Byrne Wants to Make Putnam ‘Constitutional County’
Also suggests two-thirds vote in Legislature on property-tax hikes
By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Choosing a theme from his campaign for Putnam County executive, Kevin Byrne on March 9 urged that Putnam become a “constitutional county.” Byrne, a Republican who took office in January, promoted the concept during his inaugural State of the County address.

The movement, popularized by the leader of a group called Defend Rural America, argues that any local or state laws “that are repugnant to the Constitution” should be considered “null and void.”

A handful of counties have adopted resolutions, including York in West Virginia, Brown in Texas, Lyon in Nevada and Cattaraugus in western New York. A few also have rejected the idea, including Mesa in

Electric vehicles represent small, but growing, share
By Leonard Sparks

Martha Upton, Philipstown’s climate-smart coordinator, was excited when Tesla introduced its first electric car, but the cost proved too high. So, when Kia released its lower-priced Kona EV in 2018, Upton and her husband, Peter Davis, decided to “take the plunge” on a 2019 model. They plunged again last year, when Davis decided to add a second electric car instead of keeping his hybrid.

Owners Get Charge from EVs
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Energy Collective to Relaunch, Without Beacon

Lawsuit ongoing with previous electric supplier
By Jeff Simms

Eight months after its energy supplier defaulted on a contract, the company that administered a program through which Highlands municipalities bought clean electricity for residents at a fixed price is relaunching the project — but without Beacon.

More than 23,000 households and businesses in 10 municipalities, including Beacon, Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown, benefited from fixed rates as members of what is known as community choice aggregation (CCA) — a program that buys energy “in bulk,” which often allows it to secure better rates.

Members of the CCA, known as Hudson Valley Community Power, had been receiving electricity generated from renewable sources for 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for households and 7.1 cents for businesses.

When compared to Central Hudson’s variable rate, members of the collective saved more than $7 million and avoided 25,560 metric tons of greenhouse-gas emissions in the first year of the program, according to Joule Community Power, the company that administered the CCA.

That was until last summer, when Columbia Utilities backed out of a three-year agreement to supply electricity to the CCA. Columbia’s withdrawal meant that residents and businesses who didn’t earlier opt out of the program were transferred back to Central Hudson, where the price for electricity fluctuated from less than 5 cents per kilowatt-hour in June to 17 cents per kilowatt-hour in October.

Joule expects to restart the program, again called Hudson Valley Community Power, by June, CEO Jessica Stromback

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By Leonard Sparks

Daniel Potts, who lives in Garrison, is a professor at New York University's Institute for the Study of the Ancient World. He will discuss his expeditions in Iran at the Desmond-Fish Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday (March 19).

What sparked your interest in archaeology in Iran?

I got exposed in my freshman year at Harvard. Originally, my interest was pretty specific: the archaeology of eastern Iran in the third millennium B.C., during the Bronze Age. But the more I learned, the more I found all periods fascinating. I also felt that, within the field of ancient Near Eastern studies, Iran was on the margin compared to, let's say, Egypt and Mesopotamia. I had the chance to go to Iran the following year and have been there about a dozen times. I have always found it fascinating — amazing landscapes and amazing people.

Why do you think Iran has been on the margins?

Because of the Persian wars with the Greeks, there's been this longstanding European prejudice against the ancient side of Iran at the expense of the classical Greek and, later, Roman, world. There are a lot of stereotypes in Herodotus' description of the Persians and King Xerxes is presented as effete and effeminate and as a big loser because the Persians lost their two wars.

Where was your first trip?

There was a Harvard excavation at Tepe Yahya, way out in the southeastern part of the country in a remote area where we lived in a tiny hamlet — just mud-brick houses, no electricity, no running water, no paved road. It wasn't always comfortable, but you got the feeling while you were there that this was an immense culture. We found written tablets that date to about 3100 B.C.

What other sites have you visited?

From 2003 to 2010, while I was teaching in Australia through the University of Sydney, I excavated three sites about two hours west of Shiraz, which is not far from Persepolis. One site, Jinjun, is from the Persian Empire, from the fifth or sixth century B.C., and had monumental architecture and columns like Persepolis. When the Persian Empire was at its height, and couriers, the king and the armies were moving, they would go along this route. There are sites that were clearly meant for the royals to be able to stay at where the architecture is palatial.

Why excavate this ancient history?

It's important that modern humans understand their history. We have been preceded by a lot of intelligent people who have figured out all kinds of things — how to deal with water shortages, how to erect buildings that don't fall in an earthquake. I don't think you need to be ethnically related to a specific population for it to be important to learn about and appreciate.
Byrne (from Page 1)

Arizona, Bremer in Wisconsin and Yates in New York.

At a public hearing in Yates County last year, nearly all attendees who commented opposed the move, according to a local news report. “If you want to be a separatist, just say it,” said one resident. In September, the Yates Legislature dropped the idea.

In outlining his ideas in Carmel, Byrne claimed that Putnam’s Constitutional County effort “will not be some fringe label or attempt to undermine state or federal laws.” He added that “we cannot simply wash away and ignore federal or state laws we dislike.”

However, he said, by becoming a Constitutional County, “we will make a meaningful statement to stand up publicly as one county supporting our existing United States Constitution.”

A day after his speech, Byrne sent the county Legislature a draft resolution that states that, “while Putnam County cannot unilaterally nullify federal or state laws it opposes, it will and does oppose,” within the limits of the U.S. Constitution and state civil rights law. “Any efforts to unconstitutio-

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“Make no mistake, our county received tremendous economic and environmental net benefits when Indian Point was operational,” Byrne said. But now, “after the state essentially forced its closure, our federal representatives must step in and thwart a new environmental threat. And we are a Hudson River county.” He requested “that our federal partners assist in pursuing a better alternative.”

Dutchess State of the County

Executive Decries “Madness” of Climate Law

In his State of the County address on March 8, Dutchess County Executive William X.F. O’Neil suggested residents to ask God to intervene to spare the state from the “madness” of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

O’Neil, a Republican, is filling the last year of term of Marc Molinaro, who was elected in November to a seat in Congress. O’Neil, who was the deputy county executive, has said he will not run for the position.

He called Dutchess “an island in an unsettled sea,” accusing state leaders of being “more concerned with ideology than public service,” citing the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

The climate-change legislation requires New York state to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030 and 85 percent or more by 2050, from their 1990 levels.

O’Neil said those goals are unrealistic and will drive away business.
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Fjord Trail

Thanks for covering the growth of opposition to the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail in our community (“Grassroots Group Wants Shorter Fjord Trail,” March 10). I joined the Protect the Highlands campaign because the boardwalk will disfigure a landscape that generations of nature-lovers have known better than to try to improve, and because the attraction will turn the village of Cold Spring into a hub for an influx of traffic. The planners lie when they say they know how to handle it.

But my biggest concern is the opaque political process. I have two friends who have signed on to the plans but privately express horror at them. “Blow it up,” one of them whispered to me at the dog-and-pony show the Fjord Trail organized at Dutchess Manor in December. I also am concerned about the influence of wealthy donors. The family foundation of Chris Davis, the visionary behind this project who has done much to preserve forested areas in Philipstown, has given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Scenic Hudson, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Riverkeeper, organizations that came into being to oppose adorning the river with concrete and chain-link necklaces but today are on board with doing just that. Cold Spring deserves a transparent and robust discussion of these issues.

Phil Weiss, Philipstown

Hudson Highlands State Park has an overuse problem; it spills over into Cold Spring with consequent overcrowding and transportation and parking problems. Wouldn’t it be nice if the state parks department and towns could seek professional advice from some of the most experienced crowd-control and parking and small-city planning consultants in the world to see how best to balance business and visitors? Might some of those consultants recommend solutions to these already-existing problems? Might there be some ideas about infrastructure needs? About parking solutions? About transportation strategies? (These problems are not unique to Hudson River towns; other towns, parks and places have gotten very good at managing crowds of visitors.) And wouldn’t it be nice if the cost of those best-in-their-field consultants didn’t have to be paid by Philipstown?

Well, through the forward-thinking and extraordinary generosity of a number of individuals, environmental groups and government agencies, these invaluable studies and recommendations are made available to us. Seems to me that’s a pretty good deal.

The Fjord Trail has been conceived from the outset as a mechanism to help cope with the overcrowding; it is controlled by the 21 agencies and organizations and municipalities that make up its steering committee. Their best interests are front and center. If what they build turns out to help manage crowds, and happens to be so attractive and practical that it attracts more people than are already overwhelming the existing facilities, we can expect that their congestion-mitigation strategies will also handle the bigger crowds far better than we’re able to handle the existing crowds.

I heartily support the project as contributing to the livability, the prosperity and the pleasure of living in our wonderful communities.

Fred Osborn III, Garrison

The Fjord Trail began as a great idea. Back when the plan was to create what could accurately be described as a trail, I was all for it. But as the years have passed and the trail has ballooned into something else, I’ve become less enthusiastic and more skeptical.

What’s now proposed is out of scale with the surrounding community and, it seems to me, will exacerbate the overcrowding problem it claims to solve. The Fjord Trail website describes the project as “regionally transforming.” I game for change, but that seems a bit much.

Ned Rauch, Garrison

The Fjord Trail is going to be a fantastic way to unite two beautiful places and make riding and hiking much safer. We need young people to see the beauty in the natural environment so they will want to fight for it. As an argument, “protecting the environment” by opposing the trail is 100 percent smoke.

Matthew Robinson, via Instagram

As a person older than 80, I was shocked by former Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy’s comment that, unlike “the energetic people who want to climb the mountains, the Fjord Trail will attract a whole new group, people who want to walk on a flat, less-strenuous surface.” Oh yes, the grannies with canes and the young parents dragging toddlers will form a human wave, overwhelming the fit young athletes who alone deserve to enjoy the Hudson Highlands State Park.

What part of “state park” do people not understand? The taxpayers of New York state support our parks and a generation of legal rulings have established the right of the physically challenged to enjoy them. I joined the Protect the Highlands group, people who want to walk on a flat, less-strenuous surface.”
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The projected plan for the Fjord Trail, if it starts in the village, will encourage people to arrive by train, if for nothing else than to enjoy the beautiful river views along the route. Many people may want to enjoy the restaurants and shops of Cold Spring after they hike. My husband and I did, years ago, when we were the dreaded foreigners from the Big City. And hopefully, the crucial purpose of keeping hikers and bikers off a narrow and dangerous road will be accomplished.

Fran Hodes, Cold Spring

Of course there’s a small group insisting on exclusionary revisions. I wonder how they stand on the privatization of the Indian Brook waterfall in Philipstown that locals couldn’t enjoy (because the town removed parking). Or the public-safety nightmare of Route 9D between Beacon and Cold Spring. Beacon shouldn’t have to take all the weight on this.

Lesly Canossi, via Instagram

It’s an insane approach to visitor management — instead of building infrastructure to handle the existing crowds or finding ways to limit the crowds, let’s create a waterfront attraction to bring yet more crowds. While we’re at it, let’s have it start at the end of a dead-end street that terminates at Dockside.

Realistically, no one out of town is going to pay $10 to $20 to park in a lot on Route 9D and take a shuttle bus when they can park on village streets or for free at the Metro-North lot, right next to their destination.

Peter Henderson, Cold Spring

What a way to express that implicit Cold Spring privilege. The Highlands describes itself as a “diverse” coalition, which makes me wonder how diverse it could be, knowing the demographics of Cold Spring.

Donald Arrant Jr., via Instagram

During the hiking season, hundreds of visitors trek from the train station up Fair Street on their way to the trails, splitting onto Spring Brook Condominium property despite signs marking it private. Drivers routinely try to park in our lots, despite ever-larger warning signs, frequently displaying the attitude when told they can’t park there.

The Fjord Trail plan will solve both of these problems by routing the foot traffic through Dockside. It also provides additional parking and restrooms. Our Fair Street neighbors will be as concerned as we are to learn that the Protect the Highlands plan would have the Fjord Trail begin and end at Breakneck, putting all that visitor traffic from the train station right back on Fair Street. It’s a really dumb idea.

Robert Plante, Cold Spring

Plante is president of the Spring Brook Condominium Association.

It would be helpful if the Fjord Trail and state parks department were present and did a short presentation on their plan, the timeline and how the plan will be implemented, in a fully transparent way. They can take questions and listen to the general public.

Whether you are pro, against, or wanting to learn more, this is important. Most of the meetings to date have been orchestrated. Let’s hit the reset button. There’s a lot in this expansion plan being proposed.

Joe Curto, Cold Spring

I’ve tried to have a debate with the people who oppose the connection to Cold Spring. They don’t want to debate. They want to spread fear and false information and get everyone in the trail afraid. If Cold Spring opts out of this, it’s going to be worse because they’ll still have to deal with the crowds and have zero say in the matter.

Opponents like to think this park is going to be the Hudson Valley version of Coney Island. I can’t wait until the Fjord Trail puts in a Ferris wheel.

Pedro Rivera, via Facebook

Where are they planning to have people park if it starts in Cold Spring? There’s only one road to the train station parking lot and it’s crazy busy trying to get through the village to reach it on weekends.

Rose Nicholas, via Instagram

The Dockside Park trailhead entry point will be accessible by train, foot, bike and shuttle. Because of the limited parking in Cold Spring, folks arriving by car will be encouraged to park in one of four planned parking areas along the trail and use the shuttle to the trailhead or ferry on the Fjord Trail shuttle to reach the village.

The shuttle system will allow all visitors the convenience to access any trailhead along the route. The shuttles are planned to be electric vehicles and even have bike racks.

MJ Martin, via Instagram

Martin is director of development and community engagement for the Fjord Trail.

Dutchess Mall

While there is nothing Philipstown can do to stop construction of a warehouse with 78 loading docks on its border with Fishkill, there is plenty Philipstown can do to minimize the warehouses’ impact on the Route 9 corridor within the Philipstown border (”Dutchess Mall Plan Approved,” March 30). However, this won’t happen unless we take the initiative.

Specifically, there are procedures under which municipalities can appeal to the state Department of Transportation to establish what are called traffic-calming systems. Other municipalities have done so successfully. Among other things, the DOT must take into account the town’s master plan, safety concerns and the views of community members, local businesses and first responders.

Pulling together a successful appeal to the DOT will require that we all come together and contribute to the initiative.

With a 78-dock warehouse coming to our backyard, there is no time to waste.

Diana Hird, Philipstown

After so many years of stalled projects, the Town of Fishkill should be ashamed of itself for approving this. It’s completely useless to the community.

Anthony Lise, via Instagram

Fishkill is so desperate with development. Such a beautiful, historic place has been overrun with gas stations and strip malls. But they are going to have a bike rack!

Matthew Robinson, via Instagram

There are myriad innovative, environmentally conscious and creative ways to transform this parcel: affordable housing with an independent, business-oriented main street a la the “15-minute-village concept” (in which living, working, commerce, health care, education and entertainment are all within a 15-minute bike or walk) accessible green space for children of all abilities; and/or a community-led botanic gardens such as the excellent Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay.

Instead, we get a climate-controlled space set to increase truck traffic and likely employ people under exploitative conditions.

Robbie Rubino-Vigar, via Instagram

COVID numbers

I noticed that, for the first time in years, the COVID-19-by-the-Numbers update is not appearing each week in the paper.

First, thank you for keeping our communities informed about the impact of the pandemic in our backyard. Dropping the weekly update reflects that Philipstown and Beacon are in a better place now than even six weeks ago, with Putnam and Dutchess counties each having low transmission levels, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

But the CDC also recommends staying up to date on COVID-19 vaccines, including booster doses and, in that sense, we have a quiet crisis in Philipstown and Beacon: Less than 30 percent of the Philipstown population is up to date and in Beacon it’s less than 20 percent. To make matters worse, in the most vulnerable age group, those older than 55, less than 40 percent are up to date in Putnam and Dutchess counties. This means that more than 75 percent of Philipstown and Beacon residents are vulnerable to getting and spreading the virus.

Get boosted! Boosters prevent hospitalization and death. We can keep COVID-19 in check. Boosters are free until May 11, and then will be covered by most insurance. Also boosters are convenient at Drug World in Cold Spring and pharmacies in Beacon. See vaccine.gov.

Alan Brownstein, Cold Spring

Editor’s note: We are now publishing the update in the last issue of each month but updating the numbers weekly online.

Wood chips

After reading Pamela Doan’s Roots and Shoots column in the March 3 issue, can she suggest which wood chips to use to get rid of grass, and those to avoid?

Shelley Gilbert, via Instagram

Pamela Doan responds: “I recommend talking to an arborist or tree company and getting a load of chipped wood that is straight from the source without dyes or other treatments. Many local companies will sell wood chips or even do a drop-off for free. I would avoid using anything sold as mulch; it’s usually bark, treated or dyed, and won’t decompose well and add nutrients to the soil.”

Housing plan

A good portion of the people who live here now cannot afford to because of rising costs for everything (“Officials Bristle at Plan to Boost Housing,” March 3). How will more housing help the families and people who live here now? Will it not increase the costs for everyone and make it more unaffordable when more municipal services will be needed?

We have zoning laws that have been worked on for years by local people. How can politicians in Albany subvert that?

Tony Bardes, Philipstown

2023 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

Each year The Current compiles a list of scholarships available to students who live in Beacon and Philipstown. Each listing includes who qualifies to apply, the amount of the award and the application deadline.

The 2023 version of the guide has been posted at highlandscurrent.org/scholarships.

Don’t delay: Many applications are due April 1.
Electric Cars  
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His choice: a Ford Mustang Mach-E, with a range of about 300 miles and 400 horsepower. “I’m not used to a car with so much power,” said Davis. “It has this thing called ‘unbridled mode,’ which I’m afraid to try.” Also unbridled is the enthusiasm Davis, Upton and other Highlands residents have for their electric vehicles. While the technology is still evolving and prices continue to exceed the budgets of many drivers, EVs are expected to play a growing role in reducing the carbon emissions fueling climate change.

In September, Gov. Kathy Hochul directed the Department of Environmental Conservation to draft regulations requiring that by 2035 all new passenger cars, pickups, and SUVs sold in the state produce zero emissions. The state has also set a goal of having 850,000 zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025.

Right now, the owners of electric vehicles represent a small but growing share of the state’s drivers. New York state had 136,587 electric vehicles on the road as of February, according to a dashboard of EV owners, which compiles data created for the state by Atlas Public Policy, an analytics and research firm.

Although EV owners represented just 5 percent of new vehicle registrations in 2022, registrations of fully electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles last year reached 53,000 — 24 percent higher than in 2021 and more than double the 2020 figure — bringing the state’s total to 190,561, according to the EV dashboard.

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For these early adopters, choices are driven by desire to reduce their use of fossil fuels and save money. The costs of their purchases have been eased by a federal tax credit and state rebate.

Brett Daigle of Philipstown estimated spending $500 to $600 a month for his daily commute to New York City before buying a Tesla Model 3 in early 2021 to replace a Subaru Crosstrek. He and his wife have a rule: Whoever has the longest drive uses the Tesla.

“If you ask me, with a gun to my head, how much gas is, I have no idea,” he said. “And that feels great.”

Daigle’s Model 3 tops the list of EV models on the road in New York, according to the state’s data. Behind it are Tesla’s Model Y, Toyota’s Prius Prime and RAV4 Prime, and Tesla’s Models S and X.

Nelsonville resident Sean Malahy and his wife tried to buy an F-150 Lightning all-electric pickup when Ford introduced it in April, but buyers quickly snapped up the initial allotment. They joined a waitlist for the 2023 model, finally ordering the truck in August and receiving it in December.

“We were in the market for a new vehicle and it feels like EVs were far enough along that it wasn’t a poor choice to make,” he said. Jared Hamburger, a Beacon resident, just bought a 2023 Chevrolet Bolt that he uses to pare expenses as a part-time driver for Uber. Peter Callaway of Cold Spring said his Subaru Crosstrek. He and his wife bought a 2023 Chevrolet Bolt that he uses to pare expenses as a part-time driver for Uber. Peter Callaway of Cold Spring said his Subaru Crosstrek.

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Source: Atlas Public Policy

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Beacon School Board Member Resigns

Seat will be added to May ballot with budget

By Jeff Simms

Anthony Tseng, serving his third term as a member of the Beacon school board following his re-election in 2022, announced his resignation on March 6.

Tseng, who is an assistant chief with the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, said in a letter to his colleagues that he has an opportunity to enroll in a course that will advance his emergency medical technician knowledge and skills. The course runs into July and will conflict with school board meetings and responsibilities.

In 2016, Tseng was one of three newcomers, along with Meredith Heuer, who is now the board president, and Michael Rutkoske, who were elected to the nine-member school board during a time of upheaval in the district.

Tseng said in his letter that he had decided to resign rather than request a four-month leave of absence. “The work to improve our district and for our children is definitely a long game that may never be done when the goal is continual growth and progress,” he wrote. “The district is in a much better place than when I joined the board, but it is only because we have done it together.”

Tseng would not have been up for re-election until 2025, but his seat will now be added to the May 16 ballot, when district voters will be asked to approve the budget and elect board members. The seats held by Kristan Flynn, Anthony White and Craig Wolf will also be on the ballot.

Candidates have until April 26 to submit nominating petitions; the district said on Wednesday (March 15) that it had not received any, although Flynn and White said they intend to run again. Wolf said he is undecided.

Candidate filings

Six Democrats in Beacon notified the Dutchess Board of Elections this week that they plan to run for office this year.

Pam Wetherbee, a former Ward 3 representative on the City Council, filed to run for council again, but with no ward designated. Paloma Wake, a current at-large council member, also filed to run again with no ward designated.

Energy (from Page 2)

said on Tuesday (March 14). This time, the collective will purchase clean energy on behalf of 33 municipalities, including Philipstown, Cold Spring, Nelsonville and 10 others in the Hudson Valley.

The program will work the same as in the past, with residents and business owners automatically enrolled. Customers’ electricity will continue to be distributed through Central Hudson, which will also handle billing.

Letters will be sent in May to residents, giving them the opportunity to opt out.

That framework contributed to Beacon’s decision not to join the relaunched program. City Administrator Chris White said he received many complaints from residents upset that the city had joined the CCA on their behalf.

In addition, after being approached by Joule at the end of 2022, White said city officials were unsure whether the company would be able to find a fixed-rate supplier who could beat Central Hudson’s variable rate, given the global instability. “It’s hard to bet on anything right now,” he said.

Beacon hopes to soon explore a “community-distributed generation” model, which is awaiting approval from the state Public Service Commission, White said.

That model would allow residents to “subscribe” to locally generated renewable energy, such as electricity produced by a solar farm. Subscribers would receive credits from Central Hudson in the form of a discount on their bill.

Joule says it plans to be more cautious when it relaunches Hudson Valley Community Power. Stromback said that its criteria for electricity providers has become stricter to keep what happened last year from happening again.

“We have significantly increased the requirements around who we accept bids from,” Stromback said. The stress-test for a new electric supplier “is whether they can handle a wartime situation,” she said, referring to Russia’s invasion last year of Ukraine, which caused global energy prices to soar.

Joule, along with Beacon and seven other municipalities, sued Columbia Utilities in June in state court in Ulster County. It alleged that, by defaulting on the agreement, Columbia “irratably” damaged the CCA program (Hudson Valley Community Power was the second one created in the state) and New York’s climate goals, and also damaged the credibility of municipal officials who had joined the collective on behalf of their constituents.

“This was not easy,” the lawsuit notes. “These [participating] communities are largely skeptical of state programs related to energy, fearing the bureaucratic problems that they tend to bring, as well as the potential effects on the cost of energy.”

Joule is asking the court to prohibit Columbia from transferring its assets to third parties, and for monetary damages to compensate customers for losses that arose from the breach of the agreement.

New EV Prices

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Electric Cars (from Page 6)

to create as part of its settlement with the U.S. over the company’s emissions scandal.

“We have our favorite places to go where there are plenty of chargers, and we always meet a lot of other EV drivers there,” said Upton. “It’s a lot of fun actually, to stop and charge.”

According to New York’s EV dashboard, the state has 7,854 Level 2 chargers, which can take four to 10 hours to refresh a battery. There are 18 in Beacon’s ZIP code and four in Philipstown. Many EV owners also install Level 2s at home because they are faster than regular outlets and cars can be recharged overnight.

New York also has a network of 1,194 fast chargers, which are more ideal for long trips because they are capable of recharging a battery up to 80 percent within 20 minutes. But most of the state’s fast chargers are part of the robust network owned by Tesla and require buyers to own a Tesla to charge their vehicles.

The company owns the nearest fast charger to Beacon and Philipstown, at the Hudson Valley Towne Center off Route 9 in Fishkill. (Tesla announced in February that it would open part of its network to non-Tesla drivers.)

“They’re everywhere on every major highway, certainly in New York state and throughout the Northeast,” said Garrett, who has driven his Tesla as far as Killing- ton, Vermont.

New York already had existing programs to encourage businesses and municipalities to install chargers, but Hochul in September announced federal approval of its plan to use $175 million over five years from the Infrastructure and Jobs Act of 2021 to deploy more fast chargers along major interstates, including I-84 between Port Jervis (near the Pennsylvania line) and Connecticut.

Along with more chargers, the prices of EVs are expected to fall and the variety of available models and average driving range grow. Garrett says the idea of owning an EV can be intimidating because it requires adapting to new ways of fueling and requires planning for long road trips.

It becomes “a lot less scary” with experience, said Garrett, who sometimes revisits the past when using the 2016 Honda CRV his family still owns.

“Going from the Tesla back to this 2016 model — not ancient, but not new — it’s like I’m going back in time 100 years,” he said.

Dan Aymar-Blair, the current Ward 4 representative, and Wren Longno, the Ward 3 council member, both filed to run for re-election.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou, a longtime council member who was elected to his first term as mayor in 2019, filed for re-election.

Molly Rhodes, who represents Ward 1, filed to run for the District 18 seat in the Dutchess County Legislature held by Nick Page, also a Democrat and Beacon resident.

In Putnam County, Maggie Ploener, a Demo- crat and resident of Putnam Valley, announced her candidacy this week for the District 2 seat in the Putnam Legislature held by William Gouldman, a Republican.

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Craig House Estate Nominated as Historic Place

If approved, site would qualify for rehab tax credits

By Jeff Simms

New York’s Board for Historic Preservation on March 9 said it is recommending that 13 properties, including the Tioronda Estate in Beacon, be added to the state and national registers of historic places.

A listing on the registers can make site owners eligible for preservation programs and services, such as state grants and federal tax credits. The Tioronda Estate was nominated by its owner, Mirbeau Inn & Spa Beacon.

If the site is added to both registries, the federal government would give credits covering 20 percent of the cost of rehabilitating the property and the state would provide matching grants for 20 percent or 30 percent of qualifying rehab spending, up to $5 million.

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After a site is approved for the state Register of Historic Places, the nomination is submitted to the National Park Service for the national register. The process typically takes 45 to 60 days, according to the state parks department.

Mirbeau received Planning Board approval in December for the first phase of its plans to redevelop the 64-acre site with a luxury spa and hotel, among other amenities. The project is expected to cost $54 million for the first phase; Mirbeau, which purchased the property a year ago for $10 million, is also applying to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency for a 15-year payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, or PILOT, agreement.

The core of the property is the 14,000-square-foot mansion that was built in 1850 for Gen. Joseph Howland and his wife, who later donated the estate for the care of the mentally ill. It includes a Gothic Revival main house with Colonial Revival and English Cottage additions and outbuildings. The buildings were designed by architects Frederick Clarke Withers and Richard Morris Hunt, while the landscape design was the work of horticulturist Henry Winthrop Sargent, a protégé and patron of Andrew Jackson Downing.

Part of the property was purchased by two doctors who in 1915 opened a psychiatric hospital specializing in addiction treatment, calling it Craig House. Zelda Fitzgerald, Frances Seymour (the wife of Henry Fonda and mother of Peter and Jane Fonda) and Rosemary Kennedy (the elder sister of President John F. Kennedy) were all patients at the facility.

The hospital relied on individualized treatment in natural settings, but, by the 1950s, medicinal treatment of mental health began to render facilities such as the Craig House obsolete. The site has been vacant since the psychiatric hospital closed in 1999.

New York State leads the nation in the use of historic tax credits, with $4.5 billion in rehabilitation costs from 2017 to 2021. Since 2011, the state tax credit program has stimulated over $12 billion in project expenditures, which, according to a federal report, generated 69,769 jobs and more than $1.3 billion in local, state and federal taxes between 2017 and 2021.

There are more than 120,000 historic properties throughout New York listed on the National Register of Historic Places, individually or as components of historic districts.

Community Nursery School and Learning Center

Seeking Candidates for Director

The Community Nursery School and Learning Center, operating out of the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown, Cold Spring, NY, is seeking candidates for the Director position beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. CNS has enjoyed a 54 year-long legacy of commitment to Cold Spring and neighboring towns, offering a morning program 5 days a week during the school year for children ages 3 to 5 years old. With the help of an advisory committee, the Director will foster a learning and caring environment that will continue to meet the preschool needs of local families. The school serves approximately 25 children each school year. Job qualifications include (in accordance with New York State licensed daycare requirements):

- A Bachelor’s degree, including or in addition to 12 credits in Early Childhood, Child Development, or a related field
- One year of full-time teaching experience in a childcare center, family or group family daycare or other early childhood program
- One year of experience supervising staff in a childcare program or a related field of work

The successful candidate will be expected to ensure that CNS is operating in accordance with NY State Daycare Regulations including mandates relating to fire safety, health department requirements, child-to-teacher ratios, etc. The Director will also be responsible to teach in one of the classrooms, supervise 3 teaching assistants, and be dedicated to supporting the long-held mission of the school: teaching kindness, respect, and empathy while preparing students academically for kindergarten. Interested parties are asked to send a resume and cover letter to presbyterian@gmail.com.

HIGHLANDS CHAPEL

Home of the Highlands Choral Society

MARCH 12
Elizabeth Cody Kimmel, Author “The Destination of Community”

MARCH 19
Rev. William Weisenbach
Communion Service

MARCH 26
Bryan Dunlap, Historian “Dean Swift and Father Hopkins”

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HighlandsChapel.org
MEETING OF THE MINDS — The Current staff held its weekly editorial meeting at Beacon High School on Monday (March 13) under the watchful eyes of students from the after-school newspaper club. They were later joined by students from the school’s newly created journalism class for a Q&A.

Photo provided

TOMPKINS CONCERT — Dennis Lichtman (mandolin, clarinet, fiddle, acoustic guitar, vocals) and Jerron Paxton (acoustic guitar, banjo, fiddle, harmonica, vocals) performed at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley on March 10. Some of their music is inspired by ragtime and blues of the 1920s. The duo met 10 years ago at a tiny Brooklyn restaurant, Café Moto.

Photo by Ross Corsair

PINEWOOD DERBY — This year’s winners for the annual race held by Philipstown Cub Scout Pack 137 were, from left, Ben Swenson (second), Theo Rauch (first) and Wyatt deSousa (third). More than 40 cars from five dens competed.

Photo provided

THE MAYOR SHARES A STORY — Mayor Kathleen Foley of Cold Spring read children’s books at the Butterfield Library on March 7 to mark Women’s History Month. Other readers scheduled for the weekly series are Lillian Moser, vice president of the Cold Spring Fire Co., and Tara Flagler, a business owner and exercise physiologist.

Photo by Ross Corsair

ST. PADDY’S — Main Street in Beacon was the site of the annual Parade of Green on March 11 for St. Patrick’s Day. More photos on highlandscurrent.org.

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Thank You To Our Members

Your support for The Current is a strong statement of the value you place on being informed. It is gratifying to have so many believe in our mission to be a trusted and nonpartisan source of information on topics of importance to our Hudson Highlands communities.

That is a mission The Current embraces when our local reporters set out each week to cover the consequential meetings, events and people and, and many of you have been recognized with numerous awards – and the designation of The Current last April as “Newspaper of the Year” by the New York Press Association.

It is part of our mission, too, to provide a vital forum for the wide-ranging views in our community, and the many letters from you as our members and our readers serve to keep us all informed as we aim to reflect the diverse interests, concerns and experiences of all around us.

We succeeded in our campaign last year to reach a goal of 1,000 members by the year’s end, and we thank all who signed on in support of our nonprofit effort, as well as those who are now renewing their memberships that expired at the start of the year.

We are gratified, too, by the encouraging words many of you add when you sign up as members. The Current aims always, in fact, to live up to the bidding passed along by new Beacon member Dan Doniger in November:

“I’m supporting local journalism of high quality. Be courageous and true.”

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A part of an effort to expand its children’s programming, the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring on March 25 will present two performances of Peter and the Wolf, the 1936 composition by Sergei Prokofiev that is also familiar to many grown-ups.

“Many adults have memories of Peter and the Wolf because it’s the first piece of music that makes us aware of the connection between music and storytelling and emotion,” says Bekah Tighe, the president of Chapel Restoration. “It’s amazing to learn that instruments, along with musicians, can tell their own stories.”

Based on a Russian folk tale, Peter and the Wolf tells the story of Peter, a boy in the countryside who encounters a duck (identified with an oboe), a cat (clarinet), his grandfather (bassoon), the wolf (horns) and a bird (flute), among others. A narrator guides the proceedings.

The composition was designed not just to delight but to introduce children to classical music in an engaging way, by learning to recognize the sound of each instrument.

Rachel Evans, the musical director for the performances, recalled a piano student of hers “who wanted to go over it for a year. She loved to act it out. The fact that the animals all embody all these qualities that go way beyond themselves made such an impression.”

Most people are familiar with truncated versions, which inspired Evans to add a violin and viola, which she will play. “It was fascinating looking at the score, seeing how Prokofiev brought out all these characters,” she says. “It’s so colorful — percussion by itself uses five or six instruments.”

Evans brought her idea for a performance to Barbara DeSilva, the Chapel’s artistic director. The result was a multimedia collaboration, with the score adapted for wind quintet, violin, viola and percussion. Along with Rachel Evans, the musicians are Joel Evans, Chris Hughes, Marie Kenote, Elizabeth Romano, Matt Smith and Will Stevens.

The narrator, Lisa Sabin, has a personal connection with the piece. Her father, Ruben Gurevich, is an orchestra conductor. He reminded his daughter that he had conducted Peter many times for schoolchildren in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and other Canadian cities, and that he often took her along.

“It seems as though my love and enchantment for Peter and the Wolf started early and was reinforced periodically,” Sabin says. “I do remember the surprising moment when I first was able to conjure an animal in my mind just by hearing an instrument play its theme.”

It was no small ambition bringing in seven musicians and a narrator. But wait — there’s more! Each performance will include instrument demonstrations and, in what’s been dubbed a “musical petting zoo,” children will be invited to touch the instruments, supervised by each musician, following the concert. That means moving the valves on the horns, pushing keys and discovering what it takes to play a clarinet or oboe.

The performance will be accompanied by a crankie, a form of storytelling that originated in late 18th-century Europe. An illustrated scroll, lit from behind, is wound between two spools, unfurled at the pace of a story or music.

The crankie will be a collaboration between Lauren Wallis Hall, a Chapel board member who designed and drew the scroll, and Colin Wright, who is constructing the viewing box. They also will create shadow puppets. Both are members of the Permaculture Arts Collective, which Hall describes as “a queer-run, loosely knit group of local artists and makers focusing on nature-inspired creative projects.”

Hall finds many aspects of crankie storytelling appealing. “First, it’s so analog, which we hope will be inspiring for the children — perhaps they’ll want to make their own simple crankie out of a shoebox,” she says. “We are also attracted to the inherent slow pace. It’s a form that invites imaginative interpretation and plays with the perception of time. Colin and I are both parents of young children and we are excited to introduce kids to this old form of storytelling.”

The performance concludes with a parade, hopefully the first of many, according to Tighe.

“We hope to make Peter and the Wolf an annual concert and a tradition for the children of Philipstown and beyond,” she says. “It is expensive to produce, with seven musicians and a narrator, so we are working on raising money for this and future children’s programming. We want to make sure what we provide is outstanding.”

The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St., in Cold Spring. Parking is free on weekends at the Metro-North train station. Tickets are $25 ($5 for children) at bit.ly/peter-wolf. The rain date is March 26.
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMMUNITY

SUN 19
Clearwater Gala
GARRISON
9 – 11 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St. | compassarts.org
Learn how to prevent an overdose by administering naloxone at this training led by the desmondfishlibrary.org

THURS 23
Narcan Workshop
GARRISON
6:30 p.m. Desmondfish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3200
Learn how to prevent an opioid overdose by administering naloxone at this training led by the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub and Putnam Prevention Council. Registration required.

THURS 23
Twilight Timberdoodling at Twilight
WAPPINGERS FALLS
7:15 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org
Take a guided walk through the fields to search for the American woodcock and perhaps observe its aerial courtship dance. Registration required. For ages 7 and older. The rain date is SUN 19. Registration online. Cost: $5

PARSLEY
6:30 p.m. MJN Center | 14 Civic Center Plaza
Learn how to prevent an opioid overdose by administering naloxone at this training led by the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub and Putnam Prevention Council. Registration required.

SAT 25
Spring Egg Hunt
CROTON-ON-HUDSON
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
Join a guided birdwatching walk and learn how to record species sightings through the eBird app. Donation requested.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 18
Children’s Concert
GARRISON
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
Join a guided birdwatching walk and learn how to record species sightings through the eBird app. Donation requested.

New York Times Book Review
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
SUN 26
Maple Sugar Tours
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506
Visitors can choose a sugar-bush tour at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. that includes a moderate 1-mile hike, or the shorter maple-lane tour at noon or 3 p.m. Also SUN 19. Cost: $12 ($10 members, free ages 4 and younger)

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 18
Lohengrin
POUGHKEEPSIE
3 p.m. Bardavon
35 Market St. | bardavon.org
Watch a livestream of the Metropolitan’s staging of the Wagner opera starring tenor Piotr Beczala and sopranos Tamara Wilson and Christine Goerke. Cost: $29 ($27 members, $32 ages 12 and younger)

SAT 19
Ring Masters Championships
POUGHKEEPSIE
5 p.m. MJN Center | 14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonsoniccenter.org
The amateur event, presented by the Floyd Patterson Boxing Club, is open to boxers ages 8 and older. Cost: $35.75

SUN 19
Ancient Iran with Daniel Potts
GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmondfish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3200
desmondfishlibrary.org
Potts, a professor who specializes in ancient Near East history, will discuss his experiences on expeditions and excavations in Iran. See Page 2. Registration required.

TUES 23
Busting Barriers
BEACON
5:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St.
bit.ly/women-busting-barriers
Financial adviser Lena Rükkalahu will host this panel discussion about women in business with Allison Cimino of RockLove Jewelry, Kathleen Bennett of Floor 13 Textiles, Kelly Lyndaard of Unshattered and voice actor Grace Angela Henry. Registration required. Free

WED 22
Managing Your Passwords
GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmondfish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3200
desmondfishlibrary.org
Learn how to keep your online information safe. Registration required.

FRI 24
Dance Party
BEACON
7 – 11 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St. | compassarts.org
D’Vick The Bruiser will spin for this Compass Arts fundraiser. Cost: $20

SAT 25
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CROTON-ON-HUDSON
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putnamcountyny.com/health
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SAT 18
Oklahoma!
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive
haldaneschool.org

The Rodgers and Hammerstein musical about a love story on a farm set at the start of the 20th century will be staged by Haldane Drama. Also SUN 19. Cost: $25 ($8 students, seniors)

SAT 18
The Artichoke
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-913-1757
howlandculturalcenter.org

Edith Gonzalez, Lena Rizkallah, Steve Whyte, Adam Sellist and Richard Cardillo will be the featured storytellers this month. Cost: $20

THURS 23
Leading With Activism
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. Arts Mid-Hudson
696 Dutchess Tappanze, Suite F
artsmidhudson.org

The interview series, which focuses on people who combine art and activism, will kick off with Poet Gold being interviewed by Harrison Brison-McKinnon.

FRI 24
The Janes
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
9 Vassar St. | 845-739-0039
philipstowndepottheatre.org

10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
Just Jim Dale
Cost: $25 ($5 children)
See Page 11.

FRI 24
Oaoie Scott
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Heron Valley
PUTNAM VALLEY
4 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The Irish folk singer and songwriter will perform music from her release, Homebird. Cost: $20

FRI 24
Al Stewart and the Empty Pockets
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m.
Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The classical/rock violinist will recreate Irradiance, a show she staged at an Egyptian pyramid, with local musicians and performers from her mentorship program. Cost: $25 to $50

SAT 18
Flash Company
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The trio will play originals and traditional Irish and Celtic music. Cost: $35 ($20 door)

SAT 18
Srambovian
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Josiah Longo, Tink Lloyd and Sharker McEvlen will play songs from their latest release, A Very Unusual Head, as well as fan favorites. Cost: $30 ($35 door)

SAT 18
Herion Valley
PUTNAM VALLEY
4 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The five-piece group will perform Celtic music. Cost: $20

SUN 19
Sung Company
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The multi-instrumentalist Sharp will collaborate with McKenzie, a percussionist and composer. Presented by Elysium Furnace Works. Cost: $20 ($30 door)

SAT 25
Elliott Sharp & Donald Sturge
Mckenzie II
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Cunneen-Hacketts Arts Center
9 Vassar St. | sharpdon.bpt.me

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

The Irish folk singer and songwriter will perform music from her release, Homebird. Cost: $20

SAT 18
Luminosity
NEWBURGH
4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College
330 Powell Ave. | 845-913-7157
newburg sympathy.org

The Greater Newbury Symphony Orchestra will perform a program at Aquinas Hall exploring color and music that includes work by Michael Torke, Thea Musgrave, Anna Clyne and Arthur Bliss. Cost: $35 to $50 ($25 seniors, students free)

SAT 18
Kristina Koller
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservawinebar.com

The jazz-centric vocalist will perform.

SAT 25
Peter and the Wolf
COLD SPRING
1 & 3 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The Prokofiev symphony shares the well-known fairy tale using various instruments to represent each character. Each performance will include an “instrument petting zoo.” See Page 11. Cost: $20 ($5 children)

SAT 25
Just Jim Dale
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

In this one-man show, the voice behind the Harry Potter audiobooks will talk about his life and career. Cost: $20

FRI 24
Amado & Mariam
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The Malian duo will perform their Afro-pop hits. Cost: $39

FRI 24
Buffalo Stack
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Andy Stack, a singer and guitarist, will perform with his band, playing Americana-style music. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

VISUAL ARTS
SAT 18
Material Dispersions
PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

As part of the ongoing Arte Povera Lecture Series, curator Marin Sullivan will discuss sculpture and photography in Italy in the 1960s and ‘70s. Cost: $30 ($5 local residents, students and seniors)

FRI 24
Una Notte
PHILIPSTOWN
6 – 9 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

This after-hours event will include art, film, food and drinks. Cost: $10

SAT 25
The Eyes of History
BEACON
1 – 4 p.m. Beacon Historical Society
61 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org

The exhibit will focus on Harry Van Tine, a photographer from Poughkeepsie who co-founded the White House News Photographers Association. Through May 6.

SAT 25
High School Mentor Exhibition
GARRISON
1 – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

See work created by local students through the School Invitational. Theme Exhibition art mentorship program. Through April 2.

SUN 26
Ireland On Location
PUTNAM VALLEY
4 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Paintings and sketches by Jacqueline O’Malley-Satz will be on view through April 16.

CIVIC
MON 20
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconcny.org

MON 20
Village Board
NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilletv.gov

TUES 21
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Auditorium | 15 Craigside Drive
845-265-9294 | haldaneschool.org

WED 22
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

MON 20
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900 | beacon12.org
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Cold Spring prepared a dinner on March 11 to raise funds for veteran services and the Philipstown Food Pantry. The meals included spaghetti with tomato sauce, meatballs and/or sausage, salad, bread, Parmesan cheese, beverages and cake or brownies. The young waiter (upper left) was Cooper Corless, who took orders and served practically every diner (lower right). At one point, the hall was so full that the auxiliary quickly set up another table. Several first responders, who were on call, ordered take-out (right).

Photos by Ross Corsair
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150 Years Ago (March 1873)

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After West Point cadets reported that a team, sleigh and two men had wandered from the stalled track between the wharf and Constitution Island and broken through the ice near the Sunken Rocks, six Cold Spring men carried boards and planks to the scene. The only damage was to the harness, which had to be cut to extricate the animals.

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Time to Plant the Peas?

By Pamela Doan

It has taken a lot of resolve to keep from meddling with my gardens and landscape during this mild winter. Today, as the daffodil shoots and crocus are covered in 2 feet of snow, I’m reminded that winter can still act wintry even when the first day of spring is moments away and the last frost date is two months away.

The daffodils should still bloom after this snow melts but other plants might not make it. A lack of snow cover and warmer-than-usual temperatures aren’t enough to compensate for the harsh conditions that could overcome new growth and ruin all your efforts.

Gardening in a warmer and warming climate is complicated and riskier in many ways. While research shows that phenology, the science of life-cycle changes in plants, has been shifting with earlier bud break, bloom times and other changes, an extended growing season hasn’t yet manifested without the possibility of weather-related losses. The milder winter we have just experienced is predicted to become more normal, triggering growth but making plants more vulnerable to damage or destruction when a cold snap hits.

Farmers will struggle the most. Those of us with home gardens might feel bad, but our livelihoods aren’t at stake when an early May frost kills the buds on our fruit trees or ruins the hardy greens. It’s more challenging to protect trees and shrubs from damage, and current strategies — such as using helicopters or wind machines to raise surface air temperature in an orchard to prevent frost damage — are expensive and designed for large-scale use. Most of us don’t have access to landscape heaters.

I see a lot of statements on social media and on gardening sites about planting peas, and on gardening sites about planting peas, one of the earliest vegetables we can sow in this area, on the first day of spring. That, however, might not be the best time. Peas don’t care about what day it is. The seeds need soil temperature to be in the right range to germinate.

My organic Mega Snap Pea packet from Fedco Seeds states they can be planted “as soon as ground can be worked.” That could mean a lot of things, depending on how much work you want to do to make a ¾-inch deep row. Digging deeper, pun intended, I can find that the minimum soil temperature for these seeds is 40 degrees but the optimum temperature is 50 to 75 degrees.

A regional analysis for soil temperatures I found online seemed reasonably accurate and showed 5- and 10-year averages, too. For the past month, soil temperatures fluctuated widely, with early February showing 48 degrees and late February in the low 30s. A microclimate, influenced by site conditions like proximity to water, slope, altitude and soil type, will also determine the soil temperature in your yard or landscape.

Invest in a soil thermometer if you’re ready to plant now. One that is about 5 inches long will give good results because you want to know how warm the topsoil is (the first 3 to 4 inches). Leave it in the soil for 5 to 10 minutes or follow the directions that come with it. Since I live in a moody microclimate and don’t have time to redo planting, I’ll test my soil for a week or two before deciding to plant, and adjust for fluctuations.

Row covers, made of a fabric that allows in light, water and air but excludes insects, will warm soil faster and offer protection from shifting weather patterns like a mini-greenhouse. These can be found at most landscape centers. They can be braced near soil level or raised with hoops. If you fasten a cover over hoops, u-shaped metal or PVC poles staked into the ground, it can accommodate plant growth and remain in place well into the growing season. (Row covers are also known as hoop houses.)

Be sure to avoid frying your plants when temperatures rise, though, and monitor the heat level. Another consideration is to make sure insects have access to pollinator-dependent vegetables, like squash, tomatoes and eggplant, or you won’t get any produce.

Remove row covers when flowers bloom.

With a little observation, measurement and attention to detail, we can improve our chances of gardening success in this out-of-whack climate. I feel optimistic as of this writing, but might feel less so once this snow melts and I can assess the damage to my woody plants. The witch-hazel, dogwood and winterberry are slowly emerging after being blanketed by heavy, wet snow and bent to the ground. Hopefully, just some pruning will be necessary.
Beacon High School Honor Roll

Students recognized for second-quarter grades

Grade 12
Principal's List

High Honor Roll

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Grade 11
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Grade 10
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Honor Roll

Grade 9
Principal’s List

High Honor Roll

Honor Roll
Macy Alencastro, Vincent Bergerson III, Samuel Callan, Lola Ciccone, Alistair Cunningham, Gabriel Godbee, Tyler Horton, Milo Isbell, Vincent Joao Jr, Carter Just, Griffin Kitzrow, Macey Koerner, Kiran Kumar, Isabella Lee, Tania Lindsay, Irene Loza Argudo, Aril Mceek, Adrien Okoye, Amaya Paulin, Jonathan Richards, Katrina Skorewicz, Desiree Smith, Aiden Speicker, Alex Trauma, Joana Trentacosta, Matthew Tumidaj, Juan Tuttasi Jr.

BOCES CTI

High Honor Roll
Christopher Iriozzari, Zakary Krachy, Amerie Madigan, Cameron O’Dell, Emani Paulin, Joseph Spiconardi Jr. Noeley Young

Haldane Middle School Honor Roll

Students recognized for second-quarter grades

Grade 8
Principal’s List
Frances Donahue, Tess Hereford, Nico- las LeMon, Gemma Sabin, Plum Severs, Lincoln Wayland

High Honor Roll
Nadine Alayan, Alexa Faith Arcigal, Hazel Berkley, Polina Buslovich, Marco DiLello, Lela L. Gurvich-Androws, Antoi- nette Guy, Margaret Hall, Luigi Hartford, Talia Hird, Benjamin M. Hut, Christine Junjulas, Una Lentz, Griffin Lucci, Maise Matthews, Jacqueline L. McCormick, Oliver Sanders, Delia Starr

Honor Roll

Grade 7
Principal’s List
Jordan Nicole Armond, Henry Bailey, Emma Cavanaugh, Samuel Chew, Aral- issant Coronel, Gelio A. Duarte, Frederica Geppner, Leina Graham, Owen Guillorn, Silvia Hardman, Chloe Hasler, Sierra Hasler, Jupiter Hutchison, Clark Illian, Max K. Hupper, Kirra McCoy, Leo O’Neil, Sam Poses, Luciano Ruggerito, Audrey Silver- stiel, Aisting Stathos, Taunya Syan, Sophia Taylor, Scout L. Thakur deBeer

High Honor Roll

Honor Roll
Eli Beato, Petra Brooks-Saladgya, Jack Conrey, Gavin D. Drury, Cassidy Dwyer, Martina Kulam, Maria McFadden, Vivian Azevedo McKenney, Joshua Philips, Matthew Robishon, Mark Scanga, August Skupitnis

Grade 6
Principal’s List
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John Lovell (1951-2023)

John Prescott Lovell, 71, died March 4 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Oregon, after suffering a stroke on Feb. 28. His wife, Kim Pfautz, and family members were by his side in his final days.

John was born April 1, 1951, in Cold Spring, the third of Laura and Jim Lovell’s four boys. He grew up in Garrison, where he met his future wife and enjoyed hiking in the Hudson Valley and learning carpentry in his father’s construction company. He attended Highland Falls High School, where he was a varsity swimmer, and graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University with a degree in political science.

After college, he lived in Christiansted, St. Croix, working in the hospitality business and honing his interest in journalism. He then settled in San Francisco, where he became a tour director, learning and narrating local history, and joined WQED, the public television station. He and Kim met again in San Francisco, the third of Laura and Jim Lovell’s four boys. He grew up in Garrison, where he stayed in close touch with his brothers and family members were by his side in his final days.

John’s keen interest in architecture, the natural environment and local lore led him into the real-estate business, working for Windermere for more than a decade. John was a well-known raconteur, who enjoyed learning all he could about where he lived and traveled. Although devoted to the Hood River region, he stayed in close touch with his brothers and their families, and his wife’s family, and made regular trips to Vermont, Boston, Cold Spring and Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Along with his wife of 41 years, John is survived by his brothers, Christopher Lovell (Ellen) and Peter Lovell; his sister-in-law, Nancy Montgomery; his sisters-in-law, Leanne Pfautz (Barry Peoples) and Annette Pfautz (Larry Hopper); and his brother-in-law, Wally Pfautz (Karina Bauer). He is also survived by his nephews, Evan (Kristi), Finn, Jack and Hudson, and his niece, Brooke. His parents and his brother, James Gere Lovell, died before him.

A family service is being planned. Memorial donations may be made to Hood River Adopt-a-Dog (hoodriveradoptadog.org), THRIVE Hood River (thrivehoodriver.org), or Friends of the Columbia River Gorge (gorgefriends.org).

Kitty Stager (1932-2023)

Catherine A. “Kitty” Stager, 90, a 28-year resident of Beacon and formerly of Paterson, New Jersey, died March 5 at home.

She was born Dec. 21, 1932, in Paterson, the daughter of Eugene and Natalie Tarisiano. In 1955 she married Donald Stager at St. Philip’s Church in Clifton, New Jersey. He died in 1973. Kitty worked for Chemway Corp in Fairfield, New Jersey, for 30 years until her retirement in 1980. She was a parishioner of St. Joachim–St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon and a member of the Third Order Secular Franciscans at St. Lawrence Priory in Beacon. She was the treasurer of the Mount Beacon Incline Railway Restoration Society and volunteered at St. Andrew’s St. Luke’s Food Bank every Friday morning. For many years Kitty ran bus trips to Atlantic City.

She is survived by her daughters, Judith Smith (Howard) and Donna Brennan (Robert); her grandchildren, Cara Noel Smith, Alison Mancuso (Vincent), Leann Mack (Michael) and Ryan Brennan; and her great-grandchildren, Gianna, Benjamin, Francesca, Trevor, Julianne and Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held March 11 at St. John the Evangelist, followed by interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org).

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**Puzzles**

**CROSS CURRENT**

**ACROSS**
1. Release money
5. Officer
8. Wife of Zeus
12. Born Free lioness
13. Billboards
14. Elliptical
15. Region of northern Italy
17. Breathing (Abbr.)
18. Start a round
19. Aviary noises
21. Irish actor Stephen
22. Visibility hindrance
23. Aced tennis shot
26. Like some humor
28. Avoids work
31. Gumbo or bisque, e.g.
33. Work unit
35. Minn. neighbor
36. Writer Lessing
38. Pouch
40. “Rah!”
41. Metric measure
43. — Alamos
45. Big lizard
47. Of the lower back
51. Gasp for air
52. Show hosted by Alex Trebek
54. Shoppe description
55. “Alley —”

**DOWN**
1. Karate level
2. Skin soother
3. “Woe —!”
4. Hard work
5. Commuter’s cash-on-hand
6. Quirky
7. Intimidate, with “out”
8. Where earth meets sky
9. Battery brand
10. Grate
11. Swiss peaks
12. Born Free lioness
13. Not many
14. Actor Holbrook
15. “Acid”
16. Tic-tac-toe win
17. French red wine
18. Decade parts (Abbr.)
19. Air safety org.
20. Actor Holbrook
21. Irish actor Stephen
22. Visibility hindrance
23. “Acid”
24. Tic-tac-toe win
25. French red wine
26. Like some humor
27. Start a round
28. Avoids work
29. Work unit
30. Minn. neighbor
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53. Irish actor Stephen
54. Not many
55. “Woe —!”
56. Karate level
57. Irish actor Stephen
58. Writer Lessing
59. Metric measure

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Answers for March 10 Puzzles

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1. DENIM, 2. CARACAS, 3. PANTED, 4. GOOFIEST, 5. SKINFLINT, 6. CORDUROY, 7. EXPRESSED

**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. stadium roofs, often (5)
2. covered with dirt (6)
3. grossest, to a toddler (7)
4. big college football games (5)
5. scrapes (9)
6. landlocked Asian country (10)
7. Richard Feynman, for one (9)

**SOLUTIONS**

DOM ONS IE CRU BOW
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JI AN ABR ST DDY
LS SIC ES ST ASI

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Haldane Reaches Final Four

Boys’ basketball team faces Canton today

By Skip Pearlman

The dream got more real for the Haldane High boys’ basketball team on March 10, as the Blue Devils took a two-hour ride to face Long Island champion Pierson and sent the Whalers home, 57-53, earning a trip to the Class C state Final Four.

Haldane (20-4) is scheduled to face Section X champ Canton (19-6) at 9:30 a.m. today (March 17) at the Cool Insuring Arena in Glens Falls. The winner will play for the state title at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday (March 18), with both games broadcast on the NFHS Network (nfhsnetwork.com).

Haldane, which is ranked No. 4 among Class C teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association (Canton is No. 7), has reached the Final Four three times — in 2001, 2015 and 2016 — but advanced to the title game just once, in 2016.

“We’re going to enjoy every minute of this,” said Coach Joe Virgadamo. “It will be our fourth time there, and it’s a great feeling. These are memories the guys will have forever; that’s what it’s all about.”

In the regional final, played at Eastport South Manor High School in Manorville, Haldane faced a team with a front line that included 6-8 freshman Kyle Seltzer, 6-6 junior Charlie McLean and 6-4 junior Luke Seltzer. Nevertheless, the Blue Devils jumped to an 8-3 lead on a Matt Nachamkin layup halfway through the first quarter, and never trailed.

In a game of runs, Haldane led 13-10 after one quarter, 30-24 at halftime and 44-41 at the end of three.

After Pierson tied the game at 24-24 with an 11-4 run with 2:44 left in the first half, the Blue Devils responded with a 19-9 run of their own to go up 10 (43-33) with 2:37 left in the third on a Nate Stickle bucket.

An 8-1 Pierson run got it back to three (44-41) and the Whalers tied the game again (51-51) with 2:40 remaining.

But Pierson (15-9) had no answers for Matteo Cervone and Nachamkin, whose bucket with 2:30 left broke the tie. Nachamkin then forced a turnover that resulted in Cervone going to the free-throw line, where he hit one of two.

That put the Blue Devils up 54-51 with 1:44 remaining. Pierson got as close as 54-53 with 35 seconds left but Cervone and Nachamkin combined for three free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Cervone’s 26-point effort led Haldane.

“Matteo has been waiting four years for this game,” Virgadamo said. “He wasn’t going home — he took his teammates and put us on his back. He’s a beast. He and Nachamkin have developed quite a relationship, and it’s only getting better.”

Indoor Track

Henry Reinke of Beacon High School broke the school record in the 400 meters at the New Balance National Indoor Championships in Boston this past weekend, finishing in 50.15 to secure 20th place in an 82-man field. His time broke a mark set in 2010 by Alex Shapiro.

Teammate Damani DeLoatch finished third in the triple jump among a field of 26 “rising stars” with a score of 44-08. Coach Jim Henry said three of DeLoatch’s four jumps were personal bests.