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Michael Fiumara is a compost operations specialist at Sustainable Materials Management. Photo provided

Cold Spring Joins Food-Scrap Initiative

Compost reduces greenhouse gases

By Michael Turton

When people trash their leftover salad, chicken bones, uneaten Brussels sprouts and other remnants of evening dinner, they likely don't see themselves contributing to climate change. But they are, and the reason is basic. Each year, 120 billion pounds of food are discarded in the U.S. According to the Harvard University School of Public Health, 95 percent goes to landfills. When that waste decomposes, it produces methane, a greenhouse gas that scientists say

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St. Andrew Floats Church Closure

Says lawsuit over parking could force building sale

By Jeff Simms

A year after filing a lawsuit against the City of Beacon over access to a city-owned parking lot, the leadership of St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church said it is weighing the sale of its 124-year-old South Avenue building. The Episcopal Diocese of New York, which owns the property, could sell if the lawsuit "drags on further, or if there's a poor resolution that doesn't provide us with access as we've had in the past," said the Rev. John Williams, the rector at St. Andrew, on Wednesday (June 19). The church and the city have been dead-



The St. Andrew & St. Luke church on South Avenue in Beacon Photo by J. Simms

locked in court since June 2023, when the city erected a fence around a gravel lot behind the church to store equipment and

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Burglars Hit Jewelry Stores

Thieves also target unlocked cars

By Chip Rowe

Beacon police officers interrupted an early-morning burglary of a Main Street jewelry store on June 13, chasing the suspects to the Newburgh-Beacon bridge before abandoning the pursuit because of unsafe speeds. Police said they responded to Sky Diamond Jewelers at 226 Main St. at 4:30 a.m., where the front-door glass had been shattered and a vehicle was speeding away. Two suspects were later arrested in Newark, New Jersey, with stolen merchandise, police said. The same morning, they are believed to have burglarized Jaymark Jewelers on Route 9 in Philipstown and Jewelry Designs in Danbury, Connecticut. As of Thursday, police had not provided any further information on the arrests. Jaymark's owner, James Matero, said that no jewelry owned by customers was taken. "Due to our many safety procedures, our losses are mainly structural and emotional," he said. "Broken glass can be cleaned up and replaced. We appreciate the outpouring of support from the community and the quick and professional response from all of the law enforcement agencies involved."

In August 2017, burglars struck Joseph's Jewelry on Main Street in Cold Spring by using a rotary saw to cut a square out of

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JUNETEENTH — Beacon residents on Wednesday (June 19) gathered at Seeger Riverfront Park to mark the end of slavery after the Civil War. There was live music and dancing but, with afternoon temperatures approaching 100 degrees, also plenty of flavored ice, iced drinks, wet cloths on heads and people searching for shade under the trees. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org. Photo by Ross Corsair

Congestion Toll 'Pause' Upends Climate Bills

Superfund law approved, but others don't get to floor

By Brian PJ Cronin

Environmentalists and lawmakers began the final week of New York's legislative session with optimism, as several key pieces of climate legislation moved through the Senate and Assembly. Then, on June 5, Gov. Kathy Hochul

surprised everyone by announcing that she was "indefinitely pausing" New York City's plan to charge drivers for entering Manhattan below 60th Street, which was to begin at the end of June. The congestion-pricing plan had been expected to raise \$1 billion a year for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, revenue that would help the agency obtain a \$15 billion bond for upgrades, including on Metro-North's Hudson Line, which

serves the Highlands. The announcement and its effect on the MTA's budget upended negotiations on two climate-related bills, according to Richard Schrader, director of New York government affairs for the Natural Resources Defense Council. New York is attempting to reach ambitious goals set in 2019 by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which says that, among other benchmarks,

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Burglars broke the glass doors at Jaymark Jewelers in Philipstown (shown here) and Sky Diamond Jewelers in Beacon. Photo by Melanie Matero

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FIVE QUESTIONS: **JOE DAILY**

By Lucy Baldino

For decades, Joe Daily was the morning voice on WBNR, a radio station that operated from 475 South Ave. in Beacon. He will speak on Tuesday (June 25) at a Beacon Historical Society meeting held at the Elks Club.

You retired in 2019 but still work part-time as the weekend morning host at WALL. How has the industry changed during your time on the air?

It's changed quite a bit. I started on air in 1975 in New Jersey and came to Beacon in 1979 when I got a job at WBNR doing the morning show. Since I've been in the industry, everything has become digital, which allows us to have access to things we could never do before, such as remote studios and wonderful toys. But we also have lost some of the intimacy and relationships that live radio worked so hard to build within the local community.

You're a New Jersey native who attended Ramapo College. Did it have a radio station?

Yes, it was called WRPR. I had a chance to do a show there. But it wasn't until after college that I found my voice and got more into the local aspect of radio.

What kinds of shows did you listen to when you were younger?

All kinds of things. My interest in radio was inspired by a gentleman named Jack Sterling on WCVS and people like Bob and Ray over at WHDH in Boston, and Joe O'Brien of WMCA, which was one of New York City's top stations in the late 1960s. I wrote Joe a letter and he invited me to visit the studio. When I was going to college, Joe was on WHUD in Peekskill and I would stop by. Bob and Ray and Joe were able to connect to the audience; they created a feeling that the show was directed toward every individual listening. That's something I've tried to convey throughout my career.

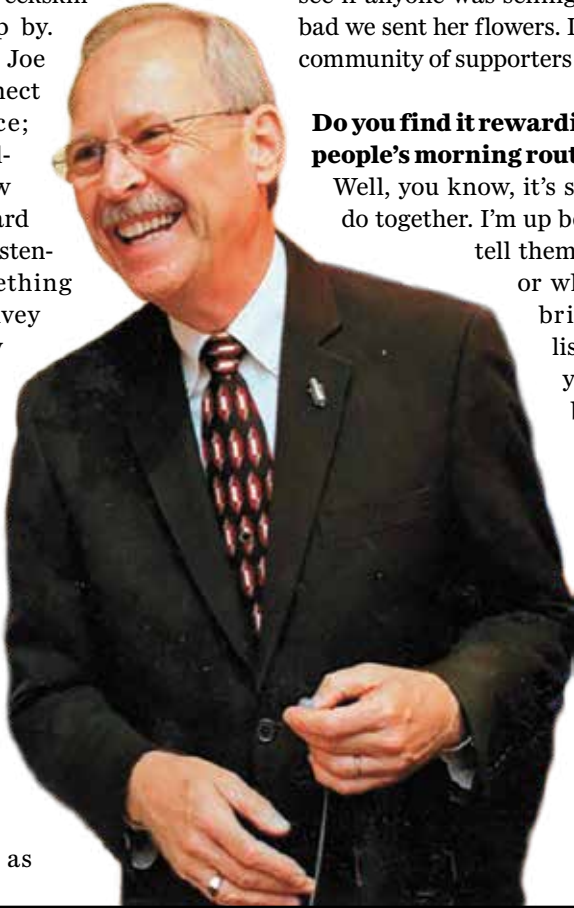
What was it like doing promotions on WBNR?

People often forget that radio stations use sponsorships to make money. We did games or contests in which you could win prizes such as

dinner for two at a nice restaurant. We had a concession trailer that we towed to locations that had turntables, a tape machine and everything inside, and people could look through the windows and see us live on air. We also had a daily, hour-long feature called "Phone Booth" where people could buy, sell or swap items. One day a lady called who was sad because she bought a car and the engine fell out on Route 9D. She wanted to see if anyone was selling a car. We felt so bad we sent her flowers. It became a whole community of supporters unto itself.

Do you find it rewarding to be part of people's morning routines?

Well, you know, it's something we all do together. I'm up before everyone to tell them what's going on or what the day may bring. When you listen to a podcast, you're doing it by yourself, but when you turn on the radio, you are no longer alone, we are all doing it together.



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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's the last thing you grilled?

“
Salmon with lemon pepper and veggies, but not this week!
”

Richard Saunders, Nelsonville

“
Nothing yet this year, but I guess now I have to.
”

Debi Coffield, Beacon

“
200 burgers and 80 hot dogs at the Garrison School Field Day.
”

Ned Rauch, Garrison

Central Hudson to Pay \$63M Over Billing Issues

Portion of settlement will be customer credits

By Chip Rowe

New York State on Thursday (June 20) approved a \$62.59 million settlement with Central Hudson over billing problems that plagued the utility. The Public Service Commission said Central Hudson shareholders, not customers, will be required to pay the \$35 million it cost to fix the billing system and \$6.3 million to move to regular monthly meter readings. In addition, shareholders will pay \$4 million to ratepayers in allocations made by the PSC. The settlement will end the state investi-

gation into billing system failures. Central Hudson will pay another \$2 million if it does not implement monthly meter reading for the vast majority of customers by Oct. 31. The utility had asked for a February 2026 deadline. The settlement followed a 123-page report issued by an independent monitor, which proposed that the utility end its practice of making bimonthly estimates. It found that Central Hudson had resolved its most critical billing issues. The PSC noted that in April, complaints to the agency about Central Hudson had fallen 88 percent from a year before. Central Hudson has 309,000 electric and 84,000 natural gas customers in the Mid-Hudson region.

Haldane Hires Interim Leader

Taps former Garrison superintendent for 2024-25

By Joey Asher

The Haldane school board on June 13 hired Garrison's former superintendent as the district's interim superintendent for the 2024-25 school year. Carl Albano, who started as Garrison's superintendent in 2020, will follow Philip Benante, who was recently hired as superintendent of the Arlington school district. Albano will be paid \$1,200 per day, said Peggy Clements, the school board president. Albano, who will begin with Haldane on July 1, retired in October and was appointed as the district's interim superintendent while Garrison searched for his successor. Gregory



Albano

Stowell, a former assistant superintendent in Eastchester, will take over next month as Garrison superintendent. Clements said Haldane plans to have a superintendent in place for 2025-26. In the fall, Haldane plans to seek voter approval for a \$28.4 million capital project that would raise school property taxes by 8 percent. The project includes a 17,300-square-foot addition to the high school building as well as numerous infrastructure improvements. The project is the first phase of a \$108 million master plan. Clements said that the district also expects Albano to guide the implementation of a pre-K program. Two years ago, Albano oversaw the implementation of a pre-K program at Garrison. Before joining the Garrison district, Albano was superintendent of the Tuckahoe school district. He also has been a principal and teacher.

Break-ins *(from Page 1)*

the lower half of the glass front door that was large enough to squeeze through. On Tuesday (June 18), the Putnam County Sheriff's Office said it had received reports during recent weeks of items being taken from unlocked vehicles throughout the county, including in Philipstown. The agency said that a deputy was dispatched on June 8 to a residence on Lurch Lane to investigate the report of a stolen vehicle. According to the owner, the vehicle

was left unlocked with the keys inside. The vehicle was found later that day abandoned in the Town of Fishkill; the sheriff's office said it may have been used to commit larcenies from other vehicles. On Monday morning, the sheriff also received reports from residents in the Jaycox Road area that items had been removed overnight from unlocked vehicles. In Mahopac, police on Monday reported that thieves overnight had taken items from unlocked vehicles in the South Lake and North Lake communities.

A deputy who responded to the Juniper Hill Road address alerted the Westchester County Police Hazardous Devices Unit, which determined that the military mortar had been manufactured in the 1950s, appeared to have been buried for a long time and was inert. The bomb squad searched the area but found no other shells.

Philipstown Resident Finds Mortar Shell

Bomb squad determines it was inert

A Philipstown resident doing excavation work on Monday (June 17) discovered an unexploded mortar shell under rocks and alerted the Putnam County sheriff.

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Current Hires Reporter for Summer

Marist student will write features

The Current has hired a journalism student as a features reporter for the summer in partnership with Marist College in Poughkeepsie.

Lucy Baldino, a rising senior, is pursuing a bachelor's degree in communication with a concentration in journalism. A native of Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, she is a staff writer for *Marist Circle*, the independent student newspaper, and has been a pollster for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion.



She will report for *The Current* through August.

The Current's summer reporters from 2023 each graduated from Marist in May. Erin-Leigh Hoffman is a reporter for *The Greenfield Recorder* in Massachusetts and Mackenzie Boric continues to freelance for *The Current*.

The paid internship is made possible by *Current* members who contribute to our Student Journalists Program, which also funds high school reporters in Beacon and Philipstown during the school year. Applications for the high school program for 2024-25 will be accepted beginning in August.

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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portion of sales tax revenue. The reduction in revenue that shopkeepers mentioned means reduced sales-tax revenue sent to the county, which reduces revenues for all.

Perhaps the county needs to do more to help the village keep its vibrancy and solvency and, by extension, the county's. It seems to me a win-win if the county shared the sales-tax revenue generated by Cold Spring businesses.

Leslie Nowinski, *Cold Spring*

Where were all the people crying foul

against the parking when they were discussing it for a long time? There were tons of meetings open to the public where comments were taken and acted upon. It's kind of late to complain after the barn door was left open and the bull got out.

How about the merchants get together and set up a voucher system to cover parking fees for customers? It's unfair to the village trustees to spend more of their valuable time on this issue. They need to address far bigger issues, not including painting lavender parking spots for the village's finest.

Tony Bardes, *Cold Spring*

Beacon Schools Respond to Lawsuit

District says ex-principal's claims lack evidence

By Jeff Simms

Daniel Glenn, the former principal of South Avenue Elementary School in Beacon, failed to provide evidence that racial discrimination played a role in his termination, school district attorneys wrote last week in a response to Glenn's lawsuit. The district suggested that the case should be dismissed.

Glenn, who is Black, was hired at South Avenue in August 2021 and terminated in June 2023. He filed a federal lawsuit in April alleging "disparate treatment and a hostile work environment due to his race" and asked to be returned to his job with back pay and unspecified damages.

The district's response, filed June 11, argues that the allegations lack enough support to "plausibly claim" that Glenn's dismissal was racially motivated.

For example, it said, although Glenn was the only Black male principal in the district, "there are no allegations that plaintiff was treated differently than similarly situated non-African American employees." In addition, the district said,



Glenn

Glenn alleged that his time in Beacon "was permeated with racial discrimination" and that white co-workers "leveraged their race" to avoid accountability, but, without specific evidence, "such conclusory allegations are insufficient," the district said.

In his lawsuit, Glenn highlighted two incidents in 2023 that he portrayed as retaliation for his charges of discrimination: an allegation that he made an inappropriate comment to a female teacher who had recently returned to work after having a child and a charge that he did not adequately address a student complaint.

The district, noting that Glenn's lawsuit does not mention the female teacher's race, said the allegation that Superintendent Matt Landahl believed only the accounts of "unidentified teachers and students whose racial identities are not named is simply insufficient to allege discriminatory intent."

Glenn taught for 19 years in Newburgh and was an assistant principal for three years in New Paltz before coming to Beacon.

The district said that, if Glenn does not amend his complaint to include support for his allegations, it would ask Judge Kenneth Karas to schedule a conference to discuss dismissing the case.

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Climate *(from Page 1)*

at least 70 percent of New York's energy must come from renewable sources by 2030.

"We're behind the eight ball," said Schrader. "I don't think it's fatal. But, man, we have to move quickly."

Not everyone was on board with congestion pricing. New Jersey sued to stop it, and Rep. Mike Lawler and Rep. Pat Ryan, whose districts include Philipstown and Beacon, respectively, are against it. But as recently as last month, the governor endorsed it. Last week, Hochul changed course, saying she feared the plan would weigh on New York City's economy.

Steven Higashide, a Beacon resident who is director of the clean transportation program for the Union of Concerned Scientists, believes "blowing a \$15 billion hole in the MTA capital program will have a much larger impact on New York's ability to recover from the pandemic. This could mean higher fares if the MTA has to borrow more money for basic repairs. It's hardly a win for the Hudson Valley."

For passenger vehicles, the congestion-pricing toll was set at \$15 during the day and \$3.75 at night, with discounts for lower-income drivers, disabled commuters and those who pay tunnel tolls. According to an analysis by the Tri-State Transportation Campaign, it would have affected only 2 percent of Putnam County commuters and 1.1 percent in Dutchess.

The state has already spent \$500 million to install cameras and hire staff, money

that can't be recouped, said Neal Zuckerman, a Philipstown resident who represents Putnam County on the MTA board and is chair of its finance committee.

The MTA had planned to spend billions of dollars on upgrades such as emissions-free electric buses, making more subway stations accessible to riders with disabilities, improving the pumping system to combat subway flooding and improving signals to reduce delays.

Zuckerman said that finding funds to provide basic services is now the priority. "We can never re-enter the era that we were in the '70s," he said. "We're all focused on figuring out how we can make the MTA fiscally sustainable."

Schrader noted that it's unclear if the governor's order, made at a news conference, is binding. "We don't see anything in terms of a legal brief or any type of a memo of understanding," he said.

Nevertheless, advocates believe Hochul's announcement killed the momentum for two climate bills, the Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act and the New York Home Energy Affordable Transition Act (NY HEAT), by forcing legislators to focus on the MTA budget gap.

The nonprofit Beyond Plastics has been lobbying for the Packaging Reduction Act, which would require packaging to be reusable or recyclable and exclude 15 chemicals, including polyvinyl chloride (PVC), PFAS, formaldehyde and mercury. Companies that use packaging that can't be recycled

would be responsible for disposal costs.

"It's about the polluters taking responsibility for their plastic pollution," said Judith Enck, executive director of Beyond Plastics.

California recently passed similar legislation, and although the most recent version of New York's bill was more stringent, Kate Donovan of the NRDC said the passage of both would have sent a powerful message to the plastics industry. Introduced in the state Senate by Pete Harckham, a Democrat whose district includes eastern Putnam County, it passed last week, 37-23 (Rob Rolison, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, voted no). In the Assembly, it came through four committees by comfortable margins but never came up on the floor.

Beacon Climate Action Now has spent the last few months rallying for the passage of NY HEAT. It would cap the amount lower-income residents could be charged for energy while eliminating the "100-Foot Rule" that requires gas companies to provide hookups at no charge to new customers within 100 feet of infrastructure — an expense that utilities pass on to other ratepayers to the tune of \$200 million annually, Schrader said.

Supporters of the bill say it would not only reduce sticker shock for consumers but encourage construction and renovation projects to move away from gas, which would reduce emissions. Schrader said the law also would give the Public Service Commission "more elbow room to begin an orderly process of transition away from gas and

fossil fuel" in favor of renewable sources.

For the second year in a row, the bill passed the Senate (40-22, with a no vote from Rolison) but did not come up for a vote in the Assembly. "Working-class families in the state will be paying for this inaction, as Central Hudson and several other utilities are planning to raise rates," said Jessie Van Amburg of Beacon Climate Action Now.

One environmental bill did pass before the legislative session ended on June 6. The state's Climate Change Superfund Act, modeled after a federal law that imposes penalties on companies for the pollution they create, is expected to generate \$3 billion annually for 25 years, with at least a third earmarked for disadvantaged communities. It passed the Senate 43-17 (Rolison voted yes) and the Assembly 92-49 (Dana Levenberg, a Democrat whose district includes Philipstown, and Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, each voted yes).

Vermont passed similar legislation in May. "This is all part of a broad overall effort to make the fossil fuel industry more accountable for its impacts on the climate, which it's denied," Schrader said. Several companies have signaled that they intend to sue any state that passes this type of legislation.

The revenue created by the law could be a godsend for the MTA. "This bill showed a way to bring some money in," said Schrader. "That's what gave it a really favorable review by legislators at the last minute."

Asked Tuesday about Rolison's votes, his chief of staff, Dain Pascocello, said the senator "believes that statewide initiatives ought to be balanced by local interests and the well-being of everyday New Yorkers. To that end, local concerns surrounding the timing and scope of a major new state mandate on packaging materials and its effects on our small-scale producers were not adequately incorporated into the bill's final version."

"Likewise, the NY Heat Act, while well-intentioned, goes further than simple emissions cuts and seeks to ban the natural gas delivery system, something which the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act itself does not require. Affordability for all utility customers and the pace of electrification's effects on the quality and reliability of the state's grid were also not sufficiently addressed."

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Church (from Page 1)

materials for the construction of the new Beacon fire station next door.

Within days, the church filed a lawsuit in Dutchess County court arguing that the city could not restrict parishioners’ access to the lot because of a 1987 agreement between the church and the volunteer Lewis Tompkins Hose Co., the former owner of the lot, guaranteeing that both could use it.

The city, which purchased the lot and opened it for public parking in 2020, leased adjacent land to create a temporary, 22-space lot and also designated spaces on South Avenue and at City Hall for the church. But the two sides continued to spar.

In February, the church asked Judge Thomas Davis for a summary judgment, or to decide the dispute without a trial or witness testimony. The city was expected to oppose the motion, but Davis granted Beacon’s attorneys three extensions because both sides indicated they were working toward a settlement. Last week, Davis gave the city what he said would be its final 45-day extension.

On June 11, Robert Zitt, representing the city, told Davis “the parties remain close to a resolution,” but David Chen, for St. Andrew, said negotiations had broken down over the amount the city would pay St. Andrew to terminate the 1987 agreement. Chen also said that, “in broad strokes,” the sides had discussed St. Andrew withdrawing its suit “in exchange for consideration including [Beacon’s] assistance in obtaining whatever

zoning and building permits are necessary” to facilitate the sale of the 15 South Ave. property and renovation of the church’s 850 Wolcott Ave. campus. The church moved its Sunday services to the latter in April.

The Rev. Williams said Wednesday that the church needs to extend the Wolcott Avenue sanctuary to install restrooms and upgrade the heating and cooling systems. It also would need to construct a building to move the food pantry, Narcotics Anonymous meetings and special events out of South Avenue.

Chen told the judge that he asked the city attorneys in April to draft language “for the building permits needed for all this work” and for “the special permitting needed for residential development” of the South Avenue property.

“We understand that the city may not be able to approve permits that haven’t been formally applied for,” he wrote. “But we want to get a sense of what kind of commitment we can reasonably expect in exchange for dismissing the suit.”

Chen said a Beacon attorney told him in May that the city “can’t agree to preapprove a project” and that negotiations broke down soon after. He asked the judge to deny the city’s most recent request for an extension.

That elicited a response from Zitt, who said the church had inappropriately divulged details of the settlement talks. Chen’s letter “not only dismisses the legitimate reasons for the extension request with a tone that could be deemed unprofessional but also violates the confidentiality typi-

cally afforded to settlement negotiations,” Zitt wrote.

The city requested another extension because settlement talks had just broken down a day earlier, he said.


As part of the \$14.7 million fire station project, the disputed lot is being paved and striped for 52 parking spaces, including ones compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and will be outfitted with charging stations for electric vehicles. City Administrator Chris White said this week that he anticipates the lot will reopen for public parking by early fall.

The city must file its response to the church’s request for summary judgment by July 12. Davis also scheduled a settlement conference for July 18.



Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Veekas and Erin Ashoka of Beacon shared this photo of Truman and Eleanor with baby Oak. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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Residents of Philipstown, including Cold Spring and Nelsonville, can join the program by registering at Town Hall at 238 Main St. and purchasing a \$20 starter kit (checks only) that includes a countertop pail, storage/transport bin and compostable bags.

In Cold Spring, scraps can be dropped off from 8 a.m. to sunset on Tuesdays at a collection bin on Kemble Avenue between

The Boulevard and the West Point Foundry Preserve. Scraps can also be left at the Philipstown Recycling Center on Lane Gate Road on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or on Saturdays at the Cold Spring Farmers Market at Boscobel.

All manner of food scraps can be composted, including fruits, vegetables, meat, fish, dairy, bread, rice, pasta, raw and cooked

food, bones and seafood shells as well as cut flowers, napkins, paper towels, wax paper, pet food, tea bags, coffee grounds, Popsicle sticks and wine corks.

Plastic, metal, yard waste, pet waste, fruit stickers, baby/hand wipes and trash are not accepted. More information is available at climatesmartphilipstown.org.

In Beacon, residents can drop food waste in containers at the Beacon Recreation Center (23 W. Center St.), Memorial Park or the

Churchill Street parking lot near Hudson Valley Brewery. The program does not accept "compostable plastics," such as bin liners, bags, utensils or containers unless they are made of bamboo. To purchase supplies, see beaconny.myrec.com/info/products.

Community Compost Co. offers residential pickup in Beacon starting at \$26 per month or \$281 per year. The firm provides a 5-gallon bucket that is swapped out weekly or bi-weekly. Customers also receive free compost twice a year. See communitycompostco.com.

Compost *(from Page 1)*

accounts for 30 percent of the increase in global temperatures.

Earlier this month, the Village of Cold Spring joined the Town of Philipstown's fledgling food scrap program, becoming another of more than 700 communities nationwide that operate them, reaching 12 percent of U.S. households.

The Philipstown program, which began in 2022 as a project of its Climate Smart Task Force, is now collecting 1,000 pounds of household scraps each week, the equivalent of 26 tons per year.

Karen Ertl, a member of Philipstown's Food Scrap Advisory Committee, said it researched programs across the country before selecting the Town of Scarsdale in Westchester County as a model. Michelle Sterling, a leader in the Scarsdale program,



Cold Spring Trustee Laura Bozzi (center), Karen Ertl (right) and other Climate Smart Task Force members assembled a drop-off box on Kemble Avenue.

Photo provided

said it has composted more than 3 million pounds of scraps since 2017 and helped at least 50 other communities start programs.

"The reception from residents in every

place we've helped has been overwhelmingly positive," Sterling said. "People are so happy to have a municipally run program that allows them to recycle."

Food scraps collected in Philipstown are processed at Sustainable Materials Management in Cortlandt Manor, which handles waste for more than 30 municipalities and produces 1,000 cubic yards of compost yearly.

Michael Fiumara, a compost operations specialist at the firm, said municipalities pay about \$60 per ton to dispose of the scraps. The average fee at landfills in the Northeast is \$84.44 per ton, according to a 2023 survey by the Environmental Research & Education Foundation.

Fiumara said the composting process includes mixing tree debris with the scraps and forcing air into the pile.

"Temperatures quickly rise to 160 to 170 degrees inside the pile, killing all weed seeds and pathogens," he said. "Over the next 30 days, temperatures slowly decrease as the bacteria and microorganisms break down the food." After another 30 days, the composted material is ready to be screened.

Fiumara said anaerobic conditions in landfills cause decomposing food to create methane, but Sustainable Materials Management's process of forcing air into compost piles maintains an aerobic environment.

"When food scraps decompose aerobically, they produce carbon dioxide, water and heat, which is much better for the environment," he said.

The environmental benefits of spreading compost in gardens, lawns and fields include improved soil structure and health, increased moisture and nutrient retention and carbon sequestration, he said.

Sustainable Materials Management sells its compost to landscaping companies, garden centers and the public. Towns also purchase it, often giving it back to residents as a thank-you for participating.

Although Beacon residents can pay for curbside food-scrap pickup from a private company, Ertl said Philipstown has not pursued that option. "So much of what we hope to do is related to education," she said. "With curbside pickup, education about waste reduction, composting, recycling, greenhouse gas emissions and sustainability tend to become less important; it's just not the same experience."

In Cold Spring, Village Trustee Laura Bozzi, who serves on Philipstown's Climate Smart Task Force, said 233 households in Philipstown have signed up for the food-scrap recycling program, which is supported by a state grant.

"We have funding for the Cold Spring drop-off site until year-end," she said. "After that we'll have to see what's possible and to continue if it's a success."

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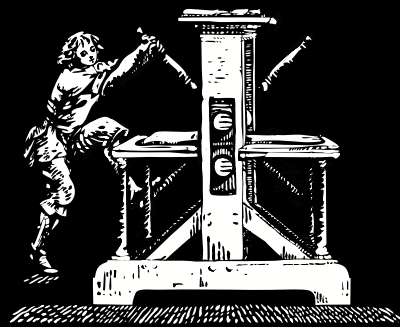
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Feds Cite Holtec for Violations

Indian Point returns funds and revises contract

By Brian PJ Cronin

Members of the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission were on hand at the June 13 meeting of a board overseeing the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear power plant south of Philipstown to explain how they monitor the funds being used by the New Jersey company doing the work.

They also delved into the reasons why the NRC recently cited Holtec International for two violations, including improper use of the decommissioning trust fund.

For decades, ratepayers who received energy from Indian Point had a fee tacked onto their bills that went into the trust fund in anticipation of the plant's eventual shut-

down. When Holtec began closing the plant in 2021, the fund contained \$2.1 billion. As of March, there was \$1.8 billion left, and Holtec says it is staying within budget.

However, the fund can only be used for activities related to closing the plant and reducing its radioactivity. According to the NRC, Holtec spent \$63,000 on donations to a high school fashion show, a community parade, local baseball and softball teams and a charity golf event. The NRC said Holtec has repaid the money with interest.

The NRC questioned two other expenditures but determined they were legitimate: fees paid to the Department of Energy and for lobbyists in Albany to explain to legislators what was going on at the plant. The NRC found that Holtec was not spending trust-fund money to lobby against a bill to prevent the company from discharging radioactive wastewater into the Hudson

River. Holtec is suing New York State over the bill, which became law in August 2023.

Emiljana Ulaj, a Westchester County lawmaker who sits on the oversight board, said that when Holtec was asked how the company was funding the lawsuit, it wouldn't respond. The NRC said that Holtec hasn't yet indicated in its accounting reports that it is using the money that way, so the agency has not ruled whether the expenses would be allowed.

The NRC also cited Holtec for language in its termination agreements that the agency determined could be interpreted as preventing former employees from talking to the agency about safety violations. "Any radiological worker has to be free to come to the NRC to report a safety concern. There can be no blockage, no inhibition to that," said Paul Krohn of the NRC.

A Holtec representative said the language was meant to protect intellectual property, not silence whistleblowers, but that the agreement has been revised.

When asked if previous agreements might have discouraged workers from reporting violations, Krohn said that, during his site visits, employees "don't hesitate to walk up to us when they see the NRC hat and provide us information. If that were slipping, we would pick it up."

In 2023 and the first half of 2024, Indian Point workers made 15 complaints. The NRC told *The Current* it could not comment on specifics but that only one allegation has been substantiated. It said that, across the country, the most common complaint is of "a work environment in which employees are fearful of raising safety concerns for fear of losing their jobs and/or disciplinary actions."

A recent report by the NRC noted that the number of allegations nationally from nuclear workers "has been trending down for many years, but the trend slowed in 2020 and reversed in 2021. Furthermore, the numbers stayed high and increased in 2023 to levels not seen since 2018."

NEWS BRIEFS

Community Day Volunteers Needed

Cold Spring event scheduled for July 6

Volunteers are needed for this year's Community Day in Cold Spring.

Community Day is July 6 from 2 to 10 p.m., with a rain date of July 7. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up and clean-up, man the Community Day table and other

tasks. To volunteer, email Lillian Moser at eventsoldspring@gmail.com.

Putnam Recognizes History Champs

Awards given as part of Putnam County Day

Putnam County Historian Jennifer Cassidy and County Executive Kevin

Byrne presented the annual Putnam County Day awards on June 12 at Tilly's Table in Brewster.

The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and the Putnam History Museum were recognized with a public history award for their four-month collaboration, at the suggestion of resident Rena Corey, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of founder Julia Butterfield. Josephine Bach of the Putnam History Museum was also

honored for programming.

The individuals honored included Paul Schittman of Putnam Valley for his efforts to save and preserve documents related to the town's history, and Brian Vangor of Mahopac for his work preserving the history of the Indian Point nuclear power plant and Putnam County railroads. Byrne also named George Whipple, who lives in Garrison, as an "ambassador" of Putnam County for his contributions to local history and preservation.

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AROUND TOWN



LIFESAVER — State Sen. Rob Rolison on June 12 commended Jahkeem Galloway for his role in saving a life. On Feb. 27, while riding an e-scooter on Main Street in Beacon, Jared Hamburger collided with a car door that had been opened suddenly. He suffered critical head injuries and Galloway, who had been walking by, kept Hamburger awake and alert until paramedics arrived. Jared has no memory of what happened but his wife, Kelly, a teacher at Beacon High School, saw Galloway in security camera footage of the accident and, after a month of sharing a screenshot online, was able to identify him. “This is a man who doesn’t know our family; who doesn’t know the three young children who adore their father or the man who was lying on the ground,” she wrote to Rolison. “I feel he should be recognized for his courage, kindness and compassion.” Galloway is shown with Kelly and Jared and their son, Eamon.

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CHIEF TAKES HIS LEAVE

— Sands Frost, the Beacon police chief, was honored on June 14, his last day on the job after nearly 41 years with the force. Frost, 62, was hired as a patrol officer in 1983 and named chief in 2020. He helped guide the city through the pandemic shutdown while working with demonstrators to manage protests in the wake of George Floyd’s murder by a Minneapolis police officer. Frost, who was succeeded by Lt. Tom Figlia, is shown with Sen. Rob Rolison. For video from the ceremony, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Jeff Simms



PIPE BAND AT NORMANDY

— Members of the Hudson Highlands Pipe Band traveled to Normandy, France, to mark the 80th anniversary on June 6 of the D-Day invasion during World War II. The musicians were part of a bagpipe and drum band organized to honor fallen soldiers at various battle sites. Shown at the British memorial are Steve Malinski, Mark Civita, Lawrence Eaton and James Hartford.

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FROM MUSICIANS TO MAKE-BELIEVE

Coulter Young poses with reproductions of his portraits of musicians and other famous faces.

Photo by M. Ferris

Beacon artist, known for portraits, changes direction

By Marc Ferris

After three decades in the art world, Coulter Young is shifting gears and changing course.

But he's also looking back. The Beacon resident will host a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday (June 22) at H-Art Gallery in Peekskill for his latest show, *Coulter D. Young IV, 30 Year Retrospective Buffalo-Peekskill-Beacon*.

A series of 75 reproductions displayed on a wall, including images of plein air paintings from the early years, reflects the trajectory of his life in art. The vast majority present impressionistic portraits of famous folks, mostly musicians.

Three new ones depict scenes from *The Bone God*, a graphic novel set in a fantastical Hudson Valley location. "I'm aiming to retire from the portraits," says Young, the art teacher at the Garrison School.

The Bone God crystallized after Allyn Peterson, who heads a Beacon firm called Rylomi that specializes in "psychic landscapes," sent an open call for illustrators. Young, the early bird, responded first.

Now, he's dealing with guidelines and

deadlines. "The whole thing, from the concept to the collaboration to having an end date is all new, but it's fun," he says.

The characters assigned to Young so far — the Water Knight, Fire King and Wood Queen — are rendered in a technique distinct from past portraits. "I'm looking for my own separate style," he says. "I'm not a comic book or graphic novel person, but I'm studying them. The intention is to develop a whole new look."

He also shifted mediums — from oil on canvas to acrylic on wood — and added touches of pen and ink.

About 20 years ago, with his portrait series, Young also altered his process by ditching pastel crayons on paper and switching to oil paint on wood or canvas. An element shared between his former and most recent styles include creating drip marks by flicking drops of turpentine from a brush onto the surface.

His 30-year milestone, along with the show's namesake locations, dates from Young's first serious pastel on cardboard featuring Rob Derhak, frontman for the jam-band moe.

The two met at SUNY Buffalo, where Young studied art. He also designed the cover for the band's 1994 album, *Headseed*, which shows a figure in overalls sprouting a flower instead of a cranium.



"The Wood Queen"

For a decade, Young had a studio to Peekskill and lived in Wappingers Falls. After hearing that Dia planned to move into Beacon, he bought a house in 2003.

The Derhak portrait kickstarted a series of 125 profiles with vivid colors that pop as if backlit. In this phase, he piled on the paint and used clashing hues. Bob Marley's face, for instance, is clayish-red on one side, soft yellow on the other and split by a blue blotch that stretches from his forehead down beyond the nose.

Similar to Monet's churches and landscapes, many portraits, like the Marley, Marilyn, Jerry Garcia and Louis Armstrong, cohere when a viewer steps back.

After entering the world of graphic artists, Young says he was surprised to discover a robust underground arts movement in Beacon.

"I've lived here for 20 years but met so many artists, writers and musicians I've never seen before," he says. "It's shocking."

H-Art Gallery, at 1 S. Division St., in Peekskill, is open from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Call 914-788-2038.

I'M NOT A COMIC BOOK OR GRAPHIC NOVEL PERSON, BUT I'M STUDYING THEM. THE INTENTION IS TO DEVELOP A WHOLE NEW LOOK.

~ COULTER YOUNG

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 22

Food Justice is Liberation

BEACON

5 – 11:30 p.m. The Yard
4 Hanna Lane | givebutter.com/a67axM

This benefit for Beacon Community Kitchen and the Learning Farm of Ithaca will honor abolitionist John Brown and five Black men who participated in his 1859 raid. It will include dinner, live music by Magpie, a dance performance by Psi Fire and a meet-and-greet with actor Danny Glover. *Cost: \$50+*

WED 26

Free HIV Testing

BREWSTER

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Department of Health
1 Geneva Road | 845-808-1390
putnamcountyny.gov

Confidential results are available in 15 minutes. No appointment needed.

WED 26

Oh, Freedom!

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

This is the first of a series of workshops for the Putnam County Quilting Project in which participants will create squares to tell the stories of enslaved people and abolitionists in the Hudson Valley. No sewing or quilting experience necessary. Also July 3 and 10.

SAT 29

How to Become a U.S. Citizen

BEACON

11 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Get information about the processes available to immigrants.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 22

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." Also SUN 23. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students, seniors, members)*

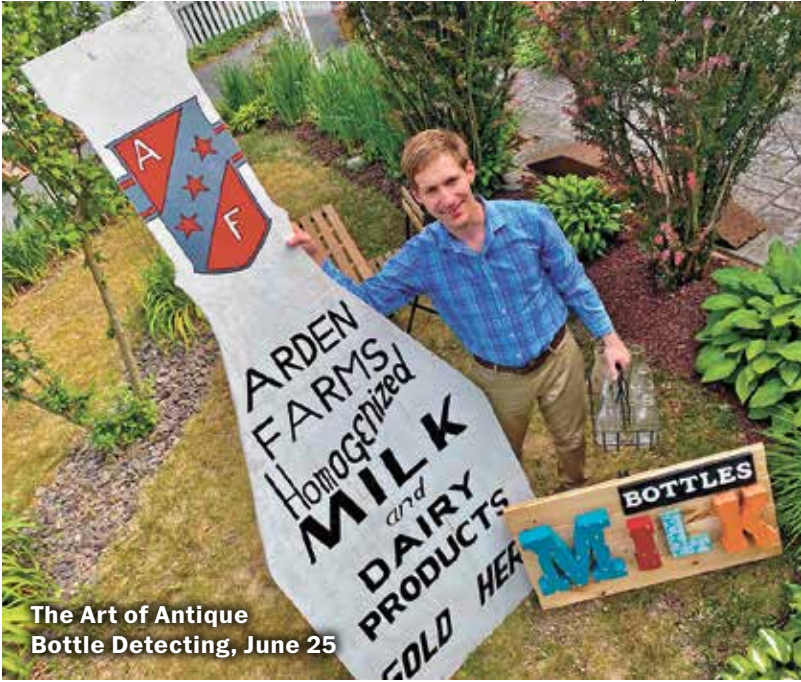
SAT 22

The Murder of Roger Ackroyd

GARRISON

7:30 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

This adaptation of an Agatha Christie novel features Kurt Rhoads



The Art of Antique Bottle Detecting, June 25

and Nance Williamson in lead roles. Also TUES 25, WED 26. Through Sept. 1. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

SUN 23

By The Queen

GARRISON

7:30 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

Shakespeare's story of the War of the Roses is retold through the perspective of Queen Margaret. Also FRI 28, SAT 29. Through Aug. 31. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

THURS 27

Stonewall

GARRISON

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

For Pride Month, watch the 2015 film about the riots in New York City that kicked off the gay rights movement in 1969.

THURS 27

Medea: Re-Versed

GARRISON

7:30 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

This is a hip-hop version of Euripides's play with Saren Monae West in the lead. Also SUN 30. Through Sept. 2. *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

FRI 28

Driving Miss Daisy

BEACON

6 & 7 p.m. Boats leave dock
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org

The theatrical production on Bannerman Island of the Pulitzer-Prize-winning play about the friendship that grows over the years between a Jewish woman and her Black chauffeur stars Emmet Ferris, Cindy Topps and Ron Moorehead. Also SAT 29, SUN 30. *Cost: \$72 to \$80*

SAT 29

Elemental

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
walkway.org

As part of the Walkway's summer film series, see the 2023 Disney film about the fire, water, air and land residents of Elemental City. *Free*

SAT 29

9 to 5

COLD SPRING

8:30 p.m. Dockside Park
coldspringfilm.org

The Cold Spring Film Society opens its summer outdoor film series with the 1980 movie starring Dolly Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin as office staff who get revenge on their sexist boss. Bring blankets and chairs. Concessions available. *Free*

KIDS & FAMILY

WED 26

Water Safety Workshop

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Parents and children can learn how to prevent drowning. After the presentation, kids who wear swimsuits can play in the water.

WED 26

Firefly Suncatchers

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Children ages 3 and older are invited to make a summer-themed craft. Registration required.

WED 26

Summer Reading Kick-Off

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Marc Ferris will play music by

Pete Seeger and elementary-age students can sign up to track their reading and win prizes.

FRI 28

Teen Night Hike

PHILIPSTOWN

7:30 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Middle and high school students can enjoy a flashlight tour of the park. Registration required.

SAT 29

Adventures of the Lost Treasure

GARRISON

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

Talewise will perform an interactive play and children can sign up for the summer reading program.

VISUAL ARTS

SUN 23

Werner Sun

GARRISON

2:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

The artist will discuss his work on view in *Rose Window*.

SAT 29

Anne Rorimer

BEACON

2 p.m. Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

The scholar will discuss the artwork of On Kawara, Blinky Palermo and Lawrence Weiner. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students and visitors with disabilities, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free ages 5 and younger, Beacon residents)*

LITERARY

SAT 22

Gwendolyn Bounds

GARRISON

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

The Philipstown resident will discuss her latest book, *Not Too Late: The Power of Pushing Limits at Any Age*, which details how she became a champion Spartan racer. Cali Schweikhart, a fellow racer, will join her, and *Current* reporter Brian PJ Cronin will moderate.

SAT 22

Alex DiFrancesco

BEACON

8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com

The author will discuss her book, *Breaking the Curse: A Memoir of Trauma, Healing and Italian Witchcraft*, with Lisa Marie Basile.



NATURE & OUTDOORS

FRI 28

Benedict Arnold's Flight

GARRISON

10 a.m. Marcia's Mile | 8 Glenclyffe
845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

During this history hike, follow Arnold's path when he escaped and learn about how the landscape has changed. Meet at the trailhead, which is inside the Route 9D driveway entrance to the Rec Center. Also July 6. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*

SAT 29

Butterfly Walk & Talk

GARRISON

10 a.m. Location TBA
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Charlie Roberto will lead this hike through fields and meadows. Register online. Participants will be told where to meet.

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 23

The Poor Art of Patriarchy

PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Magazzino | 2700 Route 9
magazzino.art

As part of the museum's summer lecture series, *Evoluzioni: Playing with Form and Tradition in Postwar Italian Culture*, Margaret Scarborough will discuss Italian art critic Carla Lonzi (1931-1982), who co-founded the radical feminist group Rivolta femminile. *Cost: \$5*

SUN 23

Writing the Cosmos

BEACON

6 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
stanzabooks.com

In this workshop, Andrea Talarico and Lisa Marie Basile will demonstrate how astrology, like poetry, is a tool to "express the authentic self." *Cost: \$55*

MON 24

CPR Certification

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Learn lifesaving skills with Sandy Bohl of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. *Cost: \$50*

TUES 25

The Art of Antique Bottle Detecting

BEACON

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

Alex and Viktor Prizgintas will share how to identify marks and learn the history of an old bottle.

WED 26

Crappy Craft Club for Adults

COLD SPRING

5 – 8 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

This month's theme is sideshow character art. Registration required.



Professor Louie and The Crowmatix, June 29

WED 26
Inner Visions
BEACON
Noon. Via Zoom | beaconlibrary.org
Joyce Raimondo from the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center will lead this virtual program hosted by the Howland Public Library about artistic depictions of the unseen world and ways to create your own art piece. Register online.

THURS 27
Caring for Community Cats
BEACON
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Lynne Meloccaro, director of the Dutchess County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, will discuss how to help feral cats through a trap-neuter-vaccinate-return program.

THURS 27
Mend + Tend
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. Bau Gallery | 506 Main St.
baugallery.org
Join this informal gathering to make and mend while discussing excerpts from contemporary

writers on the care and repair for the natural world, people and communities. Bring knitting, mending, embroidery, small craft projects or doodling. Register online.

THURS 27
Passion With Purpose
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Beahive | 6 Eliza St.
845-418-3731 | beahivebzzz.com
The panel discussion will feature entrepreneurs sharing their stories.

MUSIC
SAT 22
Garrison School Jazz-Rock Ensemble
COLD SPRING
2 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | stmaryscoldspring.com
Enjoy a concert by student performers. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 22
The String Revolution
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Grammy-winning guitar trio will play its own songs and reimagined covers. Michele Gedney opens. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 23
Concert & Sing-a-long
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. First Presbyterian | 10 Academy St.
The Dream Choir will sing love songs by the Beach Boys, Bee Gees, Simon & Garfunkel and Billy Joel, and from Broadway. *Cost: \$10 donation*

SUN 23
CompCord Ensemble
BEACON
6 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
This Composers Concordance concert will include music and poetry by Debra Kaye, Gene Pritsker, Judi Silvano and Charles Coleman. *Cost: \$20 (\$10 students)*

WED 26
Broadway in Beacon
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Reserva
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com
Will Reynolds and Jen Malenke will host this piano bar. Bring your music and sign up. One-drink minimum. *Cost: \$10 to \$15*



Sirsy, June 28

FRI 28
Sirsy
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The rock-and-soul duo of Melanie Kramer and Rich Libutti will be joined by opener Christine Havrilla. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 29
Professor Louie and The Crowmatix
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The Americana-and-roots band will play songs from its latest release, *Strike Up the Band*. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 29
Sharkey & The Sparks
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Sharkey McEwen and his son, Ben, are joined by a full band to play music from the '60s and '70s, as well as originals. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 30
School of Rock Festival
MONTGOMERY
Noon – 10 p.m. City Winery
23 Factory St.
Students from the Beacon school will play sets at this biannual event. *Cost: \$15*

SUN 30
Open Mic Invitational
BEACON
6 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Performers from open mic nights have been invited to this showcase. *Cost: \$10*

CIVIC
SAT 22
Early Voting
CARMEL
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Board of Elections
25 Old Route 6 | putnamboe.com
Anthony Franscone and Mondaire Jones, candidates for the 17th Congressional District, are competing for the Working Families ballot line. The vote is open only to party members. Also SUN 23.

TUES 25
Primary Day
CARMEL
6 a.m. – 9 p.m. Board of Elections
25 Old Route 6 | putnamboe.com
Working Families Party members can vote.

WED 26
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov
The meeting will include a public hearing on extending the parking limit from three to four hours.



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The proposed amended chapters are available on the Village website at Public Hearing for Chapter 126 (Vehicle and Traffic) | Cold Spring, NY (coldspringny.gov) or you may request a copy by emailing the Village Clerk (vcclerk@coldspringny.gov).

All interested parties are encouraged to attend as follows:

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Dated: June 12, 2024

Greg Henson, Village Clerk

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Helena Kottman
Valedictorian



Amelia Kupper
Salutatorian

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Penelope Andreou
Scott Bailey
Jon Bastys
Lily Benson
Vanja Booth
Grace Bradley
Alissa Buslovich
Alexandra Busselle



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Liliana Cappello
Quin Carmicino
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Luca DiLello



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Ross Esposito
Liam Gaugler
Evan Giachinta
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Clement Grossman
Jeremy Hall
Jordon Hankel



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Zachary Harris
Connery Hart
Jack Hartman
Ivy Heydt-Benjamin
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Madeleine Hutz
Sarah Jones



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Finola Kiter
Ronan Kiter
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Mac Lake
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Julie Shields
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KENNEDY CATHOLIC (SOMERS)



Maggie Gordineer, Garrison

Valedictorian: Helena Kottman

By Joey Asher

If you want to congratulate Haldane valedictorian Helena Kottman on her many accomplishments, feel free to do so in English, Spanish, Italian, French, German or Japanese. The 18-year-old Cold Spring resident is fluent in all six.

Helena is also the first student in the state to receive a Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating fluency in five foreign languages, according to the Education Department, which started the program in 2015.

More than 34,000 students have received the seal, which is affixed to their diplomas. Of those, 616 have received the seal for two languages, 29 for three and two for four.

Students earn the seal by demonstrating language proficiency through high grades and national exams such as AP tests, and by delivering a presentation during which they take questions from an examiner. Helena's Italian presentation was on the history and importance of Parmesan cheese. Her Japanese presentation was on Japanese lunch culture, including Bento boxes and school lunches.

"I love the bridges that languages allow you to build between cultures and people," Helena said. "It's a sign of respect to learn someone else's language."

She and her older sister, Sophia, learned Japanese from their mother, Sakura Ozaki, who also speaks Italian and German and is working on her Spanish while teaching at the Manitou School in Philipstown. Their father, Paul Kottman, a professor of comparative literature at the New School for Social Research, speaks six languages.

Sophia, the Haldane salutatorian in 2021 and a Classics major at the University of Chicago, speaks the same languages as her sister, plus Latin and Ancient Greek. Recently, she was nominated for a Goethe-

Institut Award for her translation from German of *Hegel: The Philosopher of Freedom*, by Klaus Vieweg, published in December by Stanford University Press.

The Kottmans have provided many learning opportunities for their daughters. Each summer, the family traveled to Italy, where Paul Kottman would teach. When Helena was 9, her father took a sabbatical in Germany. "I didn't know a word of German when I arrived," Helena said, but she was fluent when they left.

"I love the bridges that languages allow you to build between cultures and people. It's a sign of respect to learn someone else's language."

Helena learned Spanish in middle school at Manitou. She says it's her favorite language. "My mathematical brain loves the patterns," she said. "The language sticks to rules more than most other languages."

She learned French at Haldane. Her teacher Amy Hopkin, who has been teaching French for 20 years, called Helena a "rare talent." But she noted that Helena differs from many polyglots, who often focus on speaking. Helena is dedicated to learning to read and write, she said. "She works hard at correcting her mistakes and applying herself."

During her time at Haldane, Helena was captain of the debate team, co-founded the Math/Logic Club, sang alto for the Blue Notes and is a National Merit Finalist. She will follow her sister to the University of Chicago.

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ADELPHI UNIVERSITY
Larissa Miller, Cold Spring
(Master of Social Work)

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
Curtis Huber, Cold Spring
(Public Relations & Strategic Communications)

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
Anna Rowe, Garrison
(Communications/Psychology)

COLLEGE OF HOLY CROSS
Liam Marrinan, Garrison
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- ▷ Art
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Brayan Garcia, Cold Spring
- ▷ Engineering Science & Tech
Robert Bohl, Garrison
- ▷ Human Services
Jose Rodriguez, Cold Spring
- ▷ Medical Lab Technology
Samantha Phillips, Cold Spring
- ▷ Nursing
Helen Chiera, Cold Spring
Kristin Rodak, Garrison

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Kyle Zimmermann, Cold Spring
(Master's in Civil Engineering)


HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY
Conor Winne, Cold Spring
(Law)

SUNY POTSDAM
Grace Romer, Garrison
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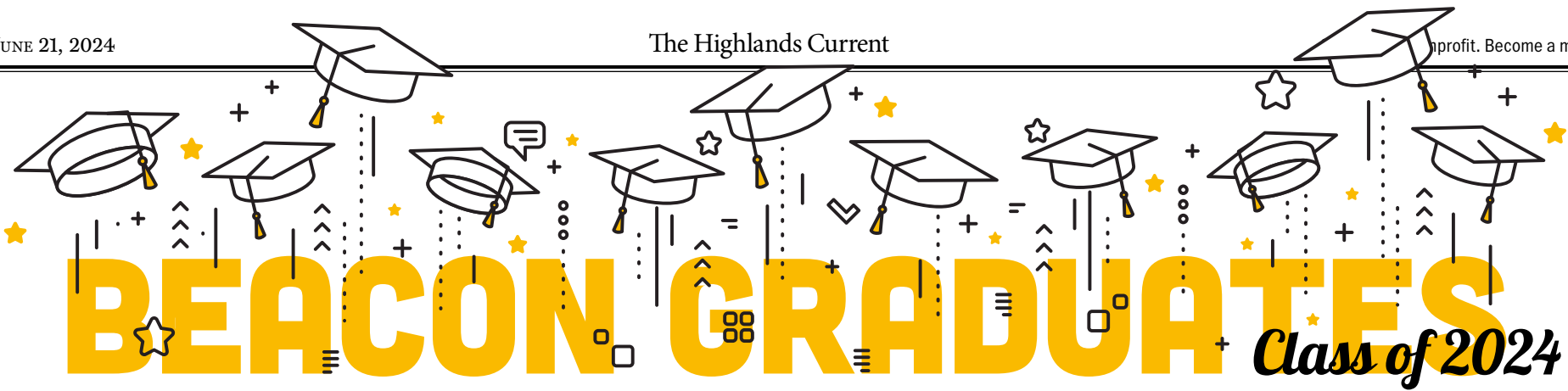
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO
Rachel Iavicoli, Garrison
(Business)

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND
Gaetano Cervone, Garrison
(Business Administration/Bachelor of Arts)

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT



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(formerly Garrison)



BEACON HIGH SCHOOL



Bella Migliore
VALEDICTORIAN



Wallace Wei
SALUTATORIAN

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Myah Aguilar Montano
Abir Ahmed
Imroz Ali
Isabella Amundson
Jack Antalek
Ronnie Anzovino
Wiles Assael
Jackson Atwell
Andre Barrionuevo Jr.
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Caleb Bennett
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Aryanna Buggs
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Alejandra Calderon
Jayden Calloway
Emma Campagiorni
Sophia Campagiorni
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Valedictorian: Bella Migliore

By Joey Asher

According to her mother, Bella Migliore was born with an inner drive that eventually led her to become Beacon High School's 2024 valedictorian.

"She was just made that way," said Megan Migliore.

When Bella entered school, she practiced tying her shoes over and over because she wanted to join the class "Tie Your Own Shoes Club." The same goes for the "Count to 100 Club."

Before she could write, Bella dictated short stories about Puppy and Frog, best friends who had fictional adventures. Her parents dutifully recorded the stories in composition books that they still treasure.

More recently, that drive — "It's how I am," says Bella — carried her to a GPA of 104.95 (weighted with advanced classes). She edged out salutatorian Wallace Wei by half a point, said Corey Dwyer, the high school principal.

Bella competed in track and field for the Bulldogs, and her drive also helped her set the girls' school record for the 800-meter race in 2:23.

She also played lacrosse and soccer but took up track in part to follow her speedy older brother, Sal, who runs for Springfield College in Massachusetts. It turned out that Bella was also fast, especially at middle distances such as the 400 and 800. The previous 800 record had been set in

2017 by Jummie Akinwunmi, who was the 2018 valedictorian, attended Yale and is in medical school at Columbia University.

Bella set the record in spring 2023 at a state tournament qualifying meet at Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley. Coming into the final 200 meters, she knew she was close and heard her father cheering. "The reward was so much greater than the pain I felt," she recalled.

Her calculus teacher, Theresa Lucarini, known to students as "Ms. Luc," also noted Bella's drive. "Sometimes I would use her exams to compare to my answer key to make sure I didn't make any mistakes," said Lucarini. She added that her handwriting is so perfect that "there could be a Bella Migliore font."

Lucarini said she suspected calculus wasn't Bella's favorite class, a fact confirmed by Bella. "But she pretended like it was," she said.

Asked for a key to her academic success, Bella cited "taking handwritten notes in class. I feel like it helps you retain information. There are so many people who just listen."

Bella will attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, in the fall, where she will run track and cross-country. She aspires to be a doctor and help athletes, a profession she began to research after seeing a sports medicine doctor two years ago for a stress fracture in her left shin. "I want to find cures," she said.

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DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- ▷ Art
Maycol Cuautle-Toral, Dumitru Mahoney
- ▷ Aviation Science
Denver Kronk
- ▷ Business
Destiny Edwards, Alondra Ramirez Paredes
- ▷ Communications & Media Arts
Carolina Foster
- ▷ Computer Information Systems
Andrew Burguiere
- ▷ Criminal Justice
Liam Murphy
- ▷ Engineering Science & Tech
Kendal Kirkland, Aiden Tripaldi
- ▷ Human Services
Al Christopher, Kerensa Konzen, Haleigh Zukowski

- ▷ Humanities
Jah'el Padilla Colon, Kayla Seegler
- ▷ Medical Lab Technology
Alexandra Brantly
- ▷ Nursing
Susie Segovia
- ▷ Think Ahead
Alix Hasse-Arrigo

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY (VA)
Samantha McDowell
(Elementary Education)

SUNY ONEONTA
Samantha Yanqui (Biology)

SUNY POTSDAM
Aiden Davis (Exercise Science)

UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA
Gabrielle Bonnes (Allied Health)



LAST DAYS AT BEACON HIGH



We asked Una Hoppe, a member of our Student Journalists Program, to capture some moments during her final days at Beacon High School before she and her classmates graduated on Thursday (June 20).



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Historic District Review Board for the Village of Cold Spring will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, to consider the application by **Matthew Beachak, 11 Garden Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516** to add a front porch and a two-storey rear addition to an existing two-storey multi-use building.

The subject property is **133-135 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, 10516, designated as Tax Map Section 48.8-6-43**. The property is located within the B-1 Zoning District as well as the National Register and Local Historic Districts.

Hard copies of the application materials are available for review in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516 after June 21st, by appointment only. Please call the Village Clerk at 845-265-3611 to make an appointment.

Application materials will also be available to view on the Village website: <https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/current-applications>

Written comment on the application can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the **Village Clerk, vcsclerk@coldspringny.gov**. Written comment must be received by Monday July 1, 2024 to be included in the public record.

The public is welcome to join the hearing via videoconference: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85246257150?pwd=SHlaMm5rbTRVaVpVS0F1UzlGeFhwZz09>

Join by phone: +1 646-876-9923
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The subject property is **34 Garden Street, Cold Spring, New York, 10516, designated as Tax Map Section 48.8-2-32**. The property is located within the R-O Zoning District and the Local Historic District. The property is owned by Rebecca Sperling and Deborah Little.

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Membership is our nonprofit newsroom’s primary means of support, and it is the reason we can provide our communities of Philipstown and Beacon and readers beyond with the **news and views that make a difference.**

When Gordon Stewart founded the news organization as Philipstown.info on July 4, 2010, its “simple purpose,” he said, was “to live up to its name.” He hoped everyone would “find what you want to know about things great and small in our wonderful town, whenever you need to know.” That remained the goal when a print newspaper was added in 2012 and when Beacon was added to coverage in 2016 and the paper’s name changed to *The Highlands Current*.

Over the years, *The Current* has stayed focused on covering the consequential news of our governments, schools, businesses, arts and culture and people making a difference. And it has reached beyond to review in-depth the local impact of many national issues, from climate change to hunger, drug use, educational challenges, wildfires and more. For its efforts, *The Current* has been named **Newspaper of the Year** for the third year in a row by the New York Press Association.

The value of our community news was highlighted by Nicholas Kristof, *The New York Times* opinion writer and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner, when he appeared recently at a *Current* event. “Communities,” he said, “require social fabric and efforts to bring people together. Newspapers aren’t the only source of that social capital, but they’re an important one.” To all supporting *The Current*, he said:

“You are not only benefiting The Current but keeping the social fabric of the community vibrant and alive in ways that will yield a real return.”

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LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (June 1874)

A group of brickyard workers at Dutchess Junction saved three Newburgh boys whose rowboat had capsized in the river.

The Rev. F.R. Masters of Matteawan fell ill at the Howland library on a Friday but was in such a fragile state that he could not be removed. He died at the library the following Tuesday.

When a man named Van Densen met a woman at the Fishkill Landing train station, police arrested them both. Van Densen was charged with deserting his wife.

After the Fishkill Landing Machine Co. sued over the amount of its 1873 taxes, a judge ruled for the village on every point.

Several cattle fell from the long dock at Fishkill Landing into the river while following a thirsty, blind steer that smelled water. All were rescued.

The steam canal boat City of Buffalo, built in Kingston, was having its engine and boiler installed at the Fishkill Landing Machine Co.

Thomas Murphy and John Summers of

Fishkill Landing had a mile-long walking match; Murphy won in 10:32.

The Dutchess and Columbia Railroad reported that 21,000 quarts of milk [5,250 gallons] were shipped on its tracks daily.

125 Years Ago (June 1899)

Fishkill Landing and Matteawan banned fountains and sprinkling because the Meltingah reservoir was nearly empty due to a drought. At the same time, officers at the Matteawan State Asylum put the inmates to work laying pipes to bring water from another source.

Fred Newman was arrested in Cold Spring and turned over to Fishkill Landing authorities to answer a charge of seduction. The case was dismissed when he married the girl.

George Appo, a former swindler, was released from the Matteawan asylum to face trial for a New York City stabbing. The doctors determined that he was not insane, just addicted to morphine. [Appo is the subject of a 2007 book by Timothy Gilfoyle, *A Pickpocket's Tale: The Underworld of Nineteenth-Century New York*.]

At a bicycle meet hosted by the Stamford Wheel Club in Connecticut, Arthur Ladue of Matteawan won the 10-mile road race in 28:45, edging a New Haven rider by one second.

After a seven-year search for relatives of Emma O'Toole, 50, who had died at the Matteawan asylum with \$3,000 in Irish bank notes [about \$548,000 today] sewn into her clothing, the prison clerk identified a niece in New York City.

William Badeau, 72, a multimillionaire who grew up in Fishkill and had a thick, snow-white beard, offered Fishkill Landing and Matteawan \$20,000 [\$757,000] if they would merge and rename themselves Badeau. Although he was a lifelong bachelor, Badeau said he hoped his children could say: "The proud and grateful townspeople named the place after papa."

Earlier in the year, Gov. Theodore Roosevelt had enacted a law that allowed Fishkill Landing and Matteawan to unify if residents agreed. The boards of both villages held a joint meeting and set a vote for July 11. The trustees rejected Badeau's offer before voting 5-4 to use the name Matteawan if the merger was approved.

A woman from Brooklyn visited the Fishkill Landing police to ask for help locating her 3-year-old daughter, whom she believed had been kidnapped by her estranged husband and his sister, a former village resident.

Thomas Defreese, who lived on Academy Street, became a father at 74 by his second wife. He was already a great-grandfather through his children by his first wife.

100 Years Ago (June 1924)

A new state law required Beacon to move its municipal elections from March to the fall and the expiration of terms from March 31 to Dec. 31.

A state judge granted an annulment to a 24-year-old Beacon woman who said her 31-year-old husband, a Newburgh barber, beat her. She was granted custody of their 17-month-old son.

State police could not locate three men who attempted to rob Elmer Dolson at the schoolhouse on the Poughkeepsie road

three miles north of Beacon. The men fired three shots that struck his Ford roadster.

Traveling at 50 mph, the rigid airship USS Shenandoah (below) passed over Beacon on a practice flight from New Jersey to upstate New York.



George Decker, 14, died at his home after a fistfight with Harold Wood, 13. Harold testified at a coroner's inquest that he and George had been bickering while walking home from school and that George punched him in the face. Harold said he hit George in the chest in response, and George fell backward, striking his head on the curb. Inexplicably, the two doctors who performed the autopsy attributed the brain bleed that killed him to "the twisting and straining of the youth in the excitement of the fight." The coroner ruled that Harold acted in self-defense.

Anthony Ferrone of Wilkes Street was a crew member of the USS Mississippi when an explosion during firing tests killed 48 sailors off the coast of California.

Burglars stole \$150 worth of bananas from the cellar of the New York Fruit Co.

Three men were accused of beating a Highland man unconscious and robbing him of \$5. Officers took the victim to the ferry station at the foot of Main Street, where he spotted and identified the men, who each had rap sheets.

After shooting Louis Brown in the face during a craps game at a Dutchess Junction brickyard, the suspected killer commandeered a taxi to make his escape toward Kingston, police said.

75 Years Ago (June 1949)

Doctors at a Philadelphia bronchoscopic clinic took X-rays of the chest of a 13-month-old Beacon boy but could not locate a peanut he swallowed. He had been rushed to Philly behind a police escort.

A Kingston woman and her husband were arrested and charged with abandoning their newborn at Highland Hospital. Authorities said the mother, who gave a fake name and address when admitted, fled down a fire escape.

The Fishkill Drive-in Theatre on Route 9 held its grand opening with *Buck Privates* starring Abbott and Costello and *Gung Ho* with Robert Mitchum and Randolph Scott.

The Beacon Chamber of Commerce planned to distribute 5,000 copies of a "blue book" listing its 182 members.

More than 500 people attended the rally and court of the Beacon Girl Scouts Council at the high school.

The police chief suspended an officer for a week without pay for drinking on duty.

Hamilton Fish, the former congressman, proposed that the federal government construct a bridge connecting Beacon and

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Chris Ford

CHRIS REDMOND FORD was passionate about painting, existential philosophy, tennis, nature, the fight for justice, and *Comme des Garçons*. She was a five-year resident of Fishkill, New York, formerly residing in New York City. Chris was a practicing philosophical psychotherapist for 35 years.

Chris was a maverick at blending existential philosophy into psychotherapy. She believed it was the most effective way to help people find their unique inwardness, existence and voice. Her understanding of existentialism, both studied and lived, combined with her therapeutic practice, led Chris to painting. Painting was a passion for the last 25 years of her life, and her art will live on, reminding us all to live the life we love.

Chris loved love and after probably too many love affairs, she finally met the woman with whom she spent the happiest 15 years of her life, Ruth H. Walker, a neurologist in New York City.

Chris is survived by her spouse, Ruth; her two sisters, Sudie Redmond of New York City and Laure Redmond of Portland, Oregon; her father and stepmother, Beau Redmond and Peggy Friedmann of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida; her stepsisters Carroll Ann Friedmann, Lee Taylor and Marie Marquardt; and her cousins Macon, Gabrielle, d'Arby and Cleanth Toledano.

Chris was born on June 26, 1959, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to Beauregard Redmond and Suzanne Toledano. She attended Louise S. McGehee School and St. Martin's Episcopal, both in New Orleans, before graduating from Ravenscroft High School in Raleigh, North Carolina. After her undergraduate degree at Chapel Hill, she went on to get a Master's in Psychology and Counseling and a Ph.D. in Existential Philosophy.

After a short illness, Chris died peacefully at home at the age of 64 surrounded by her loved ones.

There will be no memorial or funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to one of these causes that were important to Chris: The Cornell Lab of Ornithology (birds.cornell.edu/home), The Ali Forney Center (aliforneycenter.org); Immigration Equality (immigrationequality.org); Save the Manatee Club (savethemanatee.org) or Veterans for Peace (veteransforpeace.org).

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Beacon Elks Looking for Memories



The Beacon Elks Lodge No. 1493 is celebrating its 100th anniversary and looking for memorabilia to display during a July 17 commemoration.

"Often, family members inherit items related to the history of our Lodge," said Michael Zanzarella, head of the lodge. "In recognition of this milestone anniversary, we would like to welcome them back for display and even potential permanent donation." Email Carl Oken at coken@optonline.net.

The Elks are also planning a centennial parade on July 13. To participate, email Bob Meeker at bomeek1960@gmail.com. "A century ago, hundreds of people marched in the founding parade," Zanzarella said, and thousands more watched.

During its 100 years in Beacon, the lodge has had more than 2,700 men and women as members and distributed \$6.2 million to the community. Its 575 members are devoted to academic scholarships, veterans, drug abuse awareness and patriotic endeavors.

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Newburgh and name it for the late secretary of defense, James Forrestal, a native of Beacon. If not a bridge, Fish said, the government could rebuild the historic Mount Gulian house, which had burned down in 1931, as a memorial.

50 Years Ago (June 1974)

After two months of talks, 79 sheet-metal workers at the Green Fuel Economizer Co. plant went on strike. The firm made industrial fans for steel mills and mines.

A dozen inmates at the Matteawan State Hospital locked three guards in a utility closet, took control of the ward and broke into the medicine cabinet. After an hour, the officers convinced the prisoners to let them out.

At its ninth annual High School Theater Awards, the County Players named David Dideo as best actor for his performance in

Night Must Fall.

The City Council heard only negative comments from residents at a hearing on a request to open a propane-gas business at Main and River streets.

A federal judge agreed to hold a hearing after nine inmates at Matteawan State Hospital filed a \$1.525 million [\$9.7 million] class-action suit, alleging cruel and unusual punishments and the improper use of tranquilizers. The lawsuit cited the use of "strip cells" in which inmates said they were bound without bedding or toilets for days or weeks.

The City Council granted a special-use permit for a Kentucky Fried Chicken on Fishkill Avenue near Mead Avenue.

The owner of a luncheonette at 164 Main St. was sentenced to six months in the county jail for promoting gambling. "We will never know how many children went unfed because of the money their fathers spent on you," the judge said.

A 41-year-old man died following an explosion at a home he was renovating on Conway Place.

Vera Baran, who had been the school board clerk for 29 years, announced her retirement. She had served 52 board members and seven superintendents.

The *New York Daily News* reported that the former superintendent of the Matteawan State Hospital had been told the year before that he could resign or face discipline in the death of a 25-year-old female inmate who had been placed in a straitjacket and tied to a bed in violation of prison regulations.

25 Years Ago (June 1999)

The City Council agreed to use \$60,000 [\$113,000] in state grant money to buy two parcels at the corner of Verplanck Avenue and Main Street for a 40-space parking lot. "This is good news," said Sheila Wicklow, the president of the Beacon Business Asso-

ciation and owner of the Little Pie Shop.

Pete Seeger was the headliner at RiverFest '99 in Cornwall.

Cardinal John O'Connor, the archbishop of New York, attended a groundbreaking ceremony for an addition to the Carmelite Monastery. The nuns had moved to Beacon from the Bronx in 1982.

Steve Gold, a member of the City Council, created a website to honor the 95 Beacon soldiers who had died in wars since 1917.

The city agreed to pay \$14,400 [\$27,000] to repair the leaky roof over the porch of the Memorial Building.

A 29-year-old man was stabbed in the forearm, cheek and back during a fight on Main Street.

Responding to an emergency call at 2 a.m., police found 10 casings from two handguns at the corner of Main and Cedar. The bullets struck the Howland library and two businesses.

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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. — of Sandwich
5. Saigon soup
8. URL opener
12. Coagulate
13. Charged bit
14. Pitcher Hershiser
15. Romantic appointments
17. Skater Lipinski
18. Like aspirin, briefly
19. Ozone, for one
20. Governing gp.
21. That chap’s
22. — -Magnon
23. *Evita* surname
26. Gym gear
30. “— Rhythm”
31. Chum
32. Cowgirl’s footwear
33. Spider’s traps
35. Baby collie
36. Owns
37. Prohibit
38. Sound of Washington

41. Flushed
42. Aunt, in *Acapulco*
45. Skin soother
46. Donna Summer hit song
48. Sagan or Sandburg
49. Ambulance VIP
50. Luminary
51. Singles
52. Horse chow
53. Prefix with pilot
20. Onassis nickname
21. Toy car brand
22. Cartoon frame
23. Photo, for short
24. Conceit
25. Steal from
26. Existed
27. Jump
28. Pinnacle
29. Hog haven
31. Nova airer
34. Nosh
35. Cushions
37. White of *The Golden Girls*
38. Designer Rabanne
39. — Bator
40. Slasher film fare
41. Capital of Italia
42. Ballet attire
43. “— first you ...”
44. Roundish do
46. Devilish laugh
47. Airport screening org.

- DOWN
1. Canyon sound
2. Oodles
3. Campus mil. group
4. Old Ford model
5. Pocket breads
6. Works the soil
7. Carry- — (travel bags)
8. Frank holder
9. Streetcar
10. Actress Hatcher
11. Scheme
16. Opposite of “fer”

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

PALES

RAGED

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Word with Ticonderoga or Knox
5. *Ray Donovan* star Schreiber
6. Fizzy vending machine offerings
7. Bea Arthur sitcom of the '70s
8. March honoree, for short

- DOWN
1. Thanksgiving Day parade vehicle
2. Lubricate

	1	2	3	4
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3. _____-thon (library fundraiser)
4. Sports bar fixture
6. Metric ruler units: Abbr.

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Answers for June 14 Puzzles

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Sports

VARSITY

ROUNDUP

HALDANE

BOYS' LACROSSE — Evan Giachinta and P.J. Ruggiero, both seniors, were selected by coaches to the All-Section I team.

FOOTBALL — Michael Murray committed to play next season for Springfield College in Massachusetts.

SOFTBALL — Callie Sniffen, a junior, was named fourth team All-State in Class C by the New York State Sports-writers and Coaches' Organization for Girls Sports.

TRACK AND FIELD — By throwing the javelin 141.1 feet during the Northern Counties Championship on May 17, junior Jake Thomas qualified for the Adidas Track Nationals, held this past week-end in Greensboro, North Carolina. He did not have his best throws, averaging 130 feet, but "to compete at that level is quite an accomplishment," said Assistant Coach Eric Richter.



The Beasts and Bulldogs celebrate their titles.



The Lady United team signals victory.

Photos provided

Beacon

Soccer Teams

Celebrate Titles

Three Beacon travel soccer teams won championship games this past week. On June 16, two boys' teams took home trophies from the Hershey Classic in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

The U11 Beasts, led by MVP Dylan Brown, defeated a team from Stateline, South Carolina, 4-2. The Beasts were down 2-0 before Brown scored four goals in 10 minutes and keeper AJ Rhodus preserved the win. The team is coached by Michael Brown and Ben Allee.

The U13 Bulldogs, behind MVP Everett Vancott, won, 2-1, over a team from Loudon, Virginia, on a goal by Ayden Clarke with less than four minutes remaining. Keeper Derek Rohr made several saves to preserve the lead. The Bulldogs are coached by Brian Soltish and Robert Arroyo.

On June 13, U13 Lady United clinched a Hudson Valley Youth Soccer League title in an intense match against U14 Beekman, thanks to a goal by Ninalyse Caccomo. Despite competing in the higher bracket, Lady United ended the season 7-0-2. The team is coached by Lisa Caccomo.



TOP TEAM — The Philipstown Grey Wolves (10-2) defeated the Philipstown Fanta Orange (8-3), 4-0, on June 8 to claim the Little League title. At right, Ben LeMon tags out Grayson Wik; above, Owen Mekeel delivers a pitch.

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