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 Breakneck 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 Connector, 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. (Continued on Page 22)

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 (Continued on Page 22)

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 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. (Continued on Page 6)

Beacon Good-Cause Eviction Law Challenged

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

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 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 2018, 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 Menseh 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. (Continued on Page 9)
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 déjà 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'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.
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**PATRON**
Ethan Langevin
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

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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.

**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 conspiring to disrupt the vote count that certifies the status of the other prosecutions since our last update in September 2022.

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 protesters 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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**LETTERS AND COMMENTS**

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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 sire 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 Loreto 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 have 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 families together and makes us feel like Americans of holidays. But every year, there are individuals and families in our community who are unable to prepare their own Thanksgiving meal. And what is our community’s solution?

St. Mary’s Church, Our Lady of Loreto, 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 butterball storm soup, turkey (white & dark meat), 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, head 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 Loreto 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 Loreto, 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 Helayne Ettinger ask that you register using this secure link: bilty/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: bilty/stmarys-tgiving-2023-donate.

Donations by check may also be mailed to St. Mary’s Church, PO Box 353, 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 Loreto 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 Helayne Ettinger expressed her great pleasure in ’a true interfaith effort that demonstrates the ties of kinship 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 benefitting everyone in our community.’

**PAID NOTICE**
Jan. 6 (from Page 5) 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 seditionists 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 paradousing, demonstrating or picketing in a Capitol building. On June 16, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail and three years of probation.

Indian Point (from Page 1)

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Change in Plans

October 2023
Fuel on Pad 1

July 2024
Segmentation Reactor Vessel Internals 2 (Reactor 3)

June 2025
Segmentation Reactor Vessel Internals (Reactor 2)

January 2030
Fuel Shipment Begins 3 (Reactor 2)

November 2031
Segmentation Reactor Vessel Internals (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)

August 2047
Fuel Shipment Ends (Reactor 1)

December 2061
Fuel Shipment Ends (Reactor 3)

September 2062
License Termination

(1) Spent fuel moved to storage casks.
(2) Interior reactor cut up and removed.
(3) This assumes there is somewhere to take it.
(4) External reactor cut up and removed.

Breakneck (from Page 1)

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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.

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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 from Dutchess to 4.125 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. Though Dutchess Democrats 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 $260,000 at the county’s public bus service by “eliminating inefficiencies” on underused 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.

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**Putnam Legislators Pass Spending Plan**

Montgomery casts lone ‘no’ vote

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Legislature on Oct. 30 approved a $155 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 million 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, and pushed Democrats, “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 $130, 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 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.

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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, streets and village character.

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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 $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 afterschool 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.

To reserve a seat at Loretto, call 845-265-3718. For pick-up or delivery, visit bit.ly/stmarys-giving-2023 or call 845-337-0286. To make a donation, visit bit.ly/stmarys-giving-2023-donate or send a check to St. Mary’s, P.O. Box 351, Cold Spring, NY 10516 and indicate the funds are for the dinner.

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 measure “in dire need of upgrade, repair and cleaning.”

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 law invalid last year. Poughkeepsie’s fell in March. Kingston officials, in response to the law, reversed their decision.

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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 tenants, 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.
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 waging 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 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.
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 a 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, karuri, devoré, and toile de jouy.

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

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.

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

Typically, a team will license 30-40 designs at $300-$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.
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.

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.

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.

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

COMMUNITY
SAT 11
Modern Makers Market
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 4 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.

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GARRISON
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CARMEL
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POUGHKEEPSIE
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. MNJ 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.

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Holiday Gift Show & Sale
BEACON
Noon – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. howlandculturalcenter.org
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CONTINENTAL VILLAGE
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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
As part of the library’s Digital Wellness Series, learn how to make connections and network online while avoiding misinformation, anxiety and screen addiction.

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PHILIPSTOWN
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Wreath-Making Workshop
PUTNAM VALLEY
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KIDS & FAMILY
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SAT 15
Middle School Night
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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 countyplayers.org
The Stephen Karam play centers on a holiday dinner party. Also SUN 12, FRI 17, SAT 18. Cost: $22 (50 seniors, children, military)

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**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

**Cost:** $10 ($7 seniors, $5 students)

FRI 17

**Lewis Black**
**PEEKSILL**
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 Franglais, I Need You tour. Cost: $69 to $99

**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**

**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: $48 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: $49

**SUN 12**

**Throwing Stones**
**PEEKSILL**
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

**SAT 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 Chericiu**
**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**
**PEEKSILL**
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 $87

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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.
Tomkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tomkinscorners.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.
Poughkeepsie
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. Cuneen-Hackett Arts Center
12 Vassar St. | mcpee.eventbrite.com
Elysium Furnace Works presents
the multi-instrumentalist with an
ensemble band including Gwen
Laster, Melanie Dyer and James
Kepniews. 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), Yolke 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

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
Sequoio 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 choreograph-
ing 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 Arch-
diocese 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
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 ‘exper-
sive 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 chil-
da r children age 12 or younger.

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referring to my cousin’s Skye-born wife. I knew how we’d eaten.

I had started one shortly before my mother arrived. 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. 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.

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.

This time around, my Scottish keepsake was the intention to start making my own evolving soup, though I planned to store it overnight to allow the flavors to mellow. 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.

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

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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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
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looked at the window display.

under her arm from its horns.

by a cow and sustained a slight wound

vacant lot on Church Street, was attacked

Street, while walking home through a

$5,000 [$128,000 today].

box. With the mold destroyed, the molten

weight and height of the column burst the

pounds. Unfortunately, after about half the

33 tons of molten iron and weigh 60,480

attempted suicide by shooting himself in the head.

the heart, or large vessels."

found dead in his bed, a local doctor testified

canon's inquest that he had no idea what

kill him but guessed it was "some disease of

large vessels."

The Rev. William George Tozer, who had

returning 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

Morris Dree 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 Philippstown neighbor.

The fight was over a cow that Murtha said

he had stolen. 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 incandes-

cent 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 nomi-

nee for Congress, campaigned in Cold

Spring. The next day, the Republican

(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.

Vreedenberg’s Market on Kemble Avenue

offered oysters and clams by the quart or

a 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

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 Repub-
lcan line; he won Phillipstown, 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

during 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 busi-

ness was improving following a national

financial crash.

Frank Anderson, an employee of Harvey

Hustis in the North Highlands, was watch-
ing 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 Philpstown 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 Elkhart when he checked 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 the 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.

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50 Years Ago (November 1975)

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 Peraccio was elected to a third term as Philpstown 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 Divotorio 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)


Supervisor Bill Mazzuca warned Philpstown 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.

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

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75 Years Ago (November 1948)

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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, 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 Republicans and eight Democrats, Nick Page, was in 2021, by Ron Davis, chair of the Town of Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals. Valdés Smith was elected 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 in 2021, by Ron Davis, chair of the Town of Fishkill Zoning Board of Appeals. Valdés Smith was elected in 2021 with 54 percent of the vote.

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, 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 eat 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 1), Wren Longno (Ward 3) and Paloma Wake (at-large) will be seated for their 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 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 Frienda, who retired for health reasons. Tara Percaccio, 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

Voter Ups and Downs

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

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

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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.

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.

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 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.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

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*98 percent of precincts reporting

**Turnout**

- Dutchess: 35%
- Putnam: 29%
- Statewide: 20%

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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.

“She was a nearly 10-year battle with brain cancer. To relieve pandemic burnout. “I was inspired by her will to live,” he says. “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.

“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.”

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

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.


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.”
Puzzles

CrossCurrent

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
29. 1959 Kingston Trio hit
30. Relinquish
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. “Crazy Little ___ Called Love” (hit song by Queen)
2. Of the kidneys
3. Daughter of Zeus
4. Polio vaccine developer
5. First-year students in a Scott Turow memoir
6. Witticism
7. Keep from spoiling
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SudoCurrent

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

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FLAME

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SLITS

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WordLadder

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SLITS

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MicroCrossWord

ACROSS
1. Sons of Anarchy actor
2. Everglades bird
3. Ludicrous
4. Related to birth
5. Shiny lip application
6. Related
7. Summit
8. Related
9. “Oops!”
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Answers for Nov. 3 Puzzles

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GIRLS’ SWIMMING — The Bulldogs competed 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). 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.

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 ship last week, finishing 21st of 24 schools. The 200-yard freestyle finisher, placing 15th in the 100-yard breast-stroke in 1:19.66. The 200-yard freestyle team was 14th in 4:15.23.

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 Pack.

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

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 1 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 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 Hyde Park. Haldane also finished in the top 10, taking ninth place in 20:41. Both qualified for states.

BOYS’ SOCCER

— Beacon will be 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.

NYC Marathon Finishes

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

BEACON

Steven Wengrovitz (3:44:31)
Steven Costa (4:18:37)
Stefanie Kato (4:22:48)
Nicky Federici (4:58:06)
Christina Moon (5:01:20)
Laura Bruno (4:27:23)
Laurie Gliboff (5:59:44)

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 Lutzter (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)