



REMEMBERING THOSE LOST — Haldane band teacher Jessica Stein played “Taps” at the high school on Wednesday during the district’s annual 9/11 memorial service organized with the Putnam County Youth Bureau. Twenty-three Putnam residents lost their lives in 2001. “Taps” is credited to Daniel Butterfield, a Civil War general whose estate became the Haldane campus. *Photo provided*

Facing the Heat

*After another historic
— and dangerous —
summer, are we ready
for hotter years to come?*

By Brian PJ Cronin

State officials couldn’t have predicted it, but they chose the perfect day to unveil a draft of their Extreme Heat Action Plan.

It was July 10, smack in the middle of a brutal heatwave of 90-degree-plus days. One speaker at the online event lost power at her home and had to make her presentation from her phone. Another presenter, Peter Chichetti of the Office of Emergency Management, spoke from the Emergency Operations Center, which was monitoring 36 tornado warnings, the most in the state’s history.

Mark Lowery of the Office of Climate Change noted that the hot and dangerous weather “will only become more frequent, severe and longer as the climate continues to warm.”

Next weekend marks the end of what was officially the most humid summer in

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Rolison Supports Dockside Pause

*Sends letter to governor,
state parks*

By Leonard Sparks

The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail said last month it will delay for at least three years a decision on connecting Dockside Park in Cold Spring to its 7.5-mile linear park between the village and Beacon, but state Sen. Rob Rolison and Philipstown’s supervisor are asking for a longer pause.

HHFT said in an Aug. 16 letter to Supervisor John Van Tassel, Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley and Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward that a decision on a proposed half-mile segment between Dockside Park and Little Stony Point would wait until the nonprofit completes portions of the Fjord Trail north of the Metro-North tunnel at Breakneck, which could be as early as 2027.

In April, the three officials declared their opposition to a Cold Spring section of the trail, although two other members

of the Cold Spring Village Board besides Foley later expressed their support.

Rolison, a Republican whose district includes Philipstown and Beacon, called for a “more deliberative” process for the Fjord Trail and more local input in a Sept. 5 letter addressed to Amy Kacala, HHFT’s executive director, Gov. Kathy Hochul and Randy Simons, the commissioner pro tem for state parks.

In addition to conversations with the town and village officials, Rolison said his views were shaped by a tour of Dockside, a state park maintained by Cold Spring. Rolison said he “walked the narrow width of Dockside Park’s proposed connector path” with the Shoreline Trail, a section of the Fjord Trail skirting the Hudson River north to Little Stony Point and then on to Breakneck Ridge.

“It is clear to the casual observer” that Dockside “lacks the capacity” to handle

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Rolison

Beacon, Church Settle Dispute

*City will pay \$80K to
terminate agreement*

By Jeff Simms

St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church and the City of Beacon have agreed to end a lawsuit filed more than a year ago by the church over parking.

The church sued in Dutchess County court in June 2023 over access to a city-owned lot where, according to St. Andrew, church employees and parishioners had parked for at least 30 years. The city had closed the lot days earlier when construction began on the adjacent central fire station.

The settlement, obtained by *The Current* through a Freedom of Information Law request, was reached in July and filed this month. The city agreed to pay \$80,000 to terminate a 1987 agreement between St. Andrew and the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co., the former owner of the lot.

The church said the agreement guaranteed its use of the lot, and the city disagreed.

The lawsuit was discontinued with prejudice, meaning it cannot be revived. Neither side admitted wrongdoing.

The city bought the lot from the volunteer fire company in 2020 and opened it to the public. It is being used to store machinery and equipment for the \$14.7 million station, which should be completed next month.

According to the settlement, until the fire station parking lot is completed (it is being paved and striped for 52 spaces), parishioners may continue to use temporary parking provided by the city — a 22-space lot next to the fire station lot, along with on-street spaces on South Avenue and at City Hall that are reserved on Sundays.

City Administrator Chris White said Wednesday (Sept. 11) that he expects the fire station lot to reopen for public parking by Sept. 30.

Fishkill Creek proposal

The City Council will hold a public hearing Monday (Sept. 16) on proposed changes

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FIVE QUESTIONS: GIDEON GRODY-PATINKIN

By Chip Rowe

Gideon Grody-Patinkin will lead a conversation with his parents, actors Kathryn Grody and Mandy Patinkin, at Beacon High School on Sept. 21 as a benefit for *The Current*.

You started making TikTok videos of your parents during the pandemic that became wildly popular. What prompted it?

I came home to the Hudson Valley to look after my folks when the pandemic hit because it seemed like zombie apocalypse time. I started recording long interviews with them for posterity. I've always found them compelling, and I'm fascinated by how, when you put a camera on some people, even if you ask a question they've answered 1,000 times, new details come out, new colors, new stories. I think that when we're in front of a camera, we sense that it's preserving us, and it inspires us to be more forthcoming. I shared a few little clips of them and it took off. We were shocked.

What do you mean by "took off"?

They had 20,000 followers on TikTok, and now they have 2.2 million, and 3.6 million across platforms. Of course, for context, some 14-year-olds in their basements get



12 million followers overnight by recording themselves playing video games while eating ice-cream sandwiches. It's a weird world, but my folks have an exceptional amount of engagement. For social media, they have a surprisingly friendly following.

Did they have any hesitation about your posts?

I told them, "It might bring more eyeballs to your work with the International Rescue Committee." I don't think they understood what any of it meant. They sometimes don't understand what we're asking them to do until they see the edit. Sometimes we're promoting a cause, like getting out the vote, and we'll try to tap into a TikTok trend.

They're like, "This is Gen Z gobbledegook. Why does anyone find this interesting?" I try to explain, although sometimes I can't. "I don't know. Everyone's doing it."

Can you describe each of your parents in 10 words or fewer?

Mandy is a quiet introvert who often expresses himself bombastically. Kathryn is an everlasting conversationalist whose enthusiasm for words never tires.

With the live shows, you can't edit what they say. Does that make you nervous?

It can be terrifying. It's a strange thing when you have an invisible audience and for years you've been presented as a particular, cultivated version of yourself because your son only posts the best parts. It probably sounds like a nightmare to have your boomer parents on stage speaking extemporaneously to a live audience about God knows what. My folks are like, "We'll try to have a good time and be honest about stuff." I always put a sign in the lobby with index cards for audience members to write questions or ask for advice, and those are delivered to me 10 or 15 minutes before we go on. They become part of the evening. We've had a good time so far, but we always wonder if there'll be some big family fight on stage.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What book that you read years ago is still a favorite?

“Great Expectations, in high school. I just read it again for pleasure.”



Juanita Carmichael, Howland Library, Beacon

“The Outsiders. I was 11 or 12 and still have the copy.”



Michael McGuire, Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison

“Dr. Zhivago. I was learning Russian at the time.”



Jane D'Emic, Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

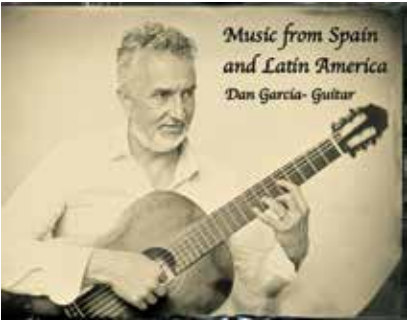


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Cold Spring Applicant Wins Cannabis License

Brewster company plans Main Street location

The state Cannabis Control Board on Tuesday (Sept. 10) approved a cannabis retail license for a Brewster company that has said it intends to operate in Cold Spring.

Pleasant View Harvest LLC received a microbusiness license, a catch-all permit that allows an applicant to grow cannabis, process the trimmings into distillates and rosins, and sell buds, extracts and edibles.

The company, which declined on Wednesday (Sept. 11) to comment on its plans, notified the Cold Spring Village Board in November that it planned to open a retail business at 137 Main St.

The board also awarded a processor license to Two Puffs and Pass LLC, a company registered at an address in Garrison. Processors extract concentrated cannabis and its compounds and blend, infuse and manufacture them for resale.

Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Available

Recommended for everyone 6 months and older

The latest COVID-19 vaccines have been approved by the federal government

and are being shipped to pharmacies, New York State announced on Sept. 4.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the 2024-25 vaccines from Pfizer, Moderna and Novavax for everyone 6 months and older. The recommended dosage and schedule varies by age, immune status and COVID-19 vaccine history.

Most private health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid plans cover the vaccine at an in-network provider or pharmacy. Adults ages 19 and older who are uninsured, or whose insurance does not cover the vaccine, can get the shot at community health centers or local health departments. See bit.ly/vaccines-for-adults.

New York State notes that “the flu, RSV and COVID-19 are contagious, respiratory viral infections that can have similar symptoms, making them difficult to distinguish,” but all create higher risks of complications for people with chronic conditions, children, older adults and pregnant people. To find local providers who offer the shot, visit vaccines.gov.

Police Investigating Philipstown Burglaries

Two break-ins reported on Sept. 5

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office and the New York State Police are investigating break-ins reported on Sept. 5 on

Old Albany Post and Indian Brook roads in Philipstown.

The Sheriff's Office said the Old Albany Post Road incident, near Travis Corners Road, was reported at 8:30 a.m.; another burglary reported at 10:30 a.m. at a residence on Indian Brook Road is being investigated by the State Police.

Investigators from both agencies are in contact with each other as they work to identify a suspect or suspects and to determine if the incidents are related, the Sheriff's Office said on Tuesday (Sept. 10). The agency reminded residents to keep their doors and windows locked and not post on social media when they will be away.

Philipstown Approves Dam Spending

Repairs needed at Cortlandt Lake

Philipstown approved borrowing \$125,500 for repairs to the Cortlandt Lake Dam, which it co-owns with the towns of Cortlandt and Putnam Valley.

Supervisor John Van Tassel said during the Philipstown Town Board meeting on Sept. 5 that problems with the dam, built in 1929, include spalling concrete and trees growing in the spillway. The remainder of the \$180,000 cost will be split between Cortlandt and Putnam Valley.

Borrowing for the project is subject to a permissive referendum, which allows resi-

dents who collect at least 25 signatures to force a vote on the spending.

Philipstown Committee to Study Zoning Changes

Focus on oil storage, conservation subdivisions

The Philipstown Town Board agreed on Sept. 5 to create an ad hoc committee to study revisions to zoning regulations for oil storage facilities and conservation subdivisions.

A six-month moratorium on projects storing more than 10,000 gallons of oil was approved by the board in December after a heating oil business sought Planning Board approval for a project that included three 29,000-gallon tanks. Philipstown extended the moratorium for another six months.

Town zoning allows properties to store up to 400,000 gallons of oil products in environmentally sensitive areas, posing a significant threat from leaks, spills and tank damage from natural disasters or extreme weather.

Conservation subdivisions allow developers to build more housing units in exchange for preserving parts of their properties as open space. But the zoning allows the space to consist of “unbuildable” areas such as steep slopes and allows the housing units to be spread out, according to Stephen Gaba, town attorney.

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COLD SPRING THRIFT SALE

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Fjord Trail

It is good news that the promoters of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT) have temporarily recognized their huge mistake in wanting to have the "trail" begin in Cold Spring ("Fjord Trail to Delay Cold Spring Link," Sept. 6). As a New York-New Jersey Trail Conference steward at Little Stony Point's Washburn Trailhead, and as an assistant caretaker at Little Stony Point during the mid-1990s, I have witnessed the transformation of a once-sleepy location to a major tourist destination on good-weather days.

The traffic and parking issues, as well as pedestrians crossing and re-crossing the roadway at Little Stony Point, create a bottleneck and an ongoing dangerous situation. That small place and small roadway were not designed for over-tourism, traffic lines and people attempting to safely park or pull out along Route 9D or at the 50-car parking lot.

Scenic Hudson's vision, to build another 50-car lot there, cutting down the woods and potentially damaging nesting habitat for the cerulean warbler, would be another step in the suburbanization and paving of Cold Spring and the Hudson River Valley.

Anyone who advocates a Fjord Trail that starts or ends at Little Stony Point is out of touch. That spot is probably worse than

Dockside, which is also not viable. The only logical place is Breakneck Ridge or Dutchess Manor.

Pete Salmansohn, *Philipstown*

A delay is hugely important and needed. The effects of the northern pieces of the trail should be studied slowly and carefully before any irreversible changes to Cold Spring or Dockside Park are made. Many people do not oppose the Fjord Trail project but have deep reservations about a Dockside extension. Slow, incremental, consultative deliberation is much better than rushed and divisive construction.

Paul Kottman, *Cold Spring*

The more people fight the trail, the more they prevent crowding issues from being addressed.

Jon Lindquist, *via Facebook*

I am sad that *The Current* did not have a reporter at the Philipstown Town Board meeting on Sept. 5 to report on the response read by Supervisor John Van Tassel, followed up by another response by former Supervisor Bill Mazzuca and a critical response from state Sen. Rob Rolison, who copied Gov. Kathy Hochul.

How can this paper fully report on a

subject when it does not have a reporter in the room? Instead, there is an article written based on an HHFT press release. Thankfully, the entire meeting, including the public comment, is documented on video by the Town of Philipstown.

Thank you to Van Tassel, Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley and Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward for continuously fighting for a voice at the table and shedding light on a non-transparent process. It feels like the tide is turning toward a more sensible solution to our tourism issues, and with voices such as Sen. Rolison and County Executive Kevin Byrne calling for more community input and data analysis, the process can only get better.

Hopefully, the HHFT representatives in the room, including Chris Davis, chair of the HHFT board, and Andy Chmar (who walked in late, after the letters of criticism were read) start to open their minds to the many alternatives. We need a trail, not a promenade.

Michael Bowman, *Nelsonville*

Here's an idea that might alleviate concerns about a surge of visitors that would overwhelm Cold Spring: Helicopters! Build landing pads at Little Stony Point and in the village, conveniently but discreetly located, and require visitors to use their services.

It would increase the community's carbon footprint but decrease the footprints from the throngs trudging up Main Street and inundating all the shops, eateries and businesses with all their unwelcome buying and spending. Problems solved!

Richard Bala, *Beacon*

Forget the elevated walkway. Start at Dutchess Manor and everyone will be happy.

Christopher Rowley, *via Facebook*

With their brave letter opposing Dockside as the terminus, Mayors Foley and Winward and Supervisor Van Tassel acted as executives and displayed their knowledge based on meetings with high-level MTA legal and engineering officials, including the head of Metro-North. They were not guided, as has been seen in some supporters of the Fjord Trail, by emotion. MTA indicated that a 5-foot-high, bermed trail along the west side of the tracks, coupled with an 8-foot-high fence on the inside and a 4-foot-tall fence on the outside, would make the climate mitigation work that it is legally required to do impossible.

What's more, residents on Fair Street would have a 13-foot-high fence, taller than a train car, to look at instead of the river view. HHFT dropped a slick video in May touting its plan and did not once mention the residents of Cold Spring.

We depend on the train. How can you

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propose compromising that lifeline for a fantasy bike ride?

A while ago HHFT proclaimed that the Cold Spring Metro-North station would no longer be considered as parking for the Fjord Trail, and there would be no trail parking within the village (how they would police that was a mystery). But, true to form, in the request for proposals that was put out for third-party shuttle operators, the train station is right there, along with the gem that only one in 10 buses need to be accessible.

That means folks using wheelchairs — who supposedly want this trail the most — will be waiting a long time for rides. I suppose they could drive into Cold Spring, since, according to the letter from Chris Davis, HHFT would “have no responsibility for the mitigation of the impacts on the village of existing visitation.” Wasn’t that the goal of the original plan?

The trail known as alternate Route 6 is not ADA-compliant and leads to Dockside. It also requires cutting down hundreds of trees, though to be fair, that’s what HHFT has planned for the Shoreline Trail. So much for “access to the wild.”

The one trail that does satisfy all the issues was presented on Aug. 21 by Protect the Highlands. It takes folks on a fairly level route to Little Stony Point, along the tracks on the east side, where there are no residents, hooks into unused village property, and goes down Fair Street on new sidewalks (that HHFT generously said it would help seek grants for) past Mayor’s Park and residents who would still be able to see the river. It makes Little Stony Point accessible, something that could have been done many years ago, but the goal was somehow lost.

As Town Board Member Jason Angell alluded to on Sept. 5, it may be time to revisit the original plans. This trail must be included in the environmental review. Little Stony Point is enjoyed by many families who live in Peekskill, and I can confidently say that when the Fjord Trail starts charging \$20 a car to park, that will no longer be their first choice. In fact, why are we contemplating spending this huge amount of public money in one of the richest towns in New York and calling it equity? It’s an economic development scheme and has been touted as such by someone close to it, and it seems silly to call it anything else.

Grace Kennedy, *Garrison*

It’s great that HHFT is thinking about the feasibility of its plan, but postponement will do nothing to help gauge the impact of massive visitation on the village, the town and the environment if there are entries at Dockside, the east side of the tracks on lower Main Street or Little Stony Point. What we need is real information from HHFT rather than idealized renderings of tree-shaded paths.

HHFT estimates that 68 percent of visitors will come by car. How will Route 9D handle those cars and shuttle buses? Show us your plans for traffic circles near Little Stony Point and Hartsook Lane. Show us designs for the shoreline boardwalks. Do people know there will be more than 300

river pilings? How much deforestation is planned? The last design we saw of the Lower Overlook at the base of Breakneck Mountain was a massive concrete ziggurat-like structure dressed up with rocks and bushes. If that’s still the plan for that iconic mountain, this community should know.

As a final point, Davis states that although HHFT has “no responsibility for the mitigation of the impacts on the village of existing visitation,” it will “collaborate with the village in addressing some of these issues.” This does not bode well for the vague promises of HHFT’s maintenance of the linear park. Community members need facts and concrete commitments before they can properly consider the enormity of this plan.

Sheila Rauch, *Garrison*

This is such a beautiful, world-class project. I hope they start it at Dockside.

Mahmoud Shahbodaghi, *via Facebook*

A promenade from Little Stony Point to Breakneck will ruin Little Stony Point and irreversibly change its character, landscape and viewshed.

Kelly House, *via Facebook*

The mayor of Beacon has given the green light to anything regarding the Fjord Trail north of Breakneck. As someone who hikes the trails regularly, I have never encountered the mayor on any of them. If I had, I would have been happy to point out the destruction of habitat that is ongoing at Mount Beacon and elsewhere due to the huge increase in foot traffic.

It seems that many folks who support the Fjord Trail are more excited about tourism than in preserving wildlife habitat. Sometimes the best way to preserve habitat is to keep it free from public access. We have more than enough parks that are accessible to anyone who wants to use them. Bravo to Protect the Highlands and the leaders of Cold Spring and Nelsonville for putting the unique character and beauty of our area ahead of profit.

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

We won’t get the smaller path from Cold Spring to Garrison that the Philipstown Trail Committee proposed either, proving that Cold Spring is not only hostile to tourists but also to its residents. We need leadership on this issue, not just opposition.

Tom O’Quinn, *via Instagram*

The work done at Long Dock in Beacon and the environs has improved the area remarkably. Has it increased visitors? Of course. Has it had a positive effect on business? Naturally, particularly small ones. Don’t forget the sales taxes collected.

Living in Fishkill, I welcome improvements to the area’s nature trails and infrastructure. If Cold Spring doesn’t want that, although its Main Street could be improved, OK with me. Direct all that up here.

Stephen Reads, *via Facebook*

Don’t forget all the garbage left behind on the trails. You’ll need personnel to clean

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it up, and who pays?

Luis Galarza, *via Facebook*

Why HHFT is hellbent on running a trail through a quaint village instead of the alternate route via Little Stony Point is beyond comprehension. It will affect residents along its village pathway, while the rest of the trail will not, or it will be some distance away. Poor planning can possibly be irreversible.

Jeff Phillips, *via Facebook*

This is the rare stage beyond NIMBY: BANANA (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anything).

Matt Rowan, *via Instagram*

The state of Fair Street is a disgrace, and HHFT should be obligated to contribute significantly to the infrastructure of this roadway no matter where the trail begins and ends.

If the trail begins at Little Stony Point, some visitors will proceed into Cold Spring by walking along Route 9D and Fair Street, which need sidewalks. Hikers will drive to Little Stony Point and/or Dutchess Manor, rather than choking Main Street trying to find parking at Dockside.

Stephanie Skiptunis, *Cold Spring*

County lawyer

Your article incorrectly states that I accused Putnam County Attorney Compton Spain of lying on his employment appli-

Correction

A story in the Sept. 6 issue said that Devyn Kelly had scored a goal for the Beacon girls' soccer team in a 1-0 win over Warwick. In fact, it was Drew Kelly.

cation ("Legislators Seek More Power Over Attorney," Sept. 6). In fact, I reached no such conclusion, and explicitly stated in the memorandum you referenced that "I am not asserting that Attorney Spain was untruthful in his employment application."

I did provide certain information I believed to be factually correct at the time so that certain personnel issues could be reviewed by the appropriate parties. However, I did not, and do not now, accuse Mr. Spain of any wrongdoing or misstatements in association with his employment application.

Robert Firriolo, *Carmel*

Firriolo is the attorney for the Putnam County Legislature. For clarity, we have changed the wording in our story online from “lying” to “failing to disclose.”

Heat pumps

Has reporter Jeff Simms calculated when he will break even on his heat pump investment ("Reporter's Notebook: Change in the Air," Sept. 6)?

Gina Klein, *via Facebook*

Simms responds: "I'm not sure there's a simple calculation. Our old systems were

unreliable, so I was paying a lot for repairs, and the heating and cooling (when they were working) was less efficient than what we have now. I wasn't thrilled taking on debt to install the new system but removing the stress of constant repairs, plus doing the right thing by ditching fossil fuels, plus a bigtime upgrade in efficiency, made it worthwhile."

Indian Point

Let's build new nuclear plants ("Restart Indian Point Plant?" Sept. 6). Refurbishing a 70-year-old facility would make no sense.

Max Goldberg, *via Instagram*

Proposing to reopen Indian Point may be a political stunt by Republicans, but it's also one of the rare actionable proposals toward a meaningful impact on greenhouse gas emissions.

The big story is all the attention on solar and other “renewables” that still require unprecedented quantities of mineral resources and huge amounts of energy to manufacture, maintain and replace, indefinitely. It is reminiscent of plastic recycling 30 years ago, or LED lights: drops in the bucket, distractions. Carbon dioxide concentration has shown no change in its upward trajectory over decades.

To avoid catastrophic climate change requires — with present technology — a massive scale-up in nuclear energy, or a long list of radical, unprecedented societal and lifestyle changes that industry doesn't want

to happen (e.g., degrowth, grounding airlines, widespread anti-consumerism, vegetable gardens everywhere, short workweeks, etc.). Actually, it probably requires both.

Steven Kidder, *Beacon*

Kidder is an associate professor of earth and atmospheric science at The City University of New York.

Emergency team

You reported that the Putnam County Legislature had authorized creating a task force of firefighters and ambulance corps members for emergency situations. But this task force was already in place after being formulated by a member of what was then the Sheriff Office's Emergency Response Team ("Putnam Authorizes Rescue Team," Sept. 6).

Members of the Bureau of Emergency Services were training with the ERT team in 2021 when they responded to a mall shooting in Danbury, Connecticut. It's shameful that someone is taking credit for something that already existed.

Robert Langley Jr., *Long Eddy*

Langley is the former Putnam County sheriff.

Neighbors

This performance company (Banana, Bag & Bodice) and this duo (Jason Craig and Jessica Jelliffe) are a revelation ("Home Show," Aug. 30). We are so lucky they landed in Beacon!

Kelly Ellenwood, *via Instagram*



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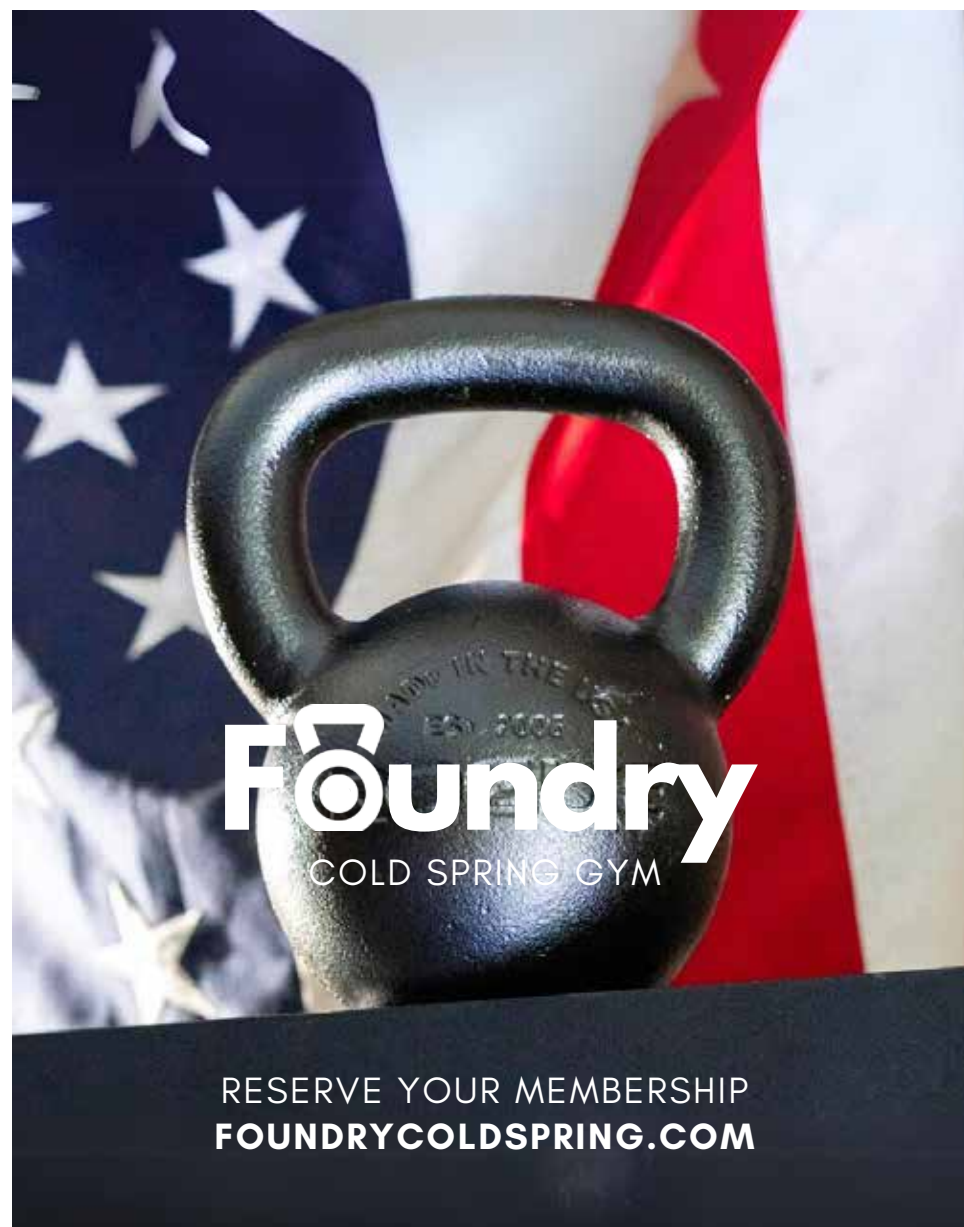
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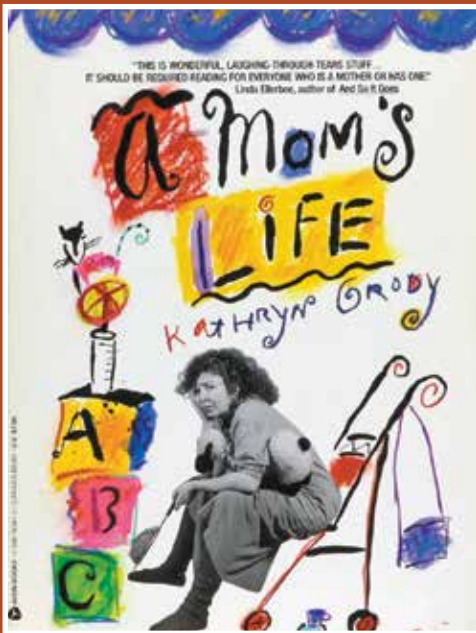


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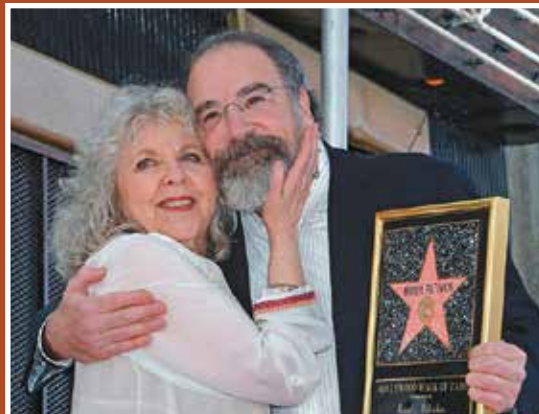
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Repair and Restore

Beacon puts millions into infrastructure upgrades

By Jeff Simms

The City of Beacon is undertaking \$40 million in capital improvements this year and in 2025, including two projects — construction of the central fire station and repaving and rehabilitation of Fishkill and Teller avenues — decades in the making. Here’s a look at what is happening now and what’s up next.

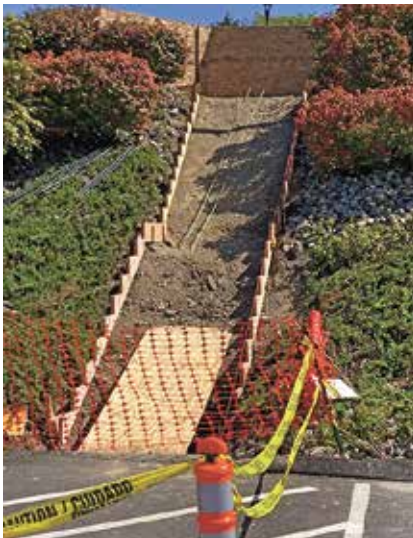


Fishkill/Teller Avenue

Completion: July 2025

Cost: \$9 million

Status: The rehabilitation of the roadway, sidewalks and crosswalks along a nearly mile-long stretch of Fishkill/Teller Avenue between Wolcott Avenue and Blackburn Avenue is a month ahead of schedule. Sidewalks also may be replaced on Fishkill Avenue beyond Blackburn.



City Hall stairs

Completion: Early October

Cost: \$164,000

Status: The exterior stairs from Beekman Street to the police station, along with a set from the station to City Hall, are being rebuilt. Signs lead pedestrians along an ADA-accessible detour from Beekman to Main Street.



Wastewater administrative building

Completion: Winter

Cost: \$500,000

Status: The city plans to solicit bids this fall to replace the roof.



Transfer Station

Completion: Done

Cost: \$30,000

Status: Beacon’s former incinerator building was rehabbed over the past two years. Hundreds of nesting birds were removed, and the windows were replaced and repainted.



Beacon Fire Station

Completion: Mid-October

Cost: \$14.7 million

Status: The interior is finished except for an elevator panel. An open house will be scheduled once a certificate of occupancy is issued, likely in late October. The adjacent parking lot should reopen to the public by Sept. 30 (see Page 1).



Wee Play Tot Park

Completion: Benches, picnic tables and some shade structures to be installed

Cost: \$120,000

Status: This space at Memorial Park was expected to be done in April, but as City Administrator Chris White told the City Council on Monday (Sept. 9), the contractor “ghosted” the project. (The play area is now open.) The nonprofit WeePlay Community Project donated \$31,000 toward the cost.



West Main pump station

Completion: Begins this fall

Cost: \$3.05 million

Status: The pump station creates pressure to force sewage through a line that delivers it to the wastewater treatment plant. The force main is also being replaced, a project that is underway.

(Continued on Page 9)



Curb ramps
Completion: End of September
Cost: \$220,000
Status: Thirty-four curb ramps are being rebuilt citywide to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. They should be finished before the milling and repaving of select streets begins.



Wastewater settling tanks
Completion: Mostly done
Cost: \$1.9 million
Status: Three sets of double, in-ground tanks at the wastewater treatment plant have been refurbished over the past three years. When wastewater enters the plant, solids settle out of the mix in these tanks. The city is spending \$1.4 million of its federal pandemic relief funding on the project.



West Center sidewalks
Completion: TBD
Cost: \$191,000
Status: The City Council will vote on Monday (Sept. 16) to award a contract to replace 660 feet of sidewalk on the south side of West Center Street between South Avenue and the entrance to the Recreation Center.



Washington Avenue culvert
Completion: Begins this fall
Cost: \$115,000
Status: The culvert allows a stream to run beneath Washington Avenue. A wall that supports the embankment and keeps it from collapsing into the stream will be replaced.



Wastewater dewatering system
Completion: TBD
Cost: \$5.54 million
Status: A failing mechanical belt-press system at the wastewater treatment plant will be replaced with two centrifuge units on the second floor of this building to further separate solids and liquids. Bids are due Oct. 3.



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AROUND TOWN



BOOK WINNERS — Members of the middle school Battle of the Books team from Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, who won the 14-team tournament on Sept. 7 for the second year in a row, were recognized the next day during The Hoot, an annual festival organized by the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. They are showing off a Little Free Library box newly installed at the park.

Photo by Ross Corsair



LUMINARIA — The Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub held its annual candlelight event at the Cold Spring waterfront on Aug. 31 to remember people lost to overdoses. The Hub also lights a luminaria each night at its Stone Street office. If you need addiction support, visit philipstownhub.org.


Photos provided



DEDICATION — The Rev. Steve Schunk and John Gladstone Mills III posed on Sept. 8 following the dedication at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring of a plaque honoring the Rev. John Gladstone Mills Jr., the rector from 1961 to 1992, and his wife, Margaret. Mills was also the chaplain for the Cold Spring Fire Co. for 50 years.

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The Brentano String Quartet

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Akiko Sasaki



ArcoStrum

Photo by Karina Rodriguez



Sō Percussion

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The Calendar

A New Season of Classical

Chamber Music Circle releases 2024-25 schedule

By Marc Ferris

Akiko Sasaki, the music director at the Howland Chamber Music Circle, always tries to book top talent for the nonprofit's annual concert series.

This year, she worked her connections and pulled off a huge coup by bringing pianist Emanuel Ax to Beacon for a solo recital. One of the biggest names in classical music, Ax just played with cellist Yo-Yo Ma in Luxembourg and is performing Mozart's *Piano Concerto 14* with the New York Philharmonic on Sept. 13 and 15.

"When I tell people, their jaws drop," she says.

That show is scheduled for Oct. 1, a Tuesday. Nearly all the others are on Sundays at 4 p.m., like the kickoff on Sept. 15 with the Brentano String Quartet, which will perform quartets by Haydn and Beethoven and the world premiere of *Madrigal Mongolia* by Chinese American composer Lei Liang.

The series' fall session includes six concerts through the Ulysses Quartet on Nov. 17. A piano festival with four performances begins Jan. 12 with the Cann Duo and ends with Shai Wosner on March 2.

The spring session opens with the Daedalus Quartet on March 23 and concludes on May 18 with Imani Winds, a quintet that pushes the musical envelope, says Sasaki, who likes to book at least one wind ensemble each year.

Another boundary-stretcher is ArcoStrum (Oct. 6), with Strauss Shi (violin) and TY Zhang (guitar). The duo met at The Juilliard School and perform a jumble of styles from traditional Chinese instrumental music, progressive rock and what they call "original transcriptions of classical repertoire."

There is no rock on their program, which includes Baroque (Vivaldi, Scarlatti), Spanish influences (Astor Piazzolla, Manuel de Falla), three Asian composers (Li Zhihul, Haihuai Huang, Choi Jun Young) and the theme of *Schindler's List*. Sasaki admires their "virtuosic energy."

A first this year is an appearance by four singers from the Metropolitan Opera (May 4) who will perform "aria hits we might know and some we might not know," says Sasaki. "Sometimes we have solo vocal recitals, but it's nice to provide a taste of opera."

To cultivate a generation of classical musicians and people who appreciate them, the circle collaborates with Arlington High School in Lagrangeville and the Jasper String Quartet to provide a chamber music experience for string students.

In November, the innovative Sō Percussion will perform at Beacon High School for music students in the fifth grade and higher. "They use everyday items to make their sounds, not just percussion instruments," says Sasaki.

The Brooklyn-based quartet will perform a Classics for Kids concert at 1 p.m. on Nov. 3. Later that afternoon, they'll play a program geared toward adults. Three more shows for the wee ones are planned this season.

Sasaki contracts some acts so far in advance that no music programs are available for performers in 2025. She also has fun with pop-up concerts booked a month ahead and held where "people wouldn't normally expect to find classical music," such as the Howland Public Library, an art gallery, churches and the outdoor space across from Hudson Beach Glass.

"People will have to stay on their toes to find out when it's happening," she says.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SUN 15 Forest Ecology Walk

CARMEL
10 a.m. Green Chimneys
33 Clearpool Road
ccecolumbiagreene.org

Learn about best practices for forest management and ecology during this guided walk with Cornell Cooperative Extension educators. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 15 Blood Drive

BEACON
11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave. | nybc.org

Make an appointment or walk in to donate.

WED 18 Vietnam Memorial Wall

WAPPINGERS FALLS
9:30 a.m. Bowdoin Park
85 Sheafe Road
dutchessny.gov/TravelingWallHighlights

The traveling wall will arrive in the morning and be available for viewing 24 hours a day through SUN 22. After an opening ceremony at 5 p.m., there will be daily tributes and programs honoring veterans of all wars.

WED 18 Clearwater Sail

BEACON
5 p.m. Ferry dock
2 Red Flynn Drive | stonykill.org/sail

Take a trip on the Hudson River to benefit Stony Kill Farm programs. Register online. *Cost: \$100 (\$25 ages 4 to 12)*

SAT 21 Walk-a-Thon

PHILIPSTOWN
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saint Basil Academy
79 Saint Basil Road | sbagoa.org

This fundraiser for the school includes a walk around campus, children's activities and a cookout. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 21 Summer Shindig

COLD SPRING
5 – 9 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

This fundraiser for the chapel's programs will include food, drinks, music and boat rides. *Cost: \$200*

SUN 22 Catoberfest

BEACON
3 – 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St.
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

The Mid-Hudson Animal Aid fundraiser will have live music by local bands, raffles, an online auction and children's activities.



Vietnam Memorial Wall, Sept. 18

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 14 Robin Hood

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

Watch the 1973 Disney animated film, which stars a fox in the title role.

SUN 15 African Children's Choir

WEST POINT
10:30 a.m. Post Chapel
692 Biddle Loop

The Music for Life choir, celebrating its 40th year, will perform traditional spiritual songs, popular children's music and African cultural songs. The singers are 8 to 11 years old. Donations welcome. *Free*

WED 18 Make Your Own

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

Students ages 5 and older can create a pencil case from a bag and duct tape. Registration required.

THURS 19 Candy Salad

BEACON
6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Teens can make a dish with candies and toppings. Registration required.

FRI 20 Hike for Teens

COLD SPRING
3:15 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 6 and higher are invited to hike the Nelsonville Trail to Undercliff Trail. Bring a snack and water.

SAT 21 Biodiversity Celebration

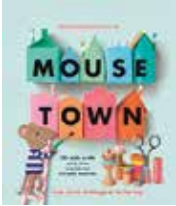
BEAR MOUNTAIN
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive
trailsidezoo.org

Visit the habitats and learn about the animals and insects that rely on them. Get stamps on a passport at each station.

SUN 22 Mousetown

COLD SPRING
10:30 a.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St.
845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

Jodi Levine and Margaret McCartney will discuss their craft book and lead activities.



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 14 One-Act Play Festival

GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Watch five one-act plays as part of the 18th Annual Aery Theatre Festival and vote for a favorite. Mature content. Also SUN 15. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students, seniors)*

SAT 14 Incorruptible

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

This dark comedy by Michael Hollinger, set in France in 1250 AD, explores death and faith. Also SUN 15, FRI 20, SAT 21. *Cost: \$26 (\$24 military, seniors, students and ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 14 Garrison Keillor

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

The storyteller will celebrate his 80th year with a performance. *Cost: \$47 to \$62*

SAT 14 Strange Things I've Shoved My Hand In

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Cabot Parsons will stage a puppet show for adults with guests Matt Sorensen and the Bryce Edwards Frivolity Hour. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 15 A Life and Legacy in Word and Song

PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Mark Doss and the Pegasus Orchestra will perform a testament to the activist and singer Paul Robeson to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Peekskill Riots, when racist violence broke out during his local concert. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 20 Lead Belly

PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Watch Curt Hahn's documentary about Huddie Ledbetter, the composer of "The Midnight Special" known as "the man who invented rock 'n' roll." *Cost: \$10*

SAT 21 Kathryn Grody & Mandy Patinkin

BEACON
7 p.m. High School
101 Matteawan Road
highlandscurrent.org/grody-patinkin

During the pandemic, the veteran actors became a social-media sensation when interviewed about their careers and 40-plus years of "uninterrupted togetherness" in videos by their son, Gideon. They will bring the conversation to the Seeger Theater in this benefit for *The Highlands Current*. Grody's credits include *My Bodyguard*, *The*

Lemon Sisters and *Reds*, while Patinkin won a Tony for his role in *Evita*, portrayed Inigo Montoya in *The Princess Bride* and had starring roles in *Chicago Hope* and *Homeland*. *Cost: \$65+*

SAT 21 The Artichoke

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | artichokeshow.com

This month's featured storytellers will be Kenice Mobley, Tina McKenna, Molly Austin, Esmond Fountain, Rory Scholl and Drew Prochaska. *Cost: \$25*

SUN 22 Climate Week NYC

BEACON
1 – 3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St.
hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

In coordination with the *Pink and Blue* exhibit, the center will screen short films and videos about the global impact of climate change. *Free*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 14 Artists' Talk

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

Joseph Radoccia and Jackie Skrzynski, whose work is exhibited through SUN 15, will discuss their art.

FRI 20 Lucas Samaras

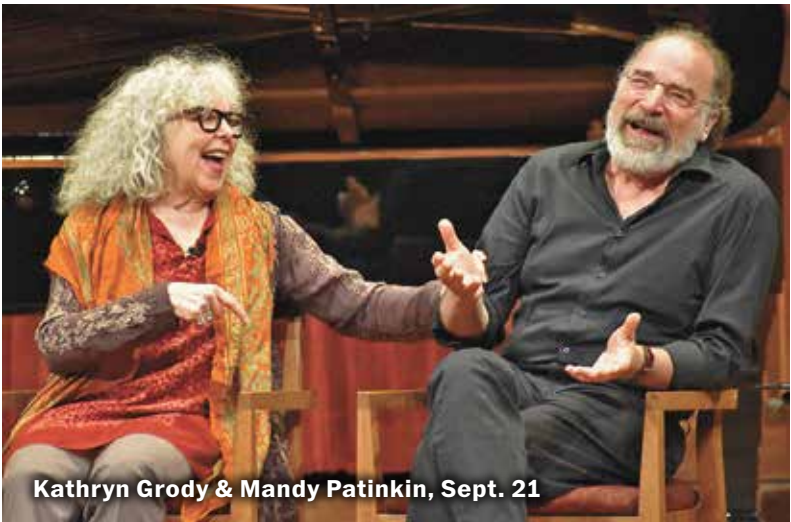
BEACON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia Beacon
3 Beekman St. | 845-231-0811
diaart.org

The late artist's mirrored rooms, "Doorway" (1966-2007), and sculptures "Cubes" and "Trapezoids" (1994-95) will go on long-term view. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students and disabled, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free for Beacon residents)*

SAT 21 Susan Magnus

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

For her exhibition, *ImageAfter*, Magnus draws on heirlooms and photographs she inherited after her mother's death. Through Oct. 20.



Kathryn Grody & Mandy Patinkin, Sept. 21

SUN 22
Painting the Valley

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 – 4 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

Don and Betty Lambo’s paintings of the Hudson Valley and their local community will be on view, along with work by their son, James. Through Oct. 15.

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 14
Thursday Painters

BEACON
1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

This group show features works by seniors in an art program at the Recreation Center led by Jan Dolan.

SAT 14
30th Anniversary Exhibition

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

The Bannerman Castle Trust will begin its fourth decade with a show of fine art and photography, along with antiques and artifacts from the historic castle and island. Through Jan. 26.

SAT 14
Under Our Knives

BEACON
5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
139 Main St. | clutter.co

The solo show will include multiples made in resin. Through Oct. 4.

SAT 14
BeaconArts

BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | beaconarts.org
The organization’s annual member exhibit continues through Oct. 6.

SAT 14
Karen Allen | Bob Barry

BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

In Gallery 1, Allen’s *Dust and Rainbows* includes abstract figurative paintings. In Gallery 2, Barry’s *Florescence* has ceramic floral sculptures. A group show in the Beacon Room, *Obscura*, includes works in all media. Through Oct. 6.



Reggae Jukebox Band, Sept. 14

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 14
Poetry Workshop

WAPPINGERS FALLS
1:30 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org

Arro Mandell, a farm crew member, will lead a workshop that draws inspiration from the setting to create mini-books. *Cost: \$15 to \$45*

SAT 14
Homer’s Odyssey

BEACON
5:30 p.m. KuBe | 211 Fishkill Ave.
mendelsohnatkube.eventbrite.com

In this talk hosted by the Harvard-Radcliffe Club of the Hudson Valley, Bard professor Daniel Mendelsohn will discuss his new translation of the epic poem from ancient Greece. *Cost: \$25*

WED 18
Healthy Living for Brain & Body

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

Learn about lifestyle habits that support good health at every age. At 3 p.m., the workshop will be repeated in Spanish.

FRI 20
Adult Excursions & Joyful Diversions

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

Meet at the library for coffee and socializing before carpooling to Boscobel for a tour of the gardens and grounds. Or meet the group at Boscobel.

FRI 20
Mappy Hour

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Peruse 200 years of cartographic history while enjoying refreshments. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 members)*

SAT 21
Seed Saving Workshop

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

Learn how to gather, clean and store seeds and how the process benefits natural systems.

SAT 21
Necrology

BEACON
8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com
Meg Ripley will discuss her new novel with Meghan Arcuri.

SUN 22
Plein Air Drawing

PHILIPSTOWN
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cornish Estate
3011 Route 9D
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Thom Johnson will lead this class at the ruins inside the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. All ages and experience levels welcome. Materials provided. *Cost: \$25*

MUSIC

SAT 14
Doansburg Chamber Ensemble

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. St. Mary’s Church | 1 Chestnut St.
doansburgchamberensemble.org

The trio, with piano, flute and trombone, will perform works by Debussy, Poulenc, Blazhevich and D’Rivera. *Cost: \$17 (\$14 students, seniors)*

SAT 14
A Night at the Opera

NEWBURGH
7:30 p.m. Mount Saint Mary
330 Powell Ave. | 845-913-7157
newburghsymphony.org

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform music at Aquinas Hall from operas such as *La Boheme*, *Carmen* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. *Cost: \$35 to \$85*

SAT 14
Eddie Skuller’s Reggae Jukebox Band

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The band will cover music from the 1970s and ’80s with a reggae vibe. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 15
David Shifrin and Yalin Chi

COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The clarinetist and pianist will perform works by Debussy, Brahms and Poulenc. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 15
Brentano String Quartet

BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

The Howland Chamber Music Circle begins its season with a concert that will include works by Haydn and Beethoven and a premiere by composer Lei Liang. See Page 11. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

SUN 15
Iain Matthews

BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer and songwriter will play music from his decades of recording. Peter Bradley opens. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

FRI 20
Viva the Divas

GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing
philipstowndepottheatre.org
Goldee Greene, accompanied by pianist Tom McCoy, will perform songs by great women singers. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

FRI 20
Dan Garcia

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org
The Spanish classical guitarist will play music from his native country and Latin America. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

FRI 20
Professor Louie & The Crowmatix

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Woodstock-based group’s influences include rock, blues, gospel and Americana. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 21
The Oxalis Trio

COLD SPRING
2 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St. | musicatstmarys.com
Zachary Pulse (oboe), Alexandra Beliakovich (piano) and Carl Gutowski (flute) will play a program that includes works by Bach, Madeline Dring and Ibert. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 21
Peter Evans

POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Center
12 Vassar St.
peterevans.eventbrite.com
The trumpeter will perform as part of the Elysium Furnace Works series. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 21
StevieMac

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

The tribute band plays the music of Stevie Nicks and Fleetwood Mac. *Cost: \$32 to \$45*

SAT 21
Stanley Jordan

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The jazz guitarist will play music from his latest release, *Friends*. *Cost: \$40 (\$45 door)*

SUN 22
Jimmy Webb

PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The songwriter will stage a multimedia retelling of his collaborations with Glen Campbell. *Cost: \$35 to \$48*

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MON 16
City Council

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

MON 16
Village Board

NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 17
Voter Registration

GARRISON
10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

TUES 17
School Board

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Middle School Library
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org

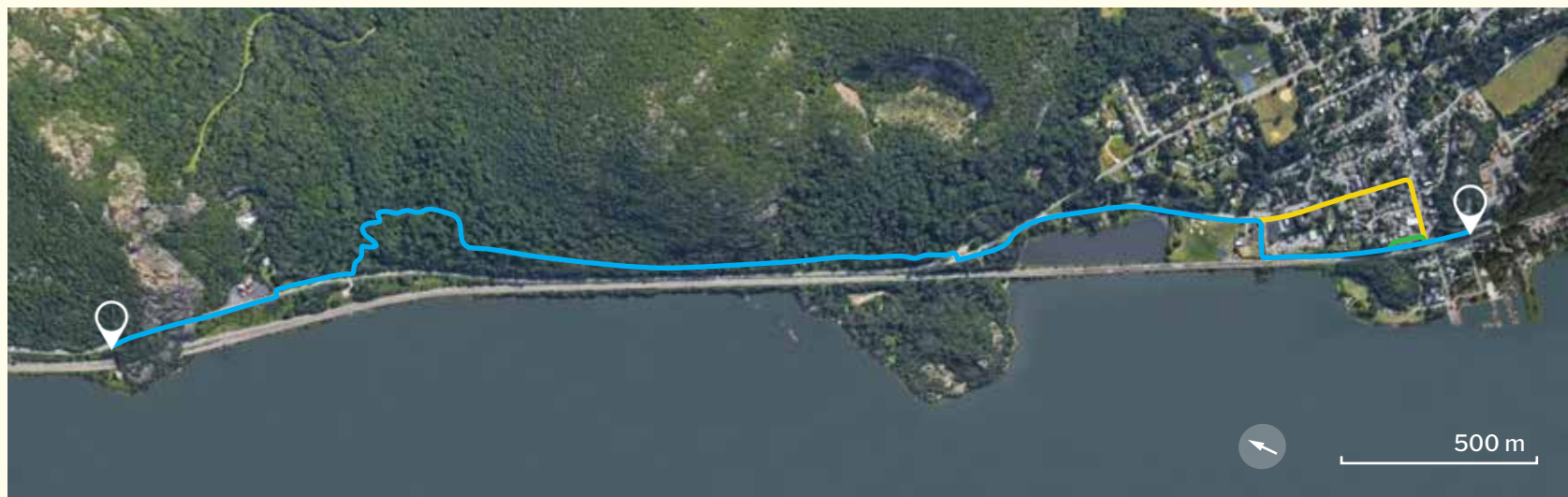
WED 18
Village Board

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

WED 18
School Board

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

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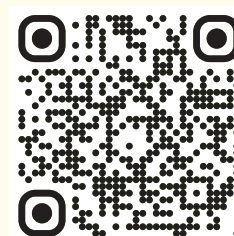
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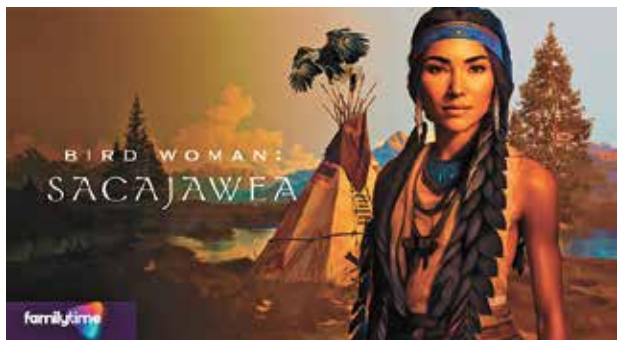
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- Less disruptive to wildlife
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- Improves ADA access to Little Stony Point

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An illustration promoting *Bird Woman*

Familytime Lynn Rogoff Photo provided

New Series Made With AI

Many humans also involved, including Philipstown director

By Marc Ferris

The future of AI-animated film is here — but there are still some kinks that will be resolved when today's leading-edge technology eventually becomes obsolete.

Philipstown filmmaker Lynn Rogoff, who has watched computer-driven movies and video games evolve for 30 years, wrote and directed the first episodes of a new historical series, *Bird Woman: Sacajawea*, which has already earned an armload of awards and began streaming this month at Familytime.tv.

This is no press-a-button-and-the-magic-occurs process, she says. The feature expanded the capabilities of artificial technology by combining three software tools to create somewhat lifelike historical avatars that speak.

"Getting characters to talk is very hard for AI, so this is a milestone," says Rogoff. "We're the first team to combine these applications. When we sent the film to [one of the developers], they were shocked because they thought their product would be used as an enterprise solution, like selling homes on the internet."

Here, the focus is on influential figures in the Lewis and Clark Expedition, including Sacajawea's baby, nicknamed "Pompy." Behind the historical talking (and cooing) heads, backgrounds convey vivid natural dreamscapes and dramatic action scenes that explore the journey's inherent clash of cultures.

Something always moves onscreen as the characters deliver their lines, and the look is designed to mimic video games, says Rogoff.

The story germinated 20 years ago as a script. Other human elements include voice actors, a haunting flute song, a score crafted by a composer, an orchestration of the score, illustrators, editors, historians and Rogoff's directing.

"Everyone wanted to work on this because no one ever combined music audio, dialogue and special effects in this medium," she says.

For two decades, Rogoff tried to drum up funding for a video-graphic portrait of Sacajawea, a teenager who guided the federally sponsored expedition from 1804 to 1806 through the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean and back, infant in tow.

But timing is everything. Now, the atmosphere for the film is more receptive due to the Me-Too feminist movement and a

newfound interest in telling stories from diverse communities, Rogoff says.

The reboot started at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, where Rogoff revisited the historical record with help from librarians Jane D'Emic and Pat Turner. Then, she headed to her cabin in the woods with the goal of time-traveling to the early 1800s and conveying Sacajawea's perspective.

Rogoff spends winters in Manhattan, where she teaches communications at the New York Institute of Technology. The school provided a grant to develop chatbot characters from the film to answer questions in real-time (in English and Spanish), drawing from their uploaded knowledge base that includes the film's script, journals from the expedition and other heavy texts and documents.

Though mature in places (it's rated TV-PG), the project skews toward an educational market and attempts to make history entertaining for people who chafe at processing names, dates and facts, says Rogoff, an alum of PBS shows *Sesame Street* and *Big Blue Marble*.

In the 1990s, she started a nonprofit called Amerikids Productions and worked with then-revolutionary blue screen technology after McGraw-Hill commissioned Pony Express Rider, a history-themed game that delivered doses of information in a palatable format.

Amerikids are icons whose claim to fame occurred during their childhood or teen years, including Sybil Ludington, who was 16 when she made her famous 1777 ride through what is now Putnam County to warn that the British were coming, says Rogoff.

Beyond extending AI's capability to create characters who speak and make credible facial expressions, the film breaks the technology's four-second barrier.

"AI doesn't understand the human body, so after four seconds, legs get weird and fingers kind of disappear," says Rogoff. "Our team edited hundreds of four-second moments together; that's state of art, as of now."

Other limitations include blurred teeth and awkward scowling, smiling and lip movements. But some details can be stunning, such as the creases in characters' faces, the furrows in the hills and the reflection of a snow-capped mountain in a lake.

"The hardest part of filmmaking is raising money," she says. "Kevin Costner spent \$100 million on *Horizon* trying to recreate the 1800s. I want to tell an interesting and accurate story and, yes, we're using AI to make life a lot simpler, more productive and cost-effective. But we're still bringing human creativity to the fold."

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LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (September 1874)

Following a report that a student had swam across the Hudson River near West Point in 40 minutes, a former Cold Spring resident, A. Maxwell, claimed he had done it in 35 minutes. “I feel confident I could have done it in 30 minutes but for a stiff breeze blowing me up the river,” forcing him to sidestroke. He said Mr. Black, who had followed in a boat, could corroborate.

The West Point Foundry organized its second annual excursion for employees and their families aboard the William Cook, which left the dock at 8:25 a.m. on a Thursday with 1,000 passengers. “As early as 7 a.m., the living tide began to flow down the [Main Street] hill” to the dock, reported *The Cold Spring Recorder*.

While James Ruddiman and his family were on the excursion, thieves broke into their home near Little Stony Point and stole \$50 [about \$1,400 today].

A gold-leaf sign was applied to the plate-glass door at Pelham & Co. Jewelers.

A carriage driver stopped his team just as a front wheel knocked down Jimmy Murphy, 4, opposite St. Mary’s Church. The boy was not seriously injured.

An eagle sat for a time atop the Reformed Church spire.

The Putnam County Agricultural Society held its 24th annual Cattle Show and Horse Exhibition over four days at the fairgrounds in Carmel.

Clara Louise Kellogg, a diva who had a summer home in Philipstown, gave an impromptu concert in the dining hall at West Point.

To reduce fatalities, the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad said it would

more aggressively prosecute people who walked on the tracks.

A baseball game between the hometown Kellogg team and a squad from Newburgh ended prematurely after William Foster began bickering with the umpire, who called the game after he said the pitcher denounced him as a “_____ liar!” The editor of *The Recorder* defended Foster, saying he had been “goaded into unreasonable passion.”

The Recorder noted an unusual sight during the slow shipping season: a “cloud of canvas” as 22 ships passed Constitution Island and the dock at the same time.

At least 1,500 people in the area had malarial fever, although no one was sure how it spread. “A general opinion has prevailed that the upper lower coves and the marsh are fertile sources,” reported *The Recorder*. It said a man who had recently purchased a home left until “the air became more healthful.” [Mosquitoes would not be identified as transmitters of malaria until the turn of the century.]

The Recorder called out *The Newburgh Journal* for its accusation that a Cold Spring team canceled a baseball game at the last minute to avoid losing. After the Putnams’ manager said several key players had malarial fever, which can cause shivering, *The Journal* claimed their “shakes” were probably caused by fear of playing the Magnolias.

Richard Denney lost \$9 [\$250] in Nelsonville while betting on the position of the “little joker” in a game of thimble-erig [aka the shell game].

M. Ladue and H. Mekeel killed an adder that contained 27 baby serpents.

Henry Porter, superintendent of the gasworks, was awakened at 2 a.m. by cries from the street outside his home. He found a man with a badly sprained ankle who said he had fallen from a pile of lumber in the darkness after getting off a boat. Porter and the watchman took the injured man to the depot in a wheelbarrow, set up bedding and at daylight took him to the friend he was coming to meet.

John Chase, while hunting squirrels in DeRham’s woods, shot a crane that measured over 4 feet tall. Chase said he would experiment with cooking it.

An anonymous reader who attended the Democratic caucus at Town Hall noted strife between two factions, with one claim-

ing the other’s delegates had been bribed to make nominations. “In olden times — say 50 years ago — whoever heard of money entering into elections?” he asked.

After rowing across the river, the Kellogg club defeated Cornwall, 67-5. The game was called after the Cold Spring squad scored 25 runs in the sixth inning.

Dr. Lente reported a strange case: Joseph Callendar had come to him with a boil on his upper lip near the nostril that grew so quickly that the patient had to be fed through a tube. Callendar recovered after surgery.

J. Perry’s wagon was damaged when the horse kicked out the dashboard.

After his son said he had been hit by a stone thrown by Irving Jaycox, James Patterson of Mollysville [east Nelsonville] proceeded to the Jaycox home. After some words, he slapped Irving across the face. Unfortunately, there were two boys in town named Irving Jaycox.

John Butler reached water on his B Street lot at only 11 feet.

A mob organized at a local tavern gathered outside the home of William Odell in Mollysville early on a Tuesday morning, demanding that he remove a guest, Charley Annin of Garrison, on threat of lynching. Annin was accused of abandoning his wife and three children, and Odell had given his friend harbor when others would not.

The body of John Van Winkle, a native of Cold Spring, was found nude in the water near West Point. He had been missing for three days after his boat, the Juliette, was found tied offshore. His brother, Frank, surmised that John’s ax — the only thing missing on board — fell into the river and he drowned after removing his clothes to dive for it.

At 10:30 p.m. on a Sunday, someone fired a shot near the foot of Main Street that ricocheted and struck William Thurbichler’s house. The bullet nearly hit his daughter, Lena, as she came around the corner to fill a pail with water.

125 Years Ago (September 1899)

A farmer in the North Highlands netted 15 cents [\$5.68] a barrel for his apples in New York City.

Emily Warren Roebling presented the editor of *The Recorder* with a bound copy of the annual report for the newly created Women’s National War Relief Association, of which she was treasurer.

A farmer stopped at William Yates’ show window and asked if he could purchase the alarm clock in the window for \$3 [\$115]. In fact, it was a chronometer worth \$250 [\$9,500], so there was no sale.

Henyan’s new barn in Depot Square opened with a dance attended by 250 people with music by the West Point Orchestra.

At the annual meeting of the Cold Spring Village Improvement Association, President Henry Metcalfe reported that upkeep of the drinking fountain had cost \$16 [\$600] to remove pebbles inserted by children, provide cups and chains and clean the “refuse” left by horses. He also recommended that the group purchase a gymnastics apparatus for the schoolyard.

The only vegetables not expected to increase in price over the winter were potatoes and cabbages. The excess was being shipped to Cuba.

The 11-year-old daughter of James Henyan, of Bank Street, while playing in the street, was knocked down by the wood rack on the side of a passing wagon.

The Haldane school board voted to charge tuition for students from Nelsonville.

The Cold Spring Board of Trade, with 43 members dedicated to promoting industry, held its first meeting at the firehouse.

Mrs. Charles Pelham of Cold Spring was injured when she stepped from a streetcar at 23rd Street and 8th Avenue in New York City and was struck in the small of the back by the pole of a coal cart. It knocked her down, and a streetcar wheel passed over her legs.

Mrs. John Iselin and Misses Mary and Katie Philipse donated stained-glass windows to St. Philip’s Church in Garrison in memory of their families.

Sgt. E.H. Timm attended a reunion in Newark, New Jersey, of his Civil War battery, which took part in 26 battles. Of its 256 members, 45 were known to be alive and 36 attended. Timm said he met several former comrades whom he had not seen since 1865.

Dr. J.M. Winslow and his coachman were turning the corner at Secor and Pearl streets when the horse became frightened and took off. It was the fourth or fifth time the horse had done so, so the doctor bought a new horse.

The Recorder reported that W.E. Pajaud had sailed for Cuba and that local Republicans had nominated Seth Secor and Hamilton Fish to attend conventions. The next week, the paper issued a correction, noting that the items should have appeared under the headline, “Twenty-Five Years Ago.”

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Fish were guests at the West Point Hotel for a week. They made daily visits to the St. Philip’s churchyard to visit the grave of their son, Hamilton, a casualty of the Spanish-American War.

100 Years Ago (September 1924)

Bill Brown held a party in Garrison for 500 people to open an Olympic-size swimming pool at his physical training farm, Brownsdale.



The entrance to Brownsdale in Garrison, which added a swimming pool in 1924

After Main Street was closed between Depot Square and Stone Street to install concrete pipe, a Keystone excavator hit a water connection and created a 20-foot geyser.

It was 96 degrees on Labor Day. The Cold Spring Dramatic Association held its first meeting.

Four Mormon elders led a service at the corner of Main and Garden streets.

The engineer, assistant superintendent and office manager of the nearly completed Bear Mountain Bridge became the first to cross it in a vehicle.

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Our Lady of Loretto held a service on Sept. 12 for Defense Test Day to pray for the safety of the republic. [Created by presidential proclamation, Defense Test Day was held in 1924 and 1925, then replaced in 1928 by Army Day.]

Because of high enrollment, the Garrison school turned a training room into a third-grade classroom and hired a new teacher, Mildred Merritt of Nelsonville.

Three cars collided at Paulding and Chestnut streets. No one was hurt.

The Loretto parish celebrated its 90th anniversary. Before the church [now The Chapel Restoration] was dedicated on Sept. 21, 1834, Mass was held in a building owned by the West Point Foundry at the foot of Turkey Hill. The parish extended from New York City to Albany, which Father O'Reilly traveled by foot and boat.

Six 50-year-old elm trees at Main Street and Kemble Avenue were cut down to accommodate new curbs. *The Recorder* noted: "The Board of Trustees has been implored to remove more of the trees, and on the other hand has been threatened with dire vengeance if they removed [even] one of the trees."

75 Years Ago (September 1949)

The Haldane band director asked for donations of secondhand instruments, including an upright piano.

Fred Dickenson, the Republican incumbent candidate for county district attor-

ney, won the Democratic nomination after receiving 45 write-in votes in the primary.

The artist Kenneth Frazier, 82, died at his home in Garrison. Born in Paris, he painted in the Art Nouveau, Impressionist and Realist styles.



"Autumn, Garrison, New York," by Kenneth Frazier

Two Garrison mothers organized a weekly preschool group that emphasized music and dancing. The cost was \$8 [\$105] per month.

50 Years Ago (September 1974)

The Cold Spring Planning Board announced a plan to create an architectural review board after changes were made to Main Street buildings that it felt were inconsistent with the village's 19th-century character.

Folk singer Pete Seeger performed at St.

Mary's Capuchin Monastery in Philipstown to benefit the Friends of the Butterfield Library.

Mildred Mason retired after 32 years as a clerk at the Cold Spring post office.

Ron's Exxon, the 1973 and 1974 Philipstown Softball League champs, won an eight-team tournament in Highland Falls.

Kenneth Polito was appointed chief of the Continental Village Volunteer Fire Department. His father, Mike, had been chief from 1959 to 1961.

25 Years Ago (September 1999)

By a 6-1 vote, the Garrison school board reduced the \$6 million bond request to fund a new "gymatorium" by \$100,000 earmarked for furniture. Superintendent Les Weintraub said he was "comfortable with our children sitting in a Buick, not a Cadillac." He suggested saving another \$100,000 by reducing the size of the 7,000-square-foot space by 762 square feet, but the board rejected that idea, 5-2.

Fifteen residents from Lake Surprise Road attended a Town Board meeting to oppose plans to expand Surprise Lake Camp into a year-round facility by adding a pair of heated, 60-bed cabins.

The Putnam County sheriff reported that deputies had made two arrests in the assault of a 19-year-old woman in Philipstown who said she was awakened by a group of females who hit her over the head with a beer bottle.

Boy Scout Troop 437, sponsored by the Garrison Fish and Game Club, was created by merging Troop 4 from Garrison and Troop 137 from Cold Spring, both of which had been inactive for seven years.

Shelley Boris of Fresh company was named chef at the Garrison Golf Club.

The Garrison school board held a special meeting to approve a state environmental review of its plans to expand the school but had to reschedule after a member who opposed the project, Betsy Calhoun, said she had not received 24 hours' notice. The meeting was rescheduled but then delayed again by Tropical Storm Floyd.

The executive director of the Garrison Art Center complained that a member had asked for its mailing list to thank fellow volunteers but instead used it to distribute literature for her campaign for town assessor.

The Village Board approved the hiring of a third full-time police officer, which Mayor Anthony Phillips said would eliminate the need for most part-time positions except on Sundays.

For the second year in a row, the Haldane football team defeated Croton-Harmon on a fourth-quarter touchdown pass from Greg Anderson to Gary Watkins.

A Cold Spring resident complained in a letter to the *Putnam County News & Recorder* that a commuter had parked his gray Oldsmobile on New Street and, apparently thinking no one was home, urinated about 8 feet from his front door.

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Roots and Shoots

All-Season Berries

By Pamela Doan



When gardeners ask for recommendations about expanding their harvests, raspberries are at the top of my list. They are the easiest and most giving, without a lot of pressure to contain them. Tree fruit is a topic for another time.

There are many more varieties of raspberries than what you will see at the grocery store or a garden center. I've found Fedco's catalog and Raintree Nursery's website full of useful details and growing guides. Their selections can give you ideas even if you decide to shop locally.

Raspberries are self-pollinating, which

means they don't need another raspberry bush to bear fruit. But they benefit from having another variety nearby; research has shown it increases the quantity of berries. Since bees will do most of the work spreading pollen, it helps to have other pollinator-attracting plants in the landscape to increase foraging.

I like to mix varieties because you can get berries from summer into fall. Combine the two types of cultivars, summer-bearing and everbearing.

Summer-bearing canes will have berries ready to pick as early as June and/or July, depending on the variety. Harvest everbearing canes in July and again in late August and September. It's a huge bonus to have berries all summer and not be overwhelmed by a single harvest with a fruit that needs to be consumed or processed quickly.

Local nurseries carry popular summer-bearing canes such as Boyne and Latham, and everbearing varieties such as August Red and Polana are widely available.

Raspberries need full sun and soil rich in



Everbearing raspberry varieties will produce berries in mid-summer and again in fall.

Photo by P. Doan

organic matter. I confess that I don't water them regularly, which may produce fewer berries, but I haven't found the plants to be needy. The recommended schedule is 2 inches of water per week in the growing season, but since I am not growing commercially, I let mine manage on their own unless it's dire.

Fertilizer can be compost or an organic hit of nitrogen from a source like soybean meal or aged manure. Mulch adds organic matter and retains moisture.

If you're purchasing a raspberry bush at a nursery and taking it home, it is most likely a second-year plant. When ordering online, you will most likely get a seedling or first-year plant. Everbearing canes will bear fruit in that first year and summer-bearing canes in the second.

Trellising with a simple rail system with bushes planted on either side is effective. The T-shape will hold up the branches, making them easier to harvest as the weight pulls them down. It's also easy to prune the canes this way and keep the bushes to a manageable 5 to 6 feet tall. They can grow 9 feet tall if untended, which is fine, if you're a bird.

Raspberries need protection from deer. This is one way to distinguish between a raspberry and a wineberry, an invasive species. Deer will munch on a raspberry cane, thorns and all. They will not touch a wineberry bush.

Birds are your other competitor. Rather than netting the bushes, which can cause injury to birds when not done properly (and let's face it, most of us won't do it right), you can build a cage around them. Personally, I don't mind sharing. Reflective tape is also helpful.

Prune everbearing canes that produce berries to the ground in late fall or early spring. With summer-bearing canes, cut back after fruiting or in fall or early spring. This thinning allows the bush to stay vigorous and neatens up the canes to make it easier to pick the berries.

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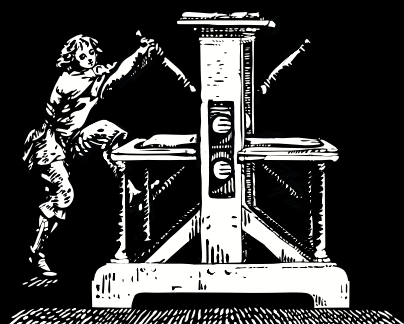
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Fjord Trail *(from Page 1)*

large numbers of walkers and bikers, said Rolison, who otherwise supports the Fjord Trail. A “phased-in approach” would be more prudent, he said, with HHFT first building the Little Stony Point to Breakneck riverside segment and analyzing the impact on pedestrians and traffic before deciding on the Dockside link.

“Little Stony Point satisfies the original intent to create a north-south trail with visually impressive views of the Hudson River without channeling ever-larger amounts of foot and other traffic into the heart” of Cold Spring, said Rolison.

Van Tassel said during a Town Board meeting on Sept. 5 that he had believed HHFT would delay its decision on Dockside for two years following the completion

of the Shoreline segment between Little Stony Point and Breakneck. That would allow “measures to draw crowds north to prove true or not,” he said.

In addition to the two-year pause, he asked his board to pursue from HHFT a “binding agreement” that the town and village boards “will be represented in the decision to proceed to Dockside.” Van Tassel also said that he would like to see three “feeder trails” that have been discussed built south of Little Stony Point.

“When we question state parks or HHFT, we are told that this has to be to the benefit of the residents of New York state,” said Van Tassel. “My answer has been consistent — that it cannot be to the detriment of the Town of Philipstown or the villages.”

HHFT envisions the Dockside segment as a friendlier route for the visitors who disembark at the Metro-North station and now use Fair Street to get to Route 9D on their way to Little Stony Point and Breakneck.

In their letter, Kacala and Chris Davis, HHFT’s chair, said the preferred route from Cold Spring still remains the Shoreline Trail, but opposition from some elected officials makes it “sensible” to wait until the Fjord Trail’s Breakneck Connector and Bridge and the renovation of Dutchess Manor into a visitor’s center with parking are complete.

Both are expected to reduce congestion on Route 9D created by hikers visiting the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve and Breakneck Ridge.

The Metro-North station at Breakneck is slated for an upgrade, and HHFT is planning to shuttle visitors between train stations, parking areas and trails; add signage; and create a phone app that visitors can use to plan their trips.

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“We and the experts expect all of these taken together to fundamentally change existing visitation patterns, including pulling cars and hikers away from Cold Spring, as they are designed to do,” wrote Davis and Kacala.

They added that state parks, as part of its environmental review of the Fjord Trail, will analyze routes from Cold Spring other than the Shoreline Trail. It will also provide Cold Spring with funding to mitigate the impact of tourism.

Kacala said on Thursday (Sept. 12) that the Fjord Trail has “broad-based support, locally and throughout the Hudson Valley” because of its goals to provide “equitable access to New York State Parks, solve existing safety concerns around visitation, restore and protect natural resources and enhance quality of life for local communities.”

Council *(from Page 1)*

to the Fishkill Creek development district that would allow the council to approve a certificate of occupancy for the residential portion of a project in the zone even if the commercial portion is unfinished.

Since 2017, the council has required developments in the creekside district to include at least 25 percent commercial space, and for the commercial to be built before or at the same time as the residential.

But Bernard Kohn, the owner of the development at 248 Tioronda Ave., asked the council in July to waive the requirement

and let him construct a third apartment building because he has been unable to secure a commercial tenant. He also asked the council to permit certificates of occupancy to be issued for the 64 apartments that are finished.

There’s been “almost zero interest” in office space at the development, said Kohn, who has not constructed the commercial building. A public hearing on his first request was scheduled for Monday but has been canceled because Kohn has undertaken “more aggressive marketing efforts” to promote the space to commercial tenants, City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis

said during the council’s Sept. 9 meeting.

White argued Sept. 9 that it would be counterproductive to deny Kohn’s second request, for certificates of occupancy for the 64 completed apartments, which include six below-market-rent units and would generate \$75,000 in tax revenue for the city, as well as water and sewer funds.

But “the council didn’t create this problem,” said Council Member Dan Aymar-Blair. “The conversation you’re having with us is the conversation you should be having with the developer” about why the project has not been completed.

Kohn’s requests prompted the council

to draft amendments to the Fishkill Creek zone that would permit certificates of occupancy for residential buildings before commercial with “good cause.” That public hearing will proceed on Monday.

During the Planning Board’s Aug. 13 meeting, its members objected to the proposed amendment, saying it undermines the mixed-use purpose of the zone.

City Council members also seemed unsure. “This is going to be a way to skirt the law,” said Aymar-Blair. “If we put this language in, everybody can build their residential projects and leave the non-residential unbuilt.”





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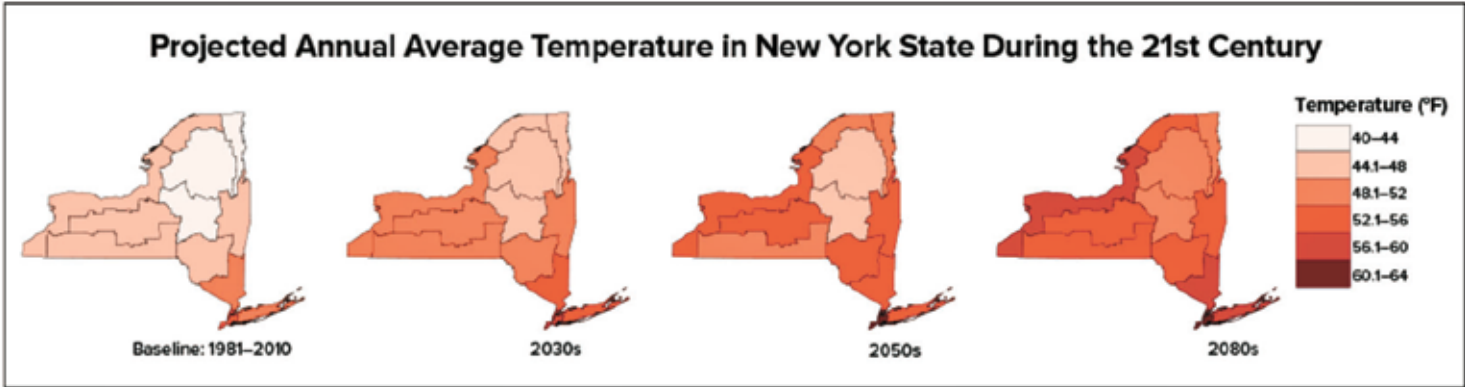
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Extreme Heat (from Page 1)

our nation’s history, a season punctuated by the constant drumbeat of meteorological records being broken. Last month was the hottest August ever recorded. Same for June. July 2024 tied with July 2023 as the hottest July ever, but this year’s contained Earth’s hottest recorded day on July 22. “These past two weeks have been particularly brutal,” NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said at the time.

The ever-increasing heat is not only uncomfortable but dangerous. “Extreme heat has a deep public health impact,” said Leo Bachinger of the Office of Climate Change. “It kills more people across the U.S. than any other extreme weather hazard.”

The state’s projections show that, unless the world manages significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions over the decades to come, days in which the heat index hits 130 degrees in our area are not

out of the question by 2080.

New York has launched an ambitious plan to reduce 85 percent of the state’s greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, from their 1990 levels. But even if that can be achieved, the state is going to get hotter, scientists say. The amount of suffering will depend on reducing emissions globally and mitigation locally. The state’s Extreme Heat Action Plan, online at bit.ly/NY-extreme-heat, outlines 49 steps over the next six years. Here’s a closer look at six:

No. 3: Extreme heat maps and capital projects

A 90-degree day doesn’t mean what it used to. “The thermostat doesn’t reflect how our body experiences heat and how our bodies can deal with extreme heat,” said Bachinger. If it’s humid, the body has difficulty regulating its internal temperature because sweat doesn’t evaporate into humid air as quickly. Hotter air can hold more moisture, making it more humid. That means global warming

can lead to global humidity.

The heat index, which considers air temperature and relative humidity, is a more accurate way to gauge what it feels like outside. There’s also the Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature, measured by wrapping a thermometer in a wet sock, putting it outside and seeing how long it takes to dry. That measurement incorporates wind, air pressure and solar radiation, the latter of which can be affected by cloud cover.

Wet-Bulb Globe Temperature, developed by the military to determine heat risks, hasn’t caught on with the public. The Extreme Heat Action Plan recommends that both measures become a routine part of weather maps.

It also recommends weather maps incorporating factors such as the Urban Heat Island effect. In heavily paved areas with little greenery, pavement and concrete absorb sunlight all day before releasing it at night. That can lead to drastically different temperatures between neighborhoods.

“If we can understand where some of those concentrations of high heat are, and where some of those vulnerable communities are that have disproportionate exposure to extreme heat, we can make sure resources go where they’re most needed,” said Bachinger.

No. 9: Support passive, resilient and safe cooling

Air conditioning can be a lifesaver as temperatures soar, but it has drawbacks. The drain on the electrical grid increases the risk of blackouts and brownouts during heatwaves. The emissions generated by AC units also contribute to climate change.

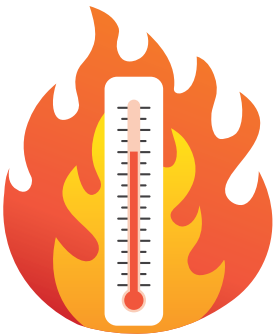
In addition, researchers at Arizona State University have found that AC can make it hotter. In neighborhoods where every-

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Heat App

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration offer a Heat Safety Tool phone app that calculates the heat index and provides recommendations. See bit.ly/heat-safety-app. It notes that heat index values were created for shady conditions with a light wind, so exposure to full sunshine can increase them by up to 15 degrees.



Heat Warnings

The National Weather Service defines a **heatwave** as three consecutive days when the air temperature reaches 90 degrees and **excessive heat** as a heat index of 105 degrees for at least two hours. A **heat advisory** is issued when the index is expected to reach 95 degrees for two days or 100 degrees at any time.

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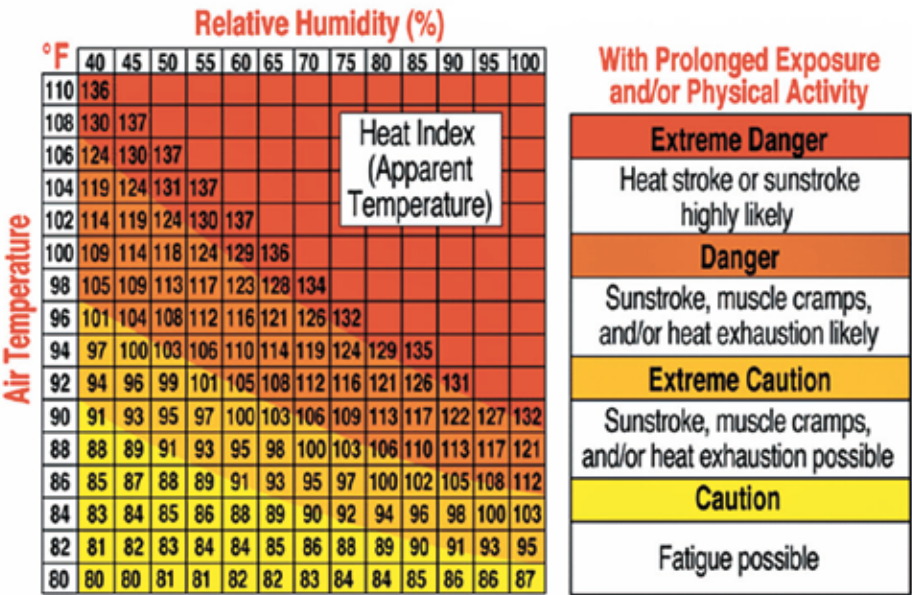
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one runs their air conditioners, the heat being blasted from living spaces can raise the temperature outside by as much as 2 degrees, making it even hotter for everyone who doesn't have air conditioning.

Bachinger said that prompts the question: Can we cool communities without air conditioning?

Ideas may emerge from a \$5.5 million Green Cooling for Extreme Heat challenge organized by the New York State Energy and Research Development Agency (NYSERDA). The design contest hopes to solicit tools, technologies and strategies for "nature-based approaches to passive cooling," especially in poorer communities. Broad examples of green infrastructure to promote cooling include street trees, rooftop gardens, "green walls" covered in living vegetation and urban wetlands.

No. 12: More cooling centers

New York State maintains a searchable online database of cooling centers, although it appears outdated. Beacon's only cooling center — the Howland Public Library on Main Street — does not appear on it.

Ben Swanson, the secretary to Mayor Lee Kyriacou, said the city has opened its recreational facilities and partnered with the Salvation Army for cooling centers, but everyone goes to the library, which is more comfortable and has internet access. With more severe heat expected, members of the City Council have discussed designating additional sites.

Bachinger said malls and other businesses can be cooling centers — anywhere that is familiar and where you might go anyway, like pools and parks and other public spaces.

At the Office of Climate Change, Lowery said one of the challenges with cooling sites anywhere in the state is that few are open 24/7. That's a problem especially because summer nights aren't as cool as in the past. When night temperatures don't dip below 90 degrees, like in Las Vegas, our organs don't get a chance to recover from the daytime heat. Instead, the heart keeps directing blood to the skin to cool it.

"It used to be that you could open the windows at night to cool the house, and that cooling might last you through the day," Lowery said. "Increasingly, that doesn't work anymore."

Other potential effects of the increasing heat: More generators will be needed to keep centers cool through extended power failures caused by increasingly powerful and frequent summer storms, and emergency service workers and volunteers will need to roam city streets during the summer as well as the winter to coax unhoused people to take shelter during extreme weather.

No. 13: Expand access to swimming

This year, Gov. Kathy Hochul unveiled a program that hopes to reverse a decades-long decline in public swimming pools and beaches. The state offered \$90 million

to communities to construct, reopen and renovate pools, hire lifeguards and offer swimming lessons.

The state is also testing a filtered, floating pool in the East River to see if they might work in lakes and rivers throughout New York. A promotional rendering showed a prototype floating near the site of the River Pool in Beacon. Including that pool, there are only four public places to swim in the Hudson, compared to 200 beaches on the Long Island Sound.

Building more pools in urban areas, especially coupled with green infrastructure such as parks and tree cover, can counter the Urban Heat Island effect, Bachinger noted. "We know that communities affected by racist practices like redlining already have disproportionately fewer green spaces and pools," he said. "This can lessen the

cooling burdens in those communities."

No. 18: Prevent work injuries

The state advises employers to use the heat index rather than air temperature to determine the dangers of working outside, and to provide constant access to water and shade when the heat index is above 80 degrees and 15-minute breaks every two hours when it's over 90 degrees.

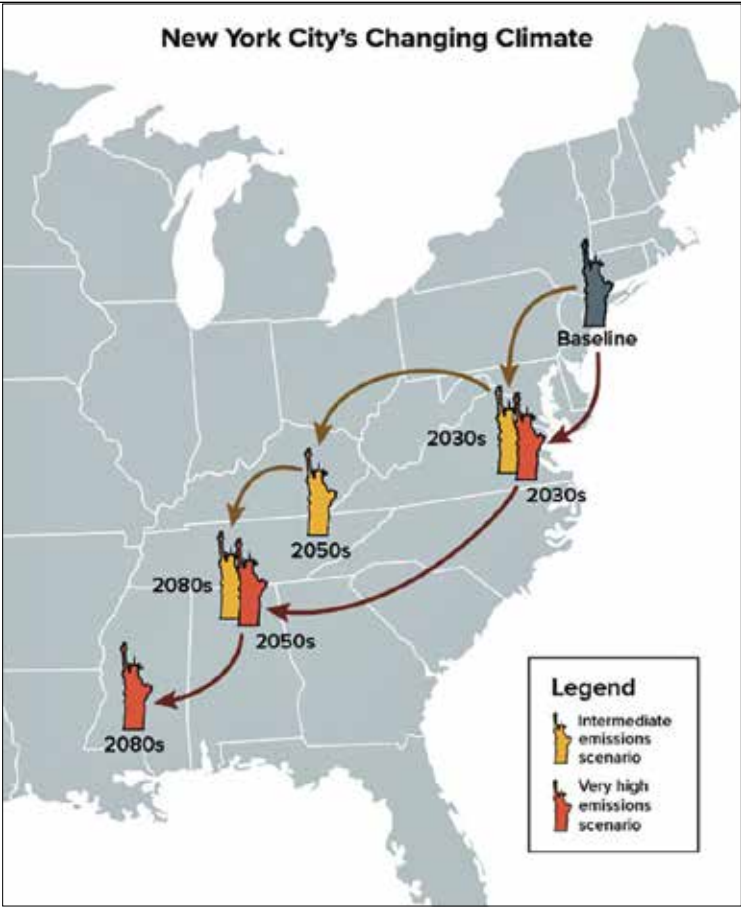
The Biden administration has proposed rules that are like the state's guidance and also require newly hired outdoor workers, whose bodies may not have acclimated, to work fewer hours until they adjust. The federal guidelines will become law in 2026 if they survive industry opposition and political pushback. The governors in Texas and Florida recently eliminated rules that required water breaks.

Lauren Kaplan, the associate director of farmer training at the Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming in Philipstown, said that apprentice farmers are taught countermeasures against the heat. That means frequent water breaks and learning to identify the early signs of heatstroke and exhaustion. More Hudson Valley farmers are starting earlier in the day, heading inside during the afternoon and resuming work in the evening. They also schedule days off to avoid heatwaves and poor air quality.

However, the harvest waits for no one. "Even if people are getting heatstroke and it's hot, and people need to go home, how do you get your work done?" Kaplan asked. "We need more resources."

No. 21: Subsidize cooling

The state's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps lower-income families pay their heating bills, but it's also available in the summer and for air conditioners and fans that were provided this year to about 9,000 state residents. "Many people either can't afford an air conditioner or can't afford to run it," said Bachinger. To that end, officials also hope to add AC units as a benefit to the state's health insurance plan.



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1. Broadway flop

5. Foot part

9. Urban carrier

12. Vivacity, in music

13. “Funny!”

14. Flamenco cheer

15. Rural tourist attractions

17. Skier Tommy

18. Actress Neuwirth

19. Serious

21. Wide, fancy necktie

24. Jazz singer Laine

25. Noggin

26. Reeve role

30. Einstein’s birthplace

31. Mini-plateaus

32. Green prefix

33. Pudding choices

35. Firecracker sound

36. Grecian vessels

37. Embedded spies

38. Bas-relief medium

40. Reed instrument

42. Pirates’ quaff

43. Duncan Hines products

48. Nest egg letters

49. Old Italian money

50. Protuberance

51. Mom’s mate

52. Flair

53. Toe malady
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1. Telly network

2. Granada gold

3. Russian space station

4. Chocolate-coated treat

5. Melville captain

6. Demolish

7. *Evita* role

8. Pesters

9. Fast-food deal

10. Balm ingredient

11. Tavern order

16. Bumped into

20. “— the ramparts ...”

21. Border on

22. Actress Ward

23. College handout for a freshman

24. Tax prep pros

26. Brief moments

27. Can. neighbor

28. Dreaded breakout

29. Egggy drinks

31. Prop for Mr. Peanut

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38. Clench

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41. Existed

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Answers for Sept. 6 Puzzles

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Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

FOOTBALL — Haldane started the season on a positive note on Sept. 6, winning 26-6 at Dover. In their first offensive drive, the Blue Devils went 76 yards in six minutes and scored on a 3-yard rush by senior Brody Corless. On the ensuing kickoff, Dover ripped off a 75-yard return for a TD but the Dragons missed the extra point and Haldane led 7-6.

Toward the end of the first quarter, junior Merrick Williams intercepted a bobbled pass and ran it back for a touchdown for a 13-6 lead. With 1:42 left in the second quarter, sophomore quarterback David Powlis completed his best pass of the game, lifting one high for senior receiver Jake Thomas for a 28-yard touchdown. After the extra point, Haldane led 20-6 going into the half.

In the fourth quarter, Corless ran for his second touchdown from 20 yards out to put the finishing touches on a 26-6 win. Corless finished with six carries for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

Haldane (1-0) plays next on Saturday (Sept. 14) at Woodlands.

BOYS' SOCCER — The Blue Devils took care of business in their first game of the season, winning 4-1 over Yonkers Montessori Academy on Sept. 6. Haldane scored twice in the first half, with a goal by junior Roth Westphal on a header and another by senior captain Brandt Robbins. Two goals in the second half came from sophomore Rhys Williams and junior Ty Villella. Senior goalkeeper Marc Firpo had 11 saves and senior captain Matthew Silhavy had two assists.

On Wednesday (Sept. 11), hosting Dobbs Ferry, the Blue Devils lost 3-0. Haldane (1-1) will look to bounce back on Tuesday (Sept. 17) at Hastings.

GIRLS' TENNIS — On Sept. 5, Haldane won, 3-2, at Westlake. Freshman Ellie Dubroff won her singles match (6-2, 6-2), as did senior Mary McBride (9-7, 10-8) across four games. In doubles, Alice Stevenson and Lorelai Luoma won (6-4, 7-5) across three games.

This past week was tougher. The girls lost, 3-2, on Monday (Sept. 9) at Pleasantville, and 3-2 on Wednesday at home against Tuckahoe. The Blue Devils (1-2) travel to Woodlands today (Sept. 13), Briarcliff on Tuesday and Poughkeepsie on Wednesday before hosting Valhalla at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.



Thaigo Pluas (11) handles the ball for Haldane against Dobbs Ferry. Photo by Skip Pearlman

VOLLEYBALL — The Blue Devils have only one senior (Amelia Scarpino) but four returning juniors (Megan Powell, Aine Duggan, Savannah Duggan and Clara Schmitt). In their opener on Monday (Sept. 9) at Brewster, they lost in three games (25-12, 25-15, 25-7) and on Wednesday at Hastings, they fell 25-17, 25-18, 28-26.

The Blue Devils (0-2) will look for their first win at home today (Sept. 13), hosting Keio Academy at 5:30 p.m. They play in a seven-team tournament on Saturday and travel to Leffell on Tuesday.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

FOOTBALL — In his first game as coach, Gerald Ryan led the Bulldogs on Sept. 7 to an impressive 43-0 win at Red Hook. The defense forced five turnovers, including one linebacker Mercer Jordan returned for a touchdown. Jazziah Whitted, Jaden Jones, Samuel Hutchinson and Elijah Epps each scored during the rout. Beacon (1-0), which finished 2-7 last season, will look to ride its momentum when it travels to New Paltz today (Sept. 13).

BOYS' SOCCER — The Bulldogs had back-to-back games and back-to-back wins to open the 2024 season. On Sept. 6, Beacon defeated Monroe-Woodbury, 2-1, behind goals from Tye Elias and Jaidyn Caccamo and knocked off Cornwall the next day, 2-0, again on goals from Elias and Caccamo. The Bulldogs host Chester on Monday (Sept. 16) at 4:30 p.m. and Liberty on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m.

GIRLS' SOCCER — Reilly Landisi was the hat-trick hero as Beacon knocked off

Minisink Valley, 4-1, on Sept. 7. Claire Morgan added a goal from midfield. The Bulldogs ran away from Fallsburg, 9-1, on Monday (Sept. 9), with Zoe Hammond, Jessica Morocho and Louisa Virgadamo each scoring their first varsity goals. The Bulldogs (3-0) travel today (Sept. 13) to Pine Bush to face Chapel Field and to John Jay East Fishkill on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL — Beacon improved to 2-0 on Tuesday (Sept. 10), sweeping Monticello, 3-0. Katherine Ruffy had 23 assists and Evy Diebboll had 19 digs and seven aces, while Lila Burke had 18 kills and Lindsay Pederson added nine. Beacon faced Port Jervis on Thursday (Sept. 12), travels to Liberty Monday (Sept. 16) and hosts Fallsburg at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

GIRLS' TENNIS — Beacon opened its season on Sept. 6 with a win over Valley Central, 4-3. Addison Miller won in singles and Isabella Baffuto/Breanna Rudolph, Alianna Alijaj/Andrea Bottiglieri and Sally Betterbid/Fallon Groza prevailed at doubles. Beacon fell, 6-1, at Pine Bush on Monday (Sept. 9), but defeated O'Neill on Wednesday, 4-3. The Bulldogs (2-1) travel to Burke today (Sept. 13), host Liberty at 4:30 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 16) and travel to Warwick Valley on Wednesday.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Caellum Tripaldi led the way for Beacon at its first meet of the year on Sept. 7 at Washingtonville, winning the boys' 2,400 meters in 7:28.81. Travis Dickston was the top finisher for Beacon in the 3-mile, placing seventh in 14:21.46. Cecilia Alle was 10th in the girls' 3-mile in 20:16.83 and Lily Murr was 13th in 20:34.42. Elise Moran placed 17th in the 2,400 meters in 11:43.33. Beacon sends runners to the Section IX XC Bib Chip at Bear Mountain today (Sept. 13) and to the Mount Academy Invitational in Esopus on Saturday.



HEADGEAR — The Haldane Football Association recently organized a raffle to raise money to purchase Guardian Caps, which provide additional cushioning to prevent head trauma. Chuck and Stacey Twoguns, shown here with Ryan Cavallaro, a sophomore who sold them a ticket, won a vehicle detailing donated by Legendary Detailing of Cold Spring. The raffle raised \$4,600, enough to purchase 50 caps to outfit the middle school and high school teams.

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GIRLS' SWIMMING — Beacon competed in three meets to open its season. The Bulldogs placed 10th at the Hudson Valley Classic with Serena Stampleman placing fifth in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08.60 and seventh in the 200-yard backstroke in 2:14.75.

The Bulldogs fell to Lourdes, 94-57, on Monday (Sept. 9), but Stampleman won three events and Saniyah Wiltshire, Isabel Bunker and Abigail Haydt each also won a gold medal. Beacon fell to Newburgh, 82-61, on Wednesday (Sept. 11); Stampleman, Wiltshire, Alice Gabel and Lauren Antonucci each had wins. The Bulldogs travel to Kingston on Monday (Sept. 16) and host Pine Bush on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.