pointed out [in its resolution] that the town must approve any mains and pipes that are installed."

However, last month a state court judge ruled that the Town Board does not have the "absolute discretion" to deny water and sewer to the Continental Commons property. The judge's decision reaffirmed that it was the Dutchess County Department of Health that

### Clarification

A story in the Oct. 7 issue stated that the Haldane school district had added a behavior analyst to its mental health staff since the pandemic shutdown. In fact, it added the position in the fall of 2019.

would review the application to connect a site's infrastructure to those water and sewer districts. In this case, the infrastructure was built to service the existing Speedway gas station, as well as for future development.

Unfortunately, the campaign by the Friends of the Fishkill Supply Depot (FOFSD) to derail Continental Commons has relied on the supervisor (a close ally) and unwitting media to distribute misinformation about the Fishkill Supply Depot, the Continental Commons property and the project.

As for the cemetery said to be on the site, the New York State Historic Preservation Office informed the town in 2015 that there was no evidence that the property contains burials that are connected to the Revolutionary War. Based on more than a dozen archaeological studies, the site has a small burial plot with unknown origins.

The FOFSD also ignored the fact that

engineers and archaeologists from the town, county and state concluded that the project would not have an environmental or historical impact. As part of a five-year state environmental review, these experts concluded that the archaeology has been exhausted. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) even commended Continental Commons for its preservation plan, which includes a visitor center, living museum and historic walking trails.

As part of our preservation plan we agreed with SHPO's recommendation to have archaeological monitoring during construction, even though the agency acknowledged that it was not likely anything would be found. A state judge ruled against the FOFSD's challenge of the environmental review and the preservation plan in 2019.

Greg Lane, *Hingham, Massachusetts*

*Lane is a representative of the Continental Commons project.*

### Spirit of Beacon

Finally — after surviving COVID, lockdowns, separation from family and friends, hospitalizations and (sadly) deaths — the Spirit of Beacon Day returned on Sept. 25 to our fair city amid much hoopla and anticipation. We're back!

Wait a minute. Not so fast. As I ambled up and down Main Street with my two grandchildren, I realized something was missing. I couldn't put my finger on it until one of my charges said, "I'm hungry." And there it was: Where's the food? Where's the aromas from various ethnic groups wafting through the air, enticing everyone to savor myriad culinary delights?

This special day was born out of necessity, fueled by civil strife and dark feelings during the mid-1970s. Fortunately, a number of concerned citizens realized that the city was on the brink of destroying itself and worked together to find concrete solutions to heal the wounds. One of those solutions was the creation of the Spirit of Beacon — a day set aside to bring the community together to enjoy not only a day of companionship but also a day to break bread and share in some new gustatory delights.

Unfortunately, this past Spirit of Beacon Day was devoid of any streetside culinary pleasures. Hungry? Unless you wanted to step into one of the many Main Street restaurants and sit at a table and order a meal, you were out of luck.

Why were the groups who applied for permits well in advance of the event to cook and serve food curbside denied those permits? Where is the spirit that once created this special day? Why was the sense of community cooperation allowed to be overlooked?

Charles Dunn, *Beacon*

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I laughed when I saw your photo in the Sept. 30 issue of the Beacon High School band marching in the Spirit of Beacon parade. Some things don't change in these fast-moving times. The instrument I played more than 50 years ago in my high school band, the tuba, was bringing up the rear — the same spot I was stuck with!

Lee Neiley, *Beacon*

## Indian Brook parking

It seems obvious that blocking off the small parking lot on Indian Brook Road near Constitution Marsh just created more problems (“Coalition Hopes to Solve Indian Brook Parking,” Sept. 30). They probably could have avoided a lot of trouble by hiring someone to direct traffic. People are only going to be more determined to visit these sites the harder they make it for them.

Joseph Western, *via Instagram*

The marsh is part of Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, managed by Audubon, which has limited staff. It makes more sense to use staff in a location where they will reach their maximum audiences, such as Breakneck Ridge, rather than a place with eight parking spots. It has nothing to do with anyone wanting to keep it private for Indian Brook Road residents.

Lorrin Startin, *via Instagram*

It sounds like a bunch of wealthy folks won private access to a wonderful place. Well-played. Having said that, I was angry to see that spot quickly become overpopulated and abused during the pandemic shutdown.

Lesly Canossi, *via Instagram*

Perhaps the state park folks could be stationed there during known high-traffic times, such as they are at Bash Bish Falls in Massachusetts, to encourage condoned use of the space and discourage illegal parking.

Instead, a state park is now limited to those who are lucky enough to live there or can pay the parking fee at Boscobel and have the mobility to hike through the woods. I have not been able to share this treasure of a spot with my two small children as a result and I am deeply disappointed.

Romina Robinson, *via Instagram*

## Byrne transition

*The Current* reported in its Oct. 7 issue that Kevin Byrne, who is running unopposed on the Republican and Conservative lines for Putnam County executive, had named his transition team. Not surprisingly, they're all white men.

While we all know that Byrne, and Republicans in Putnam County generally, are vocally opposed to fostering diversity, one would think he might be interested in at least the appearance of propriety by pulling from his Log Cabin Republican or female supporters. This announcement is nothing less than a slap in the face to his future constituents who do not support Republican views or values, whether they are Democrats, independents or from some other party.

In 2020, as a state Assembly member, Byrne refused to vocally denounce the actions

of a local man who drove a truck decorated with the words “Fuck Black Lives” through a Black Lives Matter protest in Carmel. The Westchester Fair Campaign Practices Committee failed to find evidence that Byrne refused to condemn the act, but we know he did, because many of us and others we know asked him to, via phone calls and on social media, and we were ignored. Byrne said at the time, in replies to social media posts, that not every act by a “disturbed” person deserves a public statement.

His transition team, along with his history of failing to condemn racism and public championing of groups like Moms for Liberty, is further evidence that Byrne plans to run Putnam just like it has been for decades — as a good old boys' club headed by white cronies trying to preserve their power while keeping women, people of color, LGBTQ+ and other minority groups relegated to the shadows and without services or community.

Byrne still has time to make it right if he wants to, and to diversify his team. But we won't hold our breath.

Eileen McDermott, *Brewster*

*This letter was also signed by Baila Lemonik, Judy Allen, Dwight Arthur, Janet Mahoney, Juergen Tempel and Karen Freede.*

## Rail trail

This is exciting news (“Beacon Hopes to Move Rail Trail Forward,” Sept. 30). As a biker and hiker, I've been hoping for this rail-to-trail change from Beacon to Hopewell Junction for years. It makes sense to convert this section of unused rails to a useful path for bikers, walkers, strollers and dog-walkers.

The trail would allow a continuous path from Beacon to Brewster, down into Putnam County, and maybe into Connecticut someday. I say, bring it on!

Jeff Kover, *Hopewell Junction*

## Loose moose

It's crazy that I just moved to Maine, which has 75,000 moose, and the first one I see is a photo in *The Current* (“Around Town,” Oct. 7).

Patti Devine, *via Instagram*

Poor thing, separated from his herd.

Jane Riley, *via Instagram*

*Editor's note: We thought that, too, but moose are typically solitary animals, except as calves or during mating season.*

## Public restrooms

Based on Lynn Miller's letter that appeared in the Oct. 7 issue of *The Current*, there seems to be some confusion about the role of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce.

As an independent, volunteer-based organization, the chamber's primary purpose is to service its members — overwhelmingly, small businesses and nonprofits owned and operated by people who live in Philipstown. The chamber also has a firm commitment to community service. It hosts celebrations like Cold Spring Aglow and In Bloom, sponsors public events such as Community Day and Film Society screenings, staffs the Visitors' Center, designs and prints maps, partners with schools to connect young people with jobs, and advocates for every-

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# Think Twice Before Entrusting Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, Inc. With Our Future

Isn't it ironic that for generations the humble residents of Philipstown and the Village of Cold Spring have fought so hard and courageously to preserve our environment and our quality of life here in the amazing Hudson Valley only to have NYS Parks and a coalition of established local environmental groups betray those interests for a “legacy linear park”, aka Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail? A true Trojan Horse, these groups, backed by a very sizeable endowment from a wealthy Garrison resident, stealthily slid under our watchful guard. Now, the very character and reason we all live in the Village is in jeopardy.

Hudson Valley Fjord Trail, INC (HHFT), has determined what's best for us and where the southern entrance of the park will be, and in so doing, the fate of the Village. The Village of Cold Spring will be collateral damage, deemed necessary and acceptable by HHFT in order to build their “legacy” park.

They would have you believe that nothing significant has really changed since the project's conception, that their outreach to the Village of Cold Spring has been significant, that they are listening to the residents, that this project will mitigate current tourism problems, that this project is not segmented, that, through proper planning, all will be well in the Village once the Park is complete, that this project will help protect the surrounding park and most importantly, that this project is evolving and not “fait accompli”.

Having been involved with this project as both a Philipstown Councilman, husband of a Village of Cold Spring Trustee and as the mayor of Cold Spring for seven years, I can say with authority and certainty that much has changed since the initial conversations in the early 2000s, including what was presented to the public at Winter Hill, Dutchess Manor and the Chalet. The design, landscape architects & planners, scope of the project, the public spokesperson for HHFT, the purchase of Dutchess Manor and the Chalet (the former now HHFT's HQ and the latter scheduled to be demolished), and even the name of the project have changed.

In HHFT's Executive director, Amy Kacala's own words, “Over the last 5yrs.the project has been reimagined from the ground up” and “Crowding at Breakneck over the past few years made it clear that the original plan for the trail as a single track wasn't going to cut it”.

HHFT can say they have taken considerable public input but that input was taken before the project was “reimagined from the ground up”. If Village residents were shown the current design and scope of work, at the aforementioned meetings, I guarantee the input would have been radically different.

This is no longer just a safe, simple footpath from the Cold Spring Metro North Station to Little Stony Point and Breakneck, as initially intended, rather as HHFT stated in a 10/8/21 press release, “The HHFT is envisioned as a world class linear park”.

The municipalities and partners, so proudly displayed and touted by HHFT as proof that everyone is in agreement with this project, signed early on to a much simpler, straightforward concept and not a “World Class Linear Park”.

HHFT would have us believe they can mitigate any problems arising from the southern gateway being Dockside Park with trolleys, sidewalks and signage. They would have us believe that vehicular traffic can be controlled, that most will come by train, that the problems already exist, so anything they do will be an improvement. All of this is naïve, short sighted and wishful thinking. Once the project is complete, this “world class linear park” will be trumpeted by the NY Times and other influential media outlets across the country as the next Wonder of The World. People will flock to Cold Spring,

and definitely not just by train or on weekends, to experience this “World Class Linear Park”. Have we forgotten so soon the parking and traffic madness we experienced the first years of COVID?. It was complete bedlam! Vehicles circling the Village endlessly, searching for parking. Parking, legally and illegally, like the Village had never seen before.

The early days of COVID, the Indian Brook Rd. parking debacle and similar early parking issues the Audubon Sanctuary had to deal with, are portents of the disaster the HHFT will bring to the Village.

To those who say (regarding tourism), “the problem already exists we can do nothing or work with HHFT to make it better” (a statement that drives me crazy), I say, the problems that HHFT will cause, do not already exist. The hikers and shoppers that we have dealt with for years will remain. They are not going away. Add to their numbers the less ambitious folks, those who have little interest in hiking trails or climbing mountains, the same class of folks who are lured to the ease of a flat surface and the views offered by the Walkway Over the Hudson. (The Walkway Over the Hudson, by the way, initially projected 267,000 visitors per year and actually saw 415,000 in just the first three months! In 2017 they saw 600,000 and in 2021, approx. 620,000)

Do not be fooled by the splendid renderings or the soft sale by HHFT spokespersons. Be wary of the study results. If this linear park has a southern gateway anywhere in the Village, be ready to live in a fulltime tourist trap. Be prepared to sacrifice your quality of life and the neighborhood character of our Village.

I started and will finish with irony. From the Scenic Hudson website (HHFT is a subsidiary of Scenic Hudson):

*Scenic Hudson was established by six community members in 1963 to halt an industrial project from destroying iconic Storm King Mountain in the Hudson Highlands. Scenic Hudson has long been considered a leader in safeguarding the Hudson Valley's irreplaceable landscapes — including the region's productive family farm — while advancing balanced and sustainable development, and protecting our land, air and water from pollution and other threats.*

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*We continue to be inspired by the credo of Scenic Hudson co-founder, Francis “Franny” Reese: “Care enough to take action, do your research so you don't have to backtrack from a position and don't give up”.*

I would ask our environmental friends at Scenic Hudson to reflect on your beginning and your mission. The “other threats”, you mentioned above, may very well be you. The Village of Cold Spring's character and the Highland Park are irreplaceable and will be trashed by the hordes of tourist flocking to experience this legacy project.

To HHFT: Let the southern gateway begin at Little Stony Point. Don't expand but limit parking and visitation. Remove all parking along 9D. If you are truly looking for public input and collaboration, then don't hide behind any immunity from municipal review that your partnership with NYS Parks may offer, and as with all projects in the Village, submit an application and create an escrow account to pay for all professional services needed by the Village to properly vet this project and make responsible decisions.

Thank you to those who have voiced their concerns! To those who haven't, please heed Francis “Franny” Reese's credo and be inspired by the six community members who stopped the destruction of Storm King Mountain.

Signed, Dave Merandy

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

*(Continued from Page 5)*

thing from environmental sustainability to universal health care.

One thing it does not do, and should not do, is take over functions of municipal government.

It was the chamber's advocacy that convinced the village to reopen the public restrooms in 2020 as a matter of public health, following a hiatus during the early stages of the pandemic shutdown. To bring this about, it agreed to temporarily assume responsibility for cleaning and restocking the restrooms on weekends when the village was unable to do so. Initially, volunteers did this work, and eventually the chamber hired a service. When that temporary agreement ended, the chamber made it clear to the village that it did not consider it appropriate for a private business organization to maintain responsibility for an essential public service, just as it would be wrong for the chamber to maintain its own police force.

As business owners and residents, we are happy to have our taxes pay to keep the restrooms open, and hope that the village will find a permanent solution when it draws up its next budget. In the meantime, the chamber is glad to have facilitated a connection between the village, Boscobel and M&T Bank, which has led to the reopening of the restrooms.

Jeff Mikkelson, *Cold Spring*

*Mikkelson is advocacy chair for the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce.*

Gun Restrictions *(from Page 1)*

view and provide social media accounts and references, among other criteria.

In response to a separate lawsuit filed against the governor, the state police superintendent and district attorneys and law enforcement officials in four counties and Syracuse over the law, a federal judge on Oct. 6 issued a temporary restraining order against some provisions but upheld the designation of certain locations as sensitive areas — with a notable exception “for those persons who have been tasked with the duty to keep the peace” at a house of worship. (On Oct. 12, an appeals court set aside the stay, meaning the law can be enforced for now.)

The pastors' 20-page complaint, filed in Binghamton, names the district attorneys of 20 counties as defendants, including William O'Grady in Dutchess. Its chief claim is that the Concealed Carry Improvement Act denies them the right to effective self-defense because it prevents their churches from using armed security teams comprised of congregants who have concealed-carry permits. They also argue their security details are being disarmed amid a rise in shootings that target worship services.

Harris said that Grace Bible has a security team that includes active and retired police officers who might be subject to felony charges if the barring of weapons at houses of worship survives court challenges.

“We believe a law that endangers our congregation by forcing us to be a soft target for violence must be fought,” he said.



Although not a party in the pastors' lawsuit, this church in Oswego County made its position known.

Facebook

Gun violence targeting people at religious services or gatherings represents a small subset of shootings, and none has taken place recently in New York state. But there have been deadly attacks elsewhere. Seven years ago, a white supremacist killed nine people at Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina, and 11 people died when an antiSemite attacked the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018. The worst mass shooting in Texas' history, which killed 26 people, took place at First Baptist

Church in Sutherland Springs in 2017.

There have been at least four shootings at houses of worship this year, including in California, Iowa and Alabama.

“In an ideal world, churches and congregants could focus on worshiping the Lord and loving their neighbors without concerning themselves with matters of safety and security,” said the Rev. Jason McGuire, the executive director of New Yorkers for Constitutional Freedom. “Unfortunately, the reality of church shootings in the U.S. reminds us that this is not an ideal world.”



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Cold Spring Board *(from Page 3)*

- The mayor urged residents to complete the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail parking and shuttle survey available at [coldspringny.gov](http://coldspringny.gov) and [hhft.org](http://hhft.org).
- The board agreed in principle to sell a small piece of village-owned property to the owner of 37 Fair St. for \$4.55 per square foot. The site, formerly the Impellittere car dealership, is being converted to a live-work space and gallery.
- The Cold Spring Police Department responded to 64 calls for service in September and officers issued 15 traffic and 82

parking tickets. Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke reported two arrests, one for driving with a suspended license and one for criminal trespass at the village highway garage.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 17 calls last month, including 12 requests for mutual aid, an elevator rescue, a mountain rescue and a brush fire.

■ Royal Carting will conduct its annual bulk pickup Oct. 29. A list of what can be left curbside is available at [coldspringny.gov](http://coldspringny.gov).

■ The state has extended the deadline for Cold Spring to complete its update of the village code to June 30.



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# Putnam’s GOP Legislators Blast Gun Control Law

Write to governor but don’t  
inform Montgomery

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Denouncing New York State’s updated gun control law as a “hyper-political overreaction” as well as “devoid of common sense,” the eight Republicans in the nine-person Putnam County Legislature on Sept. 29 called for its repeal.

In a letter to Gov. Kathy Hochul, they targeted the Concealed Carry Improvement Act, passed by the state Legislature in July

## Dutchess Official Joins Election Lawsuit

Erik Haight, the Republican election commissioner for Dutchess County, is among the plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed by party officials to overturn a law that requires elections boards to determine the validity of absentee ballots before Election Day.

The lawsuit, filed last month in state court, also seeks to invalidate a law that extended a pandemic-era concession allowing people to cite the fear of COVID-19 as a reason to vote absentee. See [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org) for the story.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

### PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:	Positive Tests, 7-day average:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
28,950 (+118)	7.6% (-2.2)	83.9	135 (+2)
Cold Spring: 96.2 / Garrison: 89.4			

### DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:	Positive Tests, 7-day average:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
77,835 (+343)	9.8% (+0.5)	78.5	702 (+2)
Beacon: 74.0			

Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 12, 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 Oct. 7.

in response to a U.S. Supreme Court’s overturning of a 109-year-old state law.

The eight legislators said the revised law, currently under challenge in federal court, involves a “lengthy, cumbersome, complicated, expensive, unduly burdensome” and otherwise flawed application process for concealed carry of handguns and imposes costs and “excessive workloads” on the Putnam clerk and sheriff.

They further described it as “blatantly unconstitutional, designed to deprive peaceful, law-abiding citizens of their constitutional rights,” banning handguns in parks, restaurants and “countless other public and private so-called ‘sensitive locations’ where residents, businesses and municipalities operate, live, work, shop, socialize and pay taxes.”

The legislators complained that the state Legislature had “shamefully” introduced the bill in a special session, approved it, and enacted it in a single day, “without public knowledge, discussion or input.”

The Republicans failed to inform their colleague Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley and is the sole Democratic member, of the letter. It also did not appear on the

agenda for the Oct. 5 meeting; instead, Legislator Toni Addonizio of Kent read it aloud in the period reserved for legislators’ comments, right before adjournment.

When Addonizio had finished, Montgomery noted that she had not been sent a copy.

Addonizio said she had not provided it because “I didn’t think you’d be in favor of this.”

Montgomery said that “you guys are communicating, as a quorum, without the public’s knowledge — that’s what’s happening here,” referring to caucus meetings. She questioned whether the Open Meetings Law permits such activity. (It does.)

Legislator Paul Jonke of Southeast asked Robert Firriolo, the Legislature’s lawyer, if there “is anything inappropriate about us communicating and sending a letter to the governor.”

“Absolutely not,” Firriolo declared.

A brief hubbub broke out and Montgomery tried to speak further.


“Don’t interrupt me,” Jonke said. “You can never let anybody get their sentence out. That’s disrespectful; that’s disgraceful.”

Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson explained that the letter came to each Republican legislator separately to sign. “It wasn’t the group working together,” she said.

Montgomery thanked them for the clarifications, apologized for interrupting anyone and noted that her remarks often trigger debate. “That’s why we have meetings,” she said. “If I can’t ask questions at a meeting, I don’t know why we have meetings.”

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A lawsuit in Cold Spring centers on parking in this alley adjacent to 3 Furnace St., which has no curb cut.

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## Cold Spring Lawyer Files \$1 Million Lawsuit

*Claims allegations in lawsuit defame him*

By Michael Turton

**A** Cold Spring attorney has filed a defamation lawsuit in state court against a village property owner, claiming he was defamed.

Luke Hilpert sued Carl Mauro, the owner of 153 Main St., last month over allegations made in an earlier lawsuit involving an Airbnb rental on Furnace Street.

In that lawsuit, filed in December, Mauro asked a court to prohibit Frederique Henriot from operating a short-term rental at 3 Furnace St., as well as for \$150,000 in damages. The dispute centers on a shared alley that provides rear access to Mauro's property and that he said is blocked when guests park there.

Hilpert represented Henriot when she purchased the property in early 2021. She claims to have an easement for three parking spaces in the alley.

Mauro's suit was dismissed in March when the judge denied a request from

Mauro's attorney, Norah Hart, to appear for a hearing by Zoom because she was in California for a family emergency.

Mauro refiled on May 31. Among the allegations made in his lawsuit are that Hilpert filed an incorrect declaration of easement for Henriot's property and that T/Cup Realty, Cary Downey and Hilpert conspired to sell Henriot the house despite knowing she had no claim for use of the alley for parking.

In his defamation suit, Hilpert claims that these allegations damaged his reputation as a local real-estate lawyer and, because he says Mauro knew they were false, they amount to defamation.

Last week, in a letter to the Village of Cold Spring, Mauro said Henriot never applied for a permit to create a driveway or off-street parking, and that the alley, which has no curb cut, is not large enough to accommodate parking. Mauro said that if the village denied Henriot the right to park in the alley, it would end the need for his court case.

Hilpert and village officials declined to comment.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Business Owner Sentenced *Receives 'conditional discharge'*

**T**he owner of Cold Spring Pizza pleaded guilty last month to misdemeanor charges of forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child under 17 years of age and was sentenced to a conditional discharge and fined \$1,000.

Michael Procopio was arrested by New York State troopers on Nov. 19 and sentenced on Sept. 14 in Cold Spring Justice Court by Judge Thomas Costello. Under a conditional discharge for misdemeanors, a defendant must meet certain conditions for a year, such as not being arrested again.

Under state law, a judge may impose a sentence of conditional discharge "if the court, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the offense and to the history, character and condition of the defendant, is of the opinion that neither the public interest nor the ends of justice would be served by a sentence of imprisonment and that probation supervision is not appropriate."

Costello ordered that Procopio's name be added to the state sex offender registry and that he abide by a five-year order of protection for the victim.

#### Dutchess Approves Domestic Registry

*Allows unmarried couples access to benefits*

**T**he Dutchess County Legislature on Tuesday (Oct. 11) approved a law allowing residents and county employees to register their domestic relationships and receive some of the same legal, financial and medical benefits as married couples.

The vote was 21-2, with two legislators absent. Both Nick Page and Yvette Valdes Smith, Democrats whose districts include parts of Beacon, voted yes. The law takes effect 60 days after it is filed with the state and will be administered by the county clerk.

To apply, the partners must have been living together for at least a year and provide documentation proving their partnership, such as statements showing joint bank accounts, credit cards or property.

#### Dutchess Offers Monkeypox Vaccine

*Clinics in Poughkeepsie, Hopewell Junction*

**T**he Dutchess County health department plans to offer monkeypox vaccines at clinics in Poughkeepsie and Hopewell Junction to residents who are at high risk.

The county has recorded 10 cases since an outbreak began over the summer but does not have any active cases and has not seen one since Aug. 24.

The vaccines will be offered to anyone recently exposed to a suspected or confirmed case in the past 14 days; gay, bisexual, transgender and gender non-conforming residents and men who have sex with men; and people who have had skin-to-skin contact with someone in a social network that is experiencing cases.

The clinics are scheduled for Monday (Oct. 17) in Poughkeepsie (register at [on.ny.gov/3RWmIH6](https://on.ny.gov/3RWmIH6)) and Oct. 25 in Hopewell Junction ([on.ny.gov/3CsWdnh](https://on.ny.gov/3CsWdnh)). Call 845-486-3404 for more information.

#### Electricity Rates Continue Rising

*Prices up by nearly a third*

**C**entral Hudson customers will pay 30 percent more for electricity but 19 percent less for gas, the company said on Tuesday (Oct. 11).

The utility raised electricity rates on Wednesday from 13.06 cents to 16.93 cents per-kilowatt-hour. But on Oct. 3, it lowered gas prices from 97.8 cents to 78.8 cents per-hundred-cubic-foot.

The New York Independent System Operator, which manages the state's electricity grid, has warned customers to expect higher prices into the winter.

#### Garrison Resident Appointed

*Joins Putnam redistricting commission*

**A** retired data scientist from Garrison was appointed Oct. 5 to a commission assigned to redraw Putnam County legislative boundaries based on 2020 census data.

The Legislature voted unanimously to appoint Gary Ditlow. As in the past, the commission is chaired by the legislative counsel and includes the legislative and Rules Committee chairs. It also includes the county attorney, the director of information technology and the two elections commissioners.

The census found the county had lost about 2,000 residents since 2010. The legislative districts are drawn so that each member represents about the same number of people.

In other business, the Legislature approved spending \$2.4 million to replace culverts on Snake Hill Road in Garrison and Peekskill Hollow Road in Putnam Valley. The county will be reimbursed by state grants for bridge repairs.

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# Philipstown Votes to Limit Flags

*Like Cold Spring, will only allow U.S., state, POW*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

By a 3-2 vote, the Philipstown Town Board last week limited the flags that can be flown on town property, including at Town Hall, to the U.S., New York State and POW/MIA flags, along with a town flag, should one be created.

The board's vote capped nearly six months of discussion.

Supervisor John Van Tassel and Councilors Megan Cotter and Robert Flaherty voted for the limits, while Councilor Judy Farrell said she voted "no" because she favors allowing the LGBTQ+ Pride flag to fly at Town Hall, as it did in June during Pride Month.

Councilor Jason Angell, who cast the other "no" vote, advocated allowing only flags approved by the federal government or that are internationally recognized, with groups that want to fly them required to get a permit.

After displaying a Ukrainian flag in a window of Town Hall in the spring and temporarily agreeing to the Pride flag, the board called a moratorium until it could consider a policy in light of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that if a municipality permits one outside group to fly a flag on public property, it must accommodate others.

"I have no opposition to the Pride flag

and I'm sure there's a number of flags that would be wonderful to fly," Van Tassel said. "But I feel it just opens a can of worms we don't want to get into. If we open it up to one [organization], it's just going to be a continuous conversation as to who else we add."

Farrell said the Pride flag "represents freedom, freedom from hate and discrimination, freedom for people to love" whom ever they want, and that it had not generated any complaints when flown in June.

Angell acknowledged Van Tassel's concern but said if the town now adopted a broader policy that subsequently "ends up tearing people apart more than allowing people to come together, I'd support limiting it" at that stage.

Eliza Starbuck, a Cold Spring village trustee who said she was speaking as a resident, urged the town "to preserve and respect the neutrality of our public spaces." She termed it inappropriate "to display one position over another in a shared public space" that residents "all pay taxes to maintain."

Another resident, who did not give her name, said "we don't have any prisoners of war" anymore and questioned if "it is required that all government buildings fly the POW flag," which dates from the Vietnam War era.

"In my heart, it is," Van Tassel said. "I'm not going to tell the VFW [Veterans of Foreign Wars] I'm taking that down."

The Cold Spring Village Board voted in August to only display the U.S., New York

State and POW/MIA flags on village-owned property. Like Philipstown, it approved the temporary display of a Ukrainian flag and a Pride flag while it finalized a policy.

## Hudson Highlands Reserve

The Town Board scheduled a public hearing for Nov. 3 to hear feedback on a proposal to rezone about 11 acres at Hudson Highlands Reserve, a development bounded by Route 9, Horton Road and East Mountain Road North.

If approved, the zoning would change from industrial-manufacturing — the land had once been considered for soil mining — to rural residential, allowing the developers to build 24 houses, each on a 1-acre property. Without the change, the project will be limited to 22 homes.

In April, the Planning Board signed off on a state-mandated environmental-impact review of the 210-acre project, which its sponsor, Horton Road LLC, calls a "conservation subdivision." That has raised concerns, and the Conservation Board in January expressed fears that the firm "is evading the intent" of conservation subdivision regulations.

Van Tassel said rezoning would prevent soil-mining operations or other industries from ever occupying the 11 acres and threatening Clove Creek. "That's what made me think this is a sensible change," he said.

Angell said the fact that a developer who will benefit from the change was making the request "doesn't really feel right."

Farrell wondered if the developers would provide anything, such as a town park.

Drew Gamils, an attorney for Horton Road LLC, said the project includes 180 acres of conservation easement, "a huge public benefit." Although it will not be a public park, "you'll be able to hike back there and to walk and maintain it as natural trails," she said. She elaborated on Wednesday (Oct. 12) that "the conservation easement may permit hiking trails on the conserved land that could be open to the general public."

Horton Road LLC also seeks an exemption from a law that limits road grades to 10 percent; it wants a 12 percent grade for its entry from Route 9. The board referred the request to the Planning Board and town engineer.

## In other business...

■ The board unanimously approved spending \$140,712 to pave a half-mile stretch of Lane Gate Road that has been consistently washing out. Van Tassel and Farrell said residents had requested the work.

■ Philipstown and Cold Spring hope to install two electric vehicle charging stations at the municipal parking lot on Fair Street but first must meet a Nov. 3 deadline to provide substantive details to the state or likely forfeit a \$10,000 grant, Angell said. He estimated the project would cost \$34,000. The state grant, and another from Central Hudson, would cover \$30,340, leaving the balance to town and village. "I'm going through the budget right now," Van Tassel said. "There's not a lot of money. We're going to have to get busy to figure out if we can afford to do this."



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AROUND TOWN



▲ **NOT A BACKPACK** — As part of Spirit Week at Haldane High School, students were asked on Oct. 6 to bring “anything but a backpack” to school, with the caveats that the items could not be alive or larger than 4 cubic feet. Junior Dylan Rucker arrived in style. *Photo provided*



◀ **NEW SIDEWALKS** — This week Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou inspected the 900 feet of newly poured sidewalk along South Avenue between Wolcott Avenue and West Center Street. Funded by Dutchess County, the project included new curbs, corner ramps, crosswalk striping and two trees.

*Photo provided*



◀ **JAZZ ON THE RIVER** — Rob Scheps brought his Core-tet (including Jim O’Connor, shown here) to Cold Spring on Oct. 6 for a performance at the Chapel Restoration. Scheps, a former Philipstown resident, has led bands in New York City, Seattle, Portland, Kansas City and Honolulu.

*Photo by Ross Corsair*



▲ **CAUGHT WITH THE CURRENT** — Jordan Meinholz shared this shot of her cat, Potato, looking for some crossword help.

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## The Calendar



A design for Love Letter



Shannon Herman paints window lettering at Understory Market in Cold Spring.

## The Artist Next Door

# Shannon Herman

By Alison Rooney

Transforming walls, windows and furniture into vivid spaces inside Main Street businesses is Shannon Herman's stock-in-trade.

Murals and other decorative painting are a balm in a busy life for Herman. Her designs can be seen at Understory Market, where she decorated a counter and designed the window art; Split Rock Books, where Georgie, the ginger cat, is a highlight of a counter; Palmera, where she did the window lettering; and Love Letter, where she installed lingerie-wearing, diving women.

In Beacon, Herman's work can be seen on a gate at Kitchen Sink and in Newburgh in an expansive mural at the Tigers Don't Cry salon.

Her commissioned artwork is also displayed in private homes. In the meantime, her children, 11 and 14, are waiting for their own murals.

Herman embarked on her unexpected career only about a year ago, when Lara Shihab-Eldin and Sammy Smith-Coleman, the co-owners of Understory, approached her about painting inside the store.

"They knew I did plein-air landscapes," Herman recalls. She had never done murals, "but I guess they had a feeling. It was collaborative, lots of back and forth. It's nice to work in a community that values everyone's creativity."

"I've always had art in my life," she adds. "I always have to create, make things, be constantly learning something new. I feel like I'm just starting to emerge."

Herman says she has developed a process for her wall art. "I take a long time before I create a drawing," she says. "I meet with the proprietor, they send me inspiration — some unrelated, some conveying a feeling they want in the space."

At Love Letter, Alethea Hohenberger said she wanted a vintage tattoo print with an Art

Nouveau feel. "We did a lot of talking up front," Herman says. "I drew, then projected it on the wall. Painting in the store is like a meditation; I get lost in the brush strokes, mixing colors."

Herman grew up in a conservative family in Olivia, Minnesota (pop. 2,500), "a small town where corn is king," she says. "There's even a statue of a giant corn cob." In high school, the music teacher suggested she apply to a boarding school, the Minnesota Center for Arts Education outside Minneapolis, about two hours away.

"She saw something in me that was being tamped down by the community," Herman says. "Along with my teacher, my grandma showed me fine art, modern art, theater, music. The Minnesota Center was full of outcasts and kids from all over the state with special gifts; it changed my life."

At Flagler College in Florida, Herman majored in theater and broadcast journalism but took every art class she could.



The "diving girl" design for Love Letter

She moved to New York City in 2001, soon after 9/11. After a stint on the Bloomingdale's sales floor — where she says she made mental notes on the displays and mannequin dressings — she was recruited by Louis Vuitton for its visual marketing team. She later worked in similar capacities for Mattel and American Girl, jobs that included creating Fifth Avenue window displays.

Finally, she was hired by Nike to run the visual department at its flagship store, which she did for five years before deciding in 2012 to stay home with her young children. She also says she had become disenchanted with corporate retail. "I don't want to make things look enticing as a way of people setting themselves apart from people," she says. "I want to do something with more value to benefit people."

Herman met her husband after stepping into a Brooklyn community museum, meeting the director (him) and going on a business dinner where no business was discussed. They moved to Philipstown in 2017, via Brooklyn and Hawaii.

"My husband and I wanted a change, so we thought 'Let's have an adventure!'" she says. "We packed up and lived on the Big Island for a while and I did merchandising for a museum. Meanwhile, a friend had moved to Philipstown and we'd come back to visit. It may seem strange, but we saw similarities with Hawaii. It's so lovely, and it's a beautiful artery into the city, where there's access to more diversity. Over the years I've come to love it here even more."

"Painting murals is giving me a way to feel like I belong here," she adds. "I love being part of the fabric of it all, not just a visitor. When I'm painting in the village I usually go and get a sandwich or coffee nearby, and it becomes a community for me."



Herman's painting on the counter at Split Rock Books in Cold Spring, with co-owner Michael Bender



A wall design at Love Letter

Photos provided



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## COMMUNITY

### 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

**CORNWALL**  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
hnm.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 takeout 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 | 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 | 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 Bulbs for Spring Bloom

**GARRISON**  
10 a.m. Philipstown Recreation  
107 Glenclaffe Drive  
philipstowngardenclubny.org

The Philipstown Garden Club will be selling bulbs, while they last. Browse selection online.

### 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*

### SUN 16 HVSF Gala

**GARRISON**  
5 p.m. The Garrison | 2015 Route 9  
845-809-4339 | hvshakespeare.org

This annual Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival benefit will include performances, an auction and dinner. *Cost: \$350+*

### SAT 22 Hike for Hope

**BEACON**  
11 a.m. Dennings Point  
914-960-6585 | hovinghome.org

Join a group of walkers at the park or hike on your own. All proceeds will support programs at the Walter Hoving Home in Garrison. *Cost: \$40.*

### SAT 22 Open House

**BREWSTER**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm  
100 Route 312  
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Spend an afternoon on the farm meeting animals, doing crafts and learning about 4-H and gardening. Registration required.

### SAT 22 Harvest Fest

**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
Noon – 4 p.m.  
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompskinscorners.org

Activities will include a performance

for children by Lou Del Bianco at 12:30 p.m., *Monsters I Have Known*, crafts, a tag sale, live music, art, artisan wares and food. *Cost: \$10 donation*

### SAT 22 Clothing Swap

**COLD SPRING**  
1 – 5 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St.

Shoppers will find adult clothing and Halloween costumes for all ages donated by Philipstown residents and mostly sold by the bag. Bring your own bag if you can. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Philipstown Food Pantry. *Cost: \$5 to \$10*

### SUN 23 Annual Meeting & Social

**COLD SPRING**  
3 – 5 p.m. Little Stony Point  
3011 Route 9D  
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

The Little Stony Point Citizens Association will hold its annual meeting, followed by music and refreshments on the porch of the Visitor's Center.

## KIDS & FAMILY

### SAT 15 Life in the Hudson River

**COLD SPRING**  
2 p.m. Little Stony Point  
3011 Route 9D  
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Children ages 8 and older are invited to watch a slideshow about the plants, animals and fish that live in and around the river and take a walk to see what they can find.

### TUES 18 Ghost Hunting

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

Teens will go on a ghost hunt using techniques they come up with together. Registration required.



Pumpkin Festival, Oct. 16



All the Lonely People, Oct. 21

### WED 19 Peppa Pig's Adventure

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
6 p.m. MJN Convention Center  
14 Civic Center Plaza | 845-454-5800  
midhudsonciviccenter.org

The live adventure tale will feature the popular pig and her friends going camping. *Cost: \$45*

### THURS 20 Earring Workshop

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

Make earrings to keep and donate to a women's shelter. Broken or unwanted earrings can be fixed or repurposed, as well. Registration required.

### SUN 23 Pumpkin Glow

**GARRISON**  
5:30 – 7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

The library grounds will be decorated with jack-o-lanterns at this annual event. Bring the family, dress up in costume and take a tour. Pumpkins can be picked up WED 19 to SAT 22 for anyone who wants to carve one for the display.



## STAGE & SCREEN

### 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 the 2015 animated film. Registration required. *Free*

### SAT 15 Sightings

**PEEKSKILL**  
2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
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 a park on the Hudson River by three teens. See Page 14. *Free*

### SUN 16 HorrorShow

**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.  
storyscreenbeacon.com

The annual festival returns with *Scary Movie* (2000), followed by *Pieces* (1982) at 8 p.m. on WED 19 and *Casper* (1995) at 7 p.m. on SUN 23. *Cost: \$10*

### MON 17 Queer Burlesque Night

**BEACON**  
9 p.m. Roosevelt Bar  
288 Main St. | biggayhudsonvalley.com

Performers from Beacon Burlesque will take the stage.

### THURS 20 Battleground

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

The Beacon Film Society will screen Cynthia Lowen's documentary exploring the influence of three women leaders of the anti-choice movement. A question and answer with representatives from Planned Parenthood will follow. *Cost: \$12*

### FRI 21 All The Lonely People

**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
1 p.m. Boardman Road Library  
141 Boardman Road | 845-486-2555  
dutchessny.gov

This documentary follows people's challenges in overcoming crippling loneliness and social isolation. Registration required. This screening is hosted by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging; another at the same time at the Bureau of Emergency Services, 112 Old Route 6, in Carmel, is sponsored by Putnam County.

### FRI 21 Juston McKinney

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

The comedian will talk about his challenges and his children in this stop on his Parentally Challenged tour. *Cost: \$20 to \$32*

### SUN 23 Scenes from Pay Dirt

**COLD SPRING**  
3 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010  
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Three playwrights have written one-act plays that explore land ownership in the Hudson Valley between the French and Indian War and the Revolution. This will be a sneak peek before they debut in November. *Free*



**VISUAL ART**

**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.

**SAT 15**

**Group Show**

**NELSONVILLE**

7 – 9 p.m. Create Community 11 Peekskill Road | 845-416-1427

Richard Bruce, Evelyn Carr-White, Simon Draper and Kathy Feighery will display artwork. Through SUN 23, with a closing reception at the same time on SAT 22.

**SUN 23**

**Dollyapalooza**

**BEACON**

3 – 5 p.m. The Lofts | 18 Front St.

Dolly Faibyshev is a New York City-based artist with a love for color, composition and the human condition who has photographed everything from Fashion Week and Las Vegas to Dolly Parton impersonators and sumo wrestlers.



**TALKS & TOURS**

**SUN 16**

**Denise Abercrombie**

**PUTNAM VALLEY**

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

The poet will read from her work, followed by an open mic.

**SUN 16**

**Carmen Maria Machado | Samantha Hunt**

**BEACON**

7 p.m. Binnacle Books 321 Main St. | binnaclebooks.com

Machado (right), 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.



**TUES 18**

**Medieval Bologna**

**COLD SPRING**

1 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

Enjoy an Armchair Art Tour hosted by the Butterfield Library that will include books, sculpture, statues, ancient maps and architecture in Bologna during the 13th to 15th centuries. Register online.

**TUES 18**

**Health & Wellness Workshop**

**COLD SPRING**

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

Katie Brennan, a life coach, will lead a workshop on relieving stress. Registration required.

**THURS 20**

**The Paintings of Catskill Creek**

**COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

H. Daniel Peck, an author and historian, will discuss Thomas Cole's paintings between 1827 and 1845, in a presentation hosted by the Butterfield Library. Register online.

**SUN 23**

**Forest Bathing**

**GARRISON**

9 a.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D 845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Jane Dobson, a mindful nature guide, will lead a hike for ages 12 and older. *Cost: \$30*

**SUN 23**

**Urasenke in Mary's Meadow**

**GARRISON**

3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D 845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Designers Yoshihiro Sergel and Diana Mangaser will lead this tour of the Manitoga house and studio, as well as a walk through the meadow that will include a Japanese tea demonstration with Urasenke Chanyou Center tea masters. For ages 12 and older. *Cost: \$100*

**SUN 23**

**David Hollander**

**COLD SPRING**

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The author of the novels *Anthropica* and *L.I.E.* will read from his works as part of the Sunset Reading Series. Donations welcome. *Free*

**SUN 23**

**Design Flaw**

**BEACON**

9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St. facebook.com/hugh.sheehy.5

Hugh Sheehy will read from his new collection of short stories.

**MUSIC**

**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.



**Last Minute Soulmates, Oct. 21**

**SAT 15**

**Boots by the Bandshell**

**WAPPINGERS FALLS**

3:30 – 8:30 p.m. Bowdoin Park 85 Sheafe Road | dutchessny.gov

Enjoy line dancing and music from the Thunder Ridge Band, as well as food trucks and fireworks, at this country music festival. *Free*

**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)*

**SUN 16**

**GG & The Shades**

**BEACON**

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Boats leave dock 845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

Goldee Greene, pianist and singer, and her band will play while visitors take self-guided tours of Bannerman Island. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 kids)*

**SUN 16**

**Sheryl Staples & Yalin Chi**

**COLD SPRING**

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

Staples (violin) and Chi (piano) will perform works by Brahms, Grieg and Prokofiev-Grunes. Donations welcome. *Free*

**SUN 16**

**Susan Werner**

**BEACON**

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

The singer, pianist and guitarist will play music from her latest release, *The Birds of Florida*, accompanied by her longtime bandmate, Trina Hamlin. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

**MON 17**

**Matt the Electrician**

**BEACON**

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

The singer and songwriter will play music from his latest release, *We Imagined an Ending*. Stephen Clair will open. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*



**Christian Guardino, Oct. 22**

**MON 17**

**Jazzoetry**

**BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St. facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon

The Calling All Poets Series collective will perform with music as part of Quinn's weekly jazz series.

**FRI 21**

**Last Minute Soulmates**

**BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The band, which formed in Beacon 10 years ago, includes Russ St. George (guitar), Carla Springer (vocals), Harry Lawrence (bass), Mitch Florian (drums) and Rik Mercaldi (guitar). *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

**SAT 22**

**Brasiles Ensemble**

**GARRISON**

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

The a capella group will perform classical, sacred, early, folk, jazz and pop. *Free*

**SAT 22**

**Accept**

**PEEKSKILL**

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

The German heavy metal band, which formed in the 1970s, will play music from its latest release, *Too Mean to Die*. The opening bands are Reaper, Asraya and Hittman. *Cost: \$39 to \$59*

**SAT 22**

**Christian Guardino**

**MAHOPAC**

7 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course 187 Hill St. | 845-808-1880 putnamcountycg.com

Guardino, a 21-year-old singer

and songwriter from Long Island, has appeared on *America's Got Talent* (where he received a Golden Buzzer from Howie Mandel) and *American Idol*. *Cost: \$29 to \$47*

**SAT 22**

**Dreamstruck**

**BEACON**

8 p.m. St. Andrew's Church 17 South Ave. | dreamstruck.bpt.me

The group, which includes Marilyn Crispell (piano), Joe Fonda (bass) and Harvey Sorgen (drums), will perform music from its latest release, *With Grace in Mind*, in this show organized by Elysium Furnace Works. *Cost: \$20 (\$30 door)*

**SAT 22**

**The McKrells**

**BEACON**

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

Kevin McKrell, a pioneer of American Celtic music, will perform with his band. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

**SUN 23**

**Lara St. John & Ronn Yedidia**

**BEACON**

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-765-3012 howlandmusic.org

St. John (violin) and Yedidia (piano) will perform a program that includes works by Debussy, Franck and Jessie Montgomery, as well as various Romanian, klezmer and Hungarian tunes and a piece by Martin Kennedy, *Czardashian Rhapsody*. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

**SUN 23**

**Scott Cook**

**BEACON**

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

The singer and songwriter will play music from his latest collection, *Tangle of Souls*. Paul Byrne will open. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

**CIVIC**

**MON 17**

**City Council**

**BEACON**

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

**MON 17**

**Village Board**

**NELSONVILLE**

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

**TUES 18**

**School Board**

**COLD SPRING**

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

**WED 19**

**Village Board**

**COLD SPRING**

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



## ART BRIEFS



## Keep Cats Indoors

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

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

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

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

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

\* Paid for by a concerned citizen



Director Tracy Burwitz Mariano (left) and the *Sightings* cast at a rehearsal Photo provided

## Don't Miss...

### Words Unbound at the Howland Library

To celebrate the Howland Public Library's 150th anniversary, artists were invited to submit works inspired by libraries, literature, the printed word or physical books. Artist Theresa Gooby assisted the Beacon library in selecting pieces for an exhibit, *Words Unbound*, which continues through Nov. 27.

"It was wonderful to see the works of so many Beacon artists again after years of being indoors and keeping to ourselves," Gooby said. "I know how much people relied on the library during quarantine for reading material to fill all those hours that we suddenly had to ourselves. It's fitting that books and libraries would seep into our visual art output."

The library is located at 313 Main St. The exhibit, in the Community Room, is open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays.



"Love to Read," by Maria Amor

### Sightings at Paramount Hudson Valley

*Sightings*, a new play by Mona Z. Smith, who lives in Cold Spring, will be performed as a reading at the Paramount Theater in Peekskill at 2 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 15). Admission is free. The cast includes actors Kurt Rhoads, Carl Howell and Angela Janas of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and Marissa Carpio, most recently seen in *Hocus Pocus 2*, along

with Haldane High School students Alex Danilov, Maya Gelber and Conrad White. Tracy Burwitz Mariano directs.

Smith says the story was inspired by events during a UFO sighting in the Hudson Valley during the 1980s. The teens "witness something they can't explain" and must decide what to do. They make a secret pact, which leads to a betrayal that could jeopardize their futures.

The reading will be followed by a discussion with the actors.

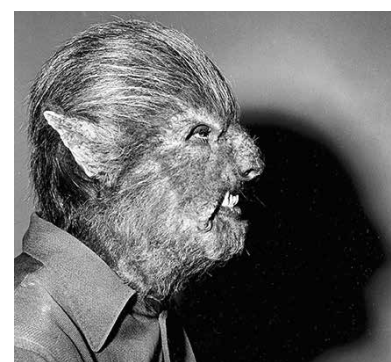
### The Wolfman at The Chapel

The 1941 horror classic *The Wolfman* will be screened Oct. 29 and 30 at The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring — with a twist. The movie will be accompanied by Joseph Bertolozzi, the creator of Bridge Music, who will play the organ and provide sound effects. Aaron Haskell will provide wolf puppetry and the Wolfman will appear at the most blood-curdling moments of the film to provide extra thrills. There will also be wolf-related songs, courtesy of Luca Vladimiroff.

*The Wolfman* is the story of a man (Lon Chaney) who returns home after his brother dies. He buys a silver cane to impress an attractive shopkeeper and, on the same day, uses it to defend himself against a wolf. He discovers that he is cursed with lycanthropy.

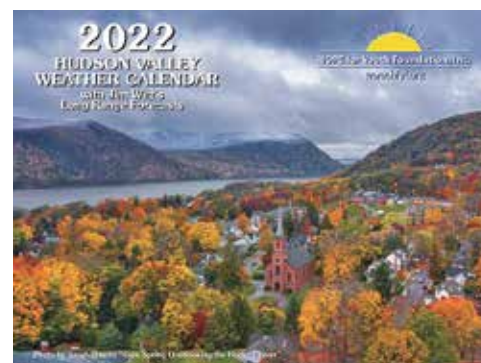
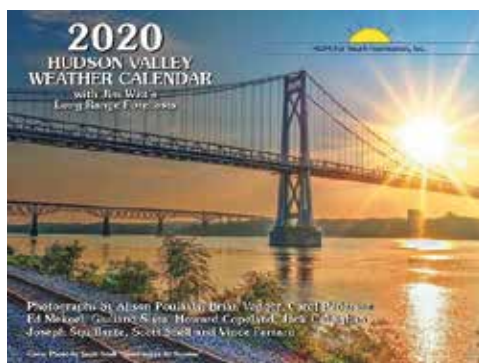
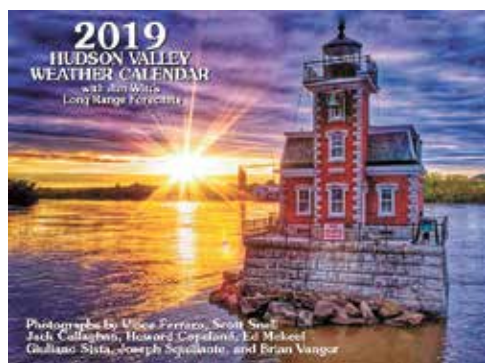
The screening will be hosted by the New York City immersive theater creators Psycho Clan, whose artistic director is Cold Spring resident Timothy Haskell. The team has staged a haunted house in New York City for years and in 2021 produced *The Dark House* at the Philipstown Depot Theatre.

The film will be shown at The Chapel, located at 45 Market St., at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29 and 8 p.m. on Oct. 30. Parking is free in the adjacent Metro-North lot. Tickets are \$20 at chapelrestoration.org.



Lon Chaney in 1941 as the Wolfman





## Calendar *(from Page 1)*

Witt offered to mail his long-range forecasts to anyone who sent the station a stamped, self-addressed return envelope. "The response was so crazy that we quickly realized that we had to do something different," he said. "The next year we put it on a foot-and-a-half-long sheet of paper surrounded by advertisements. Thousands of people requested it. It was then I thought I should print a calendar and write the forecast in the spaces."

Witt enlisted Tore Jakobsen, who, like Witt, was a former teacher at Lakeland High School who had become a radio meteorologist, and in 1986 they printed a calendar to raise money for organizations that help children.

Their first beneficiary was Friends of Karen, a charity based in North Salem that helps families when a child is diagnosed with cancer. "They do anything, from buying the family a washing machine to providing gifts for all the kids in the family during the holidays," Witt said. "We gave them all of the

funds we raised that year, around \$1,000. We give them \$10,000 a year now."

"We'd like to do more, but there's plenty of need here," said Witt, 85. "We've come a long way, and no one gets paid. We have no office, no dedicated phones, nothing, so all of the funds are given out to those in need."

The foundation has 15 board members who each spend a day at two or three organizations that request funding to make sure the grants are well-spent.

Along with the forecasts, the calendar includes photos donated by photographers such as Cory Lyons of Cold Spring and Scott Snell of Beacon. This year's calendar covers November 2022 through January 2024.

Witt does more than predict Hudson Valley weather; he scouts 2,500 locales across the country for his site [theweatherwiz.com](http://theweatherwiz.com). He said he caught the forecasting bug as a child in Queens when he read about a hurricane. "It excited me to no end, and I became a weather nut," he recalled. He studied biology in college while on a baseball scholarship and taught on

Long Island for three years before buying a house in Peekskill and landing a job in 1963 teaching earth science at Lakeland High School in Shrub Oak.

"It was the only job left in the department, and I didn't know what earth science was at the time," he says. "They explained it combined geology, astronomy and weather — everything I was interested in. In fact, the Global Forecasting System (GFS) model was written by one of my former students."

Witt and Jakobson formed a company, Fleetweather, to provide long-range forecasts to commercial clients. In 1973, at a time when few radio stations had their own meteorologists, they joined WHUD.

Now retired, Witt focuses — seldom foiled by the weather — on the calendar. "I never thought I'd get this old," he said with a laugh. He continues to hone his methods with the help of software that includes weather readings dating to 1905 and factors in the effects of global warming.

A popular feature of the print calendar



## Jim's Forecast for This Week — Next Year

### SATURDAY (OCT. 14):

Slight chance of shower or thunderstorm

### SUNDAY TO THURSDAY (OCT. 15-19):

Fair to partly cloudy and seasonable

### FRIDAY (OCT. 20):

Showers and thunderstorms

highlights days when storms are likely. "There's a guy who gives me a yearly evaluation of how many I got right and wrong," Witt said, and has found the predictions to be 90 percent accurate. "Don't pick one of those days to have a party!" Witt advised — which hopefully he will follow, because his birthday (May 16) is predicted to be "cloudy with showers and thunderstorms, heavy."

*The 2023 Hudson Valley Weather Calendar is available for \$14 postpaid at [hfyf.org](http://hfyf.org) or for \$10 at locations such as Drug World and Foodtown in Cold Spring; Vera's Marketplace and B&L Deli in Philipstown; WHUD (Pamal Broadcasting) in Beacon; and ShopRite and the Red Line Diner in Fishkill. Witt will be at the Grand Slam Beer Festival at Dutchess Stadium from 1 to 6 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 15) to sell and sign calendars. To donate to the Hope for Youth Foundation, visit the website or write P.O. Box 8, Buchanan, NY 10511.*

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Walter Kliezt, a retired postal worker, moved from Poughkeepsie.



Debbie Darman and Pauline Minners visit at Darman's home.

Photos by M. Turton

### By the Numbers

**22 million**

Number of U.S. residents who live in mobile homes

**43,000+**

Number of parks in the U.S., including 1,800 in New York

**105,772**

Number constructed in U.S., 2021

**\$108,100**

Average sales price, 2021

**\$72**

Average cost per square foot, compared to \$144 for homes built on site

**106**

Number of registered parks in Dutchess and Putnam counties

Source: Manufactured Housing Institute, New York State

## An Affordable Housing Alternative

### *Life in Post Road Mobile Home Park*

By Michael Turton

Television programs such as *Welcome to Myrtle Manor* and *Trailer Park Boys* haven't boosted the image of mobile homes.

But a sampling of residents of the Post Road Mobile Home Park on Route 9 in Philipstown paints a more pleasant picture of what for many people is an affordable alternative to a traditional home.

Joe Lois, the principal of Lois Realty, purchased the 12-acre parcel more than 50 years ago. "It was already a mobile home park," he recalled. "But it took me a lot of years to get it right, to replace the water system, replace the sewer system."

Residents rent the lots — all 43 are occupied — for an average of about \$700 a month and own the homes, which cost about \$80,000 to \$117,000. The rent covers road maintenance, snow removal, trash

pickup, water and shared septic systems that each serve six to eight homes.

Technically, mobile homes ceased to exist in 1976, when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development began regulating their construction. Mobile homes built after that date had to adhere to safety and quality standards and became known as "manufactured homes."

In recent years, investors have been buying up mobile — manufactured — home parks, raising the rent and sometimes evicting tenants. Some parks, such as one in Niagara County, have more than 1,000 lots, Lois said.

"I've had plenty of offers" to sell, he said, but he plans to keep the business for his daughter to one day take over.

One of his tenants, Debbie Darman, sold her Cold Spring home five years ago. Living at Post Road made financial sense but "was going to be temporary," she said. "But once I settled in, I absolutely loved it. For where I'm at in my life, it's perfect."

She purchased her manufactured home

from a contractor who had made improvements while living there. The 1,100-square-foot, two-bedroom house has two additions and includes two decks, a screened-in porch, a pitched roof and an attic. The lot has front, side and back yards.

"It's one-floor living, and it's inexpensive," said Darman, who works in Cold Spring.

She sees other advantages over village life, as well. "You don't have distractions here; you're in your own little community," she said. "In Cold Spring there were always people moving about, vehicles parking in front of your house, dogs being disruptive."

And unlike most Cold Spring homes, hers has parking for three vehicles.

Sean and Elizabeth Ramsay and their 5-year-old son Hunter have lived at Post Road for three years, after moving from another manufactured home in Rockland County. Their 1,600-square-foot home, purchased new, has four bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Ramsay works in construction in Rockland County. His wife works online from home.

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Most of the newer homes at Post Road are double-wides.



Debbie Darman's home has undergone a number of improvements.



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"We drove around looking for a quiet mobile park that we liked," he said. "We got lucky — the other parks we looked at weren't very nice."

They were also lucky to nab the park's last available lot. It was a big improvement for the family, who paid \$1,100 a month in Rockland while living in an older, smaller home.

"Here we have a nice property; all the neighbors are great," he said. "It's very quiet compared to where we came from."

He thinks Post Road is a good place for his son to grow up, and he and his wife like being in the Haldane school district. Hunter started school this fall and has a friend and classmate who also lives at Post Road.

"We can make it work here, because we don't have many bills," Ramsay said. "We don't have a mortgage; the house is paid for."

Walter Klietz, 60, who retired after a 33-year career with the U.S. Postal Service, moved from Poughkeepsie to a 1,230-square-foot, two-bedroom home at Post Road four years ago. He continues to work part-time in Dutchess County.

"I had three new models to choose from — it was affordable," Klietz said, noting that, unlike apartment living, "you have your own space here."

Installation of the home was included in the purchase price and involved securing the structure to a 6-inch concrete slab, a requirement for all new homes in the park.

Klietz said he had two concerns when he moved in, though both were taken care of quickly. Discolored water was eliminated with upgrades to the water system, and erecting a fence greatly reduced the traffic noise from Route 9.

Storage is a minor issue, he said. "I should have bought a bigger shed!" Instead, he has put the spare bedroom to use.

He said he especially likes that the home is well-insulated, which makes it inexpensive to heat with propane.



The park, on Route 9, has 43 lots.

Photo by M. Turton

Klietz thinks the stigma once associated with mobile homes no longer applies. "It's a house," he said. "The only difference is that it happens to be built on a steel frame."

Pauline Minners, a former clerk for the Village of Nelsonville, moved to Post Road five years ago after selling her home in Philipstown.

"My home was on an acre of land," she recalled. "I was ready to retire and when my mother passed away, and my daughter went to college, I didn't need the house and all its bills."

She bought a new manufactured home and moved into Post Road next to her sister. "I call it my 'hobbit home'; it has two bedrooms and baths," Minners said. "It's cool, so much less expensive — and no acre of grass to mow!"

Like Darman, she likes the community feel. "It's a nice bunch of people; at Labor Day, we had a neighborhood barbecue," she said. "I can walk around here at all hours

of the night, nobody bothers you, everyone says hello."

As for improvements, she said some of the units are quite old and that the asphalt roads are ready to be resurfaced.

While none of the residents surveyed mentioned shortcomings, manufactured homes do have them. At a park such as Post Road, residents can't walk to the corner store. They have to drive to everything. Manufactured homes don't appreciate in value as quickly as traditional homes. And financing can be tricky, especially in a park where the homeowner does not own the land. Manufactured homes are, however, eligible for government-insured loans.

In July, the Department of Housing and Urban Development proposed new regulations that the agency hopes will increase innovation and greater production of manufactured homes to help meet housing needs and address demand for features such as multi-unit dwellings, ridge-roof designs, open floor plans, attics and improved accessibility.

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# LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (October 1872)

In an advertisement in *The Cold Spring Recorder*, Harry Hustis warned others about Mink's Baggage Express, which he said mishandled his trunk on a return trip from Pennsylvania. He paid Mink's to ship the trunk to Fishkill Landing but the firm instead left it in Newburgh. Hustis said he had to pay 25 cents more to get the trunk across the Hudson and 50 cents to have it taken from Fishkill Landing [Beacon] to Cold Spring.

*Dolores: The Story of a Leper*, by Mrs. Semper, of Bogota, Colombia, was translated from Spanish by a prominent Philipstown resident, Gouverneur Kemble, 87, on a private commission for a woman who said she wanted to read the novel in English.

Michael Corkill nearly lost his thumb when it was caught between a coal bucket handle and the hook by which it was being raised.

A New York City man who was attempting to burglarize the home of George Purdy on Morris Avenue encountered the owner, striking him with a stick and nearly breaking his arm. The suspect was found guilty but could not pay the \$10 fine so was given 10 days in the county jail.

At 4:30 p.m., a clerk had parked Joseph Perry's grocery wagon at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets with two girls sitting in the back (for reasons unexplained) while he made a delivery. Upon the clerk's return, as he put his foot on the iron step and reached for the reins, the mare threw him off and bolted down the south sidewalk of Main Street toward Rock Street, with the screaming girls clinging to its sideboards. The horse and wagon managed to squeeze between the steps of the stores and tying posts until a back wheel was dislodged by a cedar tree. The wagon sank gradually and the girls were



Nineteen people were killed in October 1897 when an express train derailed south of Garrison and fell into the river.

George Eastman Museum

deposited unharmed near Mrs. Hyde's store.

A group of Philipstown men who supported President Ulysses Grant for re-election, joined by the Cold Spring Band, marched with torches through Cold Spring and Nelsonville to drum up support. In solidarity, the owners of many houses placed candles in their windows. Unfortunately, as the procession made its way along Morris Avenue toward Paulding, some spectators threw stones at the Grant banner. Soon after, supporters of challenger Horace Greeley held their own torchlight procession with the Cold Spring Cornet Band.

T.W. Byington, the principal at the Rock Street School since 1864, resigned to accept a position in Brewster.

While workers unloaded limestone from a boat, a horse owned by the West Point Iron Co. backed off the dock and was dragged down by the cart and drowned.

Charley Warren, the milkman, was driving past the furnace when the horse started at the sight of a wheelbarrow and threw him, breaking his left leg. Warren was no stranger to misfortune. A year earlier, his horse ran against a tree in Nelsonville, throwing him off his mount and dragging him. That same year, he lost nearly all his household furniture in a fire at his father-in-law's home, where he was storing it while building a house. Six years earlier, a colt had fallen on him, breaking his right leg.

The Breakneck quarry sent a record

15,674 granite paving blocks by barge to New York City.

William McKeel left for Brashear City, Louisiana, with 50 other woodsmen to harvest the oak forests.

## 125 Years Ago (October 1897)

A New York Central passenger train plunged into the river 2 miles south of Garrison, killing 19 of the 100 people aboard, including eight Chinese workers. All but one victim died by drowning. The Buffalo to New York express, which had six sleeper cars, derailed at 5:35 a.m. on a Sunday morning. The bodies were loaded onto a baggage car brought from Peekskill and divided between the two undertakers in Cold Spring to be identified by relatives. Nearly 3,000 people visited the scene, including one man who took a train door as a memento. "Excellent photographs of the wreck" were available for sale at local drugstores, *The Recorder* noted. Nearly a week after the accident, a female victim remained unidentified and two victims had not been located by divers. [An inquiry into the cause was inconclusive but investigators suggested the bank under the tracks may have given way.]

J.Y. Dykman opened a store at the corner of Main and Pearl streets in Nelsonville. The interior was finished in narrow Georgia pine and lined with shelving to display groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes.

To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Prof. and Mrs. Henry Fairfield Osborn of Garrison hosted a party for the employees of their estate, Wing and Wing. Later in the month, the Osborns entertained Seth Low, the Citizens Union candidate for mayor of New York.

The Canadian Jubilee Singers performed at Town Hall.

In a classified ad, E.M. Wilson of Fair Street offered to trade two English Pointer puppies for a bicycle.

Gen. Daniel Butterfield of Cold Spring delivered an address at the unveiling of a monument erected by the Daughters of the American Revolution in Fishkill to honor patriot soldiers interred there.

James McIlravy, the mortician, purchased a new black horse to pull the hearse.

*The Recorder* reminded readers of a new state law that banned riding bicycles on the sidewalk under penalty of a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. It was the same punishment for riding a horse on the sidewalk.

A representative of a school supply house appeared before the Haldane school board to hawk geometrical blocks, which he said were being adopted by all the leading schools in the country. The board ordered a set.

Capt. Henry Metcalfe, the president of the Board of Water Commissioners, reported that he had the results from a meter he invented to measure usage. He said Cold Spring residents and the West Point Foundry were using about 8,000 gallons per day, but that 82,000 gallons per day were being lost to leaks.

May Forson announced she would keep the Garrison telegraph office open late on Election Day to receive the returns.

William Benjamin of Garrison brought home a number of deer and moose heads from a hunting trip in northern Canada.

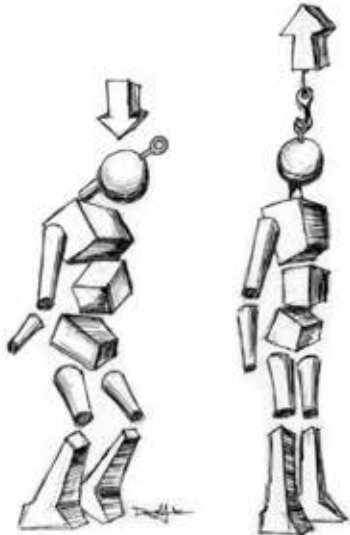
It was announced that, based on the 1896 election results, the order of the parties on the state ballot would be Republican, Democratic, National Democratic, Socialist Labor, Prohibition, United Democracy and Independent Citizens Organization.

Lizzie Bailey was hired to catalog the Haldane school library.

The editor of *The Recorder* complained that, while it was illegal to sell cigarettes to children, "you see boys using coffin tacks in the public streets every day."

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In a headline over the obituary of Elisabeth Paulding, 78, *The Recorder* reported she had “joined the silent majority.”

The superintendent of the Glenclyffe estate in Garrison offered a \$50 reward for the identity of the person who had stripped an apple tree of its fruit.

A canal boat loaded with building sand sank near Constitution Island.

After defeating West Point, 10-0, the Harvard football team departed on a sleeping car attached to the 8:23 p.m. express train.

At the request of the Good Government Club of Brewster, local pastors each gave sermons on the same Sunday morning on Christian citizenship.

A box of empty beer bottles was thrown from a train carrying the Cook County Democracy, a political club from Illinois, as it passed Breakneck, striking a trackman in the chest and breaking his shovel.

#### 75 Years Ago (October 1947)

Gilbert Forman, the former Philipstown supervisor, lost his River Road home and its contents in a fire. It took the Cold Spring and Nelsonville fire companies eight hours to extinguish the blaze.

The Italian-American Club of Cold Spring organized a two-day Columbus Day celebration, including a Saturday dance, a Sunday parade with 25 bands and a football game between Haldane alumni and the Jersey City Destroyers.

A 37-year-old Cold Spring man who had been convicted of burglary but escaped from Great Meadow prison in Comstock was captured when he emerged after a night in the woods and found himself surrounded by 75 state troopers.

#### 50 Years Ago (October 1972)

Rep. Gerald Ford of Michigan, chair of the Republican National Convention in Miami and House minority speaker, visited with Charles Velardi, the Putnam County coordinator of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, at the Poughkeepsie airport to discuss the Nixon campaign. [The next month, Nixon received 73 percent of the vote in Putnam over George McGovern.]

State troopers arrested three Peekskill men at George Logan's gravestone business on Peekskill Road in Nelsonville. Logan called the police when he spotted the men pulling a rented truck onto the property, apparently intent on stealing granite. They were charged with trespassing.

The Village of Cold Spring reminded residents that it was illegal to dispose of anything other than toilet tissue into the sewage system, including sanitary napkins, paper towels, rubber contraceptives and pieces of bed linen.

#### 25 Years Ago (October 1997)

The Philipstown Town Board voted 4-1 to refer a proposed 90-day moratorium on the construction of cellular communications towers to the Planning Board.

A mother and daughter were eating dinner at the daughter's home on Old West Point Road in Philipstown when they heard a hissing sound. When the mother opened a cabinet door under the kitchen sink, the cleaning chemicals inside exploded. The women each suffered first- and second-degree burns.

The Philipstown Town Board postponed cutting down a 48-inch-wide tree on Indian Brook Road that Garrison resident John Benjamin estimated was at least 300 years old. An arborist noted that while the tree had a hollow section, it could still be structurally sound. Several residents, led by Barbara DeSilva, asked the board to create a tree committee.

Officials with the Cold Spring Water District said that, because of a lack of rain, the reservoirs had fallen below 50 percent capacity and asked residents to conserve.

The district held a ribbon-cutting for its newly completed filtration plant. Mayor Anthony Phillips noted that the village water system was created in 1896 when mains were installed along Main Street, some of which were still in use. Mayor Ed Cleary of Nelsonville said he hoped the plant would put an end to the joke, “Blame it on the Cold Spring water.”

Fire, police and ambulance crews held a joint training in the parking lot of the former Butterfield Hospital with a staged accident between a school bus and a Volkswagen.

Two men dressed in dark clothes and knit caps attempted to break open the rear door of the First Union Bank at 41 Chestnut St. at 1:15 a.m. but were thwarted by Patrolman Corless,

who chased them down Marion Avenue. They disappeared into the woods and escaped, despite the efforts of several police dogs.

The Philipstown Model Railroad Club was working on a 15-by-20-foot HO [1:87] scale layout that depicted the Hudson Line, including the village of Cold Spring and West Point Foundry. The club met in the basement of St. Mary's church.

The Uncommon Caffe of Hyde Park opened a location at 82 Main St.

The Haldane football team, winless in six games, recorded more than 350 yards of offense while defeating Ardsley, 48-0.

A half-page ad in the *Putnam County News & Recorder* signed by “Working Class People for a Better Future” asserted: “The Town of Philipstown has become the weekend playground and clubhouse of the New York City elite. The ordinary man — the blue collar worker, the guy just trying to get by — is no longer welcome here... Once inducted into Club Philipstown, many get special membership into another club, Club Scenic Hudson.” The ad criticized the Philipstown Dirt Road Association for preserving “narrow, bumpy, dangerous roads” and lamented that much of Philipstown was parkland that was not on the tax rolls.

Philipstown and Pawling became the 40th and 41st communities to join the Hudson River Valley Greenway, which was created to develop “a strategy for regional cooperation based on environmental protection and economic development” among 242 local governments in 12 counties.

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Ryan Biracree at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison Photo by Ross Corsair

# Healthy Usage

Ryan Biracree, a Beacon resident who is the digital services librarian at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison, held a workshop last month to teach parents and children how to use social media in a healthy way.

The program, which will be held again Nov. 16, provides instruction on the differences between online and in-person interactions, what information to share (and not to share) and how sites like Facebook use algorithms to push content to users.

Biracree noted that his presentation differs from a course on online safety, which might educate users on sites to avoid or red flags that could identify a scam. Those topics are important, he said, but may not match up with his audience's typical usage.

His message is that online life is real life for teens or younger children who have never known a world without the internet. "You have to treat it like real life, because in their brain, it is just as real as their offline interactions," Biracree said.

As an example, he discusses the online relationships that he maintains with friends from graduate school. He may never see those people in person again, but the relationships are meaningful to him. "It's not the same as an in-person relationship, but that doesn't make it invalid or worse," he said. "It's something that's just different."

It's also important to recognize what online communication lacks, such as tone of voice or body language, he said. Take perceived slights, for instance. "There's a lot more space to overanalyze your relationship if it's preserved [such as through text messages or other digital mediums] and it's not supplemented by something in person," Biracree said.

With more "cultural permission" today to discuss emotions and mental health, Biracree encourages parents to help their children engage with others online in a balanced way. "Parents shouldn't feel like this is going to be a fight with their kids to talk about these things," he said. "Kids are talking about it with each other."

# Test Results

Voluntary annual state testing in language arts and math provides metrics for student progress but may not yet be a good measure of the effect of the pandemic on learning, educators say. The tests weren't given in 2020 and few students took them in 2021. More took them in 2022 but not at pre-pandemic levels.

With that caveat in mind, the numbers below show the percentage of students in grades 3 to 8 who met or exceeded grade-level standards. (Eighth-grade students in accelerated math classes take Regents exams, not the state assessment.) Statewide figures have not been released for 2022, but in 2019, 45 percent of students in grades 3-8 were judged proficient in language arts and 47 percent in math.

Haldane	2019	2022	Beacon	2019	2022
LANGUAGE ARTS	66	68	LANGUAGE ARTS	47	47
MATH	63	58	MATH	45	32

# Are the Kids Alright?

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year they'll never forget. That fall, Haldane students in kindergarten through eighth grade returned to school full time, while high school students started the year in a "hybrid," two-days-on, two-days-virtual schedule. (Everyone was virtual on a fifth day.)

In Beacon, a much larger district than Haldane, all students began that year either hybrid or all-virtual. Garrison, with 215 students on a 60,000-square-foot campus that allowed distancing, offered a full-time, in-person option, as well as virtual.

Because she only saw half of her classmates through virtual learning, Carmicino said she felt unable to connect with others and expand her social circle. "I was basically stunted at the emotional maturity of an eighth grader," she said. In 2020, "I had this instinct to shy away from people physically, but when you're always shrinking away, you can't get close to people. I'm only now making all the connections that I should have made two years ago."

In-person learning was expanded for high school students at Haldane in the spring of 2021. Everyone was in person, with masks, for the 2021-22 academic year, but the atmosphere was far from normal, Carmicino said.

The current class of seniors at Haldane, students Carmicino would have normally looked up to, are "these people I've only just met," she said. "It's like I fell asleep one day when I was 13 and now I'm 16."

Denise Angelo, a licensed clinical social worker based in Cold Spring, said the dramatic shift brought on by the shutdown led to more sustained anxiety than she was used to seeing among teenagers.

"I used to see a lot of kids with short-term anxiety," said Angelo, who was a social worker for 23 years in a Westchester County school before going into private practice in 2014. "Say their parents were getting a divorce. What happens with kids is they're anxious about what's going to happen, but once they have some kind of agreement, the kids will say, 'OK, he's still my dad, she's still my mom and I'm still going to see them,' then everything settles down and they get back to a new normal."

"I'd see a teenager for a couple of months to get them through that transition," she said. "But now, they have this anxiety that continues. Sometimes it permeates everything." The pandemic shutdown, and the isolation, "rocked their world," Angelo said.

## A 'toxic' space

This week, a federal task force recommended that children and teenagers from ages 8 to 18 be screened by their primary doctors for anxiety. The volunteer panel, which focuses on preventive medicine, also affirmed a previous recommendation that adolescents from 12 to 18 be screened for depression.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, before the pandemic, 5.8 million children had been diagnosed with anxiety and 2.7 million with depression. Both diagnoses are more common as children get older. In 2019, a

# Study: Children Especially Vulnerable

How do children and teens respond to adverse events? In 2005, researchers at Columbia University released the results of a study of New York City public school students following one of the most traumatic days in U.S. history — the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

Researchers interviewed more than 8,200 students in grades 4 through 12 during the six months after the attacks, including an oversampling of children who were closest to the World Trade Center and in other high-risk areas, such as neighborhoods where a large number of the residents were first responders.

They found that 29 percent of the students identified with one or more of six anxiety or depressive disorders. The most prevalent were agoraphobia (a fear of crowded places, or of leaving one's home), separation anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. Girls and children in grades 4 and 5 were the most affected.

The research team, which was led by three members of the Department of Psychiatry, said that one of 9/11's most profound consequences was "a direct assault on the population's mental health" and that the results of its survey "support the need to apply wide-area epidemiological approaches to mental health assessment after any large-scale disaster."

Earlier research suggested that, in the context of mass disasters, children may be especially vulnerable, they said. Post-disaster studies also reported a greater prevalence of physical symptoms among youth dealing with post-traumatic stress.

"What we understood from 9/11 is that the effect of extreme stress is not limited to only one condition," such as post-traumatic stress disorder, Yuval Neria, the director of Columbia's PTSD research program, said in an interview published by the university in September 2021. "With COVID, like 9/11, you see effects on sleep habits, you may see an increase in consumption of alcohol and drugs, you can see both depression and PTSD and, of course, you can see grief among those who lost loved ones."

national survey found that 9 percent of children and teens between ages 3 and 17 were taking prescribed medications to address emotional or mental health issues.

At Haldane, Superintendent Philip Benante said students have demonstrated more social and emotional problems than academic ones over the last two years.

One of the unintended consequences of pandemic learning, Benante said, was the increased amount of time students spent online. While virtual schooling was structured,



with a teacher leading students through lessons via Google Classroom, “I don’t think when school ended our kids were inclined to just turn it off,” he said. “They were switching over to Snapchat or TikTok and interacting with one another.” When negative interactions occur online, “things can exacerbate or spiral because it’s an uncontained environment,” Benante said.

In fact, since students returned full time, school social workers and psychologists have been “seeing a significant increase in students dealing with anxiety or things outside of school that carry over” into the classroom, said Nick DeMarco, a psychologist at Beacon High School. “Kids aren’t feeling like they’re comfortable in their own skin.”

Social media impacts on impressionable children and teens were a concern before the pandemic, especially for girls. A study published just before the shutdown that analyzed the social media habits of nearly 11,000 14-year-olds in the U.K. found that girls were more likely to be involved in online harassment (either giving or receiving), have low self-esteem or body weight dissatisfaction and to be unhappy with their appearance than boys. It also found that girls slept less while reporting more social media use than boys did.

Another study, released earlier this year, found that U.S. children between 8 and 12 years old average 5½ hours per day on screens, not counting school or homework. For teenagers, it’s about 8½ hours a day. Both were increases over two years earlier. Girls were also found to post more often about emotions, dating or accomplishments — topics related to peer acceptance — than boys.

Through airbrushed photos of perfect skin and images of micro-waisted women, children were exposed to “distorted beauty standards and pushed even more into a totally impossible realm” while isolated, Carmicino said. Now, she said, “people are more attached to their phones than ever. It’s like tearing your leg off” to get teenagers to put them down.

Children and teens lack the emotional maturity to weigh the unrealistic and unhealthy expectations they see being set online versus the natural desire for acceptance at that age — a problem exacerbated when students had few options for in-person interactions during the pandemic, said Sagrario Rudecindo-O’Neill, the assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support for the Beacon school district.

“They’re living in this space that isn’t even real,” she said. “Our kids are on Instagram or TikTok and they’re trying to find self-worth through these artificial realities,” such as amassing followers. Describing some of the content on social media as becoming “more and more toxic,” Rudecindo-O’Neill used the annual Scripps National Spelling Bee, won this year by 14-year-old Harini Logan of Texas, as an example.

“I follow the Spelling Bee every year and I read an article and happened to scroll down to the comments,” she said. “Most of them were positive, but there were some people saying, ‘Oh, she won \$25,000 — maybe she can fix her teeth now.’ These were adults tearing apart a 14-year-old girl. That’s the space our kids are living in.”

NEXT WEEK:

**What could be done**



New England asters



White wood asters



Wrinkle-leaf goldenrod

Photos by P. Doan

## Roots and Shoots

# Falling for Asters (and Goldenrod)

By Pamela Doan

I think it was the drought. After that period in July and August when any plant that wasn’t getting watered suffered

or went dormant, a bit of rainfall in September came just in time for the fall-blooming asters and goldenrod.

While I’ve always used both in my landscape, I’ve regarded them as a necessity for foraging pollinators, and undervalued them for their natural good looks.

This fall, that pop of purple, white and blue from the asters and bright yellow from the goldenrods was a blessing in my brown landscape. That the plants persevered through the severe conditions demonstrates their hardiness.

There is something about inter-planting them that is also aesthetically pleasing. Purple and yellow are opposites on the color wheel, making them complementary, and both colors attract bees and butterflies.

For anyone who wants to support monarchs on their long fall migration, having asters is the way to be rewarded. At a time of year when most flowers are finished, asters and goldenrod serve as a lifeline for pollinators. While chrysanthemums are ubiquitous at garden centers, they don’t provide the nectar that bees and butterflies need.

There are many native species and cultivars of asters and goldenrod, so you can find the right plant for almost any growing conditions. There are more than 100 aster species native to North America and a range of cultivars bred for larger bloom size, color and other characteristics. They are truly low-maintenance plants in the landscape, left alone by browsing deer, too.

## Sun-loving asters

### Aromatic aster

(*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)

The size and shape of this plant make it an easy choice for small gardens and for gardeners who want wildflowers but not a wild aesthetic. They tend to have a mounding, bushy shape and are shorter than many straight-species asters. They bloom for about a month in late September and October.

### New England aster

(*Symphyotrichum novae-angliae*)

These are what many gardeners think of as an aster. They can be quite tall — 3 to 6 feet — and make good back-of-the-border plants. They are known to be excellent at self-sowing and the flower heads can be cut off when the blooms are finished to prevent spreading. This plant provides nectar to at least six types of bees, is a host plant for the pearl crescent butterfly and serves at least 10 other types of insects.

## Shade-loving asters

### White wood aster

(*Eurybia divaricate*)

I discovered these plants growing naturally in my woods. They do well in partial or full shade and can grow when there’s a mass grouping. They make a great ground cover and top out at about 18 inches. Single plants draw in the eye for a closer look at their many petaled flowers.

### Blue wood aster

(*Symphyotrichum cordifolium*)

An online listing for this plant includes a note that it is used by 109 caterpillar species. That makes it a powerhouse for birds, too. Consider planting it for the delicate blooms and pretty heart-shaped leaves.

Other recommendations: heath aster (*Symphyotrichum ericoides*) and calico aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*).

## Goldenrods for sunny areas

### Early goldenrod

(*Solidago juncea*)

I don’t recall buying or planting this in my yard but I have one and it gets more action from a diverse group of insects than any other plant. It blooms in July, the peak of summer, for about a month. It’s planted

near a walkway, which is not ideal for people nervous about buzzing plants, but the bees are too busy to notice humans.

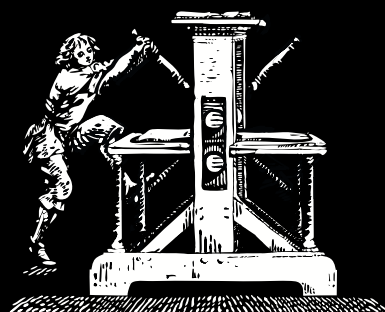
### Canada goldenrod

(*Solidago canadensis*)

This is the plant that is frequently mistaken for ragweed. It is also an aggressively self-seeding plant and can dominate a disturbed site within a few years. Control it by cutting it back after blooming.

Other recommendations: Blue-stemmed goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*) and showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciose*). Zig-zag goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*) works well in shadier areas.

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## OBITUARIES

**Pat Cloherty (1942-2022)**

Patricia M. Cloherty, 80, formerly of Garrison, died Sept. 23 at her home in Coconut Grove, Florida.

Pat was born July 2, 1942, in San Francisco, the daughter of John and Doris (Dawson) Cloherty. She was raised in Pollock Pines, California. She received a bachelor's degree from the San Francisco College for Women and master's degrees from Columbia University.

Pat was the chair and CEO of Delta Private Equity Partners and manager of the two venture capital funds, the U.S. Russia Investment Fund and the Delta Russia Fund, which had more than \$500 million invested in 55 Russian companies. She was also a senior advisor to UFG Private Equity, partner firm to Delta Private Equity, and former co-chair, president and general partner of the private equity firm Apax Partners, formerly Patricof & Co. Ventures.

From 1977 to 1978, Pat was deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. In 1981, she became the founding president of the Committee of 200, an organization of female entrepreneurs and executives.

Pat grew up in a simple country environment and never forgot where she came from, her family said. In speeches at lofty business gatherings, she often reminisced about picking pears and cooking for loggers in the Sierra Nevada mountains. She served in the Peace Corps in Brazil from 1963 to 1965.

Pat enjoyed trips to the casinos (the slot machines being good arm exercise, she always said). She treasured her time spent with friends and family in her country house in Garrison. She was a fierce Scrabble competitor.

She is survived by her siblings, Michael Cloherty and Judith Mendel.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) or the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Coral Gables, Florida ([fairchildgarden.org](http://fairchildgarden.org)).

**Austine Dysard (1954-2022)**

Austine Helen "Bootsie" Dysard, 68, of Fishkill and formerly of Beacon, died Sept. 24 at her home.

She was born March 17, 1954, in Beacon, the daughter of Augustus and Rose (Kovalsky) Papo. On Sept. 27, 1975, at St. Joachim's Church, she married Thomas Dysard.

Austine was a cook manager for the Beacon City School District for 25 years until her retirement in 2016. She was a master crafter and loved animals, especially boxers.

In addition to her husband, Austine is survived by her sons: Thomas Dysard of Marlboro, and his sons, Sean Michael and Troy; and Luke Dysard (Becky) of Glenville, and their sons, Ethan and Logan.

She is also survived by her sister, Pamela DiNapoli (Robert); her brothers-in-law, Fredrick Antalek and Greg Dysard (Debbie); and a sister-in-law, Maria Dysard.

A funeral service was held Sept. 30



at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey in Beacon, followed by interment in the family plot at St. Joachim Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to The Boxer Rescue ([theboxerrescue.org](http://theboxerrescue.org)), Rescue Me! ([boxer.rescueme.org](http://boxer.rescueme.org)) or an animal charity of your choice.

**Pato Villa (1972-2022)**

Miguel Patricio Sinchi Villa died Sept. 23, a few days shy of his 50th birthday.

"Pato," as he was known to friends and family, was born in Cuenca, Ecuador, on Sept. 29, 1972, the eldest child of Jorge Sinchi Jimbo and Luisa Maria Villa Villa. He arrived in the U.S. nearly 30 years ago and lived in Poughkeepsie and Fishkill before moving to Cold Spring 14 years ago. He worked at restaurants throughout the Hudson Valley, mainly in the Philipstown area.

Patricio worked hard, played hard and laughed hardest, his family said. He had a deep devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe and was happiest spending time relaxing with friends and family, with a big plate of Mexican food and Los Acostas playing.

Along with his parents, he is survived by his children, Wilson Javier, Digna Azucena and Jessica Patricia and their spouses; their mother, Maria Samaniego; and his grandchildren, Alyn Guadalupe, Shirley Salome and Dyland Alexander, with a new grand-



child expected in December.

He is also survived by his siblings, Bertha, Luis, Diana, Gladys, Graciela and Jorge, and their families. A funeral Mass was held at St. John the Evangelist in Beacon on Sept. 27.

**Other Recent Deaths****Philipstown**

Michael Allen, 78  
Rosemary DeSimone, 76  
Tina Gilsenan, 87  
Sam Lee, 101  
Kathleen Macken, 73  
Ken Openchowski, 91  
Suzy Samuelson, 71

**Beacon**

Fred Chitty Jr., 79  
Andrienne DeLeo, 29  
Fred Dysard, 70  
Kathleen Foye, 69  
Larry Gallagher, 76  
Mary Halliday, 92  
Matt Lee, 47  
Wayne Maher, 62  
Carol Nuccio, 67  
Mary Lou Pavelock, 85  
Will Powell, 65  
George Thomas, 74  
Susie Todd, 70  
Sonny Way, 83

For obituaries, see [highlandscurrent.org/obits](http://highlandscurrent.org/obits).



## Michael G. Allen (1944-2022)

Michael G. Allen was born in Peru, Indiana on January 25, 1944, and grew up in Winamac, Indiana. His parents were Ida Lucille (nee Lerch) and John Coleman Allen.

Michael graduated from Winamac High School in 1962 and attended Vincennes University and Ball State College. In April of 1968, he entered the United States Army. While he was stationed at West Point with the 57th Military Police Company he met his future wife and married Cheryl Milkovich on July 8, 1967. While in the military he received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter (Rifle M-14), and Sharpshooter (pistol .45) awards. He also served in the reserves until 1972.

He loved spending time with this family, especially trips to the Jersey Shore and trips back home to Indiana. He enjoyed taking day trips to the casino, where he was known to hit an occasional jackpot. His love of Notre Dame Football and Indiana University Basketball is something he instilled in his children. He loved watching his grandchildren play Hockey and was so proud of them. He was always willing to help anyone, a true gentleman with a kind heart. He will be sorely missed by his family.

He retired from Metro North Commuter Railroad in June of 2004 after 36 years of service.

Besides his wife of 55 years, he is survived by his son, Michael G. Allen, Jr. and his daughter Cheryl Mallia (Mark) and his two grandchildren who called him Poppy, Michael Joseph Mallia and Olivia Marie Mallia. He is survived by his three sisters, Linda Bridegroom, Sandra Roth, and Rebecca Allen of Indiana, several nieces and nephews, and his lap partner, granddog Chole. He was predeceased by his mother and father, his brother John Oscar Allen, and his daughter-in-law, Marion Allen.

Visitation was held on Wednesday October 12, 2022 at Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring, NY, and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday October 13, 2022 at Our Lady of Loretto Church in Cold Spring, where military honors were rendered at the conclusion of the mass. Interment was private.

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Puzzles

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ACROSS

1. "Big Blue"

4. Twice cuatro

8. Tubular pasta

12. PBS funder

13. Beloved

14. Optimist's credo

15. Standards

17. Profs' degrees

18. Finally

19. Snooze

21. Sound from a hot wok

22. "Conga" singer Estefan

26. Eastern European cake

29. Wager

30. Nile reptile

31. Novelist Anita

32. "Mayday!"

33. Ovid's 53

34. Hostel

35. Farm pen

36. Tightly packed

37. Illinois city

39. Day light

40. Corn serving

41. Tempt

45. Wicked

48. Bliss

50. News reporter Logan

51. Nepal's continent

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54. Squad

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11. — and outs

16. To-do list items

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24. Egyptian deity

25. "... baked in —"

26. Radar dot

27. First-rate

28. U2 lead singer

29. Lad

32. Ogle

33. Slow, in music

35. "Chandelier" singer

36. *Girls* star Lena

38. Chill out

39. Old photo tint

42. Rainbow

43. New York's — Field

44. Sunrise direction

45. Sprite

46. Actor Kilmer

47. 401(k) alternative

49. Work with

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Answers for Oct. 7 Puzzles

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 maple or birch (4)

2 more in need of a bath (8)

3 escape from an institution (8)

4 hammers and planes (5)

5 encumbrances (7)

6 fish and kelp broth (5)

7 R&B Hall of Famer Bo (7)

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## SPORTS



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# VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

### BOYS' SOCCER

Haldane had its eight-game winning streak snapped on Tuesday (Oct. 11), falling to Peekskill, 2-1, three minutes into overtime.

Haldane tied the game with nine minutes left in regulation when Brandt Robins finished a pass from Matt Silhavy. Peekskill had scored its goal three minutes into the game on a penalty kick.

"We controlled 80 percent of the game," said a disappointed Coach Ahmed Dwidar. "I feel like we missed about four goals. This game needs to be a wake-up call for us. We came out flat in the first half."

On Oct. 8, the Blue Devils hosted Ketcham High School from Wappingers Falls, and had scored twice in the first 29 minutes when a Ketcham player suffered a neck injury. Play was halted while he was airlifted to a hospital, and the Ketcham coach decided to forfeit. Fortunately, the player was not seriously injured.

Ryan Eng-Wong scored one of the two goals for Haldane, the 60th of his varsity career, a school record. Clement Grossman had the other.

Haldane (11-2) defeated North Salem, 4-1, on Thursday (Oct. 13) and is scheduled to host Croton-Harmon on Saturday (Oct. 15) at 1:30 p.m. for homecoming. The Blue Devils are ranked sixth in the state in Class C by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

Beacon picked up what Coach Craig Seaman called "a big win" to hand undefeated Goshen its first loss of the season last week, prevailing 2-1 in overtime. Andre Alzate tied the game in the final minute of regulation and Jaidyn Caccamo delivered the winner in the second extra period. Both goals came off corner kicks.

In other games, Beacon fell to Bronxville, 1-0, at home on Monday and defeated Minisink Valley, 8-0, on Wednesday to improve to 7-3-2. The Bulldogs are scheduled to visit Monticello today (Oct. 14) and close the regular season hosting Cornwall at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

### GIRLS' TENNIS

Haldane had two doubles teams compete in the Section I players' tournament last weekend at Harrison High School, which included 71 doubles teams from 57 high schools.

Mairead O'Hara and Caroline Nelson, in their second tournament appearance, won

6-3, 6-2 over a team from Mamaroneck, won again over Edgemont (7-5, 3-6, 10-8) in the round of 32, but fell in the round of 16 to top-seeded Byram Hills.

Ellen O'Hara and Fiona Shanahan, in their first tournament appearance, fell to a team from Nyack, 6-1, 6-0.

As one of the top 12 teams in its 24-school division, Haldane qualified for the team tournament and was seeded No. 5. It was scheduled to host Blind Brook on Thursday (Oct. 13).

Beacon defeated Cornwall, 4-3, fell to Monroe-Woodbury, 5-2, and defeated Goshen, 4-3, to improve to 7-3 (4-0 league) and qualify for the first time as a team for the Section IX tournament.

### CROSS-COUNTRY

Haldane competed last week in a meet at Woodlands High School in Hartsdale. The boys finished seventh of 12 teams, with Conrad White (18:10) placing 15th and John Kisslinger (18:15) placing 17th of 118 runners. James Frommer (19:38) at 33, Brendan Shanahan (19:41) at 41 and Oliver Petkus (20:26) at 49 rounded out the scoring. The girls didn't field enough runners for a team, but Andreia Vasconcelos (23:48) finished 18th of 44 competitors.

Beacon competed at the Manhattan College Invitational, where the Bulldogs had three medalists: Henry Reinke and Jack Twining for the boys and Rachel Thorne for the girls. The team heads to the regional championship next.

Two Beacon cross-country alums recently made the news. The State University of New York Athletic Conference on Sept. 19 named Evan LaBelle as its men's cross-country Athlete of the Week after the SUNY New Paltz freshman won the first 8,000-meter race of his college career at a home invitational at the Hudson Valley Sports Complex, finishing in 28:40.3.

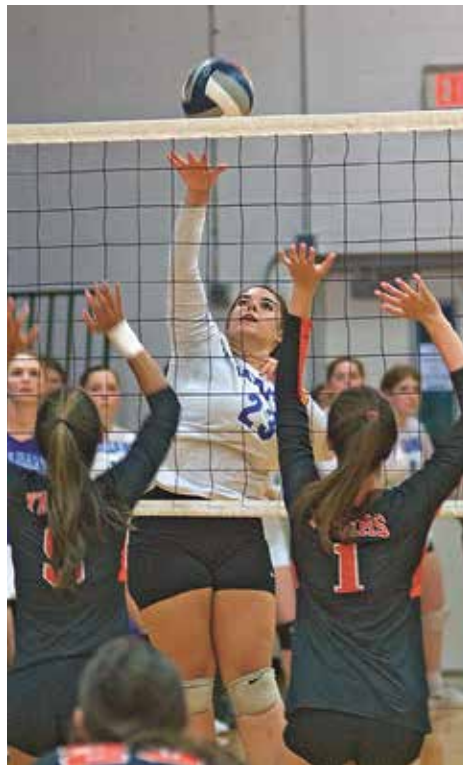
On Oct. 2, for the second straight week and third time this season, SUNY Cortland senior Ryan Cory received the same honor following his victory in the white division of the Lehigh University Paul Short Run. Cory, who has won three races this season, finished in 24:54.9.

### VOLLEYBALL

Despite playing strong during stretches, Haldane fell to Tuckahoe, 3-1, on Tuesday (Oct. 11) in Cold Spring.

The teams split the first two games, with Tuckahoe taking the first, 25-23, and the Blue Devils winning the second, 25-15. But Tuckahoe took the third, 25-20, and the fourth, 29-27.

"It was a back-and-forth battle," said Coach Kelsey DiFrancesco. "It came down to some long rallies, and we fell short when we needed points. We came back from six down in the third but lost. We didn't execute when we had chances."



Haldane's Mikayla Santos (23) had four kills and nine digs in a loss at Briarcliff. For more photos, see [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).

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Jill Weinpahl had eight kills, three aces and 10 digs for Haldane; Emily Tomann had five aces, four kills and eight digs; Kate Jordan had five aces, eight kills and seven digs; and Scotia Hartford handed out 22 assists.

"All six of our seniors — Weinpahl, Jordan, Megan Farrell, Madeleine Knox, Mikayla Santos and Medeleine Gardephe — have played a huge role," DiFrancesco said. "And our three captains — Jill, Mikayla and Madeleine — have all stepped up."

On Oct. 8, Haldane dropped a 3-0 decision at Briarcliff, falling 25-21, 25-17, 25-21. Weinpahl had three kills and nine assists; Tomann added five digs and three aces; and Santos had four kills and nine digs.

Haldane (4-10, 1-5 league) is scheduled to host Putnam Valley at 6 p.m. on Wednesday (Oct. 19) for senior night and visit Pawling on Thursday.

Beacon had three wins over the past two weeks, defeating Monticello (3-1), John Burke Catholic (3-2) and Middletown (3-0), but fell on Wednesday at Minisink Valley (3-0).

The Oct. 3 match at home against Burke was a thriller (15-25, 25-21, 25-19, 22-25, 12-15). Lila Burke had 22 kills; Kiki Rodriguez had 10; and Allie Thomas had 37 assists. At Monticello, where Beacon won 25-10, 25-17, 25-16, Kiki and Daveya Rodriguez combined for 12 aces and Evy Diebboll had 4 aces and 6 digs.

The Bulldogs (7-7) fell to Cornwall on Thursday, 3-0. The team will host Franklin Roosevelt on Monday (Oct. 17) and Goshen on Wednesday. Both matches begin at 6 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

Beacon suffered a 34-8 home loss on Oct. 7 against Cornwall; the Bulldogs scored their touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 36-yard run by Leibenson Perez-Novas. A bad snap on the extra point forced kicker Mercer Jordan to pass to Aaron Pegues, which was good for a two-point conversion.

Danny Urbanak had a defensive interception in the second quarter but was injured on the play and did not return. Urbanak, the team's quarterback, will not play when the team travels to Monticello on Saturday (Oct. 15). With Jordan, the backup QB, also hurting, center Joe Battle will step in.

Against Cornwall, Perez-Novas led the offense with 102 yards on 19 carries. Pegues had five tackles and three receptions for 22 yards; Jayden Calloway had a fumble recovery and four tackles; Owen Lynch had a run for 20 yards, plus three tackles; Jordan completed 4 of 9 pass attempts; and Alex Khalil had three tackles.

Despite the lopsided loss, "this was actually the best game we played yet," said Coach Jim Phelan. "The scores are not an indication of the improvement we're seeing."

Beacon (0-5) travels to Monticello (1-5) on Saturday (Oct. 15).

Haldane also lost at home last weekend, falling 35-13 on Oct. 8 to undefeated Valhalla.

Thomas Tucker scored for the Blue Devils on a 12-yard pass from Ryan Van Tassel in the first quarter to make it a 14-6 game, but from there the Vikings scored 21 unanswered. Haldane didn't score again until the fourth quarter, when Van Tassel ran it in from 13 yards.

Haldane was unable to get the air game going, with Van Tassel going 2-for-12. Evan Giachinta had 73 yards on 11 carries, and Van Tassel ran for 67 yards on 10 trips.

"Valhalla was fast, and they executed," said Coach Ryan McConville. "We kind of got our butts kicked. We have to execute better."

Haldane (3-2) will host Blind Brook at 7 p.m. tonight (Oct. 14) for homecoming.

### GIRLS' SOCCER

Beacon dropped a 3-1 decision at Goshen on Tuesday (Oct. 11), with Reilly Landisi scoring for the Bulldogs on an assist by Devyn Kelly.

"We've been playing well lately," said Coach Mike Lentini. "But Goshen capitalized on their opportunities."

Beacon (8-3-1) travels to Minisink Valley on Saturday (Oct. 15) before hosting Monticello at 4:30 p.m. Monday (Oct. 17) and closing its regular season at Cornwall on Wednesday.

Haldane lost to Putnam Valley, Pawling and North Salem to fall to 4-9. The Blue Devils will host Croton-Harmon at 11 a.m. on Saturday (Oct. 15) for homecoming.