Marijuana Shop Opens in Beacon

‘Showcase’ allows customers to meet grocers
By Michael Turton

The police station building at 463 Main St. in Beacon, which operated from 1913 to 1996, was known in the 1950s to some residents as “the joint,” a reference to the holding cells where miscreants might spend the night.

As of Sept. 22, it has been a weekend source of joints, welcoming customers to a temporary retail operation that legally sells cannabis products.

New York State has issued 463 licenses for retail dispensaries since the sale of recreational marijuana for adults was legalized in 2021. That includes 44 licenses to operators based in the Mid-Hudson region. But so far, just 23 dispensaries have opened statewide, forcing farmers and companies making edibles and other products to sit on their inventory.

(The state Office of Cannabis Management has so far only issued licenses to operators with previous marijuana convictions, but the application process opens to the general public on Wednesday, Oct. 4.)

The Station is one of more than 20 state-approved “showcases,” an interim system.

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Philipstown Gives Initial Approval to North Highlands Subdivision

Town Board could hold conservation easement
By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Nearly 10 years after it first came before the Philipstown Planning Board, the Hudson Highlands Reserve subdivision last week received preliminary approval.

Several steps remain for the developers before construction can begin on the upscale mini-village, which would consist of 24 homes on a 210-acre property bounded by Horton Road, East Mountain Road North and Route 9, in North Highlands near the Dutchess County line.

In a 6-4 vote on Sept. 21 at Town Hall, the Planning Board adopted a resolution declaring that the project can move ahead, allowing the developer, Horton Road LLC, to pursue further approvals from the Town Board, county and state.

Horton Road LLC proposed its project as a “conservation subdivision,” a designation that permits a developer, in return for protecting natural features, to enjoy certain benefits, such as building more structures than would usually be allowed. In addition, teachers and parents. The bio-neurological disability includes symptoms such as difficulty with communication and social interactions, obsessive interests, repetitive behaviors and an inability to transition to different tasks.

The number of students diagnosed with autism has grown substantially over the past two decades. Nationally, 1 in 150 children was diagnosed with autism in 1997, compared to 1 in 36 today, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In New York, 1 percent of special-needs students were diagnosed with autism in 1997, compared to 11 percent today, according to the state Education Department.

These increases have been driven largely by awareness and advocacy, said Dr. Gazi Azad, a clinical psychologist at the Center for Autism and the Developing Brain at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in White Plains.

Better diagnostic tools allow parents and clinicians to get “better at finding kids that we may have missed,” Azad said. In addition, “parents are speaking up.”

Regina Kaishian, Haldane’s director of pupil personnel services, said that 12 percent of the district’s 140 special-needs students are on the autism spectrum, up from 8 percent in 2011. Garrison has...
By Marc Ferris

Michael Hardman owns Cold Starts Moto, which sells motorcycle-related apparel, vintage “petroliana” and other accessories. It moved this month from 165 Main St. in Cold Spring to 64 Main St.

What was your first motorcycle?
A 1983 Honda CB650c Nighthawk. It was a bit heavy and a little too quick for a first bike, but it’s what I could get my hands on. My father, most of my uncles and one of my aunts all rode, and ride. The day my mother went into labor with me, my father was riding dirt bikes with his brother on the trails in Elmsford — yup, off-road trails in Westchester County — and had to be hunted down to let him know he was having a kid.

Why does Cold Spring seem like such a center for bikers?
Bikers from New York City and all over come up and check out the Gunks [Shawangunk Mountains], the Highlands, Bear Mountain, Storm King Highway and Route 301. [Hardman sells T-shirts with a Route 301 sign.] Cold Spring is in a great spot for motorcyclists — it’s a perfect place to stop on their routes for coffee, breakfast or lunch, so they can tour the valley and still be home for dinner. I moved here 10 years ago because I was one of those riders coming up from Brooklyn on the weekends.

What is a “cold start”?
A cold start is the start of an engine when all the liquids in the motor have cooled and settled, which is the toughest time for a motor to start. I chose this name because if you’re out there looking for a good used motorcycle to buy, you’d like to see it “cold start.” Someone with a poorly running machine could have spent an hour bump-starting the bike, and once it’s hot it will start without issue. An owner who believes in the quality of what he or she is selling will allow you a cold start. It’s a form of integrity.

Why do motorcyclists have a bad reputation?
Short answer: Hollywood. Outlaw motorcyles clubs refer to themselves as One Percenters. They make up 1 percent of riders and 90 percent of the focus on film. Starting with The Wild One in 1953 and continuing with lots of “bad biker” movies in the 1960s through the Sons of Anarchy series (2008-2014) and a film, The Bikeriders, coming in December, it’s always the 1 percent, which makes sense because their lives are exciting and extreme. Only about 3 percent of all registered vehicles in the U.S. are motorcycles, yet for some reason most action heroes (and villains) in movies and books ride a bike. Yet most motorcyclists are regular people out there having some fun or getting from place A to B. We’re hard to see on the road sometimes, so please keep an eye out for us — we’re small.

What’s the appeal of the gear to non-bikers?
Cold Starts was always meant to be a shop for everyone, a window into the clothing and media that surround moto culture. Moto-gear and ephemera can be lots of things: fun, playful, irreverent, scary, nerdy, corny, complex. While bikes are inherently dangerous, they and the culture surrounding them are unequivocally fun — which is why they’re always in the movies. Bikes appeal to everyone because they embody risk, and we’re all a little bit attracted to risk. And we all look pretty cool in a leather jacket.
Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

Route 9D ’calming’

The Cold Spring Village Board plans to ask the state Department of Transportation to install traffic “calming” and pedestrian safety measures along Route 9D where the road passes through the village.

At the board’s Sept. 20 meeting, Mayor Kathleen Foley said the request has the support of Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne and other local officials, including state Sen. Rob Rolison, whose district includes Cold Spring. In a draft letter to Rolison, Foley commented that DOT officials have in the past said their job is “to keep traffic flowing, not slow it down.”

“Common sense recognizes that Route 9 D is not an open highway,” Foley wrote. “It is a street in the village that must be safely shared with pedestrians and bikers.”

The village will request measures such as reduced speed limits at the north and south approaches, pedestrian “safe islands” at heavy crossing areas, such as near schools and the senior center, visually distinct crosswalks, pedestrian-activated traffic signals, and crosswalks and curbs that meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Police policies

At the Sept. 20 meeting, the board approved new or updated policies in six areas of Cold Spring Police Department operations, including those regulating: (1) mobile audio and video devices, such as vehicle dash cameras; (2) portable audio/video devices, such as body cameras; (3) personal communication devices, such as mobile phones; (4) the property room; (5) maintenance and release of records; and (6) protected information.

The policies were developed by Lexipol, a consulting firm that specializes in policy development for municipal police and fire departments. The CSPD policies were last updated in 2013. The village contracted with Lexipol in 2020 to comply with then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s executive order requiring all municipal police departments to complete detailed operational reviews.

Foley said via email that CSPD officers have requested body cameras and that acquiring them was the No. 1 recommendation from the 2020 resident survey on community policing. The new policies, she said, will be implemented as officers are trained. Lexipol will train officers through their phones and Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke will provide individual training as needed, she said.

The village purchased body cameras earlier this year with a $14,000 grant from the state Division of Criminal Justice Service.

“The public will likely begin seeing them on our officers’ vests later next week,” Foley said. “No officer will wear a camera until policy training is complete.”

The mayor said in the past that CSPD had “hand-me-down” dash cameras provided by the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department but that police vehicles are not currently outfitted with them.

“I hope we can find additional grant money to reinstate the dashcams,” she said. “As of last night, we’re ready with a policy when we have the equipment available.”

Other business

The board reviewed proposed changes to Chapter 126 (Vehicles and Traffic) and Chapter 127 (Residential Parking Program) of the Village Code. At the Oct. 4 meeting, it will likely take a final look at the revisions before scheduling public hearings. The Residential Parking Program would affect 11 streets east of the Metro-North Tracks and metered parking on Main Street; a permit program for 20 streets in the upper village would be implemented later.

■ The board approved a request from Seastreak to remain docked at the village during its Columbus Day excursion on Oct. 9. The boat had been scheduled to dock at Bear Mountain but the state park dock is no longer available. The village receives an additional fee of $1,000 when the boats remain docked for the duration of a trip. The sloop Clearwater will dock at Cold Spring on Oct. 20; Seastreak will dock at Bear Mountain after unloading passengers.

■ The board has received requests for the sale of small pieces of village-owned property in front of 14 Stone St., 5 Market St., 55 Main St. and 133-135 Main St. The requests will be assessed individually once detailed information, including site surveys, is received. The village has in recent years approved similar sales, including cases where stoops have been built on village property. Foley said the property sales reduce village liability.

■ The village will receive a $5,000 state grant if five residents purchase an electric vehicle after Aug. 4 and a $10,000 grant if 10 residents install a heat pump or heat-pump hot-water heater after June 1. Email trustee.bozzi@coldspringny.gov with the installation or purchase date, model and installer or dealership name.

Pot Shop (from Page 1)

that gives farmers and processors places to sell buds and edibles while awaiting the opening of more retail dispensaries.

The Station is open Fridays from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 30. It offers “the best in the country,” but that with delays in opening licensed dispensaries, “farmers are getting hurt, because they’re sitting on a lot of inventory.”

He said the Beacon Cannabis Growers Showcase will be the “soil legal cannabis-purchasing location within a 28-mile radius” of Beacon, a reference to a showcase that operates in New Hampton, near Middletown, in Orange County. There are 18 other showcases around the state, including in Warwick (Orange County) and New Paltz (Ulster).

The marijuana business is a new venture for Jamal, who operates four Beacon restaurants: WTF; Tito Santana Taqueria; Ziatum and Beacon Bread Co. He is also the former owner of Angelina’s Restaurant in Cold Spring.

Repurposing the former police station as a cannabis outlet “has been a long path,” he said. “It’s a different kind of project, outside my realm. I went through ups and downs, and I changed my mind a dozen times.”

One of the biggest challenges, he said, was hiring the right team. “I was interviewing people but not getting the creativity I was looking for,” he said. “But the universe works in amazing ways; I found the right people.”

Jamal is The Station’s chief executive and chief financial officer; his wife, Lena, is co-owner. The project director, Theresa Dobrash, has worked in the regulated cannabis industry in California, Colorado and Maine, and the creative director, Mallory Lemieux, has a background in architecture, design and technology.

The banner outside the former police building reads, “The Station: Lifestyle and Radio.” The first floor will be devoted to cannabis sales, but Jamal has plans for a soundproofed “radio room” on the second floor to record a podcast called Stirring the Pot.

“We’ll have a barber’s chair, and our friend Lucky (Longo) will be cutting hair,” Jamal said. “We’ll just talk about the world. It’s going to be a creative community workspace and a lot of fun.”

Like Jamal, Grant McCabe, who owns The Leaf NY on Main Street in Beacon, which stocks products containing the cannabis compound cannabidiol, said he plans to apply for a retail license next week. He said his operation may not necessarily be located in Beacon.

McCabe said one advantage of running The Leaf, which opened in 2019, is that he is already familiar with many of the people licensed to grow marijuana and process the plant into edibles. “I know we’ll get the best products at the best prices and have the best customer service,” he said.

Leonard Sparks contributed reporting.

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**LETTERS AND COMMENTS**

**Phlipstown tax**

I agree with Kathleen Kourie’s call for a revaluation of every property in Philipstown (Letters and Comments, Sept. 22). In fairness, this process should be undertaken to assure that the tax levy is equitably distributed. However, I want to clarify one point: The tax levy is a stipulated sum set to fund municipal activities like the Highway Department. The levy is divided by tax parcels and the assessed value determines the amount paid by each taxable unit. The levy is set through a rational formula that meets the allotted amount necessary for each fiscal year. A revaluation will make the distribution of taxes more equitable, but it will not increase the dollar amount collected, which cannot exceed the levy.

Another aspect of this issue is school funding. It’s the same formula but with much larger dollar amounts. Little known fact: Garrison School taxpayers pay over 40 percent less in school taxes than Haldane taxpayers. A consolidated school district would be a huge step toward further addressing fairness.

In my time as Philipstown supervisor, and in consultation with the assessor, we committed to an in-house revaluation but were obviously unsuccessful in completing it during my tenure. That’s on me and would require a much larger discussion. Having said this, a lot of data was collected over the years which may serve to make the process easier when the time ultimately comes.

Richard Shea, Cold Spring
Shea was the Philipstown supervisor from 2010 to 2021.

**Beacon churches**

As Beacon residents, we’ve attended many Planning Board meetings and repeatedly raised concerns about the conversion of the former Reformed Church of Beacon on Wolcott Avenue into an event space, restaurant and bar. We’re devastated to read that the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church, a century-old Black congregation, was in the running to purchase the Reformed Church building but lost out on a bid to a commercial enterprise, Prophecy Hall (“Beacon Church Seeks Home in Fishkill,” Sept. 22).

Our Beacon neighbors should know that in many of the Planning Board meetings, Prophecy Hall claimed it was “saving” the church from falling into disrepair while insinuating the community should be grateful it would be bringing the building back to life because no one else would. We would much prefer the Star of Bethlehem as our neighbors. Maybe they can do a swap? It seems that the property the Star of Bethlehem is contemplating in Fishkill is a much better fit for Prophecy Hall.

In all seriousness, if the story is true, shame on Prophecy Hall for outbidding a historic Beacon congregation, then presenting itself as a savior of that church. Shame on the Reformed Church for selling to Prophecy Hall rather than to a fellow church. And shame on the City of Beacon for prioritizing commerce over community.

Shelley Simmons-Bloom and Matt Bloom, Beacon

**Columbus Day**

Columbus Day should have been retained on the Beacon school calendar and a separate Indigenous People’s Day created (Sept. 22). Instead, cancel culture prevailed and the board voted to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day/Italian Heritage Day, in lockstep with the New York City Board of Education, a dubious role model.

Columbus and others led numerous voyages which opened avenues of exploration and colonization, without which we wouldn’t be here. I don’t know anyone who was around during the 15th century, but there are those who think they know exactly what transpired. The woke culture permeating our society is attempting to rewrite history to suit those who continuously find fault with our past.

The board’s time would be better spent ensuring that history is properly taught in the classrooms, refining the curriculum, improving math and English scores, lowering the dropout rate and preparing students to assimilate into society.

Don Gallo, Beacon

There are very good records of exactly what transpired in the 1490s; read any of the books by Catholic priest and direct observer Bartolomé de las Casas, such as A Short (Continued on Page 5)
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History of the Destruction of the Indies. Or visit renamerecolombusday.org. Great job, Beacon school board. Children need to know real history in order to make this a better world for themselves and their children.

Jake Moore, via highlandscurrent.org

Rail trail

I have dreamed of a level trail in Beacon for many years, and I am glad to hear of the new study that could lead to the construction of an extended rail trail (“Dutchess Hires Firm to Study Rail Trail,” Sept. 22). Beacon’s streets are generally too busy and hilly for bicycling, and the redevelopment of the long-dormant tracks would be welcome news. Maybe I will finally be able to dust off my bicycle and use it on a regular basis.

Mary Fris, Beacon

We have enough rail trails. A light rail feeding Metro-North would be a great alternative to alleviate Beacon traffic and get some economic distribution into the hamlets that used to be along that line.

Brian Tietje, via Facebook

I wonder if funding a design competition would provide better and faster outcomes.

Brett Miller, via Facebook

Seastreak

The situation detailed in your article regarding Seastreak captures the incompetence of Mayor Kathleen Foley’s time in office (“Seastreak Cruises Still Unresolved,” Sept. 8). Per Foley’s own admission, her inability to implement a two-year-old parking plan has cost the village important revenue. If Trustee Eliza Starbuck, charged with the implementation, and the mayor can’t get the job done in a timely matter, they need to get out of the way and let others get it done.

Further, leaving the budget in a position that a mere $48,000 from Seastreak is presented as being indispensable is irresponsible leadership and betrayal of their fiduciary duty. If they are being honest in presenting the budget situation as dire, as they do, they need to be held accountable for their mismanagement. If they can’t manage the budget properly, they need to get out of the way and let others get it done.

Gaston Alonso, Cold Spring

Many residents seem unaware or choose to ignore the benefits that Seastreak brings to the village. One is transporting seasonal visitors without adding to congestion stemming from cars endlessly circling in search of parking. The air pollution generated by one ferry carrying hundreds of people is considerably less than that created if they all came by automobile. In addition, Main Street merchants depend on the sales boost from Seastreak visits to survive the winter season when retail traffic slows. The docking fees contribute to the village bottom line, helping to offset the costs of unpredictable weather, extra trash collection and bathroom maintenance.

The original plan for Seastreak to stay docked only one weekend day was a good compromise to reduce the impact on scenic views. That contract is usually signed in early spring, but no one could predict the devastating floods that significantly damaged infrastructure in Highland Falls and West Point. That other accommodations must be made is unfortunate but does not indicate Village Board incompetence.

Developing a parking plan to bring meters to Main Street without additionally burdening residents is a complicated process, contrary to what many people believe. Implementing residential parking waivers requires approval from multiple state government entities, and yes, that process is frustratingly slow.

Clearly, many residents are unaware of the expense generated by the purchase, programming, installation, insurance and digital maintenance of smart parking meters. The last I looked at the issue, it would require floating a bond to spread out the costs before the village would see increased revenues. That doesn’t mean it should not be done.

It’s easy for the uninformed to criticize the Village Board as being incompetent when these projects take so much time. Making the effort to understand these project costs, larger implications and effects on residents is considerably harder than indulging in acid-tongued lashing of our mayor and trustees.

Lynn Miller, Cold Spring

For the first time in seven years, the village is in fairly serious fiscal trouble (Sept. 22). Unlike the federal government, it can’t print money to overcome its deficit. We are all hoping for the best, but it will be interesting to see how the Village Board climbs out of this hole it has created. Perhaps it can begin by listening more closely to its residents.

This board has done a number of good things for the village. Nevertheless, its tone has become increasingly autocratic. We are a village that celebrates diversity, but we also need to celebrate ideological diversity. I follow the board meetings because they are interesting and keep me informed. What I’ve noticed with this board is an increasing lack of diversity in its proceedings. If you look at the history of its votes, you will struggle to find any that were not unanimous. Unfortunately, there have been times when its tone is condescending, and it appears to discount input from longtime residents.

I hope more residents participate in the board meetings and, respectfully and appropriately, provide feedback and concerns. This is how democracy works most effectively.

Walter Ulmer, Cold Spring
Howland Center Launches Coin Drive

The Howland Cultural Center in Beacon has launched a fundraising campaign to raise $150,000 to fix its portico and make other repairs.

“Weather and deterioration took their toll,” said Theresa Kraft, the Howland president. “So we’re asking for your pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Even dollars will do. We already have some support and savings, but we need more.”

The building, constructed in 1872 as a library, last year celebrated its 150th anniversary. Kraft noted that, 25 years ago, Beacon teachers and students organized a penny drive to fix the cultural center’s roof.

Contributors can bring coins to the cultural center at 477 Main St. between 1 and 5 p.m. on Saturdays or Sundays, or donate at howlandculturalcenter.org.

Garrison Residents Call for Study

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Eleanor’s Legacy Names Director

Eleanor’s Legacy, a statewide advocacy group that supports female, pro-choice Democratic candidates in local and New York races, has named a Beacon resident as its new executive director.

Julie Shiroishi, who was most recently chief of staff for Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, ran unsuccessfully for a state Senate seat in 2022. She will join

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in an advisory issued Sept. 20.

The Dutchess County weekend archery program kicked off on Sept. 16 at the newly installed range at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls.

The range was completed over the summer with funds received from the federal American Rescue Plan and doubled capacity to 20 people for the spring and fall archery program.

The range, which includes a covered firing line and storage shed for equipment, is open only to participants in the Naturalist Program but the county hopes to expand access in 2024.

For more information, call 845-298-4602 or visit dutchessny.gov/parkseducation.

**Beacon Residents Receive Army Promotions**

Two Beacon residents have been promoted in the New York Army National Guard, the guard announced on Sept. 13.

Mijail Mariano, assigned to the 827th Engineer Company, was promoted to first lieutenant, while Caleb Wilson, assigned to the Headquarters and Special Troops Battalion, 369th Sustainment Brigade, was promoted to specialist.

According to the Army National Guard, promotions are based on a soldier’s performance, leadership abilities, professionalism and development potential.

New York’s military forces include nearly 20,000 members of the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, the Naval Militia and the New York Guard.

**Haldane Student is National Merit Semifinalist**

High school principal also recognized as educator of distinction

A Haldane High School student was named on Sept. 13 as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist.

Helena Kottman is among 16,000 students recognized nationally in the 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program who will have a chance to be among 7,340 to win college scholarships announced in the spring.

The semifinalists are selected from more than 1.3 million juniors at 21,000 high schools who took the preliminary SAT (PSAT).

At the same time, Haldane High School Principal Julia Saffiten was recognized by The National Honor Society of High School Scholars as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction.

She was nominated by Kottman. The award recognizes “high school teachers, counselors or administrators who have made the most significant contribution to [the nominator’s] academic career.”

**Philipstown Expands Recycling Hours**

**Now open Tuesday as well as Saturday**

Philipstown has expanded the hours that residents can bring recyclable items to its Lane Gate facility near Route 9.

As of Sept. 19, in addition to its Saturday hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., the center is open Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The facility accepts food scrap waste (including certified recyclable plates and cups); paper and cardboard products (bundled or put in a paper bag); metal products; glass (no mirrors, windows or drinking glasses, but wine, liquor and beer bottles are OK); refrigerators and white goods (with doors removed); and household e-waste.

The recycling center does not accept furniture, wood products, gas cylinders, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, lithium batteries, medical waste, hazardous waste of any kind, cassette tapes, yard waste or household batteries.

**Coat Drive Begins Oct. 1**

29th annual collection includes Beacon drop

The 29th annual Guardian Self Storage coat drive begins Sunday (Oct. 1) with a drop-off location in Beacon.

Donations of clean, new or gently used winter coats will be collected during October at any Guardian Self Storage location, including at 629 Route 52. Only freshly laundered or dry-cleaned coats will be accepted. New gloves, hats and scarves are welcome, and children’s coats (especially for boys) and large adult sizes (2XL or larger) are especially needed.

BoscoBel is looking for new local talent to be Guides and Guest Services Associates for the extended season starting April 1st. If you enjoy history with a beautiful view, please apply through our website.
Feds Deny Request to Abandon Beacon Rail Line

Metro-North must resubmit application

By Jeff Simms

The Surface Transportation Board, a federal agency that regulates the railroad industry, has denied Metro-North’s request to abandon 41 miles of the dormant Beacon rail line that runs from the city’s waterfront to the Connecticut border and has been proposed for a rail trail.

According to a decision issued by the Surface Transportation Board in July, Metro-North should apply to “railbank” — or pause usage along the line — rather than abandon it. Railbanking would keep the Beacon Line as part of the national rail network and allow Metro-North to retain its right-of-way. In turn, that would allow the creation of an interim (but likely long-term), publicly accessible rail trail.

The Surface Transportation Board denied Metro-North’s request “without prejudice,” which means it can submit a new application.

Earlier this month, Dutchess County said it had spent $278,000 to hire a consulting firm to conduct a feasibility study on creating a trail along a 13-mile stretch of the line, from the Beacon waterfront to Hopewell Junction. That study, to be conducted by a firm based in Syracuse, is expected to be completed in 2025.

Beacon officials have long called for the conversion of the dormant line as a rail trail. Those talks have intensified in the last month as the City Council considers rezoning a portion of the Fishkill Avenue corridor, which runs parallel to parts of the line.

The dormant Beacon Line winds its way toward Fishkill. File photo by Michael Turton

Lawmakers Call for Bridge Fencing on Hudson

Say it could prevent many suicides

Two state senators earlier this month called for suicide-prevention fencing to be installed on five Hudson River bridges, including Bear Mountain and Newburgh-Beacon.

Sen. Pete Harckham and Sen. James Skoufis hosted a news conference in Peekskill to urge the New York State Bridge Authority to build “climb-deterrent fencing” on its bridges, which also include the Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle. The senators in 2021 introduced legislation to force the agency to install fencing, but it stalled in committee.

Harckham said since that time, 11 people have died after jumping from one of the five bridges as well as the Walkway Over the Hudson. He said the Bridge Authority has estimated that fencing would cost $10 million to $60 million.

If you are experiencing a mental-health crisis, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is available 24 hours a day by calling or texting 988.

Man Accused of Illegally Selling Wild Trout

An Orange County man over the summer pleaded not guilty to charges that he illegally sold trout he had caught in the Neversink River.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation said Robert Everett, who lives in Cuddebackville, sold freshly caught wild trout packaged in vacuum-sealed bags to an undercover agent. Officers said they found about 40 pounds of trout at Everett’s home.

It is illegal to sell trout, Atlantic salmon, black bass, walleye, muskellunge and venison in New York state.

Peekskill Approves $1 Million Payout

Settles lawsuit involving off-duty city police officer

The Peekskill Common Council on Sept. 18 voted 6-1 to settle a lawsuit filed by the victim of a car crash that involved an off-duty city police officer.

David Maldonado was injured in Rockland County in 2016 when he and another pedestrian were struck by a vehicle involved in an accident with a speeding car driven by a Peekskill police officer who was late for his midnight shift. The other pedestrian died.

The Peekskill attorney missed a March 2018 deadline to respond to the lawsuit because the case file was misplaced in the law department, according to The Peekskill Herald. A judge gave the city more time to respond, saying it may not be liable because the officer was not on duty, but an appeals court overruled the decision.

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some land on the site must be permanently protected through a legal agreement known as a conservation easement.

Over the summer, Horton Road’s search for a nonprofit agency to hold and enforce that easement prompted questions from a resident, Susan Anspach, because the developer’s candidate, the North American Land Trust, based in Pennsylvania, was sued last year in federal court in South Carolina over its stewardship of an easement there.

Anspach noted in a letter to the Planning Board that NALT is not accredited and that, according to The Washington Post, the IRS challenged the value given the land for tax purposes in at least eight of the easements it holds. NALT was also involved with a Westchester County property owned by former President Donald Trump, whose $32,000 donation to the trust was later ruled to be “a misuse of charitable funds,” The Post reported.

NALT’s president, Steven Carter, replied through attorneys representing the developer that the trust is not involved in valuing the easements and that it had “purposely chosen not to pursue accreditation” because “certain requirements present unsolvable conflicts with law and responsible nonprofit governance.

“Of course, the conservation easement may be granted to whatever charity will hold it, but there is nothing presented to suggest that NALT should not be the conservation-easement holder,” he wrote.

At the Planning Board’s Sept. 21 meeting, Deputy Supervisor Robert Flaherty noted that Horton Road LLC had suggested that the Town Board could be the easement holder. Judson Siebert, a project lawyer, confirmed Horton Road’s interest.

Likewise, Flaherty said, Town Board members “have been getting a lot of favorable emails, from a bunch of people in the community, thinking it’s a good idea that the town hold the easement.” On the Town Board itself, “I think we’ll be in favor of taking that on,” assisted by an independent, outside agency, he said.

Neal Zuckerman, who chairs the Planning Board, explained that “as I understand the theory, the town would hold the easement and a third party would administer it on behalf of the town.”

Typically, conservation subdivisions cluster houses and other buildings closely together, as in a traditional village, to minimize threats to meadows, forests and other natural areas and to limit road construction. The town zoning code encourages conservation subdivisions “in which units are clustered,” but it does not mandate close “clustering.” In April 2022, the town attorney, Stephen Gaba, told the Planning Board that “the project meets town code.

There’s no question about that.”

To receive the final OK from the Planning Board, Horton Road LLC must obtain approval from the Town Board for the conservation easement and homeowner regulations that would, among other rules, restrict tree removal (with a ban on backyard clear-cutting), control the application of chemical pesticides-herbicides and forbid the installation of swimming pools. It also needs approvals from the Putnam County Health Department and state Departments of Environmental Conservation and Transportation for various aspects of the project.

In other business on Sept. 21, the Planning Board continued its discussion of plans by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to redevelop the former Garrison Golf Course and concerns by some neighbors about noise from amplified theatrical productions and potential depletion of the underground water supply.

Zuckerman suggested HVSF present a revised environmental impact report to the board at its Oct. 19 meeting.

On this 2022 map of the proposed Hudson Highlands Reserve development, the black dots represent homes and the dark green is land that won’t be developed. The Highlands Current

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Fate of Indian Point Wastewater Still Unclear

Holted considering ‘multiple options’ but won’t say more
By Brian PJ Cronin

A month after Gov. Kathy Hochul signed a bill preventing Holtec from discharging water from Indian Point’s spent fuel pools into the Hudson River, the company said it hasn’t yet decided what it will do with the waste.

At the Sept. 21 meeting of the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board, a representative for Holtec, which is decommissioning the plant on the Hudson River near Peekskill, said he was not going to discuss what options it was considering. But he did say it expects the process will take longer.

“There will be a schedule impact; I don’t think you can avoid it,” said Rich Burrelli, who was attending his last oversight meeting because he was recently promoted to become Holtec’s chief nuclear officer.

No remaining options are without their opponents. Boiling the water so that it evaporates would transfer its radiation to the air. Dumping it in the ocean would violate international law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law. Mixing it with concrete and shipping it to the western U.S. to be buried, national law.

“We have all these activists here,” said Knickerbocker, referring to organizations who opposed the river discharge. “Time to get after the feds because that [wastewater] should be taken off the property.”

Knickerbocker reiterated her opposition to the option most popular with environmental groups: That the wastewater be filtered and stored in tanks on-site for 12 years, at which point the radioactive tritium that can’t be filtered out of the water will have decayed to half of its current potency. Because the tanks are notoriously leaky, which could result in an uncontrolled discharge, the mayor said that she will not grant the necessary permits needed for on-site storage.

Dave Lochbaum, the oversight board’s nuclear expert, noted that in 2009 a tank at Indian Point failed, leaking 10,000 gallons a day “for a while” until the leak was discovered. “The result of that is the contamination gets into places it shouldn’t be, in higher levels of contamination,” he said.

When asked why the tanks fail so often, Lochbaum said that the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission’s (NRC) policies don’t encourage the development of better tanks. “If you’ve ever paid a nickel for an overdue library book, you’ve paid a nickel more than the NRC has ever fined anyone for spilling millions of gallons of contaminated water,” he said. “Because there’s no sanction for doing wrong, there’s no incentive for getting it right.”

Lochbaum also had harsh words for the NRC when making a presentation on how the dry casks that store the spent fuel itself are inspected. Almost all of Indian Point’s spent nuclear fuel has been loaded into metal canisters, which are lowered into concrete hulls to protect them until they can be shipped to a yet-to-be-built permanent facility. The casks are supposed to be inspected on a regular basis to make sure they aren’t leaking or in danger of cracking.

But an audit by the NRC released this year found that for the past 20 years, nuclear power plants in the Southeast weren’t being inspected nearly as often or as robustly as they should have been. And inspectors weren’t qualified. Lochbaum said that in some cases, the inspectors didn’t even enter the fenced areas where the dry casks were located.

“They walked around the outside of the fence,” Lochbaum said. “That’s probably not adequate inspections.”

He also took issue with the fact that the NRC only spot-checks casks, rather than inspecting them all. At the same time, inspecting all of the casks properly is impractical because the process exposes inspectors to a low dose of radiation.

Public records indicate that the casks at Indian Point have been inspected more often and more thoroughly than those in the Southeast, but Lochbaum said that it’s still not clear if the inspectors are qualified or how many hours were spent.

The oversight board has asked the NRC for more detailed information on the inspection process at Indian Point, and expects to have answers in time for its next public meeting on Dec. 6.
Think back to those days when you were young enough to want your family members to wake up so they could play with you.

For Charles (known to many as Chuck) Burleigh it was frustrating waiting for his sleeping-late parents to rise and shine, but he coped, somehow. “I was stuck in my bedroom and was always making stuff, so what could I do but re-arrange furniture?” he recalls.

Those early mornings in Winchester, Massachusetts — in a household Burleigh describes as “a family of artists and artisans: gilders, painters, ceramicists, weavers, silversmiths, fashion designers and clock makers” — proved to become a conduit to Burleigh’s professional life as an interior decorator. The career path for Burleigh, who lives in Cold Spring, was pretty well laid out.

“My mother was very artistic and creative, and I was intrigued by what she came up with,” he says. “I thought of going into architecture, but found it had too much math. So I shifted to interior design,” enrolling in a three-year program at the Parsons School of Design in New York City.

Burleigh has an acute memory of some of the early projects he was assigned. “We were to locate things in nature or in a built environment and find parallels to them in the other,” he says. “In our later years, it was all studio classes in drawing and design. We could design an interior for a locomotive, create an interior and a site plan for an apartment, or design a record player.

“The drawing class taught drafting and rendering, which were easy for me because I had taken three years of drafting in high school, and in junior high, too, because it was a prerequisite for an architectural drawing class I wanted to take.”

At home he had already “created model houses, had drawn up floor plans, taken a lot of photographs and designed interiors;” he says. “By the time I went to Parsons, I already knew a lot.”

After graduating, Burleigh found work at design firms, where “all I did was draft,” he recalls. “There was no CAD [computer-aided design]. Now, no one does hand drafting; I do it occasionally.”

It was a time of hearing lots of critiques and comments, and a rookie’s inevitable concern that he was “not equipped to do what I was meant to. I could have a sense of what the client might want, but at that point I’m designing for the boss, which is about what the boss might do for my client, not what I would do for my client.

“I had almost a rude awakening when I realized I needed to present the design scheme to the client and that had to include coming up with a rationale for what I was showing.”

For two decades, Burleigh took corporate assignments, usually from architecture firms who wanted office interiors. “It never occurred to me that I would want to do residential design,” he says. “Two nice apartment projects landed in my lap, and I thought ’I’ll try’ and found I enjoyed working for myself.”

He began doing that after being laid off. “I essentially had my own firm,” he says. “I didn’t want the commitment of hiring staff.” He worked on his own for eight years, until 9/11, then worked as a design director for a classical architect, then went off on his own again.

Working with clients means taking a judicious view of trends. “I always like working with what’s new and interesting, so I’m happy looking at things that are trendy,” he says. “But it’s a fine line that I (Continued on Page 14)
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY
SAT 30
Hudson Valley Ramble
hudsonvalleyramble.com
See the website for details about talks, hikes and tours highlighting nature and outdoor recreation. Also SUN 1.

SAT 30
Craft Fair and Bake Sale
COLD SPRING
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Methodist Church
St. Mary’s Parish Hall
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
For its third annual fundraiser sale, the library and residents will sell household items, clothing, toys, tools and many other items. Rescheduled from SAT 23.

SAT 30
Tag Sale
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Garrison Center
9 Academy St. | 845-424-3960
Garrisonartcenter.org
More than 60 artists, crafters, designers and makers will display and sell their wares at the art center’s 53rd annual fair. Enjoy live music and food trucks at this annual event. Enjoy the parade begins at 1 p.m.; the grand marshal is Gary VanVoorhis, the recently retired fire chief.

SAT 30
Sooon is Now, Oct 1
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street
Get to know your community better and visit booths from organizations, churches and businesses at this 46th annual event, which was rescheduled from SUN 24 because of rain. There will be food for sale, as well as live music on two stages. The parade begins at 1 p.m.; the grand marshal is Gary VanVoorhis, the recently retired fire chief.

SUN 1
Spirit of Beacon
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street
Get to know your community better and visit booths from organizations, churches and businesses at this 46th annual event, which was rescheduled from SUN 24 because of rain. There will be food for sale, as well as live music on two stages. The parade begins at 1 p.m.; the grand marshal is Gary VanVoorhis, the recently retired fire chief.

SUN 1
Soon is Now
BEACON
Noon – 3:30 p.m. Long Dock Park
23 Long Dock Road
technochangetheatre.com
The Climate Change Theatre Action event will include art, music, dance and theater in the park, as well as opportunities to meet activists from local organizations. Rescheduled from SAT 23. Free

SAT 7
Thrift Sale
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St.
This annual sale of gently used clothing, shoes and accessories, organized by the Climate Smart Initiative, Philipstown Loop and the church, will benefit the Philipstown Food Pantry. Also SUN 8, MON 9.

SAT 7
Potluck Picnic
NELSONVILLE
Noon – 3 p.m. Masonic Lodge
18 Secor St.
Bring a dish and non-alcoholic beverages to share with neighbors. The rain date is SUN 8.

VISUAL ART
SAT 30
Mary Heilman
BEACON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St. | 845-231-0811
dia.org
Work from the artist’s Starry Night series (1967-71) goes on view. Free with museum admission. Cost: $20 ($15 ages 65 and older, $5 students and those with disabilities; free for ages 5 to 11 and Beacon residents)
collections in Spanish and English as part of the library's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

SAT 30
Uprooted
PHILIPSTOWN
3 p.m., Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane | stonecrop.org
Page Dickey, a garden writer, will discuss her book about starting a garden in her 70s when she moved away from her home of 34 years. Cost: $20 ($15 members)

SUN 1
Mary Gaitskill
COLD SPRING
4 p.m., Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Gaitskill, the author of novels, essays and, most recently, a hybrid work, *The Devil's Treasure*, will read from her 2019 novel, *This is Pleasure.*

SAT 30
Community Playwriting Workshop
GARRISON
10 a.m., Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-265-3040
townecrier.com
This year’s theme for the annual playwriting “Bake-Off” sponsored by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is *Love’s Labor’s Lost, or Jack Hath Not Jill.* During a two-hour workshop led by Christine Scarfuto, acting director of the MFA playwriting program at Hunter College, writers will use a list of items as prompts. Five to seven submitted plays will be performed in November by HSVF actors. A virtual workshop is scheduled for 10 a.m. on SUN 4.

TUES 3
The Fly
BEACON
7 p.m., The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane storyscreencommits.com
Story Screen opens its annual *Horror* show with the 1976 film, *Starring Jeff Goldblum and Geena Davis, about an experiment that transforms a man into a fly.* Cost: $8

FRI 6
Nine
GARRISON
7:30 p.m., Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900 philipstowndepottheatre.org
Depot Cinema debuts with the 2009 film about a famous filmmaker’s relationships, starring Judi Dench and Daniel Day-Lewis. Cost: $15

SAT 7
Putnam Fall for Dance
KENT LAKES
3 p.m., Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52 | artsontrelake.org
Members of the Putnam County Dance Project, Dances by Isadora/ NYC and the Erick Hawkins Dance Company will perform. Also MON 9.

SAT 7
Your Bizarre Day
WAPPENING FALLS
7 p.m., Norma’s | 2648 E. Main St.
bit.ly/bizarre-day-show
Comedy improvers will act out audience members’ most bizarre experiences. Cost: $5

SAT 7
David Cross
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m., Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 bardavon.org
The comedian will perform as part of his 2023 tour. Cost: $42 ($32 students)

SAT 7
In Conversation with The Sopranos
PEEKSKILL
7:30 p.m., Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039ParamountHudsonValley.com
Comedian Joey Kola will host a panel discussion with actors Steve Schirripa (Bobby Bacala), Vincent Pastore (Big Pussy) and Michael Imperioli (Christopher), followed by a Q&A. Cost: $19 to $82

SUN 8
Hilarie Burton Morgan
POUGHKEEPSIE
3 p.m., Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 bardavon.org
Jeffrey Dean Morgan will discuss with the author her memoir, *Green Girl*, and talk about her experiences working on the film *Hollywood vs. the Farming in Rhinebeck,* and how to create your own book of wisdom. Ticket includes signed copy. Cost: $42

SAT 30
Rumpus Music Festival
WAPPENING FALLS
1 – 6 p.m., Randolph School
2467 Route 9D | randolphschool.org/rumpus
The school will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a festival. Cost: $30 (free for ages 2 to 12)

SAT 30
D.N.R. Party
PHILIPSTOWN
2 – 5 p.m., Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9facebook.com/littlestonypoint
The band, featuring Drew, Roberto and Nico, will perform to raise money for Little Stony Point Citizens Association programs. Bring a picnic. The rain date is SUN 1.

SAT 30
Best of Big Bands
NEWBURGH
3 p.m., Safe Harbors Green
111 Broadway | newburghsymphony.org
The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform. Free

SAT 30
Trove
GARRISON
4 p.m., Manhattan | 584 Route 9D | visitmanitoga.org
Neil Eck and Eric Calvi will perform on their immersive sound installation at the Quarry Pool. Cost: $40 ($35 members and their children)

SUN 8
Hudson Valley Gospel Festival
POUGHKEEPSIE
6 p.m., First Congregational Church
269 Mill St. | facebook.com/hudsonvalleygospelfest
The festival will include performances by a choir and dance team, as well as Rene Bailey and the Rainbow Singers. Cost: $20 ($15 students)

SAT 30
Doansburg Chamber Ensemble
COLD SPRING
7 p.m., St. Mary’s Church | 1 Chestnut St. dosansburgchamberensemble.org
The program will include works by Boccherini, Sowash, Ginastera and Mozart. Watch in person or via livestream. Cost: $17 ($14 seniors, students)

SAT 30
Steve Katz
BEACON
8 p.m., Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org
The founding member of Blood, Sweat and Tears will play music and tell stories. Cost: $25 ($20 door)

SAT 30
British Legends of Rock
BEACON
8:30 p.m., Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The tribute band will play covers of hits from the 1960s and ’70s. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

SUN 1
Classics for Kids: Peter and the Wolf
BEACON
1 p.m., Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org
The Sylva Winds Quartet will perform Prokofiev’s music with narration in Spanish and English by Jesus Velasquez. Cost: $15 (free for children)

SAT 1
Sylvan Winds
BEACON
4 p.m., Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org
The woodwind quartet’s program will include works by MacDowell, Lefebvre, Grant Still, Debussy, Breligh and Dvorak. Cost: $15 to $25 ($10 ages 25 and younger)

SUN 1
Broadway Showstoppers
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m., Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039ParamountHudsonValley.com
Performers from a hauntingly great Broadway musicals with horror, science fiction and supernatural themes will showcase their hits. Cost: $15 to $49.50

THURS 5
Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m., Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039ParamountHudsonValley.com
The blues rock guitarist will play selections from his 25-year career. Cost: $67 to $92

FRI 6
Open Mic Invitational
BEACON
7:30 p.m., Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The showcase will include talents from the open mic series. Cost: $10
Beacon Arts Grants
Applications Due
Clara Lou Gould Fund deadline is Oct. 27

Applications for Clara Lou Gould Fund for the Arts grants, which provide money in Beacon in 2024 for individual artist projects; exhibition, performance or public art projects; arts education programs; and community programs that promote artists and arts activities, are due Oct. 27.

The fund was created to honor Gould when she retired after serving for 18 years as Beacon’s mayor. Its goal is to fund Beacon projects not generally supported by other area arts organizations.

Applicants must be a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization or be fiscally sponsored by one. To apply, see bit.ly/gould-grant-2023.

Putnam Arts Council Offers Grants
Information seminars scheduled

The Putnam Arts Council will hold virtual information seminars on Wednesday (Oct. 4) and Oct. 13 for artists interested in applying for grants funded by the county and New York State Council on the Arts.

In 2023 the Arts Link Grant Program distributed $44,793 to 20 nonprofit cultural and community organizations in Putnam County, including the Chapel Restoration and Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and Roscobol, the Garrison Landing Association and the Garrison Art Center in Garrison.

To be considered, applicants must attend one of the two online information sessions. See putnamartscouncil.com. The application deadline is Nov. 17.

Dutchess Artists Will Be Honored
37th annual awards by county executive set for Oct. 11

Arts Mid-Hudson will honor 10 local artists and organizations at the 37th annual Dutchess County Executive’s Arts Awards on Oct. 11, including two from Beacon.

The Kube Art Center in Beacon, founded in 2011 by Ethan Cohen and Zhu Ceng and located in the former Beacon High School, will be honored as the arts organization of the year.

Rowan Parsaca, a 2023 Beacon High School graduate, will be recognized as the Youth with Exceptional Promise in the Arts. Parsaca is part of the Dia:Beacon teen program, works with artists Ron English and Hayden Wayne and recently portrayed Eponine in the Beacon Players production of Les Misérables.

The awards ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. To register, see artsmidhudson.org/dcartsawards.

Depot Theatre to Hold Auditions
Plans to present The Watched Pot

The Philipstown Depot Theatre will hold auditions on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 for a production of The Watched Pot, by Keith D. Hersberger, that will be presented next year.

The theater, located on Garrison’s Landing, plans to stage the play from Jan. 26 to Feb. 4. To audition for the non-equity production, email keiththbkhly@gmail.com. Copies of the script are available at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, or at philipstowndepottheatre.org.

Cinema Depot Series Debuts with Nine
Garrison theater will host three movie musical screenings


It continues Nov. 10 with Dreamgirls (2006) starring Beyonce and Jennifer Hudson (who won an Academy Award for her performance) and concludes on Dec. 9 with the Irving Berlin classic White Christmas (1954), starring Bing Crosby.

“I am sometimes astounded when I learn that these are films many have never seen,” says Phil Geoffrey Bond, who curated the series. “The community experience of viewing these musical treasures will make for three very cozy evenings at the Depot.”

Each screening begins at 7:30 p.m. The Depot Theatre is located on Garrison’s Landing; tickets are $15 at philipstowndepottheatre.org.

Butterfield Library Holds Writing Contest
Celebrating 200th anniversary of founder’s birth

The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring is holding a writing contest for students in grades kindergarten through 12 who live in Philipstown to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of Julia Butterfield, who bequeathed the money to build the institution.

Winners will receive a $100 prize and will be invited to read excerpts from their entries at Cold Spring Aglow on Dec. 8. The deadline is Oct. 27. See butterfieldlibrary.org for writing prompts and links to the entry forms.

For more of Burleigh’s work, see charlesburleigh.com.
The Howland Goes Avant-Garde

Beacon show will include art, music and talks, but no slogans

By Alison Rooney

Just before the pandemic, Madeleine DeNitto was thinking about how much she loves avant-garde music and art and wished she could put both in a show. Earlier this year, post-pandemic, the Garrison resident approached the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon with a proposal.

The result, *No Name | No Slogan: The Brasiles Arts Collective Avant-Garde Exhibition 2023*, covers a swath of newness. It opens Oct. 7. Along with a free art exhibition, there will be talks, music, a film screening and performances.

The exhibit title is derived from a song DeNitto danced to frequently during her younger days, when she was living in the East Village in Manhattan.

“It’s actually two bands, Ministry and Cabaret Voltaire, that got together for a side project called Acid Horse and cut this track, ‘No Name, No Slogan,’” she explains. “It was a great techno dance song for the clubs. Cabaret Voltaire took its name from the nightclub where the Dada art movement was founded. I wanted this show to feel brandless — we don’t need a theme outside of being different.”

DeNitto says her fascination with avant-garde dates to early childhood, when she looked through “the large, amazing, art and music books my parents kept in the living room. I learned the names of the artists I preferred, such as Salvador Dali. My professor father also had a print of Dali’s 1954 “Crucifixion” on the wall of his office. I was far more drawn to images that would catch me by surprise.

“I spun in my father’s Eames chair staring at that Dali print every single afternoon of my childhood and teen years,” she recalls. “I was always drawn to art, music and fashion that was peculiar or a little wild. These were people who had a lot of drive and confidence, being bold with their work.”

DeNitto, who has run a concierge business for 24 years and recently began working at Magazzino Italian Art Museum in Philipstown, curated the show with her husband, Clayton Scales. The exhibit includes works by 25 visual artists, including 11 from the Hudson Valley. The couple also curated a playlist of music from 1967 to the present and will release a 42-page digital catalog this weekend.

The opening reception on Sept. 30 will include a free overview of the avant-garde movement by Buzz Spector, a professor, writer and artist. On Oct. 14, in the first of three ticketed events, Greg Miller will speak about Hugo Ball and Dada, followed by poetry from André Herzegovitch and a performance of the Talking Heads album *Talking Heads* by local musicians.

On Oct. 20, Dan Frome will lecture on film auteur David Lynch, followed by a screening of Lynch’s *Eraserhead* (1977). On Nov. 11, to celebrate Arvo Pärt, Jaanika Peerna will present a visual art performance accompanied by The Brasiles Ensemble — of which DeNitto is a founding member — singing Pärt’s music, followed by an interview with Peerna.

“It’s been hard work,” says DeNitto. “It’s coming together, but I’m glad I started a year in advance.”

The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St. The art exhibit, which continues through Nov. 11, is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. An opening reception is scheduled for 2 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 7. For tickets to the events, which cost $15 to $20 each, see bit.ly/HCC-avant-garde. For more information, see thebrasilesensemble.wordpress.com/no-name-no-slogan.
Mouths to Feed

Love and Learn

By Celia Barbour

We all know that eating is closely linked with love and celebration. But the English language also contains a weird link between eating and humiliation. If you make a presumptuous claim and it falls flat, you might eat crow, eat your words, or eat humble pie. And if you are 100 percent certain that the universe will comply with your predictions, you might promise to eat your hat in the unlikely event that your hubris turns out to be misplaced.

The first time I ate Greek-style green beans, I luckily did not have to consume the above delicacies as a side dish, because I’d kept my snarky thoughts to myself. Until the moment I tasted them, however, I was 100 percent certain the dish would suck. How could it not? It consisted of fresh green beans and tomatoes stewed for the better part of an hour in olive oil. On purpose.

Peter and I had driven up to Newburyport that day, to visit Greg, the friend who had first introduced us more than a decade earlier, and his then-wife, Claire. The sky was gray and drizzly, the drive long and tedious. When we walked into their warm kitchen, a beautiful aroma greeted us along with their hugs. “Mmm. What are you making?” I asked.

“Greek green beans,” said Greg. Claire is Greek, and he’d taken up Greek cooking as a kind of valentine to her. When I looked perplexed, he described the recipe to me, explaining that tzatziki — slow-poaching in olive oil and herbs — is a traditional Greek approach to making vegetables.

Huh, I thought when he was done. What a dumb thing to do to perfectly nice green beans.

By now you know where this story is going: the beans were amazing. We sat around the kitchen in the middle of the afternoon snacking on them like potato chips.

When I’d first met Peter (thank you, Greg) I was pretty skeptical about him, too. Last week, we drove up to New Hampshire to celebrate our 25th anniversary. On the morning we were scheduled to leave, I realized, with the sort of manic, last-minute urgency that always overcomes me before a trip, that I absolutely had to make Greek-style green beans.

I hadn’t cooked the dish for 15 years, not since the aftermath of that long-ago visit to Newburyport. But my refrigerator held some of the ingredients in the pot and trust that they will simmer their way to silky goodness all on their own. And it keeps.

Though it’s no beauty, what this dish lacks in eye-appeal it makes up for in deliciousness. It’s also flexible, adapting to whatever proportions of vegetables and herbs you have on hand. It’s patient: You can put all the ingredients in the pot and trust that they will simmer their way to silky goodness all on their own.

Best of all, it’s forgiving, tolerating beans that are starting to go to seed, potatoes with a few sprouting eyes — and possibly even a few slices of crow or humble pie, though I couldn’t say for sure.

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Greek-style Green Beans with Tomatoes and Potatoes

1½ to 2½ cup olive oil
1 onion, diced
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1¼ pounds green beans, trimmed
1 15-ounce can whole tomatoes, or 1 pound fresh tomatoes, chopped
½ cup chopped parsley, plus more for serving
1 pound potatoes, sliced ¼- to ½-inch thick (cut slices into half-circles if large)
Salt and pepper to taste

For serving: feta cheese (preferably sheep’s milk) and crusty bread

In a medium saucepan, heat the olive oil over medium-low. Add the diced onion and cook until translucent and soft, about 10 minutes. Add the garlic and beans and stir to coat well, then mix in the tomatoes, ½ cup parsley, ½ teaspoon salt and several grindings of black pepper. Add enough water to submerge the vegetables about halfway. Cover the pot, reduce the heat to low and simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the potato slices and continue cooking until the vegetables are quite tender, about 15 minutes more.

Serve with parsley, lots of feta and crusty bread alongside.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION

The Warrant for the Collection of Taxes for the City School District of the City of Beacon, New York, for the School Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 has been delivered to me. Please be advised of the following:

Payment must be made by Check or Money Order in the full amount of the tax bill and payable to the Beacon City School District. Please be sure to include the Bill No. and a Daytime Phone Number.

In person payments (check or money order only) will be received in the District office, 10 Education Drive, Beacon NY between the hours of 9:00am – 100pm Monday - Friday September 5, 2023 to October 4, 2023 only.

Please Note: We strongly recommend that tax payments be mailed to our account at M&T Bank as follows:

Mail Payments to: Beacon City School District
School Tax Collection
P.O. Box 1330,
Buffalo, New York 14240-1330

COLLECTION PERIOD: September 05, 2023 - October 04, 2023
Penalty Free
October 05, 2023 - November 03, 2023 must include the 2% Penalty

Payments will be accepted with a Post Office Post Mark of no later than November 03, 2023.

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SIGNED: Florence Zopf, School Tax Collector | Beacon City School District
Tel. (845) 838-6900 x2006
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Fri – September 29 – 8 PM
BLIND TIGER IMPROV with team BOMBSHELL
Featuring the best high-energy audience-favorite games using your suggestions to fuel the show.
Tax $30 adv or at door - blindtigerimprov.com

Sat – September 30 – 10 – 5 PM - Last Day
REALISM ON THE HUDSON
An exhibition of traditional paintings and drawings. Commemorating the AAPL’s 95th anniversary.
GALLERY ALSO OPEN BY APPOINTMENT

Sat – September 30 – 8 PM
STEVE KATZ - AN EVENING OF STORY AND SONG
Founding member Blood, Sweat & Tears + Blues Project
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Roots and Shoots

Sparks of Future Plants

By Pamela Doan

While I still have a lot of blooming plants in my yard, the countdown is here and each day moves the garden closer to its season of rest. The mix of dry, spent blooms and pops of color is the true mark of fall, along with the changing shades of leaves. During every season I think, “Oh yes, this is my favorite,” but I love each one differently.

As those flower heads finish their cycle, they have the spark of new growth contained in their brown husks. Saving seeds from your plants is an affordable way to expand a garden and they make great gifts for gardener friends. How nice to share a piece of joy from your landscape.

Whether collecting seeds from vegetables or flowers, it can be challenging to get started. Fortuitously, there is a workshop coming up: On Oct. 15, Master Gardeners from the Cornell Cooperative Extension will be at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison to provide gardeners with a well-timed boost.

Erin McNally, a workshop leader, said it will be hands-on. “We will walk through the pollinator garden on the library grounds and collect seeds,” she said. “Then we will do rough cleaning inside and label and store the seeds.” Participants can take some seeds home to plant in their yards and others will go to the program office with the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Garrison to provide gardeners with a well-timed boost.

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Of course, the first step to collecting seeds isn’t helpful if they are stored poorly. An important part of the workshop will be demonstrating how to break the seeds out of their coating, clean them and contain them. With too much moisture, the seeds can rot or get moldy. If the coating isn’t removed, they won’t germinate.

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Autism (from Page 1)

several students on the autism spectrum or who are neurodivergent, said Allison Emig, the principal.

The two districts this year began offering joint classes for neurodivergent children. “The answer for the future for small districts is collaboration,” said Kaishian. Haldane also added a class for up to 12 students in kindergarten, first and second grade with a special-education teacher and two aides. Kaishian said that Haldane accepts students from other districts, including Garrison, although all five current students are from Haldane. “There is something to be said for keeping children in the district or close to their home community,” she said.

At the same time, Garrison added a class for neurodivergent children in grades 2 to 4 that includes two students from Haldane, said Emig.

That class has made a difference for 7-year-old John Paul Peralta, who can now go to school for the first time with his Garri-
son peers, said his mother, Guadalupe. Peralta said her family moved to Garrison two years ago and found the district wasn’t able to help her son, whose chal-
len ges include hyperactivity, attention defi-
cit, speech delays and behavioral troubles. “They didn’t have all the things that special kids need,” she said. Instead, the district sent John Paul to Hendrick Hudson. “He only lasted three months,” Peralta said. “His behavior was getting worse.” She said John Paul would jump on chairs, disrupt the class and refuse to listen.

She considered a program in Yorktown Heights operated by the Putnam/Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educa-
tional Services (BOCES). “I cried a lot,” she said. “There were many kids yelling and screaming. The place looked like a jail.”

Last year, John Paul received 16 hours a week of occupational and speech therapy at the Garrison School. This year he attends Garrison’s newly formed special-education class. He loves riding the bus with his class-
mates, said his mother. “He even said on Sunday that he wanted to go to school.”

Peralta added that John Paul is making progress. “He’s speaking more. He’s asking for more things. It’s unbelievable.”

Many needs

Districts are required to provide an Indi-
vidual Education Program (IEP) for each student identified with a serious learning or physical disability. The plans are routinely revisited and must be approved by the school board. The state Department of Education also has outlined a “continuum of services” that districts must provide special-needs students, including special-education teach-

ers “embedded” in general-education class-
rooms, separate special-education classes and resource rooms.

Offering that continuum for every student at every age is a challenge, said Kaishian. Even with 13 special-education teachers, a full-time and a part-time psychologist, two social workers, an occupational therapist, two speech therapists and a behaviorist, Haldane sends seven children out of district, not including the two who attend Garrison.

Garrison has five special-education teachers, a physical therapist, an occupa-
tional therapist and a speech therapist, and places five children out of district.

The Wappinger Central School District, which has 30,000 students, including 1,700 with special needs, has 300 special-education teachers, 20 speech therapists, 10 ocup-
tional therapists and 20 psychologists, said Julia Montoya, director of special education.

That team allows Wappingers to serve nearly all of its special-needs students. “We try our best to keep them here,” she said. But the district still sends 250 children out of district.

That’s partly because every special-education student has specific needs, depending on the nature and severity of his or her disabilities. “The idea that (autism) is a spectrum is very true,” said Kaishian at Haldane. “It’s such a range.”

That’s true of Jake and Alex Ostrow, broth-
ers who attend Haldane. Each is on the spec-
trum but has distinct challenges, according to their parents, Gene and Jen Ostrow.

Jake, who is 14 and in eighth grade, “has issues socializing with kids his age,” said Jen Ostrow. “During tests he gets very anxious and down on himself.” She added that “when he gets angry, he has issues with self-control, like how to calm himself down.”

By contrast, Alex, 10, is something of a “Jekyll and Hyde,” said his mother. “You could see him one day as happy and outgoing. Then, all of a sudden, you turn around and he’s yelling and using colorful language and dropping chairs to the floor and throwing things.”

Both Jake and Alex attend “integrated co-taught” special-education classes with embedded special-education teachers. Alex also attends smaller classes for math and English and Jake has access to a resource room. His parents say they are happy with the education their sons are receiving at Haldane.

Educators in the Haldane and Garrison districts say they want to offer more services and keep more children within the districts. “We’re thinking through how we build out this shared continuum,” said Emig, who hopes to add special classes for students in grades 5 to 8 that could be shared with Haldane and other districts. Haldane would like “more targeted specialized instruction in small groups,” said Kaishian. The question is, “how can we do that with our small staff?”

NEXT WEEK:

When parents believe a district falls short

Melanie Pagano, one of two behaviorists in the Wappingers Central School District, said another part of the job is coaching parents. She described an elementary student who would leave class without warning, throw tantrums and once even injured a teaching assistant.

Exasperated, the child’s mother would take away computer privileges for weeks at a time, only to have her child throw more tantrums.

In response, Pagano set up a chart where the child earned points for categories such as “following directions the first time,” “finishing my work,” “transitioning away from activities when asked” and “keeping appropriate voice volume.” With that structure, the student improved, she said.

Pagano also helped the mother see that, for her child with autism, the tantrums are a form of communication, not disrespect. “Once you understand that, you develop patience,” she said.

‘Behaviorism’:
Can It Help?
Counselors work to reduce disruptions at school

By Joey Asher

When Haldane students returned to school following the pandemic shutdown, 8-year-old Alex Ostrow stood outside on the sidewalk, refusing to budge. Like many children on the autism spectrum, Alex was nervous about returning to an environment where he wasn’t comfortable.

Samantha Faughnan, the district’s newly hired behavioral analyst, had a suggestion: Alex could bring something he liked to school with him. But the child was able to change his behavior when he was offered computer time as a reward.

Motivators have changed over the years, she said. “When I started my career, it was all food — M&Ms and chips. Now it’s always technology.”

Leif Albright, who coordinates the Applied Behavior Analysis programs at Manhattanville College in Purchase, describes behavioral analysis as “operant conditioning. If you do this, you can earn that.”

But the technique has its critics.

“They’re trying to make us act like non-autistic people, rather than understanding why we act the way we do,” said Zoe Gross, director of advocacy for the Autistic Self Advocacy Network. She said the technique is especially galling because it resembles how you train a pet. “They give the kid a command and say, ‘Good girl,’ and give the kid a treat,” she said. “It can be hard to watch.”

Faughnan recites at the comparison to animal training. “There’s so much more to it,” she said. “We’re not just training them like dogs.”

For example, she said she consults closely with students, family and teachers to understand motivators. She described a student who was in danger of failing because he refused to do homework. When she asked what he wanted, he said he wanted to design videogames. “I said, ‘How can we help you get there? What are you willing to do to get there?’” Faughnan recalled.
Puzzles

CrossCurrent

ACROSS
1. Filly’s brother
5. Group of seals
8. Old U.S. gas brand
12. Sandwich cookie
13. Sailor’s “yes”
14. Pygmalion writer
15. Nevada city
16. Tropical fruit
18. Nebraska river
20. Demons
21. Towel word
23. Bol. neighbor
24. Engages in make-believe
28. Tiba’s place
31. PC key
32. Hotel offering
34. Bond rating
35. Brusque
37. Tormenting
39. Spanish gold
41. IRS agent

DOWN
2. Hurler Hershiser
3. Sultry Horne
4. Like some grins
5. Drink-to-go holder
6. Popeye’s Olive
7. Hearing-impaired
8. Aromatic compounds
9. Chinese city
10. Uttered

WordLadder
Can you go from HEART to PERKY in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

HEART

PERKY

MICRO CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. U.S. Open winner
2. Hurley Hershiser
3. Sultry Horne
4. Like some grins
5. Drink-to-go holder
6. Popeye’s Olive
7. Hearing-impaired
8. Aromatic compounds
9. Chinese city

DOWN
1. Shrek and Fiona’s kids
2. Deli counter item
3. Good Eats host ____ Brown
4. Doesn’t chuck
5. “It’s ____ country!”

Answers for Sept. 22 Puzzles

For interactive sudoku and crossword answers, see highlandscurrent.org/puzzles.
BOYS' SOCCER — The Bulldogs had strong showings on Sept. 22 and Sept. 27, scoring 15 goals in two games in victories over Chester Academy (7-0) and Port Jervis (8-0) to improve to 5-2. Beacon hosted Cornwall on Thursday (Sept. 28), travels to Liberty today (Sept. 29) and hosts Fallsburg at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

GIRLS' SWIMMING — Beacon finished 20th out of 21 teams at a meet it hosted on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL — It’s been a rough season so far for the Bulldogs as they fell to 0-4 with a 6-0 loss over Haldane on Sept. 21 and Liberty on Tuesday (Sept. 26). Beacon won the Battle of the Tunnel over the Blue Devils behind four goals from junior Reilly Landisi, who also scored three goals against Liberty, giving her 16 goals in seven games this season.

The Bulldogs (5-2) travel to Washingtonville today (Sept. 29) and host Chester Academy at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday (Oct. 3) and O’Neill at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

TENNIS — Beacon placed 17th in a meet it hosted on Wednesday.

Volleyball — The Bulldogs continued their hot start, blanking Newburgh Free Academy on Sept. 22, and Goshen (25-21, 25-22, 25-13) on Wednesday (Sept. 27) to improve to 8-1. Daveva Rodriguez had 10 service points, 11 kills and four blocks; Bella White scored 10 straight service points, including four aces; and London Jones had 10 digs. Beacon hosts O’Neill at 6 p.m. today (Sept. 29) and Chapel Field at 5:30 p.m. on Monday (Oct. 2) before traveling to Port Jervis on Wednesday.

Cross-Country — Beacon placed 17th of 20 schools at the Bowdoin Classic in Wappingers Falls on Sept. 23. Henry Reinke was the top finisher for the bulldogs, taking 47th among 132 runners in 17:53. August Wright finished 94th with a time of 19:52.8.

Girls’ Swimming — For the Bulldogs, the 200 medley relay team finished second in 2:08.46 and the 400 free relay team was third in 4:28.96. Serena Stampel was third in the 100 breaststroke in 1:38.29; Meara Kumar was second in the 100 fly in 1:07.51 and third in the 50 freestyle in 28.63; and Saniyah Wiltshire finished third in the 100 backstroke in 1:13.60.

The team travels to Kingston today (Sept. 29), hosts Franklin Roosevelt on Monday (Oct. 2) and visits Cornwall on Thursday.

BOYS’ SOCCER — After a bye week, the Blue Devils faced rival Tuckahoe on Sept. 22, under the lights for homecoming, and came away with a gritty 21-13 win.

In the first quarter, the Haldane defense came up with a big stop on fourth-and-goal to keep the Tigers out of the end zone. Tuckahoe struck first with just over eight minutes left, and the Blue Devils had less than three minutes to get something going offensively. On the first play of the drive, Giacinta took a screen pass for 39 yards to Tuckahoe’s 9-yard-line. He ran it in from 4 yards out to tie the game.

Midway through the third quarter, the Blue Devils defense recovered a fumble at their 31-yard line. On the next play, quarterback Ryan Van Tassel ran it up the middle for a 59-yard touchdown. After another fumble recovery by the Blue Devils, this time on their own 19, Van Tassel ran in another 31 yards for another touchdown. Two-point conversion gave the Blue Devils a 21-7 lead.

Van Tassel and Giacinta combined for 358 of Haldane’s 362 rushing yards.

The Blue Devils (3-0) travel to Bronxville (1-2) on Saturday (Sept. 30).

Boys’ Soccer — After winning back-to-back games on the road, the Blue Devils returned home on Tuesday (Sept. 26) to defeat North Salem, 2-0, extending their winning streak to four games. The goals came from Matthew Nachamkin and Clem Grossman.

Haldane (5-3) hosts wissel Pawling at 4:30 p.m. today (Sept. 29) for senior night and travels to Hastings on Saturday. Next week the team visits Croton-Harmon and at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday (Oct. 5) hosts Putnam Valley.

Girls’ Soccer — The Blue Devils had three in a row when they left for Beacon on Sept. 21, but the streak ended with a 6-0 loss to the Bulldogs. Haldane recovered on Tuesday (Sept. 26) with a 2-1 win at Pawling. Anna-Catherine Nelson scored twice (the first on an assist from Stella Gretina, and the game winner with eight minutes left), and freshman goalkeeper Esther Amato had 11 saves in her varsity debut. “She played a phenomenal game,” said Coach Mary Callaghan.

The Blue Devils hosted North Salem on Thursday (Sept. 28) and will travel to Franklin Roosevelt in Hyde Park on Saturday and Croton-Harmon on Monday.

Girls’ Tennis — Haldane fell, 5-0, at Croton-Harmon on Wednesday (Sept. 27). The first doubles team of Camilla McDaniel and Scout Thankur-deBeer had the most competitive match, losing in two sets (7-6, 6-4).

The Blue Devils host Pleasantville at 4:30 p.m. today (Sept. 29) and visit Pleasantville on Tuesday. They will face North Salem on Wednesday (home) and Thursday (away).

Volleyball — On Sept. 21, Haldane fell at home to Croton-Harmon (25-15, 25-17, 25-8). Emily Tomann went 7-of-8 on serves with three aces and Scotia Hartord was 10 of 13 on serves with three aces. Tomann also led Haldane in digs with 12, while Hartord had eight. Megan Powell led in assists with five.

On Wednesday (Sept. 27), the Blue Devils lost at home to Pawling, 3-1. Haldane won the second game, 25-16, but Pawling took the others (25-8, 25-21, 25-12).

Haldane travels to Putnam Valley today (Sept. 29) and on Saturday will participate in the John Jay Cross River Tournament. Next week it travels to North Salem on Thursday.

Cross-Country — The Blue Devils competed on Sept. 23 in the 20th Bowdoin Classic in Wappingers Falls. For the boys, Owen Powers finished 82nd of 144 runners with a time of 19:08.40 and James Frommer was 108th in 22:01.50. The girls didn’t compete as a team but Penelope Andreou finished 10st of 100 runners in 28:42.50 and Hazel Berkley was 92nd in 31:53.90.