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STAYING LOOSE — An umpire stretches between innings at the North Highlands field during a sectional Little League game on July 13 between Fishkill-Philipstown and Saugerties. The “Fishtown” team advanced, 12-3. See Page 20. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

The Ocean at the Gates

*Concerns about Hudson as
feds consider storm barriers*

By Brian PJ Cronin

A five-mile stretch of open water between Sandy Hook in New Jersey and Breezy Point in Queens is all that separates New York Harbor and the Hudson River from the Atlantic Ocean.

Now, in response to extreme storms such as Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is examining what would happen if that stretch was walled off.

A five-mile barrier that would close to prevent flooding was one of six alternatives — including doing nothing — that the agency proposed as part of its New York/New Jersey Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study. Of the others, four involve floodgates and levees placed in the harbor, on the Hudson or on tributaries, while the other consists of shoreline measures that don't block the flow of water.

The proposals were presented to the public in three meetings, one of which took place in Poughkeepsie on July 11. The Army Corp is soliciting public comment to winnow the field to two plans, which would then be studied to determine environmental impact, cost, benefits and feasibility. A final report would be scheduled for 2021 and presented to Congress the



The Hudson

following year to request funding.

“We’re not proposing anything now,” said Bryce Wisemiller, a project manager for the Army Corp. “We’re only studying things. It’s going to take a long time. It’s a very involved process, and there’s going to be many steps through which the public and municipalities will be able to give us their comments and input.”

Daria Mazey, who is the project biologist for the Army Corp, added that the initial study and hearings are “about figuring out what are the right questions we need to be asking,” and how to find the answers. “We’re looking to local communities and stakeholders as keepers of valuable local knowledge that you have because you live in this community. This is our opportunity to ask, what do we need to look at? What are we missing? What are the information sources that are out there that might help us as we move forward in our analysis?”

Nevertheless, the study has already drawn concern from environmental groups for both the impact a barrier could have on the ecological health of the Hudson River and *(Continued on Page 18)*

Seven Candidates Want Skartados’ Assembly Seat

*Five Democrats hope to
succeed late legislator*

By Jeff Simms

Seven candidates, including a member of the Beacon City Council, have filed to run for the seat in the state Assembly held by Frank Skartados, who died in April. His seat represents the 104th District, which includes Beacon and Newburgh.

A primary election on Sept. 13 will narrow the field of five Democrats and two Republicans. Skartados had held the seat since 2012 in the solidly Democratic district (in 2016 he won 81 percent of the vote) and would have been up for re-election for his fourth consecutive two-year term, and

fifth overall. He died on April 15 at age 62 of pancreatic cancer.

The victor in the Nov. 6 general election will be sworn in almost immediately after the results are confirmed, said Christopher Whitson, Skartados’ former community outreach coordinator, who is manning the district office in Newburgh. Usually the winner is sworn in on Jan. 1.

Whitson said the district office is only addressing constituent concerns until the election. It can be reached at 845-562-0888.

The Current will provide more information about the candidates and their positions closer to the election, but below are brief introductions to each.

Ralph Coates, a former Poughkeepsie alderman and school *(To Page 6)*

Garrison School Board Passes Climate-Change Resolution

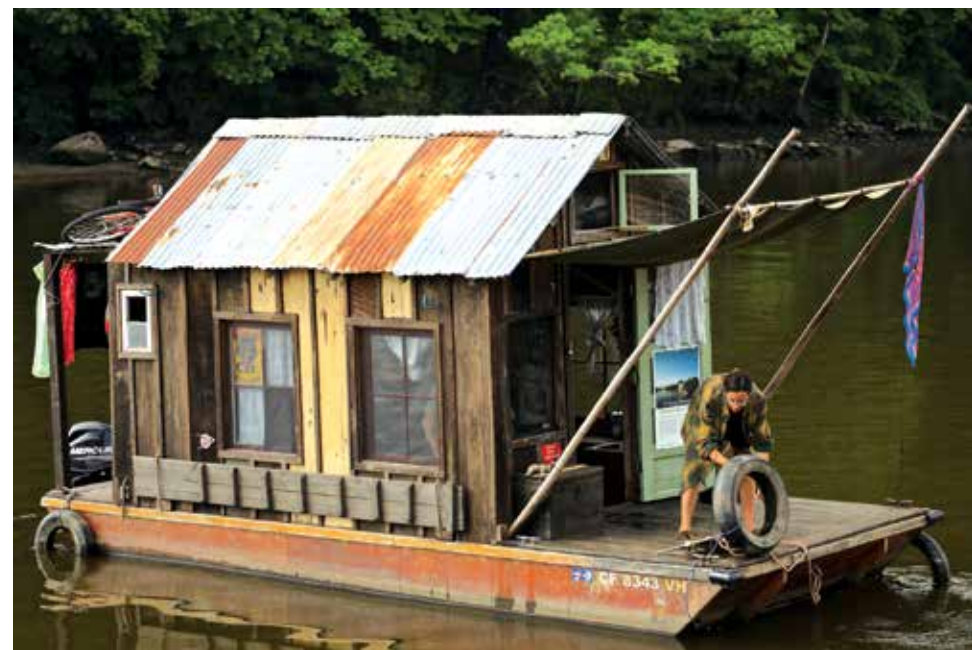
*After debate, calls on elected
officials to take action*

By Chip Rowe

Following 25 minutes of debate at an earlier meeting about whether school boards should take stands on political issues — and whether global

warming qualifies — the Garrison Board of Education on July 11 unanimously approved a resolution calling on elected officials to “implement concrete steps to mitigate climate change.”

Krystal Ford, a Garrison parent, lobbied the board to adopt the resolution as part of a nascent national initiative organized by Schools for Climate Action. Its website *(Continued on Page 5)*



LIVING ON THE RIVER — Lauren Benz prepares an outrigger for the shanty boat that she and Wes Modes are sailing down the Hudson as part of a project called “A Secret History of the American River People.” They passed the Highlands on July 19. See Page 13. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

Five Questions: WESLEY MANN

By Alison Rooney

Wesley Mann has performed in 13 seasons of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. This summer he portrays the Earl of Northumberland in *Richard II* and the manservant Pierre in *The Heart of Robin Hood*.

What are the challenges of performing under a tent?

The space demands more of you. You have to navigate the tent masts, which means it's important to move, because some seats have an obstructed view, and you want to be seen. The space demands that you separate yourself from the other actors to maintain sightlines, and that you speak louder. Plus, we're upstaged by the beauty. The first time I saw the view, I was gobsmacked. I always like to be here when members of the Conservatory Company first arrive because they can't believe what they're seeing.

Your Wikipedia entry says you have "a long-suffering, vaguely glib demeanor." Would you agree?

Well, let's look up *glib* [silently reads definition]. Hmm. I don't think I'm "insincere or thoughtless." Every moment onstage is specific and well-rehearsed. I don't know who writes these Wikipedia things. I like what one reviewer called me: "goofily wily" and "delightfully weird." I was going to get a T-shirt made, with one on the front and one on the back.

What are your favorite Highlands haunts?

I grew up in northern California and live in Los Angeles, but I've always loved this community. Cathryn Fadde at Cathryn's Tuscan Grill has been great to us and for us. My watering hole used to be Whistling Willie's, with the old owner. I love Riverview, too. During the 10 years I was here consistently I'd see businesses open and would wonder if they'd be there the next summer.



Wesley Mann in *The Heart of Robin Hood*

HVSF

Do you get recognized more in L.A. or Cold Spring?

In L.A., I get recognized because of my TV work. People usually say, "I know you, but I don't know your name." Here, they know my name — they call out to me — it just happened, in a music shop in Beacon. It's sweet. I love talking to people about their HVSF history, what plays they've seen.

What are you doing in the fall?

It looks like I'll be doing *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* in Pasadena. I have never done Stoppard. It begins in early September, right when we end here, so I'll be getting in my little convertible and zooming out of town.



VISION FROM THE DARKNESS — The most foreboding character in the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's production of *The Heart of Robin Hood* is the Green Man, portrayed by Colleen Litchfield. For a behind-the-scenes video by *The Current's* Mark Westin on how the puppet was created and functions, see highlandscurrent.com/green-man.

HVSF

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your summer comfort food?



"Fresh cod on the grill and a glass of chilled white Greek wine."

~ Christine Zouzas, Philipstown



"Crab cakes and a sparkling rosé on the Newburgh waterfront."

~ Chris Barczynski, Beacon



"Ginger beer with gluten-free toast and cashew cream-cheese butter spread."

~Hannah Schmollinger, Beacon

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Homeland Sues Nelsonville Over Cell-Tower Denial

Two lawsuits now in federal court, the other against Philipstown

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Homeland Towers and its partner, Verizon, have sued the Village of Nelsonville, alleging its zoning board made an “arbitrary and capricious” decision to deny its application to build a cell tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

The companies asked a federal judge in White Plains to compel Nelsonville to issue the permit and pay its legal costs and financial damages.

Homeland Towers’ attorney Robert Gaudio filed the 62-page complaint in federal court a month after the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3 to 2 vote to deny a special-use permit for the tower.

In February, Homeland and Verizon sued the Town of Philipstown after its ZBA denied a permit to build a separate tower on Vineyard Road, off Route 9, about 1.3 miles from the proposed Nelsonville site. Both legal actions are pending in the U.S. District Court for Southern New York.

Nelsonville Mayor Bill O’Neill, who announced the Homeland lawsuit during the July 16 meeting of the Village Board, said he had no comment on the allegations. But he said that “the more I read [in

the complaint], the more confident I feel about our position.”

The ZBA’s May 30 vote followed 10 months of scrutiny of the proposed 110-foot tower, which Homeland and Verizon say is needed to fill gaps in wireless coverage but which many residents fiercely opposed as intrusive and unnecessary.

“The more I read [in the complaint], the more confident I feel about our position.”

Homeland Towers wanted to construct the Nelsonville tower, disguised as a fir tree, on a 9.5-acre wooded lot near Rockledge Road on a steep hillside. The firm, headquartered in Danbury, contracted to buy the property and AT&T, along with Verizon, planned to install equipment on the tower. The complaint said it was also expected to accommodate emergency services and two more unnamed carriers.

In voting no, the Nelsonville ZBA majority concluded that the structure was not compatible with the surroundings; that there was no significant gap in wireless capabilities, or a need for a tower; and that, under the zoning code, a cell tower would be inappropriate at the Rockledge Road site.

Homeland’s complaint, dated June 29, accuses the ZBA of providing “vague and convoluted justifications” and using



A sign posted on May 30 before the ZBA voted to deny an application to build a cell tower

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

“incorrect and irrelevant legal criteria” to veto the tower. It also claims the decision was “not supported by substantial evidence,” constituted “a prohibition on personal wireless services” and violated federal telecommunications law.

Further, it alleged that the denial made the property it had purchased for the

tower “valueless and undevelopable,” and thus was “an unconstitutional or otherwise unlawful ‘taking’ of Homeland’s property without just compensation.”

The complaint cites suspicions that O’Neill and other community leaders and residents collaborated to pressure the ZBA to reject the project. Further, without elaborating, it alleges the Village Board, ZBA and Planning Board “conducted unnoticed and secret executive secessions [sessions] to deliberate and discuss the application, in violation of the law.”

Homeland representatives say in the lawsuit that in February 2016 they spoke with O’Neill, who then chaired the Planning Board, about locating a tower in Nelsonville. Immediately afterward, the complaint continues, O’Neill “prejudiced the process” by purportedly informing the Village Board and declaring “that he would do everything he could to oppose the facility, including going door-to-door to organize opposition.” O’Neill was elected mayor in 2017.

In addition, the companies protested fees charged by the village — \$850 for the application, \$500 for title reports and \$19,500 in escrow. It called the charges “unfair, unreasonable, unnecessary, discriminatory and an illegal backdoor ‘tax’” and asked for a refund with interest.

According to the court calendar, the village must answer the complaint by Monday, July 23.

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Edgewater

I have said it before and will restate it now: Edgewater is out of scale and out of touch with the fabric of the Beacon community ("Edgewater Gets Approvals, Again," July 13).

The Beacon Planning Board had a chance to lessen the blow and stem the tide of the onslaught of development that threatens both the environment and the quality of life in Beacon. By allowing developer Rodney Weber to keep all seven buildings at the same size as the original proposal despite a change in the zoning law has accomplished nothing but to sugarcoat this bitter pill.

To sign and attest to a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) document that states the development will have no adverse impacts on the environment or municipal resources is a falsehood. How does this huge, precedent-setting strain on the city add to the quality of life in Beacon, and who is benefiting? When considering a proposed development, a municipality needs to negotiate on behalf of its residents to achieve a balance between what is good for the community while still tolerable for the developer.

That was possible. I am saddened to say it did not happen. Long after Mr. Weber and his partners have moved on with their profits, Beacon will be dealing with the impact of Edgewater.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*
Shea is the Philipstown supervisor.

Sigh — another developer stuffing more people on less land. It's not good for the town, the environment or residents, nor will it be good for those who move into the little cubbyholes. If you need cheaper housing, God invented Newburgh.

Chris Ungaro, *Beacon*

Get ready for more traffic congestion and higher taxes.

David Eberle, *Beacon*



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Current Wins Four More State Awards



Remember when? Ross Corsair won best news photo from the NYNPA for this shot in Cold Spring from March 2017.

The Highlands Current won four Awards for Excellence from the New York News Publishers Association on July 18 for work published in 2017.

The nonprofit weekly won the Community Service Award among newspapers with circulations of less than 10,000 for its series, *Fighting Back: The Opioid Crisis*, published in September and October.

Ross Corsair won best news photo among small papers for his shot of a woman braving a March snowstorm on Main Street in Cold Spring. He also won best online gallery for a series taken at Twin Forts Day at Fort Montgomery.

Managing Editor Chip Rowe won the headline-writing competition with "\$4.2 Million? Dam!," for a story about dam repairs at the Cold Spring reservoir.

The Current this year also won 13 awards from the New York Press Association and six from the National Newspaper Association.



NYNPA* Winner: 4 Awards for Excellence
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Senior softball

The fact that Dan Dillon continues to play softball in his 70s is inspiring ("5 Questions: Dan Dillon," July 13). In 1979 I was the first manager for the Etta's Eagles

men's team. We did not have a big budget for uniforms, so we bought white T-shirts and used black electrical tape for numbers. Danny and Tommy Dillon were always competitive and most players had great respect for both. Danny was the Derek Jeter of men's softball! He never had a big head. Keep playing, Danny.

Tom Nastasi, *Cold Spring*

Letters to the Editor

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Garrison School Board Passes Climate Resolution (from Page 1)

lists 22 boards that have passed resolutions since December, but 21 are located in California; the other is in Colorado. Garrison will be the first district on the list from the East Coast, she said. There are more than 13,000 districts in the U.S.

Ford had a passionate ally in Trustee David Gelber, a former *60 Minutes* producer who co-created *Years of Living Dangerously*, a documentary series that examines the global effects of climate change.

The initial draft of the resolution, presented June 11, was met with some skepticism by board President Ray O'Rourke and Trustee Derek DuBois, who suggested, as an example, that the board could discuss concrete steps to add the issue to the curriculum. "I'm all for the spirit, but I'm a little unclear on what we are trying to achieve," DuBois said.

Gelber and Trustee James Hoch countered that the issue was important enough to put on the record through passage of the resolution.

As adopted, the resolution emphasizes the district's location in the Highlands, "the birthplace of the modern environmental movement" — a suggestion from Trustee Jill Lake — and that the board "cares deeply about the quality of the environment today and for future generations." (To read the full text, see [highlandscurrent.com](#).)

Besides calling on politicians to address

global warming, the board said the district would make it a priority to consider climate change in its own "greenhouse gas emissions, transportation, purchasing, maintenance, landscaping and construction, curriculum development and student engagement."

"I don't think climate change is one issue among many. Someone I work with said, 'If we don't fix the climate, nothing else matters.'"

Much of the early language, such as references to "climate justice" and scientific statements, was removed, reflecting the counsel of DuBois, who suggested that "less is probably more." He expressed concern about including scientific facts, since the board would not be researching their veracity.

Gelber argued the resolution was important because so many institutions ignore global warming. "Politicians don't talk about it, the media doesn't talk about it, your school board doesn't talk about it and your neighbors don't talk about it, so it can't be that important," he said. "This is essentially a response to that."

O'Rourke said he was skeptical not about climate change but about the fact that the resolution might set a precedent for other community members to ask the board for

resolutions addressing other concerns.

"We try to be apolitical," he said on June 11, but global warming "is substantially a political issue. That unfortunately puts us at the top of a slippery slope."

Hoch argued that the board can be political but not partisan. "When we're concerned about opioid addiction, or gun safety, we get political," he said. Gelber added: "I don't think climate change is one issue among many. Someone I work with said, 'If we don't fix the climate, nothing else matters.'"

O'Rourke said of resolutions addressing societal issues in general: "Maybe that's the way this board and all boards are headed, but I think that way madness lies. If someone makes the same propositional argument that this does for climate change [for a cause] that we may not necessarily agree with, we have very little basis for saying no."

By the time of the vote, the board had come up with a draft that, O'Rourke said, "is as close as we're going to get" to agreement, "absent extended conversations over syllables."

Krystal Ford, who attended the July 11 session, was elated after the vote. She told the board she planned to present Garrison's resolution as an example to other districts.

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Alex Levine

Garrison Hires New Principal

The Garrison school board on July 11 approved the hiring of a new principal and guidance counselor.

Alex Levine will begin as principal for the K-8 school on Aug. 13, succeeding John Griffiths, who resigned after three years to become assistant superintendent of the Croton-Harmon district. A graduate of the Bank Street College of Education and Fordham, Levine was most recently assistant principal at Mahopac Middle School.

Krista DiDiego was hired as the school guidance counselor to succeed Mike Williams, who left after eight years to take a position at Scarsdale Middle School. DiDiego was the counselor at Growing Up Green Middle School in Queens.

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board president, is the director of the Liberty Partnerships Program at SUNY Orange.

Jonathan Jacobson, an attorney, serves on the Newburgh City Council and is a former chair of the Orange County Democratic Committee.

Alex Kelly, a journalist who lives in Beacon, was Skartados' director of policy development and now holds the same po-

sition with the New York State Assembly Majority Conference.

Kevindaryán Luján, a Beacon native who lives in Newburgh, was elected last year to the Orange County Legislature. He has been endorsed by the Orange County Democratic Committee and the Latino Democrats of Dutchess County.

Jodi McCredo is a small-business owner who helped found Advocates for Beacon

Schools. She was elected last fall to the Beacon City Council.

(Former Beacon Mayor Steve Gold, who was Skartados' chief of staff, will not be on the ballot. He received the endorsement of the Ulster County Democratic Committee but dropped out of the race in May.)

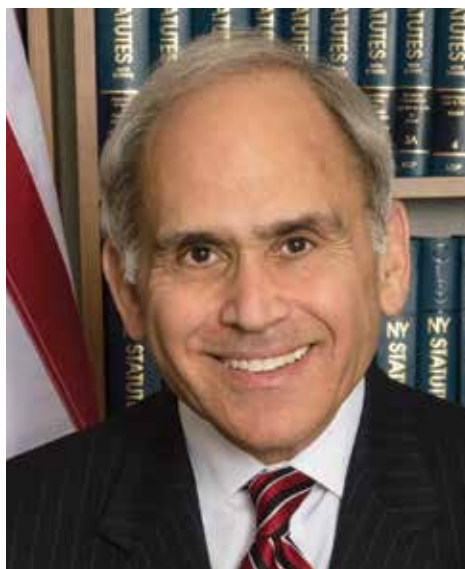
On the Republican and Conservative Party lines, Scott Manley, a retired police officer, is a member of the Newburgh

Town Council. Sakima McClinton, a West Point graduate who served in the Iraq War, is a former president of the Poughkeepsie school board.

If Jacobson, Luján, Manley or McCredo win the Assembly seat, they would give up their current posts. If McCredo wins, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale would appoint a Ward 3 representative to replace her on the City Council.



Ralph Coates



Jonathan Jacobson



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NEWS BRIEFS

Beacon Schools Receive \$400K for Music, Language

Funding will boost programs throughout district

The Beacon City School District has been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the New York Department of Education to bolster its elementary music programs and offer an additional foreign language, likely at Rombout Middle School and Beacon High School.

The grant was part of \$28.5 million in state funding awarded to 38 districts. Beacon will receive the money over the next two years.

Superintendent Matt Landahl said that the money will pay for salaries, materials and supplies, and professional development. Music will be offered in fourth grade, a year earlier than it is currently, while the language to be added will likely be Mandarin Chinese. The foreign language will be implemented in the 2019-20 school year and the enhanced music program could launch this fall, he said.

Predators Wanted

Study finds diversity cuts Lyme

Researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, after examining nearly 20 years of data collected in Dutchess County, found that there was a higher risk of contracting Lyme in forests with larger numbers of rodents and fewer foxes, possums and raccoons. They also found that tick-borne diseases are closely associated with acorn supply.

The findings, published in the journal *Ecology*, found that sites with a high diversity of predators had lower infection rates from nymphal ticks, compared to sites dominated by coyotes, which sometimes drive out foxes and bobcats, which feed on rodents.

Maloney Begins Tampon Lobby in Congress

Angered after House refuses to pay

After the Committee on House Administration on June 26 declined to reimburse \$37.16 that had been used to stock restrooms at his office with tampons, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands, used the refusal to raise funds, asking supporters to contribute \$37.16. He said six people donated more than 500 feminine hygiene products to his office, which he offered to share with the offices of other representatives.

"I want to make sure every office on the Hill is welcoming to female staff and visitors — and thanks to the generosity of the American people, they will be," the Democrat said in a statement. "This issue is part of a much larger discussion about women's rights in the workplace and the way women's needs are treated."

The CHA told Maloney that tampons were not office supplies but personal-care

items that did not qualify for reimbursement.

Beacon Adds Charging Stations for Electric Cars

One of first three spots in the county

Dutchess authorities have installed three electric car-charging stations in the county, including one at the Beacon Government Center at 223 Main St. The others are at the Dutchess County Office Building in Poughkeepsie and in Tivoli. A fourth is planned for Pawling.

The cost is \$1.25 per charging hour, of which Dutchess County receives 80 percent. The stations were purchased last year with four Nissan Leaf electric vehicles using a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. About 25 percent of the county's fleet are green or sustainable vehicles.

Bronx Man Killed in Peekskill

Shot dead on a Friday afternoon

Khalil Lyons, 22, of the Bronx, was shot dead in Peekskill on Friday afternoon, July 13, apparently after an argument.

Lyons' widow later told News12 that her husband had gone to an auto body shop and had been shot in the chest after a dispute. She said he was expected to return home to celebrate his 2-year-old daughter's birthday.

Police says Lyons was shot at about 2:30 p.m. in the 1200 block of Park Street. Anyone with information should call the Peekskill Police at 914-737-8000.

Putnam Hospital Will Pay

Accused of improper billing

Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel will pay \$14.7 million to settle allegations by the U.S. Attorney's Office that it inflated bills for reimbursement for federal health care programs.

Three former employees of Health Quest, the hospital's parent company, filed whistle-blower lawsuits alleging the hospital made claims between 2009 and 2015 that did not include proper documentation, such as evidence that the patient saw a doctor, and that in other cases it charged more than the going rate for services, according to the U.S. Attorney.

Health Quest, which also will pay \$895,427 to New York state, said it cooperated with the investigation.

Beacon School District Investigations

Two pending that charge discrimination

An analysis by *ProPublica* of data on allegations of civil-rights violations filed with the U.S. Department of Edu-



The new electric car-charging station on Main Street in Beacon

Photo by Brian PJ Cronin

cation show that seven cases have been brought against the Beacon City School District in the past five years, and two remained open as of April 27. There were no cases in the Haldane or Garrison districts, according to the records.

The pending cases were both initiated in December 2016. One alleges racial harassment and other discrimination in discipline.

Of the five resolved cases, the agency found violations in two of them (filed in January 2016 and January 2017) and required changes to school policies. Two others were dismissed for insufficient evidence and one because it was being investigated by another agency.

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Lost Annsville Lecture Saturday, July 28 at 5pm



A panoramic view of the wire mill at Annsville

Photo by Kirk Moldoff

Join us for a lecture by Kirk Moldoff, local historian and industrial archaeologist, on *Lost Annsville* on July 28 at 5 p.m. The tiny hamlet of Annsville was home to some of Peekskill and Cortlandt's first major industries, yet not a trace remains of these vibrant businesses that were central to the existence of this area. Come meet Kirk and learn more about *Lost Annsville*!

Also, don't miss Liz Corio's lecture at the museum this Saturday, July 21, at 5 p.m. on *Forest, Field, and Farm: A History of Glynwood's Property*.

Admission for both lectures is \$10 for the general public and free for members. Please RSVP at 845-265-4010 or catherine@putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Putnam History Museum is located at 63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring.



Some Unusual Patrons

During the second annual Garri*Con comic-book convention on Saturday (July 14) at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, a number of unusual patrons were spotted in the stacks. The Tusken Raider from the *Star Wars* movies is Nitian Hu, who won best costume. Hermione, from the *Harry Potter* books and movies, is Amanda Parker.

Photos by Ross Corsair



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The Calendar



Brandon Williams (right) with Garth Kravits, who plays Ritchie

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A Broadway Debut – at 46

Garrison actor plays the heavy in new rock musical comedy

By Alison Rooney

With five mouths to feed, and a career spent in an uncertain profession (acting), Brandon Williams of Garrison jokes that he has gravitated toward “jobs that take short amounts of time and pay a lot.”

Yet for the moment he is putting in 12-hour days preparing for his Broadway debut, at age 46, in *Gettin’ the Band Back Together*, a comedy and musical that began previews at the Belasco Theatre on Thursday (July 19) and opens Aug. 13.

In *Gettin’ the Band Back Together*, Williams plays the bad guy, which he says he enjoys. “It’s pretty much always what I play,” he says. “That’s OK, because the bad guys are way more fun to play.” (Williams recalls an audition for another production where he overheard a director say, “There’s something about his face — I don’t trust it.”)

In the show, Williams plays Tygen Billows, the nemesis of the protagonist, Mitch Papadopoulos (Mitchell Jarvis), a banker who is fired on his 40th birthday and moves in with his mother (Marilu Henner, best known for her role on *Taxi*). Tygen threatens to foreclose on the home unless Mitch agrees to gather his old bandmates to compete in a battle of the bands against Tygen, who fronts a heavy metal group.

“The songs are totally rock ‘n roll, but also very funny,” Williams says. “There is leeway for us to play with each other onstage — there’s that element of improv, and trying to make each other break” into laughter.

Williams has played Tygen since the show was being developed at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where it premiered in 2013. He had earlier worked with its producer, Ken Davenport, in an audience-participation musical called *The Awesome 80s Prom*.

It was while working on *Prom* that he met the woman who became his wife, Sheila Berezan. He was playing a quarterback and she was playing a cheerleader. Their first date was a hike in Cold Spring, and he later proposed on the same trail. They moved to Garrison after the birth of the third of their five children, who are 10, 9, 8, 4 and 1.

Williams grew up in Jonesboro, Arkansas, near Memphis, where he decided to become an actor after seeing a production of *Les Misérables*. As the actor who played Javert took his bows, Williams thought, I want to be him. “That was the moment,” he says.

After graduating from Carnegie Mellon, he moved to New York City and performed in regional theater. In his late 20s, he began doing stand-up because he noticed he was getting comedic roles, “even though I thought I was Laurence Olivier!” In 2010, he created a series for Comedy Central that ran

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Roving Gallery

Indoors and out, collective promotes local artists

By Alison Rooney

Nearly 20 years ago, the first show organized by Collaborative Concepts happened almost by accident.

“Artists in the Hudson Valley didn’t realize there were other artists around,” recalls Herman Roggeman, who co-founded Collaborative Concepts with the late Peter Clark. “I thought, why don’t we do a show in Cold Spring? The first few artists I mentioned it to said, ‘Nobody in the Hudson Valley is interested in art,’ but luckily Peter, who was affiliated with the Garrison Art Center, had a lot more powers of convincing.”

The show, which took place in Nelsonville, was a success and led to many more over the years. Its most recent exhibit, *Collaborative Concepts 2D*, at Hudson Beach Glass in Beacon, includes works by 25 artists and continues through Aug. 5. It was curated by Barbara Galazzo, who owned Gallery 66 NY in Cold Spring before it closed last year.

The nonprofit Collaborative Concepts, while run by a board of directors (including Roggeman and Galazzo), has never been a co-op or

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had members.

“Our focus has always been promoting artists without obligation,” Roggeman says, “When artists collaborate, a lot of things happen, not just in art, but in community. A big support system is what it turns out to be.”

In 2001 Collaborative Concepts opened a gallery in Beacon with help from the city, which was trying to rejuvenate the local cultural scene. During its five years in the space, which included an outdoor area for sculpture, Collaborative Concepts presented more than 30 exhibits. The gallery closed after the neighborhood gentrified. “Even the little we paid became difficult to raise, month after month,” Roggeman recalls.

Today the group organizes its shows in a variety of venues. The most expansive is Saunders Farm in Garrison, where for the past 13 years it has presented an exhibit of outdoor sculptures set in the fields that opens on Labor Day weekend. “It works because it’s a real farm, and not a

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“Your Wounds,” by Stephen Rose

FRIDAY, JULY 20

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont

7 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

North by Northwest (1959) at Bannerman Island

7 p.m. Boat departs from Beacon Dock
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-809-5750 x12 | hvshakespeare.org

Open Mic

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

3 by Tennessee Williams

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

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
8 p.m. 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

Cinema in Piazza: Giulio Paolini and

Richard Serra

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Philipstown | magazzino.art

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Dutchess Dragon Boat Race and Festival

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 272 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie

Beacon Bears

10 a.m. Football Clinic (ages 5-13)
12:30 p.m. Color-a-Thon
Memorial Park, Beacon
facebook.com/beaconbearsfootballandcheer

Invasive Species Walk

10 a.m. Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2601 x15
constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Pruning 101

10 a.m. One Nature Garden Center
321 Main St., Beacon
onenaturellc.com/events

Beacons of History Workshop (ages 3-7)

11 a.m. Beacon Historical Society
17 South Ave., Beacon
845-831-0514 | beaconhistorical.org

Spirit of Beacon Day BBQ Fundraiser

Noon – 4 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
spiritofbeacon.org

Farm Picnic Day

Noon – 3 p.m. Glynwood
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

NYS Medal of Honor Parade

1 p.m. Paladin Center
39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel
putnamcountyny.com

3 by Tennessee Williams

2 & 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Annamaria Alfieri: The Blasphemers (Reading)

2:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Calendar Highlights

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For complete listings, see highlandscurrent.com

New York Liberty vs. Washington Mystics (WNBA)

3 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

History of Glynwood Property (Talk)

5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Artwork by Stacie Flint (Reception)

5 – 8 p.m. McCaffrey Realty
140 Main St., Cold Spring
mccaffreyrealty.com

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont

6 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
See details under Friday.

The Platters

6 p.m. Bowdoin Park, Poughkeepsie
showclix.com/events/26857

Doansburg Chamber Ensemble

7 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-228-4167

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood

7:30 p.m. Performance
9:30 p.m. Post-show talkback
Boscobel | See details under Friday.

West Point Concert Band: The Music of John Williams

7:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
westpointband.com

A Tuna Christmas

8 p.m. County Players Theater
See details under Friday.

Cinema in Piazza: Giuseppe Penone and Sol LeWitt

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
See details under Friday.

Forever Broadway Cabaret

8 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Hudson Valley Sally

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Friday.

International Brass & Membrane Corps

8 p.m. The Gallery at Atlas Studios
11 Spring St., Newburgh
atlasnewburgh.com

Raising Arizona (1987)

8:15 p.m. Dockside Park, Cold Spring
coldspringfilm.org

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Reptile Expo

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

Wildflowers for Kids

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 x204 | hhnrm.org

Beacon Gospel Fest

11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Seeger Park
newvisionchurch-hv.com

Story Time

Noon. One Nature Garden Center
See details under Saturday.

Jonathan Kruk: Fables to Squiggly Squirmers

1 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

A Tuna Christmas

2 p.m. County Players Theater
See details under Friday.

Broadway in Beacon: Kiss Me, Kate

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Friday.

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont

5 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
See details under Friday.

Kitchen Dwellers

5 p.m. Cold Spring Bandstand
Foot of Main Street
explorecoldspringny.com

HVSF: Richard II

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, JULY 23

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Coloring Books for Adults

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

Cold Spring Board of Trustees

7:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Midsummer's Magic (Stories with Harp)

1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Pinot & Augustine (Clowns)

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Friday.

Highland Photographers' Salon

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

HVSF: Richard II

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Performers Rock! (grade school)

2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Magic and Illusion by Scott Jameson

7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Saturday.

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Rockin' Tales and Crafts (ages 4-6)

11 a.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

47th Annual Putnam County Fair

Noon – 6 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gypsy Trail Road, Carmel
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/putnam-county-fair

Karaoke Kids' Night

6:30 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

International Film Night: Kikujiro (Japan)

7 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood

7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under July 20.

Cinema in Piazza: Jannis Kounellis and Louise Bourgeois

8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
See details under July 20.

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Does the Man Owe You Money? (2018 Edition)

*\$5 million in unclaimed funds due
Highlands residents*

By Chip Rowe

A year ago, we published a list of people from the Highlands who are owed money by New York State. The state comptroller maintains a database of checks — utility refunds, the balance of forgotten bank accounts, stock dividends, insurance payouts, security deposits, unused gift cards — that for whatever reason were returned to sender.

Companies are required by law to report dormant accounts to the state and, if the owner can't be located, turn over the funds to the Comptroller. The agency maintains a public database of these “unclaimed funds” to match lost money with lost people. It dates back to 2007.

So far this year the Comptroller has distributed \$248 million, but \$15 billion remains. That includes \$1.2 million owed to Cold Spring residents and businesses,



\$766,000 to those in Garrison and \$2.9 million to those in Beacon, for a total of \$4.8 million from 9,516 dormant accounts.

As a public service, *The Current* last year obtained a list of residents and businesses in Cold Spring, Garrison, Nelsonville and Beacon, dead or alive, who appear in the database, which can be searched online by last name or organization.

The lists through Dec. 31, 2017, are posted at highlandscurrent.com/lost-money. The names added by the Comptroller in early 2018 are printed here.

Because the public database does not reveal how much is owed, applying for the funds can feel like playing a scratch-off lottery ticket. The amount could be a penny (although the Comptroller only pays on claims of \$3.01 or more) or \$8 million — the two extremes. (Although 70 percent of payouts are less than \$100, one New Yorker received stock worth \$5.2 million.) If your business or name appears below, or you are the next-of-kin, visit osc.state.ny.us/ouf. You will be prompted to complete a form, which can usually be submitted online but in some cases must be mailed with further proof of identity. Call 800-221-9311 with questions.

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A Broadway Debut – at 48

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online for three seasons called *The Stay-at-Home Dad* (thestayathomedad.tv). More recently, he has shifted to directing commercials, including one he shot in Garrison this past week.

After the birth of his oldest child, Williams changed gears to work largely as a voice artist, including nearly five years doing narration for the NatGeo WILD shows, so that he could stay close to home. He says that has allowed him to coach Philipstown Hawks football, be a Cub Scout leader and enjoy the outdoors.

The hours have been longer lately while he commutes to Manhattan by



Brandon Williams with Mitchell Jarvis, who plays Mitch

Photo provided




The Williams family

Photo by Erin Wik

train for rehearsals, but he says he remains awed by the knowledge he will be taking the stage on the Great White Way. “It’s a feather in my cap, especially for someone like me who started out doing musicals,” he says. “My kids are going to see me up there, and I know they’re going to be proud. Plus, I’m playing a rock god, so even better!”

How to Get Tickets to *Gettin’ the Band ...*

Tickets for *Gettin’ the Band Back Together*, which start at \$39 in the balcony and \$69 in the mezzanine or orchestra levels, are available at telecharge.com, by calling 212-239-6200 or by visiting the Belasco Theatre at 111 W. 44th St. See gettinthebandbacktogether.com for a day-of-show lottery for \$40 and \$45 seats, or check Broadwaybox.com or the TodayTix app.



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Ryan Duncan, Brandon Williams and Garth Kravits in a performance of *Gettin’ the Band Back Together* at the George Street Playhouse in New Jersey. All three appear in the Broadway production.

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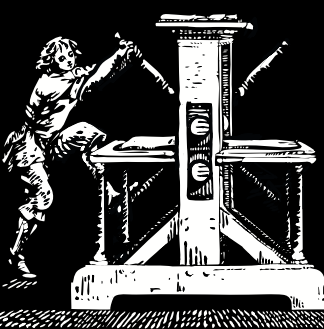
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Shanty on the River

Wes Modes and Lauren Benz, accompanied by Hazel the dog, are sailing down the Hudson River to New York City aboard a shanty boat. We caught up with them on July 15 in Kingston, a few days before they passed the Highlands to dock in Haverstraw, opposite Croton.

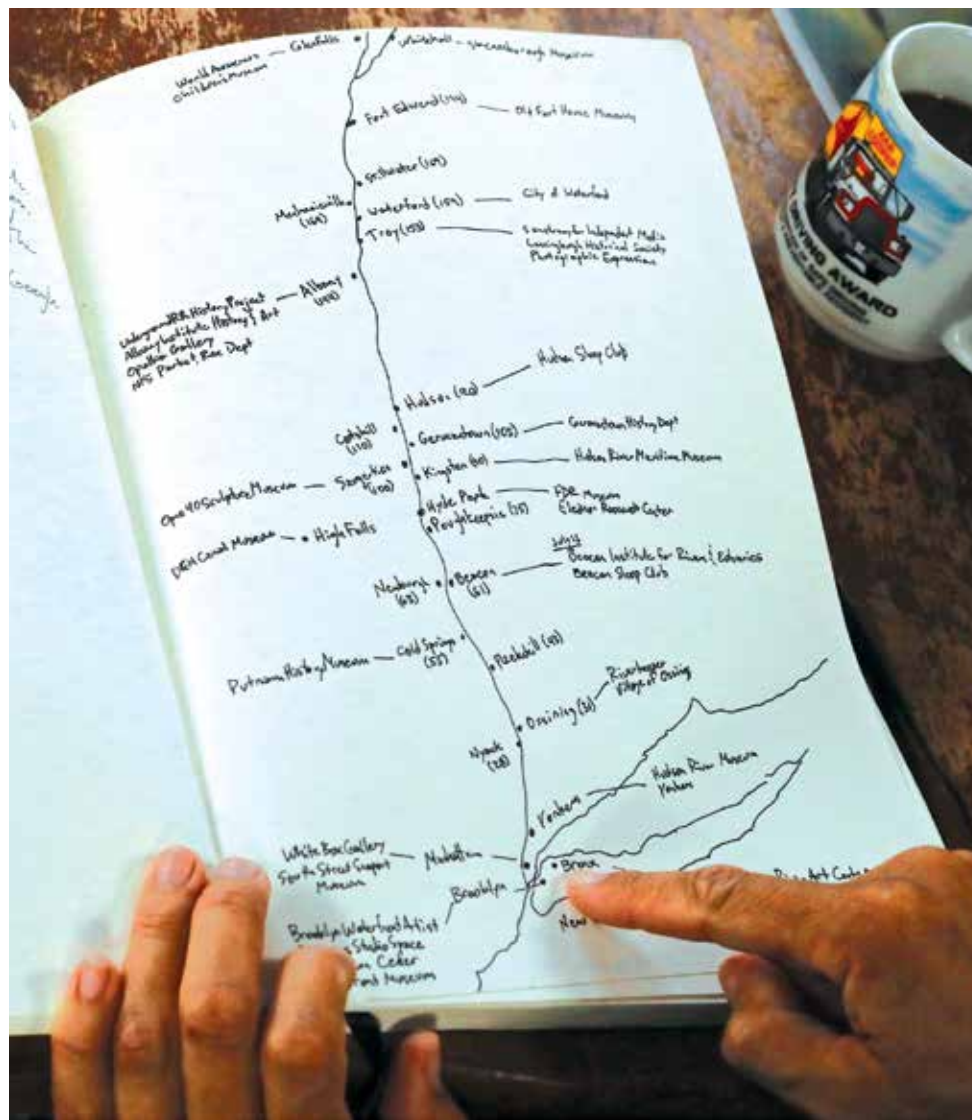
Modes and Benz are navigating the Hudson as part of a project organized by Modes, who teaches art at the University of California at Santa Cruz, called "A Secret History of American River People." For the

past four years, Modes and his shipmates have been collecting stories from people who live and work along rivers.

"Rivers were the freeways of the 18th and 19th century, and ideas moved up the river," he says. "If you were a river town, you were more cosmopolitan than a town that was a day's wagon ride 100 miles inland."

The shanty boat also has traveled the Mississippi, Tennessee and Sacramento rivers. To read the stories collected so far, visit peoplesriverhistory.us. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Ross Corsair



Roving Gallery *(from Page 9)*

sculpture park,” Roggeman says. “That gives artists a chance to experiment within realistic limitations.”

Collaborative Concepts has undertaken other ad hoc projects, too, among them the installation of work by 15 regional sculptors addressing concepts such as light, organics, recycling and sustainability along newly created nature trails at the Rockland Center for the

“Artists come first, then coffee shops, then restaurants. It’s a nicer way to start gentrification, rather than having major developments.”

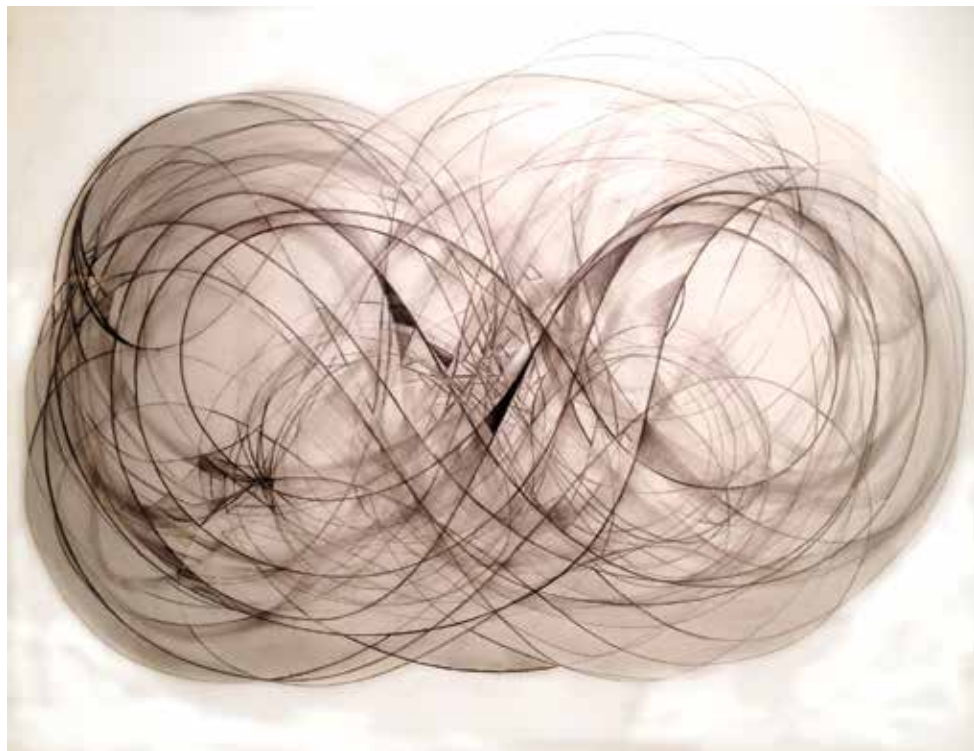
Arts. Another project was the Highland Falls ArtWalk, a mile-long stretch of 18 sculptures lining Main Street.

“I’m always looking for other approaches, other public places for art,” Roggeman says. “I’d like to see Collaborative Concepts work with other munic-

palities through the Hudson Valley, from New York City to Albany, one location after the next, creating art districts. Artists come first, then coffee shops, then restaurants. It’s a nicer way to start gentrification, rather than having major

developments.”

The exhibit at Hudson Beach Glass, at 162 Main St. in Beacon, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, see collaborativeconcepts.org.



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Roots and Shoots

Blooms in the Shadows

By Pamela Doan

Shade isn't considered an ideal condition for most gardeners. It feels gloomy and we can't create the explosion of color inspired by the summer sun that we love. Most of our favorite flowers thrive in full sun, too.

But with the temperatures we're experiencing now, and that we can expect for the future due to global warming, there is a lot to appreciate about shady spots. Over the past few months, temperatures have been 2 degrees warmer than average in the U.S. and in New York. Climate change is bringing more frequent heat waves such as the one that kicked off July.

Gardening in the shade doesn't have to feel like a second best option. There are many lovely plant choices and possibilities.

Trees, which have taken a beating in storms this past winter and spring, are essential in cooling our yards and homes. Research suggests a shade tree can lower the heat index 5 to 15 percent for a house. Because of a process in which trees take in and give off water vapor, temperatures in their shade can be as much as 25 degrees cooler.

Gardening in the shade doesn't have to feel like a second best option. There are many lovely plant choices and possibilities.

Too often, bare ground is exposed under trees because grass won't grow there. While there are shade-tolerant turf grasses, sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*) will thrive in these spaces. Fine blades of green flow and top out at 8 to 10 inches high. Mow or not. I like to see it on a slope where its features can be appreciated best.

Ferns and spring-blooming perennials also like darker spaces. Combining different types of ferns adds texture and these natives have different fronds that will contract and complement each other. Look for lady fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*), hayscented fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*),

ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*) and maidenhair fern (*Adiantum pedatum*). Christmas fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*) will stay green in the winter, giving a focal point to a four-season garden.

Many native blooming shade perennials are referred to as spring ephemerals because they bloom for a brief time at the end of winter. Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria canadensis*) has delicate white flowers that only exist for a couple of days. Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*) has a single bloom that resembles an apple blossom under umbrella-like leaves.

In my own garden, I've planted a lot of foam flowers (*Tiarella cordifolia*) and love their column flowers with fuzzy white blooms and leaves that stay green in winter. They spread out just enough but not too much and are reliable and require no tending.

I've found bleeding heart (*Dicentra eximia*) to get bigger and produce more blooms every year once it finds a place it likes. Even though the foliage yellows in the summer heat, it's worth it for the display in spring when it confidently pokes

through the soil.

Hostas, pachysandra, English ivy — I didn't mention them because there isn't much to say. The latter two are a nuisance in my yard, planted by someone previously and impossible to be rid of. Vinca, too. I'm more interested in creating natural, native woodland gardens and none of these have a place there.

Ken Druse's book, *The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change*, is a helpful resource with pages of beautiful photos of plants and techniques for design. If you need some ideas, check it out.

Have gardening questions? Email rootsandshoots@highlandscurrent.com.



A shady planting with bleeding heart, columbine, foam flower and hellebores blooming in spring

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A postcard showing a mill wheel at Annsville, a “lost city” that will be the subject of a talk at the Putnam History Museum on July 28

Vanished Industry

Historian to discuss ‘lost’ Annsville

Kirk Moldoff, an industrial archaeologist, will discuss the “lost” hamlet of Annsville at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring. Some of the first industries in Peekskill, including a wire mill, began at Annsville. Admission is free for museum members or \$10 otherwise.

Murder Mystery at Library

Author will read from latest book

Annamaria Alfieri, aka Patricia King, will read from her latest novel, *The Blasphemers*, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. The book continues her series of murder mysteries set in British East Africa in 1911, and she will discuss the events she drew inspiration from. Book sale proceeds will be donated to the library.

Orchard Run

Fishkill Farms to host 5K

Fishkill Farms will host a 5K orchard run on Sunday, July 29, to benefit the

Fishkill Rotary Club. The day begins at 8 a.m. with a half-mile dash for children and ends with a doughnut run. Search for “Fishkill Farms” at runsingup.com.

Free Rabies Clinic

Open to dogs, cats, ferrets

The Putnam County Department of Health will offer free rabies vaccines to dogs, cats and ferrets from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 28, at Hubbard Lodge in Philipstown. Bring photo ID and proof of county residency. Dogs must be leashed and cats and ferrets in carriers. Call 845-808-1390 with questions.

Putnam County Fair

Runs from July 27 to 29 in Carmel

The Putnam County 4-H Fair will run from July 27 to 29 at Veterans’ Memorial Park in Carmel. There will be games, theater performances and animal exhibits, as well as competitions for photography, quilts, baked goods, vegetables and crafts. Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale and answer questions, and a country auction will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission and parking are free. See putnam.cce.cornell.edu/putnam-county-fair.

Beacon

Clowning Around

Pinot and Augustine at Howland

The *Circus at the Howland!* series will present a clown show starring Pinot and Augustine at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Howland Cultural Center. A box picnic dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and children are admitted free.



Pinot and Augustine will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on July 25.

Photo by Mukul Ranjan

Beacon Spirit BBQ

Fundraiser for fall event

The organizers of Spirit of Beacon Day will host a barbecue at the Elks Lodge from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, to raise funds for the annual community event. The suggested donation is \$20 per person or \$40 per family. Mini Kimono, Los Caribeños and Yannarella School of Dance will provide entertainment. See spiritofbeacon.org.

Kids Bowl Free

Register for local alleys

Four local alleys are taking part in a program that allows children to bowl two games free most days through the summer. Parents can bowl, as well, by purchasing a pass. The offer does not include shoe rental.

Participating alleys are Schneider’s Fishkill Bowl (through Oct. 1, ages 15 and younger); Spins Bowl in Carmel and Wappinger (through Aug. 31, ages 12 and younger); and Pat Tarsio Lanes in Newburgh (through Sept. 10, ages 16 and younger). See kidsbowl-free.com to register.

Free Pops Concert

Celebration of Latin American composers

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform a free summer pops concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh to celebrate Latin American composers. The concert, at Aquinas Hall, will include works by Gardel (*Por Una Cabeza*), Ginastera (*Estancia*), Villa-Lobos (*Bachianas Brasileiras No. 9*), Piazzolla (*Libertango*) and Marquez (*Danzón No. 2*).

Hamlet at Bannerman

HVSF to present two performances

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will present two performances of *Hamlet* at Bannerman Island on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. Tickets are \$65 and include a round-trip ferry ride that departs from the Beacon dock at 4 or 5 p.m. See bannermancastle.org.

Trio at Howland

Concert on July 28

The Mike Pride 3 — Pride on drums, Jon Irabagon on saxophone and Fred Longberg-Holm on cello — will perform at the Howland Cultural Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Tickets are \$15 at brownpapertickets.com or \$20 at the door.

Dutchess Tourism Wins Two Awards

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Dutchess Tourism Inc. won two advertising awards for its efforts to promote the county. It received a SIA Gold Award for a Facebook Live visit to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park and a Hermes Creative Gold Award for a virtual reality, 360-degree video that includes views of the Hudson Valley from the cockpit of a bi-plane. See dutchesstourism.com/360.



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SOCCER HONOR — The East Hudson Youth Soccer League presented Chloe Antalek (left) with a Dan Herbst Scholarship to recognize her athletic skill as well as her volunteer and academic work off the field. Antalek, who graduated in June from Beacon High School, played for several EHYSL teams, including the East Fishkill Fire, and will attend Nyack College in the fall. Leah Thoma (right), of John Jay High School, also received a Herbst scholarship. They are joined by EHYSL President Jim Purdy.



WHO WOULD WIN? — Mark Darnobid's "Battle Royale" is among the works that will be on display as part of a group show at the Catalyst Gallery in Beacon beginning Tuesday, July 24. The exhibit also features art by Chris O'Neal and Keely Sheehan.

Image provided



Back in the Day

Two sold-out performances of the musical 1776 were presented on Bannerman Island on July 14 and 15 as part of its ongoing performance series. The production featured Craig Schulman, Kelly Ellenwood, Glenn Mackin, Mathew Michaels, Russ Cusick and Cat Capolupo and was directed by Neal Caplan. Next up: *Hamlet* on July 28 and 29, a Broadway revue in August, and *Dracula* in September.

Photo by Russ Cusick



LIGHT ON THEIR FEET — Students from the Fred Astaire Dance Studio in Philipstown took part in a dance marathon that was also a dress rehearsal for a NY/NJ Dancesport Challenge competition attended by Ronnie Sauers, Suzi Tortora, Carolyn Fadden, Hiroko Hunter, Kristin Ihde and Yuriy Herhel.

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The Ocean at the Gates *(from Page 1)*

the process by which the study is being carried out. Under guidelines established in 2014, the study must be completed in less than three years and for less than \$3 million.

"That is really not appropriate for a project of this scale," said Nava Tabak of Scenic Hudson. She said the nonprofit hopes public pressure on elected officials will give the Army Corps more time.

The timeline also allows little time before the Army Corps winnows the six proposals to two. "One of the fatal flaws in this shortened process is that you can only work with information that's already available," said Tabak. "This isn't the stage at which they would design the research to answer the questions. They're only going to do that for the one or two alternatives."

John Lipscomb of Riverkeeper said his organization would be conducting its own studies to examine how floodgates in the Netherlands and London have affected the ecology of waterways there, although he noted it shouldn't have to.

"The Army Corps, as the developer, should have the burden of proof," he said. But with so much unknown about the plans, including how high such barriers would be and how often they would be closed, much less their impact, Lipscomb sees no choice. "The public still doesn't know anything, even after the public meetings," he said.

Tabak noted that while a barrier might prevent flooding from storm surge, in other ways it could make the situation more difficult for river towns in the face of sea-level rise due to climate change.

"There are two things that could happen," she said. "First, lots of money gets diverted to this instead of adapting to sea-level rise, which is something we think is a good way to make communities more resilient, or, second, you have barriers but as sea-level rise progresses, there will be temptation to close them permanently to address it. That's when you would have extreme impacts to the ecology and communities upstream."

The Army Corps is accepting public comment on the proposals through Aug. 20 by email at NYNJHarbor.Trib-Study@usace.army.mil.

Lipscomb noted that when the U.S. Coast Guard asked for comments about a proposal to increase the number of barge anchorages on the Hudson, including one between Beacon and Newburgh, it received more than 10,000 comments, almost all against the project. "We saw what happens when an informed public has time to comment," he said.

But he also noted that comments will be used by the



The study shared various structures designed to prevent flooding during storms, including barriers in (clockwise from top left) New Orleans, London, the Netherlands and Martha's Vineyard.

Army Corps to determine its next step, so they should be constructive.

"If you write, 'I hate this, damn you,' it means nothing," he said. "But if you say 'I'm a fisherman, I love the life in this river, I want to know how these barriers would af-

fect migrating herring and shad, and I want you to study that,' that is an example of a comment that will have to become part of the process. If a scoping question is on the record and the Corps does not consider it, it does open up the possibility of litigation."

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Goose Problem Continues at Mayor’s Park in Cold Spring



Canada Geese at Mayor’s Park
Photo by M. Turton

Also, parking enforcement to tighten in commuter pickup

By Michael Turton

Where there are Canada Geese there is also ... well ... Canada Geese droppings. It’s been an issue at Mayor’s Park in Cold Spring for decades and appears not likely to be resolved anytime soon, if ever.

While the battle against bird poop can evoke chuckles, Bruce Campbell, chair of the Recreation Commission, sees no humor in it.

“It’s not conducive to Haldane baseball or Pop Warner football when the field is covered with excrement,” he said. He’s also concerned about the village’s ability to rent the park out for events such as Octoberfest.

Geese are grazers with an affinity for well-manicured, fertilized lawns, making them a nuisance at parks and golf courses. They would dislike foot-tall grass at Mayor’s Park, but so would Haldane’s outfielders.

Managing the problem has been discussed numerous times by the village board, most recently at its July 10 meeting. Trustee Fran Murphy said she had researched the use of strobe lights, but a resident of Fair Street objected, expressing concern that it could adversely affect his son, who suffers from epilepsy. Visual stimuli, including strobe lights that flash in regular patterns, can trigger seizures.

A group from the Butterfield Library’s teen summer program has offered to make cut-out coyotes to place around the field, but the U.S. Humane Society says “predator effigies” will not work. Nor will balloons, scarecrows, floating alligator heads, flags, dead-goose decoys or ultrasonic sound.

Campbell said that as early as 2002, the village experimented with various defenses such as cut-outs, reflectors and even firing pistol blanks, but nothing worked for long. “It was like a war zone,” he said. “It’s always going to be a problem because of the location” near the Hudson.

The Recreation Commission has recommended that the village purchase a 48-inch-wide device, at a cost of \$6,400, to sweep and thatch the grass at Mayor’s Park, but the board has put the proposal on hold.

“We’re looking at all options” said Mayor Dave Merandy. “There is no silver bullet, no single solution.”

Dog walking is not allowed at Mayor’s Park, but issuing limited permits for it to discourage the geese might be a strategy, he said.

Commuter pickup

Drivers picking up commuters at the Metro-North station may soon find tickets on their windshields if they park and wait near the pedestrian tunnel at the foot of upper Main Street.

“I’m finding it increasingly problematic to turn around there,” said Trustee Lynn Miller at the July 10 meeting, adding it is often difficult to turn left onto Main from Depot Square because of the number of cars parked illegally.

“People have been doing it for years,” said Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department. “It’s a dangerous situation,” especially when there are a lot of pedestrians.

Burke said that even with No Parking, No Stopping and No Standing signs, he has resorted to placing orange cones, which soon get moved. He often advises parked drivers to circle the block, “but we can’t always be down there” when a train arrives, he said. Burke said he will instruct officers to begin strict enforcement in the no-parking zone.

Merandy supported that move but said drivers should be warned that enforcement is about to increase. “I don’t think it’s right that we just start ticketing; we haven’t done that for years,” he said.


Burke said parking could also be curtailed by creating a turning circle or a small island at the foot of upper Main Street.


In other business ...

Burke reported that CSPD answered 77 calls for service in July. Officers also issued 21 traffic and 82 parking tickets and made an arrest on a warrant.

Code Enforcement Officer Greg Wunner expressed concern over continued deterioration of the building at 47 Fair St., a former car dealership, including the collapse of the roof. Merandy directed Wunner to look into condemning it.

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Sports

‘Fishtown’ Makes a Run in Sectionals

U11 Little League team advances deep into tournament

The Fishkill-Philipstown Little League team for players ages 11 and younger defeated LaGrange, 4-2, on July 7 to win the championship of District 17, which includes Dutchess and western Putnam counties.

In the double-elimination sectionals, the team, which adopted the nickname “Fishtown,” lost its first game to Tri-Vil-

lage (Delmar), 6-1. But it won its next two, traveling to Shokan to defeat Mountain Valley (Woodstock), 15-0, on July 12, and defeating Saugerties, 12-3, the next day at North Highlands field in Philipstown. The run ended on July 14 with a 13-2 loss at home to Twin Town (Troy). For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Ross Corsair

