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Too Hot to Learn, or Teach?

Amid global warming, schools seek ways to cool classrooms

By Joey Asher

Learning can be challenging enough without a sweltering classroom. Many students face this situation, as global warming has forced schools locally and worldwide to find ways to cool buildings during warmer months. In New York, it has inspired a legislative proposal to cap classroom temperatures. Last week in Beacon, voters overwhelmingly approved a \$50 million capital plan, a quarter of which will pay for HVAC upgrades that include “cooling centers” at Rombout Middle School and the district’s four elementary schools, said Matt Landahl,

the superintendent. The cooling centers will be larger spaces such as cafeterias and gyms that can be used to “address the hazards associated with high heat days, wildfire smoke and periods with high cases of infectious disease,” he said. Beacon High School, which opened in 2002, is air-conditioned, unlike 40 percent of schools nationwide that need new HVAC systems, according to the General Accounting Office in Washington D.C. Hot classrooms hinder learning, Landahl said. “The first week of the 2023-24 school year [in September] was very hot and it negatively impacted our elementary school students and staff who have limited access to air conditioning,” he said. “High heat” days are increasing locally. (Continued on Page 6)



Parking is prohibited at Mayor’s Park until the Fair Street culvert is replaced. Photo by M. Turton

Costly Repairs Needed on Fair Street

Severe storms in 2023 caused major damage

By Michael Turton

At their May 23 meeting, members of the Cold Spring Village Board continued the painful task of dealing with aging — and often failing — infrastructure. The village has been working with an engineering firm since early 2022 to prioritize upgrades and repairs to the stormwater system, whose origins go back

a century or more. Those needs were clearly evident in July 2023, when a severe storm caused a 30-inch metal culvert to collapse under Fair Street. For safety reasons, parking has since been prohibited at Mayor’s Park. In a presentation to the board, Will Angiolillo of Hahn Engineering explained that the root of the problem is a 160-acre drainage basin that takes runoff from as far upstream as Bull Hill. From there, stormwater flows in some areas through underground culverts and (Continued on Page 6)

Wildfires
Part 1

What Are the Risks?

The Highlands don’t have the terrain or conditions for the type of disaster that killed 101 people last year on the island of Maui in Hawaii. But that doesn’t mean flames fed by 30-foot kindling couldn’t spread out of control.

By Richard Kreitner

Some residents would see the smoke and assume it was morning mist. Others would smell it and wonder if they had missed an air-quality alert. Many would hear the sirens and spot the helicopter buzzing between river and woods, water sloshing over the sides of a 200-gallon bucket. A few people would not realize anything was amiss until they received an automated text urging them to evacuate — assuming fire wasn’t blocking their escape. Given last year’s soggy summer, the threat of a deadly wildfire may seem remote. New York doesn’t have the same risks as the bone-dry scrublands of California and Colorado or the boreal forests in Alberta and Quebec.

But there are risks, especially with global warming rapidly changing conditions on the ground. That’s because the Highlands is a perfect example of a “wildland-urban interface,” which the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) defines as a boundary or zone at which human development meets “vegetative fuels.” Think of the unpaved backroads of Garrison, the homes tucked deep in the Nelsonville woods and the forest-bound neighborhood of Beacon Hills. Precisely what makes living in the Highlands so special — its proximity to expanses of protected nature — is also what could make a wildfire so dangerous.

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Breakneck burned in March 2020. File photo by Peter Bach

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FIVE QUESTIONS: LOTEN NAMLING

By Leonard Sparks

Loten Namling is a Tibetan singer and peace activist who will perform on Sunday (June 2) at the Highlands Chapel in Cold Spring.

Why did your family leave Tibet?

My parents fled to India in 1959 after the Chinese invaded and occupied Tibet [beginning in 1950]. Because of the invasion, 1.2 million Tibetans died directly and indirectly, and 6,000 monasteries were destroyed. My grandfather from my mother's side joined the guerilla movement. One of his bodyguards was my father. When they escaped, my father and my mother fell in love and I was born in 1963. I'm in the first generation of Tibetans born in exile.

What drew you to singing?

We Tibetans have singing and dancing for every kind of work, such as harvesting and construction. When I was a boy, my parents' generation, they were singing so beautifully, it captivated me. It was like a transmission from a past generation to my generation. When I moved to Switzerland, people who loved my songs and my voice asked me to sing. I thought this was a good platform to talk about Tibet. So, for the last 30 years, I've been singing in almost every



part of the world, except Tibet. I cannot go, and the Chinese government even prohibited my kids from going there. My message is always peace, love and compassion.

How is Tibetan culture being threatened?

One million Tibetan kids are being sent by force to Chinese schools, with the intention to destroy the Tibetan-ness, to take away religion, culture and language. They also impose on Tibetan musicians and singers to perform in this kind of kitsch — modern pop with cheap synthesizers. Wherever you are, singing is the soul of the people. We Tibetans have a saying: Behind every mountain, there is a new song.

You often sing for the Dalai Lama.

How is that experience?

Singing in front of him, I cannot describe it. It's like singing to the gods or to some higher being. His kindness and his gentleness and compassion, you feel it immediately. Now that he cannot travel as much — he's 88 years old — I tell the Tibetan artists and lamas that we have to take up the baton.

What would it mean to be able to see Tibet?

It would mean so much. My parents prayed every night when I was a little boy and used to sleep on their laps. They were praying one thing: May his Holiness Dalai Lama live long, and that we would die in Tibet. My parents died and were unable to go back to Tibet. Now, I pray the same thing — that I will die in Tibet.



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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your favorite way to eat bacon?

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Mills Moran, Cold Spring

A baked potato with bacon bits, sour cream, cheese and chives.



Katie Langer, Beacon

A BLT with turkey bacon or tempeh bacon.



David Herman, Nelsonville

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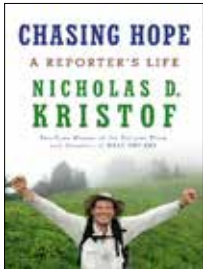
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Kristof, known for his coverage of human rights abuses and social injustice, will discuss his journalism with **Christopher Buck**, a Highlands resident and founder and Board Chair of Retro Report, which creates documentary videos on critical news topics.



Tickets at \$65 will include Kristof's new book, *Chasing Hope: A Reporter's Life*.

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Kristof with child he interviewed in Yemen.



Photo by Giles Clarke Interviewing Darfuris who had fled their villages for Chad.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Central Hudson

As a representative for Beacon Climate Action Now in Central Hudson's current rate case, I am outraged that the utility won a huge recommended increase for gas and electricity delivery that could go into effect as soon as July ("Judge Backs Central Hudson Hikes," May 10). People across the mid-Hudson Valley already struggle with high energy bills. Even worse, Central Hudson continues to expand its fossil-fuel infrastructure on our dime, although the rapid phase-out of fossil fuels and adoption of renewable energy is essential to fighting the climate crisis.

The NY HEAT Act under consideration by the state Legislature would eliminate legal loopholes that utilities exploit to expand the fracked fossil gas network at ratepayers' expense. It would also cap energy bills at 6 percent of household income. That cap is particularly important because as more New Yorkers end their use of gas, the remaining costs of the network would otherwise be borne by fewer ratepayers who don't have the ability or means to transition to renewables.

It is imperative that we urge our elected representatives to support the passage of NY Heat in this legislative session.

Thomas Wright, *Beacon*

coop. People on impact data committees should not have dollar signs dancing in their heads.

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

I love this, but it's not about "begin" anymore ("Two Trustees Endorse Fjord Trail at Dockside," May 10). The word *begin* was used when the project began 17 years ago. The iterative plan has changed and will most likely change again after the Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) and public hearings.

The HHFT is proposing six entry points so visitors can access the trails and river safely from Dutchess Manor, Notch Trail, Long Dock Park, Breakneck, Little Stony Point or Dockside Park. Those trail-bound visitors who return year after year and know their own way to the state park may still choose to take a train and arrive in the Village of Cold Spring and walk, but that leads to many people at one time on Fair Street and connecting neighborhood streets.

Our goal is to change that by providing two safe exits from the village: Fair Street and the Community Bypass Trail (Shoreline Trail).

Rebeca Ramirez, *via Instagram*
Ramirez is the community and visitor relations manager for HHFT.

Spotted lanternfly

Not much permanent damage? As the spotted lanternfly defoliates the same tree over and over and the tree keeps working to push more out, the tree will die ("Roots and Shoots: How Bad is That Bug, Really?" May 17). Wrapping anything around its trunk doesn't help much if the bugs are already in the tree. They will not come down until they die, fall or turn into a cocoon.

This is very bad for hardwoods and now the

Correction

A story in the May 24 issue reported that the Putnam County Sheriff's Office provided three license-plate readers to the Cold Spring Police Department. In fact, the cameras were purchased and installed by the CSPD in 2021 with money provided by the county district attorney's office from its asset forfeiture fund.

spotted lanternfly is moving into anything else. I've seen them destroying arborvitaes, purple plums — you name it. We need a cold, snowy winter, which we haven't had in two years, or many more trees will die.

Joe DeMarco, *Philipstown*

If the spotted lanternfly isn't stopped, farmers' plants will be unable to leave their local area. The moths fly and poop on everything, making most outdoor activities hard. Try jogging with those things flying into your mouth. They are big!

Anna West, *via Instagram*

Parking

Growing up dirt poor, we sure as hell never paid for parking, but we knew how to hustle: Find free parking, entertainment and food ("Paid Parking Debut Has 'Rough Areas,'" April 19). Nobody wants to pay for a ticket, but if you can't afford it, make sure you never have to. Parking meters are for people who set convenience as a higher priority than their wallets. That's not everyone, and the village is full of free parking, just not next to your favorite stores.

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Parking tickets happen when you're too distracted to notice the signs or you feel so secure that you don't have to pay attention to your surroundings. But if none of that applies, the judge is reasonable and might let you off with a warning.

Eliza Starbuck, *via Facebook*
Starbuck is a Cold Spring trustee.

Appreciation

I was sad to hear that longtime reporter Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong has retired from *The Current*. From her hard-edged political reporting, as seen in her Aug. 25 story about Rep. Mike Lawler's unethical attempts to prevent the press from covering his public forums, to her colorful feature stories, Liz's voice has been an unmissable part of *The Current's* appeal.

What I miss most is Liz's regular coverage of Nelsonville village meetings. Her keen understanding of local government and the history behind the politics helped make her coverage a must-read while giving us confidence that the issues we confront weren't swept under the rug. That's what community journalism should be about.

Joe Hirsch, *Nelsonville*

Beacon schools

Of course I support converting school buses to electric, but most people I know in Beacon don't get bus service for their children because the city is so small ("School Budgets Pass with Flying Colors," May 24). Having more density should provide more opportunities for students to take the bus, even if they live closer than a mile from school. I can't let my daughter walk alone yet, so we would love to have bus service.

Matthew Robinson, *via Instagram*

I hope this \$50 million investment will improve academic ratings. According to GreatSchools.org, Beacon's elementary and middle schools rate as low as 3 on a scale of 10, and the high school is 5 out of 10. This poor education is not serving our children well.

Graham Lawlor, *via Instagram*

The school board asked for the maximum tax increase allowed by the state in a city where many people already can't afford the taxes. Taxes are up, wages are flat, services have not increased and the parks have dog shit all over them. What a city.

Paul Yeaple, *via Instagram*

Letters home

Thank you for your wonderful article featuring Edwin "Buster" Johnson's letters home during World War II ("Dear Mom and Dad," May 24). I am grateful to his sister, Anne Johnson Thomas, for entrusting me with her brother's precious mail.

On Memorial Day, Anne and I sat together at the Veterans Memorial Building in Beacon remembering him and honoring all the men and women who gave their lives so that we can remain free.

Joan Miskell, *Beacon*

My View

Letter from Lviv

By Michael Reisman

In December, I wrote in *The Current* about volunteering for 10 days in western Ukraine, where I prepared vacuum-packed, dehydrated meals (including borscht) for the front in the war against invading Russian troops.

I returned last month to work again with Lviv Volunteer Kitchen and to lead drama therapy workshops, a remnant of a former career and a little break from the war for Ukrainians. A session with psychology students at a university in Kyiv was interrupted by air raid sirens; the students conjured imaginary air defense missiles but the dean broke the fourth wall and announced the alert was possibly a wave of hypersonic Kinzhal missiles.

The students were sent to the bomb shelter, and I sat in the dean's office drinking a cappuccino. "I grew up in New York City in the 1980s, so I'm used to living in danger," I said. She smiled as if I were a lunatic.

Just about everyone I met wanted the war to end but also believed the only way to remain independent was to keep fighting. It's possible to overstate the incidence of post-traumatic stress disorder, but the entire country is at risk.

I frequently saw men without limbs navigating the baroque streets of Lviv and gasped at how many had been buried in the Field of Mars cemetery since my last visit. Battle losses in the east and a third winter of relentless Russian attacks on the power grid have worn the Ukrainian people down. Yet they somehow maintain their decency.

At the volunteer kitchen, my aggressive productivity at dressing chickens despite my vegetarianism surprised me. I also spent a day making camouflage nets to help Ukrainian soldiers avoid drone attacks. But my main mission was drama therapy, and Zoya Romanets, an energetic psychodramatist, scheduled eight workshops for 200 psychologists, university students and artists in Lviv, Kyiv and Irpin, a suburb that was occupied and heavily damaged by Russian forces in March 2022.



Michael Reisman (right) directs college students in Kyiv during a drama therapy workshop.

Photo provided

Images of war and weapons came up in every session. In one group in Lviv, students traveled on a magic carpet to Crimea — occupied by Russia since 2014 and a raging war zone — and had a beach party, singing "The Caucasus" by Ukraine's national poet, Taras Shevchenko. To conclude, we passed around a magic seashell that granted their wishes: peace, victory and to be reunited with friends and family.

During another session in Lviv, some members asked to remove an imaginary pile of weapons, while others refused, even for make-believe. I was thinking it might be best to avoid diving too deeply into war themes, but then Claudia volunteered to do an individual session. We imagined flying over Mariupol, her hometown. She described the month she spent underground in 2022, fleeing just before the city was reduced to rubble. I understood all this even before my translator rendered her words into English. She wanted to go home, but could not.

On my final night in Lviv, I attended a Passover seder for the first time in four decades at the invitation of Volodymyr Puzyrko, a diplomat and lawyer whom I'd met the night before at a jazz club in a scene out of a John le Carré novel. I endured a two-hour Passover Haggadah in Ukrainian, which probably made my Galitzianer ancestors happy, although I could hear them yelling, "Eat more!"

A few hours after I arrived in Kyiv by overnight train, I walked through Bucha, the leafy suburb that Russian forces briefly

occupied in their attempt to encircle the capital and overthrow the government in February and March 2022. They destroyed much of the town and killed hundreds of civilians. Standing in a rebuilt neighborhood, it was difficult to imagine the line of charred Russian tanks and bodies that had littered the streets two years earlier.

Later that day in Irpin, I led a workshop in a university building next door to a burned-out husk. Because we were closer to danger than in Lviv, I assumed the session would focus on war themes, but group members — especially the men — were more interested in traveling the world, arranging a festive wedding and dancing all night long.

The coda to my visit was supplied by Joe Lindsley, the editor-in-chief of *The Putnam County News and Recorder* during the Ailes era. Joe has been in Ukraine for five years and reports daily via WGN in Chicago and Ukrainian Freedom News. We met at a swank cocktail bar filled with Americans and Ukrainians networking.

I didn't know Joe when he lived in Cold Spring, but he's probably much happier now, covering politics, culture, business and the war. As we parted, I handed him two baseball gloves and a baseball, asking him to pass them on to a Ukrainian. He sent them to Kharkhiv, which a few days later had to fight off a new Russian assault.

Reisman is a lawyer who lives in Cold Spring.

Current Wins State Awards

Honored twice for Beacon series

The Highlands Current this month won six awards from the New York News Publishers Association and recognition from the New York City chapter of the Society of Professional


Journalists.

The NYNPA on Thursday (May 30) recognized *The Current* among newspapers with circulations of 10,000 or less for columns by Michael Turton; business reporting by Jeff Simms, Leonard Sparks and Brian PJ Cronin for *Beacon: Then, Now and How*; beat reporting by Joey Asher, on education; page design by

Pierce Strudler; newspaper promotion by Teresa Lagerman for Ice Cream Passport; and multi-advertiser page by Strudler and Michele Gedney for Shop Local.

The Current has won 34 Awards for Excellence from NYNPA since 2017.

Simms, Sparks and Cronin won an SPJ award on May 16 for outstanding coverage by a newspaper with less than 100,000 circulation for *Beacon: Then, Now and How*. It was the second consecutive year *The Current* has won the category.



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Designation opens door to state grants

The City of Beacon has been certified by the state as a "pro-housing community," opening the door to grant money.

The Pro-Housing Communities Program, launched by Gov. Kathy Hochul to increase affordable housing, will distribute as much as \$650 million. The certification is issued by New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

Other municipalities in the mid-Hudson Valley that have been certified include Newburgh, Peekskill, the City of Poughkeepsie and Red Hook. More than 200 communities have applied.

Community Nursery Names Director

Haldane grad will oversee program

The First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown named Julianna Landolfi as director of its Community Nursery School and Learning Center.

She succeeds Ashley Dubiel, who took a full-time teaching position. The nursery was founded in 1968 and overseen for 38 years by Rosemary Rodino, who retired a year ago.

Landolfi worked at the nursery during her senior year at Haldane High School and again while pursuing a bachelor's degree in educational psychology and early childhood education at Marist College. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in education with a concentration in contemporary curriculum and instruction.

Landolfi

AC *(from Page 1)*

Ninety-degree days in the Hudson Valley have grown from about 10 a year in the 1970s to 30 or more today, according to data compiled by the New York State Water Resources Institute at Cornell University. By 2050, the number is projected to rise to 50.

Philip Benante, the superintendent at Haldane, said that most district classrooms have no air conditioning and that June and September can be uncomfortable, especially on the top floors. When the temperature approached 90 degrees on May 21, which was Election Day for the school board and budget, many classroom windows were open.

"There is a need for air conditioning in our buildings, but the essential questions are at what cost and through what method," Benante said. The district is reviewing applications from engineering firms to do an energy-use analysis in anticipation of a new HVAC system.

Haldane is developing a capital plan that it will present to voters, probably in the fall. The first phase, projected to cost \$35.7 million and trigger a 10.5 percent tax hike, included \$7.1 million to upgrade the HVAC system and add air conditioning to the main school building, which houses the elementary and middle schools. There was also \$2.8 million to add AC to the high school.

After the proposed HVAC system stirred criticism for relying on fossil fuels, officials

Windows were open on May 21 at Haldane as temperatures hit 88 degrees outside.
Photo by J. Asher

removed it and the high school AC from Phase 1, dropping the total cost to \$29.3 million and the potential tax increase to 8.22 percent. But both will be part of Phase 2, officials say.

In the Garrison district, the school is air conditioned thanks to the \$10 million capital improvement program approved by voters in 2019 and completed in 2022, which included \$2.7 million to renovate the HVAC system. Carl Albano, the interim superintendent, said that the electric system has systems to circulate fresh air. "We're in a healthier environment," he said. "The air conditioning, I believe, makes a difference."

State Sen. James Skoufis, a Democrat from Cornwall, in Orange County, is the lead sponsor (and Sen. Rob Rolison, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, is a co-sponsor) of legislation requiring classrooms to be evacuated if their temperature exceeds 87 degrees. Classrooms that hit 82 degrees would require fans, AC window units or open windows.

"Over the past several years, I have tried to build awareness of this issue," Skoufis said. "We're at a tipping point."

Melinda Person, president of New York State United Teachers, representing 600,000 educators, noted that "even animal shelters have maximum heat limits. Our schools do not, and it is disrespectful to our students and educators. When schools are too hot, students can't learn, and teachers can't teach."

Wellness House. Foley said the Planning Board has not received an application for a change of use at that address.

■ Gregory Henson was appointed as village clerk and treasurer at a salary of \$30 per hour. Henson succeeds Jeff Vidakovich, who will retire today (May 31).

■ The board waived the 30-day waiting period for a liquor license application for the Cozy Corner Café at 129-131 Main St., formerly the site of Hudson Hills' Cafe.

■ The board approved a bid from T2 Parking Management Systems to add automated lookups for out-of-state license plate numbers.

■ Approval was also granted to purchase updated equipment from Gentech Ltd., which initiates backup generators at the Fishkill Road water treatment plant during power failures.

Fair Street *(from Page 1)*

in other areas as surface water, with virtually all runoff ending up in the Fair Street culvert.

Mayor Kathleen Foley described the drainage network as "a cobbled system that evolved organically," noting the village is trying to apply long-range planning to what is now a "built-up, historic residential community."

Angiolillo said improving drainage, including at Cedar Street in Nelsonville, must begin at the bottom of the watershed.

At Fair Street, this will mean replacing the collapsed 30-inch metal culvert with two 42-inch plastic pipes, which is estimated to cost \$1.5 million.

Foley said the village will likely pay for the construction and be reimbursed by the federal government, although she said it wasn't clear how much would be provided. Cold Spring has budgeted about \$300,000.

When asked if construction could begin

by November, Angiolillo said he'd "like to be optimistic" but that the timing depends on the permitting process. The project must be approved by the federal Department of Transportation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state departments of Transportation and Environmental Conservation and the Putnam County Health Department.

In other business ...

■ The Cold Spring Boat Club presented designs for upgrading its aging seawall, which Angiolillo described as a good, effective solution. The club, which leases the property from the village, will return at least once more before seeking board approval.

■ The board received notification from the state Office of Cannabis Management that it had received an application from Piffords Inc. for a retail dispensary at 40 Main St., the Cold Spring Apothecary and

Fishkill Prison Report: Conflicting Accounts

Review addressed violence, health care, conditions

By Jeff Simms

An independent report on conditions in 2023 at the Fishkill Correctional Facility, a medium-security men's prison that straddles Beacon and Fishkill, documented sometimes contradictory accounts of staff interactions and violence.

The 64-page report was issued on May 8 by the Correctional Association of New York, about 10 months after an inspection at the facility. State law requires CANY to visit and evaluate each of New York's 44 prisons every five years; the agency last visited Fishkill in 2020.

(Fishkill Correctional is one of two state prisons near Beacon. The other, the Downstate Correctional Facility, closed in 2022.)

During the two-day evaluation, which took place in July, a team of 11 CANY representatives met with state prison officials and medical and mental health staff. The CANY team observed housing facilities, the work-release unit, regional medical unit and other parts of the prison. Members of the union that represents prison staff declined to speak with CANY.

Based on a survey of 109 prisoners (of the 1,372 then incarcerated), CANY concluded that prisoners were "generally satisfied with access to medical care." However, many inmates believed that the care they received was substandard. They also indicated that prison officials were slow to respond to sick calls or to arrange specialty care.

The inmates noted a shortage of nurses for emergencies, which prison officials conceded, saying Fishkill was short 50 percent of its nursing staff. At the time of the visit, the prison was down 100 staff members overall. CANY said those staffing needs matched data reported by the state in January 2023, suggesting many of the open positions had been unfilled for at least six months.

Regarding mental health care, prisoners in specialized units gave "mostly positive reviews" of the staff and programs, according to the report, while the general population wanted more mental health support.

Sumeet Sharma, a CANY director, said Wednesday (May 29) that the team observed high temperatures throughout the facility and noted that the exterior windows in cells were closed. The superintendent later said that the windows had been opened, according to the report, but the ventilation system in some housing units recirculates air, "which means that on a hot day, the air blowing through the vents is hot."

A major concern for the team, Sharma said, was access to health care, especially since Fishkill has a regional medical unit that provides care for chronically or terminally ill inmates. He said lawmakers are considering a bill to give the state Department of Health oversight over medical care in prisons.

The inmates surveyed by CANY reported mixed experiences with Fishkill's 850 security officers. Those in the general prison population generally described a positive

Snapshot: Unusual Incidents

Incidents recorded at Fishkill Correctional from January to August 2023

	Fishkill	Per 1K Inmates	Per 1K Statewide
Assaults			
On a Prisoner	86	8.2	4.5
On a Staff Member	48	4.6	2.9
Contraband Seized			
Weapons	73	6.9	6.3
Drugs or Alcohol	30	2.8	0.8
Other	14	1.3	1
Disruptive Behavior			
Refused Orders/Frisk	46	4.4	3.2
Cell Extraction	6	0.6	0.5
Other	3	0.3	0.6
Facility Disruption			
Accident	19	1.8	1
Lost/Stolen Property	6	0.6	0.2
Fire	3	0.3	0.1
Health-Related			
Use of Narcan (Opioid Antidote)	22	2.1	1.2
Use of Defibrillator	5	0.5	0.2
Contagious Disease	1	0.1	0.5
Suicide attempt	3*	0.3	0.3
Staff Use of Force			
Chemical irritant	78	7.4	4.9
Baton	1	0.1	0.3

* The state Office of Mental Health classified two of these incidents as non-suicidal self-injury.

culture with effective communication, but others reported assaults by staff and the need for security cameras. The prison launched a pilot program for officer-worn body cameras in 2021 and 2022 but CANY was told the devices "stopped working."

The report said plans to install fixed cameras and experiment again with body cameras are in place, but there is no timeline for either.

Sixty-one percent of the prisoners surveyed said they had seen or experienced verbal, physical or sexual abuse by staff

members. CANY said that "unusual incident" data showed that Fishkill had higher rates than the state prison system at large of assaults, both on staff and prisoners, and staff use of force, particularly the use of a chemical irritant (see above).

And while only 20 percent of the inmates considered the grievance process "fair," 44 percent — a higher rate than at other medium-security prisons — said the same of the disciplinary system.

Sharma acknowledged the challenges the CANY team faced in writing its report.

He said the association sometimes received conflicting accounts through "administrative data" provided by the state on the frequency of events such as assaults or use of force versus what it heard from prisoners. "It's hard to assert a truth when there are multiple experiences being reported," he said.

Laurie Dick and Liz Oliver of Beacon Prison Action, an advocacy group, accompanied the CANY team on its visit and said this week that their organization regularly receives complaints from Fishkill prisoners' families who fear for the safety of their loved ones. "Our impression is that there is not a positive relationship between the staff and the people who are incarcerated," Dick said.

CANY said that, based on informal conversations with security staff, employee morale at the facility appeared to be "relatively high," although other parts of the report contradicted that conclusion.

For example, staff expressed concerns about their ability to communicate with their families and meet their essential needs while working, it said. Some staff members reportedly could not contact their families while working mandatory overtime because there is only one pay phone in the prison. Additionally, staff cannot leave their posts while on duty, making it difficult to drink enough water when working overtime or long shifts, the report said.

The report concludes with a 15-page response to its findings by state prison officials. They said the department maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward verbal or physical abuse and that allegations of verbal, physical and sexual abuse "by some incarcerated individuals are not consistent with the experiences and sentiment from staff and challenge the positive feedback reported by the majority" of those incarcerated at the facility.

The state said inmate assaults on security staff have "dramatically increased" since the introduction of laws requiring alternatives to long-term solitary confinement. Violence among inmates has also risen because of increased gang activity and because inmates use it to get transferred to another facility, it said.

Despite an overall rise in violence at New York prisons, the use of force at Fishkill is lower than average, the department said, except for chemical agents, which it called "an effective tool to quell disturbances and incarcerated individuals engaged in violent behavior."

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NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, June 11th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.**

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Philipstown Conservation Board June 2024.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.**

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com), search for Philipstown Zoning Board June 2024.

AROUND TOWN



MEMORIAL DAY — Residents of Philipstown and Beacon paused on Monday (May 27) to remember those who lost their lives during military service. In Cold Spring, World War II and Korean War veteran Parge Sgro was grand marshal of the traditional parade up Main Street from the war memorial to Cold Spring Cemetery (above). In Beacon, a ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Building on Main Street (right) also marked the 100th anniversary of the building, which was constructed in 1924. A flyover of vintage planes was canceled because of an expected storm.

Photos by Ross Corsair





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The Calendar

Day Trip: ICELAND

By Nadine Revheim

If you happen to be near Beacon around 4:30 p.m. on a clear day, you may notice a red jetliner overhead. It belongs to a discount airline known as Play that flies from New York Stewart International direct to Iceland.

With a seat to Reykjavik about 20 minutes from my front door, it couldn't get easier for a solo traveler who prefers short flights — barely 5 hours, in this case — with carry-on luggage for a five-day stay in the capital. In fact, it's so easy, my trip in April to attend the 10th annual Iceland Writer's Retreat was my third in 18 months. (Checking at flyplay.com, roundtrip fares in June start at about \$400. You can also use Reykjavik as a stopover to Europe.)

Reykjavik is my kind of city: walkable, eclectic architecture, great restaurants, diverse museums, pubs with local musicians and a world-class concert hall. There are two seasons: summer (which began April 25) and winter. While the days lengthen until the midnight sun peaks in June, they are rarely sunny. Strong north winds and unexpected temperature drops require layers and rain gear. As my Norwegian forefathers would say: "There's no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes."

I recommend four or five days unless you plan to rent a car and travel more extensively using the ring road. Much can be accomplished with two days perusing the city shops, which are filled with woolens, active-wear, art, crafts and books, and two days for tours with Reykjavik Excursions, such as to the South Coast, with its Black Diamond Beach, glaciers and waterfalls; Snæfellsness peninsula, with its mountainous terrain; and the Gullfoss waterfall and geysers and Thingvellir, with its tectonic plates.

There are other focused adventures such as whale watching, horseback riding and visits to historical places described in the



Icelandic horses in a typical landscape



Gullfoss: The sound is as wonderful as the sight.

Viking sagas.

My city picks include the Reykjavik Settlement Museum, Kjarvalsstaðir Art Museum, the National Museum of Iceland and the Reykjavik Maritime Museum for a taste of history, iconic and contemporary artists and the island nation's affinity for water. The



An evening street scene with typical housing

Sandholt, which is on Laugavegur, the main street. It opens at 7:30 a.m. and is a great place for breakfast, which you will want after your early morning landing and Flybuss into the city. Sample the cruller flavored with cardamom, known as a *kleinur*, along with authentic skyr.

Reykjavik Fish Restaurant, by the harbor, is a great choice for fish 'n' chips; the cod could not be fresher. Kaffi Loki, near Hallgrímskirkja, the landmark church up the hill on Skólavörðustígur (a street with a rainbow painted on the pavement), is a good bet for traditional food such as lamb soup or shanks that have a *terre noir* associated with grazing on rocky farmland, or *plokkfiskur*, a casserole of cod and mashed potatoes baked with a cheese crust.

Of course, you should sample Gull, the Icelandic beer and, if brave enough, *brennivín*, which will warm you from chest to toes.

I'm ready to nominate Beacon, with its focus on the arts, food and nature, as a sister city to Reykjavik. I'm already booked to return in April 2025 for the 11th annual writer's retreat, returning home in time for the annual LitFest at the Howland Cultural Center. A trans-Atlantic cultural exchange between Beaconites and Reykjavikers: Wouldn't that be amazing?



Cod fish 'n' chips



Lamb soup

Photos by N. Revheim

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 1
Putnam Pride Parade
CARMEL
1 p.m. Gilead Presbyterian
9 Church St. | putnampride.com
Angel Elektra and Shay D’Pines will kick off the event at the church before leading a car caravan to Memorial Park at 201 Gypsy Trail Road in Kent, where there will be DJs, food trucks, entertainment and children’s activities until 5 p.m. *Free*

SUN 2
Repair Cafe
BEACON
1 – 4 p.m. Beacon Rec Center
23 W. Center St.
Bring broken items to be repaired or mended by volunteers, including electronics, furniture, jewelry and clothing.

SAT 8
City-Wide Yard Sale
BEACON
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
bit.ly/beacon-yard-sale-2024
Search for deals all over the city. Register online for \$10 by WED 5. Locations will be posted on the morning of the sale.

SAT 8
Tag Sale
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. First Presbyterian
10 Academy St. | 845-265-3220
presbychurchcoldspring.org
Find treasures at this benefit for the Philipstown Food Pantry. Donations accepted at 2 Cherry St. until MON 3 (no clothing, linens). The rain date is SUN 9.

SUN 9
Strawberry Festival
BEACON
Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Drive | beaconsloopclub.org
The Beacon Sloop Club will host its annual celebration with strawberries, shortcakes and smoothies and music by Mighty Girl, Ubaka Hill Drumsong Orchestra, Spook Handy and the Beacon High School Chorus. Take a ride on the Woody Guthrie and enjoy food and children’s activities. Donations welcome. *Free*

TALKS & TOURS

TUES 4
How to Increase Your Business’ Chances of Success
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Beahive | 6 Eliza St.
845-418-3731 | beahivebeacon.spaces.nexudus.com/events
Joseph Sciabica and Bina Patel from the Wealth Advisory Group will address issues about how to grow your business. *Free*



Strawberry Festival, June 9

WED 5
The Great Metropolitan Fair
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Kirk Moldoff will discuss the Hudson Valley’s role in the effort during and after the Civil War to address the medical needs of sick and wounded soldiers. Join in person or via Zoom. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

LITERARY

SAT 1
Jeff Golden
BEACON
Noon. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Golden will read from his book, *Reclaiming the Sacred: Healing Our Relationships With Ourselves and the World*, which describes ways to explore joy, meaning and connection.

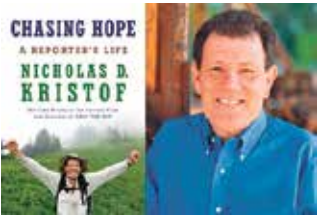
SAT 1
George Whipple
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Whipple will discuss his book, *Garrison*, which is a volume in Arcadia Publishing’s Postcard History Series.

THURS 6
Generative Writing Workshop
BEACON
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Julie Chibbaro will lead with prompts to help build a story. Registration required.

FRI 7
Beacon LitFest
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
bit.ly/beacon-litfest-2024
The opening reception will

feature writers Caroline Eisner, Terry Nelson, Marjorie Lewit and Magda Schonfeld. On SAT 8, the program will include fiction writers Jennifer Egan and Jodé Millman, memoirists Amitava Kumar and Abigal Thomas, playwright David Herskovits and poets Timothy Liu, Tina Cane and Edwin Torres. (The memoir and fiction workshops are sold out.) *Cost: \$25 to \$35*

SAT 8
A Conversation with Nicholas D. Kristof
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary’s Way
highlandscurrent.org/kristof
In this benefit for *The Current*, the *New York Times* columnist and two-time Pulitzer winner will discuss current events and his memoir, *Chasing Hope: A Reporter’s Life*. Tickets include a signed copy of the book. *Cost: \$65*



SUN 9
Mike Jurkovic
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The poet will read from his collected works, including *Buckshot Reckoning* and *mooncussers*. A poetry open mic will follow. *Cost: \$10*

BENEFITS

SAT 1
PHM Lawn Party
GARRISON
4 – 7 p.m. Private home
putnamhistorymuseum.org
This annual Putnam History Museum benefit will include a discussion of Hudson River School painters, music by the Todd Londagin Quintet and food and

drinks. Ticketholders will receive the address. *Cost: \$65 to \$250*

SAT 1
History Dinner
BEACON
4:30 p.m. Mount Gulian
145 Sterling St. | mountgulian.org
Actors at this 28th annual dinner will portray explorers Lewis and Clark and the meal will be based on those served during their expedition. *Cost: \$185*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 1
30 Year Retrospective: Buffalo
PEEKSKILL
Noon – 5 p.m. H-Art Gallery
1 S. Division St. | coulteryoung.com
Coulter Young will share his portraits of well-known musicians.

SAT 1
Wang Hou Tang
BEACON
3 – 5 p.m. KuBe | 211 Fishkill Ave.
845-765-8270 | ecfa.com
At this opening reception for *Kung Fu Ink*, Tang will demonstrate how he creates his work with calligraphy — while doing kung fu. Through June 30.

SUN 2
Dahliamania
GARRISON
2 – 6 p.m. 302 Indian Brook Road
dirkwestphal.com
Dirk Westphal will host this open studio of photographs of the dahlias from his garden.

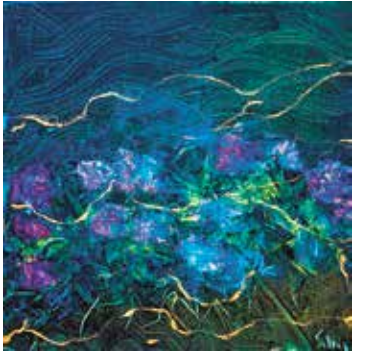
SUN 2
Faces of Fantasy
PUTNAM VALLEY
2 – 4 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
This show features Michael Garland’s surrealist paintings and book illustrations. Through July 14.

SUN 2
Beatrice Modisett
BEACON
3 p.m. Analog Diary
1154 North Ave. | analogdiary.art
The artist will discuss her work in the exhibition *Into a Kind of Quietness*.

SAT 8
Stories from a Collection
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Studio Tashtego
160 Main St. | studiotashtego.com
View works by designers Russel and Mary Wright, including some rarely shown pieces, in this collaboration with Manitoga. Through Aug. 4.

SAT 8
Margaret Lanzetta, Niki Lederer & David Packer
GARRISON
3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
The artists will discuss their work in *Travelers, Liars, Thieves*.

SAT 8
Healing Hudson
COLD SPRING
5 – 7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Selva Ozelli’s exhibition about the Hudson Valley environmental movement will open for viewing.



KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 1
Intro to Babysitting
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
This course is designed for students ages 10 and older. Registration required.

TUES 4
Picture Frames from Nature
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
At this Creator’s Workshop, use Makerspace tools to build frames with natural materials. Students ages 12 and younger need an adult chaperone. Registration required.

WED 5
Kids’ Water Safety Program
GARRISON
11 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Parents of infants and toddlers can learn about how to keep little ones safe. Registration required.

SAT 8
Family Nature Meet-Up
PHILIPSTOWN
2 p.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2920 Route 9
philipstowngardenclubny.org
Jackie Grant will lead a scavenger hunt and bingo game along the School Mountain Trail for families with children ages 4 to 12. The rain date is SUN 9. Registration required.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 1
Time Steps
POUGHKEEPSIE
2 & 6:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
bardavon.org | 845-473-2072
Students from the Ballet Arts Studio in Beacon will perform ballet, tap and other dance styles. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 seniors, students, ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 1
Bump
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
This performance will be a collaboration of long-form improv and dance. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

FRI 7
I Am My Own Wife
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Museum of Contemporary Art
1701 E. Main St.
studiotheaterinexile.com
Doug Wright's one-person play, starring Thomas Kramer, is based on the recollections of a German transgender woman who "survived the Nazis and the Stasi in a dress." Weekends through June 23. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students, seniors, members)*

FRI 7
Bad Press
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
The Depot Docs series will screen this 2023 documentary about a decision by the Muscogee Nation government to censor the press and a reporter who led the fight for transparency. Director Joe Peeler will answer questions. *Cost: \$25*



SAT 8
Depot Drag
GARRISON
4 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
Three drag queens will perform a celebration of inclusion and acceptance. The early show is princess-themed and appropriate for children and families while the later show is for a mature audience. *Cost: \$20*

SECOND SATURDAY
SAT 8
Paint-Out and Photo-Out
BEACON
4 – 6 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org
See works created on Bannerman Island by more than 40 artists. Through Aug. 4.

SAT 8
Urban Cuba / Cuba Urbano
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. ChangoLife Arts
211 Fishkill Ave. | changolifearts.com
Franc Palaia's multidisciplinary work about street art in Cuba will be on view through Aug. 4.

SAT 8
Through the Diamond Window
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
Tom Stringer's photographs of commercial construction sites will be on view.

SAT 8
Sunlight Through Our Eyes
BEACON
7 – 9:30 p.m. Distortion Society
155 Main St. | distortionsociety.com
Gemma Bailey's works on paper explore the natural world through plants. On view through Aug. 3.

MUSIC
SAT 1
The Last of the Mo'Ricans
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. 10 Whitehill Place
As part of the Hudson Valley House Concert Project, the band will perform traditional Puerto Rican jibaro music. Reserve a seat by sending payment via Venmo to @Sandy-McKelvey. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 1
James Keepnews and Billy Stein
BEACON
8 p.m. St. Andrew's | 15 South Ave.
The jazz guitarists will perform. *Cost: \$20*



SAT 1
Back to the Garden 1969
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Woodstock tribute band will perform songs by many of the bands and artists that played at the festival. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 2
Loten Namling
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Highlands Chapel
216 Main St. | highlandschapel.org
The Tibetan musician and peace activist, who lives in Switzerland, will perform. See Page 2. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 2
Billy Prine & The Prine Time Band
PEEKSKILL
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The singer will perform songs by his late brother, John Prine. *Cost: \$32 to \$45*

THURS 6
Nellie McKay
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The jazz singer and songwriter plays piano and ukulele and performs many styles. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 7
Lez Zeppelin
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The all-female group plays the music of Led Zeppelin. *Cost: \$35 to \$50*

FRI 7
The Flurries
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The rock band will play music from *Colour Show*. Rob Daniels opens. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 8
The Fly Birds
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Elizabeth Baker (banjo), Mary Dunlap (bass), Sarah Twigg (guitar) and Crystal Shipley (fiddle) play alternative bluegrass and Appalachian music. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 8
Steve Forbert
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The folk singer will be joined by opening acts Frank Carillo and Eddie Seville. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

NATURE & OUTDOORS
SAT 1
Family Nature Day
GARRISON
2 – 4 p.m. Hudson Highlands Land Trust
20 Nazareth Way | hhl.org
Bring a blanket and chairs and enjoy an afternoon of interactive nature activities, animals and refreshments. Registration requested.

WED 5
Snakes in the Catskills
MILLBROOK
7 p.m. Cary Institute
2801 Sharon Turnpike | caryinstitute.org
Zoologist John Vanek will discuss the role of snakes in local ecosystems and how to identify them. Attend in person or via Zoom.

CIVIC
MON 3
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 4
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com

TUES 4
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Middle School Library
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org

WED 5
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 5
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURS 6
Town Board
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

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COLD SPRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – MAIN STREET COMMITTEE

Support a vibrant Main Street!

The effect of the new parking regulations has been felt immediately by Main Street businesses, with an average 20-25% decline in revenue since April 1st compared to 2023. Combined with rising costs and the current economic climate, many Main Street businesses are in an increasingly precarious position as they come out of the slow winter months.

Following weeks of customer feedback and survey data, 36 Main Street businesses signed a letter* requesting that the Village consider making these following modifications that we believe are easily and quickly implementable.

We understand the effort and time put into these new parking regulations, with an eye towards increasing much-needed revenue for the Village of Cold Spring. We hope that we can refine the existing parking regulations to offer a better experience for locals and visitors, and much needed relief to our local businesses.

\$1.5-\$2.5

Lower meter rates from \$4/hr

The current rate is driving visitors away and making locals think twice about coming down to Main Street. To keep Cold Spring welcoming and inclusive, we recommend lowering the meters to a rate comparable with other river towns:

- Peekskill: \$1.25/hr
- Hudson: \$0.50/hr
- New Paltz: \$1.50
- Poughkeepsie: \$1/hr
- Kingston: \$1.5-\$2/hr
- ** Midtown NYC: \$4.5/hr



Increase 3hr time limit & allow extensions

3 hours is simply not enough for most visitors to have a comfortable experience. Browsing shops up and down Main Street, waiting for a table, sitting down for lunch – let alone walking down to the river – it simply can't be done in 3 hours.

Increasing the limit to 5 hours and allowing time extensions would allow visitors to enjoy their visit without any adverse effect to projected revenue.

How can you help?

Attend the June 5 Village Board meeting regarding parking (7pm)
Send a letter of support to the Village Board of Trustees (coldspringny.gov)

Cold Spring needs parking regulations. Let's improve them together.

Cadah Goulet & Grace Lo
Co-Chairs of the Main Street Committee,
Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce
Eric Ramirez, Decoologist (Antique Alley)
Juan Rosado, Decades (Antique Alley)
Deb & Julie Cohen-Musgrove,
Dilkara Antiques (Antique Alley)
Jerry Solomon, Solomon's Mine (Antique Alley)
Timothy Chevtai, Archipelago
Tara Carroll, Barber and Brew
Jane Timm, Ethan Timm, Bijou Galleries
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Brad Gilley, Citrine Cafe
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Stacey Dugliss, Cold Spring Apothecary
Caroline Sansone, Erin Browning &
Scott McGibney, Cold Spring Cheese Shop
Craig Roffman, Cold Spring Coffeehouse
Craig Murszewski, Cold Spring General Store
Jimmy Hussein, Cold Spring Hotel & Cafe
Michael Hardman, Cold Starts
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The Musician Next Door

CEM MANISALI

By Marc Ferris

If life without media is bliss, Cem Manisali may be the happiest guy in the world. The Beacon resident avoids the news. Social media, too. Mentions of current events and recent history elicit a shrug. “I live under a rock on purpose,” he says. “I never feel better watching the news or going on social media for fun. It gives me a trashy, greasy feeling. I tune out to focus on music and spiritual practices, although I do have to use social media for my music and real estate agency.” Beyond selling properties, Cem (pronounced Gem) mentors at a recovery group, breaking down the stigma for men to deal with mental health issues. “I try to get them to talk about their feelings, make healthy connections with their families and build a positive expression of masculinity,” he says. Manisali also earned a bachelor’s degree in music production and is using it. His second album as Soul Kobra, *Warrior of the Heart*, drops on Wednesday (June 5). It pays tribute to funky disco by channeling his Mount Rushmore of boyhood heroes: Prince, Rick James, James Brown and Michael Jackson.

He describes his music as “if Prince were Turkish and had a baby with Shakira.” The title of his first album in 2022, *Malâma!*, is an acronym that represents an amalgam of global influences and translates, he says, as “immigrant funk.” Like Prince in his early years, Manisali, 29, plays all of the album’s instruments, from the core guitar, bass and drums to add-ons like piano, accordion and percussion, which deliver a Latin touch. He and another singer provided vocals. The songs “I Still Remember” and “Can You Hear the Music” resurrect the lost art of slapping (with the thumb) and popping (with the fingers) on the electric bass, a technique developed by 1970s funk players. Growing up in Queens, his musical tastes set Manisali apart. After locking himself in his room, turning off the lights and strapping on the headphones, he imagined being onstage before 10,000 fans. Besides digging outdated tunes, he had other reasons to feel like an outsider. “Being Turkish itself is confusing,” Manisali says. “Are we from the Middle East, Europe or Asia? Are we Muslim or secular? Are we pro-West or pro-East?” To add to the confusion, his mother is Kurdish, a traditional enemy of the Turks,



Cem Manisali plays all the instruments, and sings, on his albums. *Photos provided*

and he attended a private school on the Upper West Side as the only Turk in the building. “My parents came here with two suitcases and \$300,” Manisali says. “So if you add the socioeconomic component, I was a chameleon every place I went. I felt unseen and unheard, so I immersed myself in music.” After graduating from college, he lived a freewheeling lifestyle and eventually connected with chef Salt Bae, a fellow Turk who owns the Nusr-Et Steakhouse in Miami, working his way up to maitre d. After his parents moved to Beacon, Manisali relocated to patch things up with his family. “Everything [in Miami] was a fantasy — the partying, the dancing, chasing women,” he says. “I ended up in the fetal position and, at that point, no amount of external things could make me happy.” Turning to music, martial arts and mindfulness helped him overcome. “Wounds have healed,” he says. “I even got my sister and mother into yoga.” Uplifting messages pepper the lyrics of his album, and he is already planning

a third record that may feature brass and strings (he plays the violin). “Music, boxing, dance, yoga — it’s the same thing in the way they practice using body, mindfulness and meditation,” he says. “For me, they’re an opportunity to get into a state of flow, tune into myself and be present in the moment.” Soul Kobra’s music is available on streaming platforms or at soulkobra.com/shop.

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The August wildfires in western Maui spread so quickly that many people did not have time to escape.

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Helicopters lowered containers into the Hudson River to gather water that was dumped on the Breakneck fire in March 2020.

File photo by Brian Wolfe



Thousands of trees killed by invasive pests, such as these pines on Mount Beacon, have essentially become 30-foot-tall, 3-foot-thick kindling.

File photo by Brian PJ Cronin

Wildfires

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The August wildfire on the island of Maui was the third-deadliest in U.S. history, with 101 deaths in Lahaina, a seaside town about the size of Beacon. Over the course of a few horrific hours, a brushfire started by a downed power line ripped through the town, fed by 70-mph winds.

Temperatures in Lahaina rose to 1,000 degrees — hotter than the surface of Venus — vaporizing victims. More than 7,000 residents abandoned their homes and 2,200 structures were destroyed or severely damaged. Four thousand vehicles were incinerated, leaving streaks of molten metal trickling down streets. Firefighters could not draw water from hydrants because the water system collapsed.

The Lahaina fire fed on changes in the landscape that took place over decades, both natural and manmade, such as agricultural irrigation systems that dried out the land. When plantations closed, the terrain was colonized by non-native, highly flammable grasses. Years of warnings about the risk of a devastating wildfire went ignored.

These types of changes have no analog in the Highlands. Our deciduous hardwoods are far less fire-prone than the grasses and conifers that cause so much trouble in Hawaii, Australia, Greece and Canada. While droughts seem to be getting more frequent and more intense, even the worst dry spells here pale in comparison to the desertification of much of the West.

Nevertheless, local emergency responders and forest rangers have concerns. Thousands of oak and ash trees, killed by invasive pests such as the emerald ash borer and the hemlock woolly adelgid, have become 30-foot-tall, 3-foot-thick kindling.

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In September 2019, Hank Osborn of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, who grew up in Garrison, was crossing the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge when he spotted smoke rising above Sugarloaf Mountain.

Evan Thompson, the manager of the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, saw it around the same time as he drove south from Dennings Point in Beacon. Thompson and others went up the mountain, but they didn't have the right tools. They came back the next day, along with rangers from the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which is responsible for fighting wildland fires.

The blaze, which likely started at an illegal campfire, had grown substantially overnight. State parks employees, DEC rangers and volunteers used heavy rakes, pickaxes, hoes and shovels to clear a 10-foot-wide firebreak around the base of Sugarloaf — a stan-

dard method meant to deprive the fire of fuel.

But after a dry summer, the fire burned into tree roots, raising the risk that it could emerge on the other side of the firebreak. That meant the team had to not only clear the surface but dig trenches — tough work on the slopes. Meanwhile, a DEC helicopter scooped water from the Hudson and dumped it on the flames.

The firebreak seemed to be working. But when the flames spread close to a cluster of homes along Route 9D on the northwest shoulder of the mountain, the firefighters had to “back burn,” intentionally burning everything between the break and the fire, a tactic designed to deprive the blaze of energy before it reaches the line.

The firefighters were able to stop the Sugarloaf blaze, largely because it was not windy. That was not true the next time a major fire broke out in the park, six months later, just as the coronavirus began running rampant.

March 9, 2020, was warm and gusty. That afternoon, the diesel locomotive of a Metro-North work train cast off embers that ignited the scrubby grasses near Breakneck Ridge. The flames scorched several parked cars, then ran across 9D and up the hillside.

Early spring can be as dangerous for fires as summer and fall. Bare branches mean the sun hits the leaf litter on the forest floor and dries it out. But because the ground is moist from snowmelt, spring fires have a hard time spreading underground into the roots and rarely grow hot enough to burn living trees.

Still, the Breakneck fire burned through nearly 300 acres before firefighters from 16 municipalities and state agencies contained it.

These incidents demonstrate the risks of wildfires but offer reassurance: They can be contained. A few factors worked to mitigate the damage, including that each fire occurred in a fairly accessible part of the park. While the Sugarloaf fire burned into the ground, making it harder to eradicate, the middling winds kept it from spreading. The Breakneck fire, though it spread rapidly, happened in the spring, when it wasn't hot or dry enough to become an inferno.

Had the train ignited a fire in the late summer or fall, it might have been a different story, says Thompson.

In a statement, a Metro-North representative says that, after the Breakneck fire, the agency “took steps to prevent such incidents, including enhanced maintenance and testing of diesel locomotives.”

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The day Tom Lucchesi started as chief of the Beacon Fire Department, in April 2023, a brushfire broke out in the woods behind Hiddenbrooke Park, near Fairview Cemetery, and began spreading west, toward the city.

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70,000

Wildfires in the U.S. each year, of all sizes, according to the National Interagency Fire Center

217

Average number of wildfires annually in New York State, according to the Department of Environmental Conservation

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Firefighters used axes and chainsaws to remove combustible material and build a fire line. They brought in four-wheelers and small trucks to put water on the blaze. They contained it, although not before it scorched scores of trees.

Had the flames escaped the perimeter, Lucchesi's next call would have been to Joseph Pries, the DEC fire ranger for Dutchess and Putnam. Pries has nearly two decades of experience fighting wildland fires. Last summer, he and other local firefighters traveled to Quebec to help Canadian authorities battle the gargantuan blazes that clouded much of the East Coast (including the Highlands) in a pall of orange smoke.

On days when the fire risk is elevated because of high temperatures and low humidity, Pries travels with his flame-resistant Nomex firefighting pants already on. (The DEC must show up if a fire reaches 10 acres.) On the scene, Pries will survey the fire, check its direction and determine if there are particular areas to worry about. He'll call in a helicopter if necessary and assign someone to coordinate with the pilot where to drop water.

"The fire season around here has gotten longer," he says. "It used to be April to October, but now we're seeing fires in November and December and February and March." The potential for a major wildfire in the Highlands, under the right conditions, has risen, he says, but he offered assurances that the state has the resources, technology and training to keep people safe.

However, Pries acknowledged that, if several major fires broke out in New York State at the same time during a hot, dry season, it would be difficult for rangers to fight them all full force. That's the perfect storm of flame that no one wants to see.



Wildfires need three ingredients: ignition, fuel and their version of perfect weather (hot, dry and windy).

Starting one can be as simple as discarding a shard of glass that focuses the sun on a dry leaf, or a piece of metal dragging along the road on a dry day, or a homeowner tossing ashes and a solitary ember from a wood stove into the compost pile, confident because the steel bucket is cool.

But in most cases, forest fires begin as campfires or leaf fires that were insufficiently extinguished or allowed to burn out of control. In 2009, New York enacted a statewide burn ban covering the spring (this year, it was March 16 to May 14) because the season's conditions are so welcoming for fires. According to the Department of Environmental Conservation, the ban has led to fewer fires and less acreage lost.

Unfortunately, you can't fight the fuel. Throughout state parks and along major roads, scores of dead ash trees are evidence of the invasion of the emerald ash borer, a small but destructive beetle. Microbursts of intense wind also topple trees. Those dead trees represent "a jackpot" for fires, says Pries. Fires that feed on that fuel burn hotter, damaging the soil. A tree 2-to-3-feet around could burn for days, he says.

Fallen trees also make fires harder to contain because they become walls that block the path of responders.



Crews on Sugarloaf Mountain in September 2019 used shovels and other hand tools to create the firebreak meant to contain the blaze uphill from them. NYS Parks

Many of the trees attacked by invasive bugs are weak but still standing. That poses its own problem, says Evan Thompson. "A lot of times you don't know a tree is rotten until you have a fire and you'll see the tree smoking and burning."

Some trees in the Highlands are not only fire-prone but fire-dependent. Pitch pines, for example, have resinous, waxy needles

than native species and are changing the region's fire profile. Dense stands of mountain laurel, built up over decades, provide "ladder fuels" that allow a fire to spread from the ground to the canopy, turning a smoldering brushfire into a "crown fire" that wind spreads from treetop to treetop.

Climate change is a factor, but not only because of worsening drought. Unusu-

"During protracted droughts, a devastating forest fire not infrequently sweeps over one of our mountains [in the Highlands], leaving thousands of scorched snail shells."

— Dr. Edgar Mearns, U.S. Army, 1898

that combust easily. It's a useful attribute, since the trees can only propagate and regenerate themselves when they burn hot enough to open their cones to release the seeds. Native grasses likely depend on fire, as well, since it returns nutrients to the soil.

In general, however, the mix of trees in the Highlands should be less conducive to large wildfires. When healthy and full of water, common hardwoods like oak, maple, beech and birch do not burn as easily as pines.

Enter invasive species such as privet, burning bush (*euonymus alatus*) and Japanese barberry, which are more flammable

ally wet seasons, such as the summer and fall of 2023, encourage more underbrush. Followed by a dry year, that growth turns into a potential bounty for flames.

The average temperatures in the Highlands are projected to rise dramatically in the coming decades, with heat waves coming more frequently and lasting longer. More water will evaporate than is provided by rain or snow, leading to more drought conditions. In the summer of 2022, water levels in the Cold Spring reservoir dropped by half, to about 50 percent, over a few months. The village instituted mandatory water restric-

2,103

Average number of acres burned annually in New York

88

Percentage of New York wildfires that burn less than 10 acres

95

Percentage of New York wildfires caused by humans. Lightning accounts for the rest.

52

Percent of wildfires in New York that occur in April and May. Beginning in 2010, the state banned brush and debris fires from mid-March to mid-May.

46

Percentage drop in wildfires caused by burning brush and debris since the law was enacted.

Source: DEC, 1993 to 2017

tions, along with a ban on outdoor fires.

The region's summer humidity can suppress fires. But the spring is often dry, making the seasonal burn ban all the more vital. A fire last spring near Travis Corners in Philipstown, which came within a few hundred yards of homes, was likely started by an illegal campfire set by a hiker on the Appalachian Trail.

Topography plays a role. Fires spread uphill because they heat the air and vegetation above them. Flames advance slower downslope. Fire is more likely to spread from town into the mountains than from the mountains into town. That means the chance that a fast-moving, catastrophic blaze sweeping down the slope of Mount Beacon into the city's neighborhoods is low, though not impossible, given the gusty winds that often blow off the mountain.

More concerning to the park officials and firefighters is the encroachment of residential development into the woods, which could put homes at risk if the wind turns the wrong way on a hot, dry day. If a fire started on a mountainside in some parts of Philipstown, "it would be difficult to control," says Thompson.

Next week:

Fire against fire, and escape

Roots and Shoots

Getting the Edge

By Pamela Doan

Edging, or material used to create a boundary, can become as much a design feature in a garden as the plants. Or it can disappear, such as into foliage. I've used many types over the years and still haven't developed any hard rules for when and where.



Edging can break the flow of grass, perennials or shrubs. As a border, it can speak to cultivated areas or form a transition between cultivated and uncultivated, communicating intention.

In functional terms, edging keeps one type of plant from encroaching into the space of another. For example, it can prevent lawn grass from moving into a flowerbed or keep the mint from escaping into the lawn. It also works to keep soil and mulch from shifting into the lawn during rainstorms or when you're raking.

I prefer stone, wood or metal edging instead of plastic for sustainability reasons and also because they are easier to work with. Plastic edging comes in rolls and, unless you need a lot of curves, can be unwieldy and bulky. That said, it is the most affordable option and can be installed without any expertise beyond



This border for this flowerbed was made using pieces of tree trunk.

Photos by P. Doan

what you learn from the package instructions. The only tools required are a shovel and hammer to pound the spikes that hold it in place. (Be sure to use the spikes or the plastic will be pushed out of the ground in the winter during the freeze-and-thaw cycle.)

Recycled plastic or recycled rubber are a bit more expensive, although don't be fooled: Their carbon footprint may still be higher than wood or stone. I've found rubber edging can become a problem for weeding; at one garden I visited, the weeds had grown through the matting and it had to be removed.

Lately, I've been working with steel edging, which is available in heights of 4 to 8 inches. It's easy to install without digging a

trench; it slips into the space. It's also attractive and can be bought with a rust patina or will acquire one. It will last for a long time.

Stone, rock, bricks and pavers offer a classic look or a cottage feel and do not wear out or decompose. The most common options are limestone or sandstone, with a pale hue. Installation is labor intensive, however, and a workout for your back. You'll need to dig a trench and add a layer of leveling sand.

After tamping the sand down so it won't settle, each stone has to be leveled. It takes more tools and time than pounding in sections of metal.


In my home landscape, I use whatever I find. Natural materials are abundant and




Stones found around the yard can be used as edging, such as with this flowerbed.

it feels good to repurpose them, including logs, branches and rocks. After having a tree taken down, I asked the team to cut the largest trunk pieces into 6-inch rounds. These became the edging for a flowerbed I created near where the tree stood. Ten years later, the rounds are less solid but that's just an opportunity to develop a new look!

If you're going for quirky or artistic, I've seen edging made with upended wine bottles, woven willow and wrought iron shaped into patterns. But I'm not sure about how functional those options are in the long term. Edging has to extend at least a few inches into the ground to make a barrier that can block grass from invading a flowerbed.



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Eight times each year, the members of Kelly Hamburger and Jacob Arbor's newspaper club at Beacon High School publish *Breaking Beacon*, the first student-run publication at the school in more than 30 years. Here, we share excerpts from March and April issues.

Editors-in-chief: Kayla Selander, Annabelle Notarthomas **Editor:** Roque Vianna **Writers:** Madison Abrahamson, Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Rubio Castagna-Torres, Kiera D'Ippolito, Marisah George, Everly Jordan, Evan Lombardo, Ela Lyons, Liliana Rybak, Rachel Thorne, Mikaela Sanchez, Kayla Selander, Jonathan Trentacosta **Photographer:** Kekoa Baysa



Terrific Teachers: Frankie Haughie

BY RUBIO CASTAGNA-TORRES

Mr. Frank Haughie teaches 10th and 12th grade English and Sports Literature. What sets him apart as a teacher is his brilliant, inclusive and energetic teaching style, a style he learned during his early days of teaching at the Disney Institute at Walt Disney World.

"No matter the time of day, Mr. Haughie brings the energy that makes students want to engage," said one student. His energy comes from a desire to build relationships with students. He finds it very rewarding seeing students in the future after he has taught them and seeing their growth.

Mr. Haughie approaches teaching with a mindset that not only will his students learn from him, but he will learn from his students. Aniyah Pearson shared: "He knows how to vibe with the class. Not only is he funny, he is kind. He is that one type of teacher that everyone can bond with."

New Funding Means Free Meals for Beacon Students

BY ANNABELLE NOTARTHOMAS

Beginning Jan. 1, all Beacon City School District students were eligible for one free breakfast and lunch meal daily.

In October 2023, the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) requirement of Identified Student Percentage (ISP) lowered from 40 percent to 25 percent. This decrease deemed BSCD eligible to serve free meals to all enrolled students.

This new policy will be viable for the next four years. Meals containing three or more items, including a fruit or vegetable, will be fully

funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The quality of school meals has also seen improvement, introducing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, scratch-based items, higher quality meats and poultry and a more expansive selection of fruits and vegetables.

Breakfast meals have also been upgraded to grab-and-go style to accommodate busy high school students. The success of this program is measured by the number of meals served; more student participation could get BCSD more funding from USDA in the future. More information can be found on usda.gov.



Spectacular Staff: Ms. Orlando

BY ANNABELLE NOTARTHOMAS

Ms. Orlando has worked as guidance counselor in BHS for 22 years and is currently counseling students with last names that start with A to Fie.

Orlando comes from a background of various social working careers, previously working as a mental health counselor at a psychiatric hospital. There she found a passion for working with teenagers and young adults and from then on, Orlando has worked in high school settings.

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OPINION: New York Says No!

BY NADEEN AHMED

Beacon High School is home to a myriad of students who are eager to fill up their schedules and take as many classes as they can. A way our school can support these students is by maximizing the amount of classes they can take at a time.

This can be given through the option of taking a physical education class every day for one semester, rather than every other day for the whole year, which is currently the only option. This allows for students to take an elective class for the semester where they don't have a PE class.

According to Mr. Giametta, the athletics department director, New York State law does not allow this. He explained: "The problem is the New York State regulations. In order to be an athlete, you have to be a bona fide athlete, which means you have to be enrolled in phys-ed classes."

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Writer of the Month

BY KIERA D'IPPOLITO

Stori Owen is a 10th-grade student at Beacon High School. Stori is not only an excellent writer who focuses mostly on poems, she is an amazing artist and was selected last year as Artist of the Month for the May edition.

Q: What do you enjoy most about writing?

A: I like getting out my ideas in a clear way with interesting diction.

Q: What inspired you to start writing?

A: I was more motivated by character writing and the potential to explore a complex,

interesting and unconventional story about someone I created myself.

Q: What do you enjoy writing about?

A: I like to write about fringe issues or things that touch on the human condition.

Q: What inspires you to keep writing?

A: To challenge myself in writing is my inspiration.

Q: Are there any authors who have influenced your writing style?

A: Definitely Robert Kurvitz.



BREAKING BEACON



Ms. Driscoll

Did You Know?

BY NADEEN AHMED

MS. CLEMENS went to space camp in the summer before eighth grade.

MR. SANSONE toured the country on his bicycle, twice. He's also in a rock band.

MS. DRISCOLL was born in England.

MR. JOHNSON: "My original college degree was in Communications & Media, and since becoming an English teacher at BHS, I have over the years been technical director of the drama club (theater), advised the yearbook (photography) and written two film electives (video) — so I am still getting to use my knowledge and interests!"

SOPHOMORE MIKA SANCHEZ can eat a whole pizza in five minutes.

MR. RICKARD has eaten 70 guinea pigs and has been to 45 of the 50 states.

MRS. NESHA can play the steel drums, has lived in three countries and is severely allergic to cats — and yet has two.



Ms. Clemens

Ms. Orlando (from Page 17)

In a recent interview she disclosed her belief that the most integral piece of school counseling is that every student knows that she cares. This philosophy has greatly improved the school experiences of so many, such as Charlotte Bowen, who expressed: "She has helped me so much with figuring out my classes, and making sure I feel comfortable at school."

Orlando strives to set students up for success in their post-graduation lives, as well. "Ms. Orlando has been a huge help in my college application process," said one senior. Thanks to her hard work and dedication, Orlando improves the community of BHS every day; she is surely a spectacular staff member.

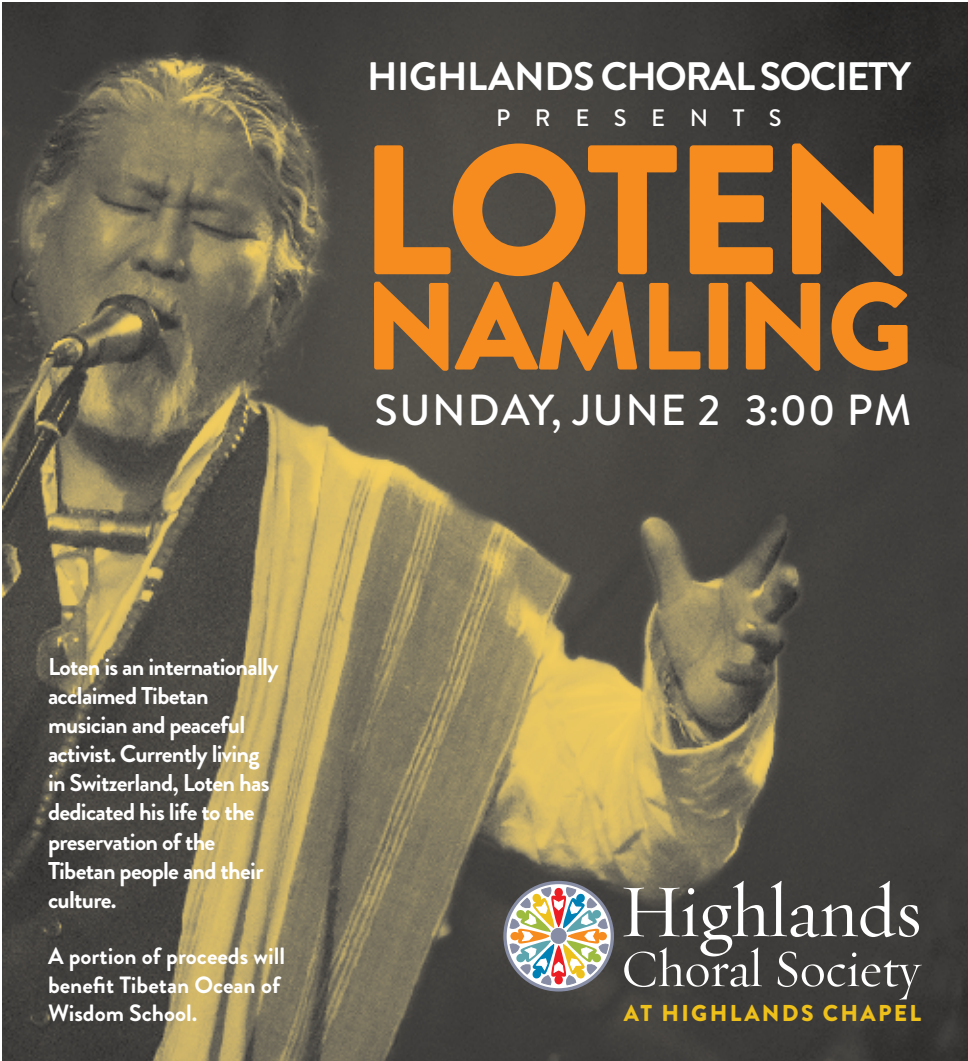
Says No! (from Page 17)

He further clarified by saying: "If you signed up [for gym] for just the first semester, that's going to end in the middle of the winter season, and by New York State law, you wouldn't be able to participate in sports once that semester is over." In other words, if a student were able to take a gym class every day for one semester then they would not be able to participate in

a winter sport at all, and depending on which semester, they would not be able to take part in a fall or spring sport either. This New York State regulation is likely to be seen as unfair and dim-witted by many student-athletes. What is the purpose of forcing students who are already getting the exercise they need from their sport to take a class for more exercise? It makes sense to have the non-athletes take a PE class, but not the stu-

dents who already spend hours after school doing pretty intensive physical activity. Senior Evan Lombardo agrees that students should have this option. Lombardo explains that having a gym class and a study hall opposite each other disrupts his rhythm of getting his work done during study hall. He said, "It's kind of difficult to get in that consistent rhythm of work, because last year I had study hall every day, and I'd get homework done. But


when it's opposite gym, it's kind of hard. Some days I have to do it at home, some days I get to do it in class, and it's just not consistent." Giving students the option to have gym daily for a semester can only do good for the school and its students. This is a change that students like Lombardo want. It is our duty as students, teachers and administrators to speak up about our concerns and let them be heard by those who can do something..



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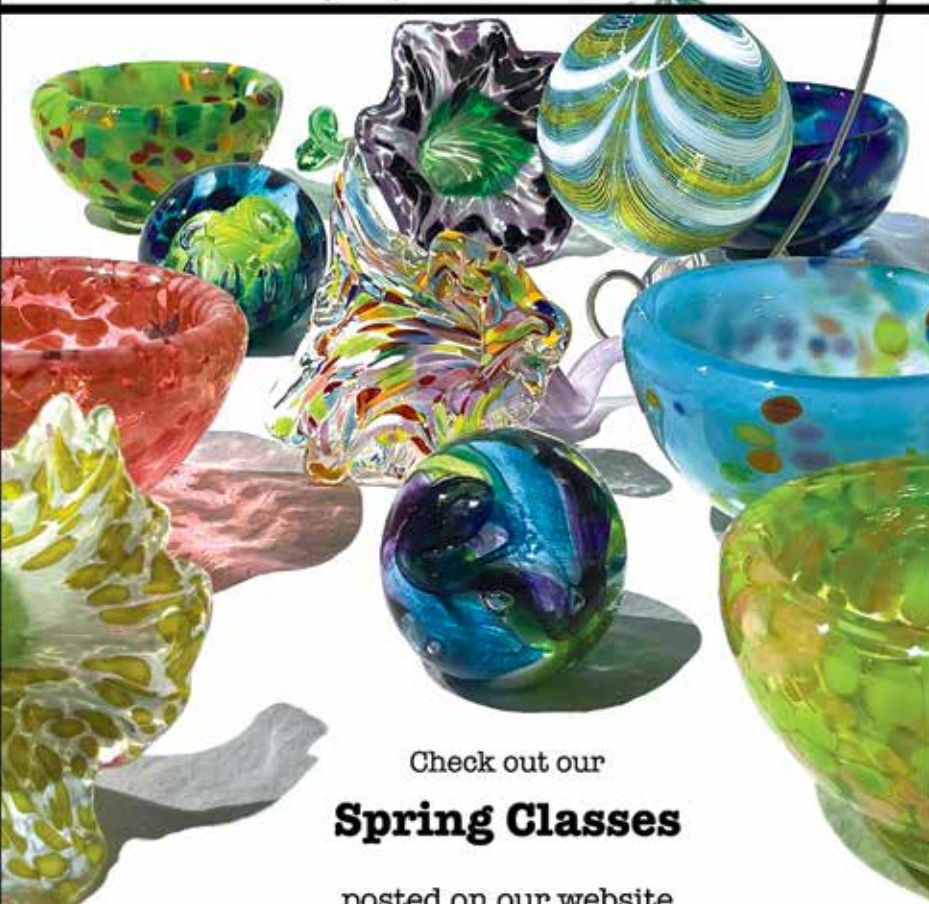
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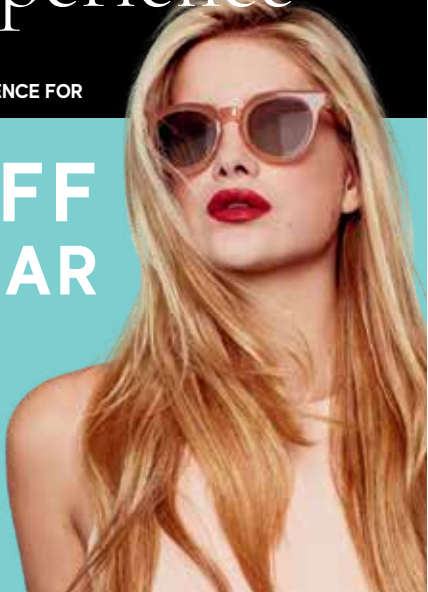
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Dutchess: Victim Sues Former FedEx Driver

One of two girls sexually assaulted by a delivery driver in Millbrook in 2021 filed a civil lawsuit this month against FedEx, Dutchess Parcel Service and her assailant, Joshua Ginyard, 33, who lives in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Ginyard was arrested on charges he assaulted the girls in his FedEx van after parking in a secluded area and pleaded guilty to felony criminal sexual act and three charges of endangering the welfare of a child, according to *Mid Hudson News*. After receiving an 18-month sentence, he arrived at a state prison in October and was paroled on Jan. 3.

Albany: Lawmakers Propose New Power Authority

Two state lawmakers from Ulster County said this month they plan to introduce legislation to create a public utility called the Hudson Valley Power Authority that would replace Central Hudson.

Assembly Member Sarahana Shrestha and Sen. Michelle Hinchey said public

control would lead to lower rates, among other benefits. "There's an inherent conflict between the profit motive and public interest that's hurting ratepayers and utility workers alike," Shrestha said in a statement.

Central Hudson disputed that, with a representative saying in a statement that "municipalization is not a solution" and noting that the utility "infuses significant resources into our communities, including more than \$60 million annually through property taxes paid — money that is used to help fund police and fire departments and school districts."

Kingston: Teenagers Rescued from Swings

The Kingston Fire Department rescued two teenagers who had become stuck on May 6 in hard plastic infant swings at Block Park, according to the *Daily Freeman*.

Firefighters said they worked for 15 minutes to remove the teens, who were treated at the scene by paramedics.

Kingston: Inmate Charged with False Allegations

An inmate at Ulster County Jail was arrested May 9 for allegedly making false allegations of excessive force against a member of the Sheriff's Office, according to the *Daily Freeman*.

William Echols, 34, of Kingston, filed a complaint in October. After an investigation, the Sheriff's Office said the allegations were



Firefighters in Kingston rescued two teenagers who had become stuck in infant swings.

untrue. Echols was charged with two felonies and two misdemeanors, including perjury.

Saugerties: Couple Fined \$8 Million

A state court earlier this month ordered a couple to clean up three illegal dump sites and pay an \$8 million fine.

The state sued Joseph and Rachel Karolys in 2020 for repeatedly accepting construction and demolition material

from New York City at a dump site that was authorized only to take solid waste from Dutchess and Ulster counties. The Karolyses also operated the sites without water and pollution control permits.

Waste from urban areas is more likely to be contaminated with petroleum or hazardous substances, the state said. The fine will be used to fight air, land and water pollution in Ulster County. The state also sued 29 transporters for dumping more than 3,000 loads illegally at a Karolys site over three years.



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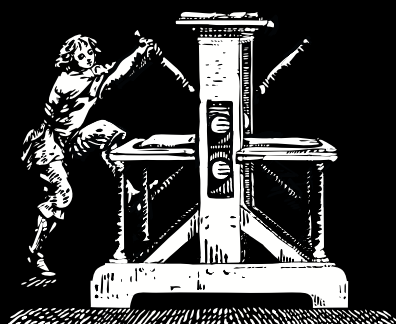
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OBITUARIES

Florence Northcutt (1927-2024)

Florence Northcutt, 97, the longtime face of the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, died May 17. She was born March 26, 1927.



From 1996 to 2017, Florence was the president of the Howland Cultural Center; she also volunteered for the nonprofit for nearly 40 years and advocated women artists.

“Florence will be remembered as a visionary and generous leader who cherished the ideals of cultivating an artistic, thriving cultural community,” said Theresa Kraft, the Howland center’s current president.

In 2020, Florence received a lifetime achievement award from the Dutchess County executive for her service to the arts, and in 2022 the Howland center renamed its performance room as Northcutt Hall.

“When we started, Main Street was in bad shape; the buildings across the street were boarded up,” Florence told *The Current* in 2019. “After the library moved out of the center [in 1976], the group that

saved the building began exhibiting art and hosting a few concerts. It was on its way.”

Florence was a speech therapist until her retirement. “No matter what you do in education, you have to be well-prepared, structured and creative,” she told *The Current*. “They say teaching is a combination of art and science, and the same is true of running the Howland Center.”

There will be no wake or funeral service but a Celebration of Life will be held at the Howland Cultural Center. Memorial donations may be made to the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508 (howlandculturalcenter.org).

Other Recent Deaths

Philipstown
Cory Cates, 49 Stephanie Doucette, 52
Ed Engelbride, 90 Peggy Ireland, 92

Beacon
John Galloway Sr., 53 Steve Garrison, 62
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Application materials are available to view on the Village website:
<https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/public-hearings>.

Hard copies of the application materials are available for review in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516 by appointment only. Please call the Village Clerk at 845-265-3611 to make an appointment. Written comment on the application can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the Village Clerk, vcscldcrk@coldspringny.gov. Written comment must be received by Monday June 3, 2024 to be included in the public record.

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Patrick & Cynthia Nevell, 502 Sprout Brook Rd., Garrison, NY 10524, TM# 83.10-2-26

Applicant is seeking a variance to build a 26' x 44' second floor addition within a 30' side yard setback, providing 19' 6"

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York or by visiting the following link on the Town of Philipstown website.

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/townofphilipstown/may>

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Rolyn Chorlton, 8 Lane Gate Heights, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#49.6-2-8

Applicant is seeking a front yard variance for reconstruction of a guest cottage where 60' is required and 20' 7" is proposed.

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12. Road reversal
13. Cornfield noise
14. “— the Walrus”
15. Idaho’s capital
16. Minor complaint
18. Vehicle’s capacity
20. Intends
21. German pronoun
23. “... — quit!”
24. Unravels
25. Second in command
27. Fighting
29. “Already?”
31. Unparalleled
35. Track horse
37. Continental currency
38. Nepal’s neighbor
41. D-Day vessel
43. — -de-France

44. Sole
45. Litter container
47. Without a sound
49. Aromas
52. Ornate vase
53. Bit of physics
54. Illuminated
55. “A spider!”
56. Summer on the Seine
57. Very small
17. *Peter Pan* author
19. Swiss money
21. Hosp. hookups
22. Corp. boss
24. Summer cooler
26. Spinach-eating sailor
28. German sausage
30. Granola grain
32. Man of La Mancha
33. Web address
34. Fair hirer, in ads
36. Booster of comedy
38. Chef’s hat
39. Accustom
40. Lose a staring contest
42. Letter-shaped hardware
45. Coagulate
46. *Garfield* dog
48. Cravat
50. Skedaddle
51. CIA operative

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Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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6. Olympic sprinter Allyson
7. Boot-shaped country
8. Morticia’s hubby
9. Thumbs-down vote
- DOWN
1. Not worth ____ (valueless)
2. Range in the Rockies
3. Andres herd animal

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Answers for May 24 Puzzles

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Sports

Matt Moves On

I'll miss how tight this community is'

By Michael Turton

Matt Nachamkin, 17, a Haldane senior who in April was named the Class C co-player of the year by the New York State Sportswriters Association, will play basketball next year for Williams College in Massachusetts.

Did you get tall gradually or in a spurt?

During the pandemic [in 2020] I grew 4 inches. It was fun to go back to school and see people's reactions. I grew a few more inches after freshman year. Recently my doctor said I've plateaued at 6-6, but I'm hoping for one more inch. My grandfather was 6-6, my dad is about 6-3, my brother is 6-8 and my mom is about 5-11. I guess that's where I get my height.

Have you had basketball heroes?

My grandpa, Boris Nachamkin, played in the NBA in the 1950s, for the Rochester Royals. He used to shoot with my dad and me on our court in the driveway. We put a plaque on the backboard in his honor when

he died. It's inspirational when I shoot there.

Who's a bigger fan, mom or dad?

They're fans in different ways. My dad was an All-American in Division III soccer, and my mom played Division I volleyball. They're athletic and understand sports. They weren't around basketball much but learned it through my travel and high school games. My mom sits in the Haldane section and watches with her friends. My dad sits where there are no fans because he's so focused, so invested and wants me to succeed. I'm just thankful they are supportive, come to a lot of games and are my two biggest fans.

Is the state final still on your mind?

Both years stick with me [the Blue Devils lost in the title game in 2023 and 2024]. Both teams had great chemistry. I was a good contributor last year but was nervous on that big stage. This year, I was more comfortable. I think about a moment in the last few seconds of the final. Down by three, I got a rebound and was dribbling up the court. It would have been a real heave, though you never know. But a guy tapped the ball out of my hands. I try not to focus on that.

What will you remember about the team?

Our camaraderie. We had so many good laughs and jokes. There's a restaurant in Glens Falls, O'Toole's, that we went to last year. Our goal was to get back to the state final, so we named our group chat "The Road to O'Toole's." Everyone bought into making it back to that restaurant. They gave us green O'Toole's shirts.

Any thoughts on a career?

I may study economics. I'm president of the Haldane Geography Club and we play an online game called GeoGuessr; you figure out where you are based on clues. That interests me. A dream situation would be to travel the world while doing something math-related.

What's on your mind as graduation approaches?

I was walking off campus with a friend, talking about the end of classes and finals. It was symbolic; we were leaving campus but we're really heading out after graduation. I'm so lucky to have grown up in a community like this, and having gone to Haldane from kindergarten through high school. Graduating and leaving is big on my mind. I'm excited for the future, but I want to enjoy these last few months, walking around town, going to sporting events and restaurants, and soaking things in while I'm at home. I'll come back for breaks, but I'll miss how tight this community is.



VARSITY ROUNDUP



Zack Schetter waits for the ball as a Marlboro runner slides into second during the title game on May 25.

Photo by Allyse Pulliam/USA Today

BEACON

BASEBALL — A spirited comeback fell just short as Beacon, seeded No. 3 in the Section IX, Class A tournament, lost 7-6 in the championship game to No. 1 Marlboro on May 22 on a walk-off, line-drive single in the bottom of the sixth and final inning.

The Bulldogs had battled back to tie the game, which was played in Saugerties, after giving up five runs in the fourth inning. Beacon scored three runs in the fifth before Jackson Atwell's two-run double tied the game at 6-6 in the top of the sixth.

Atwell finished 2-for-4 with two RBIs and Mikey Fontaine was 2-for-4 with one. Beacon, which defeated No. 6 Saugerties and upset No. 2 Rondout Valley to reach the title game, will lose six seniors to graduation.

TRACK AND FIELD — Beacon traveled to Goshen on May 24 for the Section IX, Class B championships.

Top finishers for the boys included eighth-grader Caellum Tripaldi, who was fifth in the 1,600 meters (4:42.84) and sixth in the 800 meters (2:04.86); Noah Spiak and Rubio Castagna-Torres, who finished third and fourth in the 400-meter hurdles in 59.57 and 1:00.4; Jahcier Ballard, who was third in the high jump after clearing

6 feet for the first time; Damani DeLoatch, who won the triple jump at 47-11.5 and was second in the long jump at 21-10; and Jayden Mihalchik and August Wright, who tied for fourth in the pole vault at 10 feet.

For the girls, Isabella Migliore placed fourth in the 800 meters in 2:27.15; Rachel Thorne was 15th in the 1,500 meters in 5:46.18; and Mikaela Sanchez finished 18th in the 400-meter dash in 1:05.25.

BOYS' GOLF — Will Martin shot a 74 and 80 in the two rounds of the Section IX play-offs last week, finishing fifth and qualifying for the state tournament that begins on Sunday (June 2) in Elmira.

HALDANE

TRACK AND FIELD — Haldane competed at the Section I, Class C championships at Valhalla on May 24. For the boys, Merrick Williams was third in the 110-meter hurdles in 16.81; James Frommer was eighth in the 800 meters in 2:10.37; and Owen Powers was 11th in the 1,600 meters in 4:47.24. For the girls, Shayla Ochoa was 12th in the long jump at 13-06.75; Eloise Pearsall was 12th in the 800 meters in 2:44.6; and Ashley Sousa was ninth in the 1,500 meters in 5:23.12.