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Members of the Habitat Revival Club set up a pen for the goats. Photos by Ross Corsair

The Goats of Haldane High

New mascots munch on invasives species

By Joey Asher

Chocolate and Chip. Those are the names of the goats relocated to the Haldane campus on Sept. 14 by the Habitat Revival Club to clear invasive species from a half-acre plot behind the high school.

The eco-friendly animals will consume unwanted plants such as mugwort, wineberry, callery pear and poison ivy, said Sofia Kelly, a junior who founded the student club and serves as president.

The goats will allow for the expansion next spring of the high school's pollinator garden. Kelly said the club plans to replace the invasives with coneflowers, bee balm, hyssop, pussy willow, goldenrod, butterfly weed, joe pye weed, yarrow and other native plants.

The project, which cost \$4,500, was funded by the Haldane School Foundation and the two boer/nubian goats and a containment fence were provided by Green Goats of Rhinebeck. The firm has worked with nearby colleges like Vassar, Marist and Bard but Haldane is its first high school, said owner Ann Cihanek.

The goats should have the parcel cleared in about two weeks, Cihanek said. They will probably return in the spring to eat



Chip and Chocolate get started clearing invasives.

stubborn plants that regrow. "Invasive species and invasive plants are a relevant and underrepresented issue," said Kelly, noting that the club's mission is to "steward nature." It has 45 members, including middle schoolers.

Goats are pesticide-free and efficient: They digest the entire plant and don't poop out seeds, as birds do, Cihanek said. They also don't mind poison ivy.

Members of the Habitat Revival Club are keeping the goats supplied with fresh water and visited the elementary school to read *Beatrice's Goat*, by Page McBrier, which tells the story of how a goat helped a family in Uganda.

Once the goats were in place, elementary school teachers began leading their

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'A Missed Opportunity'

Planning Board pans Beacon project

By Jeff Simms

Members of the Beacon Planning Board were cautious last year when they began their review of a proposal to construct two 4-story buildings at the busy corner of North Avenue (Route 9D) and Beekman Street.

A stone's throw from City Hall and the soon-to-be-completed Beacon fire station, the 45 Beekman St. site is a prominent feature of one of the entrances to the city and offers the opportunity to repair some of the damage done in the 1960s and '70s by urban renewal, the board members said.

Earlier this month, they delivered a stinging assessment of the plan, which was created by Beacon architect Aryeh Siegel and Colliers

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TINA IN TOWN — The Cold Spring General Store at 66 Main St. was transformed into an apothecary on Sept. 12 to shoot scenes inside with Tina Fey (right) for a Netflix series adapted from the 1981 romantic comedy, *The Four Seasons*. The eight-episode series also stars Steve Carell and Will Forte. The crew set up large white sheets to block out the afternoon sun.

Photo by Ross Corsair

How They Voted

Governor signs round of bills passed by state legislators

By Chip Rowe

As of this week, Gov. Kathy Hochul has enacted 1,094 bills passed in the 2023-24 legislative session. She has vetoed 115.

Below are summaries of select laws and the votes cast by Republican Rob Rolison (whose Senate district includes the High-

lands), Democrat Dana Levenberg (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

Students

On Sept. 9, Hochul enacted a law that requires colleges to print information about the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline on student ID cards beginning July 1, 2025.

Passed by Senate, 59-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 147-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

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KATHRYN GRODY & MANDY PATINKIN

Tomorrow, Sept. 21!
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FIVE QUESTIONS: MELINDA HUFF

By Leonard Sparks

Melinda Huff, the owner of the swimwear company Mirame (mirameswim.com), and three other designers plan to open a shop next month in the former home of Doucette at 65 Main St. in Cold Spring.

Where did you grow up?

I had a very dynamic and interesting upbringing in Yorktown Heights. My mom grew up in Honduras; my father was born during World War II in Berlin. They were cooking rice and beans and then making German potato salad. I learned sewing from my grandmothers, both garment makers. I never could find clothes I liked so would thrift and remake things. In eighth grade, I decided to be a designer. I was sketching and my grandmother said, “I can make that for you.” She made me this gorgeous tuxedo-type jacket, and I had this “aha” moment.

When did you start Mirame?

I dropped out of college and moved to Hawaii. I didn’t have a job but brought my sewing machine and started making and selling bikinis and sunsuits. I got a few internships and was hired to manage the sample room for one of my favorite designers, Norma Kamali, which included her

swimwear. I left in 2011 to launch my business. We make everything in New York and use rescued materials. There are so many textiles out there that have been made but, for whatever reason, have not been utilized. We’re expanding into a womenswear collection: pants, tops and light jackets.

What is your design philosophy?

My upbringing influenced it. German culture is very retrained, very austere. On the flip side, Latin culture is spicy and colorful. Mirame walks the line of those aesthetics. We’re fun and edgy, but we never take it too far. We let you feel like, “OK, I’m grown and I’m dressed, but I’m still having a good time and I’m still a little sassy.”

How did the Cold Spring shop come about?

I had been working for the past year with Stephanie Doucette and collaborating with her for many years prior. Her death on May 6 was horrible. With the

blessing of Stephanie’s family, four of us who worked with her — myself, Mauricio Barrera, Jess Brush Falco and Kaori Onodera — decided to continue her mission of making local garments out of rescued materials. We all have our own lines. The shop is going to be called Segundo Beso, which means “second kiss” in Spanish. Stephanie believed in keeping our carbon footprint light as a kiss and had been planning a clothing buyback program called Second Kiss.

Do you have a favorite place to swim?

For a while, my parents had a cabin on this tiny lake north of Albany called Peck Lake. It was stunning. Beach-wise, I would have to say Jacob Riis Beach in Queens. It has such a good vibe and the water is nice and the beach clean.



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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Do you prefer the spring or fall equinox?

“ Fall, because of the constellations it brings to the night sky. ”



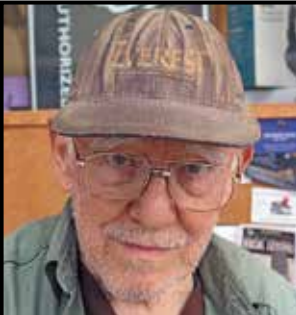
Colin Wright, Garrison

“ Spring, because it means increased daylight, brightness. ”



Tracey Durmer, Beacon

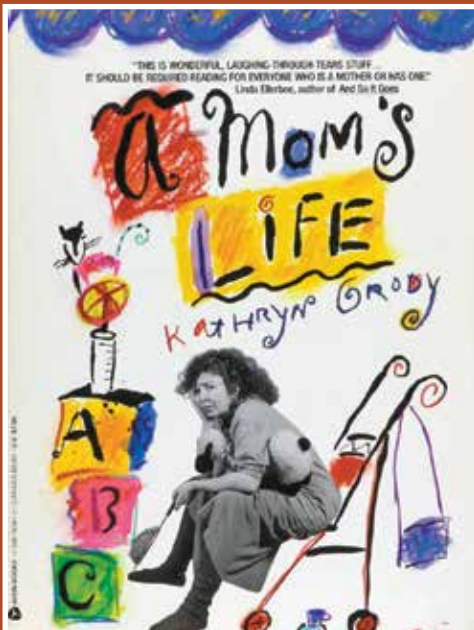
“ I’m 50-50; I can’t decide. ”



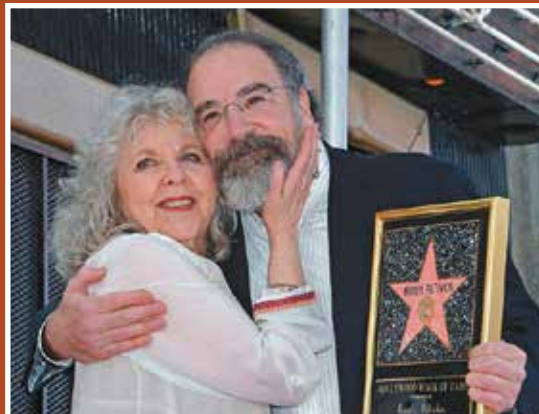
Beacon Bill, Beacon



In a "Conversation."

Kathryn's book *A Mom's Life*.Mandy in *Princess Bride*.

In a "Conversation."



Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony.

Kathryn and Mandy in *Men with Guns*.**LAST CALL!**

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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money to get one sited and built is a distraction from what we know works now: wind and solar. Never mind the unsolvable issue of high-level radioactive waste. The reactor at Indian Point has been dismantled. There's no way to bring it back into operation.

Marilyn Elie, Cortlandt Manor

Beacon upgrades

Green Street Park in Beacon needs the tennis court area to be put back ("Repair and Restore," Sept. 13). The redesign was terrible and didn't consider the use of the park. Now basketball, pickleball and bike-riding children fight for the same area. I haven't seen more than five people use the "dry brook" and "nature play area" since they were installed.

Alan Flynn, via Facebook

Cannabis

Oh great! A new tourist attraction ("Cold Spring Applicant Wins Cannabis License," Sept. 13).

Sara Dulaney, Cold Spring

We can't get a chain store, but we can get this?

Lorraine Turner, via Facebook

I thought Philipstown decided not to allow cannabis retailers?

Karen Jackson, via Facebook

Editor's note: In 2021, the state gave towns,

villages and cities the option to ban cannabis sales and/or on-site consumption. The Philipstown Town Board voted to prohibit both, but that decision did not apply to its two villages, Cold Spring and Nelsonville. In Cold Spring, the board decided to hold a vote, and residents approved cannabis sales, 481-439, but rejected on-site consumption. The Nelsonville board voted to ban both. In Beacon, the City Council allowed both.

There are two liquor stores in town — a much more dangerous drug — and bars and restaurants with on-premises consumption, and alcohol sold at the grocery store. Tobacco is ubiquitous, not to mention stores selling hemp derivatives that are barely regulated.

All cannabis dispensaries require ID viewed and scanned to get in the door and again to receive your purchase. There is no external advertising, no loitering inside or out. These are rigorously regulated small businesses that deserve the right to do business. It will not even be noticeable.

Rose Fregeau, via Facebook

Church settlement

This is crazy ("Beacon, Church Settle Dispute," Sept. 13). Maybe I don't completely understand the situation, but it sounds like an untaxed institution is getting \$80,000 of taxpayer funds for a parking lot it doesn't need. It's a shame because the city could do many good things with \$80,000.

Helen Nelsen, via Facebook

Current Hires Growth Director

Beacon resident will help grow advertising, members

Highlands Current Inc. has named Lauren Cook, a Beacon resident, to the newly created position of growth director.

Cook, a graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, will work with Advertising Director Michele Gedney and Membership Manager Emily Hare to build revenue for the nonprofit news venture.

Since 1998, Cook has owned MC², a strategic marketing agency. She is also a singer, songwriter and hiker.

The Highlands Current is funded by donations from more than 1,000 members,

along with grants and advertising. The newspaper and its website at highlandscurrent.org are provided free to the Philipstown and Beacon communities.



Cook

"We're delighted to welcome Lauren to The Current and excited to see the impact she's going to make," said Todd Haskell, a board member who led the search. "Local journalism has never been more important, and we know Lauren will help advertisers grow their businesses by reaching our highly engaged audience, and she'll help us continue to grow our community of members."

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Dutchess Approves Water Protections

Law requires buffer from pollution sources

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County legislators on Sept. 9 unanimously approved a law banning new businesses using chemicals and oils from being closer than a quarter-mile to public water wells, aquifers and state-designated wetlands.

Car washes, dry cleaners, gas pumps and underground storage tanks holding chemicals and oil are prohibited from operating closer than 1,500 feet to the covered water sources. The law, which takes effect Oct. 15, also places a 500-foot limit on businesses producing chemicals, junkyards and places storing road salt.

Existing operations and dry cleaners that discharge wastewater to a municipal treatment system are exempt from the require-

ments, which will be enforced by the county Department of Health. The department can waive the restrictions at the request of public-water suppliers that need to locate closer to a covered business.

Beacon gets its water from three groundwater wells and three reservoirs — Cargill, Mount Beacon and Melzingah — which together last year supplied an average of 2.1 million gallons a day, according to the city's 2023 water-quality report. The proximity of the wells, which are fed by groundwater, to commercial and industrial businesses that discharge wastewater, "and residential land use and related activities," makes them vulnerable, according to the report.

John Metzger (R-East Fishkill), who helped draft the law, said the county's requirements preempt local laws unless they mandate even stronger limits. He said the "bold" law would have its critics "but, at the end of the day, we are going to be

protecting the drinking water."

Yvette Valdes Smith, who represents parts of Beacon and Fishkill on the Legislature and is minority leader for its Democrats, said she was happy with the legislation.

But Lisa Kaul, a Democrat who represents part of the Town of Poughkeepsie and voted for the restrictions, raised concerns that they may have unintended consequences, such as concentrating the covered businesses and their sources of pollution in one area and affecting where developers locate housing projects. "It's imperative that we fully understand these changes to land-use patterns," she said.

Metzger cited two areas of East Fishkill that had to undergo environmental clean-ups after contamination from businesses. A sheet-metal manufacturer improperly disposed of chemicals that contaminated wells used by some 300 homes that had to be connected to a new water supply, and an IBM contractor disposed of solvents that contaminated the wells of 140 homes.

There have been other problems. In Hyde

Park, the septic and sewage systems of a car wash and laundromat, dry cleaner and middle school polluted the water supply of an apartment complex, which had to be connected to the municipal water system. The site was designated a Superfund site by the Environmental Protection Agency from 1986 until last year.

Wells also have been tainted by polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a class of chemicals used in nonstick and oil- and water-resistant coatings and foams used to contain fires involving aviation fuel. Some PFAS contaminated a well at Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Wappingers Falls, triggering a lawsuit by Dutchess County against their manufacturers. The same class of chemicals were found in the system supplying water to the middle and high schools in Dover.

The Dutchess County Fire Training Center in Hyde Park is on the state Superfund list and undergoing an investigation after PFAS contamination was found in its groundwater, soil and the Fall Kill, which runs along the east side of the property.

Beacon Planning *(from Page 1)*

Engineering & Design of New Windsor.

The project would require the demolition of the three-story former Beacon Popmart building. After merging that parcel with two adjacent vacant lots, Beekman Arts Center and Bay Ridge Studios would construct two buildings with 15,000 square feet of commercial space at street level and 64 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

During the Planning Board's Sept. 10 meeting, renderings showed brick-and-glass exteriors and, on one building, an all-glass corner tower extending to a recessed fourth floor. The second, smaller structure, called the High Street Building on renderings, would mostly front Beekman, with a first-floor walkway running along the exterior of the buildings.



A rendering shared with the Planning Board shows two buildings proposed for Route 9D (in foreground) and Beekman Street.

According to the drawings, the buildings would be constructed close to the sidewalk on Beekman, which project officials said is based on a recommendation for the Linkage district in the city's 2017 comprehensive plan.

But the placement of the buildings alone won't be enough to "engage the pedestrian," the board members said. "It's Anywhere, Anytown U.S.A. mediocre architecture,"

said John Gunn, the chair, before the board referred the project to its architectural review committee. "To me, it's just a mish-mash of forms that have no context, no relationship. My God, what a missed opportunity if this is what ends up getting built."

Board member Kevin Byrne contrasted the covered walkway and brick exterior of the buildings. "It's like two different things are happening and they're not talking to each other," he said.

The developer is in talks with the state Department of Transportation to purchase up to a half-acre of land that would bring the building at the corner of Beekman and Route 9D close to the Beekman sidewalk. The traffic signals at Route 9D and Beekman, as well as at 9D and Verplanck Avenue, would be timed to mitigate traffic at the intersection, where cars leaving the Metro-North station on weekday afternoons routinely back up while waiting to get to Interstate 84.

The Planning Board will continue its review at its Oct. 8 meeting.

19 Henry St.

The board will continue a public hearing next month on the proposal to build four attached, two-story townhomes on a quarter-acre Henry Street parcel.

The townhomes would each feature a one-car garage and back patio. A single-family home and accessory structures on the lot would be demolished.

Two Catherine Steet residents spoke during the hearing on Sept. 10. One was concerned about noise and privacy while the other mentioned displacement of water from swampy areas behind Henry Street.

The developer may use evergreen trees, rather than deciduous, to screen between the townhomes and Catherine Street, while the project engineer said that runoff from the building would be directed away from Catherine.

14 North Cedar St.

A proposal for a two-story, four-unit apartment building on an empty North Cedar Street lot returned to the Planning Board this month for the first time since June 2023.

Board members advised the developer, who plans to use a modular building, to opt for a site plan that fits with the surrounding neighborhood.

"The building isn't situated on the lot like any other residential building in the neighborhood, so it's going to stand out," Byrne said. "The old fabric in this town is something that doesn't exist in many places. Every time you put a building in that doesn't look like it belongs, it diminishes the experience for everybody."

The project proposes adding sidewalks on Church and North Cedar streets.

Other business

The board approved two 90-day extensions of subdivision and site plan approval for a 16-unit apartment complex to be built at 152-158 Fishkill Ave. It also granted two 90-day extensions of internal property subdivision approval for the Edgewater development overlooking the Hudson River.

The Fishkill Avenue developer requested the extensions because of delays in preparing stormwater control documents for the city. The Edgewater extension was related to finalizing sewer infrastructure easement agreements.

"It's Anywhere, Anytown U.S.A. mediocre architecture."

~ John Gunn, Planning Board chair



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Beacon, Philipstown Get Grant for Landfill Filters

Also, Dutchess awarded silver Climate Smart certification

By Brian PJ Cronin

Single-engine airplanes and monarch butterflies flew overhead as local and federal officials gathered in a field between the Hudson Valley Regional Airport and an array of solar panels on Sept. 13 to celebrate a \$3 million federal grant awarded to Beacon, Philipstown and 12 other municipalities.

The primary purpose of the grant, funded by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, will be to install biofilters at capped landfills to reduce methane emissions that contribute to global warming. The funds also will go toward solar-panel arrays atop the closed landfills, batteries to store excess solar power and native pollinator-attract-

“What do we do with all of these legacy sites that everyone’s spinning their wheels on? We can’t build a park on it.”

~ Lisa Garcia, EPA

ing plants to restore local ecosystems.

“What do we do with all of these legacy sites that everyone’s spinning their wheels on?” asked Lisa Garcia, the regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, as she gestured to the former landfill behind her and next to the runways. “We can’t build a park on it.”

As trash rots in a capped landfill, it creates methane that is vented from candy-cane-shaped, plastic pipes. Methane is 28 times more effective than carbon dioxide at trapping atmospheric heat. In Beacon, the capped landfill next to the transfer station is responsible for more than 60 percent of the city’s emissions; for the Town of North East, it is 93 percent. “We were stunned,” said its supervisor, Christopher Kennan.

The filters, which the EPA hopes to install next year, will look like raised garden beds, filled with mulch and methane-eating bacteria. The beds will surround the candy-cane pipes, with their outlets buried. Pilot programs have found that the filters trap 95 percent of methane emissions.

Kennan noted that the EPA has calculated the economic damage caused by carbon at \$190 per metric ton. Installing filters at North East’s 15-acre landfill will cost less than \$20 per ton.

There are more than 1,900 inactive landfills in New York state. “It would be great if everybody could apply a simple, low-cost technology such as this,” said Carla Castillo, the executive



A pipe vents methane from the former landfill at the Beacon Transfer Station, now covered by a solar array. Photo by B. Cronin

director of the Hudson Valley Regional Council, which spearheaded the grant application.

The \$3 million grant was not the only reason to celebrate. Last week, Dutchess County learned that it had been certified by the state as a silver-level Climate Smart community, one of 17 municipalities to achieve the distinction.

Among the actions that Dutchess received credit for were setting up cooling centers for extreme heat, installing LED traffic lights, purchasing renewable energy, funding local land conservation and installing demonstration rain gardens at the county’s Farm and Home Center in Millbrook. Counties and municipalities in the Climate Smart program receive priority for state grants.

Beacon was certified silver in 2020; Putnam County and the Village of Cold Spring are certified bronze. The state is developing criteria for a gold level.

Real Estate

Market Report (August)

Beacon Homes

	2023	2024
New Listings	13	10
Closed Sales	11	11
Days on Market	34	25
Median Price	\$517,500	\$675,000
% List Received	103	102.7
Inventory	43	26

Beacon Condos

	2023	2024
New Listings	4	5
Closed Sales	4	0
Days on Market	41	—
Median Price	\$592,500	—
% List Received	100.1	—
Inventory	17	9

Philipstown Homes

	2023	2024
New Listings	12	12
Closed Sales	4	10
Days on Market	37	67
Median Price	\$1,375,000	\$1,049,950
% List Received	108.7	97.4
Inventory	48	43

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.

NEWS BRIEF

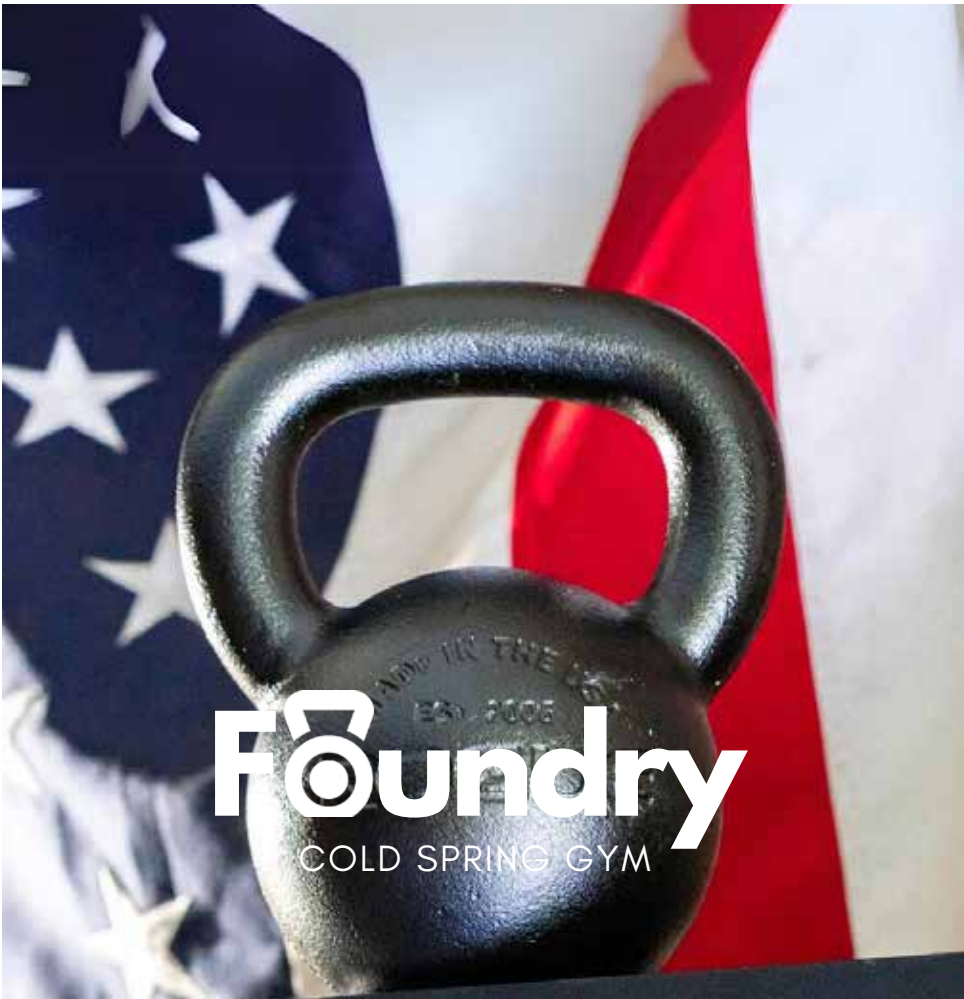
Putnam Announces Flu Vaccine Clinic

Scheduled for Oct. 9 in Philipstown

The Putnam County Department of Health will hold a flu-vaccine clinic

for adults on Oct. 9 at the Garrison Fire Department on Route 9.

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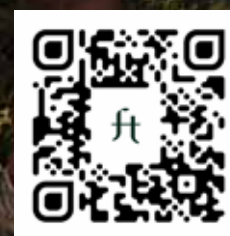
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Who Wants to Be a Lieutenant?

No one, says Putnam County sheriff

By Leonard Sparks

Rank is not everything, even when it pays nearly \$134,000.

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville has asked the Legislature to reclassify a lieutenant's position to first sergeant because an officer "voluntarily demoted himself" to deputy to make more money.

Despite the title and \$133,888 salary, the lieutenant position is unattractive to offi-

cers because it doesn't include overtime, McConville told the Legislature's Personnel Committee before its members voted on Sept. 5 to send his request to the full body.

Deputies, sergeants and first sergeants earn overtime, which can substantially boost their pay, said McConville. According to SeeThroughNY, a public database of municipal salaries, 30 Putnam deputies earned more than a lieutenant in 2023, led by Matthew Kraisky (\$195,309), Christopher Tompkins (\$170,383) and Peter Vigilio (\$168,727). A lieutenant also is not eligible for compensatory time and is not represented by the union.

McConville said he asked three officers who had passed a civil service exam for lieutenant, along with eligible sergeants, if they wanted the promotion. "In short, their answer was no," he said.

In March, the Legislature approved a five-year agreement with the Police Benevolent Association, which represents deputies, investigators and sergeants. PBA members received a 3.5 percent raise, retroactive to 2023, under the first year of the agreement, which expires in 2027. Salaries increased by 2.75 percent this year and will rise by the same amount in 2025. The final two years of the agreement include 3 percent raises.

With the 2023 and 2024 raises, the existing first sergeant's salary rose to \$135,186

from \$127,119. If the full Legislature approves the reclassification when it meets Oct. 1, the additional first sergeant will be assigned to the patrol division and earn \$127,119.

Increasing the salary for the lieutenant position "creates a problem" for higher ranks, McConville said, and raises would likely be needed for the undersheriff (\$149,651) and the five captains (\$141,624).

Legislator Ginny Nacerino, who represents Patterson and is a member of the Personnel Committee, said that the problem is not limited to the Sheriff's Department. County employees represented by other unions have declined promotions because their pay with overtime exceeds management salaries, she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Haldane Schedules Nov. 19 Vote

Residents will consider \$28.4M project

The Haldane school board scheduled a Nov. 19 vote on a referendum to fund a proposed \$28.4 million capital project.

If approved, the project would raise property taxes by 7.59 percent over three years, said Carl Albano, the interim superintendent, at the board's Tuesday (Sept. 17) meeting. He said the district wanted to have "a little distance from the presidential election."

The plans include a 17,300-square-foot addition to the high school and extensive infrastructure and safety upgrades, including secure vestibules for classroom buildings, roof

repairs, traffic circulation upgrades, faculty bathrooms and replacement of public-address systems, clocks and security cameras.

The capital project arose from the district's Master Plan, which was adopted last year with \$108 million in improvements over 15 years. Albano was careful to say that there is no plan to move forward with other projects identified in the Master Plan.

Signal Fire Bread Coming to Garrison

Will move from Peekskill to Route 9D

Signal Fire Bread plans to move in April from Peekskill to the former location of the Garrison Café at 1135 Route 9D, which

will provide more space.

The new location will provide a larger walk-in cooler to store dough and more retail space, wrote co-owners Erin Detrick and Liz Rauch in an email to customers. They said they will offer coffee, community events, pantry items, prepared foods, pizza, classes and a larger rotating selection of breads, treats and snacks.

The Peekskill bakery on North Division Street will close on Dec. 24.

Magazzino Names Leadership Team

Museum makes four hires

Magazzino, the Italian art museum in Philipstown, on Thursday (Sept. 19)

announced a new leadership team.

The museum named Adam Sheffer as director, Paola Mura as artistic director, Monica Eisner as chief operating officer and Nicola Lucchi as director of education for the Germano Celant Research Center.

Sheffer, a former president of the Art Dealers Association of America, succeeds Filippo Fossati, who was named director earlier this year. Mura is a former director of the Civic Museums of Cagliari in Italy; Eisner comes from the Metropolitan Museum of Art; and Lucchi was most recently executive director of the Center for Italian Modern Art in New York City, which closed in June.

Magazzino, dedicated to post-war and contemporary Italian art, operates on a nine-acre campus on Route 9.

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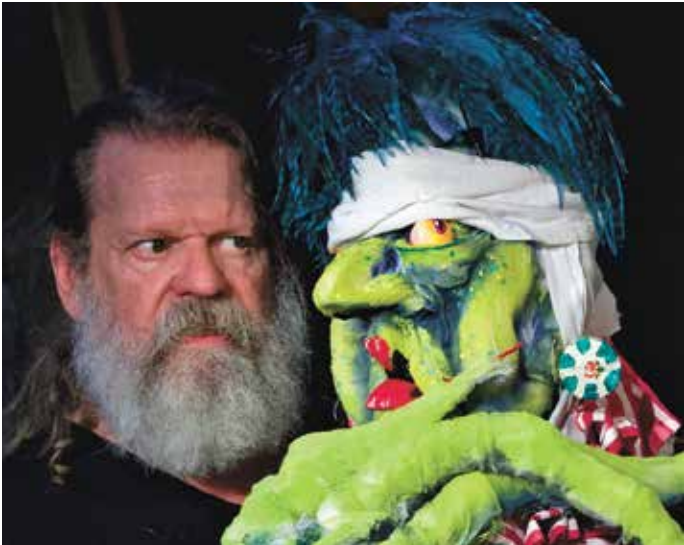
CAUGHT WITH THE CURRENT — Daniel Rowan-Lyons, who four months ago moved from Beacon to London with his new husband, Jonny, shared this photo of the couple's Saturday morning routine: completing *The Current* crossword printed from the PDF version of the paper. "Hello from Monmouth Coffee, rather than Bank Square," he wrote.

Photo provided



SCOUT PROJECT — Jude Morrison, who lives in Philipstown, recently built benches and a garden at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Peekskill for his Eagle Scout project with help from Louis Ferreira and Patrick Ferreira. The boys are shown with James Taylor of St. Peter's. Jude is also a member of *The Current's* Student Journalists Program.

Photo provided



HANDS-ON — Cabot Parsons performed a puppet show for adults, *Strange Things I've Shoved My Hand In*, at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sept. 14.

Photo by Ross Corsair



YOUNG VOICES — Music for Life, an African children's choir celebrating its 40th year, performed traditional spiritual songs and popular children's music on Sept. 15 at West Point. The singers are 8 to 11 years old.

Photo by Ross Corsair



CHAMBER MUSIC — The Chamber Music Festival at Boscobel in Philipstown, which concluded earlier this month, included a concert by the Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach that featured Tessa Lark, a 2020 Grammy nominee for solo violin. Photo by Ross Corsair



SHOW STARTER — Elsa Minkin, 14, of Garrison, sang the national anthem before the Hudson Valley Renegades game on Sept. 3, which happened to be her first day of high school. Photo provided



THE HOOT — The Little Stony Point Citizens Association held its annual festival at the park on Sept. 8, with live music (including a set by The Dummy Lights), beer from Industrial Arts, smoked chicken by Jeremy James and children's activities both organized and spontaneous. Photo by Ross Corsair



STUDENT PAPER — A group of 18 Haldane High School students formed an after-school newspaper club this month that meets at *The Current* offices. They hope to publish the first issue of *The Haldane Outlook* on Nov. 1. Photo by Michael Turton



HONORS — George Whipple (right) presented a certificate of recognition on behalf of Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne to Laura Washington, president and CEO of Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, at its annual benefit on Sept. 15 in Pawling. Photo provided



"Fog, in the Hudson Valley (Featuring Bannerman Island)," by Alec Halstead



"The Residence (Bannerman)," by Mary Ann Glass

The Calendar

The Island That Became a Stage

Bannerman celebrates 30 years of performances

By Marc Ferris

Three decades ago, Neil Caplan and his wife, Darlene Swann, thought that staging theatrical productions on Pollepel Island between Beacon and Cold Spring would be a good idea. "We saw a picture in a book and became obsessed," says Caplan.

People called them crazy, but this weekend's run of *Dracula*, which unfolds with the island's decrepit mansion as a backdrop, sold out long ago.

Now, the place is known as Bannerman Island, after its former owner, Frank Bannerman, who erected a sign on the island with his name. Caplan, who incorporated the nonprofit Bannerman Castle Trust in 1994, solidified the misnomer. The couple also runs the Swann Inn in Beacon, where paintings of the island adorn the walls.

At the opening of the trust's 30th anniversary exhibition at its Main Street gallery in Beacon on Sept. 14, Mayor Lee Kyriacou recalled the time "when these nutters from Brooklyn moved here with the wacky idea to bring theater to the island," he said, lauding their "passion for the community."

Frank Bannerman peddled surplus Army and Navy gear, including live artillery and gunpowder, which got him kicked out of Brooklyn after he acquired 90 percent of the leftover material from the Spanish-American War.

In 1900, he bought the island to store his combustibles in a series of warehouses that resemble a castle he had sketched in Belgium. But faulty construction, coupled with an explosion and fire in 1969, made the structure unstable. Now, six metal braces prop up the western wall. The trust cleared trails, replanted gardens and renovated the house



Neal Caplan, the executive director of the Bannerman Castle Trust, with a desk owned by Frank Bannerman

Photos provided

with help from Bannerman family members.

The centerpiece of the anniversary exhibition at the Bannerman Island Gallery at 150 Main St. is Frank's restored rolltop desk. A photo of him sitting in front of the artifact at 501 Broadway in Manhattan often appeared in the company's catalog. "It was in pieces, and a drawer was missing, but we found someone who did an amazing restoration job," Caplan says.

Other highlights include Civil War and Spanish-American War artifacts. A savvy marketer, Bannerman sold uniforms to marching bands and turned bayonets and the crowns of military helmets into candleholders, examples of which are displayed at a modest museum in the main residence on the island.

Another prized possession on display at the Beacon gallery is the sword that Jane Campbell Bannerman used to cut her wedding cake when she married Charles Bannerman, Frank's grandson. Early in the

relationship, she painted a landscape on the island and her beau laughed because it depicted the elaborate men's latrine.

The exhibit also includes photos and visual artworks, including two of the 72 portraits by 19th-century Boston artist Francis William Loring that the trust found in the estate's possession.

An airborne shot by Linda Hubbard reveals the elaborate breakwater, now submerged, on the island's southern side. One of its faux turrets is visible as the tour boat approaches the dock.

Other contributing artists include Virginia Donovan, Amanda Epstein, Tony Gabel, Mary Ann Glass, Alec Halstead and Andre Junget.

Without the trust, the historic artwork and ephemera would have been scattered to the wind as the island's infrastructure decayed, but Caplan says he refused to take no for an answer. Things snowballed as he



"Grandma's Garden (Bannerman Island)," by Andre Junget

rounded up funding, developed a network of dedicated helpers and worked with the state, which owned the island and designated it to remain forever wild.

In the late 1800s, before Bannerman took over, vandals and partyers ran wild. They returned 100 years later, in the mid-1990s, when state parks began partnering with nonprofits and figured that stewarding and restoring the island could stem the rowdiness and promote tourism.

As more people shuttled from Beacon, the trust added a staircase, bathrooms and a modest concession stand. At the new deck, halfway up the hill from the dock, visitors congregate in the shadow of the ersatz castle's facade before boarding the return boat. "There's still a lot of work to do to save those buildings, which is what people come to see," Caplan says.

The Bannerman Island Gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. The 30th anniversary exhibit continues through Jan. 31. Caplan will discuss the island at a tea at the Swann Inn on Sept. 29; tours continue through October. See bannermancastle.org.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 21

Vietnam Memorial Wall

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Bowdoin Park | 85 Sheafe Road
dutchessny.gov/TravelingWallHighlights

The traveling wall is open 24 hours a day through SUN 22.

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.



MON 23

Community Conversation

COLD SPRING

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

Share your ideas about the library's role in the community.

FRI 27

Craft Fair and Bake Sale

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Methodist Church
216 Main St.
facebook.com/CSSHUMC

Stop by for breakfast or lunch and a bake sale and find gifts, crafts and other goodies. Also SAT 28.



Hub 5K, Sept. 28

FRI 27

Thrift Sale

COLD SPRING

5 – 7 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St.

For \$20, be among the first to shop at the popular sale. Find clothes for adults, coats, jewelry, handbags, belts and shoes. Free admission SAT 28, SUN 29, SAT 5, SUN 6. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's and the Philipstown Food Pantry.

SAT 28

Hub 5K and Family Fun Run

COLD SPRING

8:30 a.m. Bandstand
philipstownhub.org/race

Walk or run a 5K around the village and support the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub. The 5K begins at 9:30 a.m. and the fun run at 10:30 a.m. Register online. *Cost: \$43 (\$12 fun run)*

SAT 28

Friends of Butterfield Tag Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Items donated by the community will be sold to support library programs, and local residents will have tables.

SAT 28

Craft Fair

GARRISON

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

More than 60 artists and artisans will showcase their work, and there will be food and live music. Also SUN 29. *Cost: \$10 (\$9 seniors, \$5 veterans, free for ages 12 and younger)*

SUN 29

I Run Beacon

BEACON

8 a.m. Memorial Park
2 Cahill Drive | bit.ly/run-beacon

Run or walk 5K at this 13th annual event to raise scholarship money. The timed race begins at 9 a.m. *Cost: \$38*

SUN 29

Spirit of Beacon

BEACON

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street
spiritofbeacon.org

This year's theme is Unity in the Community. The parade will begin at 1 p.m. Rain date: Oct. 6.

SUN 29

Afternoon Tea

BEACON

3 – 5 p.m. Swann Inn
120 Howland Ave. | 845-440-3318
bannermancastle.org

The Bannerman Castle Trust will host a tea at the historic inn with viewings of the art collection and a talk about the group's work. Reserve by phone. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 29

Fall Fundraiser

NELSONVILLE

3 p.m. Bynum Studio | 11 Peekskill Road
philipstowndemocrats.org

The Philipstown Democrats will host candidates in the upcoming election. *Cost: \$30+*

VISUAL ARTS

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. See Page 15. Through Oct. 20.

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.

SAT 28

Open Studios

NEWBURGH

Noon – 6 p.m. Various
newburghopenstudios.org

The self-guided walking tour, in its 14th year, allows visitors to go behind the scenes to see how artists work. It includes pop-up galleries, group shows and outdoor sculptures. See the website to download a map or visit Newburgh Art Supply at 5 Grand St. Also SUN 29. *Free*

KIDS & FAMILY

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. Collect stamps 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 children's craft book and lead activities.

FRI 27

Teen Night

BEACON

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

Students in grades 5 to 9 can learn how to express their ideas and overcome obstacles through the Dream Believer program. Registration required.

SAT 28

Raptor Experience

BEACON

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

Children ages 4 to 12 can meet hawks, owls and other birds with the Ravensbeard Wildlife Center. Registration required.

SAT 28

Family Nature Meet-Up

PHILIPSTOWN

12:30 p.m. Fahnestock State Park
Route 301 | bit.ly/nature-meetup

Jackie Grant of the Philipstown Garden Club will lead a nature walk and scavenger hunt for families. Meet at the Big Woods Trailhead lot. Registration required.

STAGE & SCREEN

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

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 A.D., explores death and faith. *Cost: \$26 (\$24 military, seniors, students and ages 12 and younger)*

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*

SAT 28

The Father Who Stayed

BEACON

4 – 10 p.m. University Settlement
724 Wolcott Ave. | bit.ly/father-stayed

Enjoy a family picnic from 4 to 7 p.m. and then a screening of the music-driven film about a father mourning his daughter. Jeremy Schonfeld, the director and composer, will participate in a cast Q&A. *Free*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

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.

WED 25

Winterize your Pollinator Pathway

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon Rec Center
23 W. Center St.

Anna West will discuss how your yard can be a pollinator haven year-round. Email beaconnypollinators@gmail.com for information.

SAT 28

Raptors for Rookies

GARRISON

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

The multimedia presentation

by Anne Swaim, director of Saw Mill River Audubon, will focus on birds of prey active in our area. The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society is a co-host.

MUSIC

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*

FRI 27
Lucy Kaplansky
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer and songwriter will play music from her latest album, *Last Days of Summer*. Kala Farnham opens. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SAT 28
The Cinelli Brothers
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The blues-rock band from the U.K. has a new album, *Almost Exactly*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 29
Tatiana Eva-Marie
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The gypsy jazz singer will perform music from her latest project, *Djangology*, with arrangements inspired by Django Reinhardt. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 29
Jenni Muldaur & Teddy Thompson
GARRISON
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
The folk-country duo will be accompanied by David Mansfield. *Cost: \$40*

TALKS & TOURS

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*

THURS 26
Healing Hudson
COLD SPRING
Noon. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Selva Ozelli will talk about her exhibit and the contributions of artists responding to climate change. Join in person or via Zoom. *Free*

THURS 26
Crossing the Line
BEACON
6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St. | sarahtowle.com
Sarah Towle will discuss her book about the immigration crisis.



SAT 28
Bake-Off Playwriting Workshop & Reading
GARRISON
10 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is hosting its annual playwriting contest. Christine Scarfuto will lead the group with a list of items to include. HVSF will perform five to seven of the plays in November. A second workshop follows at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring at 2 p.m.

CIVIC

MON 23
Office Hours
GARRISON
1 – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403
Staff members from the office of Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, whose district includes Philipstown, will help with constituent issues.

WED 25
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov



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Dance Without Walls

Manitoga hosts top company

By Marc Ferris

First, the Howland Chamber Music Circle in Beacon books renowned pianist Emanuel Ax. Then, Manitoga schedules the Trisha Brown Dance Company, a premier troupe, for four outdoor performances this weekend.

Dance events have occurred twice before on the grounds of Russel and Mary Wright's singular property, which prominent landscape architect Ian McHarg called a "temple to ecological design."

Mary died before the home's completion, but her input to the project is considerable. Russel built the house and sculpted the grounds, moving boulders around and creating a pool in a former quarry. He also groomed the surrounding 75 acres by blazing trails and constructing stone stairs.

Attendees at the 90-minute performances on Saturday (Sept. 21) and Sunday will take a short hike to Mary's Meadow, a grove that accommodated the initial season of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival.

There, the ensemble will perform six routines taken from a show titled *In Plain Site* that presents selections from Brown's early works, including "Leaning Duets I" (1970), "Leaning Duets II" (1971), "Sticks"



Trisha Brown's "Raft Piece"

Photo by Jupiter Artland



Trisha Brown (1936-2017)

TBDC

(1973), "Spanish Dance" (1973), "Figure Eight" (1974) and "Locus" (1975).

Then, everyone walks a grassy path to the area around the house, called Dragon Rock after the quarry wall's shape. That's when the company will perform what is perhaps Brown's most famous work, "Raft Piece" (1974), where four dancers lie flat on individual flotation devices and try to synchronize their bodies in silence — what the company calls "accumulating gestures in unison." "Raft Piece" consists of 29 gestures.

"It requires great internal phrasing, even if you're on your back," says Carolyn Lucas, the company's associate artistic director. "There's a consistent phrasing or

rhythm so the dancers have to click into that motor and stay together."

Unlike a stage or terra firma, currents determine the final shape of "Raft Piece," in this case created by a waterfall that feeds the pond.

"That provides nice nuances," says Lucas. "It's rigorous for the dancers, who may drift away from each other and lose visual contact. The goal is to stay in unison as much as possible."

She recalled a time when two rafts floated away from the main performance. "Audience members followed them and expressed concern, but I knew they would be fine," she says. "It's always the luck of the

draw with this work, but whatever happens will be beautiful."

Most of the pieces unfold in silence. "Figure Eight" is performed to the sound of a piece of a stick striking glass, like a metronome. The soundtrack of "Spanish Dance" is Bob Dylan's "In the Early Morning Rain" and in the finale, "Accumulation" (1971), dancers gyrate in unexpected places accompanied by "Uncle John's Band," by the Grateful Dead.

Brown's early breakthroughs took dance out of concert halls into museums and other public spaces. Later, she choreographed for the proscenium stage, creating nearly 100 movement pieces before her death in 2017. She "forever changed the landscape of art and redefined what dance could be," says Lucas, singling out "Man Walking Down the Side of a Building" (1970).

When the performance shifts to the area around the house at Manitoga, viewing spots will include the dragon's nose near the water and a moss-covered overlook known as the Martha Graham Girls Grove, named for the dancer and choreographer and the trees that twist in the wind.

Manitoga is located at 584 Route 9D in Philipstown. The performance, which will be held rain or shine, includes a moderate hike with uneven ground, bridge crossings without handrails and 40 stone steps. Tickets are \$50; as of press time, only a few remained. See visitmanitoga.org.

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"Sentinel" (2024)



"Untitled (Cabinet)" (2020)

Photo by Thomas Moore



"Untitled" (2024)

What She Left Behind

Mother's life inspires daughter's art

By Marc Ferris

Many artists dislike titling their work, says Susan Magnus, whose exhibit, *ImageAfter*, opens at the Garrison Art Center from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday (Sept. 21). "I struggle with titles because words can be limiting," she says. "I prefer not to dictate the viewer's experience."

Preparing for the show in her bright Beacon studio, Magnus wavered between leaving some works untitled or naming them, reluctantly settling on a monosyllabic moniker for the photo manipulation of a sentimental Scottish Elm on Long Island, where she grew up: "Tree."

She distorted the photo by blowing it up and breaking it down into 66 sections using paper and glue from Japan, then applied and reassembled the image. The process omits key portions of the picture so that the patterns created by the gnarly trunk and branches evoke an X-ray in which the bones are disconnected.

"It's a portrait of a tree that's distressed but also resilient," she says.

The drawings, sculptures and photo-based items in the Garrison show are

particularly personal, most based on a cache of items inherited after her mother died last year.

Other works hark to a childhood that included trips to ethnographic and natural history museums, where she experienced shrunken heads, a 3,000-year-old mummy and pickled creatures in glass jars.

"Untitled (Cabinet)" arranges a tangle of wisteria vines inside a gilded glass-and-wood cabinet from her mother's dining room. "It's like one of those cabinets of curiosities and suggests a complicated relationship between nature and culture," she says.

In the studio, Magnus peers close at a photo negative of her mother, pointing out the imperfections, which are magnified because she enlarged and exposed it for an extended period. Squiggly scratches and white spots mar the surface.

"By manipulating analog photographs, I'm able to reveal and enhance evidence of handling — the fingerprints, the dust, the scratches — reflecting the passage of time and the vulnerability of the material."

In one sculpture, "The Red Shoes," her mother's ballet slippers seem to glow inside a glass rectangle. Magnus's mother attracted the attention of choreographer George Balanchine, but the dream died the day she was hit by a taxi on her way to Penn Station.

Next, she became a fashion model and



Susan Magnus with "Tree"

Photo by Scott Newkirk

dressed to the nines, with gloves and mink stoles. Visiting Sentinel Dome in Yosemite National Park, she donned high heels and formal wear while posing next to the now deceased Jeffrey Pine tree that grew out of a rock, as depicted in her daughter's piece, "Sentinel," a UV print on linen.

Though the objects draw on her mother's life, they speak to larger issues, Magnus says. "Beyond sentimentality, the vulnerability of pre-digital snapshots seems emblematic of the fleeting nature of memory and the inevitability of loss we all experience."

The trove also triggered reflections about "what her life was like before I came along. It's a mystery, and I'm intrigued by it."

Despite the loss of her mother, Magnus is content and upbeat. The Fine Art Museums of San Francisco purchased six of her works last year and she has a gleaming new studio behind her Civil War-era brick house that includes a jib and a gate in the balcony fence to hoist objects with a rope.

"You can tell the studio is new because the floor is clean," she says. "It's my happy place."

The Garrison Art Center, at 23 Garrison's Landing, is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Monday. Magnus will discuss her work at the gallery on Oct. 5 and host workshops for families and adults on Oct. 19. ImageAfter continues through Oct. 20.

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LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

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

150 Years Ago (September 1874)

The congregation at the Reformed Church at Fishkill Landing was startled during a Sunday service by a loud crash. A prop holding up a beam had broken, causing the floor to suddenly drop several inches.

Services at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Fishkill Landing were suspended while the Rev. Millard recovered after being thrown from a wagon.

According to *The Cold Spring Recorder*, a Black man at the Fishkill Landing depot accused of “insulting a white lady” — no specifics were provided — ran away after her husband struck him repeatedly in the head with an umbrella.

John Rooney, a laborer in Dutchess Junction, died of a broken neck after falling

down the hatchway of a canal boat.

The Fishkill Standard reported that “there are ladies and gentlemen in this village who resort to Rozell’s slaughterhouse and swallow blood, fresh from the animal, with as much relish as they would a glass of soda water.”

Thomas Sproas, while clearing the base of a new chimney at the Fishkill Iron Works, was seriously injured by a brick that fell from 60 feet overhead.

John McGlinn of Fishkill Landing was sent to the Albany penitentiary for a year after stealing clothing and a revolver from Barnum’s traveling stationery wagon while it was parked inside Flannery’s stables.

A schooner captained by Mr. Flaherty of Fishkill Landing and carrying a load of bricks collided with a tugboat and sank near the Breakneck tunnel.

A stowaway on the milk train was killed when he attempted to disembark while it passed through Fishkill Landing.

After the departure of a traveler from her Fishkill Landing saloon, Mrs. Traver discovered a \$70 gold watch [about \$1,900 today] missing from the bureau in her bedroom.

The tide overflowed Long Dock and washed away lumber for repairs to the trestle work at Dutchess Junction. At the same time, workmen were building a 2-foot stone wall to protect the roadbed from the tide.

125 Years Ago (September 1899)

Abigail Connors, 75, of Moore’s Mills, survived a leap from a train as it left Dutchess Junction. When Connors realized she had missed her stop, she grabbed her bag, opened the door and jumped. A passenger said that, after she hit the ground, she stood up, brushed off her clothes and started walking toward the station.

Two doctors who examined William Dean, a prominent lawyer in Fishkill Landing, declared him insane. The next morning, on a ruse, friends invited Dean on an excursion to Poughkeepsie. After arriving, the group dispersed, saying they would meet later, leaving Dean and a friend who happened to be an attendant at the Hudson River State Hospital to walk up Washington Street. When Dean spotted a waiting hospital taxi, he realized what was up and took refuge in a lawyer’s storefront. In court, he demanded to be examined by two new doctors, who also found him insane.

On Labor Day, more than 2,000 cars were transported across the river by the ferry. At one point, 724 cars were waiting in Newburgh.

Stanley Fowler, 65, a newspaper editor from Portsmouth, Virginia, came to Matteawan in pursuit of his 35-year-old wife and their 7-year-old son, who had been missing for 10 days. He went before a judge to obtain custody, but before the papers could be served, they disappeared again.

A judge released Gustave Weinberg from the Matteawan asylum after doctors determined he was sane. Weinberg had been committed after he relentlessly challenged a New York City minister to a duel on the Palisades, claiming he had killed Weinberg’s mother.

Arthur Gordon, a brickyard laborer, was struck by a southbound express train going 50 mph but suffered only a broken collarbone.

George Newcomer, a wealthy Kentucky brewer, came to Fishkill Landing in search of his 17-year-old sister, whom he found performing under a fake name with the chorus line of a traveling troupe. When he spotted her during the first act at the Peattie Academy, Newcomer left his box seat to confront the troupe manager. By the time Newcomer could get a court order for his sister to be detained, she had left with the company for Hudson. Newcomer said he had spent \$1,700 [\$65,000] trying to bring her home.

Telazel Gedney, who had come from New York City to Fishkill Landing to comfort the parents of her close friend, Georgia Harpel, who had died a few weeks earlier, was fatally burned in her rented room when an oil lamp overturned and ignited her clothing. Gedney had postponed her wedding because Harpel was set to be her maid of honor; her fiancé was waiting to meet her at West Point.

100 Years Ago (September 1924)

Irving Getter, 17, of New York City, who had been camping near Dutchess Junction, died of a fractured skull after being thrown from a New York Fruit Co. truck. He and 15 others were riding to Beacon when the side rail broke while the truck passed a taxi on Howland Avenue and the passengers were ejected.

Louis Fabiano died after an explosion at the Chiarella & Co. fireworks factory at the foot of Mount Beacon. Another employee, Anthony Ragno, and Joseph Chiarella, the owner, were badly burned. Fabiano was dividing powder when a spark, apparently

from his iron scoop, ignited the pile, causing a blast that ignited 1,000 pounds of fireworks. Despite objections by neighbors, Chiarella said he would rebuild.

The Rev. John MacCulloch, pastor of the First Baptist Church, traveled to Indiana, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, to speak at a Labor Day rally of the Ku Klux Klan. He insisted he was not a Klansman but, in a letter written to a local paper after his return, praised its members for their “good behavior and law-abiding spirit” — unlike what he saw in Beacon, which allowed parades and drinking on Sunday.

About 2,000 people attended the Sept. 15 opening of the Castle Point Hospital in Chelsea for World War veterans with tuberculosis. It had a capacity of 444 beds and more than 350 employees, including many Beacon residents. The ceremony included addresses by Beacon Mayor Marcus MacLaughlin, Rep. Hamilton Fish III and Sen. Royal Copeland. The hospital had been planned for Sullivan County but Fish fought to get it into his district.

The *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* praised Beacon for its defense of “men’s rights” after a barbershop opened that banned women and Miss Beacon organizers launched a contest to crown Mr. Beacon.

After 20 years, the Chanier Club fife-and-drum corps disbanded. It had been founded by Samuel Beskin, who later became mayor, and named for Lewis Stuyvesant Chanier, a county supervisor who would become lieutenant governor. The club could not recover after losing many members to military service.

Surveys began for a 3½-mile, 18-foot-wide concrete road to Wappingers Falls.

A 2-year-old girl and her 7-month-old brother were treated by Dr. Bolton after being bitten by rats overnight in their beds.

The bookkeeper, timekeeper and chief clerk for the New York Central Railroad office in Beacon were arrested for embezzling \$231 [\$4,200] by adding a fictitious name to the payroll.

Capt. Theodore Peiser, a “converted Hebrew,” was named to lead the Salvation Army chapter.

The U.S. Tariff Commission announced it would send an agent from Washington, D.C., to visit every straw hat factory in Beacon. Rep. Hamilton Fish III was pushing for more protective tariffs for the industry.

Grace Seeley, 29, who had been missing for 27 years, was located by her brother, Joseph Seeley, in Newburgh. Grace had been blinded at age 2 when scratched in the eye by a kitten and sent to an institution in Westchester County, where her siblings lost touch with her. She was living with a woman described as “a religious fanatic” who did not let her outside without a veil. After a state inspector removed Grace from the home, her brother read about the case and investigated.

75 Years Ago (September 1949)

A judge ruled that a firm hired to reappraise industrial properties had greatly overvalued the Groveville furniture factory, raising its assessment from \$150,000 [\$2 million] to \$490,100 [\$6.5 million]. He reduced it to \$293,200.

The school board approved the purchase of 12 acres on Liberty Street for \$7,200

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Visiting Artist, Susan Magnus

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[\$95,000] to build an elementary school to replace the Spring Street school.

When a patrolman responded to a fender-bender near a tavern on Beekman Street, the driver at fault argued with him. When the officer arrived home at midnight after completing his shift, he discovered the driver had followed him to continue the argument. Backup arrived, and the driver sped away; after crashing into a telephone pole on South Avenue, he was arrested on foot a few blocks away and punched three officers at the station while being booked. The driver was charged with reckless driving, driving without a license, assault, disorderly conduct, driving without headlights, speeding and leaving the scene of an accident.

Beacon had its first cases of polio of the year when an 18-month-old girl and a young man were diagnosed.

50 Years Ago (September 1974)

The Castle Point Hospital celebrated its 50th anniversary. Officials said one of its proudest moments was when 56 wounded South Vietnamese soldiers arrived for treatment in 1965, a few months after Rep. Joseph Resnick fought to keep the hospital open, and John Battle of Beacon, a disabled World War II veteran, organized a protest march.

The Highland Hospital accepted a bid of \$369,831 [\$2.4 million] for a 3,400-square-foot addition adjacent to the emergency room.

A judge sentenced a South Avenue woman to five years of probation after she pleaded guilty to stealing from the Beacon Housing Authority, where she worked. She admitted



Denise VanBuren and Clara Lou Gould unveil the Washington bust in 1999.

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taking \$2,000 [\$13,000], although the judge noted that the BHA said \$62,000 [\$400,000] was missing. Her attorney said she was “not the only one involved.” The judge said the defendant did not appear to have raised her standard of living by \$62,000 but wondered if she had hidden the rest of the money.

Police were investigating three suspicious fires over a 20-hour period at a rooming house at the corner of Wolcott and Sargent avenues. The police chief noted there had also been two recent fires at the rooming house next door.

The city awarded a \$24,375 [\$156,000] contract to a Poughkeepsie wrecking company to demolish 15 buildings on Beekman, Ferry and Beacon streets and Wolcott Avenue in the Urban Renewal Project 1 Area.

25 Years Ago (September 1999)

The Beacon Business Association hosted

a two-day Hudson River Arts Festival on the east end of Main Street. It had been held for three years at the waterfront.

Denise VanBuren of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Mayor Clara Lou Gould unveiled a bust of George Washington at the intersection of Teller and Wolcott avenues. The original bust, cast for George Washington University, had been copied for purchase through Mount Vernon to mark the 200th anniversary of his death. VanBuren, now the president of the Beacon Historical Society, noted that officials told the DAR in 1999 that the monument would need to be shifted if the traffic island was ever removed, which is happening now.

Two trucks left for the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids, Michigan, from the Tallix foundry with sections of bronze reproductions of Leonardo da Vinci's *Il Cavallo*. The first casting had been unveiled

earlier in the month in Milan, Italy.

The City Council applied for a state grant to bury utility lines along a half-mile of Route 9D between Spring Valley and Prospect streets. Residents would need to pay about \$600 [\$1,100] to have the lines buried from the street to their homes.

The city lost power for 36 hours during Tropical Storm Floyd. The worst flooding was along Fishkill Avenue and in the Jessen Park Development off DePuyster Avenue, said Randy Casale, the highway superintendent. Firefighter Dan Riley suffered a broken shoulder when he was hit by a falling tree limb.

In her first marathon, Jennifer Gardner, 27, of Beacon, won the women's title in the 21st annual Dutchess County Classic in 3:27.29.

Beacon removed the name of Route 9D from Main Street south to the city line, so that the stretch would be known only as Wolcott Avenue to make things easier for emergency dispatchers. The county said it planned to renumber all properties along Route 9D between the Putnam-Dutchess line and Poughkeepsie but that each municipality could name the road whatever it wanted.

Dog warden Gene Murphy was honored for 30 years of service.

Police were searching for a man who broke into a 52-year-old woman's home on Commerce Street and attempted to sexually assault her. A neighbor came to her aid, and the suspect fled.

Beacon residents were said by the *Poughkeepsie Journal* to be puzzled by a new telephone exchange — the first three of the seven digits — from Bell Atlantic. The 831 and 838 exchanges were full so new numbers used 440.

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Out There

Rest Stop

By Brian PJ Cronin

The birds are leaving. The birds are arriving. Fall migration season is underway.



Most of it happens overnight. We go to sleep with certain birds and wake up to different birds. I check the Cornell Lab's Migration Tracker every morning to see how many migrating birds flew over the Highlands overnight (62,300, give or take a goose). When I can't sleep, I check the live data feed and slip to the porch and the cacophony of crickets. I crane my neck and imagine thousands of birds flying overhead in the darkness. Songbirds, in particular, migrate at night.

Migration takes energy, which made me wonder if I should fill the feeder. Food is scarce in the winter, but because they can attract bears in the spring and summer, I've kept mine empty. As a result, the yard was quiet, except for the gray catbirds that spent the summer screaming at me. Those birds should be in the process of migrating south, but because our winters are getting warmer and shorter, they have been sticking around. Thanks for nothing, climate change.

What to do about refilling the feeder? Was it too soon? Will I wake up to bears in my kitchen? I couldn't get an answer either way from the experts, so I chose abundance.

I refilled the feeder and set up a new birdbath, by which I mean a leftover plastic takeout container from the Adams Fairacre hot bar. It's not fancy, but it fit the bill as something I can easily empty and refill every morning, so it doesn't become a breeding pool for mosquitos. It's also something already in my house. I placed the feeder 5 feet to the right of a table on the porch where I like to work and the birdbath



A plastic takeout container is a surprisingly effective birdbath.

Photos by B. Cronin

5 feet to my left and waited.

It was quiet for about a day until word got out that the buffet had reopened, and the yard exploded. Now, the air is filled with the chorus of chickadees, the trill of carolina wrens and the guttural growl of crows. At one point, I kept hearing what sounded like the shriek of a tiny hawk. The app on my phone that identifies birdcalls couldn't figure out what it was. Finally, I realized it was coming from a squirrel hunched in the crabapple tree that looms over the bird feeder. Had it learned how to imitate a hawk sound to scare birds away from the feeder? Was I reading too much into it?

There is always a danger in anthropomorphizing animals because we can misinterpret their behavior. But I wonder if there's a danger in not anthropomorphizing them enough. As the yard has gotten busier this week, and the weather has been perfect for long work sessions on the porch, the animals coming to the feeder and the birdbath have become less timid. I can walk

around and even wave my arms, and they don't fly away. Sometimes they perch on the table, inches away, and stare at me.

Are they thanking me? Sizing me up? Curious? Will there be bears? Should I get

a birdbath that isn't giving birds a helping of microplastics?

I still don't know. But the porch is filled with life and noise all around. One must imagine the birds happy.

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Haldane students, including Sofia Kelly (second from left, top), pose with the goats and Ann Cihanek (center).

By the Numbers (2024-25)

Garrison District	Haldane District	Beacon District
Budget: \$13.37M Change: 6.41%	Budget: \$29.21M Change: 3.45%	Budget: \$83.5M Change: 2.65%
Students: 201 Change: -6.1%	Students: 837 Change: 4.2%	Students: 2,525 Change: 2.2%
Per student: \$66,517 State rank: 16 of 668	Per student: \$34,898 State rank: 276 of 668	Per student: \$33,069 State rank: 345 of 668

Enrollment compares 2022-23 and 2024-25.

Goats (from Page 1)

classes to the pen. The animals are friendly, but students are not allowed to pet them because their fur usually has oil from poison ivy. The pen has no gate to ensure the animals aren't accidentally released.

The project has been a year in the making. After hearing of Kelly's interest in clearing invasive species, Adam McNeil, the director of facilities, suggested goats because his previous employer, the Croton-Harmon district, had briefly considered the idea. Kelly sent her proposal to the Haldane School Foundation in October.

Green Goats, which has about 100 animals, provides plant removal around the North-east, including at many New York City parks, the Vanderbilt Mansion and Poets' Walk Park in Hyde Park and for private clients, including three homeowners in Philipstown.



Cihanek started renting the animals to clear land in 2005. Tragedy struck in 2016 when a barn fire killed all 110 goats. Volunteers rebuilt the structure and helped replace the herd. In the spirit of giving back, Cihanek said she discounted the cost for Haldane by about 40 percent.

Once the project is complete, Kelly hopes to turn her attention to other areas on campus overrun by invasive species, such as a retention pond adjacent to the athletic field.

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How They Voted *(from Page 1)*

On Sept. 5, Hochul signed legislation that allows withdrawals from 529 education savings plans to be used to pay the principal or interest on student loans. New York had been collecting taxes on these withdrawals.

Passed by Senate, 59-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 145-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also signed a bill that requires school districts with a high school to include at least one non-voting student member from any grade on the Board of Education. Previously, the law required voters to approve the position, and the student to be a senior. The law goes into effect on July 1, 2025.

Passed by Senate, 48-13
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 144-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Labor

On Sept. 7, Hochul signed a law that, among other provisions, requires retailers with more than 500 employees nationwide to provide workers with panic buttons, either throughout the store or on their person, that alert law enforcement.

Passed by Senate, 41-19
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 102-43
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also signed a bill that requires state agencies to notify police officers and prison guards when a Freedom of Information Law request is made for their disciplinary files.

Passed by Senate, 59-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 144-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Farming

On Aug. 28, Hochul signed legislation allowing the state to lease land for sap production and tree tapping for up to 10 years (rather than five). According to the bill's sponsors, maple producers can expect a return on investment of \$12.50 per tap per year under a five-year lease but nearly \$32 on a 10-year lease.

Passed by Senate, 61-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 145-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also signed a law that allows farm wineries to use apples grown outside New York to manufacture cider with a New York label if they suffer crop failures. Farm breweries and cideries were already protected. It also changed the standard for crop loss from "much" to "at least 30 percent."

Passed by Senate, 57-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 144-1
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor enacted a law to change the name of the Young Farmer Advisory Board to the Beginning Farmer Advisory Board and eliminate a requirement for members

to be younger than 45. The sponsors noted that because the average age of a New York farmer is 57, a beginning farmer group "will be much easier to constitute."

Passed by Senate, 61-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 136-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Women's health

On Aug. 26, Hochul enacted legislation that requires insurers to provide coverage for nipple tattoos added by a physician after breast reconstruction surgery.

Passed by Senate, 61-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 143-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

In addition, the governor signed a bill that requires public colleges and universities to stock restrooms with free menstrual products. It follows a 2019 law that requires public schools to do the same for students in grades 6-12.

Passed by Senate, 57-2
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 119-27
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Voting rights

On Aug. 6, Hochul signed legislation that allows a teenager who will turn 18 by Election Day to apply for an absentee or early mail ballot.

Passed by Senate, 48-9
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 147-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also enacted laws that:

■ Require the state Board of Elections to assist voters in fixing errors on absentee ballot envelopes by providing a "cure" form and postage-paid return envelope. The form can also be returned by email. In addition, the law extends the deadline for the board to receive fixes to seven business days after it mails the notice or the seventh day following the election, whichever is later.

Passed by Senate, 44-17
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 92-49
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

■ Create a standard order for candidates to appear on a ballot in descending order by electorate size, i.e., president, vice president, governor, lieutenant governor, state comptroller, state attorney general, U.S. senator, U.S. House, state senator, state Assembly, followed by local offices. The previous law stated only that "the offices appearing on all ballots shall be listed in the customary order." The statute goes into effect Jan. 1.

Passed by Senate, 44-14
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 96-48
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

■ Allow attorneys licensed to practice in New York to be poll watchers at any location. Other poll watchers must be registered in the city or county in which they serve. The sponsors argue that attorneys "can be invaluable in detecting improper

conduct, such as voter intimidation and suppression, and electioneering."

Passed by Senate, 41-21
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 98-49
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Backlog

On July 17, Hochul signed legislation to reduce backlogs in family and civil courts by adding 28 judges statewide, including 16 in New York City, four on Long Island and one each in Rockland and Westchester counties.

Passed by Senate, 53-8
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 129-15
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

E-bike batteries

On July 11, Hochul signed legislation banning the sale of lithium-ion batteries for mobility devices, e-bikes or mopeds unless they meet minimum safety standards. The legislation was introduced in response to lithium-ion battery fires.

Passed by Senate, 60-2
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 134-10
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Rolison, Jacobson and Levenberg also voted for bills signed by the governor that require police officers to report serious accidents involving e-bikes or scooters to the DMV and manufacturers to add red tags to cords instructing users to unplug the charger if the battery catches fire.

Social media

On June 20, Hochul enacted a law that requires social media companies to restrict minors from receiving "addictive feeds" driven by algorithms without parental consent. Violators face fines of up to \$5,000 per incident.

Passed by Senate, 61-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 143-1
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

The governor also signed a law prohibiting sites from collecting, using, sharing or selling personal data of anyone under 18 without parental consent unless it is "strictly necessary for the purpose of the website."

Passed by Senate, 61-0
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 144-0
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

Sexual assault

On Jan. 30, Hochul signed a law that updated the definition of "rape" in the penal code to remove the requirement of penetration. It now defines rape as vaginal, oral or anal sexual contact.


Passed by Senate, 58-4
Rolison ☒

Passed by Assembly, 129-12
Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

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Classic Wheels

1967 Chevy Camaro RS

By Michael Turton

General Motors introduced the Chevy Camaro in 1966 to compete with the likes of the Ford Mustang. The origin of the name is nebulous. It may have simply been another C-word in a line of them (Corvette, Corvair, Chevelle) but one GM executive defined it as “a small, vicious animal that eats mustangs.”

The name wasn't the only unusual aspect of the car's marketing. General Motors produced a musical called *Camaro* performed by four troupes in 25 cities. It starred two Camaros, a coupe and a convertible, along with a chorus, dancers and an orchestra.

Cold Spring resident Phil D'Amato has a thing for Camaros. His first car was a 1967 hardtop that he bought in Chicago in 1974 and later sold. “I loved that coupe, but I had always wanted a convertible,” he said. He bought his 1967 convertible in 1978 for \$1,425 (about \$7,000 today). He also owns a 1968 convertible and bought and sold a 1969 coupe.



The '67 Camaro was available with engine sizes from a 230-cubic-inch six cylinder to a 396-cubic-inch V8. D'Amato's 327-cubic-inch V8 was a \$93 option when the car was built.

D'Amato likes the car's size and that it gets 20 miles to the gallon. The odometer reads around 130,000 miles, which he believes is accurate.

“It's a real cruiser,” he said. “As old as it is, it keeps up with everybody on the highway,” although he hasn't taken it over 80 mph.

He loves driving with the top down but admits that isn't ideal when temperatures soar into the 90s; the car has no air conditioning.

What it does have is distinctive hideaway headlights and a deluxe interior with molded door panels and swivel vent windows not available in '68 models. Camaros typically had a console shifter, not a two-speed automatic on the column. Three and four-speed manual transmissions were available, as well as a three-speed automatic.

The interior includes bucket seats, lap belts, crank windows, a cigarette lighter and a reproduction AM-FM radio.

D'Amato added an electric ignition and, in the late 1990s, replaced the floorboards. He had the car repainted in the original


The Specs


- Model:** Rally Sport
- Assembly:** Norwood, Ohio; Van Nuys, California
- Class:** Pony, muscle car
- Body:** 2-door, convertible or hardtop
- Total production:** 220,906
- V8 convertible:** 19,856
- Engine:** 327 cubic-inch V8 (plus seven others)
- Horsepower:** 210
- Transmission:** 2-speed, power glide automatic; 3-speed automatic; 3- and 4-speed manual
- Fuel economy:** 20 mpg highway
- Price:** \$3,100 (\$29,218 today)

Granada Gold, one of 15 colors Camaro offered in 1966, embellished with a black bumblebee stripe and pinstripes. His convertible features rally wheels, rally caps and reproduction Coker redline tires.

He has not taken the Camaro to car shows. “That's not something I'm interested in,” he said. “What I enjoyed when my kids were growing up was putting them in the back seat with a blanket and going for ice cream!”

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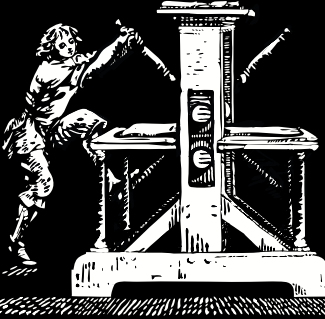
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Puzzles

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- ACROSS
1. Bit of butter
4. “Dream on!”
8. Half (Pref.)
12. “Kinda” suffix
13. Mandolin’s kin
14. Redact
15. LAX info
16. Embraces among team members, say
18. Mideast peninsula
20. “Gee, ya think?”
21. Nevada city
24. Pansy part
28. Floor coverings
32. Luau dance
33. Paul Newman film
34. Refine metal
36. Male turkey
37. *M*A*S*H* star
39. Pub vessels
41. Sandcastle site
43. Clear the decks?
44. Gearwheel tooth

46. Mary Poppins, e.g.
50. Hydrants
55. Tic-tac-toe win
56. Totals
57. Mine, to Marcel
58. — de mer
59. Sheepish remarks
60. Swimmer Biondi
61. Moody rock genre
22. Feeling no pain
23. Curved moldings
25. Ballet wear
26. Sleep like —
27. Felonious flights
28. Melville captain
29. Hold sway
30. Icelandic epic
31. Whole lot
35. Trains, buses, etc.
38. Entry
40. CEO’s deg.
42. Jump
45. Glitz partner
47. Alaskan seaport
48. Linguist Chomsky
49. Present-day “carpe diem”
50. “Terrif!”
51. Wyo. neighbor
52. Vitamin stat
53. Hollywood’s Thurman
54. Acquired
- DOWN
1. Slapstick arsenal
2. Italian wine region
3. Compared to
4. North African capital
5. California’s Big —
6. “Am — blame?”
7. Family fight
8. Sneaky laugh
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10. *Top Gun* target
11. TGIF part
17. Young seal
19. Coach Parseghian

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

READY

SLAMS

WORDSEARCH

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Answers for Sept. 13 Puzzles

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Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

FOOTBALL — Beacon improved to 2-0 after knocking off New Paltz, 19-8, on the road on Sept. 13. Quarterback Jazziah Whitted was 12 for 23, passing for 120 yards and two touchdowns. He also had seven carries for 75 yards and a touchdown. Giovanni Bowley and Jaden Jones each caught a TD pass, while Mason Supple recorded 10 tackles, including 3½ for a loss. The Bulldogs travel to Kingston (1-1) today (Sept. 20).

BOYS' SOCCER — The Bulldogs are now 4-0 following a pair of 3-0 wins. JJ Tutasi scored two goals and Tye Elias added the third in a home victory over Chester on Monday (Sept. 16), while Brody Timm cashed in a hat trick on Wednesday against visiting Liberty. Beacon travels to Port Jervis on Tuesday (Sept. 24) and hosts Arlington at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

GIRLS' SOCCER — The girls are also 4-0 after defeating Chapel Field, 9-2, on Sept. 13. Reilly Landisi kept up her strong start to the season with four goals, while Drew Kelly had two. The Bulldogs host Newburgh Free Academy today (Sept. 20) before traveling to Liberty Monday, hosting Fallsburg at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday and visiting O'Neill on Thursday.

VOLLEYBALL — Beacon remained undefeated after three sweeps in the last week. The Bulldogs beat Port Jervis (25-17, 25-22, 25-18) behind 21 assists by Katherine Ruffy; Liberty (25-11, 25-11, 25-11) with five aces by Daveya Rodriguez; and Fallsburg (25-15, 25-14, 25-10) powered by Ruffy's six aces and 23 assists and Lila Burke's 18 kills and seven digs. The Bulldogs (5-0) travel to O'Neill today (Sept. 20) and host Cornwall at 6 p.m. on Monday and Monticello at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

GIRLS' TENNIS — The Bulldogs swept Burke, 7-0, on Sept. 13 and Liberty, 5-0, on Monday (Sept. 16), before falling to Washingtonville, 7-0, on Tuesday and Warwick, 7-0, on Wednesday. Beacon (4-3) travels to Minisink Valley on Monday (Sept. 23) before hosting Goshen on Wednesday and Cornwall on Thursday.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Beacon traveled to the Mount Academy Invitational on Sept. 14, where Caellum Tripaldi won the junior varsity 5,000 meters in 17:53.40. The Bulldogs next host Valley Central on Tuesday (Sept. 24).



New Paltz players consistently faced a line of Beacon defenders in the Bulldogs' win.

Photo by Cadence Heeter

GIRLS' SWIMMING — Beacon fell to Kingston, 109-51, on Monday (Sept. 16), although Serena Stampleman won the 200-yard medley in 2:35.86 and the 100-yard backstroke in 1:11.05. Beacon lost to Pine Bush on Wednesday, 64.9-51, but Stampleman again won gold in the 100-yard freestyle in 1:01.23 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:17.81. The Bulldogs' next meet is Sept. 28 against Marlboro and Valley Central.

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

FOOTBALL — The Blue Devils steamrolled over Woodlands, 55-28, on Sept. 14 to improve to 2-0. In the first quarter, the teams combined for 41 points: Haldane scored on a 39-yard rushing touchdown by Merrick Williams, an 85-yard kickoff return by Fallou Faye and a 21-yard pass from David Powlis to Faye.

Somehow, neither team scored in the second quarter. But in the third, Haldane was firing on all cylinders, with a 63-yard touchdown reception on the first play by Jake Thomas and another kickoff return by Faye.

The Blue Devils finished with 261 rushing yards, including 113 by Alex Gaugler on 14 carries. Powlis went 3 for 6 for 89 yards. On Saturday (Sept. 21), the Blue Devils host Valhalla at 1:30 p.m. in their home opener.

BOYS' SOCCER — The Blue Devils lost, 1-0, at Hastings on Tuesday (Sept. 17) to fall to 1-2. Next up is Lakeland on Saturday (Sept. 21) on the road, followed by Croton-Harmon at home at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

GIRLS' SOCCER — After a tough 7-2 loss

in their home opener on Sept. 3, the Blue Devils played their first game in nine days on Sept. 12 against Woodlands. Haldane responded in a big way, winning 7-0 behind goals by Anna Nelson, Gabby Perilli, Josie Foley-Hedlund and Marisa Peters.

They lost, 7-2, on Sept. 14 at North Salem after surrendering two goals in the first four minutes. Haldane scored in the second half on penalty kicks by Nelson and Peters. The Blue Devils (1-2) travel to Tuckahoe on Saturday (Sept. 21) and Putnam Valley on Tuesday before hosting Putnam Valley at 5 p.m. on Thursday.



TOUGH LOSS — The Hudson Valley Renegades, the Yankees' minor-league team that plays at Heritage Financial Park (Dutchess Stadium), lost the third and deciding game of the South Atlantic League championship series on Wednesday (Sept. 18) to the Bowling Green Hot Rods, 4-1. Here, Brendan Jones races home in the sixth inning. The Renegades had a franchise record 73 wins and the best home record (47-19) in the minors. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Ross Corsair

GIRLS' TENNIS — The Blue Devils improved to 2-2 on Sept. 13 with a 3-2 win over Woodlands, but lost, 5-0, on Tuesday (Sept. 17) at Briarcliff. Haldane was home on Thursday (Sept. 19) against Valhalla and will host Pleasantville on Monday and Westlake on Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL — After starting the season 0-2, Haldane won its first game on Sept. 13 over Keio Academy (25-19, 25-15, 15-12). Megan Powell led the team with 12 assists, Savannah Duggan had 15 digs and Liv Holmbo scored 13 kills.

On Tuesday (Sept. 17), the Blue Devils defeated Leffell (25-19, 28-26, 25-16), giving the squad more wins than last year. Holmbo scored nine aces, Powell had nine assists, Duggan had seven digs and Elaina Johanson had nine kills. Haldane hosts Irvington today (Sept. 20) and North Salem at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Haldane traveled on Sept. 14 to Esopus to compete in the Mount Academy Invitational. For the girls, Ashley Sousa finished 23rd in the 5,000 meters in 23:20.70. For the boys, ninth-grader Gavin Drury was fifth in the freshmen 2-mile in 12:28 and Owen Powers finished eighth in the varsity 5,000 meters in 17:02.30. The Blue Devils travel to Wappingers Falls on Sept. 28 for the Bowdoin Classic.

HALL OF FAME — Haldane announced its 2024 inductees for the Athletic Hall of Fame: John Zuvic (Class of 1969), Mary Zuvic (1977), the 2011 volleyball and softball teams, Theo Henderson (2015) and Sam Giachinta (2018). Kristen Faust (1996), inducted in 2023, will also be honored. The ceremony is scheduled for Oct. 20; see bit.ly/haldane-HOF-2024 for tickets.