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Some educators believe that unstructured play, pictured here in Beacon, is what children need to recover from anxiety brought on by the pandemic. Photo by Valerie Shively

PART 3

Are the Kids Alright?

Could movement bring anxiety under control?

By Jeff Simms

The text at the top of the company’s website declares, in all capital letters: “Teachers need tools to bring balance into their classrooms.” Teachers and students in the Highlands may all be seeking balance. They returned to classrooms last month for a school year free from restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, but, as we’ve reported over the past two weeks, the effects of the pandemic shutdown and the monkey wrench it threw into society, and education in particular,

have not been easy to shake. Counselors and school officials say anxiety among children and teenagers is higher than anytime in recent memory. U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy last year issued an advisory highlighting the “urgent need to address the nation’s youth mental health crisis” — a problem that Murthy said existed long before the pandemic, but grew far worse after the arrival of COVID in early 2020. But that doesn’t mean that nothing can be done. (Continued on Page 20)

Highlands to Get New State Senator

Poughkeepsie mayor, Beacon resident face off

By Leonard Sparks

For the first time since 2015, someone other than Sue Serino will represent Beacon and Philipstown in the state Senate. Redistricting reshaped the boundaries of the 41st District that the Republican represents. Beacon and Philipstown are now part of the reconfigured 39th District, which starts west of the Hudson River in Montgomery, encompasses Poughkeepsie to the north and reaches east to the Connecticut border. Without an incumbent, two first-time Senate candidates are running for the seat: Julie Shiroishi, a Democrat in her first campaign for elected office, and Rob Rolison, a Republican who is the mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie. Shiroishi is a book-publishing profes- (Continued on Page 8)



GREAT AND SMALL — The Beacon Sloop Club hosted its annual Pumpkin Fest at Riverfront Park on Sunday (Oct. 16), including educational displays. Here, Josh Kogan and his son, Alo, prepare to offer passersby a peek at the insects and tiny plants that populate the river. Their presence demonstrates the quality of the water. Photo by Valerie Shively

The Effects of Bail Reform

New data offer first look at impact of changes

By Leonard Sparks

On Sept. 28, the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department issued a press release about the arrest of a

Bronx man on the Taconic State Parkway. The New York Police Department had put out an alert about a shooting, the suspect’s car was spotted, a chase ensued, the vehicle was ditched in a driveway in Putnam Valley and the male driver arrested, “processed and released.” The department’s Facebook page exploded.

“Shooting... police chase... released?” “This state is such a joke. How demoralizing that they get released with the hope they show up at court. Why bother anymore?” “God help us with this bail reform.” However, as the Sheriff’s Department later clarified, the driver was not charged in connection to a shooting — the NYPD was just looking for the car. He was charged with two misdemeanors — fleeing a police (Continued on Page 7)



Julie Shiroishi



Rob Rolison

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: NARAE YUN

By Leonard Sparks

Narae Yun, who lives in Garrison, will lead a team on Saturday (Oct. 22) for the 20th annual walk in New York City to benefit the Lupus Research Alliance (lupusresearch.org). Lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease.

What was your first clue that you had lupus?

I was vacuuming and I had this intense pain any time my pinky and ring fingers touched anything. I've never felt that kind of pain before and as a 24-year-old woman who was healthy, exercised and ate well, it was strange to have joint pain. As the years went by, it progressively got worse and more frequent.

When was the low point?

I went to Puerto Rico with my partner, and the first day I got a bright-red rash on my cheeks after a day outside. That's a tell-tale sign of lupus; it's called a malar rash. Within days it progressed. I've never felt such a wave of utter exhaustion and intense joint and muscle pain. I couldn't get out of bed. I needed help to walk to the bathroom. I couldn't lift my arms to tie my hair because my muscles were so weak and I



was in so much pain. Working was not an option; I had to go on disability leave.

How long did it take to get diagnosed?

Five years. I was in and out of doctors' offices trying to find answers. When I first went to my primary-care doctor, she said: "It

sounds like carpal tunnel. It's probably from having a desk job. Put a tissue underneath your wrist." She did blood tests and some of my autoimmune markers came up. Even then, it still took three rheumatologists and another 18 months to get diagnosed.

How do you feel now?

Thankfully, my lupus is stable most days. But there are days that I'm very much reminded that I'm still fighting. It's not just medication — it's my whole lifestyle that I need to consider. There are a lot of things that happen behind the scenes to make me able to do what I want to do: work, meet up with friends, be a good dog mom and a good partner to my boyfriend. It was quite a journey to get to where I am now.

When did you get involved with the alliance?

After I went back to work, I joined its Young Leaders Board. They've asked me to speak and to cut the ribbon for the opening ceremony on Saturday. My message is going to be gratitude for the folks who are out there. Having an invisible disease, and having a complex disease that not a lot of people know about, is so particular and lonely. People showing up in the lives of those who have lupus means the world.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What vehicle would you like to own just for fun?

A 6-foot Micro Jetstream mini-speedboat.



Enis Davude, Beacon

A sailboat, and I'd sail the Mediterranean Sea.



Nancy Noschese, Cold Spring

One of those little flying saucers, like on *The Jetsons*.



Louis Grasso, Cold Spring

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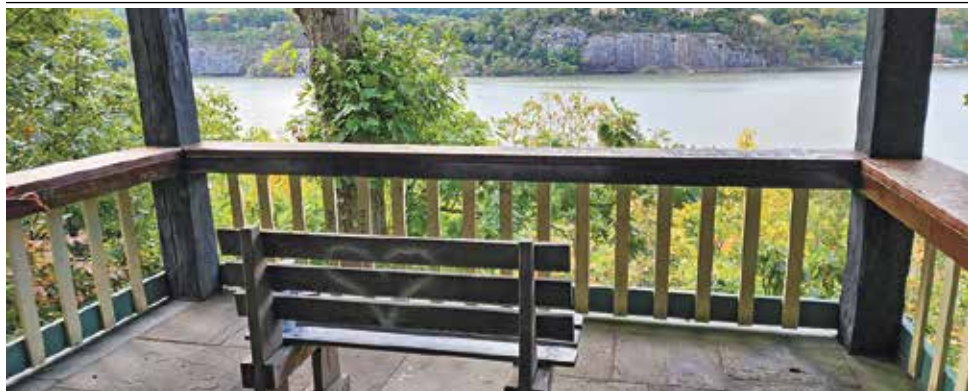
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Open Space Institute

Glenclyffe Loop Upgraded

Access to trail and signage improved

The Open Space Institute announced on Wednesday (Oct. 19) that it had improved access to the Glenclyffe Loop Trail in Garrison, which connects to the Glenclyffe, Arden Point and Castle Rock areas of Hudson Highlands State Park, as well as the Metro-North station in Garrison.

The improvements include a 12-car parking area and trailhead, an accessible entry path, trail reroutes, historical panels, a kiosk and better wayfinding and signage.

The 2-mile trail passes through 93 acres of woodlands and includes views of the Hudson River and the path of Benedict Arnold's escape after his attempted surrender of West Point. It also connects with Marcia's Mile, a trail that honors Marcia Favrot, a Philipstown conservationist, artist, teacher and philanthropist.

For a map of the loop, see highlandscurrent.org.

Comptroller: Jail 78% Done

Cost so far: \$165 million

The Dutchess County comptroller reported on Oct. 13 that the new county jail under construction in Poughkeepsie is 78 percent complete and on track to be finished by July 2024.

As of June 30, the county had spent \$165 million on the Justice & Transition Center, which includes the jail and a sheriff's office that was finished in early 2019, Comptroller Robin Lois said.

In 2016, the county Legislature approved spending up to \$192 million on the project but the jail design was reduced in 2020 from 569 beds to 328 following the enactment of bail reform. The jail population averages about 200 inmates per day, Lois said.

The sheriff's office cost \$33.7 million, or \$2.8 million less than budgeted. The smaller jail should cost \$131.4 million, or \$23 million less than appropriated.

Hospital Center Gets \$1M for Birthing Center

Carmel facility stopped deliveries in March

The Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel will use a state grant and private donations to renovate and reopen its birthing center, which closed in March after CareMount said its physicians would no longer deliver babies at the hospital.

State Sen. Pete Harckam, whose district includes eastern Putnam, secured a \$500,000 grant and the hospital received \$250,000 each from the Kearney Realty and Development Group and the Putnam Community Foundation to renovate the center, the hospital said on Wednesday (Oct. 19).

The money is funding between \$1 million and \$2 million in upgrades to the 12,000-square-foot center, which the hospital said would have seven patient rooms, two on-call suites, an operating room and well-baby nursery. It is expected to reopen within three months.

Drought Watch Continues

But most upstate counties return to normal conditions

The state Department of Environmental Conservation on Oct. 9 updated drought conditions across the state, returning 34 upstate counties from "watch" to "normal" but maintaining the caution light for Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Ulster counties.

A watch is the first of four levels of drought advisories, which progress to warning, emergency and disaster. There are no mandatory restrictions under a watch but residents are encouraged to conserve water.

New York City and Westchester are in normal status. According to New York City, its reservoirs are 8 percent below normal for this time of year.

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

29,077 (+127)Positive Tests,
7-day average:**7.7%** (+0.1)

Percent vaccinated:

84.0Cold Spring: **96.2**
Garrison: **89.4**

Number of deaths:

135 (0)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

78,203 (+368)Positive Tests, 7-day
average:**8.3%** (-1.5)

Percent vaccinated:

78.5Beacon: **73.9**

Number of deaths:

704 (+2)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 19, 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. 14.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

School choice

Talk about what goes around, comes around! I never thought I'd see the day when Putnam Valley would be trying to entice another district to send their students to our high school ("Garrison Discusses Dropping Haldane," Oct. 14).

Everyone seems to have forgotten all the bad press and hard feelings there were about non-resident tuition in the days before there was a PVHS. In the 1980s, before it was constructed, we were in a similar situation to Garrison and sent our students to Lakeland. Before that, there was a choice of schools and at one time Peekskill and Mahopac were options.

Putnam Valley was evenly divided between those who wanted to build a high school and those of us who felt it would be too expensive. Studies were done that showed the increase of students in the district was a bubble and enrollment would go down, as it is doing now.

As in Garrison, it was much cheaper to pay tuition to send students to Lakeland, which had plenty of capacity. The district offered us the deal of the century.

Yet there were parents and residents who insisted that our students needed to have their own town identity, or something like that. Nothing would do except to construct a building. The reasons as to why parents

had their concerns about Lakeland were obliquely described as "cultural."

If Garrison agrees to send students to PVHS, perhaps it will be of some small benefit to the taxpayers here.

Patty Villanova, Putnam Valley

Your account of the Oct. 12 meeting of the Garrison school board meeting gave the incorrect impression that we are considering dropping Haldane in order to add Putnam Valley High School as an option for our eighth grade students. That's just not the case.

It is accurate to say we're thinking of adding Putnam Valley as an option for our graduates, along with Haldane and O'Neill. But our highest priority is to resolve with Haldane how much we pay for each Garrison student attending Haldane. We all want to reach an agreement with Haldane that works for both parties.

I was quoted accurately saying of Putnam Valley High School: "It's an extraordinary place. As a parent, I would want my kid to have that option." I also noted that Garrison and Cold Spring are one community with a rich history, a feature no prospective student will ignore.

Our oldest daughter is a Haldane senior. She has had a positive, life-changing four years there. My wife and I are grateful to Haldane for the phenomenal experience she's

had. As a Garrison school board member, the last thing I'd want is to deprive Garrison students of the option of a Haldane education.

David Gelber, Garrison

Editor's note: Haldane and Garrison have agreed to a one-year deal. See Page 7.

Fjord Trail

The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, per its website, will be "a future linear park on the Hudson River, envisioned by locals to address safety, manage visitation and respect the landscape" ("Cold Spring Raises Concerns with Fjord Trail Officials," Sept. 30).

The vision has changed drastically from the start. Many locals have been alienated. Safety has been disregarded. Increased access (visitation) is planned. Respect for the landscape is questionable.

This pathway or boardwalk along the river is a boondoggle in both time and money. The cost of the bridge portion over the tracks at Breakneck is \$50 million. That means the bridge, at 437 feet long, will cost \$114,000 per foot. This seems incredibly expensive and is just one small portion of the 7.5 miles.

What will maintenance cost over future decades? The river is rising — Scenic Hudson estimates 6 feet in the next century. With parts of the trail in a flood zone, the upkeep will grow. Will the HHFT, as a nonprofit, be able to care for the trail properly over the next 50 years?

Successful projects depend on communication and dialogue, awareness and trust, and a clear understanding of costs, benefits and value. It seems the Fjord Trail is floundering and needs to reconnect to its mission and its constituents.

Sue Waivada, Beacon

Chamber bathrooms

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce does a stellar job with what limited resources it has at its disposal. They have done so many things to improve the village's image and experience for local businesses and visitors. Why berate the chamber, as Lynn Miller did in her letter in the Oct. 7 issue, for not maintaining toilets — as if that were its chief mission and expense?

Not all local businesses belong to the chamber, so the burden of the restrooms is borne solely by its members, despite all businesses reaping a benefit. I don't hear any chamber members complaining about that disparity. There are portable toilets provided for tourists, but they are rarely used.

Derek Graham, Cold Spring

In response to Jeff Mikkelsen's letter in the Oct. 14 issue, any confusion about the public restrooms appears to lie solely with the Cold Spring Chamber.

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There's no confusion at all about responsibilities Chambers of Commerce around New York and the country take on to support local businesses and municipalities. Most establish ongoing and consistent agreements with localities to operate and maintain public restrooms. In the Hudson Valley, the chambers of Warwick, Montgomery, Woodstock, Hudson, Rhinebeck, Saugerties and White Plains, to name a few, include money in their yearly budgets to provide and maintain restrooms for public use.

Most county tourism offices (except Putnam, of course) contribute funds to support comfort stations in municipalities that experience large numbers of tourists, often at the request and encouragement of local Chambers of Commerce.

As long as I've been a local business owner (more than 13 years), and was a village trustee (six years), our local chamber's contributions to the public restrooms have only been offered begrudgingly, inconsistently and often not at all. The chamber claims to man the information window, but rarely is anyone actually there.

And yet, the chamber proudly pats itself on the back for its haphazard contributions, claiming so right there on its website, quoted here from the tourist information page: "Restrooms: There are public restrooms located at the Visitors' Center open seven days a week from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. through the end of the year. The public restrooms

are sponsored jointly by the village and the Chamber of Commerce. Please help us keep the restrooms tidy and safe for everyone!"

It's disingenuous to make such a statement while at the same time preposterously claiming that doing so equates to taking on a governmental role akin to managing a police department. This mealymouthed approach to public service is why, after contributing time and money to this floundering organization, I and many other local business operators choose not to maintain our memberships.

It's a better look, and the chamber would achieve better support and membership, if it just stepped up and made a consistent and predictable commitment to help the village operate the public restrooms. Just about everyone around here wishes it would.

Lynn Miller, *Cold Spring*

Guns at church

I've always found "gun-free zone" signs to be ridiculous ("Pastors Fight Gun Restrictions," Oct. 14). It seems their purpose is to inform the public that those in charge of the zone don't like guns and do not allow guns in said zone. But it has no impact on criminals who are intent on using a gun to commit a crime. If anything, it tells the criminal that no law-abiding citizen in the zone has a gun to stop the criminal. Therefore, there is no threat to the criminal.

Imagine instead a sign that read: "Staff is armed and will use deadly force if necessary to protect those inside this zone."

That might cause a criminal to pause, and perhaps choose a different target.

Patricia Burruano, *via Facebook*

What gun would Jesus be packin'?

Jay Nicholas, *via Facebook*

Pandemic effects

Thank you for your series about the effect of the pandemic on students (*Are the Kids Alright?*). It is more important than ever that we address the mental health of our young population.

I'm so tired of people assuming that all kids are resilient and "will be fine" or "get past it." Whether we like it or not, these last few years have shaped who they are becoming and we need to be extra attentive to their needs and well-being.

Maria Hardman, *Cold Spring*

These articles should be a wake-up call for parents and schools. We have to work together here.

Pamela Gunther, *via Facebook*

Transition team

There are many of us in the Putnam County community who share the same common-sense values of Kevin Byrne, who is running unopposed for county executive ("Byrne Announces Transition Team," Oct. 7).

I'm glad to see that he doesn't pander to the "woke" culture. He has chosen a transition team that he feels is best to help him

Corrections

A story in the Oct. 14 issue about the Cold Spring Village Board stated that water meters were being upgraded as part of the process of connecting to the Catskill Aqueduct. In fact, they are being upgraded because their technology has become outdated. The story also stated that the village is sharing a cleaning service with Boscobel and M&T Bank to clean the public restrooms near the pedestrian tunnel. To clarify, the village is using the same provider, but not sharing services.

A story in the Oct. 14 issue said that the pastor at Grace Bible Church in Wappingers Falls feared that active and retired police officers on its armed security team could face felonies under the state's new concealed-carry law. In fact, police officers are exempt from the law and the pastor was referring to himself and non-police on the security team.

in his important duties, regardless of their gender or skin color. I applaud that!

And I am further delighted about his non-apologetic support for Moms for Liberty, a group of conservative women who protect parental rights against the critical-race theorists and LGBTQ activists.

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Wins Six State Awards

Receives firsts for headline, sports photo

The Journalist Association of New York (formerly the New York State Associated Press Association) announced its annual awards on Oct. 15.

The Highlands Current, which has a circulation of 4,200, competed in a division that included newspapers with circulations under 75,000.

Reporter Michael Turton won three awards: First place in headline writing for “The Long and Winding Code,” which appeared over a story about Cold Spring revising its village code; second place for his “Reporter’s Notebook” columns, which the judge called “funny and full of unusual wisdom and a good laugh or two — or three”; and second place, with Chip Rowe and Leonard Sparks, for spot news coverage for stories about the local aspects of the fall of Afghanistan.

Skip Pearlman won first place in sports photography for a shot of a baseball runner sliding into third base, while Ross Corsair took second place in feature photos for his shot of a child warning his sister as she balanced on a rock.

The Current received second place in the Newspaper of Distinction category behind *The Citizen*, a daily newspaper in Auburn (Cayuga County), New York.

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You have my vote, Kevin Byrne, and I’m proud to stand with you.
Michael Barr, *Philipstown*

Dutchess legislator

It was great to see our Dutchess County legislator, Yvette Valdés Smith, in *The Current* (“5 Questions,” Oct. 14). I was born and raised in Beacon and it’s wonderful to have someone who represents and shares my common values.

I have reached out to Valdés Smith a couple of times regarding a situation that we have had in our neighborhood and she is always quick to respond. She listens, cares and works hard. I supported her decision to co-sponsor a bill to eliminate the gas tax in Dutchess. I also appreciate that she keeps working families in mind, especially when voting for tax breaks. It’s clear she loves our community.

Erin Moseman, *Beacon*

State Assembly

Please join me in voting for Dana Levenberg for the 95th District of the state Assembly [which includes Philipstown]. Two words come to mind when I think of Dana: integrity and experience.

Dana will stand up for women’s rights, social justice, equity, health, climate and democratic values like free and fair elections. Dana is quite clear when she speaks on her plans to address issues like affordability, infrastructure and education. Dana will serve you.

Dana’s experience as Ossining town supervisor, Assembly Member Sandy Galef’s chief of staff and years on the Ossining school board, have given her the skills, knowledge, experience and awareness we want in an elected official.

Since her tenure as supervisor began in 2016, Dana has focused on building a healthy community — economically, environmen-

tally, physically and mentally — all with a focus on equity. Galef says Dana’s dedication, energy, work ethic and knowledge of the Legislature will enable her to deliver results that matter the most to the 95th district.

As a member of the Assembly, Dana will be able to hit the ground running with the same level of dedication Galef gave to this job. I know Dana will do the same because she learned from the best. Dana has state legislative experience and is ready.

Linda Wildman, *Peekskill*

State Senate

As a former mayor of Beacon and chief of staff for late Assemblymember Frank Skartados, I have experience in both city and state governance. With that in mind, I am voting Nov. 8 for Julie Shiroishi for state Senate District 39 [which includes Philipstown and Beacon].

The challenges of state government are different from the ones a mayor experiences at a city level. And while I know Julie’s Republican opponent, Poughkeepsie Mayor Rob Rolison, to be a fine person, the politics and issues he and his party represent at the state level do not resonate well for me and would be a harmful step backward for New Yorkers.

Julie supports the state issues that are important to me. She will stand up for reproductive rights, affordable health insurance, housing security, mental and physical support services, equality in education, rebuilding our roads and bridges and strong environmental protections. Her positions were formed in Albany as the chief of staff for Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, where together they worked on these issues firsthand.

Julie is a brilliant and personable individual who is going to work hard, smart and effectively for the Hudson Valley, and who I believe will become a leader in Albany.

Steve Gold, *Beacon*

As a woman and mother, the crime epidemic raging across our state is of personal concern. Too many women live in fear that they’ll be targeted for robbery, assault or worse by the career criminals free to run amok thanks to the dangerous bail “reform” laws passed by the Democratic state Legislature.

New York is the only state in the nation where our judges are not allowed to use discretion to set bail on a defendant because

that person is considered dangerous to society by the court.

We need to change course in this upcoming election. Rob Rolison will stand with women and other victims of crime and oppose Albany’s soft-on-crime approach to criminal justice. As the mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie for the past seven years, Rob Rolison invested in law enforcement and hired more police officers while other cities were defunding the police. Mayor Rolison is a retired detective from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department with 30 years of experience wearing the uniform and keeping us safe.

Mayor Rolison is running for the state Senate in the 39th District, and he will vote to repeal these ill-conceived bail reform laws. Please join me in supporting change in New York by voting for Rob Rolison for state senator on Nov. 8.

Donna Christian, *Beacon*

Editor’s note: See highlandscurrent.org for more endorsements in this race.

Highway Supervisor

Citizens of Philipstown, it is my pleasure to introduce Adam Hotaling, our highway superintendent. He was appointed in early 2022, when the previous superintendent resigned because of health issues. Before his appointment, Adam was the deputy highway superintendent.

Adam has been with the Highway Department since graduating from high school and has 25 years of experience. The knowledge learned as a driver, operator, mechanic and deputy superintendent has given him the ability to manage the roads and his crew with attention to all aspects and details.

For those of you who don’t know Adam, he is a lifelong resident of Philipstown who has raised his four children here with his wife, Lora. Adam and his family have been in the construction field for a very long time. His grandfather was the late Harold “Pop” Lyons. Adam is an easygoing person and gets along with everyone.

Adam will be running for highway superintendent in the Nov. 8 election. I am encouraging everyone to cast your vote for Adam. He is doing a great job and I know he’ll continue to do so.

Bob Flaherty, *Philipstown*

Flaherty is a member of the Philipstown Town Board. Hotaling is running unopposed.



SEPTEMBER Real Estate Market Report



	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
New Listings	11	15	21	9
Closed Sales	9	6	13	8
Days on Market	26	40	142	40
Median Price	\$424,900	\$533,000	\$555,000	\$605,000
% List Received	107.2	99.1	97.1	102.5
Inventory	24	24	46	31

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Garrison, Haldane Reach Interim Agreement

Will extend current tuition rate for 2023-24

By Joey Asher

The Class of 2023 at the Garrison School will be able to attend Haldane High School under an agreement reached between the two districts, although whether the choice will be available for eighth graders beyond that remains uncertain.

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

However, a budget crunch and a proposed tuition hike by Haldane have compelled Garrison to reconsider how much it pays. The district 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 Garrison Superintendent Carl Albano.

Haldane had been charging Garrison less than it could under a state formula for non-resident tuition. Last year it proposed raising the fee in 2022-23 to the maximum, or about \$21,500 annually.

When Garrison balked, Haldane agreed to a four-year deal to charge \$16,500 annually for each of the 53 Garrison students attending the high school so they would not have to switch schools.

The districts have not been able to come to terms on a rate going forward but this

week agreed to apply the \$16,500 rate for eighth graders who graduate from Garrison next June. In the meantime, Albano said, the districts will negotiate a longer-term agreement.

To ensure that Garrison students continue to have a choice of at least two high schools, the district reached a tentative agreement with Putnam Valley High School to pay the same rate in place for O'Neill, Albano said. He said the school board will vote later this month on whether to add Putnam Valley as an option for graduating students.

Bail Reform *(from Page 1)*

officer and reckless driving — and given a date to return to Putnam Valley Court.

The reactions in this case, while based on a lack of information, reflect common concerns about who is being released under a law that, as of Jan. 1, 2020, eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies.

Bail reform has been central to many political campaigns in New York, with Republican candidates hammering Democrats who offered support or voted for the law and attempting to establish a direct connection between the release of defendants and perceptions of rising lawlessness, particularly in urban areas.

However, updated information released last month by the state Department of Criminal Justice Services on the effects of reform is far from conclusive. Generally, people accused of crimes are returning to court and not being arrested again while their cases are pending at the same levels as before bail reform. But in New York City, rates fell or stayed flat as reported crime rose, while in the rest of the state, rates increased slightly while reported crimes dropped from 2019 levels.

Notably, the statistics do not include defendants who appear in town and village courts. However, for the first time, they compared failure-to-appear and re-arrest rates from 2019, before bail reform, to 2020 and the first nine months of 2021. The state also broke down failure-to-appear and re-arrests by the type of release provided by the judge: without restrictions; supervised release; or release after paying bail.

In New York City, the failure-to-appear rate fell by 40 percent through September 2021, according to the data. For the rest of the state, failure-to-appear was essentially unchanged, rising from 17 percent to 18 percent.

New York City saw slight increases in the rate at which people were arrested for other crimes after being released and in the percentage charged with other, violent felonies before their earlier cases were prosecuted. For defendants released on their own recognizance or after paying bail, re-arrests fell in 2021 compared to 2019.

The re-arrest rate was highest for people released under pretrial supervision or with court-ordered conditions, but it stayed flat.

The rest of the state, where overall crime fell 5.8 percent but violent crime rose 3.4 percent from 2019 to 2021, fared worse. Outside of New York City, people released under the new bail laws were re-arrested

at a rate 5 percentage points higher in 2021 than 2019, and 2 percentage points higher for re-arrests involving violent felonies.

According to an analysis by the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, an estimated 19,000 fewer defendants were jailed before trial in 2020 than in 2019. Before bail reform, advocates say, there were no limits on what charges were eligible for incarceration or what bail amounts judges could set.

The system created a “perverse connection between financial means and freedom,” said Rossanna Rosado, the commissioner for the Department of Criminal Justice Services. “This unnecessary detention was deeply harmful to individuals, families and communities, particularly those of color and the poorest among us.”

Advocates argue that the laws save taxpayers money. In Dutchess, for example, where the jail population fell to about 200 inmates per day after bail reform, the Legislature reduced the size of a new jail being built in Poughkeepsie by 42 percent, from 569 to 328 beds. The smaller facility, which will be completed in 2024, is expected to cost \$131.4 million, or \$23 million less than appropriated, according to the county comptroller.

In December 2021, data released by New York State showed that about 20 percent of the defendants released since bail reform after being charged with misdemeanors or nonviolent felonies were charged again with other crimes before their original prosecutions were completed, but only a small number of those

arrests were for violent felonies.

The data included 284,100 arraignments between Jan. 1 and June 30, 2021, in courts in New York City, 61 cities (including Beacon) and two district courts.

Of the 184,653 cases in which defendants were released without bail, about 8.6 percent were re-arrested on new misdemeanor charges, 5.8 percent on new nonviolent felony charges and 2.2 percent on new violent felonies before their earlier cases were complete.

The same pattern held at the Beacon City Court. Of 212 people released at arraignment, 20 were arrested on new misdemeanor charges, seven on new nonviolent felony charges and three on new violent felony charges.

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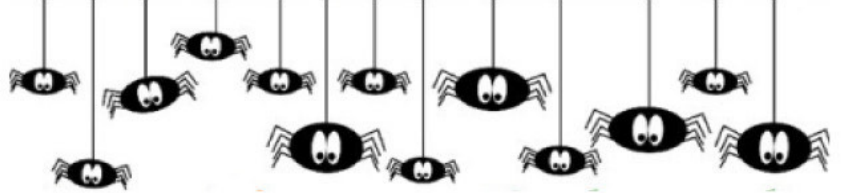
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Here Are Your Choices

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. In the general election, you can vote for any candidate you wish, regardless of party registration.

BALLOT INITIATIVE

Proposal No. 1
A Proposition

To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Act of 2022 authorizes the sale of state bonds up to \$4.2 billion to fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency and clean-energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?

FEDERAL

U.S. Senate

Joe Pinion (R, C)
Charles E. Schumer (D, WF)
Diane Sare (LaRouche)

NEW YORK STATE

Governor/Lt. Governor

Kathy Hochul/Antonio Delgado (D, WF)
Lee Zeldin/Alison Esposito (R, C)

Comptroller

Thomas DiNapoli (D, WF)
Paul Rodriquez (R, C)

Attorney General

Michael Henry (R, C)
Letitia James (D, WF)

State Senate (District 39)

Rob Rolison (R)
Julie Shiroishi (D, WF)

State Supreme Court, 9th District
(Vote for 7)

The 9th District (of 13) covers Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties. Judges serve a 14-year term.

John Ciampoli (R, C)
- Private practice
Robert Cypher Jr. (R)
- Private practice, former Rye judge
Sherri Eisenpress (D, C)
- Rockland Family Court
Joseph Farca (R)
- Private practice
Keri Flore (D)
- Support magistrate, Cortlandt Manor
Elena Goldberg-Velazquez (D, C)
- Yonkers City Court
Michael Grace (R)
- Former Yorktown supervisor
Richard Guertin (R)
- Middletown City Court
Anne Minihan (D, C)
- Westchester County Court
Linda Murray (R)
- Court attorney, Poughkeepsie
Amy Puerto (D)
- Court attorney, Westchester
John Sarcone III (R, C)
- Private practice, Croton
David Squirrell (D)
- Putnam Legal Aid Society
David Zuckerman (D, C)
- Westchester Supreme Court

FOR VOTERS IN PHILIPSTOWN

U.S. House (District 17)

Mike Lawler (R, C)
Sean Patrick Maloney (D, WF)

State Assembly (District 95)

Stacy Halper (R, C)
Dana Levenberg (D, WF)

Putnam County Executive

Kevin M. Byrne (R, C)

Putnam County Clerk

Michael C. Bartolotti (R, C)

Putnam County Coroner (Vote for 2)

John Bourges (R, C)
Michael Nesheiwat (R, C)

Highway Superintendent

Adam Hotaling (D)

FOR VOTERS IN COLD SPRING

Trustees (Vote for 2)

Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors)
Tweeps Woods (Service)

FOR VOTERS IN BEACON

U.S. House (District 18)

Pat Ryan (D, WF)
Colin Schmitt (R, C)

State Assembly (District 104)

Jonathan Jacobson (D, WF)

Dutchess County Sheriff

Jillian Hanlon (D, WF)
Kirk Imperatti (R, C)

Senate (from Page 1)

sional who has lived in Beacon with her family since 2007. The election of Donald Trump as president nine years later kindled her involvement in politics, said the California native, whose father was among the Japanese Americans imprisoned in U.S. camps during World War II.

“I took it for granted that, as a society, we were becoming more tolerant and open-minded,” she said. “When he won, I felt guilty. I thought, ‘Wow. This has been here all along, and I should have been doing something to prevent this from happening.’”

Shiroishi began knocking on doors for candidates, befriending Karen Smythe during her run against Serino in 2018 and managing Smythe’s rematch with Serino in 2020. Shiroishi was chief of staff for Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, when the Dutchess County Democratic Committee elected her in December as its chair.

Shiroishi said her behind-the-scenes work on behalf of Smythe, Jacobson and the county committee introduced her to people in areas outside of Beacon that will be part of the 39th District.

Describing herself as a “pro-working family, pro-opportunity Democrat,” she adheres to core Democratic issues like abortion rights, diversifying police departments and reducing the carbon emissions driving climate change.

I took it for granted that, as a society, we were becoming more tolerant and open-minded.

~ Candidate Julie Shiroishi

Shiroishi also backs investments in affordable housing and infrastructure repair, universal child care and training for high-demand, high-paying jobs that do not require a college degree, such as in high-end manufacturing, health care and the construction trades.

“We need to make sure that college is accessible and affordable for those who want to go, but also show our kids that there are other ways to have successful lives,” said Shiroishi, whose father drove trucks for a living.

Asked about issues specific to Beacon, Shiroishi said that addressing the city’s shortage of affordable housing and supporting the long-planned construction of a rail trail from Beacon’s waterfront to Hopewell Junction, estimated to cost \$20 million to \$30 million, are important.

She also cited a need to find an appropriate use for two local state prison properties: the Beacon Correctional Facility, which closed in 2013, and Downstate Correctional Facility in Fishkill, which the state shut down earlier this year.

“Making sure that those are benefiting the community is important,” she said.

While Shiroishi is seeking elected office for the first time, Rolison is a former Town of Poughkeepsie detective and Dutchess County legislator who is in his second term

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★ PARTY KEY: DEM = Democratic | REP = Republican | CON = Conservative | WF = Working Families ★

Early Voting

For Beacon

Fishkill Town Hall
807 Route 52

For Philipstown

North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Road

SAT 29: 9a – 5p

SUN 30: 9a – 5p

MON 31: 8a – 4p (Beacon)

MON 31: 9a – 5p (Philipstown)

TUES 1: Noon – 8p

WED 2: 9a – 5p

THURS 3: Noon – 8p

FRI 4: 9a – 5p

SAT 5: 9a – 5p

SUN 6: 9a – 5p



Registration

The deadline to register to vote in the 2022 general election has passed. To verify you are registered and locate your polling place, visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.

Results

Check highlandscurrent.org after 9 p.m. on Nov. 8 for unofficial results.

Absentee Voting

To request an absentee ballot, see absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov. The deadline is Monday (Oct. 24), although you can apply in person at the county Board of Elections through Nov. 7. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 8.

Note: Voters who have been issued an absentee ballot may no longer vote in person on a machine, regardless of whether the ballot was submitted. However, a voter who requested an absentee ballot but did not return it can complete an affidavit ballot at the polls.



The state Senate district that includes Philipstown and Beacon was redrawn based on 2020 census data.

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as mayor of Poughkeepsie.

Shiroishi has attacked Rolison because an annual state Comptroller’s Office report that rates the financial health of municipalities designated Poughkeepsie as the one with the most “fiscal stress.”

On Monday (Oct. 17), in releasing the city’s 2023 budget, Rolison said a \$13.2 million general fund deficit he inherited when taking office in 2016 is now \$2.8 million, and that the remaining deficit should be eliminated next year.

Barred by law from seeking a third term, he said that his experience as mayor in a heavily Democratic city is what he wants to bring to Albany. The state Legislature, where Democrats control the Senate and Assembly, “is not working under one-party rule,” he said.

“People need to start having discussions with one another, which I don’t see happening in Albany, as it relates to working across the aisle,” he said. “They’re not working together to find common-sense solutions to many of the challenges that we face, and we face many.”

Rolison named as priorities the economy, the cost of living and “the situation that we find ourselves in as far as crime is concerned and the criminal justice reforms that went too far too quickly.”

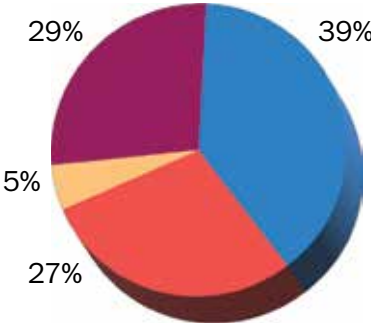
During a candidates’ forum organized on Oct. 13 by the NAACP’s Newburgh-Highland Falls Branch, Rolison also defended affordable housing, which is lacking in Poughkeepsie, as it is in Beacon. Affordable housing “is not a bad word,” said Rolison, who described himself as “an advocate for all types of housing” in Poughkeepsie.

Democrats, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in June reversing Roe vs. Wade, have also attacked Republicans on abortion rights. But Rolison said he is “not running to go to Albany to stand between a woman and her health care.”

In terms of gun control, “sensible gun laws make sense, and getting guns out of the hands of people on the street who are committing acts of violence is also a priority,” he said.

Party Lines

Senate 39
(202,188 registered voters)



- = Democrat/Working Families
- = Republican/Conservative
- = Various smaller parties
- = Independents

Coming Up

- ✦ The race for state Assembly District 95, which includes Philipstown (Stacy Halper and Dana Levenberg)
- ✦ The races for Congressional District 17, which will include Philipstown (Mike Lawler and Sean Patrick Maloney) and District 18, which will include Beacon (Pat Ryan and Colin Schmitt)
- ✦ The race for Dutchess County sheriff (Jillian Hanlon and Kirk Imperatti)
- ✦ More on Proposal 1, the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Act of 2022

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AROUND TOWN



▲ **BIG RED TRUCK** – Members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. made their annual visit to St. Philip’s Nursery School on Monday (Oct. 17). The firefighters told the students what to do in an emergency and gave them an insider’s tour of the engine. Photo by Ross Corsair



▲ **PUMPKIN PARK** – The Beacon Sloop Club hosted its annual Pumpkin Fest at Riverfront Park on Sunday (Oct. 16), with free sails on the Woody Guthrie, a bouncy house shaped like a pumpkin, live music and a small, solar-powered merry-go-round. Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ ▲ **FALL FEST** – The Garrison School held its annual fall festival on Oct. 15 with a chili cook-off (Brandon Williams is shown with his trophy and prize) and an obstacle course. Photos by Sheila Williams

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The Calendar



Margaret Hamilton played the Wicked Witch of the West in *The Wizard of Oz* (1939).

The Wicked Witch, with a *Twist*

*Beacon Players to debut Halloween
play by local horror writer*

By Alison Rooney

Although she is a horror writer, Meghan Arcuri said she felt a bit terrified when she was asked to write a play for high school theater students.

First, she had never written a play; her specialty is short fiction. Second, she had never written for teens. Third, her work is designed to evoke feelings of dread and discomfort.

Finally, the person doing the asking was Arcuri's high school drama teacher, Anthony Scarrone, whom she still tends to call "Mr." The result of his request,

Green With Hunger, will be performed at the Seeger Theater at Beacon High School on Oct. 28 to 30.

Scarrone had seen a post on Facebook about Arcuri and her husband running their first marathon and reached out. "We want to do a Halloween play — could you help me out?"

"I didn't want to be presumptuous," Arcuri says, "but I didn't know if he was asking for something I'd written or asking for help choosing horror plays to look at."

She shared a few candidates, but Scarrone asked if *she* had written anything his Beacon Players could perform. She says she was flattered, but thought, "Have I?"

In fact, she had. James Aquilone, the

editor of an anthology titled *Classic Monsters Unleashed*, had solicited writers to submit stories in which they wrote from the perspective of a famous monster. Arcuri

submitted a story centered on the Wicked Witch of the West, from *The Wizard of Oz*.

"She's such a great villain," Arcuri says. "It had a horror component built in — I asked, 'Why is she green?' I related it to zombies: she's gonna be hungry and she's gonna be hungry for people. A zombie story is going to have a little gore, so I went

down some of those roads, and it takes place in Oz, which offers so much."

She shared the story — which hadn't made the cut for the anthology but was posted by Aquilone online — with Scarrone. The next step was turning it into a play. Her stories include plenty of dialogue but the narrative was more challenging, Arcuri says.

She also wondered: "How does getting it across to the audience happen? Do I let the director and actors take care of it?" She was relieved to learn she could use stage directions "for some of the major beats."

Arcuri might have intuited some of this earlier if she had stuck with theater in college, after enjoying it at John Jay High

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Meghan Arcuri



Pay Dirt playwright Kate Moira Ryan



Pay Dirt director Alice Jankell



Pay Dirt playwright Nan-Lynn Nelson



Pay Dirt playwright Vicki Ramirez

Bound by Land

Theater alliance to present stories of 'tumultuous time'

By Alison Rooney

How does three turn into one? That's the equation at hand for *Pay Dirt*, the latest project from the Putnam Theatre Alliance following its inaugural run in the spring of 2021 with *The Freedom Project*, which was inspired by a series of plays written in the 1940s.

Alice Jankell, a freelance director who co-founded the alliance, says the group wanted its second project to be specific to the local area "because we found, though it may seem illogical, that the more specific you are, the more the story resonates across the country. We were after a large, ambitious resonance."

The questions facing the group — the other founders are James Shearwood of Arts on the Lake in Kent, Amy Dul and Nancy Swann of the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison, and Judy Allen of Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley — were what to look for, where to find it and what to do with it once found.

The group read up on county history, including archival materials provided by Jennifer Cassidy, the Putnam County historian, and documents at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring and Philipse Manor Hall in Yonkers.

Also helpful was material written by former county historian Sallie Sypher in a book on the history of Putnam Valley and a Columbia University research paper by Meghan Brophy, "On Slavery and Settlers: A History of the Philipse Family, 1662-1785," which traced how the family accrued and sustained its wealth through slavery, dispossession and exploitation.

After digesting all this information, the group decided to narrow the parameters to the 12 years between the French and Indian War and the American Revolution, or roughly 1764 to 1776, "an astonishingly tumultuous time" in what is now Putnam County, Jankell said.

"During those years many Wappinger, including Chief Daniel Nimham, went off to fight for the crown during the earlier conflict, then returned home to find their land was taken from them," she said. "Meanwhile, the Philipse family increased their land holdings twentyfold. People had to make decisions about whether to fight for crown or colony, and sometimes found themselves face to face with people they had fought alongside of 12 years before."

After doing this abundant research, the question advanced to: "How do we turn it into a play?" The answer, Jankell says, was to "humanize it by focusing on individuals with huge decisions to make."

They selected three: Nimham, who, after fighting for the crown in the French and Indian War, turned against it during the Revolution ("He came home to find his land had been given to the Philipses," Jankell says); Mary Philipse, a woman left to protect her land and her family — George Washington tried to convince her to switch sides — who had to hold it all together; and, finally, Caesar, a man enslaved by the Philipse family who ran their mill at Philipse Manor.

This history plays out against various views of land ownership. For the Brit-

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A Quick Bite

She woke with a coppery taste in her mouth, her lips wet and sticky. A dark red liquid dotted her hands, her fingers — were they greener? A small heap of a body lay next to her, bits of skin and shattered bone in place of where its head had once been.

It had happened again.

From Meghan Arcuri's short story, *Green With Hunger*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

HALLOWEEN FUN

SAT 22

Spooktacular

WAPPINGERS FALLS

4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Meet the animals in a costumed Spooky Barn Tour, take a ride on a hay wagon at dusk, and enjoy a campfire with treats and storytelling. *Cost: \$5*

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 SAT 22 for anyone who wants to carve one for the display.

SUN 23

HorrorShow

BEACON

7 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.
storyscreenbeacon.com

The annual festival continues with *Casper* (1995), followed by *I Know What You Did Last Summer* (1997) on TUES 25, *Rear Window* (1954) on THURS 27 and *Trick 'R Treat* (2007) on SUN 30. *Cost: \$8 to \$10*

TUES 25

Family Science Night

GARRISON

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

Participate in gross, fun, funny and spooky experiments.

WED 26

Cookie Decorating

GARRISON

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

Children ages 3 and older are welcome to decorate and take home sweet treats.

THURS 27

Halloween Party

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Children ages 2 to 10 are invited to show off their costumes and collect treats. Registration required.

FRI 28

Trick or Treat

BEACON

3:30 – 6:30 p.m. Main Street
Pick up scavenger-hunt



passports, children's costume contest entry numbers and promo bags at participating shops.

FRI 28

Halloween Party

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 6 to 12 can play games and enjoy a spooky after-hours party at the haunted library. Registration required.

FRI 28

Trunk or Treat

GARRISON

6:30 – 8 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenclyffe
facebook.com/philipstownrecreation

Children are invited to dress up in costumes and trick or treat.

SAT 29

Boo at the Zoo

BEAR MOUNTAIN

10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive
trailsidezoo.org

There will be family-friendly activities throughout the day, including pumpkin decorating, crafts, games and face-painting. Children are welcome to come in costume.

SAT 29

I SPY Scavenger Hunt

CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | hhn.org
845-534-5506 x204

Register to enjoy a scavenger hunt on the trails. *Cost: \$10 (ages 2 and younger free)*

SAT 29

Hocus Pocus Parade

BEACON

2 p.m. Main Street
Line up at the Welcome Center

for a walk to the Roundhouse, where there will be drinks, treats and music waiting. The rain date is SUN 30.

SAT 29

28th Annual Parade

COLD SPRING

4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
facebook.com/coldspringhalloween-parade

Line up at 4:30 p.m. on the lawn in costume. Pets welcome. The parade will proceed west on Main Street to the bandstand at the riverfront.

SAT 29

Undead Bazaar: Carnival of Terror

BEACON

6 p.m. – 1 a.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane

This adult event will include live music, a DJ, costume contest and an oddities exhibit, sideshow and funhouse.

SAT 29

The Wolfman

COLD SPRING

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

At this screening of the 1941 film, Cold Spring resident Timothy Haskell and his production company, PsychoClan, will provide an immersive experience with organ music and appearances by a Wolfman. Also SUN 30. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 29

Rocky Horror Picture Show

PEEKSKILL

8:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Apoca-Lips Cast will lead the audience engagement during this 1975 cult classic starring Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Meat Loaf. *Cost: \$12*

MON 31

Trunk or Treat

COLD SPRING

3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Haldane High School
15 Craigsides Drive | haldaneschool.org

Members of the Class of 2023 will decorate the trunks of their cars for trick or treating as a fundraiser for senior class events. *Cost: \$5 per child*

MON 31

Spookytown

COLD SPRING

4 – 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Ridge
Children ages 5 and younger are invited to trick or treat.

COMMUNITY

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 the 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
tompkinscorners.org

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

SAT 22

Rummage Sale

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. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's and the Philipstown Food Pantry. *Cost: \$5 to \$10*

SAT 22

Community Conversation

GARRISON

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

The library board invites input on Desmond-Fish's programs and direction.

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.

THURS 27

Putnam Trailblazer Awards

MAHOPAC

6 p.m. Villa Barone
466 Route 6 | pcctrailblazers.com

The Putnam County Business Council will present its annual awards for businesses and nonprofits. Magician Daniel Nicholas will perform. *Cost: \$125*

SUN 30

Castle to River Run

GARRISON

8 a.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenclyffe Dr. | 845-424-4618
friendsofphilipstownrecreation.org

Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the half-marathon kicks off at 9 a.m., a 5K at 9:30 a.m. and a children's costume 1 mile at 10:30 a.m.

SUN 30

Dedication of Northcutt Hall

BEACON

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

Florence Northcutt, a volunteer and board member since 1994, will be honored with the renaming of a hall at the Howland.

STAGE & SCREEN

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 the plays debut in November. See Page 11. *Free*

WED 26

The Films of Alfred Hitchcock

BEACON

1:30 p.m. Via Zoom
313 Main St. | beaconlibrary.org

Brian Rose will discuss the filmmaker and his gift for creating suspense. Register online.



THURS 27

Tracy Morgan

PEEKSKILL

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

The comedian and actor will perform stand-up during this stop on his No Disrespect Tour. *Cost: \$50 to \$70*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 22

Children's Winter Coat and Accessory Swap

BEACON

2 – 5 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center
23 W. Center St.
facebook.com/weeplaybeacon

Find gently used winter gear for children.

TUES 25

Creepy Slime

BEACON

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

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to make slippery slime. Registration required.

THURS 27

Día de los Muertos

BEACON

3:15 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Students in grades 6 to 12 can paint a canvas sugar skull in honor of the Day of the Dead. Registration required.

THURS 27

Inspired Parent-Teen Art Series

GARRISON

6:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
covecarecenter.org

This Cove Care Center event will bring together parents and their teens in grades 6 to 12 to make art and commit to be drug-free. Registration required.

SAT 29

Dry Ice Science Show

GARRISON

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

Talewise will perform an interactive story that includes science experiments with dry ice and audience participation.

TALKS & TOURS

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.

TUES 25

Aging With Grace

BEACON

12:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Carole Penner will facilitate a



Brandi and the Alexanders, Oct. 28

discussion of feelings and concerns about aging.

TUES 25

Centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

BEACON

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

Denise VanBuren will discuss her trip in France with the Daughters of the American Revolution to see a recreation of the events of 1921 that led to the creation of the tomb at Arlington National Cemetery. Also available via Zoom.



WED 26

Open House

COLD SPRING

1 – 3 p.m. Long Term Care Ombudsman
10 North St.

Meet and learn about a community coalition that advocates the rights of people in long-term care in Putnam, Westchester and Rockland counties. RSVP to tricounty.ltcop@ltccc.org.

SAT 29

All About Bulbs

PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stonecrop
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

Find out everything you need to know to grow plants from bulbs in your yard, garden and indoors. *Cost: \$60 (\$40 members)*

VISUAL ART

SAT 22

Group Show

NELSONVILLE

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

This is the closing reception for a show with artwork by Richard Bruce, Evelyn Carr-White, Simon Draper and Kathy Feighery.

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.

SAT 29

Photographs by Brian Nice

GARRISON

Noon – 6 p.m. Davoren Farm
8A Inverugie Lane

All proceeds from this one-day, pop-up art show by the Philipstown artist will benefit the Philipstown Food Pantry. A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m.

MUSIC

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
putnamcountygolfcourse.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)*

MON 24

Joe Fiedler Trio

BEACON

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

Fiedler, Pete McCann and Bobby Previte will perform as part of Quinn's weekly jazz series.

THURS 27

Lila Blue & Noga

BEACON

6 p.m. Bank Square Coffeehouse
129 Main St.
banksquarecoffeehouse.com

Blue will play songs from her new release, *Not Yet*, and Noga Cabo will play music from a solo project. *Free*

THURS 27

A Woman's Right To Choose Benefit

BEACON

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

Annalyse & Ryan, Deni Bonet, Bruce T. Carroll, KJ Denhart, Cliff Eberhardt and David Ray, with proceeds donated to the Center for Reproductive Rights, NARAL, the Brigid Alliance and Planned Parenthood. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

FRI 28

Brandi and the Alexanders

BEACON

8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com

The five-piece, psychedelic, soul and rock band from Brooklyn will perform.

FRI 28

The Outlaws

PEEKSKILL

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

The Southern rock band has been

performing for four decades. *Cost: \$32 to \$55*

FRI 28

Back to the Garden 1969

BEACON

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

The Woodstock tribute band will play hits by artists who performed at the festival, including Janis Joplin, Joe Cocker and Santana. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SAT 29

Jacob Aviner

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com

The singer and songwriter will play his original music.

SAT 29

Acoustic Alchemy

BEACON

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

The contemporary jazz band is a three-time Grammy nominee. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

CIVIC

MON 24

City Council

BEACON

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

MON 24

School Board

BEACON

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

WED 26

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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

WED 26

School Board

GARRISON

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

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Learning Commons will be held at 6 p.m.

SAT 29

Early Voting

FISHKILL

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fishkill Town Hall
807 Route 52 | elections.dutchessny.gov

For Beacon residents. Continues daily through SUN 6.

SAT 29

Early Voting

PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Road | putnamboe.com

For Philipstown residents. Continues daily through SUN 6.

Small, Good Things

Dark Matter

By Joe Dizney

Fun fact: Due to a nasal appendage anomaly, the surname of Marcus Tullius Cicero (Roman statesman, philosopher and skeptic) is apocryphally said to be derived from the Latin word *cicer* — chickpea (*ceci* in Italian), for the familial noses’ striking resemblance to the legume in question.

This suggestion is borne out by classical portraits and busts, but it is also argued that the association is due to a suggestion that the family’s fortune derived from the cultivation and sale of the pea.

Whatever. We can be reasonably certain that if chickpeas were in any way involved, they weren’t the variety known as *ceci nero*, or black garbanzos, a historical specialty primarily from Italy’s Puglia region.

Smaller and thicker-skinned than their pale cousins, black garbanzos are a bit hard to find but worth the effort. (Ranchogordo.com carries them, and there is a smaller Indian variety known as *kala chana* which will do nicely for some recipes.)

Nuttier in taste, with three times the fiber, black garbanzos are great for stews and the like, but a year or so ago, while playing with my food, I stumbled on a stupid-



food-trick of a recipe that seems tailor-made for an adult Halloween treat. This none-more-black hummus incorporates not only black garbanzos but other culinary dark horses: black sesame tahini and black garlic.

Black sesame tahini is made from sesame seeds and available if you shop around, particularly in Middle Eastern markets. It’s the color and consistency of oily tar, which is disarming, and the flavor profile is a bit “smokier” or stronger than the traditional variety, but it can be used interchangeably.

Black garlic is easier to find — Adams Fairacre Farms in Wappingers stocks it. It’s an Asian preparation in which heads of garlic are heated at a low temperature in high humidity, anywhere from three weeks up to two months, into a caramelized paste with a dark, honeyed sweetness and none of garlic’s usual sharp pungency.

This recipe uses black and white garlic as the more familiar garlic flavor marries well with the other ingredients. Fresh lemon juice, smoky cumin and ground sumac, which echoes the lemon juice with a slightly darker edge, complete this surprisingly tasty puree. But honestly, you could substitute regular chickpeas and tahini. It just won’t look as cool served with sweet potato and beet chips.

Therein lies the dark secret of this recipe: Black chickpeas and black tahini, although slightly different from their paler cousins, won’t confuse your tastebuds, but the sweetness of the black garlic is surprising and welcomed. There’s nothing here to be frightened of...



Black Hummus

Makes 2½ to 3 cups

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| 2 cups cooked Italian black garbanzo beans/chickpeas (<i>ceci neri</i> or <i>ceci nero</i>) | 3 tablespoons black sesame tahini |
| 1 cup reserved bean cooking liquid (aquafaba), chilled, or cold water | 4 to 8 heads black garlic; skin removed |
| 2 to 3 tablespoons olive oil, plus more for finishing | 2 to 3 cloves (regular) garlic, peeled and smashed or chopped roughly |
| ½ teaspoon ground sumac | 2 tablespoons fresh squeezed lemon juice |
| ½ teaspoon ground cumin | Optional garnishes: black and/or white sesame seeds; chopped chives; ground Aleppo pepper or smoked paprika |
| ½ teaspoon kosher salt | |

1. Combine the chickpeas, tahini, four heads peeled black garlic, two cloves peeled regular garlic, lemon juice, salt and ¼ cup of bean cooking liquid in a food processor. Puree until smooth, pausing to scrape down the sides occasionally, and continuing to blend for a few minutes until completely smooth.
2. Taste. Now is the time to decide if you want more black or regular garlic. Regular garlic will give you more of a classic flavor, black garlic less so, but it adds a noticeable sweetness and depth.
3. With the motor running, pour another ¼ cup of bean cooking liquid into the chickpea mixture, stopping to scrape down the sides occasionally. The puree should be about the texture of thick pancake batter. If it’s too thick, add cold water, 1 tablespoon at a time, blending until you reach the right consistency. Add salt as needed to your taste.
3. To serve, drizzle with a little more oil and top with the garnishes of your choice.

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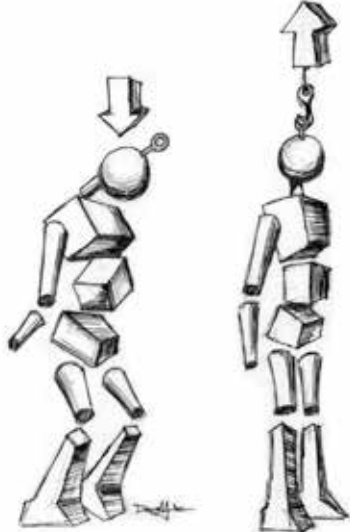
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Jonah Mensch directs Evelyn Moreno at a rehearsal at Beacon High School for *Green With Hunger*. Photo provided

Wicked Witch (from Page 11)

School in Hopewell Junction, where Scarrone and a colleague ran an after-school program that presented musicals like *Oliver* and *Fiddler On the Roof*, farce such as *Noises Off* and dramas such as *Dracula*. “You could tell right away he was passionate and knew what he was doing,” Arcuri says. (Scarrone became director of Beacon Players in 2012.)

Despite taking a few acting classes, Arcuri left the stage behind, earning bachelor’s degrees in English and math at Colgate University and a master’s degree in natural sciences from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute before becoming a high school teacher on Long Island. “The focus shifts to paying the bills,” she says. Marriage and two children followed, and with it a move to Beacon, to bring the children closer to

their grandparents.

Arcuri found her way to writing while navigating the challenges and isolation of stay-at-home parenting. “I was reading lots of escapist stuff, plowing through books,” she says. She enrolled in a three-day fiction writing workshop geared toward genre fiction, sci-fi and horror.

At first, she was reluctant to write horror because “I’m afraid of everything! What I learned — and this applies to most genres — is that what makes something scary is more about pacing. Writing dialogue means figuring out to keep things crisp, how to pare down your work to the important stuff.”

In the past decade, Arcuri has had her stories published in anthologies such as *Borderlands 7*, *Madhouse* and *Chiral Mad*. Her story “Am I Missing the Sunlight?” was nominated in 2020 for a Bram Stoker

Award (named for the author of *Dracula*) and she is vice president of the Horror Writers Association, which gives them out.

At Beacon High School, she worked with Scarrone and Jonah Mensch, the student director. “We had a great meeting during the first week of school,” she says. “They showed me the set pieces and Jonah shared ideas he had and asked me questions about the character. When I handed over the script, I thought for sure there are things in it which were too violent or ‘magic-y,’ but no one batted an eye.

“I don’t want to be heavy-handed,” she adds. “I want them to interpret it.”

Beacon High School is located at 101 Matteawan Road. Green With Hunger will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 29 and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 30. Tickets are \$5 at beaconplayers.com.

Bound By Land (from Page 11)

ish, land was passed down to a son, while for the Dutch it could be bequeathed to a daughter. For the Wappinger, there was no concept of ownership. Instead there was stewardship of the land.

The research sparked conversations about land ownership and what constitutes home. “We started looking carefully at rocks, stones, gravestones for enslaved people,” Jankell says. “The more we looked, the more we saw there were stories, secrets, redactions, drama and emotions. We became less

and less partisan as we went along, and came to understand that usually decisions were made by people based on their families.

“That led us to: ‘Who’s going to write these people?’ The answer was: people of the heritage.”

The alliance commissioned three well-credentialed playwrights — Vickie Ramirez, Kate Moira Ryan and Nan-Lynn Nelson — to each write a 35-minute piece about the struggle for land in the Hudson Valley during that time period. Ramirez wrote from the perspective of Nimham, Ryan from that of Mary Philipse and Nelson from that of Caesar.

On Nov. 4, 5 and 6, actors will bring the scripts to life in public readings at Arts on the Lake, the Depot Theatre and Tompkins Corners.

After the performances, Jankell plans to meet with the playwrights to sort out what worked and what could be combined. Then she will weave the pieces “into one big play, replete with cutting, braiding and transitions,” for a workshop and perhaps a production in 2023.

A preview is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday (Oct. 23) at the Putnam History Museum, coupled with a panel exhibition about land struggles in the Hudson Valley

during the 17th and 18th centuries.

The Putnam History Museum is located at 63 Chestnut St. in Cold Spring. The preview is free, but reservations are required at bit.ly/phm-pay-dirt. Pay Dirt will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 4 at Arts on the Lake in Kent (artsonthelake.org), at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison (philipstowndepottheatre.org) and at 2 p.m. on Nov. 6 at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley (tompkinscorners.org). See each site to reserve seats; a donation is suggested.

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Philipstown Highway Superintendent

LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (October 1872)

The son of Alonzo Bishop of Fishkill Landing ran off with gypsies, but his father went after them and brought him back.

William Robinson of Matteawan was injured when the night express from New York City slowed at the Fishkill Landing station so he and a companion could jump from the back. He lost his footing and struck his head on the track.

A burning mosquito net, ignited by a candle, fell onto Mrs. Wood as she slept in her room at a boarding house south of Fishkill Landing. The widow managed to roll out of bed and avoid serious injury.

The 11-year-old daughter of George Howe was fishing with a boy of the same age from a Fishkill Landing bridge when she fell

into the water. Her companion spotted a braid of hair near the surface of the water, grabbed it while holding a small tree and pulled her up until he could grab her arm.

The Shenandoah Mining Co. was busy opening a hematite iron ore mine on the Sprague farm in the Fishkill mountains. A deposit of magnetic ore had been found higher up and smaller deposits of carburet of iron (used in the manufacture of stove polish), plumbago and copper.

Business was good at the seamless clothing works in Matteawan, which was turning out an unusual number of carpets, glove linings and hats, and at the nearby hat works, which was producing 300 dozen per day.

A proposal to raise \$840 [about \$20,000 today] through a tax levy to build a station for the Hook and Ladder Co. was defeated, 47-6.

After the express train from Montreal hit someone on the drawbridge near Dutchess Junction, the train stopped but the brakeman and the bridge tender could not locate a body. John Kernan, aka "Jimmy the Soldier," was apparently hurled into the river, where his remains were found three days later.

The hours of employees at Schneck's machine shop in Matteawan were reduced to eight hours a day as a cost-cutting measure.

Barker Bump was found dead in his bed at Matteawan.

When Charles Bingham of Newburgh returned from a supply trip to Marlborough, he parked his wagon near his house and went to the barn to feed the stock. His wife came out to retrieve the articles he had purchased and noticed a blanket under the

seat with something rolled up inside. It was a baby boy, about a day old.

The son of John McKinnon of Fishkill Landing died of injuries suffered when he was run over by a streetcar.

Matty Howe of Fishkill was convicted by a jury in Poughkeepsie of manslaughter in the death of her newborn the previous winter. She alleged that she became pregnant by her employer, Edward Lane. When she went into labor, he angrily sent her on a wagon to the one-room home of a midwife, where she gave birth. Two days later, she began to walk back to Lane's, with her child in her arms. On the way she saw two men she knew, and "cast down with shame, feverish and weak," by one account, she hid the child behind a fence. She said that by the time the men had passed, the child had died of exposure. The judge sentenced her to a year in the penitentiary.

125 Years Ago (October 1897)

Maj. William Haubennested presented a large silk flag to the Beacon Engine Co. in Matteawan in appreciation of "many favors received by him," according to the *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*.

The wife of Charles Lonergan arrived in Matteawan from Syracuse to identify the body of her husband, who had been found dead on the railroad tracks. She said he left the city two weeks earlier but she had heard nothing until notified of his death. The body was sent to Chicago, where his wealthy mother resided.

The State Lunacy Commission ruled that a prisoner at the Buffalo State Hospi-

tal named Willie Gipp, who was accused of shooting his elderly parents, killing his mother, could be transferred to the Hospital for Insane Criminals at Matteawan. According to the staff, Gipp lapsed into catalepsy soon after being admitted and was fed with spoons and tubes. Gipp's father objected to the move and alerted the district attorney. He said he had forgiven his son.

Admiral John Worden, who commanded the USS Monitor in its 1862 standoff with the Virginia in the Battle of Hampton Roads, died in Washington, D.C., at age 79. A native of Swartwoutville, a hamlet in the Town of Wappinger, Worden became a naval officer at Fishkill in 1834 when he was appointed midshipman.

George Freeman, a Black man who was guiding a group of white members of the Fishkill Hunt Club to target practice in meadows east of the village, was shot in the lower back by a man who said the hammer of his weapon caught on a vine. Freeman was taken to the General Hospital at Fishkill Landing and not expected to live. "Although the discharge of the gun was accidental, Freeman's colored friends are enraged over the affair, and they threaten vengeance," reported *The New York Times*.

About 100 veterans from the 128th New



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York Regiment held their annual reunion at the Dibble Opera House in Matteawan. The regiment left Dutchess County on Dec. 5, 1863, for Baltimore and New Orleans with 1,000 men. It fought in the Shenandoah Valley and later was stationed in Savannah, where it joined Gen. Sherman's forces following his march to the sea. Sixty percent of the regiment did not survive.

Mrs. Winthrop Sargent purchased the former John Rothery home on Schenck Avenue in Matteawan to create a vocational reform school.

100 Years Ago (October 1922)

New York State distributed its official roll of 13,908 soldiers who died during or shortly after World War I, including 110 from Dutchess County and 11 from Beacon: John Bump (killed Oct. 20, 1918); Thomas Carroll (pneumonia Feb. 27, 1919); Frank Cramade (killed Oct. 14, 1918); Herman Deicke of 217 Main St. (wounds, Oct. 17, 1918); George Delahay of 35 Eliza St. (gastritis, Dec. 21, 1918); George Deveson of 10 Cliff St. (killed Sept. 28, 1918); Frederick Garrison (killed Sept. 28, 1918); Frederick Harris of 61 Ferry St. (killed Aug. 13, 1918); Austin Robinson (killed Sept. 2, 1918); Frank Van Houten Jr. (pneumonia Oct. 9, 1918); and William Wilson (killed Aug. 19, 1918).

Contractors finished emergency repairs on the 36-year-old Melzingah dam. "The water had made a small opening that soon expanded into a great hole," reported the *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*. As it happened, the City Council planned to ask voters to approve bonds for the construction of a \$125,000 concrete dam there, along with repairs to the north Beacon dam, where the cracks were seeping water, and the installation of a force filter near the powerhouse on Fishkill Creek to purify the water during emergencies.

Four men caught stealing chickens at the Rives' farm shot at two employees while making their getaway in a Ford touring car. No one was injured.

A 10-year-old boy suffered a fractured skull and a broken nose when he was kicked by a horse. A cut over his eye in the shape of a horseshoe required 15 stitches.

A man was poisoned while drinking illegal homemade whiskey at a friend's home



The Beacon sewage treatment plant on Dennings Point.

File photo

on Railroad Avenue and needed to have his stomach pumped at Highland Hospital. Police alerted the district attorney.

The Long Dock Coal Co. received 33 carloads with 1,014 tons of chestnut coal, as well as a carload of egg coal. It was to be distributed according to plans drawn up by John Cronin, the city fuel administrator.

After voters defeated two referendums to build an addition to the overcrowded high school, the state Department of Education said it might compel a third vote. Should that fail, it said, it would order construction to begin.

Mayor Irving Stafford warned police officers to enforce prohibition laws or lose their jobs. Soon after, officers arrested "Wild Bill" Henderson, who was fined \$10 for possession of moonshine he said he made from potato peelings.

Serafine Maraquin, a Spaniard commonly known as John Martin, was arrested on charges he shot William Byrd in the abdomen and both arms during a fight at the Nickerson Brickyards at Dutchess Junction. After the men bickered over the proper laying of sand, Maraquin returned with a shotgun. He claimed Byrd had made a derogatory remark about his mother.

A Beacon police officer detained Edward Cunningham on charges he stole a bicycle and sold it for 75 cents. When his prisoner ran, the officer fired five times, hitting Cunningham in the foot.

Health officials reported the discovery of a "baby farm" in Newburgh, where six infants

were found in miserable conditions, including the daughter of a Beacon woman. The woman in charge was found lying in an adjacent room, incapacitated by diphtheria. Police uncovered letters written by several of the mothers, including one who said she was an art student and the father was in medical school and they dared not reveal the birth to their parents.

Peter Tomasillo, convicted of attacking his father with an ax handle, was sentenced to 2½ to 5 years at Sing Sing. In his defense, he claimed he was defending his mother from a beating, although witnesses said she was not home at the time.

75 Years Ago (October 1947)

Residents of Beacon and Poughkeepsie were required by law to register in person before every vote; in Beacon, election officials registered 4,904 people, an increase of 9 percent over the year before.

About 50 people attended an organizational meeting at Bill's Restaurant for a chapter, or aerie, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

A woman reported her sister missing when she did not arrive at her Ferry Street home as expected on a Saturday morning train from New York City. The sister showed up two days later, although no explanation was provided in news reports as to where she had been.

A 33-year-old parachutist died at the dedication of the \$2 million Dutchess County Airport in New Hackensack during a "double delayed" stunt. After jumping from a PT-17 at 3,000 feet, the Army combat veteran opened his first chute and detached it. However, his second chute did not open.

Mayor Bolton rejected a plea sent via telegram by the chairman of the National Citizens' Food Committee to appoint a local committee to encourage conservation, saying that shortages and rising prices were the fault of the federal government.

Following a loss by a softball team of Beacon police officers to a team of Poughkeepsie officers, *The Beacon News* explained that "our fellows are kept so busy with their duties, which they perform with exceptional efficiency, that they haven't much time" to practice. The *Poughkeepsie Journal* responded that the defeat might instead be attributed to the pitching talents of Detective Murphy, who threw a no-hitter.

A 57-year-old New York City man drowned when he fell from the catwalk of a boat at Long Dock. The seaman had come to Beacon on the SS Andrea Barnes and spent the

evening at local taverns. A cabdriver said he helped the victim to the catwalk at about 2:30 a.m. and called out to the watchman but heard a splash as he returned to his taxi.

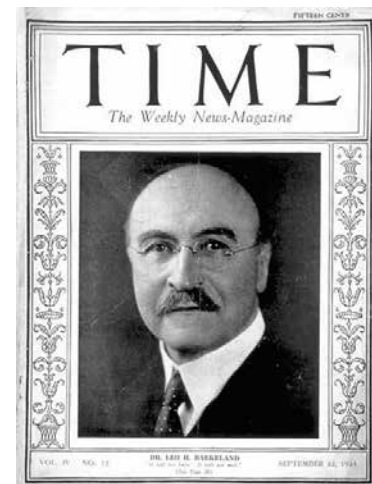
Members of the semipro Beacon Varsity basketball team put out a call for opponents. The squad won 36 of its 42 matches the previous season but could only play away games because there was no local court.

A 72-year-old Corning man was charged with shoplifting an iron from Manning's appliance store at 506 Main St.

The audiovisual club at Beacon High School listed some of the films it planned to screen at teachers' requests, including, for the guidance department, *The Secretary's Day*, *The Secretary Takes Dictation* and *The Secretary Transcribes*, and for the health department, *Sitting Right* and *Tuberculosis*.

Thieves broke in overnight at a gas station operated by Eugene Cadmus on Main Street near Chestnut and stole 515 pennies from the cash drawer.

The estate of Leo Baekeland, a chemist who died in 1944 at the Craig House sanitarium in Beacon, was valued at \$4 million [\$53 million]. After creating velox, a photo printing paper he sold to Eastman Kodak, Baekeland converted a stable in Yonkers into a laboratory to search for an artificial substitute for varnish. Instead, in 1906, he invented bakelite, the first plastic to retain its shape when heated.



Leo Baekeland on the cover of Time magazine in 1924

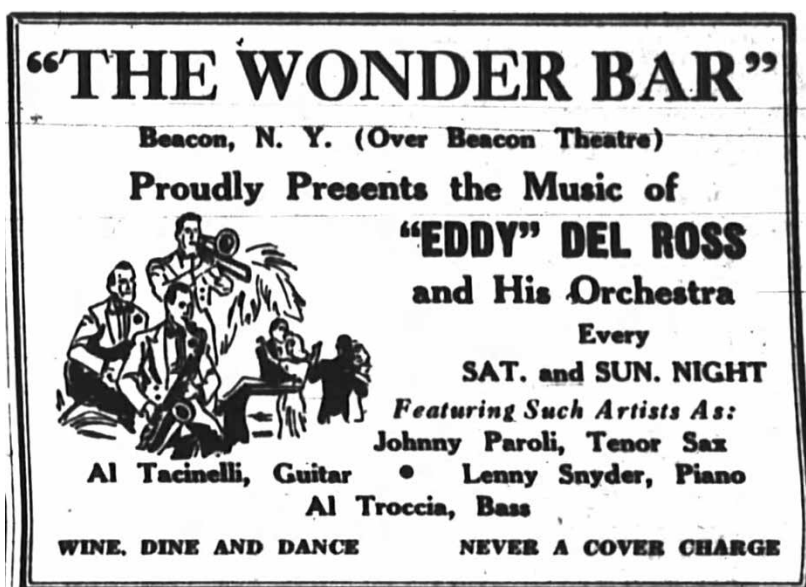
50 Years Ago (October 1972)

The city unveiled its \$6 million secondary sewage treatment plant on Dennings Point. Mayor Robert Cahill said the chlorinated effluent that it discharged into the Hudson was 90 percent pure. A representative of the state Department of Environmental Conservation called for residents to support a \$1.15 billion environmental bond on the November ballot to fund more municipal sewage plants.

Ed Williams of the Beacon High School football team recovered a fumble with seconds remaining against Kingston, securing a 12-10 victory and improving the Bulldogs' record to 3-0.

The school board unanimously approved a three-year contract with the Beacon Teachers Association, 8-0, following a strike. Because it is illegal in New York for public employees to walk off the job, five union officials were sentenced to 10 or 15 days in jail but released after 32 hours pending

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A 1947 advertisement for The Wonder Bar

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an appeal. The contract raised the average teacher's salary to \$13,300 [\$94,000] annually in its third year.

The Dutchess Ski Lodge hosted a three-day art expo with 90 exhibitors. It was coordinated by the Beacon Civic Arts and Cultural Development Committee.

The Planning Board met to discuss a proposal to build a high-rise apartment building on Fishkill Avenue. The developer's plan included using a foundation built in 1965 for a similar project that was abandoned but the board indicated it wanted the number of apartments reduced from 102 to 96 and questioned the amount of parking and the 12-story height.

Two men died when their tractor-trailer drove off the two-lane Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. Police said the driver swerved to avoid a stalled truck, collided with an oncoming car and broke through a guard-rail. The body of his passenger was found in the sleeping compartment.

A proposal by school board member Robert Frankel to appoint representatives of students, teachers, principals, parents and community members as non-voting members who could attend closed meetings was defeated, 5-1.

A city judge sentenced five teenagers convicted of loitering to job assignments at the Public Works Department, after which he dismissed the charges.

Fire destroyed a Monell Place home while its owners, Michael McDermott and his wife, were attending her birthday party at

Dutchess Manor.

Walter Foeger, director of the Dutchess Ski Area, announced it had added two trails, expanded its water supply for snow-making and installed 32 lights for night skiing. He said the area would be able to accommodate 3,000 skiers daily.

25 Years Ago (October 1997)

Neighbors in the community surrounding Green Street Park raised \$1,500 to build a playground. Local businesses contributed the landscaping, equipment and food for the volunteers who constructed it.

A 20-year-old man was accused of shooting at a person behind the Metropolis Bar on Main Street.

The city received a \$250,000 state grant to revitalize the waterfront and make it more accessible. At the same time, Scenic Hudson was drafting a plan to spend \$750,000 for cleanup and improvements at 21 acres it owned near the train station. The purchase raised concern with city officials that the nonprofit would keep the land off the tax rolls. "The city can't afford to subsidize things for somebody else," said Mayor Clara Lou Gould.

Folk singer Pete Seeger, who lived near Beacon, reacted to the death of John Denver (born John Deutschendorf Jr.), who died at age 53 when his experimental plane crashed in California. "His songs will keep going on for years to come," he said. "He was just a friendly, natural guy with no pretensions at all."

The Dutchess Legislature delayed a vote on whether to fund food stamps for 99

county residents who were not U.S. citizens. The federal government had eliminated food stamps for legal aliens as part of welfare reform, but state lawmakers said they would offer them in each county that agreed to pay half the cost. Republican legislators questioned allocating the \$84,000 annually, but John Ballo, a Democrat whose district included Beacon, said: "These are legal residents. This is the United States of America. It's not a country that turns people away."

The City Council approved the sale, for \$1, of the city-owned Dondero Building at 174-178 Main St. to developer Ron Sauers and architect Jeffrey Wilkinson. "We're putting Beacon back together to the way it once was," Wilkinson said. The plan called for commercial space and six loft apartments.

Beacon High School chemistry students celebrated National Mole Day with puns, poems, projects and experiments. (A mole is 6.02×10^{23} atoms or molecules.) The day's only drama occurred when the chemistry teacher, wearing a welder's mask, dropped a gummy bear into a flask of liquid sodium chlorate and triggered the fire alarm.

Beacon Looms, which opened in 1935 as an expansion of a New York City curtain company, said it would close and dismiss 70 employees. "We just don't have enough work to keep going," said Sy Sadinoff, its president. At one time, the firm employed hundreds of people making everything from hats to coats, but business dried up when discount chains such as Jamesway and Woolworth's closed.

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Teacher Burnout

While this series has focused on the mental-health impacts of the pandemic on children, they haven't been the only ones affected.

At Haldane, Superintendent Philip Benante called teacher burnout “under-explored right now,” but predicted it will grow in importance as schools realize “the long-term consequence for staff who are trying to balance the needs of kids, which come first and foremost, but against their own needs as adults, with their own families and their own kids, and trying to maintain some sense of balance with that.”



Benante

Andrea McCue, a special education teacher who is the president of the Haldane teachers' union, said that a handful of teachers in the district retired sooner than they might have if the pandemic hadn't happened. “The past two-and-a-half years have been extremely stressful” for educators, she said.

Benante noted that toward the end of the 2021-22 academic year, as New York State ended its mask mandate for schools, a sense of normalcy began to return for students, “but the staff burnout started becoming more of a factor.”

“It was exhausting,” he said. “It certainly took its toll on me. And I know if it was taking its toll on me, it was

taking its toll on everybody.”

This year there's been an increased emphasis on staff wellness, “because we realize that if the individual in front of the classroom is not in a good place, that has an impact on our kids,” Benante said. “I need to make sure that I'm eating right, exercising and doing all those things that we know are important to our own well-being, so that we can be in a position to do our work for our communities, and the school has a responsibility to its employees” to encourage a healthy work-life balance.

The superintendent said that wellness has been supported through state legislation that increased opportunities for paid time off for educators. In addition, Haldane elected not to furlough any part-time employees in 2020 during the shutdown.

“Our transportation workers, maintenance and custodial — we made sure we kept everybody employed,” Benante said. “We felt we needed to make sure that we could maintain a level of financial stability for our employees, so they could take care of themselves and their families.”

This year, the faculty break room has been stocked with fruits and vegetables and staff are encouraged to get outdoors for a hike or a walk when possible. “We live in a beautiful area, so we've organized times that allow our staff to connect with each other, while also engaging in healthy activity throughout the year,” he said.

Are the Kids Alright?

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According to several agencies, including the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and a national alliance of health and physical education teachers, one of the keys to establishing the balance that educators and students seek is movement.

SHAPE America — the Society of Health and Physical Educators — in 2019 created a “crosswalk” — a framework for aligning national physical education standards with the strategies of social and emotional learning, a holistic educational approach that has grown in popularity. Integrating physical exercise, in which the onus is often on children to problem-solve, the teachers say, can help students develop the skills to “deal effectively and ethically with daily tasks and challenges.”

In the crosswalk, a document that's available on its website, SHAPE America matches its K-12 physical education standards with social and emotional skills that the exercises reinforce.

The connections are more conceptual than literal. In other words, the group doesn't make specific recommendations, such as playing volleyball, for example, to support team-building skills. Instead, it walks you through its core goals for students, one of which is to exhibit “responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.”

That's in one column. Beneath it, desired outcomes, such as students learning to accept the differences between their bodies and the idealized images they see portrayed by elite athletes or through various media, are explained further.

In another column, the organization identifies social and emotional goals — self-awareness, self-management, social awareness — which can be realized through meeting the physical education standard.

The CDC agrees, noting that schools are in a unique position to help children attain a recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity each day. The agency encourages school leaders to incorporate physical activity in the classroom, to “reinforce what is taught in physical education and give students a chance to practice their new knowledge and skills.”

Ways to help

The website quoted at the beginning of this article belongs to Fit & Fun Playscapes, a business founded in 2011 by Nelsonville resident Pamela Gunther. The firm, which Gunther moved to Poughkeepsie last year, creates paint kits, “sensory pathways” made with stencils or stickers, and indoor and outdoor games to enhance tactile learning.

A multicolored, nature-themed sensory pathway encourages younger students to step, march, jump or “crab crawl” to get their bodies moving. Stickers that teachers can place on students' desks help children learn to verbalize how they're feeling, what they may need and how to support peers.

Gunther, a former co-president of the Haldane PTA, believes that something as simple as a greater emphasis on physical activity could help students bounce back

from the effects of the pandemic.

“What happens at recess is a microcosm for the rest of their lives,” she said. “It's not just running around; they're learning so much more. They're learning how to negotiate, how to compromise, how to deal with bullies. This is the place where they can figure this stuff out.”

While those skills are taught in the classroom, “handouts are not going to replace recess,” Gunther said. “The kids have to work these things out on their own.”

Some high school athletics were postponed in 2020, and others frequently interrupted in the years since, when COVID infections forced student-athletes into quarantine. Despite the stoppages, the Haldane school district in Cold Spring kept its extra-curricular and athletics programs going during the pandemic.

“Even when teams may not have been competing, we still had the coaches meeting with kids in some capacity, because we knew that was important to the kids' experience and their connectedness to school,” said Superintendent Philip Benante. “We were still paying our coaches and encouraging them to have some sort of engagement, even if it was a Zoom session where they were running drills.”

The district also hired more assistant coaches “to increase the number of adults who are working with our kids through athletics,” Benante said.

Cold Spring-based therapist Denise Angelo shared other tips, in addition to exercise, for helping children who are struggling with anxiety, especially if they experience panic attacks.

“I tell kids to start with 99 and count backward by threes,” Angelo said. “It needs to be something that's not easy. Even telling them to count 1-2-3-4-5 and then again backward is fine for little kids. But if you have a teenager with a panic disorder, you need to stimulate the frontal lobe to quiet down the brain and stop the anxiety. Another thing I've told them to do is pick up a book, find a sentence and read the words backward.”

She also suggests asking a teen to recall their family's phone number from a previous residence, or a friend's mailing address. “Then they have to think, and once they start using that part of their brain, things quiet down,” Angelo said. “I use puppets and have little kids talk to them. I've given kids a stuffed animal to talk to or hug and that becomes what they use to cope. It's their lifeline.”

Journaling or writing down recollections from dreams can also help. “Some of it is dark, but they're getting it out,” she said. However, “you need to know the kid and get into their head to find out exactly where the anxiety is coming from and what would work best for them. There's no cookie-cutter measure.”

Parents can help, too. Before the pandemic, Haldane held a series of Friends and Family Universities — joint sessions at which parents, guardians and staff came together to discuss an issue. The district typically paid to bring

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Pamela Gunther, who lives in Nelsonville, at the headquarters of her company, Fit & Fun Playscapes

Photo provided

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in an expert for the dialogue, which helped create shared understanding and strategies.

The sessions were paused during the pandemic but are being revived, with the first scheduled for Nov. 16. Katie Greer, a former intelligence analyst for the Massachusetts State Police and director of internet safety for the Massachusetts attorney general's office, will speak about digital health and safety and meet with students from grades 3 through 10.

Benante said the district was talking about how to help students navigate social media and other online spaces even before the pandemic exacerbated the challenges. "We want to make sure that we're doing what we can with our parents to support our kids in healthy online behaviors and healthy use of the technology that they now have in their hands," he said.

Schools as 'fixers'

The mental health services available in schools have increased many times over in the last two decades. Today, the Beacon school district has 23 psychologists, social workers and other mental-health staff in its six schools. Haldane has six full-time mental-health staff members and a part-time psychologist, while Garrison, by far the smallest public school district in the Highlands with 215 K-8 students, has a psychologist and a guidance counselor.

The staffing levels "reflect an increased societal awareness around mental health over the last decade or two," said Beacon Superintendent Matt Landahl, noting that "it's a complicated time to be a young person."

Many feel that mental-health staffing levels still aren't enough. In 2021, Beacon school officials conducted a social and emotional learning study that included interviews and surveys of hundreds of students, parents, community members and teachers. Among its findings were to consider new ways to support existing staff as it relates to mental health, and the need to hire more mental-health support for students.

When the district hired two additional social workers that year "their caseloads were filled within weeks," Landahl said. "If we hired more, their caseloads would probably fill quickly, too."

The need is especially glaring when schools are already asked to do so much, said Sagrario Rudecindo-O'Neill, the district's assistant superintendent of curriculum and student support. "The thing about education is that we are required to fix all the woes of society," she said. "If you look at trends, anytime something happens within our society, it always goes back to schools to fix it. But trying to do this with a lack of resources is very, very challenging."

"There was a struggle at the elementary level when I was a principal [in Orange County, before coming to Beacon]. We had a lot of students who struggled and there was a one-year waiting list to see someone that would work with children," said Rudecindo-O'Neill. "We're not trained for that. I don't have a degree in psychology. We have one person in each building [in Beacon] who does, and we're a district with almost 3,000 kids."

Rudecindo-O'Neill cited the U.S. civil rights movement of the 1960s as the time when schools began pivoting from "just being a place of academics" to "using education as a way to remedy some of the inequities within society, to a place where we could provide support to the entire family."

She agrees that schools should be "places of innovation, where we look at some of the issues in society and start teaching our students how to fix these issues that are affecting our everyday life." But if so, they should be funded as such, she argued.

Looking ahead

That could become an issue in budget deliberations, especially in Beacon, where two of the district's recently added mental-health staff were hired using federal American Rescue Plan funds.

Landahl conceded that the federal funding, part of a pandemic relief bill enacted in March 2021, allowed the district to hire the staff members — an elementary teacher focused on social and emotional learning and another at Beacon High School focused on restorative practices — "that we probably wouldn't have done in a normal budget year."

He and other administrators are meeting regularly with the teachers and studying data to determine whether the positions will be retained longer-term. "We're not saying flat-out that this is a one-year thing," Landahl said, adding that future budget talks are likely to become more complex, as school districts address the need not just for educational staff, but for mental health, as well. "It's going to be of continued importance," he said.

How long will the "mental health crisis" among young people last? Nick DeMarco, a psychologist at Beacon High School, said earlier this month that he's still seeing ripple effects from the isolation caused by the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. "Anxiety is still on the rise, and I'm still seeing issues with the amount of services that are available out in the community," he said.

Carl Albano, the superintendent of the Garrison school district, said that students this year "are exhibiting a bit of a delay as far as social skills" after missing out on normal social interaction for much of the last two years. "Nobody misses remote learning," he said.

"I haven't been able to stop because of the need," Angelo, the private therapist, said. "I don't have any spots available. But I take kids who I know I can help."

Gunther, the Nelsonville resident who founded Fit & Fun Playscapes, sees a light at the end of the tunnel. "These are fixable things, and daily movement is one of the best tools that can help," she said. "We need to go back to the basics of kids being kids again."

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In the fall of 2021, a group of SUNY Potsdam students went on a rafting trip on the Indian and Hudson rivers organized by the university's Center for Diversity. SUNY Potsdam

Report Advocates Diversity in Nature — of Humans

State, nonprofit outline plan to widen access to outdoors

By Brian PJ Cronin

A free electric bus that travels from urban areas to state parks. Halloween "hike and treat" events in the woods. Camping trips in which the gear is provided by someone who shows you how to use it.

These are a few of the initiatives highlighted in a newly released report, *Open Spaces for All*, produced by the nonprofit Open Space Institute and the New York Outdoor Recreation Coalition. The latter includes state and federal agencies such as the National Park Service and the state Department of Environmental Conservation, environmental groups such as Scenic Hudson and Riverkeeper, outdoor retailers such as REI and community groups such as the Catskill 3500 Club and Outdoor Promise.

When the COVID pandemic shutdown began in early 2020, the number of visitors to state and national parks increased dramatically. But park officials noticed the visitors didn't reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the region or the country.

For instance, 75 percent of the people who visited national parks were white, said Kathy Moser, chief conservation officer for the Open Space Institute. In response, the nonprofit reached out to other outdoor and environmental groups to identify barriers that were keeping people from the outdoors.

The most obvious were lack of transportation and specialized recreation equipment such as snowshoes or kayaks. But Moser said that one of the more surprising findings was that some people had uncomfortable experiences at parks.

"They didn't see people that look like them there, the signage was confusing and there wasn't programming that people wanted," she said. Hearing this, a colleague of color said: "We don't want to be invited to the table, we want to be in the kitchen, making the meal. We want to be sitting down with state parks and saying, 'This is the kind of park we want,'" according to Moser.

The report recommends that the state be more proactive in reaching out to underserved communities to engage them in decision-making processes. Approaches include working with churches, health care professionals and community groups such as Black Girls Hike Buffalo, which has organized snowshoeing and hike and treats during the pandemic.

The state already runs a first-time camper weekend in which families can borrow equipment and receive assistance from parks personnel who demonstrate how to pitch a tent and tend a campfire. Moser said she would like to see the program expanded with assistance from outdoor recreation companies to include other activities.

"If you got to Bear Mountain and you wanted to learn how to snowshoe, is there a way that you could borrow snowshoes?" she said. "All that outdoor gear is expensive. What can REI or L.L. Bean do?"

The report also recommends that underserved communities be included in discussions about the locations of new parks. Gov. Kathy Hochul, for example, has advocated the creation of a Rochester High Falls State Park in downtown Rochester, which would allow access to the Genesee River gorge.

The report highlights the need to increase communication with Indigenous communities. The DEC recently announced the creation of an Office of Indian Nation Affairs, and the report recommends that the state parks department do the same. Once established, these offices would bring Indigenous "knowledge keepers" into the land management process.

OSI and the state plan to continue surveying visitors and collecting data in 2023 to implement the recommendations. In the meantime, Moser said she hopes local organizations will be inspired by the findings and examples.

"It doesn't have to be New York State implementing this," she said. "It could be a county or a municipality that can implement this in their own park system."

The report is available at openspaceinstitute.org/research/openspacesforall.

SPORTS

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was twice named honorable mention All-Section and three times All-League. As a wrestler, he had 99 career wins and was named All-Section three times, division tournament champion twice and sectional champion in 2007.

Nelson Delanoy, who attended the Nelsonville School and Haldane High School, was one of the first coaches at the high school and also taught there for more than 30 years. He spent 17 seasons coaching the baseball team and led the team to

championships in 1943 and 1951.

Members of the 2007-08 girls' volleyball and basketball teams were recognized for winning state championships.

John "Jiggum" Merante (1969) competed in football, cross-country, basketball and baseball for the Blue Devils and went on to coach 79 sport seasons between 1976 and 2018. He served for 41 football seasons as the modified-team coach and varsity assistant and was the junior varsity girls' basketball coach for 31 years.

Lauren Etta (2013) was named to the girls' volleyball state championship all-

tournament team in each of her final three seasons as a Blue Devil. She went on to play for Tulane University.

BASKETBALL

Elijah Hughes, the Beacon native who was selected in 2020 in the second round of the NBA draft, signed a one-year contract on Oct. 14 with the Milwaukee Bucks, the third team of his career, and then was immediately waived so he can play for its G League affiliate, the Wisconsin Herd.

Hughes, who attended Beacon High School for his freshman and sophomore

years, transferred to Kennedy Catholic in Somers for his junior year and South Kent Prep in Connecticut as a senior. He played for East Carolina University before transferring to Syracuse, where he led the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring.

BASEBALL

Lenny Torres Jr., 22, the 2018 Beacon High School graduate who plays for the Lake County Captains in Ohio, the High-A minor league affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians, is pitching for the Peoria Javelinas in the Arizona Fall League.



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A complete copy of the Local Law is available for inspection upon request sent to townclerk@philipstown.com and is also available on the Town's Website, Philipstown.com.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
Tara K. Percacciolo, Town Clerk

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ACROSS

1. Summary

6. Barrel parts

12. Without exception

13. Salsa brand

14. Sweetheart

15. Try to rip open

16. Regarding

17. Chore

19. QB's stats

20. Scrooge's cries

22. Droop

24. Embassy VIP

27. Proboscis

29. AAA jobs

32. South Dakota monument

35. Comic strip possum

36. Curved lines

37. Decorate Easter eggs

38. Dhabi preceder

40. Comestibles

42. Flow out

44. Recipe meas.

46. Golden rule word

50. Ray of *Goodfellas*

52. Like some swimming pools

54. Attractive person

55. Veteran sailor

56. Order by classes

57. Doctrine

DOWN

1. Certain deer

2. Part of Q.E.D.

3. Ersatz chocolate

4. "The Greatest"

5. Overabundance

6. Lushes

7. Long journeys

8. — glance

9. "Impressive!"

10. "Zounds!"

11. Pre-college exams

12. RX overseer

18. Guarantees

21. Busy insect

23. \$ dispenser

24. Music booster

25. Cattle call

26. Objects of fear

28. Daydreamer

30. Like some humor

31. Observe

33. San Francisco's — Hill

34. FDR follower

39. Out-and-out

41. Egypt's neighbor

42. Jazzy Fitzgerald

43. Resumes

45. Homer's son

47. Protuberance

48. Horn sound

49. Assoc.

51. Ring decision

53. Born

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Answers for Oct. 14 Puzzles

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1. TREE, 2. FILTHIER, 3. BREAKOUT, 4. TOOLS, 5. BURDENS, 6. DASHI, 7. DIDDLEY

For interactive sudoku and crossword answers, see highlandscurrent.org/puzzles.

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 most weak (7)

2 rich, in slang (6)

3 giving way (8)

4 unimaginative (7)

5 endure (9)

6 scarlet-legged shorebird (8)

7 Prince's surname (6)

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BOYS' SOCCER

Haldane, which completed its season with a 7-2 victory over Croton-Harmon on Oct. 15 to finish 13-2, received the No. 1 seed in the Section I, Class C playoff tournament. On Oct. 30, the Blue Devils will face the winner of a game on Oct. 27 between No. 2 Hamilton and No. 3 Leffell for the sectional title.

Against Croton, Haldane got hat tricks from Ryan Eng-Wong (who increased his school record for career goals to 63) and Max Westphal. Eng-Wong also had three assists, while Clement Grossman had a goal and an assist and Ty Villella and Brandt Robbins each had an assist.

On Oct. 13 at North Salem, Robbins scored twice and Grossman and Luca van Dommele had goals in a 4-1 win. Eng-Wong, Westphal, Grossman and Sam Vargas each had an assist. The win clinched the conference title for the Blue Devils. Haldane was ranked the sixth-best Class C team in the state last week by the New York State Sportswriters Association, while Hamilton was No. 16.

Beacon closed out its regular season this week with two decisive wins, defeating Cornwall, 4-1, at home and Monticello, 3-0, on the road. With the victory, the Bulldogs clinched a seventh consecutive league title.

Against Monticello, Gavin LaDue and Andre Alzate each had two goals and



Andre Alzate pushes the ball upfield in Tuesday's win over Cornwall.

Photo by S. Pearlman



Haldane added this week to the members of its Athletic Hall of Fame.

Photo provided

keeper Adam Sendelbach had three saves. Against Cornwall, Enis Dika, Miguel Ruiz, Alzate and Thomas Robinson each scored and Matt Sandison had four saves in net.

Beacon (9-3-2) received the No. 2 seed in the Section IX, Class A tournament and was given a first-round bye. It will play at 2 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 25) at home against the winner of a game on Oct. 22 between No. 3 Goshen and No. 6 Saugerties.

Beacon won the sectional title last fall. The year before, it won a regional title while the school was still playing in Section I.

"The playoffs will be tough," said Coach Craig Seaman. "We've played two overtime games against Goshen. [The teams tied in one and Beacon won the other.] Some of our older guys have been part of the last two championships, so they have some experience. The key is to match our opponent's physicality and intensity, while staying calm and composed. And we want to avoid a slow start."

FOOTBALL

Haldane came out on top in a homecoming slugfest on Oct. 14 under the lights in Cold Spring, beating Blind Brook, 39-33, in overtime.

Blind Brook scored with 11 seconds left in regulation to tie it up. It could have won on the point-after but the kick was blocked by Haldane's Jake Thomas.

Blind Brook started with the ball in overtime, but the Blue Devils' defense held. Evan Giachinta scored on Haldane's second offensive play for the win.

Quarterback Ryan Van Tassel finished with a pair of touchdowns and 105 yards in the air plus 96 yards on the ground. Giachinta had 155 yards and a TD on 19 attempts, and Thomas had a receiving TD. Thomas Tucker and Dylan Rucker each had an interception, with Tucker returning his for a score.

"Giachinta and Van Tassel were both outstanding," said Coach Ryan McConville. "Jake Mason and Erik Stubblefield played

great, Thomas made some huge plays — it was a great atmosphere, and our guys made big play after big play. It was the first OT game we've had since 2012."

Haldane (4-2) will host Putnam Valley (2-4) at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 22) and travel to Croton-Harmon on Oct. 29.

Beacon lost at Monticello on Oct. 15, 34-14, to fall to 0-6. The Bulldogs will finish the regular season tonight (Oct. 21), hosting Lourdes (6-1) at 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS' SOCCER

Beacon picked up wins this week over Monticello and Cornwall to close out its regular season at 10-4-1. The Bulldogs received the No. 4 seed in the Section IX, Class A tournament and will host No. 5 Walkkill at 2 p.m. today (Oct. 21). The winner will travel to No. 1 Goshen on Monday.

Beacon defeated Monticello, 6-0, and

Cornwall, 3-1, to finish 7-3 in the league. At home against Monticello, Mikaela Sanchez had two goals and Abir Ahmed, Devyn Kelly, Noelle Haase and Reilly Landisi each had one. At Cornwall, Landisi had two goals and Haase had one, while Kelly assisted on all three scores.

Haldane lost at home to Croton-Harmon, 3-2, on Oct. 15 in double overtime to finish the regular season at 5-10. Both goals were scored by Finola Kiter. The Blue Devils received the No. 3 seed in the Section I, Class C tournament and will travel to No. 2 Leffell on Wednesday (Oct. 26). The winner will play at No. 1 Tuckahoe on Oct. 29.

VOLLEYBALL

Haldane (4-11) won at home over Croton-Harmon, 3-1, on Oct. 13 but lost at home to Putnam Valley, 3-1, on Wednesday (Oct. 19). The Blue Devils traveled to Pawling on Thursday to finish the regular season.

Beacon lost to Franklin Roosevelt, 3-1, but defeated Goshen, 3-0, to improve to 8-8. The Bulldogs travel to Monticello on Monday (Oct. 24) and Franklin Roosevelt on Tuesday to finish their regular season.

HALL OF FAME

The Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its 2022 class on Sunday (Oct. 16) at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison.

During his time at the high school, Phil Cotenec (1974) tied the 100-yard dash record at 10 seconds; received the bronze medal in the 100- and 200-yard dashes at the regional championships; and anchored the mile-relay team at the New York and the Penn Relays. He also was named first team All-County in basketball during his junior and senior years.

As a football player, Collin LeMon (2007)



KIDDING AROUND — At a homecoming pep rally at Haldane High School on Oct. 14, the seniors pretended to be preoccupied reading *The Current* and other newspapers while other classes passed by with grocery-cart "floats." Photo provided