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Breakneck Trailhead to Close

Fjord Trail says new bridge requires shutdown
By Brian PJ Cronin

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail officials confirmed this week that when construction begins on the Break-

neck Connector in early 2024, the Breakneck Ridge trailhead on Route 9D will likely be closed to hikers for as long as two years. Fjord Trail officials said the closure is necessary because of the amount of construction that will take place in the small area near the trailhead at the Putnam-Dutchess border. The \$85 million Breakneck Con-

tor, which will include a 445-foot pedestrian bridge over the Metro-North tracks just north of the trailhead, is scheduled for completion in late 2025 or early 2026. The Fjord Trail is a 7.5-mile linear park being built with public and private money, and will connect Dockside Park in Cold Spring and Long Dock Park in Beacon. Breakneck is one of the most popular trails on the East Coast and attracts thousands of hikers annually who
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Election 2023
Serino is New Dutchess County Executive
In Philipstown, Thompson-Tinsley elected justice

By Chip Rowe
Sue Serino, a Republican whose district when she served in the state Senate from 2016 to 2022 included the Highlands, was elected on Tuesday (Nov. 7) as Dutchess County executive, according to unofficial results compiled by the county Board of Elections.



She defeated Tommy Zurhellen, the Democratic candidate, with 57 percent of the vote. A Navy veteran, Zurhellen for the past 19 years has been an associate professor of English at Marist College; in 2019 he walked across the country to raise awareness about veteran homelessness and suicide. After redistricting in 2022, Serino lost her Senate seat to Democrat Michelle Hinchey. Serino, who is a real-estate agent, lives in Hyde Park. The incumbent county executive, William F.X. O'Neil, was sworn in Jan. 3 to succeed Marc Molinaro, who left when he won a seat in Congress. O'Neil had been deputy county executive since 2012 but did not run for the top position.

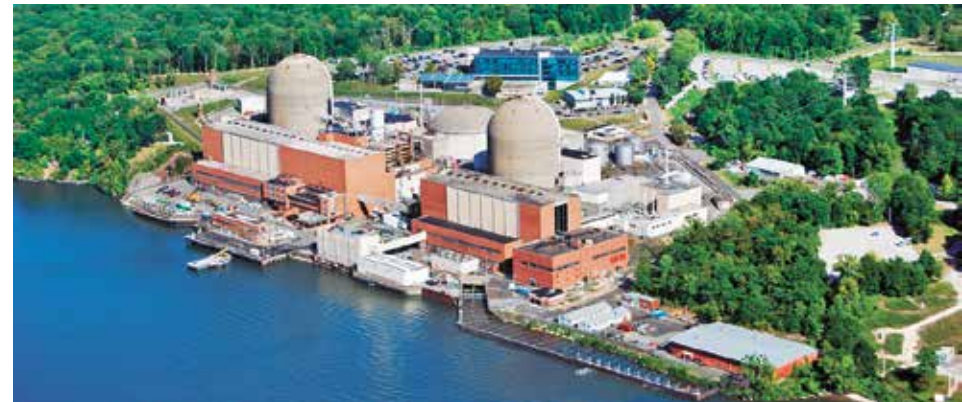
☑ **Sue Serino (R, C)** **38,666 (57%)**
Tommy Zurhellen (D, WF) 29,596 (43%)
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Tom Versus Anthony
After breaking his neck on the Nose, hiker completes 1,429 treks in a year
By Joey Asher

On Oct. 31, Tom Javenes completed his 1,429th hike in a year up Anthony's Nose, the 900-foot peak in southern Philipstown overlooking the Bear Mountain Bridge. That's not bad for a guy who broke his neck there in 2015 when he fell 40 feet during a 5 a.m. descent. After the fall, a doctor told him he was lucky he hadn't been paralyzed and that he would never hike again, recalls Javenes, 54, who lives in Stony Point. Javenes says he thought in response: "Let me see if I can prove this guy wrong." The accident occurred on July 5. The previous evening, Javenes had taken a
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Two months after neck surgery, Javenes ascended Anthony's Nose in his brace.
Photo provided



Holtec plans to decommission Indian Point over the next 18 years. Holtec

Indian Point Schedule Pushed Back Eight Years

Decommissioning firm blames law for delay
By Brian PJ Cronin

Holtec, the company responsible for decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, recently informed New York State and the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission that instead of finishing its work by 2033, it will now take until 2041, a delay of eight years. In a letter to the NRC, Holtec blamed

the delay on recent state legislation that prevents it from releasing radioactive wastewater from the spent fuel pools into the Hudson River. (The firm last month finished moving 3,998 "spent fuel assemblies" into 127 reinforced concrete and steel casks on the site.) Holtec also said it would delay its decommissioning of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Massachusetts because of similar legislation passed there that prevents the discharge of wastewater into Cape Cod Bay.
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Beacon Good-Cause Eviction Law Challenged

City's law could be latest in state to be ruled illegal
By Jeff Simms

A Beacon landlord has challenged the city's "good-cause" eviction law after a tenant refused to leave the Main Street apartment where he has lived for more than 20 years when his lease was not renewed. If overturned, Beacon's law would be the fifth of five such measures in the state to fall. Eviction proceedings in Beacon City Court, which were largely frozen in 2020 and

2021 during the pandemic shutdown, have returned to pre-COVID levels, according to a state database. There were 49 residential evictions in 2019, 55 in 2022 and 52 so far this year. The eviction case, filed by Essential Invest LLC, which owns 455-457 Main St., is pending in City Court. Attorneys for the landlord and tenant are scheduled to meet with Judge Rebecca Mensch on Nov. 21. In 2022, Beacon became the fifth municipality in New York to adopt a good-cause measure, following Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Kingston and Albany. The law, adopted two months after the expiration of the state's moratorium on pandemic-

related evictions, requires landlords to demonstrate "good cause" before a judge can begin eviction proceedings. In Beacon, those causes could include nonpayment of rent; violation of the terms of tenancy; interference with other tenants' comfort or safety; health and safety violations; use of the apartment for an illegal purpose; refusal to grant a landlord access for repairs; or a landlord's need to use the property for a family member or personal residence. If those circumstances don't apply, the law requires landlords to allow leases to renew, potentially creating "forever" tenants.
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FIVE QUESTIONS: COREY DWYER

By Zach Rodgers

Corey Dwyer is in his second year as principal of Beacon High School, which has about 850 students. His responses are excerpted from an interview for the *Beaconites* podcast.

You graduated from the high school where you are now principal. Does that feel strange?

I do have certain deja vu or flashback moments. I definitely would have been surprised at age 16 to think that I would be back in the principal's office, although I wasn't here a ton of times when I was a student! In high school, I was certain I was going to be a lawyer. I was a political science major in college and just about to start applying to law schools when I was accepted to Teach for America [in which participants work for two years in low-income schools]. I knew within the first couple of days that I wanted to stay in education. I ended up working at the school in Philadelphia where I was placed for nine years, the last five as principal.

This was early in your career. What did people see in you?

I don't know! [laughs] I was able to build good relationships with students and with



Photo by Michael Isabell

families. Schools in Philly are different from schools in a place like Beacon. The kids had different experiences than I had growing up. In Philly, 90 percent of the students qualified for free or reduced lunch. A lot of the things they had to deal with were pretty heavy. An important lesson for me was seeing that schools fill a lot of roles. For some kids, it's a place where they can get two meals or medical care or counseling.

You've worn hearing aids since you were 4 years old. What sort of challenges did that present?

In my case, it built resilience and taught me to advocate for myself. As a kid, you don't want to be different. So it wasn't until high school that I was comfortable going to my teachers and saying, "This is what I need," or "This is not working for me." I'm super proud of our students when they advocate for themselves, or for a cause. My experience has informed the way I look at students speaking up for themselves. It's empowering for kids to see people in positions of authority, like a principal or a

teacher, navigate personal challenges and still show up every day.

Hiring a teacher seems like a high-stakes decision. How do you go about it?

We don't have a lot of teacher turnover. Last year we had two teachers retire, and that was it. I think in terms of, how do you interest folks in working here? A big part for me is having them come on campus and walk around, see what they see, talk to students. We'll do demo lessons where a prospective teacher will teach a mini-lesson to a class and one of us will walk the candidate out while the other folks stay around and listen to the students' feedback. We have a supportive city and community behind us. The budget passes overwhelmingly every year; that's a big selling point for a lot of teachers.

How do you identify students who might be in distress?

As a teacher, you always want to be standing at the door as your students arrive and do a quick scan: A student normally comes in with a smile, but on a given day, they're not smiling. I stand at the front of the school most mornings, along with a few of our guidance counselors. It's important to have systems in place; we have a student services suite, three full-time social workers, a school psychologist, a youth aide.

There has been a lot made about the mental health struggles of our young people. That's certainly something we're seeing in high school, and it's probably true at every high school in the country. There's a ton of research about how powerful it can be for a student to have even one meaningful connection with an adult who works at their school. Our kids are living in an entirely different world. They like immediate feedback, constant stimulation. Sometimes you need to be able to take a step back and slow down, but it's hard for kids to do these days, especially with social media and the pressure of constantly being accessible. Plus, a lot of our students are attuned to what's going on in the world.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Did you enjoy fall more as a kid?

No, I enjoy it more now. I see more of its beauty.



Diana King, Beacon

I loved it in the U.K. as a kid because we played conkers.



Davey Lant, Philipstown

As I get older, I appreciate life's simple things more, like fall.



Ann Marie DiCastro, Beacon



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Busy weekend

Cold Spring must be the only place in the world that does not welcome tourists and customers with open arms ("Another Wild Saturday in the Village," Nov. 3).

I had a shop on Main Street for nine years and it never ceased to amaze me how, at times, the rulers were almost hostile toward small businesses. Any other city, town or village would welcome those hundreds of visitors and be grateful for all the sales tax that was being generated.

Cold Spring is blessed to have a vibrant and successful Main Street that other towns like mine can only dream about. The Main Street shops are second to none when it comes to diversity and quality. There are antique shops, boutiques, galleries and great restaurants, although the loss of Hudson Hill's was devastating.

There is nothing like it in Westchester or Putnam and I can't believe that the locals aren't proud and delighted by their good fortune to live in such a wonderful place.

By the way, the reason your taxes are much lower than ours is partially because of all that commerce on Main and elsewhere in town. A little gratitude might be in order.

Patty Villanova, Putnam Valley

I went to get a coffee on my way home. Big mistake. There was also garbage overflowing everywhere.

Amanda Spinosa, via Instagram

I want to cry when I see the throngs of people flooding Cold Spring. The village simply cannot handle the crowds.

Dana D'Amico, via Facebook

During weekdays, when locals would want to go shopping or enjoy the village, most shops are closed and it seems a ghost town. Why? Because many of the shop owners don't live in our area and are not part of our community. But they have no problem setting our political agenda to suit their needs and improve their profits at our expense. If you own a business, being open during the week is part of the deal.

Lily Essely, via Facebook

I personally know more than two dozen small-business owners in the village who live in Cold Spring. Many stores are closed because the people who own them, who live in the community, have other responsibilities besides being in their shops all day, every day. The vast majority of shops are owned and operated by locals.

Craig Muraszewski, via Facebook

Cold Spring was turning into a tourist trap 14 years ago. I wish it wasn't true but every year something worth visiting shuts down and is replaced by something less beneficial to residents. We rarely go into town on weekends.

The village gradually transformed because of the lack of imagination of those that revamped it. It was a depressed, upstate town but there were places for locals to go. Now it's full of places where the store owners chose to make a quick buck off tourists. The restaurants are still good, but there is little else for me to buy there. We do most of our shopping in Fishkill and mostly use Cold Spring for gifts, prescriptions and a quick gallon of milk.

Michael Casale, via Facebook

Beacon bookstore

I look forward to supporting independent bookstores ("New Bookstore in Beacon," Nov. 3).

Paula Lanier, via Facebook

Go, Beacon, go! I remember shopping at Debra Adamsons' bookstore, World's End Books and Music, on Main Street.

Monica Gagnier, via Facebook

Another bookstore on a one-mile stretch? Are Beacon entrepreneurs that unimaginative that they can't see that adding direct competition for any business on Main is a negative for everyone but the banks that get to resell the business when one of the two fails?

Beacon seems to have multiple businesses that serve the same or similar community needs when there are other needs that need to be served but are getting neglected. How about a laundromat? How about affordable housing for the firefighters who must commute? How about anything other than an idea that exists already?

The city is now rich but it lost its imaginative art community. Artists are displaced or ground to dust trying to maintain their existence. This is just investors lost in their lives using their discretionary spending on an idea that was not needed. There is a bookstore already. Besides that, there is a good working public library that I suggest any and all donate to. Buy books, read them and donate them to the library. You'll never need a bookstore again.

Brian O'Mara, via Facebook

Indian Point

You must see beyond Indian Point's spent fuel being in storage ("No More Pills, Test Sirens or Escape Routes," Nov. 3). Try on these three scenarios:

(1) A truck on Route 9 or a barge on the river turns over its load of highly radioac-

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A man identified as William Pepe of Beacon is shown moving a barrier in a photo released by the U.S. Justice Department.



The FBI says the man in the gas mask in this photo from the riot is Jake Lang of Newburgh. Photo by Shannon Stapleton/Reuters

Update

Jan. 6 Arrests

By Chip Rowe

Nearly three years after the attack on the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to disrupt the vote count that certified Joe Biden as president, 1,171 people have been arrested and accused of charges that range from trespassing to attacks on police officers. About 700 of those defendants have been sentenced and 64 have received prison time. Two people have been acquitted and eight cases were dismissed.

Nine local men — five from Putnam County, two from southern Dutchess and two with ties to Newburgh — were among those arrested. Three of the Putnam residents have pleaded guilty to entering the Capitol. Here is the status of the other prosecutions since our last update in September 2022.

William Pepe, Beacon

Prosecutors allege Pepe, who was arrested six days after the riot, was among the members of the far-right Proud Boys who coordinated travel and lodging, using earpieces and radios to communicate, dismantling barriers and breaking windows. Following his arrest, Pepe was fired from his job at Metro-North in Brewster. He was indicted on four counts, including conspiracy; assaulting, resisting or impeding certain officers; and aiding and abetting.

Pepe is represented by John Pierce, a California lawyer who in 2021 founded the National Constitutional Law Union, which



An image from a video taken on Jan. 6 shows a man identified as Gregory Purdy Jr. of Carmel pushing on a barricade erected by police.

he describes as “the answer to the useless and radically leftist American Civil Liberties Union.”

In May, Pierce responded to an amended criminal complaint against the Proud Boys and Oath Keepers that named Pepe and 36 other defendants. He dismissed the accusations against his client as a “giant conspiracy theory”; accused prosecutors of “campaigning for the Democrat Party”; and alleged that the rioters on Jan. 6 included federal agents.

Pierce told the court that, according to his client, most Proud Boys “just want to hang out, watch sports and drink adult beverages.” Pierce argued that the rioters could not have obstructed any proceedings on Jan. 6, because the transfer of power happens on Jan. 20. He stated, on behalf of his client, that

Trump won the election in 2020 because “rules were changed” that violated the Constitution. “Mountains of evidence was presented to courts — but ignored,” Pierce asserted.

In the document, Pepe said he joined the Proud Boys on Dec. 12, 2020. At about 10 a.m. on Jan. 6, 100 Proud Boys — who had been told not to wear black and yellow, the traditional group colors — gathered at the Washington Monument and marched to the Capitol.

Pepe denied being among those who “overwhelmed the police and breached the outermost barricade.” Pierce argued the charges against his client should be dismissed because Washington, D.C.’s mayor had allowed Antifa, “so-called (misnamed) Black Lives Matter, anarchist and other Leftist protestors to run amok from 2017 to 2020.”

Pepe denied committing violence or property damage and blamed police officers for not following their training. A status conference was scheduled for Nov. 9.

Gregory Purdy Jr., Kent

A 2016 Carmel High School graduate, Purdy was arrested in November 2021 after being indicted on nine charges that include assaulting, resisting or impeding police officers and illegal entry. Purdy’s uncle, Robert Turner, 39, of Poughkeepsie, who traveled with him, faces the same charges. His younger brother, Matthew Purdy, also a Carmel High grad, was indicted on four counts, including disorderly conduct and illegal entry. All three men pleaded not guilty.

In February, the government sought an order to prevent Gregory Purdy from having any contact with elected officials

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tive, Class C waste;

(2) A fire occurs in the plants during dismantling radioactive components, producing a large Buchanan/Peekskill/Verplanck fire department response and visible smoke and fire;

(3) Decommissioning workers are caught in an industrial accident where contaminated radioactive materials fall on their bodies, requiring a huge EMS response.

While none of these require a siren system, they will bring significant attention and fear to local residents, and formal Holtec communications need to be established with community stakeholders. These

things are more likely to happen on back shifts and weekends.

Michael Spall, *Ossining*

Church gift

The small round compartment in the storage box holding the Eucharist service that was presented to Our Lady of Loretto may have held the pyx, a covered container used for carrying a consecrated host (“‘Extraordinary’ Find at Historic Chapel,” Oct. 27).

Pat Kelley, *via Facebook*

Barge parking

Wait, they get to make a “mistake” like that, and use that mistake to benefit them

or whomever, and it is effective immediately (“Barge Parking is Back,” Nov. 3)? No review? No meeting or two? Maybe a revision? The federal government can just do as it pleases; copy that.

Sean Breault, *via Instagram*

Putnam planner

Professionalism and expertise has been returned to this department, attributes that the former county executive, along with the compliant Legislature, sought to eliminate by changing the charter’s qualifications for the position (“Byrne Names Putnam Planning Director,” Nov. 3).

Ann Fanizzi, *Carmel*

Philipstown Community Thanksgiving Dinner Needs Your Help

Once again, you can bring joy to young and old in our community this Thanksgiving Day.

We all look forward to the warmth of a great Thanksgiving with its delicious food shared with our beloved, which brings family and friends together on this most American of holidays. But every year there are individuals and families in our community who for reasons of health, age, mobility, or finances, are unable to prepare their own Thanksgiving meal.

And what is our community’s solution?

St. Mary’s Church, Our Lady of Loretto, and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue are once again working together with local restaurants and businesses, the Knights of Columbus, and school kids in the happy task of providing delicious full Thanksgiving dinners for anyone who cannot make their own. This freely offered Thanksgiving meal includes butternut squash soup, turkey (white & dark meat), stuffing, mashed sweet potatoes, cranberries, mixed vegetables, cornbread, and pumpkin pie. Each dinner will, as is our custom, be accompanied by a lovely Happy Thanksgiving card made by one of our local schoolchildren.

Tara Flagler, lead coordinator and business owner of Sweet Harvest and Hudson River Healing, explained, “We are planning to make 200 dinners. Everyone who would like to enjoy the meal has the option to choose a sit-down dinner at Our Lady of Loretto; or to pick up their dinner at St. Mary’s parish hall; or lastly, to ask that their dinner be delivered directly to their home. It is a privilege to bring the community together. It shows our community’s true heart that comes out when we are asked to help.” She noted that Jim Ely of Riverview Restaurant will be cooking the turkeys so “it is bound to be delicious!”

For those who want to enjoy a sit-down dinner at Our Lady of Loretto, Father Tom Lutz asks you to contact the parish office directly at 845-265-3718. If you wish to enjoy your meal at home, either by picking it up or having it delivered, Father Steve Schunk and Rabbi Helaine Ettinger ask that you register using this secure link: bit.ly/stmarys-tgiving-2023

People who prefer not to use a computer may contact Ms. Flagler directly at 845-337-0286. (Please always leave a message if you get voicemail.)

Again, we stress, meals are yours for the asking, available to anyone, without charge.

How can you help? Please consider making a donation to help pay for the turkeys and all the fixings, which can be done directly at this secure, online link: bit.ly/stmarys-tgiving-2023-donate

Donations by check may also be mailed to St. Mary’s Church, PO Box 351, Cold Spring; or to Philipstown Reform Synagogue, PO Box 94, Cold Spring. Please indicate that the funds are for the 2023 Thanksgiving Dinner.

As a blessing, we have already filled all our volunteer positions.

Father Lutz praised this “cooperative ecumenical outreach,” adding that Our Lady of Loretto is pleased to “give everyone an opportunity to dine together in the company of others, especially those who may be alone on the holiday. Rabbi Helaine Ettinger expressed her great pleasure in “a true interfaith effort that embraces the community and will bring happiness to many people.” Father Steve agreed saying, “all this outpouring of help, concern, generosity and cooperation makes this event another joyful Thanksgiving tradition benefiting everyone in our community.”

PAID NOTICE

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after he allegedly had a conversation with the mayor of Syracuse.

In August, Purdy and his brother and uncle hired Melissa Isaak, an Alabama attorney who specializes in representing men in divorces, and dropped their separate, court-appointed counsel. Prosecutors on Oct. 20 opposed allowing Isaak to represent all three defendants, saying they may be asked to testify against each other as part of any plea agreements, which would create a conflict of interest. Isaak did not respond to an email or phone message seeking comment.

Edward “Jake” Lang, Newburgh

Lang, then 26, was arrested 10 days after the riot. According to the FBI, he can be seen in the crowd wearing a green-and-black gas mask and striking officers’ shields with a bat. At a hearing in 2021, a prosecutor said Lang had turned down a plea deal with a sentence of up to about 6½ years.

In July, Lang petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court, challenging the charge of “obstructing, influencing or impeding an official proceeding,” which carries a sentence of up to 20 years. He argued that the law only applies to the destruction of documents or other evidence. On Oct. 30, the Department of Justice filed a brief urging the Supreme Court not to take up a petition, saying it would be premature to rule before Lang has been tried.

The case has been postponed while the

court awaits the Supreme Court’s decision. Lang remains incarcerated.

Roberto Minuta, Newburgh

Minuta, the former owner of a Newburgh tattoo parlor, was among four members of the Oath Keepers convicted on Jan. 23 of seditious conspiracy.

Minuta, who lives in Texas, formerly owned the Casa Di Dolore on Broadway in Newburgh. He was arrested in Newburgh on March 8, 2021. An FBI agent testified that Minuta, then 37, was at the Capitol “equipped with military-style attire and gear,” including ballistic goggles, a radio earpiece and radio, hard-knuckle tactical gloves, bear spray and apparel emblazoned with a crest related to the Oath Keepers. He “aggressively berated and taunted” police officers before entering the building, the agent said. On June 1, Minuta was sentenced to 4½ years in prison.

William Vogel, Pawling

The FBI said that Vogel, then 27, recorded himself inside the Capitol and posted the video to Snapchat. He pleaded not guilty to three charges: unlawful entry, disorderly conduct and violent entry. On Jan. 16, his public defender informed a judge that his client planned to mount a “public authority” defense (i.e., Trump gave the orders). On Feb. 2, in a plea agreement, Vogel pleaded guilty to a single charge of parading, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. On June 16, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years of probation.

Breakneck *(from Page 1)*

arrive by car or on Metro-North trains that stop at the Breakneck Ridge station.

The projected closure also will include the trailhead to the Wilkinson Trail, although officials said they hope it will reopen sooner. If the Wilkinson trailhead is closed, that will cut access to the recently completed Nimham Trail, which provides a gentler path to Breakneck’s first summit.

Officials from the Fjord Trail, in conjunction with state parks, Metro-North and the

New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, plan to announce the specific dates of the closures in coming weeks.

The trails throughout the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve are interconnected, so it’s unclear where each trail closure will begin and end. Hikers may still be able to access the highest overlook on the ridge via the Washburn and Undercliff trails on Bull Hill or through the Notch Trail further north on Route 9D, although both hikes would take considerably longer than climbing the rock face.

Indian Point *(from Page 1)*

Holtec said it is weighing what to do with the wastewater at Indian Point, which closed in 2021. It said it has not ruled out legal action against either or both states. A company representative, Patrick O’Brien, said the decommissioning schedule took years to develop and that “with systems and buildings being interconnected, any changes” impact the entire plan.

O’Brien noted that, even with the eight-year delay, the revised schedule still has Holtec finishing far ahead of the 60-year deadline required by the NRC, or 2081.

The 2033 — now 2041 — date is referred to as a “partial site release,” because although the decommissioning work would be complete, the spent fuel would remain on-site. Holtec’s schedule has the company shipping the spent fuel to an as-yet-to-be-determined location beginning in 2046 and continuing for 15 years.

Since the federal government has not yet made good on its decades-old promise to construct a facility capable of safely storing radioactive waste for up to 300,000 years, Holtec is seeking federal approval to build its own “semi-permanent” site in New Mexico.

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July 2024
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June 2025
Segmentation Reactor Vessel Internals (Reactor 2)

January 2030
Fuel Shipment Begins³ (Reactor 2)

November 2031
Segmentation Reactor Vessel Internals (Reactor 1)
Segmentation Pressure Vessel⁴ (Reactor 1)

December 2032
Segmentation Pressure Vessel (Reactor 3)

April 2034
Segmentation Pressure Vessel (Reactor 2)

July 2041
Partial site release

May 2046
Fuel Shipment Ends (Reactor 2)
Fuel Shipment Begins (Reactor 1)

August 2047
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Dutchess Budget Plan Lowers, Raises Taxes

Levies fall on property, rise on purchases, hotel stays

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County Executive William F.X. O'Neil on Nov. 2 released a proposed \$600 million budget for 2024 that cuts property taxes but faces criticism from Democrats because he proposes seeking state approval to raise sales taxes.

The property-tax rate falls from \$2.49 to \$2.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value, a 6 percent drop. O'Neil is also proposing an overall levy of \$99.4 million, which he said is the lowest in 15 years.

But O'Neil, a Republican who was appointed to succeed Marc Molinaro when he was elected to Congress and will leave office on Dec. 31, is also proposing to increase the county sales tax rate from 3.75 percent to 4 percent.

Only six counties, including Dutchess, have sales taxes below 4 percent, according to the state Department of Taxation and Finance. Dutchess last raised its sales tax in 1990 from 3 percent; Putnam raised its

sales tax in 2007 from 3.5 to 4 percent. The proposed change would push the overall rate in Dutchess to 8.375 percent; 4 percent goes to the state and 0.375 percent to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

If the higher rate takes effect in June 2024, the additional revenues would total \$8.3 million next year and \$17.1 million annually in subsequent years, according to O'Neil, although Dutchess residents would continue to exempt from sales taxes on clothing and shoes under \$110.

The extra revenues, O'Neil said, would help offset a \$16 million increase in Dutchess' share of Medicaid and other mandated programs. He is also proposing to raise \$4.8 million by increasing Dutchess' hotel tax from 4 percent to 5 percent.

"Many factors outside of our control are driving up costs for 2024, including national inflation and Albany's reckless spending and continued cost-shifting," O'Neil said on Nov. 2.

Democrats quickly responded to the sales-tax hike. Yvette Valdes-Smith, a county legislator who serves as minority leader and whose district includes Ward 4 in Beacon,

said in a statement that she opposes an increase and that Republicans in January rejected their proposal for a cut in the county rate to 3.625 percent.

She also renewed Democrats' criticism of spending by Republicans on Heritage Financial Park (formerly Dutchess Stadium), which is used by the New York Yankees' minor league team, the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Dutchess Comptroller Robin Lois, a Democrat, said in an audit released last month that a "last-minute" \$25 million amendment to the county's 2023 operating budget by the Legislature for capital improvements at the stadium was "ill advised."

Valdes-Smith highlighted that amendment, which she said "helped create this budget crisis," in her opposition to an increase in sales taxes. "Proposing such an increase at a time when most residents are struggling to pay bills is incompetent and shameless," she said.

Along with the tax proposals, O'Neil's budget plan highlights cost savings and new spending.

He said the new county jail in Poughkeepsie, the Justice and Transition Center,

will save \$1.8 million in overtime and another \$5.5 million through "staffing efficiencies" and policies adopted by Sheriff Kirk Imperati.

O'Neil also proposes saving more than \$265,000 on the county's public bus service by "eliminating inefficiencies" on under-used routes, adding trips on "the most utilized routes," expanding hours of operation to "work and shopping destinations" and instituting other changes.

In addition, the county executive is proposing the addition of eight positions for a planned homeless shelter, and two deputy sheriffs trained as "community resource officers" to work in the City of Poughkeepsie.

The county would also support Hudson River Housing with an additional "housing navigator" and a vehicle for outreach to homeless people, and create a \$200,000 grant program to expand composting by residents, with a matching grant program to help municipalities install and operate composting equipment.

Residents can view the budget documents, along with a video of O'Neil's presentation, at dutchessny.gov/2024budget. The Legislature will hold a public hearing on Dec. 4 and vote on the budget on Dec. 7.

Putnam Legislators Pass Spending Plan

Montgomery casts lone 'no' vote

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Legislature on Oct. 30 approved a \$195 million spending plan for 2024 that cuts the property tax rate to its lowest level in 15 years and includes funding for capital projects and a director of mental health position.

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley and is the Legislature's only Democrat, cast the lone dissent in an 8-1 vote to approve Kevin Byrne's first budget as county executive, a position the Republican won a year ago without opposition.

Byrne's budget boosts overall spending by \$16 million over 2023 but cuts the property-tax rate to \$2.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value, from \$3.12. It includes \$7.8 million in new spending for capital projects, which Byrne said will eliminate the interest costs of borrowing the money.

Before passing the budget, the Legislature amended Byrne's proposal, eliminating two of the initiatives he touted when releasing his tentative plan: \$250,000 for competitive grants to towns, villages and special districts, and \$250,000 for grants to nonprofits.

Legislators used part of the savings to fund a sergeant position for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of \$180,027 for salary and benefits, and reduce Byrne's proposed

tax cut of \$2.87 per \$1,000 by two cents.

They also approved 2.75 percent raises for the county's three coroners, the county clerk and sheriff; increased the auditor's salary by \$5,000; restored \$36,000 in funding for Peers Influence Peers, an alcohol and substance abuse treatment program; and reinstated \$6,000 for technology classes at senior centers.

The Board of Elections received an increase of its printing and forms budget from \$100,000 to \$150,000 because of the possibility of three primaries and high turnout in 2024 due to the presidential election.

Byrne on Wednesday (Nov. 8) vetoed the \$50,000 addition for forms for the Board of Elections, saying the commissioners had told him they would be comfortable with a \$25,000 increase. He also vetoed the salary increases for the three coroners, the county clerk and the sheriff. "I find it unfair to include pay raises for elected officials while we are still actively negotiating contracts with various collective bargaining units," Byrne wrote.

The Legislature will meet on Tuesday (Nov. 14) to consider the vetoes.

Before the Oct. 30 budget vote, Montgomery criticized a decrease in funding for the Health Department, which she said has a longstanding shortage of nurses. Montgomery also said that legislators rejected a request for \$6,000 for Philipstown to help with the "county-driven and advertised tourism that you impose on our district."

She accused Republicans of ignoring District 1, where 77 percent of registered voters are Democrats or independents. "I do vote with you 99 percent of the time," she said. "It's you who chose to vote against me 99.9 percent of the time."

Montgomery did join Republicans on Wednesday (Nov. 8) to approve a one-year exemption from Putnam's 4 percent sales

taxes on clothing and footwear purchases under \$110, items which are already exempt from the state's 4 percent sales tax.

The exemption, effective March 1, will expire on the same date in 2025. It applies

to the 0.375 percent tax levied in Putnam, Dutchess and five other counties served by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's commuter rail service. The Dutchess exemption took effect on March 1, 2022.



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Violent Crime Declining

Dutchess on pace for big drop

By Leonard Sparks

Police agencies outside of New York City reported fewer violent crimes for the first six months of this year compared to the first half of 2022, according to figures released this week by New York State.

Violent crime fell by 6 percent in the 57 counties outside New York City, according to data reported by law-enforcement agencies, with a 27 percent drop in murders and a 6 percent drop in reported rapes. Robberies and aggravated assaults, the other two offenses that comprise violent crimes under FBI standards, fell by 5 percent and

Local Crime

AGENCY	JAN-JUNE 2023		2022	
	VIOLENT	PROPERTY	VIOLENT	PROPERTY
Beacon Police	9	66	17	135
Dutchess Sheriff	22	155	62	359
State Police (Dutchess)	59	248	215	441
Cold Spring Police	0	4	0	2
Putnam Sheriff	10	97	20	184
State Police (Putnam)	5	33	15	70

- Violent crimes include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.
- Property crimes include burglary, larceny and vehicle theft.

4 percent, respectively.

The trend was also seen in Dutchess County, where the sheriff's office reported 22 violent crimes through June compared to 62 all of last year. The 59 crimes reported by the state police in Dutchess during the same period is on pace to be much lower than the 215 from 2022.

Beacon reported nine violent crimes — seven aggravated assaults and two robberies — from January through June. Aggravated assaults accounted for 14 of the 17 violent crimes the city recorded in 2022. The Beacon Police Department has not reported any

murders to the state since 2019, although there were killings in December 2021 and May 2022 that remain unsolved.

Cold Spring ended the first half of this year without a violent crime, and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department had 10, half the total from 2022.

The counties outside of New York City showed a significant decrease in gun crimes during the first half of this year, with the number of victims falling from 2,443 to 2,045. In New York City's five boroughs, murders, rapes and robberies were each down 10 percent, according to the data.

The state also compiles statistics about property crimes. Through June, Beacon police reported 58 larcenies, five vehicle thefts and 3 burglaries. The city reported 135 property crimes in 2022 and 67 two years ago.

There have been four larcenies reported in Cold Spring through June. The Putnam County Sheriff's Department reported 97 property crimes in the same six-month period, 87 of them larcenies.

Fjord Trail Data Concerns

Committee still waiting on the numbers

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board on Wednesday (Nov. 8) received its first update from the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Data Committee.

James Labate and Henry Feldman, who addressed the board, were appointed in August as the village's representatives on the eight-member committee, along with residents of Philipstown, Nelsonville and Fishkill.

The committee's role is to "review and assess the work of HHFT's visitation management and environmental review consultants to ensure that traffic count and pedestrian visitation pattern data is adequate to determine potential impacts of the Fjord Trail on local communities."

An independent consultant to assist the committee, funded by HHFT, will be named soon.

"That will give us eyes on the numbers when they come through," Labate said, as well as methodologies and modeling used in HHFT's vehicle and pedestrian traffic studies.

The committee recently met with ORCA Consulting, which is advising HHFT on pedestrian circulation, and AKRF, another consultant which is doing the vehicular traffic study and drafting the Environmental Impact Statement.

Labate said he saw a "red flag" when AKRF indicated pedestrian studies are not typically included in environmental impact statements, although he said crowded sidewalks in Cold Spring impact quality of life and village character.

Including pedestrian data "just seemed to be an afterthought or a nuisance," he said. While he thinks it will likely now be added to the Environmental Impact Statement, pedestrian data gathered since Memorial Day has not yet been made available to the committee.

"I got an extensive review of how they

captured the data but they're not ready to hand it over yet," he said.

Labate also expressed concern that while traffic data includes standard volumes and flow directions, he received no direct response regarding whether data on driver behavior such as illegal U-turns and failure to yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, which compound traffic problems, are being gathered.

“To be brutally honest, there’s only one route from Cold Spring to Little Stony Point that works for the Fjord Trail people and that’s Dockside.”

~ Henry Feldman

Labate said HHFT's consultants want to compile the data before presenting it based on their modeling.

"But I don't want to just take that at face value," he said. "I want our consultant to be able to recreate the numbers they're handing us; that's the whole point of this committee."

The committee also met with HHFT's

consultants regarding five potential trail routes through the village to Little Stony Point. The "preferred route," based on SLT Engineering's assessment of a matrix of 10 criteria, would begin at Dockside Park.

Labate said he asked SLT how it weighted its criteria and its reasoning but has received no response. "To be brutally honest, there's only one route from Cold Spring to Little Stony Point that works for the Fjord Trail people and that's Dockside," Labate said, adding that HHFT wants a 12-foot-wide, multi-purpose path that meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

Feldman said HHFT does not favor Fair Street because it can't accommodate a 12-foot path, which would put pedestrians on the sidewalk and bicyclists on the street.

A path along Route 9D wouldn't work either, he said, because the slope exceeds the maximum 5 percent grade for the ADA and also wouldn't allow a 12-foot-wide trail.

He said he asked HHFT if the sidewalks could be upgraded on Fair Street if the community preferred that route. "They said no," he said. "They'd probably add a sidewalk at the north end of Fair Street; the Fjord Trail would start at Little Stony Point."

Mayor Kathleen Foley said the Environmental Impact Statement process requires

that alternative routes be considered, and that HHFT cannot simply choose the path. "Options do have to be weighed," she said. "You should have the baseline information you need."

Labate said that, overall, HHFT's consultants are listening to the Data Committee's concerns. "But there still seems to be a separation as far as letting us completely into their confidence," he said, but noted "there's still something like eight meetings to go."

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Beacon Council to Hold Budget Hearing

Spending plan to be adopted next month

The Beacon City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday (Nov. 13) on the city's proposed 2024 budget, a \$35 million spending plan that includes about a \$100 property tax increase on the average home and \$1,000 employee-retention raises for city staff.

The budget proposes a decrease in the residential tax rate for the third straight year and a decrease in the commercial tax rate for the second year in a row. It would use \$250,000 from savings to balance the \$25.4 million general fund and \$96,500 in savings for the \$4.2 million water fund. Water and sewer fees would increase for city residents by 4 percent and 6 percent, respectively.

Only one new position, a part-time police dispatcher, is proposed for 2024. Two positions created this year — a recreation assistant and deputy building inspector — are retained in the budget. The recreation assistant will allow the city to expand its

after-school programming sites from three to four in early 2024; the summer camp program at University Settlement will also expand by two weeks next year.

Religious Groups Plan Thanksgiving Dinner

Meals available for those who cannot prepare their own

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Loretto and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue are working with restaurants, businesses and the Knights of Columbus to provide dinner on Thanksgiving for anyone who cannot make their own.

The free meal will include turkey, butternut squash soup, stuffing, mashed sweet potatoes, cranberries, mixed vegetables, cornbread and pumpkin pie. Each dinner will be accompanied by a card made by a local child.

Volunteers plan to make 200 meals, which will be served at Loretto or can be picked up at St. Mary's or delivered.

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Student Reports Man Offered 'Ride to School'

Incident reported to law enforcement

The Haldane superintendent said that a student on Oct. 31 reported that a stranger stopped at their bus stop on Route 9 in Garrison and offered to drive them to school.

Superintendent Philip Benante said in a note to parents that a white male driving a dark-colored sedan pulled over near Hummingbird Lane, near the former Garrison Golf Course, where the student was waiting. When the student declined his offer, the driver continued southbound on Route 9.

Benante said the incident was reported to law enforcement. "Situations such as these serve as a reminder to reinforce safety

measures with your children, including the importance of not engaging with strangers and how to seek help if they sense they are in an unsafe environment," he said in a statement.

The incident was reminiscent of a report in March 2019 by the mother of two fifth-grade students at the Garrison School who said a younger man who appeared to be Asian driving an older, black, four-door sedan on Route 9 stopped and told her sons to get into his car after they had exited the bus near Snake Hill Road, which is also near the former golf course. She reported the incident to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department.

The woman said, according to her children, that the man stopped his vehicle, rolled down his window and yelled for the students to come over to the car and get in. They instead ran up the driveway. The vehicle apparently had been in a line of southbound cars waiting behind the bus while it stopped to drop off the students.

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How Many Residential Evictions?

	2021	2022	2023
Beacon	32	55	52
Dutchess	156	777	736
State	4,149	27,884	30,058

Source: New York State Unified Court System. 2023 figures through Nov. 4.

Eviction *(from Page 1)*

The law also sets conditions that must be met before a landlord can increase rent by more than 5 percent, such as capital improvements or a significant jump in insurance or taxes. The law exempts landlords who own fewer than four apartments and live on-site.

Housing advocates at the time called the municipalities' laws a major win for tenants' rights. There was also significant community support for the measure during two lengthy public hearings in Beacon.

However, the laws were quickly challenged in court. In Albany, the first municipality in the state to adopt a good-cause law, a state Supreme Court judge struck down the measure following a lawsuit filed by a group of landlords. In March, the decision was upheld by the state Appellate Division.

Landlords also sued in Newburgh; a state judge in Orange County declared that law invalid last year. Poughkeepsie's fell in March. Kingston officials, in response to the spate of lawsuits, repealed their law in April.

As local good-cause laws began to fall in court, advocates intensified the push for a statewide measure, but Gov. Kathy Hochul did not include it in her 2023-24 budget.

The Beacon lawsuit is similar to the one in Poughkeepsie: A tenant refused to vacate after being notified that his lease would not be renewed. Attorney Robert Cusumano, who represents the Beacon landlord, Vinit Jobanputra, argued in August that the city's law is "null and invalid as an unconstitutional

expansion and intrusion by the Beacon City Council" into state housing laws.

When the City Council was considering the law in late 2021 and early 2022, its attorneys advised against passing it, saying it is superseded by state laws designed to protect renters. The council moved forward anyway, voting 6-1, with Mayor Lee Kyriacou dissenting, saying he felt it would not help the renters who need assistance most. The law included a provision that the council would review it in June of this year, but that did not happen.

Jobanputra, described by Cusumano as the owner of a "small, family-owned real-estate investment company," purchased the Main Street property in 2022 for \$1.5 million. The attorney said the building is in disrepair and that the tenant's apartment "is in dire need of upgrade, repair and cleaning."

At \$850, the tenant's rent is "well below" market rate, he told the court, with other tenants in the building paying two or three times that amount. According to court documents, the tenant, who is 73 and disabled, has received rental assistance through the Beacon Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher program.

In a deposition, Jobanputra said he notified the tenant on Feb. 22 that his lease would not be renewed after it expired on May 31. At the time of his testimony, Jobanputra said the tenant had remained in the apartment for nearly three months "for which we have not demanded or received rent."

Newburgh Can Enact Rent Stabilization

Study finds city qualifies for controls

The City of Newburgh this week released the results of a study that found a 3.93 percent vacancy rate among most buildings with six or more units built before 1974.

Because the number is less than 5 percent, the city could declare a housing emergency under the state Emergency Tenant Protection Act and adopt measures to control rent increases.

The study surveyed 68 properties and 738 units that would be eligible for rent stabilization. If the Newburgh City Council votes to declare an emergency and opt into rent stabilization, landlords of those properties would be temporarily barred from raising rents or evicting tenants without good

cause. The state Division of Housing and Community Renewal would assist in the creation of a Rent Guidelines Board to vote on annual adjustments.

Newburgh could become the second city in the region to opt into rent stabilization, following Kingston last year. Its Rent Guidelines Board voted for a 15 percent rent reduction for eligible properties for 2022 and a rent freeze for 2023. The City of Poughkeepsie is also conducting a vacancy study.

Because the Emergency Tenant Protection Act applies to buildings with six or more units built before 1974 that have not been renovated, fewer than 120 apartments in Beacon would be eligible for the program.

After renovations, Jobanputra said he hopes to "obtain market-based rent." He added: "From what I understand, it would not be possible" for the tenant to pay that rate.

Nancy Brodey Koch of the nonprofit Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, who represents the tenant, argued that the landlord's 90-day notice did not indicate a cause, such as a breach of the tenant's lease, for the decision not to renew. Citing state law and precedent, in addition to the city's good-cause law, the "tenant is entitled to a concise statement of the ultimate facts" upon which the eviction proceeding is based, she said.

Without that information, a tenant cannot prepare their defense, rendering the landlord's notice "defective," Koch said. She asked Mensch to dismiss the case and award "other further relief" as deemed appropriate.

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Roots and Shoots

The Best of Fall

By Pamela Doan

Native shrubs that light up the fall landscape

Autumn is a second spring, when every leaf is a flower.

While this quote from Albert Camus' 1944 play, *The Misunderstanding*, is taken out of context from the work of an unsentimental writer, it comes to my mind every fall because it is celebratory at a time when the general feeling is one of loss over summer's blooms. Among the different ways to feel about fall, there is space, too, for perspective about "the best" and most colorful shrubs.



In truth, this is a disguised rant about the ubiquitous burning bush. *Euonymus alatus* is an ornamental shrub (i.e., it doesn't have value to Hudson Valley ecosystems) introduced through the horticultural trade from China and northeast Asia. Its impact on woodlands was disruptive enough for the state Department of Environmental Conservation to include it as a regulated species in 2014 to contain the damage wrought by certain plants.

A regulated species can still be sold, but it is supposed to be labeled as harmful to the environment and it is illegal to knowingly plant one in a non-cultivated area.

Nearby neighbors have burning bush in their yards and I'm finding it more frequently in the woods around us. The seedlings are easy to identify because of the ridges on the stems and, in fall, its bright red leaves. To me, they are like little flags waving in the wind, calling out: "Cut me down, save the forest."

Onward to alternative woody plants with gorgeous foliage that hold meaningful space in the landscape.

Blueberry bushes

While blueberries require patience — it takes several years for a full harvest — they are worth it for their crimson, yellow and orange fall colors. Most of the leaves are down from the hardwood trees in my yard, but the blueberries are still bringing glory even after the temperatures have dropped.

Blueberries grow best in acidic soil. If the pH is above 5.0, they won't thrive. Soil can be amended to lower the pH but it isn't a one-time event. The soil pH will have to be monitored annually, which isn't difficult with a home kit.

Winterberry

Ilex verticillata has nice foliage and a brilliant display of dark gray bark with red berries clustered thickly all over it through the winter until cedar waxwings, robins, catbirds, white-tailed sparrows and other species feast on the berries and nest in it. Pollinators turn it into a



Viburnum, winterberry and blueberry bush bring outstanding fall color with their foliage and have many other attributes.

Photos by P. Doan

shimmering buzz of activity during its bloom season. People love it as holiday decor and I regularly see branches at markets. Along with a fall display that flows into winter, there isn't a single reason not to have this woody plant in the landscape.

Note that this is a dioecious plant and you'll need a female and male for berries. Only females produce berries. Many nurseries sell sexed winterberry, or if you're well-versed in plant parts, learn to identify male/female shrubs by their flowers. The males lack a pistil and are clustered, while females bloom singly and have a pistil.

Viburnum

Years ago I passed on a used book, *Viburnums: Flowering Shrubs for Every Season*, by Michael Dirr, who wrote many tree and woody plant reference titles. I regretted my decision once I learned more about how many species there are (nearly 200) and

how wonderful they can be in the landscape. I could design an entire yard with only viburnums and create delights for all seasons. Happily, I discovered another copy last summer. Lesson: Always buy the book.

The cranberry bush, *Viburnum trilobum*, in my yard has a pretty glow now. Other easy-to-source and maintain viburnums include mapleleaf (*acerifolium*), blackhaw (*prunifolium*) and nannyberry (*lentago*). Each of these have sprays of white blooms in spring and there are viburnums adapted to many soil types and growing conditions. They are responsive to pruning and can be shaped for different areas of the landscape. As a gardener who always has too many projects, I recommend not planting something that will need regular pruning to "fit" but instead finding one the right size for the location.

Other woody plants worth noting for fall color are witchhazel, oak-leaf hydrangea, chokeberry, sumac, dogwood and fothergilla.

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Nov 11: Jake Xerxes Fussell

Nov 12: Cat Guthrie

Nov 17: Depot Docs Turn Every Page

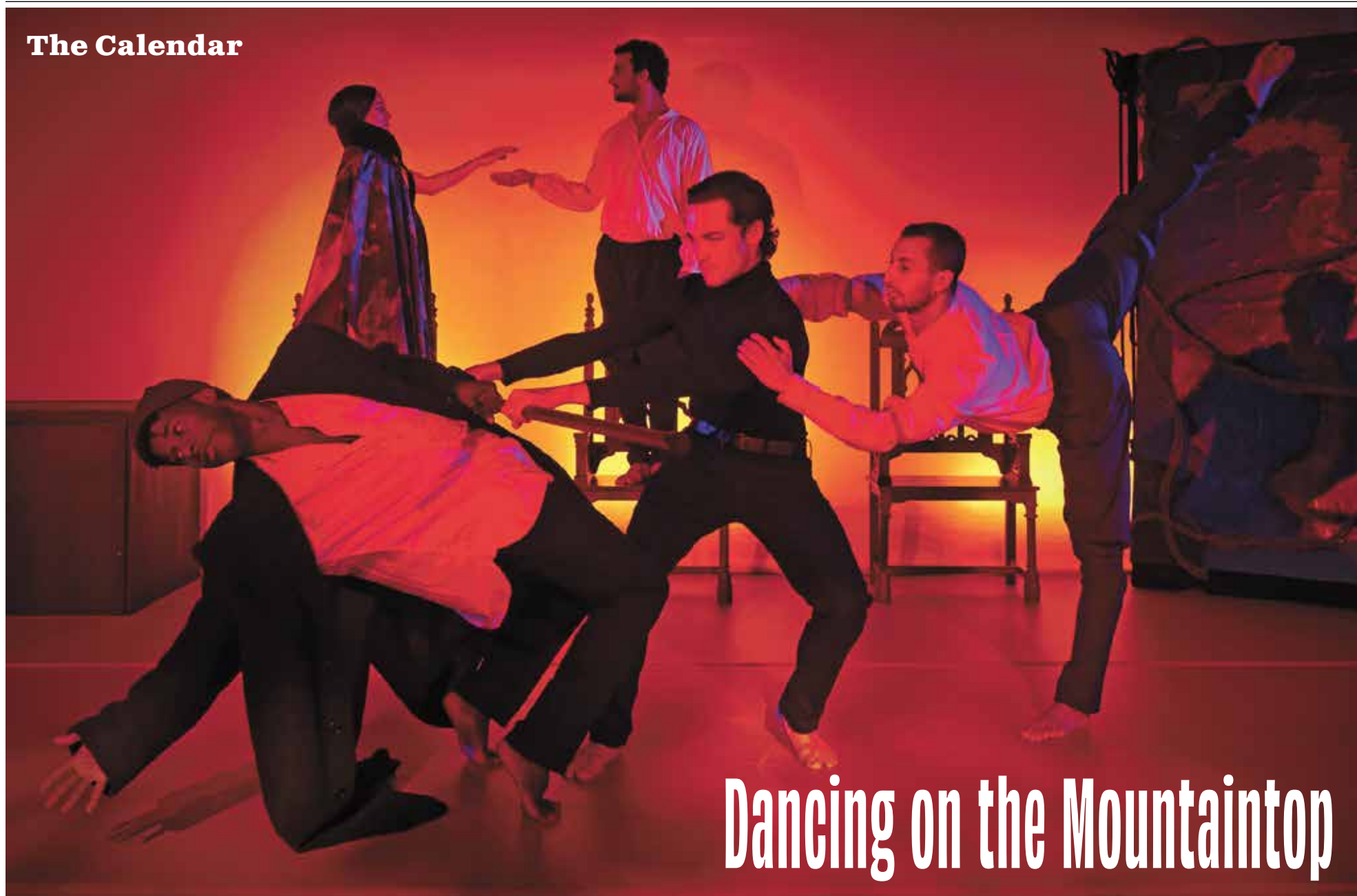
Dec 2-9: The Wizard of Oz

Dec 22: Cinema Depot: White Christmas

For tickets & info:
philipstowndepottheatre.org



The Calendar



Dancing on the Mountaintop

A scene from *Byzantium to Pop*, the first performance by Cold Spring Dance



Cold Spring Dance uses a performance space on East Mountain in Philipstown.



A view from a lookout at the Cold Spring Dance Company's space

Photos by Jim Kordaris

Cold Spring company to present its third performance

By Alison Rooney

Pinch yourself, go ahead: Who are the dancers up on East Mountain, in the Philipstown woods?

They're not tutu-clad ballet dancers and they're not in a misty production of *Brigadoon*. Rather, they're a group of professionals who dance with some of New York City's top modern and contemporary companies, coming together under the direction of Artistic Director Cally Kordaris for the fall performance of Cold Spring Dance, a relatively new, but years in the making, nonprofit committed to making art history and nature come to life through movement.

At a practical level, they want to offer live performances in the Hudson Valley, with a focus on schools and museums, as well as create a scholarship program for boys and young men who want to train in ballet and contemporary dance.

On Nov. 19, at 3 p.m., Cold Spring Dance will present *Protest*, a multimedia work by Kordaris that addresses global human rights. It will be performed by Micah Bullard, Elias Re and David Wright of the Dance Theater of Harlem; Jennifer Buonamia of Ballet with a Twist; Nickemil Concepcion, formerly of Cedar Lake; Sarah Mack; and Kara Walsh of Armitage Dance.

The 40-minute performance will include the words of Jack Kerouac and

Allen Ginsberg; music by Philip Glass and Stamatis Spanoudakis, a modern Greek classical composer; and artwork, including a backdrop, by Nicholas Kontaxis.

"Threaded through the music you hear different groups protesting, across the world," says Kordaris, who premiered parts of *Protest* 20 years ago at the Merce Cunningham Studios in New York City. "Many of the pieces have a woman's perspective. It's powerful without being didactic. It's not the sugarplum fairy, and it's relevant to where we're at now."

The plan is for the dancers to meet with the audience after the performance and answer questions. "The dancers love it," Kordaris says. "They never get to talk. After you hear them talk, you just love them more."

The debut Cold Spring Dance performance took place in May 2022, when dancers from the Martha Graham Company presented *Byzantium to Pop*, a contemporary piece with documentary film footage based on the life of Andy Warhol. The second performance, in September 2022, was set to the music of Tom Waits and also included documentary footage.

This past June, Cold Spring Dance hosted a free Community Art Day, with projects, movement and nature exploration.

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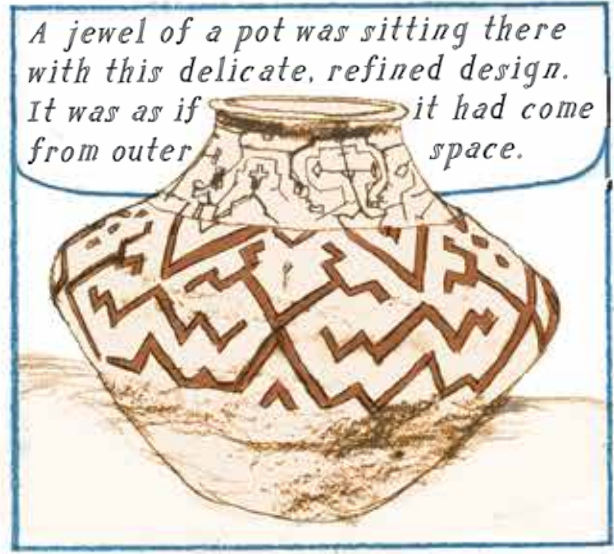
PETER KOEPKE,



There was a first pattern. Peter Koepke came upon it upriver where the Shipibo-Conibo people live in the Amazon.



I stepped out of the boat into this muddy, dusty, wildly uncontrolled environment. I made my way to raised house in a clearing.



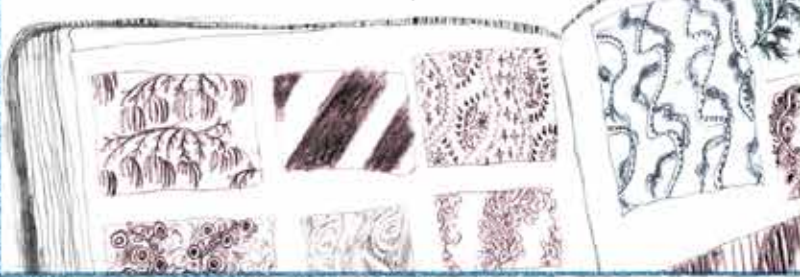
A jewel of a pot was sitting there with this delicate, refined design. It was as if it had come from outer space.

...he was about to start a family. He needed a job—a less dangerous job.

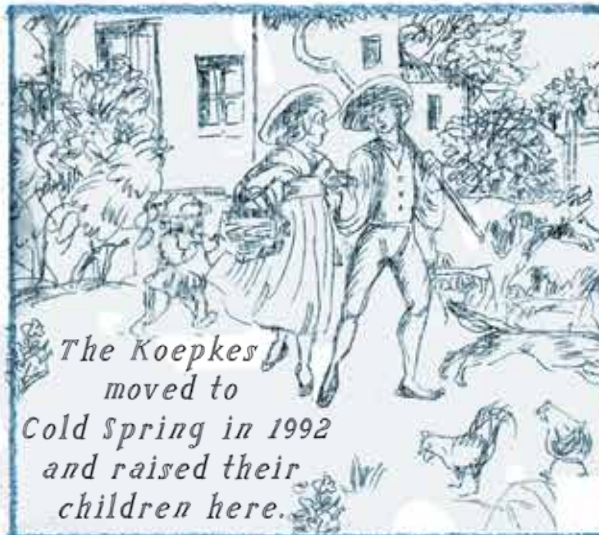


My friend said, You should meet Susan Meller. It might be an opportunity.

The Mellers had turned their large textile collection into the Design Library. They licensed textile designs to fashion houses and home goods companies to use on a dress or a couch or wallpaper. Essentially, the job was selling patterns.



Suddenly Indiana Jones was living in a world of chintz, jacquard, kasuri, devoré, and toile de jouy.



The Koepkes moved to Cold Spring in 1992 and raised their children here.

The Design Library followed them to the Hudson Valley in 2002, settling down in Wappingers Falls. By then Peter had become partner and eventually sole owner. The Design Library grew to seven million patterns.

For comparison, the textile collection at the Victoria & Albert Museum has seventy-five thousand.



The designs that I seek are unstuck in time and space. They still look current.



The Design Library is business-to-business and by appointment only. Every day, designers from one of the four hundred companies the library works with visit in search of inspiration.

Usually, the whole team comes with clear goals and a budget. Judging by the number of patterns licensed, ninety-eight percent find their next big idea.



Typically, a team will license 30-40 designs at \$500-\$550 apiece for a two-year period.

In one of the Design Library's antique sample books, Francisco Costa found the inspiration for Michelle Obama's famous chartreuse coat.



PATTERN KEEPER

The pattern imprinted on his retina...and changed the trajectory of his life. He co-founded a gallery...



...then became a dealer of exclusively Amazonian art.

I sold art out of my apartment in Manhattan. Every time I had any money, I'd go back down and buy more art. So I ended up with no real estate, no savings, just a lot of spectacular art.



Seventeen years later...

It was not without peril.

Early on, an executive from a large lingerie company asked to see the Design Library's most beautiful florals. Peter brought her exactly what she'd asked for.

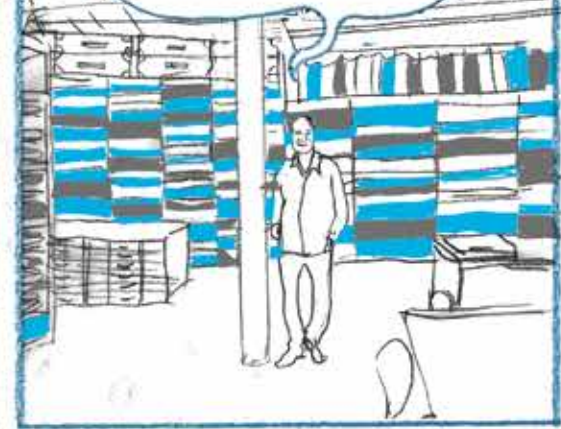
PETER! What are you showing me! We're talking bras and panties here.



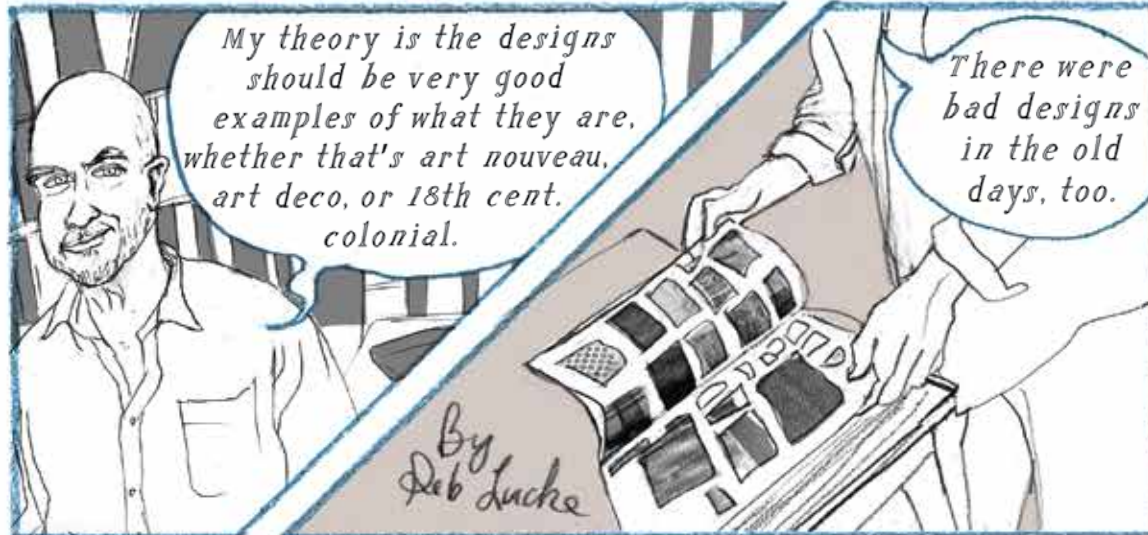
Thus he learned in one fell swoop a lesson in the importance of scale AND how to handle a tough customer.

Not long after, Susan moved to the west coast and left Peter in charge.

I was overwhelmed, but I was motivated.



My theory is the designs should be very good examples of what they are, whether that's art nouveau, art deco, or 18th cent. colonial.



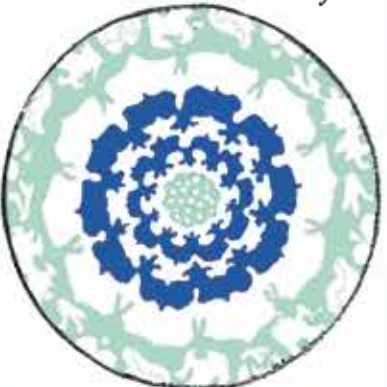
By
Deb Lucke

There were bad designs in the old days, too.

Our clients use prints to give identity to a plain fabric or surface. As soon as you put out some prints, you develop a personality.



Pottery Barn found a traditional pattern they used in a fresh way.



Nike found a sixties geometric design from Studio Bianchini-Férier they adapted to their own aesthetic.



I can't not see patterns. If I see a design in Europe that we have in the collection, I recognize it. Not the whole pattern but I can remember a detail exactly.

Despite a head full of repeating patterns, Peter says his life hasn't followed any kind of grand design.



Pure serendipity.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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



Lakota Nation vs. United States, Nov. 12

COMMUNITY

SAT 11
Modern Makers Market
COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Mary's
1 Chestnut St.
hopsonthehudson.com

More than 50 makers and artists will be selling their creations, including woodworkers, potters, candle makers, jewelers and glass makers. Rain or shine.

SAT 11
Shopping for a Cause
BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. The Landmark Beacon
139 Main St.
dutchesscounty.dressforsuccess.org

Dress for Success will hold a sale of new and gently used clothing to support its programs helping women in the workforce. Prices start at \$5. Also SUN 12.

SAT 11
Arty Martini Party
GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Draw on the walls and enjoy live music by Omar Ramirez during the art center's fall fundraiser. *Cost: \$50*

WED 15
Women Entrepreneurs Networking
WAPPINGERS FALLS

6 p.m. River Valley Arts Center
9 South Mesier Ave. | wedcbiz.org

Make connections to grow your business at this event hosted by the Women's Enterprise Development Center. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 18
Holiday Pottery Show & Sale
GARRISON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Work by more than 30 regional

potters will be available, along with jewelry and art. Daily through Nov. 26, except Thanksgiving. Donations for the Putnam Community Action Partnership food pantry will be collected for the duration. A preview for members is scheduled for FRI 17 from 1 to 5 p.m., followed by a reception.

SAT 18
Pet Rabies Clinic
CARMEL

10 a.m. – Noon. Memorial Park
201 Gypsy Trail Road
845-808-1390 x43160
putnamcountyny.com/health

Bring dogs, cats and ferrets for vaccinations. Proof of residency in Putnam County and prior rabies certificate required. *Free*

SAT 18
Food Pantry Fundraiser
COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

Shop for \$5 books to benefit the Philipstown Food Pantry. Through Nov. 22 or while supplies last. The spring sale raised \$800.

SAT 18
Winter Craft Fair
POUGHKEEPSIE

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org

The fair will feature more than 75 vendors, along with an ice-skating performance, theme-tree raffles, photos with Santa Claus and other events.

SAT 18
Holiday Gift Show & Sale
BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

Find crafts, jewelry, ceramics and artwork by regional artisans at this annual sale. Weekends through Dec. 22.

SAT 18
Pizza Benefit
CONTINENTAL VILLAGE

Noon – 4 p.m. Fire Department
12 Spy Pond Road

Enjoy wood-fired pizza from Mommo Pizza Napoletana, with proceeds funding new equipment for the firefighters.

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 12
Social Media Mental Health
GARRISON

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

As part of the library's Digital Wellness Series, learn how to make connections and network online while avoiding misinformation, anxiety and screen addiction.

SAT 18
Bird Walk
PHILIPSTOWN

8 a.m. Fahnestock State Park
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

A guide from the Putnam Highlands Audubon will lead a hike to look for raptors and other migrating species. Registration required. Meet at the Big Woods Trailhead parking lot off Route 301. *Free*

SAT 18
Wreath-Making Workshop
PUTNAM VALLEY

10 a.m. Putnam Valley Grange
128 Mill St. | cceputnamcounty.org

Supplies will be provided to create a natural and sustainable décor piece. Registration required. *Cost: \$40*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 11
Small Works Exhibition
BEACON

4 – 6 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

This annual show and sale will

include paintings, prints, photographs, ceramics and mixed-media works to benefit the nonprofit's work at Bannerman Island. Through Feb. 4.

SAT 11
Fly Boy TV | Grumble
BEACON

5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St.
212-255-2505 | clutter.co

See the exhibits *Uh-Oh, I Smell Another Cartoon Crossover* and *Tuff Stuff*. Through Dec. 1.

SAT 11
Falling Forward
BEACON

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com

Laurel and Jen Smith, identical twins, will share their prints, dyed eggs and glass works. Through Dec. 3.

SAT 11
Between Facing Mirrors
BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com

Michelle Silver's paintings of her inner world will be on view through Dec. 2.

SAT 11
Ilse Schreiber-Noll
BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org

In Gallery 1, see Schreiber-Noll's paintings in *Embracing Nature's Brush*; in Gallery 2, Joel Brown's ceramic sculptures and Linda Winters' paintings; and in the Beacon Room, works by 40 artists from New York, Germany and the Netherlands.



KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 11
Dino Dig
GARRISON

Noon. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Dig for fossils and learn about paleontology. Registration required.

TUES 14
Pet Toys
GARRISON

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

For this month's Creators Workshop, make a toy for any kind of pet. Registration required.

TUES 14
Pajama Storytime and Craft
BEACON

6:15 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Wear your PJs, enjoy a story and



VETERANS DAY

SAT 11
Ceremony
BEACON

11 a.m. VFW Hall
413 Main St.

SAT 11
Ceremony
COLD SPRING

11 a.m. War Memorial
Main Street at Chestnut

SAT 11
Ceremony
NELSONVILLE

Noon. Village Green
Main Street at Pearl

make something. For children ages 4 to 7. Registration required.

THURS 16
Gnome Homes
BEACON

6:15 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to make crafty residences. Registration required.

SAT 18
Dinosaur Adventure
GARRISON

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

Paleontologists Mike and Roberta Straka will lead activities for participants to find bones and construct a dinosaur. Registration required.

SAT 18
Middle School Night
GARRISON

7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenclyffe
facebook.com/philipstownrecreation

Students in grades 6 to 8 can play indoor gaga ball and dodge ball, sing karaoke and go on a scavenger hunt. Registration required.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 11
The Humans
WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.org

The Stephen Karam play centers on a holiday dinner party. Also SUN 12, FRI 17, SAT 18. *Cost: \$22 (\$20 seniors, children, military)*

SUN 12
Songs and Letters of the Spanish Civil War
PUTNAM VALLEY
2 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

In honor of Veterans Day, the center will stage a reading of this play about the letters that newlyweds George and Ruth Watt exchanged while George was a volunteer in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 12
Lakota Nation vs. United States
BEACON
5 p.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane

This 2022 documentary examines the Lakota fight to reclaim sacred land in the Black Hills, the location of Mount Rushmore. Co-hosted by City Council Member Paloma Wake, StoryScreen and The Yard.

THURS 16
Finding Nemo
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
beaconperformingartscenter.com

Young actors from the Beacon Performing Arts Center will present the Disney hit about a clownfish who gets help from other ocean creatures while trying to reunite with his father. Also FRI 17, SAT 18, SUN 19. *Cost: \$10 (\$7 seniors, \$5 students)*

FRI 17
Lewis Black
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The comedian known as the “king of rant” is on his *Tragically, I Need You* tour. *Cost: \$62 to \$92*



FRI 17
Samantha Bee
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

On her first national tour, the comedian known for her late-night show *Full Frontal* will perform *Your Favorite Woman: The Joy of Sex Education*. *Cost: \$45 to \$185*

FRI 17
Stomp!
WEST POINT
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall
655 Pitcher Road | 845-938-4159
ikehall.com

The show, created in New York City in 1994, features percussion, movement and visual comedy for all ages, including new routines. This is a stop on the show’s national tour. *Cost: \$48*

SUN 19
Throwing Stones
PEEKSKILL
2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

This staged reading of a play by Mona Z. Smith and Traci Mariano will feature Nance Williamson and Kurt Rhoads. *Free*

SUN 19
Protest
PHILIPSTOWN
3 p.m. Cold Spring Dance
82 Crest Road | coldspringdance.org

Dancers from the Dance Theater of Harlem and the Martha Graham Dance Company will perform a contemporary piece choreographed by Cally Kordaris. See Page 11. *Cost: \$100*

SAT 19
Lucia Cherciu
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The former Dutchess County poet laureate will read from her latest collection, *Immigrant Prodigal Daughter*, followed by a poetry open mic. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 11
Arvo Pärt Night
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

For the final event of the avant-



garde exhibition *No Name | No Slogan*, Jaanika Peerna will be accompanied in a visual-art performance by the Brasiles Ensemble and the Brasiles Art Collective. *Cost: \$20*

MUSIC
SAT 11
Blues Blowout Anniversary
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The show will feature the Billy Price Band and Kevin Burt. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*

SAT 11
Soultown to Motown
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Sensational Soul Cruisers will play the music of iconic artists, including Otis Redding, the Four Tops and the Commodores. *Cost: \$40 to \$57*

SUN 12
Arnad Sussman and Michael Stephen Brown
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org

This concert, presented by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, will honor Sussman’s father, a Holocaust survivor, with a program of work by Jews who were victims of the Holocaust or managed to escape. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

FRI 17
Gratefully Yours
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The Grateful Dead tribute band will play audience-submitted “dream” set lists. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

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Free Thanksgiving Dinners!

An Interfaith Community Event hosted by:
St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Loretto Roman Catholic Church,
and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue

RESERVE A DINNER:

A meal, whether in person, or for take out, is available to anyone for the asking.

For in-person sit down dining from 11am to 1pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church, please call Fran at 845- 265-3718.

For Pick-up or Delivery, please fill out the online form at bit.ly/stmarys-tgiving-2023 click the QR code below, or call Tara at 845-337-0286.

To make a donation to help provide food, please use bit.ly/stmarys-tgiving-2023-donate or use the QR code here.

TO RESERVE:



PICK-UP 9:30 to 10:30
1 Chestnut St. Cold Spring

DINE-IN 11:00 to 1:00:
24 Fair St. Cold Spring

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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FRI 17
Stephen Clair
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org
The Americana and alt-country singer and guitarist will play music from his latest album, *The Presentation of Self in Everyday Life*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 18
Down Hill Strugglers
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompskinscorners.org
The old-time string band will play new interpretations of classic songs. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 18
The Weight Band
POUGHKEEPSIE
7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org
The tribute band plays music from The Band in the Woodstock

era. *Cost: \$44 to \$54*

SAT 18
The Dark Horses
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band will play music from George Harrison's legacy. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 18
Joe McPhee with Strings
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Arts Center
12 Vassar St. | mcphee.eventbrite.com
Elysium Furnace Works presents the multi-instrumentalist with an ensemble band including Gwen Laster, Melanie Dyer and James Keepnews. *Cost: \$30 (\$40 door)*

SAT 18
Herman's Hermits
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Peter Noone and the band will

play their classics. *Cost: \$47 to \$67*

SUN 19
Elm Chamber Ensemble
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Joel Pitchon (violin), Anthony Berner (violin/viola), Volcy Pelletier (cello) and Yu-mei Wei (piano) will play a program that includes works by Mozart and Schumann. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 19
A Night of James Bond
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Hosted by Annalyse & Ryan, this soundtrack night rescheduled from September will include a 10-piece band. *Cost: \$30*

CIVIC
MON 13
Campus Master Plan Forum
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Haldane Auditorium
15 Craigsides Drive | haldaneschool.org



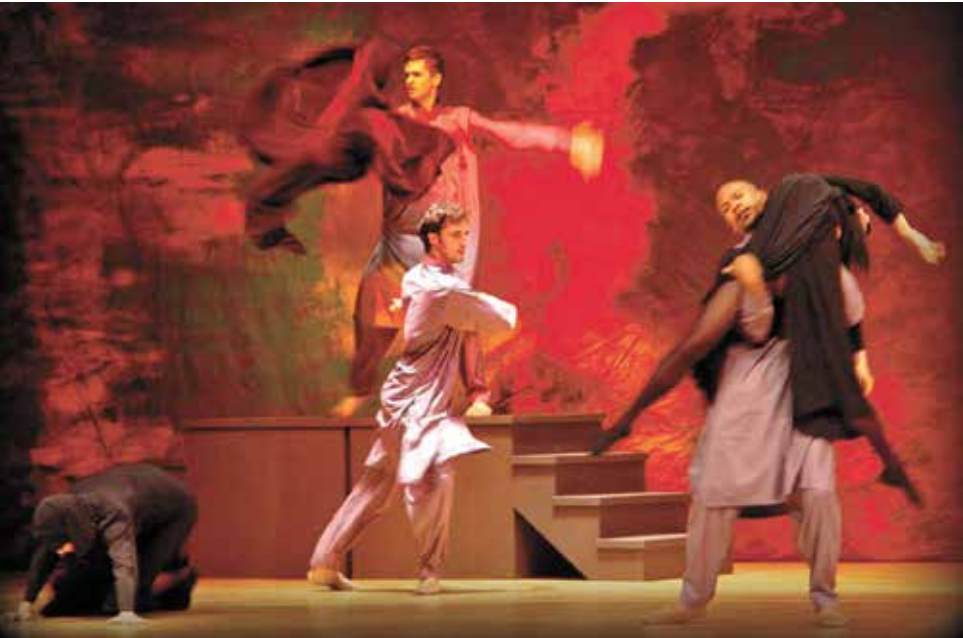
Joe McPhee with Strings, Nov. 18

MON 13
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 14
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane Library
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org

WED 15
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 15
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org



Protest will be performed Nov. 19 by the Cold Spring Dance Company.

Dance (from Page 11)

Kordaris graduated from the LaGuardia High School of Performing Arts. Her training focused on classical ballet but included modern, flamenco, tap, jazz and Greek folk dance. At 16, she joined Ronald Sequoia in his Dance Compass Company; she later graduated from Queens College with a degree in art history.

For 33 years she was artistic director and choreographer of Callina's School of Dance in Long Island City. During the 1990s she directed the Odyssey Dance Company while also co-directing the Omeros Hellenic Dance Company.

In 1999, after producing and choreographing an event which fused live music and production, she decided to merge her ballet and folk companies. In the decades since, she has worked with dancers from the New York City Ballet, Elliot Feld, Cedar Lake, the Korean National Ballet and other companies.

The Cold Spring Dance Company's associate artistic director, So Young An, is a lead dancer with the Martha Graham Dance Company.

Kordaris and her husband, Jim, became familiar with the Highlands through his work serving the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, where he is director of stewardship, outreach and evangelism. They were weekenders before moving full-time to Philipstown nine years ago.

They purchased their home with the idea they would eventually use the location for a company, bringing dancers from New York City — "the best from the best," Kordaris says.

"We're in our infancy stages," she adds. "Space to perform is always so difficult to realize. We already had rehearsal studios and an indoor space [with 40 seats] but we created a 3-acre garden, an arboretum



Cally Kordaris

and outdoor space. We're out there pouring gravel into the potholes. Outdoors we can seat 80. Our hope is that the more people support it, the more we can do.

"To present the same old thing is not worth it," Kordaris says. "I want to blow people away. The way I choreograph is to imagine it is a wild garden. It uses 'expressive movement,' which is not about steps. It's about being, and for each piece I create a specific movement vocabulary. The steps are the least important thing; what happens between them is character and feeling.

"We don't work to entertain, we work to create this magical world that you can escape to," she says. "We're going to create a world and when you leave it we want you to visit it in your mind."

Tickets for the Nov. 19 performance, which will be held at 82 Crest Road in Philipstown, are \$100, which includes a Mediterranean lunch. See coldspringdance.org. Because it depicts moments of violence, Kordaris says the performance is not appropriate for children age 12 or younger.

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Mouths to Feed

Enduring Soup

By Celia Barbour

I went to Scotland last month with my son Henry for a family event. We stayed with some cousins who live on and manage a 1,300-acre organic hill farm at the edge of the Highlands. The property, which has been in the family for more than 400 years, includes an old manor house, an even older “old house” from the 1600s, vast wind-swept pastures and meadows, a few wee lochs, a wee byrne, 400 sheep, 50 cows and four energetic and hardworking dogs who keep watch over it all.



It is hard to describe the wonder of it. Not only is the place heartachingly beautiful in the photographable sense, it is so wisely and intelligently managed by my cousins (technically, third cousins) that I always come away feeling a complicated mix of envy, inspiration and deep humility at their lives.

Shortly after we returned home, my mother came over for a visit. No difficulty in describing the trip to her; she wanted to know how we’d eaten.

“What did Seonag cook?” she asked, referring to my cousin’s Skye-born wife.

“She’d start a pot of soup every morning,”



Potato-Kale Soup with Parmesan and Thyme

- 3 tablespoons olive oil, butter or a combination
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves
- 1 to 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1½ pounds new potatoes, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 bunches lacinato kale, ribs removed, cut crosswise into ribbons
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 quart chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 parmesan rind (see note)
- 1 29-ounce can pureed tomatoes

In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan, heat the oil and/or butter over medium-low. Add the chopped onion and celery and cook 5 minutes, until the vegetables are translucent and beginning to soften. Add the thyme leaves and garlic, toss to coat well and cook 2 to 3 minutes. Increase the heat to medium and add the potatoes and kale plus a sprinkling of salt and pepper; cook, stirring frequently, for a couple more minutes. Add the stock, parmesan rind and tomato puree; bring to a simmer, then lower the heat and cook at a bare simmer until the potatoes are soft. Serve at once or store overnight to allow the flavors to mellow.

Note: An old parmesan rind works like a soup bone to add flavor and richness to a soup.

said Henry, “and that’s what we’d have for lunch, with bread and butter and cheese.” He added that it was always wonderful.

I liked that it was Seonag’s daily soup that, out of all her vast culinary abilities, had most impressed Henry. It had made an impact on me, too. However, having come across her soup pot sitting in their (unheated) pantry at night, I mentioned that I thought perhaps she was adding ingredients each morning to the previous day’s soup, so that our lunches had actually consisted of an ongoing, evolving soup.

I seldom come home from trips anymore

with material-object souvenirs. But I almost always return with some habit-trinket that I hope to integrate into my everyday life. No surprise, most of these last about as long as the sartorial choices of those hungover folks disembarking at JFK from the Caribbean every January; at best, some linger as long as their suntans.

This time around, my Scottish keepsake was the intention to start making my own evolving soup, though I planned to store it in the fridge at night as I don’t have a chilly pantry. In fact, I had started one shortly before my mother arrived.

As for what to put in it, I used the ingredients I found in my kitchen after a week abroad, enduring things such as potatoes, onions, kale and a parmesan rind. An hour later, the soup was ready.

An hour after that, it was gone.

I recreated the same recipe the following week, and once again it barely lasted two days. So much for my attempt to adopt someone else’s practice as my own. It reminded me that even the most admirable habits can’t just be cut-and-pasted into a new life — especially when they taste really good.

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LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (November 1873)

The West Point Foundry announced it would cast a cannon that would require 33 tons of molten iron and weigh 60,480 pounds. Unfortunately, after about half the metal had been conducted to the mold, the weight and height of the column burst the box. With the mold destroyed, the molten metal had to be drawn from the furnaces and cast in sand. The loss was estimated at \$5,000 [\$128,000 today].

The daughter of Clark Ireland of Garden Street, while walking home through a vacant lot on Church Street, was attacked by a cow and sustained a slight wound under her arm from its horns.

A few weeks later, a mass of snow slid off the roof of Southard's store, nearly burying another daughter of Clark Ireland as she looked at the window display.

Philip McCormick, while unloading coal at the furnace, was seriously injured when he was struck in the head by a lump.

In the organizational meeting of the county board of supervisors, William Garrison of Philipstown was elected chair, William Wood II of Philipstown appointed clerk and *The Putnam County Monitor* named the official paper.

Philip Phillips — known as the Singing Pilgrim — performed an evening of hymns and spiritual songs at the Methodist Episcopal Church on Main Street.



Philip Phillips

While returning from the foundry, where he had an ax sharpened, Barton Turner stumbled on the railroad tracks and cut his hand on the tool.

After James Tomlin, 36, a molder at the foundry who lived on Garden Street, was

found dead in his bed, a local doctor testified at a coroner's inquest that he had no idea what killed him but guessed it was "some disease of the heart, or large vessels."

The Rev. William George Tozer, who had recently returned from central Africa after spending a decade there as a missionary, preached at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

A new street was opened running west from Cedar parallel to Main. In addition, Academy Street was extended parallel with B Street.

Morris Dlee had on exhibition at his store a miniature steam engine attached to a Singer sewing machine. Heat was applied with kerosene lamps.

Twelve canal boats — including 10 loaded with coal — sank at Newburgh during a violent storm.

While installing ventilators at the Rock Street School, carpenters discovered the classroom ceiling was in immediate danger of collapsing because braces holding the beams had come loose.

A jury found no cause of action in a lawsuit filed by Margaret Robinson against Philip Murtha, her Philipstown neighbor. The fight was over a cow that Murtha said he penned after it foraged on his property.

Thomas Avery demonstrated the brass model of a machine for making paper bags. He was part-owner of the patent.

John Mekeel offered "for sale, cheap" a one-horse buggy sleigh, never used, along with its fur robe and bells.

125 Years Ago (November 1898)

On Nov. 1, the Barriett Electric Light Co. turned on the current and, as *The Cold Spring Recorder* reported, "a blaze of light burst from four high-power arc lamps on Main Street. The view up Main Street was a brilliant one and is but a prophecy of what we may expect when the 30 lights are distributed through the whole village. It is expected that the dynamo for the incandescent lamps will soon be ready for work to furnish light for private parties."

Nelsonville soon after contracted with Barriett for 11 street lamps.

Thomas Benedict, the Democratic nominee for Congress, campaigned in Cold Spring. The next day, the Republican candidate, Gen. John Ketcham, followed. (Ketcham, who was first elected to Congress in 1865, won by a wide margin.)

A petition circulated among business owners to ask the Cold Spring post office to continue Sunday delivery.

Vredenberg's Market on Kemble Avenue offered oysters and clams by the quart or hundred.

The Princeton and West Point football teams played to a 5-5 tie before a crowd of 10,000 spectators. The game included a 30-yard field goal by the cadets.

Andrew Lynch, who for many years occupied a West Point Foundry cottage on Parsonage Street, moved to Storm King to live with his son.

The Rev. George Allen, pastor of the Milton Presbyterian Church, who had been ill with "nervous trouble" at the Orchard Street home of his cousin, Mrs. Henry Hustis, attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .22 caliber revolver. He escaped serious injury but reports in *The New*



The Rev. William George Tozer preached in Cold Spring in 1873 after returning from missionary work in Africa.

National Portrait Gallery, London

York Herald about what led to his despair prompted the Milton congregation to release a statement discounting "misinformation," such as an assertion that church elders had selected a bride for Allen or that he placed bets on the election results.

The Recorder reported that "the streets were orderly" on Election Day. The only upset was the Democratic candidate, Adrian Dean, winning a state Assembly seat. Theodore Roosevelt was elected governor on the Republican line; he won Philipstown, 544-518.

The producer Harry Hoffman, who a month earlier had presented, with local talent, a drama at Town Hall to benefit the fire company, was a patient at St. Luke's Hospital in Newburgh. A sore on his leg had developed into cancer, and the limb had to be amputated.

The Men's Club of St. Mary's Church took over the room above the post office.

The Recorder noted that "experiments with electric motors and compressed air motors have been in progress on the New York Central Railroad for more than a year, with a view of finding some practicable method of hauling passenger trains through the Fourth Avenue tunnel [in New York City] without the annoyance of smoke. As soon as the necessary details can be arranged, some of the trains leaving the 155th Street station on the Putnam division will regularly have compressed air as a motive power instead of steam."

A state court jury ruled against Titus Truesdell in his \$11,000 [\$408,000] lawsuit against the Village of Cold Spring and its Board of Water Commissioners. Truesdell said the village had cut off, without proper notice, the water to his pickle factory on Market Street for lack of payment.

The Recorder cited the increasing number of freight trains as a sign that business was improving following a national financial crash.

Frank Anderson, an employee of Harvey Hustis in the North Highlands, was watching employees of Perry & Reilley's unload

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barrels of sugar from a wagon when he decided to lend a hand. However, he dropped a barrel on his left leg, breaking it near the ankle. As soon as Anderson could be moved he was sent to the county farm for paupers until he could work again.

Ellsworth Miller, the local agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said he suspected two horses owned by Samuel Hustis of North Highlands had died of starvation. He attempted to secure an arrest warrant in Philipstown but, after finding that all the justices were related to Hustis, instead petitioned Judge Pratt in Putnam Valley. Hustis was arrested the next week and jailed when he could not produce the \$500 [\$18,500] bail.

Isaac Jenkins and his family, who had moved to Cold Spring from Elkhart, Indiana, a year earlier, moved back to Elkhart.

John Miller of Highland Falls sent live opossums to Mr. Reeves at Garrison to stock Putnam County.

James Brewster of Cold Spring was accused by *The Recorder* of “reckless driving” after his wagon allegedly hit Mrs. William Tubbs of Breakneck on the river road, sending her sprawling. A witness said Brewster didn’t stop to check on her but “kept on his way.”

The Old Homestead Club purchased the shuffleboard that had been used at the defunct Highland House and placed it in the basement of its Main Street building.

Daniel Roadbin was arrested for being drunk and disorderly and sentenced to 150 days in jail in Kings County, where he resided. When Officer McCaffrey transported the prisoner to the Kings County jail, he recognized an inmate: John O’Mara of Cold Spring, who had been reported missing a few months earlier. He was serving 60 days for a petty larceny.

George Richardson, a traveling performer “who had amused a few people” while passing through Cold Spring by stuffing billiard balls into his mouth, according to *The Recorder*, was arrested in New York City for vagrancy. Richardson also had been arrested in Jersey City after a police officer demanded he prove the balls weren’t stolen.

100 Years Ago (November 1923)

The Putnam County Jail hadn’t held a prisoner for a year when Harrison Ellis, a shrubbery salesman from Beacon, arrived because he could not pay the \$1,500 [\$27,000] bail set by a Cold Spring justice. Ellis had been accused by Joseph Redalfi of the village of failing to deliver \$600 worth of grapevines.

A 55-year-old Virginia man who had been working near Cold Spring checked himself into St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, saying he had been drinking since Election Day.

75 Years Ago (November 1948)

A blaze destroyed the Cold Spring Dyeing and Finishing Co. plant at the old West Point Foundry site. Firefighters had to wait for water to be drawn from the river.

The Cold Spring Travelers, a basketball team comprised of veterans, was looking for opponents.

A 56-year-old Cherry Street man was

killed on Route 9D north of Cold Spring when his car hit a utility pole. The crash cut power to the village for an hour.

In four games, the Haldane football team recorded 97 points while holding its opponents scoreless.

A Dobbs Ferry teenager was shot in the thigh while hunting with four friends in woods near Cold Spring. One of his companions said he saw something move in the brush and fired. The victim was taken to a doctor’s office in the village before being driven home.

50 Years Ago (November 1973)

The Committee for the Preservation of Cold Spring called on residents to attend a Planning Board meeting to protest the proposed Forge Gate housing project.

Joseph Percacciolo was elected to a third term as Philipstown supervisor.

Eleven truckloads of topsoil were dumped at the future site of Mayor’s Park.

Salmagundi Book Works opened at 66 Main St.

After a series of suspicious fires, Mayor John Meyer closed the Nelsonville Woods.

In a ceremony at the Italian Consulate in New York City, Joseph Percacciolo Sr. received the Cross of Cavaliere and DiVittorio for his service in the Italian Army during World War I.

Con Edison announced that Reactor No. 2 at Indian Point would be out of service for several weeks because of a crack in one of the four pipes that supplied water to the steam boilers.

Mayor Meyer of Nelsonville said that a developer planned to buy the land formerly owned by the New York Trap Rock Co. behind the Masonic Temple.

Because of overcrowding, the Haldane school board implemented double sessions in the elementary school. Students in grades 3 and 5 would attend class from 7:50 a.m. to noon and students in grades 4 and 6 from noon to 4:10 p.m.

The school board also agreed to accept high school students from New Hope Manor, a residential treatment program for women operated by the Franciscan Friars in Garrison.

25 Years Ago (November 1998)

The Haldane volleyball team won its first Class D state title, defeating Cattaraugus in four games (3-15, 15-3, 15-3, 17-15).

Supervisor Bill Mazzuca warned Philipstown residents outside the villages to expect a large tax increase. Despite extensive cutting — including \$300,000 devoted to paving dirt roads — he said the Town Board still anticipated a 24 percent increase. A week later, higher-than-anticipated revenue from the state mortgage tax and an increase in town fees allowed the board to adopt a budget with a 4.78 percent increase.

The Garrison Village Association held its first meeting at the firehouse, although a reporter for the *Putnam County News & Recorder* was asked to leave.

Three young adults were arrested for smoking marijuana in the parking lot of the gas station on Chestnut Street. Another young adult was arrested for possession of 18 baggies of weed after being stopped for speeding on Bank Street.



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Election Results (from Page 1)

William Grady, a Republican who has been the Dutchess County district attorney for 40 years, announced in 2019 that he planned to retire. Two of his deputies, **Parisi** Anthony Parisi, the major crimes bureau chief, and Matt Weishaupt, the chief assistant D.A., campaigned for the job.

✓ **Anthony Parisi (D, WF)** **34,810 (52%)**
Matt Weishaupt (R, C) 32,539 (48%)



In the county Legislature, which has 17 Republicans and eight Democrats, Nick Page, a Democrat whose district includes three wards in Beacon, ran unopposed for a fourth term. Ward 4 is part of the district represented by Yvette Valdés Smith, a Democrat seeking her second term. She was challenged, as she was in 2021, by Ron Davis, chair of the Town of Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals. Valdés Smith won in 2021 with 54 percent of the vote.

Ron Davis (R, C) 1,138 (40%)
✓ **Yvette Valdés Smith (D, WF)** **1,695 (60%)**

There was also a race for one of the four, 10-year seats on the Dutchess County Family Court. The incumbent, Joseph Egitto, was elected in 2013 and appointed in 2018 as supervising judge. He was challenged by James Rogers, a former president of the Legal Aid Society, deputy state attorney general and deputy labor commissioner who is currently

director of business development for the state Office of Cannabis Management.

✓ **Joseph Egitto (R, C)** **33,777 (51%)**
James Rogers (D, WF) 32,922 (49%)

Brad Kendall, the county clerk, was seeking his fifth, 4-year term. His challenger, as in 2019, was Kenya Gadsden, a Fishkill resident and former member of the Beacon school board. Kendall won in 2019 with 55 percent of the vote.

Kenya Gadsden (D, WF) 31,294 (46%)
✓ **Brad Kendall (R, C)** **36,143 (54%)**

In Beacon, Democratic candidates ran unopposed for all seven seats on the City Council, including for mayor. There will be new faces representing Ward 2 and one of the two at-large seats, as Justice McCray and George Mansfield did not seek re-election.

They will be succeeded by Jeff Doman-ski, director of climate strategy at Arch Street Communications and former executive director of Hudson Valley Energy, and Pam Wetherbee, the operations manager at Hudson Peak Wealth Advisors, who served on the council from 2013 to 2017.

McCray was elected in 2021 and served one term; Mansfield, who recently sold his east end restaurant, Dogwood, served seven terms.

The incumbents who will return for their second, 2-year terms are Molly Rhodes (Ward 1), Wren Longno (Ward 3) and Paloma Wake (at-large). Dan Aymar-Blair (Ward 4) will be seated for his third term.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou ran unopposed for a second, 4-year term. Before his election, Kyriacou served nine terms on the City Council, beginning in 1993. Reuben Simmons ran as a write-in candidate; there were 449 such votes recorded but Kyriacou received 2,244 votes, or 83 percent.

In Fishkill, incumbent Supervisor Ozzy Albra was challenged by John Forman, a former county legislator whose district had included parts of Beacon.

✓ **Ozzy Albra (D, WF)** **3,208 (62%)**
John Forman (R, C) 1,965 (38%)

After nearly 30 years on the bench, Stephen Tomann did not seek re-election as Philipstown justice. Two attorneys in private practice, Randall Chiera and Angela Thompson-Tinsley, ran to succeed him in the first contested election for the position since Tomann won a three-way race in 1995. The justice serves a four-year term.

Chiera (R, C) 768 (30%)
✓ **Thompson-Tinsley (D, Team Philipstown)** **1,822 (70%)**

There were three candidates for two seats on the Town Board: incumbents Judy Farrell and Bob Flaherty and challenger Neal Tomann.

Farrell was appointed in 2019 to replace Nancy Montgomery, who had been elected to the county Legislature. She won the seat later that year and was seeking a second, 4-year term. Flaherty was appointed in 2015 when Dave Merandy was elected as Cold



Thompson-Tinsley

Voter Ups and Downs

The figures below, provided by the Dutchess, Putnam and state boards of election, represent active registered voters.

DUTCHESS	NOV. 2016	FEB. 2023	%CHANGE
Democrat	60,383	72,961	20.8
Republican	51,863	53,475	3.1
Conservative	3,619	3,743	3.4
Other*	11,898	10,858	-8.7
No Party	48,974	54,948	12.2
Total	176,737	195,985	10.9

BEACON			
Democrat	4,264	5,370	25.9
Republican	1,330	1,100	-17.3
Conservative	114	79	-30.7
Other*	549	470	-14.4
No Party	2,239	2,408	7.5
Total	8,496	9,427	11

PUTNAM			
Democrat	18,504	22,203	20
Republican	21,925	23,555	7.4
Conservative	1,930	1,736	-10.1
Other*	4,224	3,639	-13.9
No Party	16,311	19,440	19.2
Total	62,894	70,573	12.2

PHILIPSTOWN			
Democrat	2,762	3,562	29
Republican	1,678	1,596	-4.9
Conservative	163	125	-23.3
Other*	378	416	10
No Party	1,744	2,253	29.2
Total	6,725	7,512	11.7

STATEWIDE			
Democrat	5,665,105	5,878,129	3.8
Republican	2,648,842	2,683,544	1.3
Conservative	151,971	153,526	1
Other*	533,607	437,074	-18.1
No Party	2,476,908	2,799,052	13
Total	11,476,433	11,951,325	4.1

*Combined enrollment for smaller parties; some from 2016 no longer active in 2023

Spring mayor. Flaherty was elected that fall and was seeking his third term.

Tomann, a member of the Philipstown Planning Board, ran for the Town Board in 2021, when he was third in a four-way race behind Jason Angell and Megan Cotter, whose seats will be on the ballot in 2024.

✓ **Flaherty (D, C)** **1,988 (42%)**
✓ **Farrell (D, Team Philipstown)** **1,795 (38%)**
Tomann (R, C) 923 (20%)

Supervisor John Van Tassel ran unopposed for a second, 2-year term and Highway Superintendent Adam Hotaling ran unopposed for

a 4-year term after being elected in 2022 to finish the term of Carl Frisenda, who retired for health reasons. Tara Percacciolo, the town clerk, ran unopposed for a second, 4-year term. All three are Democrats.

In Cold Spring, Mayor Kathleen Foley and Trustee Eliza Starbuck ran unopposed for their second, 2-year terms. Cathryn Fadde, the owner of Cathryn's Tuscan Grill, did not seek re-election to what would have been her third term; her seat will be filled by Aaron Freimark, a senior vice president at Impri-vata, a health care technology firm. All three

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candidates ran on the Forge Ahead line.

The other members of the Cold Spring board are Tweeps Phillips Woods and Laura Bozzi, whose seats will be on the ballot in 2024.

In Putnam County, Robert Tendy, a Republican who has been district attorney since 2015, ran unopposed for a third, 4-year term. He ran unopposed in 2019, as well.

There were three open seats on the Putnam County Legislature, which has nine members who serve 3-year terms. Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley and is in her second term, is the sole Democrat. Her seat will be on the ballot in 2024.

In Putnam Valley, William Gouldman was seeking a fourth term, his last because of term limits. He was challenged by Maggie Ploener, a massage therapist and artist.

☑ **Gouldman (R, C)** **1,390 (57%)**
Ploener (D, WF) 1,059 (43%)

In Kent, Toni Addonizio was seeking her fourth and final term. She faced Kathy Kahng, who owns CityRax, a firm that works on public space projects, and serves on the Putnam County Land Trust board.

☑ **Addonizio (R, C)** **1,252 (55%)**
Kahng (D) 1,042 (45%)

In Mahopac, Amy Sayegh ran unopposed for a third term.

STATE COURT

There were eight candidates for four seats on the state Supreme Court for the 9th Judicial

9th Judicial Judges

	District*	Dutchess	Putnam
☑ Francesca Connolly (D, C)	195,145	35,565	9,402
☑ Charley Wood (D, C)	184,576	33,165	9,101
☑ Rolf Thorsen (D, C)	180,570	31,675	8,719
☑ Larry Schwartz (D, C)	177,252	32,419	8,839
John Sarcone (R)	134,510	27,848	9,406
Susan Sullivan-Bisceglia (R)	129,465	27,202	8,906
John Ciampoli (R)	125,624	26,326	8,658
Karen Ostberg (R)	125,535	26,066	8,582

*98 percent of precincts reporting

District, which includes Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties.

The seats were held by two incumbents, Francesca Connolly and Charley Wood, and two Rockland County justices who reached mandatory retirement age.

Despite its name, the Supreme Court is not the highest court in New York. That is the Court of Appeals. Instead, it is a trial court that operates at the county level.

Connolly, Wood and two candidates who ran with them on the Democratic and Conservative lines — Rolf Thorsen and Larry Schwartz, both Rockland County judges — received the most votes in Dutchess County and the district, according to the Board of Elections.

In Putnam County, Republicans John

Sarcone, an attorney from Cortlandt, and Susan Sullivan-Bisceglia, the Town of LaGrange justice, were among the top four finishers, along with Connolly and Wood.

Justices serve 14-year terms. The Supreme Court justices in Dutchess are Christi Acker (elected in 2017), Thomas Davis (2021) and Maria Rosa (2012). In Putnam, they are Gina

Capone (2019) and Victor Grossman (2013).

PROPOSALS

There were two statewide proposals on the ballot. The first would allow New York's 57 small-city school districts, including Beacon, to borrow up to 10 percent of the value of the taxable real estate in the district, rather than 5 percent. It passed statewide with 57 percent of the vote. In Dutchess, it received 62 percent and in Putnam, 56 percent.

The second proposal would extend for 10 years the authority of counties, cities, towns and villages to remove borrowing for the construction of sewage facilities from their mandated debt limits. It passed statewide with 60 percent of the vote. In Dutchess, it received 63 percent and in Putnam, 60 percent.

Turnout

35% Dutchess

29% Putnam

20% Statewide



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Anthony’s Nose *(from Page 1)*

steep, unofficial path. “I could zip up in 13 minutes to enjoy the sunset,” he says. At the peak, he met four men hiking the Appalachian Trail. He brought them water before heading to the Fireside Steak Pub in Stony Point, which he owns.

Near closing time, Javenes says he “got the bright idea to bring these guys some pizzas and beers.” He made the delivery at 3:30 a.m. About 90 minutes later, with a headlamp, he started down the trail. Halfway down, he stepped on a loose rock.

“I looked to the left and there was nothing there,” Javenes recalls. “I started falling. I threw my arms over my head. I pulled in my legs, bounced off a bunch of rocks and landed on my chest.”

That’s where he remained, motionless, legs protruding over the ledge, bugs crawling up his nose. “I thought I was paralyzed,” he says.

At 8:15 a.m., Chris Callagy, who lives in Croton-on-Hudson, started up the trail. Halfway up, he heard what he thought might be a bear. Then someone yelled, “Help!” Callagy called 911; a helicopter eventually came to the rescue.

Two months later, after neck surgery, Javenes threw himself into rehab. As a highly competitive athlete — back in the day, he was a star centerfielder for the North Rockland High School baseball team — Javenes leans into physical challenges. He also is driven by the memory of his wife, Kathleen, who died in 2014 after a nearly 10-year battle with brain cancer. “I was inspired by her will to live,” he says.

Before the end of the year, he had returned to Anthony’s Nose, wearing his neck brace. He hiked a safer route, starting at the Route 9D trailhead in Philipstown.



Javenes poses on Anthony's Nose on Oct. 31, the day he completed his 1,429th ascent in a year.

Photo provided

“I’m sure my surgeon didn’t want me up there,” he says. “My feet and legs and hands felt like they were on fire, but I made it.”

Eight years later, Javenes still has limited use of his right arm and right leg and uses hiking poles. He says he refuses to take painkillers and sleeps only one to two hours at a stretch. “I’m in pain 24 hours a day.”

Nevertheless, he started routinely hiking Anthony’s Nose, often multiple times a day. During the pandemic lockdown, Javenes began a friendly competition with a hiker he met on the trail, Will Cook, a psychotherapist from Mount Kisco who began hiking to relieve pandemic burnout.



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for September and October at Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.



	TITLE	AUTHOR
ADULT	1 Boomhouse: A Collection of Poems	Summer Hart
	2 The Creative Act: A Way of Being	Rick Rubin
	3 The Fraud: A Novel	Zadie Smith
	4 Tom Lake: A Novel	Ann Patchett
	4 Crying in H Mart: A Memoir	Michelle Zauner
CHILDREN	5 Stay True: A Memoir	Hua Hsu
	1 Percy Jackson: Chalice of the Gods	Rick Riordan
	2 Local Baby Hudson Valley	Nancy Ellwood
	3 Super Scary Narwhalloween	Ben Clanton
	3 Waiting for the Great Pumpkin	Charles M. Schulz
	4 The Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale	Jon Klassen
	4 Gustavo, the Shy Ghost	Flavia Drago

Cook recalls once doing nine trips in a day. “The next thing I know, I looked on Tommy’s Facebook page and he had done 16,” says Cook, who did 730 hikes up the trail in 2022. He credits Javenes with helping him through a challenging time. “He’s an inspiration,” Cook says.

Meanwhile, Javenes’ competitive drive shifted into high gear. He made 1,155 trips to the peak in 2022, more than double the previous year, including 284 in November and December. He began to wonder how many ascents he could complete if he kept up the

pace for 12 months. He got his answer last week: 1,429, or an average of about four per day.

Javenes isn’t sure what’s next. “It’s getting monotonous,” he admits.

His girlfriend, Diana Cassese, is supportive, “but she’s had enough of the hiking stuff,” he says. Perhaps he could stop at 1,000 hikes annually, “and still have 100 days to do other things.”

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- ACROSS
1. Angelic ring

5. Little rascal

8. Burlap fiber

12. Switchboard worker

14. Barak of Israel

15. Longtime CBS News anchor Walter

16. Chinese secret society

17. Aachen article

18. Glide

20. Long

23. Pack of cards

24. Wan

25. Wood eater

28. 1959 Kingston Trio hit

29. Relinquish

30. Flamenco cheer

32. *Charlotte's Web* author

34. Boring

35. Unctuous

36. Test versions

37. Catch some Z's

40. Flow out

41. Young cow

42. Almost

47. Leer at

48. Acts altruistically

49. Despot

50. "Mayday!"

51. Phoenix cagers
- DOWN
1. Ad —

2. Earth Day mo.

3. Zodiac cat

4. Cantankerous

5. "Don't rub —!"

6. Witticism

7. Keep from spoiling

8. Lakeside rental

9. "Oops!"

10. Casserole base

11. Jittery

13. Related

19. Summit

20. Orange veggie

21. Noble Italian family

22. Pequod captain

23. God

25. Hindmost parts

26. Talk up

27. First lady of scat

29. Brainiac

31. Golfer Ernie

33. Stereo component

34. Fixes, as software

36. Cookouts, briefly

37. Highlander

38. Kvetches

39. Stewpot

40. Summers in Paris

43. Tic-tac-toe win

44. Debtor's note

45. Heavy weight

46. Mag. staff

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Can you go from FLAME to SLITS in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

FLAME

SLITS

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. *Sons of Anarchy* actor
Danny _____

6. Everglades bird

7. Ludicrous

8. Related to birth

9. Shiny lip application
- DOWN
1. "Crazy Little ____ Called Love" (hit song by Queen)

2. Of the kidneys

3. Daughter of Zeus

4. Polio vaccine developer Salk

5. First-year students in a Scott Turow memoir

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

BOYS' SOCCER — Beacon, which was the state runner-up in Class A last year, will not be in the title game again this year after being knocked off in overtime by Byram Hills in a regional quarterfinal game on Nov. 4 in Hyde Park.

Byram Hills, the Section I champ, advanced on a header off a corner kick in the 97th minute for a 2-1 victory. Beacon, which earlier won its third straight Section IX title by upsetting top-seeded Lourdes, finished 13-3-2.

After the Bobcats opened the scoring 23 minutes in, Brody Timm tied the score for the Bulldogs at 37 minutes with a strike that hit the bottom of the crossbar. Keeper Matt Sandison made four saves for Beacon.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Beacon will be represented at the Class A state championship in Verona on Saturday (Nov. 11) by senior Henry Reinke, who finished fifth on Nov. 4 at the Section IX, Division B qualifier in 16:40.6. August Wright was 31st in 18:51 and Harsh Gupta finished 34th in 19:08.3 among 64 runners. For the girls, Cecilia Allee was 30th of 51 runners in Division B in 23:42.5, followed immediately by Rachel Thorne in 24:10.6.

GIRLS' SWIMMING — The Bulldogs competed in the Section IX championship last week, finishing 21st of 24 schools. Serena Stampleman was Beacon's top finisher, placing 15th in the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:19.66. The 200-yard freestyle relay team placed 16th in 1:53.83 and the 400-yard freestyle team was 14th in 4:15.23.

GIRLS' SOCCER — Beacon was well represented at a match for exceptional players from Section IX, sending Devyn Kelly, Sara Gonzalez and Coach Mike Lentini, who led the East squad to a 6-4 victory. Kelly scored and Gonzalez played strong defense on the back line.

KETCHAM STORM — Under pressure from the New York Education Department, which ordered schools last year to stop using Native American names and mascots or lose state aid, Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls will change its name from the Indians to the Storm. The Nyack Indians in 2020 became the RedHawks and Mahopac Indians earlier this year became the Wolf Pac.

TRACK AND FIELD — Rayvon Grey, 25, the former Beacon High School long jumper who competed for Louisiana State University, has returned home from Baton Rouge for a visit and to coach on Saturday (Nov. 11) at The Armory Track & Field Camp in Manhattan. In 2019 Grey won the NCAA long jump title and in 2022 the USA Track and Field title with a leap of 26 feet, 10½ inches. The 2016 Beacon grad is training to try out for the 2024 Olympics team.

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

FOOTBALL — The Blue Devils (6-2) will meet Tuckahoe (4-3) today (Nov. 10) at 3 p.m. at Arlington High School for the Section I title; the teams are the only two Class D schools in the section and play each year for the title. The winner will face the Section IX



Brody Timm (8) scored Beacon's only goal against Byram Hills.

Photo by Skip Pearlman

champion Nov. 17 at Mahopac High School.

The game will be broadcast online at events.locallive.tv/events/128928.

Haldane defeated Tuckahoe, 21-13, on Sept. 22. The Blue Devils are ranked No. 7 among Class D schools by the New York State Sportswriters Association. See highlandscurrent.org for updates.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Haldane ran Nov. 4 in the Section I championship at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls and sent two runners to the Class D state meet in Verona on Saturday (Nov. 11).

Among runners from smaller schools, Owen Powers finished third in the 5,000-

meter race in 18:27, behind runners from Tuckahoe and North Salem. Silas Emig of Haldane also finished in the top 10, taking ninth place in 20:41. Both qualified for states.

James Frommer (15), Brendan Shanahan (17), Emmett Horner (18), Henry Schimming (28) and Julian Constantine (31) also earned points for Haldane, which finished third of five Division D teams.

For the girls, Kate Resi was the top Haldane finisher among smaller schools, placing 16th in 28:02.80. Penelope Andreou (19), Hazel Berkley (22) and Tyler Schacht (26) also ran for the Blue Devils, who did not have enough runners to qualify for team scoring.

NYC Marathon Finishes

There were 51,340 runners who competed on Nov. 5 in the TCS New York City Marathon. Here are local finishers.

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Steven Wengrovitz (3:44:31)
Steven Costa (4:18:37)
Stefanie Kato (4:22:48)
Nicky Federici (4:58:06)
Christine Alicea (6:35:08)
Laurie Gliboff (6:59:44)

PUTNAM VALLEY

Kyle Christopher (5:36:59)
Gregory Schiffer (5:38:05)

PHILIPSTOWN/COLD SPRING

Kristen Sherman (4:18:50)
Emily Duncan (4:48:41)
Heather Purvis (5:05:29)

GARRISON

Catherine McCutchen (4:13:19)
Paul Mackey (4:19:35)
Jacob Haelen (4:22:17)
Samantha Lutzer (4:26:49)
Laura Bruno (4:27:23)
Christina Moon (5:01:20)
Carly Arnold (5:26:04)
Vanessa Washington (5:44:24)
Megan DiBartolo (5:55:28)



Philipstown residents after the race, from left, and charities they supported: Samantha Lutzer, Carly Arnold (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center), Sheida Tabaei (Beyond Type 1), Catherine McCutchen (New York City Fire Department), Jake Haelen (National Down Syndrome Society) and Kristen Sherman (Hospital for Special Surgery) Photo provided