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## Festival Breaks Ground for Theater

*\$58 million Shakespeare project nearly funded*

By Brian PJ Cronin

In the uncertain summer of 2021, four people stood at the 11th hole of a shuttered golf course, huddled around a spiral binder.

The pandemic was nudging the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, which had operated for more than 30 years in a seasonal tent at Boscobel in Philipstown, to the brink of disaster. But even with the financial uncertainty, the group envisioned the closed course not only as a year-round home but the site of the most environmentally friendly theater in the country.

One of the four people was Kathy Hochul, then lieutenant governor. She didn't need much convincing. "She got it immediately," recalled Davis McCallum, HVSF's artistic director, who was also there. "She understood the transformational power of art and its importance to communities like ours in the Hudson Valley."

Hochul returned to the spot on Wednesday (Sept. 25) as governor to break ground on what will be called the Samuel H. Scripps Theater Center. Named after the former lighting designer who became a renowned patron of the performing arts, the building will be the first permanent home of the 37-year-old festival when it opens before the 2026 season.

"We're going to keep doubling down on arts and culture," said Hochul. "There's a ripple effect. A dollar spent here means multiples that help the local economy and the charming downtowns. The cutest downtowns in all of New York are right

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## Gas Station, Solar Farm Eyed for Route 9

*Also: Garrison library pavilion approved*  
By Leonard Sparks

A White Plains company is seeking Philipstown Planning Board approval to turn a former auto

repair shop on Route 9 into a gas station with a Dunkin' and convenience store, a commercial building and a solar farm.

Misti's Properties 3070 Inc. introduced on Sept. 19 a two-phase project for the 27-acre former Automar property at 3070 Route 9. (The service garage, owned by George Marden, relocated to Lake Peek-

skill.) Its initial phase calls for demolishing an existing 3,000-square-foot structure and replacing it with a 4,000-square-foot building shared by a gas station, convenience store and a Dunkin' with a drive-thru.

According to the project documents, the station would have four gas and three

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Laura Timmons, co-owner of Homestyle Desserts, holds a tray of presidential candidate cookies.  
Photo by Tania Savayan/The Journal News

## Cookie Backlash Turns to Boon

*Homestyle faced criticism over Trump treats*  
By Leonard Sparks

There was nothing sweet about the phone calls Homestyle Desserts Bakery began receiving last week

about its butter cookies featuring images of presidential candidates Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, according to co-owner Laura Timmons.

The quadrennial tradition, dating back more than two decades, had never drawn controversy until this month, when a Phil-

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## Cold Spring Continues Fjord Trail Debate

*Mayor cites 'troubling departures' from talks*  
By Michael Turton

When speaking about the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, "the size of my trust deficit only grows," Mayor Kathleen Foley said during the Sept. 18 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board.

The comment was part of a lengthy statement in which Foley outlined her concerns surrounding the 7.5-mile-long linear park from Cold Spring to Beacon following recent meetings with HHFT officials.

Foley, Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel and Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward wrote the state parks department in April to outline their objections to having the trail start at Dockside Park, a move they said would create a tourist destination "in and of itself" and draw vehicular traffic to the village. Foley said on Wednesday that they never received a reply.

She said that an Aug. 16 letter from HHFT Chair Chris Davis and Executive

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A welding and fabrications student at Dutchess BOCES  
Photo provided

## Suddenly More Appealing: Skilled Trades

*Plenty of jobs, decent wages and less fear of AI*

By Michael Turton

With abundant, well-paying jobs available across the U.S., and the soaring costs of a four-year college degree, more high school graduates are considering a path that not long ago was seen as less desirable: a "blue collar" career in the skilled trades.

Only 25 percent of Americans believe it is extremely important to have a college

degree to find well-paying employment in the current economy, according to a poll by the Pew Research Center. Forty percent of respondents felt a degree was not important at all.

Skillwork, a Nebraska-based agency that connects employers with skilled workers, estimates there are nearly 3 million unfilled trade jobs in the U.S., including some 500,000 in manufacturing. It cited a plumbing company in Seattle where many employees earn more than \$100,000 annually and an electrician in Ithaca who makes \$90 an hour, which translates to \$172,000 a year.

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FIVE QUESTIONS: STEVE BADGLEY

By Michael Turton

Steve Badgley, a former Poughkeepsie resident who learned to box in Beacon, will be inducted on Oct. 6 into the Dutchess County Sports Museum Hall of Fame.

What got you into boxing?

My family loved boxing and followed it, and my Uncle Joe did pretty well as a boxer. I wasn't the best kid. I got in trouble at school and thought I was a tough guy. When I was 16, I walked into Five Star Boxing in Beacon on a whim and met Bob Schlegel, who became my first trainer. I sparred with Zuri Lawrence, a big old professional heavyweight from Poughkeepsie. I fell in love with boxing and kept going there until I joined the Army after 9/11.

What was Beacon's boxing gym like?

It was run by a former Beacon mayor, Vincent "Jim" Fredericks, in his converted garage at 19 Mead Ave. It was like every other boxing gym: dark, slightly damp, muggy. The ring took up most of the room. There were heavy bags and a desk for the trainer. But it impressed me. I had played sports but always in a team and "jock" environment. The fight gym was differ-

ent. There were usually four or five boxers there, at most, people from different areas and backgrounds. Everyone got along and helped each other out. They seemed like tough guys, but they were all helpful and supportive. You went there to fight, to spar, but there was no hostility.

How did Beacon's Melio Bettina factor into your boxing?

I met Melio, the 1939 world light heavyweight champ [and 1977 Hall of Fame inductee], when I was 10. I think he was a distant relative on my mom's side. He was such a great guy. I heard from Bob Schlegel and my uncle about how people would take the train down to New York City to see him fight. He was an inspiration.

What was boxing like in the Army?

When I first joined, I forgot about boxing. I wanted to hit the reset button. But in 2003, during my first deployment to Iraq, there was a smoker — an unsanctioned match — in Ramadi, and leadership pressured me to fight. It was my first bout since joining the Army, and I did extremely well. For my second

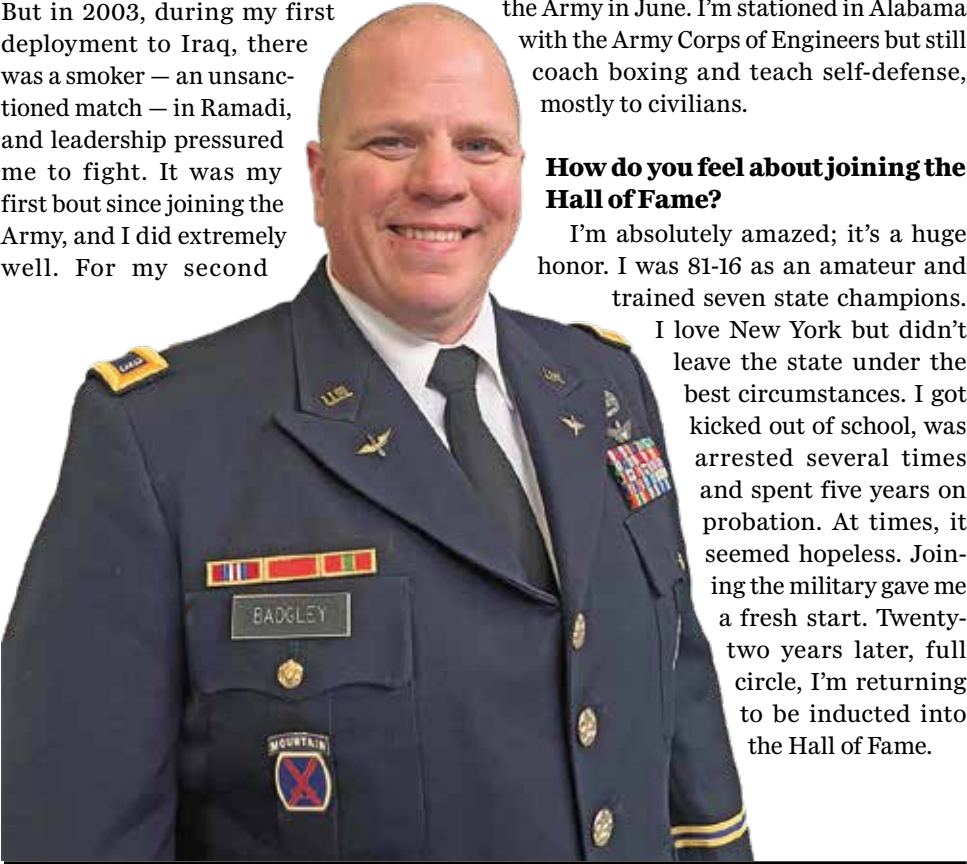
deployment in 2008, my coach at Fort Drum gave me boxing equipment to take to Iraq. We began training up to 30 boxers a day. I organized a smoker in Kirkuk and 600 spectators showed up; Pentagon TV was there.

After Iraq I was stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado, home of the Army boxing team, led by a four-time Olympic coach. The fight of my life was before a huge crowd at the tournament to pick the team. I was on the team for two years, sparred with some tremendously talented people and had high-profile fights. It was one of the best periods of my life.

My only professional fight was as a light heavyweight in 2010 just before being deployed to Afghanistan. I knocked Angel Gonzalez down in the first 30 seconds! I lost, but walking into the ring at Madison Square Garden before a crowd of 10,000 people was overwhelming. I retired from the Army in June. I'm stationed in Alabama with the Army Corps of Engineers but still coach boxing and teach self-defense, mostly to civilians.

How do you feel about joining the Hall of Fame?

I'm absolutely amazed; it's a huge honor. I was 81-16 as an amateur and trained seven state champions. I love New York but didn't leave the state under the best circumstances. I got kicked out of school, was arrested several times and spent five years on probation. At times, it seemed hopeless. Joining the military gave me a fresh start. Twenty-two years later, full circle, I'm returning to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.



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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What TV series has grabbed your attention?

“Emily in Paris. The actors are great; it's fun, silly and addictive.”



Libby Anderson, Garrison

“Game of Thrones has everything: good characters, swords, dragons.”



Lucas Matthews, Beacon

“Law & Order. I like figuring out who did it and why.”



Jean Sheehan, Beacon



AROUND THE REGION

Peekskill

Judge Will Retire After Charges

A Peekskill City Court judge will retire on Monday (Sept. 30) after being accused of unethical behavior by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct, according to the *Peekskill Herald*.

In August, Judge Reginald Johnson was served with a complaint that alleged, among other charges, that he dismissed 11 traffic tickets based on his relationships with the defendants, made sexual innuendos and other inappropriate remarks, caressed another judge's arm and berated court staff.

Johnson, a Peekskill judge since 2014, would have served through 2033. His early departure prompted a public fight among the seven members of the all-Democratic Peekskill Common Council, according to the *Herald*. One of the people named in the complaint was Council Member Ramon Fernandez, who allegedly got a ticket fixed for a friend. Mayor Vivian McKenzie said on Sept. 24 that most of the council believes Fernandez should resign.

Carmel

Fentanyl Dealer Gets Six Years

Brandon Gatling, 30, of Waterbury, Connecticut, will serve six years in

state prison after pleading guilty Sept. 3 to selling fentanyl that led to a fatal overdose.

Sheriff's Office investigators arrested Gatling in June 2023 after finding his contact information on the victim's cell-phone and arranging an undercover buy, according to the Putnam County district attorney. The officers found more than 200 glassine envelopes containing a mix of heroin and fentanyl in Gatling's vehicle.

Poughkeepsie

Central Hudson Moves to Monthly Readings

Central Hudson said on Sept. 17 that it had transitioned all customers to monthly meter readings ahead of schedule. The utility had told state regulators it would finish the job by the end of October.

Central Hudson earlier this year agreed to pay \$64.59 million as part of a settlement over its billing problems. The agreement included \$8.2 million to launch monthly meter reading to replace bi-monthly estimates for its 309,000 electric customers.

Fishkill

Police Arrest Daredevil Riders

After receiving multiple 911 calls, several police agencies on a Sunday afternoon (Sept. 8) chased a group of 30 to

40 dirt bikes and ATVs through Fishkill, Wappingers Falls and the Town of Poughkeepsie and on Route 9 and Interstate 84.

According to *Mid Hudson News*, videos show the riders taunting officers, including one biker who stole a trooper's uniform hat from a squad car. The bikers rode across lawns and throughout village streets, and one person was injured during a collision. Police made a handful of arrests but most of the riders escaped.

Fishkill

Developer Proposes Medical Park

The Town of Fishkill Planning Board has been asked to approve the construction of a medical park on Snook Road in Fishkill adjacent to Route 9 and Interstate 84.

The proposal was presented to the board on Sept. 12 by Kirchhoff Property Management, according to *The Journal News*.

The park would include a two-story building with 30,776 square feet and a single-story building with 11,310 square feet. See [fishkillmedicalpark.com](http://fishkillmedicalpark.com).

Newburgh

Orange County Upgrades Stadium

Orange County on Sept. 18 approved granting \$160,000 to upgrade Ice

Time Sports Complex, which this year became the home of the Hudson Valley Venom professional ice hockey team.

The Town of Newburgh complex will receive new bleachers and bathrooms with money provided by the Orange County Funding Corp., according to *Mid Hudson News*. The team also contributed \$150,000 for improvements to the restaurant and food kiosk, the county said.

The Venom opens its season Oct. 12 hosting the Danbury Hat Tricks. See [hudsonvalleyvenom.com](http://hudsonvalleyvenom.com).

Ulster County

Resident Dies from Rare Virus

An Ulster County resident who was New York's first victim of Eastern equine encephalitis since 2015 has died, according to the state health department.

There is no vaccine for the virus, which is spread by mosquitoes.

The victim was not identified; it was the second U.S. fatality this year following a death in New Hampshire. About a third of patients who develop EEE die, and many patients who survive have neurologic impairment. People over age 50 and younger than 15 are particularly at risk.

Eighteen cases of EEE have been identified in horses in 12 counties in New York, including an animal that died last month in the Town of Newburgh.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Fjord Trail

The last few town and Cold Spring Village Board meetings have concerned themselves with the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT) but have produced mostly noise and emotion rather than constructive discussion. That's disappointing, because the Fjord Trail has offered compromises and assistance for Cold Spring.

HHFT has proposed phased construction, an expanded consideration of routes, a postponement of the route decision and investments in Cold Spring. This is all in its letter from Aug. 16.

Are you surprised to learn that HHFT is compromising and offering assistance? No wonder. Those who don't want the trail in Cold Spring are drowning out real conversation, instead trying to fill the space with fear and uncertainty and distrust. This does not move the conversation forward; indeed, it is intended to stop it.

As almost everyone knows by now, the trail is a New York State Parks project, not a local project, so the role our villages and Philipstown can play is extremely limited by state law. Yet we are being offered compromises and an opportunity to sit together and workshop an understanding, in a public setting.

I'm more than willing to sit with HHFT

and work out the best arrangement possible for our residents. I hope my fellow board members are, as well.

Aaron Freimark, *Cold Spring*  
*Freimark is a trustee for the Village of Cold Spring.*

The debate over the Fjord Trail often overlooks a key point: This project presents a unique opportunity for Cold Spring to address major problems that the village cannot solve alone. But the opportunity will be squandered if local leaders treat every proposal from HHFT with unfounded suspicion and hostility.

The state gives Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown no vote on decisions about the Fjord Trail. Whatever influence we have will come from skillful negotiation, not private and public attacks.

Cold Spring faces an infrastructure crisis that far exceeds our budget and abilities, some of it involving state lands. We cannot meet the crisis without funding and cooperation from state agencies. HHFT is a conduit to these agencies.

HHFT has helped us before. In 2023, when the village's expansion of the Resident Parking Program was stalled in Albany, HHFT pushed it toward approval. And now HHFT is offering more help. Why do we respond with rancor?

A choice example is HHFT's letter of Aug. 16. The mayor denounces the letter for stating: "We have no responsibility for the mitigation of the impacts on the village of existing visitation." But that merely acknowledges a legal fact. A more fair-minded reading finds that the letter also says that, despite the lack of obligation, "We are willing to invest ... in mitigation of impacts of existing visitation."

So how much will HHFT invest in Cold Spring's problems? It could be zero if our public meetings continue to consist of accusations to which no reply is allowed. Instead, the Board of Trustees, with all members at the table, should hold a public conversation with trail officials that builds a mutually beneficial partnership to accomplish much-needed improvements in the village.

Eliza Starbuck, *Cold Spring*  
*Starbuck is a trustee for the Village of Cold Spring.*

Measure twice. Cut once. This is a foundational approach for construction, project management and virtually any decisions with large consequences.

Let's make HHFT measure twice and get actual hard data during the pause period it originally offered up (as witnessed by three municipal executives and a respected former supervisor). HHFT should also include all alternatives, including the upland option presented to Philipstown in the environmental review. If it is so certain in its convictions on its preferred gateway and promenade, why is HHFT against a pause and an expanded environmental review?

HHFT is either right or wrong in its assertions regarding drawing visitors away from Cold Spring.

Which is the worse outcome for our community:

1. Pausing on Dockside as the three executives (and, seemingly, the majority of each of their boards) are asking and subsequently finding out HHFT was right all along and its mitigants to draw people north are working just as it promised? Or

2. Pushing ahead with a Dockside gateway and subsequently finding out HHFT mitigants are not working and the trail has become a new attraction, exacerbating visitation impacts and causing irreversible harm to our community?

No. 1 would be a small delay in HHFT's plans to prove its predictions/assertions with hard data and rebuild the trust deficit it has created. No. 2 is catastrophic to our community and puts us past the point of no return.

As Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley stated, we only have one shot at getting this right. Get all the alternatives in the envi-

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# \$1.4 Million in Climate Funding Coming to Highlands

## Beacon, Cold Spring, Philipstown receive grants

By Brian PJ Cronin

**B**eacon, Cold Spring and Philipstown are set to receive nearly \$1.4 million in funding to mitigate the effects of climate change.

The money is part of the most recent round of funding from the Clean Energy Communities program of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Philipstown will receive \$580,000, Beacon \$493,750 and Cold Spring \$290,000. Beacon also has

qualified for an additional \$375,000 grant.

Before the announcement, the largest grant given to a community by the Clean Energy Communities program was \$10,000.

"For a town this size, it's just mind-blowing," said Martha Upton, the Philipstown Climate Smart coordinator.

The program acts in conjunction with Climate Smart Communities, an initiative in which municipalities receive points for taking steps to lower the greenhouse gas emissions that cause global warming. Philipstown and Cold Spring are both certified bronze in the Climate Smart initiative, while Beacon is silver. The more points a community earns, the better its chances of

receiving state grants.

The Philipstown funding will be used to install solar panels on the highway garage roof, implement energy efficiency upgrades in municipal buildings, install public networked electric vehicle chargers at Town Hall and the Recreation Center and purchase a Ford Lightning EV pickup and battery-powered landscaping equipment.

Upton said that the Town Hall chargers have already been installed and the ones at the Recreation Center should be ready within a few weeks.

Cold Spring also will purchase a Ford Lightning EV pickup and battery-powered landscaping equipment and install char-

gers at the wastewater plant near Mayor's Park. The rest of the funding will go toward a food scraps drop-off pilot program, LED lighting upgrades at the water plant and efficiency upgrades at Village Hall.

Beacon's funding will go toward electric vehicles, a solar array and EV chargers.

The timing of the funding is fortuitous because the City Council on Aug. 19 approved a six-year Climate Action Plan. "This will help us achieve our goals on time," said Faye Leone, Beacon's Climate Smart coordinator. "We're going to be ahead on some stuff, which is great."

Although the communities were in competition with each other for the money, Leone noted that the grants benefit the region. "The more our neighboring communities can do, the better our air quality is," she said.

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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ronmental review, pause on anything below Breakneck for the agreed-upon period and get actual, verifiable, undeniable data and results before proceeding.

Tom Campanile, *Nelsonville*

Although I disagree with some opinions expressed at the Sept. 18 Village Board meeting, I trust the board members have the village's best interests in mind and thank them for their hard work.

I am confused by Mayor Foley's demand for a phased approach when the project is already phased. As Trustees Freimark and Starbuck pointed out, Dutchess Manor and the Breakneck connector are separate phases that will be built before the Shoreline Trail. The Breakneck Connector underwent a separate environmental review because it was treated as a separate phase. I'm also unclear on the distinction between a "pause" and a "postponement."

Either way, the northern phases of the project will be built before any work is done at or near Dockside. While I already think the need for the Shoreline Trail has been demonstrated, HHFT's postponement will provide an opportunity to explore an alternative route from the train station, which is good, but that should happen in tandem with a connection from Dockside.

If no connection from Dockside happens, that would be bad. Continued delays have a way of turning into never. I fear that delaying the Shoreline Trail from Dockside past the already postponed timeline of 2026-27 would thwart this sorely needed visitation management solution.

Malachy Labrie-Cleary, *Cold Spring*

## Beacon building

I agree with John Gunn and Kevin Byrne's assessment of the proposed buildings on Beekman Street, which are sadly soul-less ("A Missed Opportunity," Sept. 20). It isn't that Beacon chooses to live in the past, but that we continue the story of our city with respect and sensitivity to its unique character. This is what draws people here and makes us justly proud of our jewel on the Hudson.

Every effort should be made to correct some of the terrible mistakes of urban

## Correction

A front-page photo taken at the annual 9/11 memorial service at Haldane High School was credited in the Sept. 13 issue to Joey Asher. In fact, it was taken by Megan Shields.

renewal and reconnect Main Street to the waterfront in a way that is a delight for pedestrians and longtime residents. Let's not build another White Plains.

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

## Votes

I'm glad to know Gov. Kathy Hochul signed these bills, and I always can count on Assembly Member Dana Levenberg to vote in alignment with my priorities ("How They Voted," Sept. 20). But why would Sen. Rob Rolison vote against having attorney advocates at the polls? This is worrisome: Republicans are against measures of voting integrity and protections.

Tina Volz-Bongar, *Peekskill*

## Goats

This is wonderful ("The Goats of Haldane High," Sept. 20). Congratulations to Sofia Kelly, Adam McNeil and the Habitat Revival Club. I am thrilled to hear of the Haldane School Foundation's support and the Haldane district's cooperation to allow this important project.

Having been a member so many years ago of the foundation and the Haldane PTA, and helping to create the Haldane Garden, a garden curriculum and an Eco-Kids after-school program, it is wonderful to read a story like this. The work goes on. Thank you to *The Current* for covering it.

Karen Doyle, *Cold Spring*

## Police

The situation in Putnam County is the same as that facing the New York City Police Department ("Who Wants to Be a Lieutenant?" Sept. 20). Many officers would rather stay at the lieutenant rank than move up to captain because there is no overtime, and you are always on call.

Robert Cullen, *via Facebook*

Editor's note: *The New York Post* reported

in March that only 21 percent of the NYPD lieutenants eligible to take the captain's exam did so in 2023, down from 66 percent in 1997. It cited sources who said many lieutenants don't seek promotion because captains don't earn overtime or have steady schedules.

Maybe it's time to enact an up-or-out policy and hire more officers to reduce overtime. (I'm assuming the union wants the OT.) One officer shouldn't have to be on duty 40-plus hours a week.

Pedro Rivera, *via Facebook*

## Bread

This bakery will be deadly ("Signal Fire Bread Coming to Garrison," Sept. 20). How can I resist stopping every Monday and Friday when I'm right next door? It is the best bread around.

Nancy Swann, *via Facebook*

Sweet! We were just talking about how nothing seemed to last at that location on Route 9D. Hopefully, Signal Fire can make it work.

Andrew Good, *via Facebook*

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# MTA Approves Capital Plan

Spending includes Hudson Line upgrades

By Brian PJ Cronin

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority on Wednesday (Sept. 25) approved a \$68 billion capital plan that runs through 2029 and will shore up Metro-North's Hudson Line to better withstand the effects of global warming.

"The board is pretty proud of this plan," said Neal Zuckerman, a Philipstown resident who represents Putnam County on the board and heads its finance committee. "It's \$13 billion larger than our last capital plan. It's equally balanced between the Long Island Railroad and Metro-North. That hasn't been the case in a long time, even though our ridership is basically the same."

The only outstanding question — which was also on the table for the previous plan, which covered 2020 to 2024 — is where the money will come from. Many projects are on hold because Gov. Kathy Hochul in June "paused" a congestion-pricing plan that had been expected to provide the MTA with \$15 billion for capital projects. Hochul vowed to replace that funding but has not said how it will be done.

Zuckerman said that the board has identified where about half the funding it needs will come from. "It's the responsibility of the governor and the Legislature to come up with" the rest, he said.

The new plan mostly sticks to maintenance and upgrades instead of initiatives, except for a project to convert a lightly used freight line into a commuter rail connecting Roosevelt Avenue in Queens with the Brooklyn Army Terminal.

For the Hudson Line, which includes

Metro-North stops in Garrison, Cold Spring and Beacon, the plan allocates \$800 million toward improvements recommended earlier this year in a Climate Resilience Roadmap. They include rehabilitating shorelines, stabilizing slopes and improving drainage. Hudson Line riders have faced delays because of flooding and mudslides caused by increasingly frequent extreme weather.

The plan also includes an upgrade to the Brewster train yard that will allow the Hudson Line to utilize the next generation of railcars. Zuckerman said there are still subway and railcars in use that went into service 40 years ago, when the MTA unveiled its first capital plan. Upgrading the cars should increase what he said is riders' No. 1 concern: reliability.

"What riders care about the most is on-time performance: 'Did I arrive on time?' 'Did I arrive safely?' 'Was my ride smooth and comfortable?'" Zuckerman said. "Even with its older cars, the MTA delivers on that mission. The problem is, when the cars reach a certain age, the maintenance costs become prohibitive."

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## NEWS BRIEF

### Dutchess Awards Grants Beacon gets \$198K for sidewalks

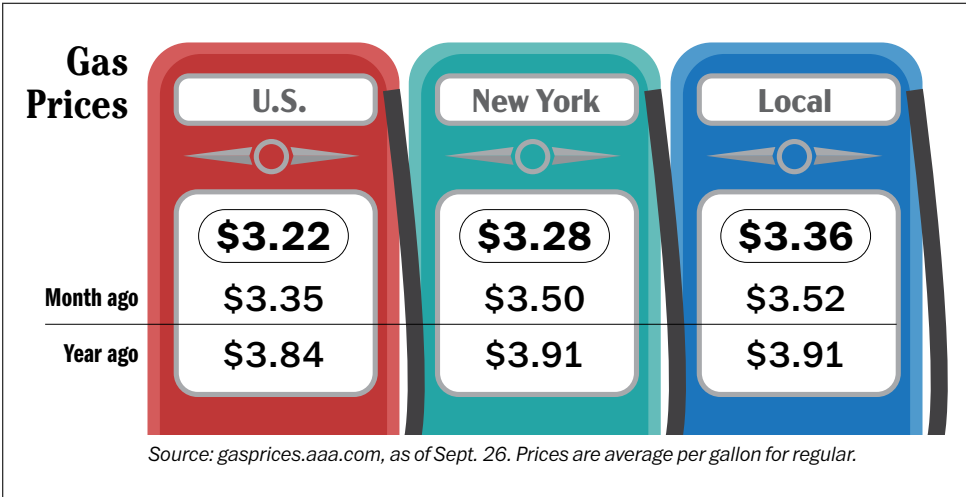
Dutchess County on Wednesday (Sept. 25) announced \$2.8 million in grants for 20 projects, including \$198,000 for the West Center Street sidewalk in Beacon.

The funding was provided by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to support projects and activities that

benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

The Beacon money will be used to replace 665 linear feet of sidewalk with a 5-foot-wide walkway that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act between South Avenue and the Recreation Center.

Fareground Inc., based in Beacon, also received \$14,250 for its program that provides monthly grocery delivery to isolated seniors in southern Dutchess County.



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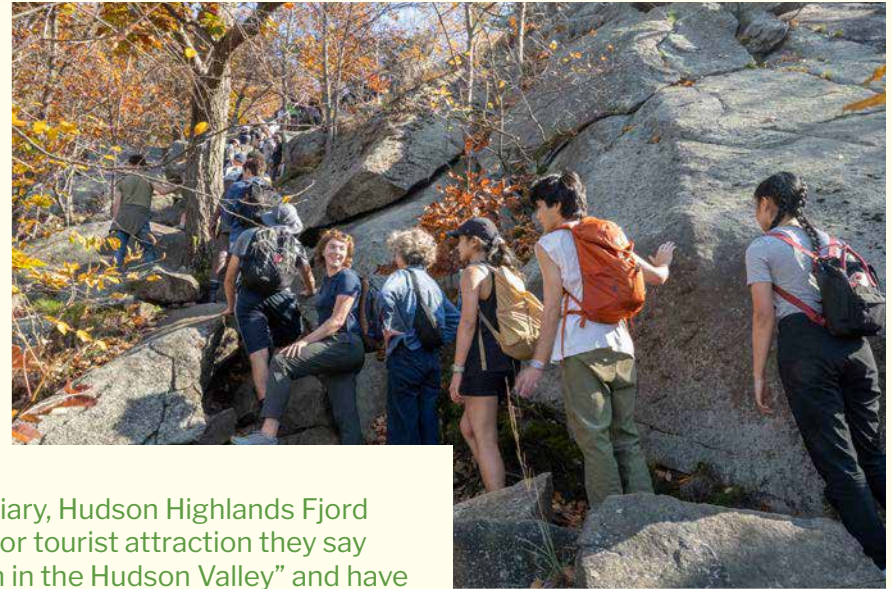
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Scenic Hudson and their subsidiary, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail (HHFT), want to build a major tourist attraction they say will be “the epicenter of tourism in the Hudson Valley” and have “national prominence.”<sup>§</sup>

## What could possibly go wrong?



– **A decade of heavy construction:** Building the concrete boardwalk will require driving roughly 330 pilings into the Hudson River shoreline.\* Vegetation will be cleared and barges with cranes will be moored along the riverbank. Within Hudson Highlands State Park, HHFT will have to clearcut a path 10–14 feet wide through the woods. Heavy construction will increase pollution, harm wildlife, and degrade quality of life.

– **Up to 1 million visitors are projected annually, with most arriving by car†:** This level of visitation would be roughly double the amount HHFT initially projected. Philipstown and Beacon are already feeling the effects of over-tourism and new development, and do not have the capacity to absorb this extreme level of tourism.

– **Unrealistic expectations for accessibility:** HHFT claims the boardwalk—which will be 10 feet wide and have fencing on both sides—will be shared use for people walking, hiking, running, rollerblading, walking dogs, biking, using wheelchairs, pushing scooters, fishing, landing kayaks, and wading into the river. This is unrealistic and will lead to dangerous conditions for all users alike.

– **Expanded parking lots will lead to more traffic:** HHFT is planning for up to 654 paid parking spaces along Route 9D—179% more than current capacity.‡ HHFT is also planning to make use of 350 planned new parking spaces at Boscobel and, on weekends, the Metro-North parking lots at Cold Spring (224 spaces) and Beacon (1,470 spaces)—with all lots connected by shuttle buses. Think peak season, but doubled—and not just weekends.

<sup>§</sup> Email from Ned Sullivan to Erik Kulleseid, 1/13/22, received via FOIL.

\* SCAPE presentation at Dutchess Manor, 3/11/24.

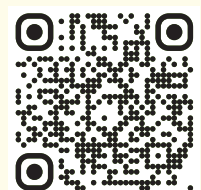
† Philipstown representatives of HHFT Data Committee, statement to Philipstown Town Board, 6/6/24.

‡ HHFT, "Request for Proposals: Parking Lot and Shuttle Bus Operation," 7/9/24.

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# Putnam Weighs Term-Limit Changes

*Proposal would raise bar for amending charter*

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam County legislators are weighing charter amendments that would make it harder to change term limits and eliminate ambiguity about how many times the county executive can serve.

Dan Birmingham, the deputy county executive, briefed the Rules Committee on Sept. 12 on a proposal to require a unanimous vote of the Legislature to change the maximum of four 3-year terms. A change now requires approval by six of the nine legislators.

A second proposal would clean up charter language that limits the county execu-

tive to two consecutive 4-year terms. New wording would clarify that the county executive cannot serve more than two terms, “whether partial or full, and whether consecutive or not.”

Initially, the agenda for the meeting indicated the Rules Committee would discuss extending legislative terms from three to four years in anticipation that the state would require elections to be held in even-numbered years, as it did recently for towns. The charter amendment proposed by Birmingham would allow the Legislature to waive unanimous consent if state law required a change.

If approved by the full Legislature, the charter amendment would be subject to a permissive referendum, which allows resi-

dents to collect signatures to put an issue on the ballot.

“I’m a strong proponent of term limits,” said Ginny Nacerino, who has represented Patterson for 12 years and will leave office on Dec. 31 because of term limits. “We’ve seen how dysfunctional Albany operates and we certainly don’t want people here forever.”

The Rules Committee meeting had its own moments of confusion, with a resident who spoke toward the end calling it “disorganized.”

Twenty minutes into Birmingham’s presentation, he realized that some legislators in attendance who were not on the committee thought they were discussing whether to extend terms from three to four years. That initial proposal had been attached to the distributed agenda.

Birmingham said that he talked to an unnamed county official who believed

that “it could be a distraction” to propose adding an extra year. “It detracts from the main point of ‘let’s lock in and solidify and protect the term-limit provisions,’” he said.

Erin Crowley, who represents the Town of Carmel and Mahopac, asked why the proposals were not vetted by the Charter Review Committee, but Birmingham said its members only meet once every 10 years and just convened in 2023.

While Paul Jonke, who chairs the Legislature, called for the Rules Committee to vote on the amendments before adjourning, Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, reminded the committee that the agenda had not been updated with the revised versions.

“The public doesn’t know,” Montgomery said before the proposals were tabled. “The public thinks we’re approving extending our terms.”

## Homestyle *(from Page 1)*

ipstown resident on Facebook denounced Homestyle for putting “the face of a 34-time convicted felon ... who incited an attack on our nation’s Capitol” on cookies and vowed to stop patronizing the bakery.

Then the angry calls began, said Timmons on Monday (Sept. 23). “Why would you do that?” “You guys are disgusting.” “We’re not going to buy from you anymore.” “We’re going to tell all our friends.”

Standing behind the counter inside the Peekskill location (Homestyle also sells the cookies at its location on Route 301 in Nelsonville), Timmons pointed to a stack of white shipping boxes sitting on a table. The bakery is being inundated with a different type of call: Trump fans placing orders for shipments to Florida, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas and other states.

A story posted by *The Journal News* on Sept. 20 about the controversy reached Dan Scavino Jr., a Westchester County native who was deputy chief of staff in the Trump White House and is an adviser to the former president’s campaign. He reposted it on social media, and Homestyle has been swamped with orders, mostly for Trump treats.

On Monday, Timmons said she expected to send out 2,000 Trump cookies and 200 with Harris’ image. “We were selling even

until that post [from Scavino] went out, and then it shifted,” she said.

Homestyle has been putting edible images on cookies and cakes for decades, said Timmons, with clients that have included the Yankees and their players. The visages of the Democratic and Republican candidates for president were introduced on cookies about 25 years ago and meant to be a bipartisan diversion, said Timmons.

Unfortunately, the hardening divide between Democrats and Republicans has been characterized by increasing hostility. A Pew Research Center poll in 2022 found that growing numbers of partisans view each other as “more closed-minded, dishonest, immoral and unintelligent.”

Passions have led to attacks on businesses, but typically only if they promote one candidate over another. The owner of a Manhattan clothing store, for example, said a man wearing a Trump T-shirt attacked her last month, apparently angered by a pro-Harris poster in her window.

In a Facebook post in response to the phone calls, Homestyle said that its employees and their family members and friends “hold different beliefs and choices” without threatening each other. “Everybody should be free to choose, and fighting over it is not the answer,” said Timmons.

State Sen. Pete Harckham, a Democrat

whose district includes Peekskill, visited the bakery on Sunday (Sept. 22) after hearing about the calls. The senator, who in April 2022 presented Homestyle with a certificate recognizing it as a New York State Historic Business, recorded a video before leaving.

“I know that we’re divided and I know we’re polarized, but cookies? Really?” he said, holding a microphone in one hand and a bipartisan order of six cookies for each candidate in the other. “Threatening a bakery is not a productive way to help your candidate.”

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AROUND TOWN



**THANKS FOR COMING!** — Actors Kathryn Grody and Mandy Patinkin and their son, Gideon Grody-Patinkin, shared advice and anecdotes at the Seeger Theater at Beacon High School on Sept. 21 to benefit *The Current*.  
*Photos by Ross Corsair*



**IRISH TUNES** — Rakish, with Maura Shawn Scanlin on violin and Conor Hearn on guitar, performed Celtic and folk music at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley on Sept. 13. The band name is taken from a traditional Irish tune, “Rakish Paddy.” *Photo by Ross Corsair*

**HOT ITEM** — Beacon Professional Firefighters posted a photo online on Monday (Sept. 23) of its 40 new lengths of 2-inch firehose. *Photo provided*

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## The Calendar

## CLASSIC SOUNDS, NEW MUSIC

## Bruce Molsky



Bruce Molsky and Tony Trischka will perform Sunday (Sept. 29) at the Westchester Bluegrass Club.

Photo provided

By Marc Ferris

In the mid-1990s, Bruce Molsky told his wife that he planned to quit a mechanical engineering job and play music for a living. She replied, “I can’t believe you didn’t do this 10 years ago.”

A Beacon resident since 2002, Molsky has toured and recorded with top-tier collaborators in folk, Americana and bluegrass circles. On Sunday (Sept. 29), he joins an old pal, pioneering banjo picker Tony Trischka, at the Westchester Bluegrass Club’s lakeside shack in Purdys, just over the Putnam County line.

The men, friends since the early 1980s, have performed together more than 70 times when their schedules mesh.

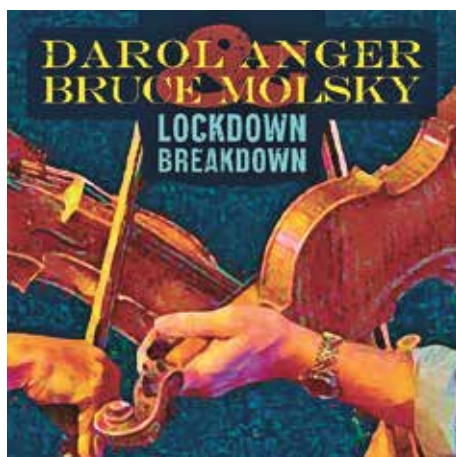
“We’ll play a little bit and see what makes us smile and then get a set list together,” says Molsky. “Concerts are fun when we’re hanging over a precipice, playing something we don’t normally play.”

One such seat-of-the-pants moment occurred during the warm-up before a show in Virginia. “We wrote a tune, did it that night, had fun and promptly forgot it,” he says. “I always try to challenge myself. As soon as you think you’ve got it down, you’re in trouble.”

Molsky also has a new album, *Lockdown Breakdown*, a duet with Darol Anger that includes “feral fiddling,” according to its liner notes.

What a strange trip for the ex-engineer and self-taught musician, who retains a trace of a Bronx accent. He called his first disc *Lost Boy* but found his way fast.

Ample evidence exists of his onstage exuberance. A video on his website captures one of the first shows by Molsky’s



Mountain Drifters, in 2016, with younger cohorts Alison de Groot on banjo and guitarist Stash Wyslouch.

A grinning Molsky prances and dances throughout the crackling rendition. Despite the obvious joi de vivre, some folks in the background stand with their arms folded.

“They’re evaluating,” Molsky says. “We were new at the time and the generational mix had to be tested.”

Passing more torches, he teaches at the American Roots Music minor program at Berklee College of Music in Boston.

An older sister influenced his participation in the 1970s post-Bob Dylan New York City folk movement. As he learned to play guitar, Molsky took a deep dive into old-timey music, a micro-subgenre based on an instrumental string band tradition with roots in centuries-old fiddle tunes and songs from the British Isles.

The proto-country style also relies on guitar and banjo — an African instru-

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## Jay Strauss



Jay Strauss and his band played songs from his new album at the Howland Cultural Center on Sept. 7.

Photo by Jon Slackman

By Marc Ferris

Jay Strauss chuckles when asked about his singular singing style. “That’s not something I’m going for, that’s my musical vocal range,” he says. “A friend told me to lean into it, so I have permission.”

He’s heard the comparisons for years: It sounds like Lou Reed’s deadpan delivery in “Walk on the Wild Side.” Maybe there’s some of B-52s frontman Fred Schneider in there, too.

Jonathan Richman is evoked for the talk/singy phrasing but also for the stream-of-consciousness lyrics that muse on mundane moments. Richman’s signature song, “Road Runner,” is a travelogue and Strauss covers a few regional landmarks in his tune “Detour.”

The words of several cuts on Strauss’ new disc, *Based on a True Story*, read like transcriptions of an LSD trip. “Fungi Mike is casting threads and spores/Subterranean bebop, looping beats in 4 . . . Sync the beat and pop up through the forest floor,” he sings in “Drink the Sun.”

But the abstractions are meticulously crafted and contain nuggets of wisdom: “There is no you, no me, only eternity/Beyond the reach of praise and blame and fear.” In “Silo,” he writes, “With thick skull and thin skin, surrenders to his nemesis, umbrella/he floats in a pool of his own tears/Mock turtle blusters through his own fears.”

The lyrics drew a comparison to the Doors after Strauss played “Silo” at one of singer/songwriter Dar Williams’ Write a Song That Matters retreats. “Someone said, ‘Jim Morrison would have been thrilled to write a song like that,’ and I was like, ‘Jeez.’”



The succinct description of his music on Bandcamp.com is accurate. “I write songs about things I find interesting. Some are inspired by an event that happened in a flash and stuck with me,” like the retro-poppy “I Never Forget a Name,” which unfolds like an anthropological comedy routine about his inability to remember, so the title is ironic.

At a retreat in 1990, Strauss heard a Buddhist monk say, “I never forget a name once I’ve met someone, but sometimes it takes a while for me to meet someone.” That line is now the chorus of his first disc’s opening cut.

Other songs on the collection “result from a deeper dive into things that demand more of my attention,” he writes, like “Footsteps,” about Native Americans, and “Into the Light,” the result of four months of research into the Suffrage movement.

His wife, Sharon, designed the colorful cover with Timothy Delaney. She’s also a tough editor who preaches that less is more.

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see [highlandscurrent.org/calendar](http://highlandscurrent.org/calendar).

## COMMUNITY

SAT 28

### Hub 5K and Family Fun Run

COLD SPRING

8:30 a.m. Bandstand  
[philipstownhub.org/race](http://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

### Craft Fair and Bake Sale

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Methodist Church  
216 Main St.  
[facebook.com/CSSHUMC](https://facebook.com/CSSHUMC)

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

SAT 28

### Thrift Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St.

Find clothes for adults, coats, jewelry, handbags, belts and shoes at this popular sale. Also SUN 29, SAT 5, SUN 6. Proceeds benefit St. Mary's and the Philipstown Food Pantry.

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](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Items donated by the community will be sold to support library programs, and 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](http://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)*



Thrift Sale, Sept. 28

SUN 29

### I Run Beacon

BEACON

8 a.m. Memorial Park  
2 Cahill Drive | [bit.ly/run-beacon](http://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](http://spiritofbeacon.org)

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

SUN 29

### Afternoon Tea

BEACON

3 – 5 p.m. Swann Inn  
120 Howland Ave. | 845-440-3318  
[bannermancastle.org](http://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](http://philipstowndemocrats.org)

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

SAT 5

### Hazardous Waste Drop-off

KENT

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fahnestock  
1501 Route 301  
[bit.ly/putnam-waste](http://bit.ly/putnam-waste)

Putnam County residents can register online to drop off household hazardous waste at the Canopus Beach parking lot for disposal, such as pool chemicals, stains and varnishes, paint, pesticides and flammable liquids. See the website for a list of accepted items. *Free*

SAT 5

### Twin Forts Day

FORT MONTGOMERY

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Historic Site  
690 Route 9W | [parks.ny.gov](http://parks.ny.gov)

The Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association commemorates the 246th anniversary of the battle for Forts Montgomery and Clinton with camp life demonstrations, reenactors, children's activities, cannon firing and fife-and-drum music. Performances at noon and 2 p.m. will tell the story of Hugh Morrison, an 8-year-old boy present at the battle.

SAT 5

### Harvest Fest

WAPPINGERS FALLS

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stony Kill Farm  
79 Farmstead Lane | [stonykill.org](http://stonykill.org)

Enjoy music, food, children's activities and demonstrations while enjoying the farm. Rain date: SUN 6. *Free*

SAT 5

### Open House

BREWSTER

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm  
100 Route 312 | [putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events](http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events)

There will be pony rides, food, games, archery and visits with animals. *Free*

SAT 5

### Lions BBQ

PHILIPSTOWN

3 – 7 p.m. Taconic Education Center  
75 Mountain Laurel Lane  
[coldspringlions.org](http://coldspringlions.org)

The Cold Spring Lions will host this annual fundraiser with live music, a raw bar, BBQ chicken and drinks. *Cost: \$85*

## NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 28

### Raptors for Rookies

GARRISON

3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://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.

SUN 6

### Create a Meaningful Meadow

PHILIPSTOWN

8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638  
[boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org)

Landscape professionals Erin Muir, Bryan Quinn, Janis Butler and Toshi Yano will speak at this seminar, which includes a visit to Boscobel's meadow. *Cost: \$50*

## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 28

### Raptor Experience

BEACON

11 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://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](http://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.

THURS 3

### The Nightmare Before Christmas

GARRISON

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Children are invited to watch the 1993 PG-rated animated film about the takeover of Christmas by Jack Skellington and the Halloween Town residents.

SAT 5

### Halloween Costume Swap

BEACON

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Drop off gently used children's costumes, then come again to choose one that is new to you. Also SUN 6.

## VISUAL ARTS

SAT 28

### Open Studios

NEWBURGH

Noon – 6 p.m. Various  
[newburghopenstudios.org](http://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*

FRI 4

### Theresa Gooby

POUGHKEEPSIE

5 – 7 p.m. Convey/er/or Gallery  
299 Main St.

The Beacon artist's solo show, *Trigger Warning*, addresses domestic violence with works on video, sound and wall-based. Through Oct. 14.

SAT 5

### Susan Magnus

GARRISON

3 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
[garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org)

The center's Visiting Artist will talk about her work on view in *ImageAfter*.

## TALKS & TOURS

SAT 28

### Bake-Off Playwriting Workshop & Reading

GARRISON

10 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is hosting its annual playwriting contest; 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.

FRI 4

### Archtober

NEWBURGH

Noon – 6 p.m. Various locations  
[thefullerton.org](http://thefullerton.org)

The annual festival explores architecture, restoration and



Nightmare Before Christmas, Oct. 3



historic buildings with speakers, tours, films and demonstrations. Also SAT 5, SUN 6.

SAT 5  
**Jeff Golden**  
**GARRISON**

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

The author of *Reclaiming the Sacred: Healing Our Relationships with Ourselves and the World* will read from his book and lead a meditation.

SAT 5  
**Mekeel's Corners Chat**  
**PHILIPSTOWN**

2 p.m. Chapel | 321 Route 301  
[putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

Historian Mark Forlow will talk about the historic church and lead a tour of its cemetery. *Cost: \$15*



**MUSIC**

SAT 28  
**The Cinelli Brothers**  
**BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The blues-rock band from the U.K. has a new album, *Almost Exactly*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 29  
**Pops for Philipstown**  
**COLD SPRING**

3 p.m. Highlands Chapel  
217 Main St. | [highlandschapel.org](http://highlandschapel.org)

The Highlands Choral Society will perform popular music and show tunes. Donations welcome. *Free*

SUN 29  
**Tatiana Eva-Marie**  
**BEACON**

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://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](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

The folk-country duo will be accompanied by David Mansfield. *Cost: \$40*

WED 2  
**Invisible Collage**  
**BEACON**

8 p.m. Beahive  
6 Eliza St. | [bit.ly/beahive-events](http://bit.ly/beahive-events)

Tamalyn Miller and Craig Chin will create an immersive sound salon. *Cost: \$20*

THURS 3  
**Floyd Nation**  
**PEEKSKILL**

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
[paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

The tribute band creates the experience of a Pink Floyd concert. *Cost: \$45 to \$60*

FRI 4  
**Doo Wop Project**  
**PEEKSKILL**

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
[paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

The band will cover the sounds of popular bands from the Flamingos to Smokey Robinson to Michael Jackson. *Cost: \$35 to \$57*

FRI 4  
**Gratefully Yours**  
**BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The Grateful Dead tribute band will perform. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 5  
**Boots by the Hudson**  
**POUGHKEEPSIE**

3:30 – 8 p.m. Upper Landing Park  
83 N. Water St.

This fourth annual country music festival will include line dancing led by CJ McIntyre and Frank Alexander, music by the Thunder Ridge Band, food trucks and games. Rain or shine. *Free*

SAT 5  
**Songs in the Key of Resistance**  
**BEACON**

4 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St.

Join song leaders from social-justice organizations at this concert hosted with the Beacon Rising Choir and Beacon Climate Action Now. *Cost: \$5 donation*

SAT 5  
**Doansburg Chamber Ensemble**  
**COLD SPRING**

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

[doansburgchamberensemble.org](http://doansburgchamberensemble.org)

Alexander Negruta (clarinet), Joy Plaisted (harp) and Christine Smith (flute) will perform works by Blake, Bizet and Piston. *Cost: \$17 (\$14 seniors, students)*



SAT 5  
**Out to Lunch**  
**PUTNAM VALLEY**

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)

The band, formed in 1980, will play a range of music, from bluegrass to jazz. *Cost: \$25*



Doo Wop Project, Oct. 4

SAT 5  
**Saint Rita**  
**BEACON**

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

Kelly Ellenwood (vocals), Stephen Clair (guitar) and Kathleen Bosman (violin/viola) will play the music of Edith Piaf and Kurt Weill. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 5  
**Tom Chapin**  
**BEACON**

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The Grammy-winning singer and songwriter will perform. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 6  
**ArcoStrum**  
**BEACON**

5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | [howlandmusic.org](http://howlandmusic.org)

The violin and guitar duo's program will include a diverse selection of international works. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

SUN 6  
**Alash**  
**BEACON**

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | [townecrier.com](http://townecrier.com)

The Tuvan throat singers add modern style to traditional songs. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

**STAGE & SCREEN**

SAT 28  
**The Father Who Stayed**  
**BEACON**

4 – 10 p.m. University Settlement  
724 Wolcott Ave. | [bit.ly/father-stayed](http://bit.ly/father-stayed)

Enjoy a family picnic from 4 to 7 p.m. before 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*

FRI 4  
**Lit Lit**  
**BEACON**

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

Sign up to share original work in any genre or just listen. *Cost: \$5 donation*

FRI 4  
**Friday Night Live**  
**COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Move | 34 Chestnut St.  
[bit.ly/CS-comedy-10-4](http://bit.ly/CS-comedy-10-4)

Cold Spring Comedy presents Jaiya Victoria, Marcie Rummel, Amy Foster and Pete Smith. Susanna Spies hosts. *Cost: \$22*

FRI 4  
**CP2 Series Readers Theatre**  
**WAPPINGERS FALLS**

8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
[countyplayers.org](http://countyplayers.org)

The mini-festival will feature readings of “Eleanor,” by Mark St. Germain, followed by “Underneath the Lintel,” by Glen Gerber. Also SAT 5, SUN 6. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 5  
**Soon is Now**  
**BEACON**

1 – 4:30 p.m. Long Dock Park  
23 Long Dock Road | [soonisnow.org](http://soonisnow.org)

The Climate Arts Festival will include art and live performances with the restored park as a stage. Rain date: SUN 6. *Free*

SAT 5  
**Brian Regan**  
**PEEKSKILL**

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
[paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

The standup comedian, known for his character on the series *Loudermilk*, will perform. *Cost: \$60 to \$75*

**CIVIC**

MON 30  
**City Council**  
**BEACON**

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | [beaconny.gov](http://beaconny.gov)

MON 30  
**School Board**  
**BEACON**

7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road  
845-838-6900 | [beaconk12.org](http://beaconk12.org)

TUES 1  
**Putnam Legislature**  
**CARMEL**

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse  
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800  
[putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com)

TUES 1  
**School Board**  
**GARRISON**

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 | [gufs.org](http://gufs.org)

TUES 1  
**School Board**  
**COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Middle School Library  
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254  
[haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org)

WED 2  
**Village Board**  
**COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.  
845-265-3611 | [coldspringny.gov](http://coldspringny.gov)

THURS 3  
**Putnam Budget Presentation**  
**CARMEL**

7 p.m. Board of Elections  
25 Old Route 6 | 845-208-7800  
[putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com)

THURS 3  
**Town Board**  
**COLD SPRING**

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.  
845-265-5200 | [philipstown.com](http://philipstown.com)



# Facts about the Fjord Trail's pause on Dockside Park decision

- **The Fjord Trail is being planned and implemented through a phased approach.** All components of each phase are being studied through New York State's environmental review process.
- **HHFT has offered to put a HOLD on decision-making about the Shoreline Trail from Little Stony Point to Dockside Park** until a year *after* Breakneck Connector and Bridge and Dutchess Manor Visitor Center are opened (opening is anticipated in 2027). **This pause would provide a full year of operational data to review before making a final decision.**
- The route designated as the "preferred alignment" in the Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS) includes the Shoreline Trail route from Dockside Park to Little Stony Point, with Fair Street sidewalks as a meander. **This route is designed to relieve existing pedestrian congestion in the Village of Cold Spring AND provide a community benefit for locals to enjoy.** Through the DGEIS, the preferred alignment undergoes detailed study, where findings may include mitigation measures or design changes. All evaluated alternatives to the preferred alignment are also included in the DGEIS, including the newly identified "west of tracks" route.
- **"Feeder Trails" alone (i.e., sidewalks along Fair Street and Route 9D to Little Stony Point) will not solve existing pedestrian flow and safety issues, nor will they improve accessibility.** Analysis by visitation management experts shows that an additional accessible route for pedestrians and cyclists is needed for the greatest relief.
- Although there is no requirement in the regulatory framework for HHFT to mitigate the impacts of *existing* trail-bound visitation, this is the project's original purpose and **HHFT remains committed to collaborating with the Village to address these long-standing issues.** However, HHFT is not permitted to assist with sidewalks or bathrooms until the project's environmental review is complete.
- Nationally recognized experts in ecology, architecture, engineering, transportation, and visitor management, as well as the diverse opinions of community members and municipal leaders, continue to guide this project. **Our goal is to improve conditions for local residents and create a resource that everyone can access and be proud of.**



# Together in Song

*After pandemic break,  
Dream Choir resumes  
concerts*

By Marc Ferris

A sign hanging on the hood of Cat Guthrie's stove reads "SING" in 3-inch letters. After belting out tunes her entire life, does she need a reminder?

"I forget to sing all the time," she says, despite leading a cover band in her 20s, performing in a duo that traversed 29 states and joining a three-part harmony jazz group, the Satin Dolls, for 17 years. "I sing in my head but not always through the vocal cords."

In 2013, Guthrie opened her Philipstown home to lead the Dream Choir, an informal ensemble that meets weekly and performs twice a year. With a limit of 35, it's first come, first served — there's no need to audition or read music. Parking around her little cul-de-sac driveway requires precise choreography.

After taking a forced break during the pandemic, they resumed in early 2023. Guthrie says the goal is to have fun and sound like angels during their concerts, which are held at the First Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring.

She got hooked on choral singing in high school and aspired to lead her own choir. Four decades later, she directed up to seven at a time before the shutdown in 2020.

The Dream Choir's name reflects the achievement of her choral goals and dreams for a better world, exemplified by rotating activist songs into the repertoire.

During a rehearsal on Sept. 17, Guthrie



Cat Guthrie and Tom McCoy led a recent rehearsal in Philipstown of the Dream Choir.

Photo by M. Ferris

balanced levity and rigor. "It's not fun to try for perfection, but I do want to sound great," she says.

During the vocal warm-up, choir members barked, meowed, oinked and flutered their lips as if blowing into imaginary brass instruments.

Assistant Director Tom McCoy played an electronic keyboard and tapped out parts to moor the singers. During a tricky passage, one of the three men (who joined a dozen women) quipped that he "might lip-sync that note."

Guthrie speaks through a microphone, her voice echoing from two pole-mounted loudspeakers. The atmosphere perked up when her

puppies, Lulu and Buster, joined the session.

In addition to playing guitar, her flute comes in handy during the solo in "California Dreamin'," a call-and-response song by the Mamas & the Papas written in four-part harmony.

Other pop tunes in the upcoming winter concert's program will include riffs on Aretha Franklin's "Respect" and "September," by Earth, Wind and Fire. Activist pieces "We Shall Be Known," by MaMuse, and Melanie DeMore's "Lead with Love" are in the mix and the group will also perform seasonal fare such as "Sleigh Bells," "Winter Wonderland" and "Happy Christmas," by John Lennon.

During the session, singers sat on folding

"There's something transporting about singing harmony. It makes you smile."

~ Judy Allen, a Dream Choir member

chairs and navigated deceptive key changes in Lennon's song, along with parts calling for tongue-twisting phrasing and back-and-forth handoffs of the melody. During a listening session, Guthrie dialed in a video performed by a Canadian choir to drill down on passages where harmony and melody seemed to meld.

"It's exciting when people reach heights they didn't think they could reach," she says. "I always hear, 'I haven't done any singing in 30 years,' but they sit in on a Tuesday night and realize, 'Hey, I can do this.'"

Wendy Sanderson, an eight-year veteran, says that "in the beginning, it's a miasma, but when the concert comes around, we're together and sound great, every time. It's like a miracle."

The choir binds three generations of the Allen family: Judy Allen, her daughter Rosie and her grandson Elliott, 14.

"We're the Trapp Family Singers of the Dream Choir," says Judy, who attended the first rehearsal. "All three of us worked on arranging 'The Star-Spangled Banner' [performed at a Hudson Valley Renegades' game in 2023]. There's something transporting about singing harmony. It makes you smile."

For information on the Dream Choir, email [catguthrie@gmail.com](mailto:catguthrie@gmail.com).

## Bruce Molsky (from Page 11)

ment. To get a taste of old-timey flavor, spectators and musicians are invited to participate in a jam at the Howland Cultural Center every second Tuesday of the month. Harry Bolick, a local author who specializes in fiddle tunes from Mississippi, hosts the hootenanny.

Thanks to thirsty ears, Molsky's musical horizons expanded, and two flashy guitarists attracted his attention: flatpicker Doc Watson from North Carolina, who played what Molsky calls mountain music, and bluesman Mississippi John Hurt, a mesmerizing fingerpicker. The discoveries "kicked

me in the pants."

Molsky keeps finding new (and old) styles. His discography includes an album of Civil War songs and a live recording with Shetland fiddler Aly Bain; Ale Möller, a legend in Sweden; and the Liverpool Philharmonic.

Personal relationships and new interests guided the musical meanderings in diffuse directions: His 2022 disc *Everywhere You Go* tours the sounds of Peru, Ireland, Scotland, Sweden, Senegal, Madagascar and "right here in the USA."

As the title conveys, the latest album is a pandemic product. Molsky plays standard four-string fiddle and Anger performs with a five-string violin and a five-string bari-

tone violin, which can sound like a viola or cello. The contrasting timbres enhance the hypnotic, interlocking interplay during Möller's tunes, "Hjaltadans" and "Kvartetten."

Pop songs include the R&B hit "Can I Change My Mind" and Dion's "Abraham, Martin and John." Liner notes indicate that "Bruce doesn't write a whole lot of tunes," but the title track, "Lockdown Breakdown," "appeared during one of the darkest periods of the pandemic after listening to a lot of old Texas music."

Now, at age 69, Molsky reflects on his decision to leave a practical profession so he could play and absorb as much music as possible.

"There's no money in this, but the personal connections I've made are invaluable," he says. "It's social music, that's why I love it. I get to connect with people I would never have met and it gives me the opportunity to do something I love that also makes other people happier, too."

*The Westchester Bluegrass Club is located at 33 Lake Way in Purdys. Molsky and Trischka will perform on Sunday (Sept. 29) at 4:30 p.m. following an acoustic jam at 2 p.m. and open mic at 3:30 p.m. A \$30 donation is requested at the door. To purchase Lockdown Breakdown and other albums, see [brucemolsky.bandcamp.com](http://brucemolsky.bandcamp.com).*

## Jay Strauss (from Page 11)

"I had so many names in an earlier version — she reminded me that I'm not writing a white paper on the subject," he says. Only four historical figures made the final cut.

Sharon also helps him keep the chord changes, tempo shifts, reggae-flavored interludes and other meanderings to a minimum. "I don't need 10 sections of a song; sometimes six will do."

He started writing three-chord folk

ditties but chafed at the limitations. His laconic vocal delivery can be reminiscent of talking blues, a style associated with Woody Guthrie and reflected in "A Boy Named Sue," by Johnny Cash, which repeats a simple chord pattern.

Strauss' tunes take off in many directions and the 10-song album is a mostly Beacon affair, with Shauna Ward on guitar and Lee Falco on drums. Andy Stack, who produced, played bass, keyboards, guitar, percussion, organ and cowbell.

For a release party held Sept. 7 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, Glenn Sacchi sat in on drums and Randy Bennis played keyboards. They are to be commended for nailing the intricate stops, starts and transitions, along with the abrupt endings.

"Detour" and "The Orange in the Black" give space to the bass and Stack filled in the blanks with busy but tasteful grooves. Ward beamed as the crowd burst into spontaneous applause after her guitar solos in "Detour."

Strauss' most rousing song, "Manhattan

Howl," sometimes evokes Captain Beefheart-level weirdness with its odd opening meter and shifts from reggae to a progressive rock bridge to an acoustic guitar section. Videographer Jon Slackman felt it, pumping his fist in the balcony to the power chords at the end.

"With all the crazy changes in the songs," says Strauss, "I'm so grateful that the musicians locked in as tight as they did."

To purchase *Based on a True Story*, see [jaystrauss.bandcamp.com](http://jaystrauss.bandcamp.com).



## Vocations *(from Page 1)*

Michele Santiago, a guidance counselor at Beacon High School for 20 years, said she’s seen an uptick in interest in the skilled trades from students and parents. “Ten percent of our 11th and 12th graders now attend the Dutchess County BOCES Career and Technical Institute” in Poughkeepsie, she said.

BOCES stands for Board of Cooperative Educational Services, which offers vocational training for students in districts that contribute funding. It also provides training in fields such as graphic design, fashion design, and film and audio for students who may pursue four-year degrees.

Students in the 10th to 12th grades also can attend the annual Hudson Valley Construction Career Day, held in the spring. “It’s hands-on,” Santiago said. “Students speak to members of local unions about their trade, apprenticeship programs and benefits of being in a trade union.”

In Cold Spring, about 10 percent of the juniors and seniors at Haldane High School receive vocational training at the Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES in Yorktown Heights, said Amanda Cotchen, a Haldane guidance counselor. “Students know that a trade is an option; we promote career readiness as opposed to just a college focus,” she said.

Tommy Andrews, 18, a recent Haldane graduate, is pursuing a trade by another route: the military. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve and will attend boot camp in December before training to become a construction electrician. “I’ll make up to \$1,000 a week during the 22 weeks of boot camp and trade school,” Andrews said. “And I’ll receive a \$20,000 bonus for signing up. I can’t wait to go.”

As part of a six-year commitment, he’ll work one weekend a month plus a two-week stint each summer. He hopes to land a full-time job through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Although the Air Force and Army also offer training in skilled trades, the Navy was an easy choice for Andrews because his father and grandfather served.

“Parents who have always pushed going to college now see they won’t have to pay that big tuition, and their kids are going to get a good job doing something they love.”

**Stephen Lowery**  
Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES

Stephen Lowery, director of career and technical education at Putnam-Northern Westchester BOCES, said college costs and rising student debt have changed the landscape over the past five years. Depending on the trade, BOCES grads can step out of high school into a job that pays as much as \$70,000 a year.

Lowery also has seen a shift in parental attitudes. “Parents who have always pushed going to college now see they won’t have



Students at Dutchess Community College can study aviation maintenance. *DCC photo*



Construction students work at Dutchess BOCES in Poughkeepsie. *Photo provided*

to pay that big tuition, and their kids are going to get a good job doing something they love,” he said.

Asked to pick the five trades offering job opportunities for BOCES grads, Lowery quickly named electrical; welding; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); carpentry; and landscaping-urban forestry.

While the role of trade unions has declined in recent decades, he sees a resurgence there, as well, because unions realize workforces are aging and they need to recruit younger members. He pointed to the Sheet Metal Workers as one union that has been working closely with BOCES to fill its dwindling ranks.

Nicholas Millas, the principal at Dutchess BOCES, noted that the school added HVAC in 2022 and graduated its first class in 2023. It also added a second welding and fabrication class and a second electrical class that year, and all sessions began 2024-25 with wait lists.

Two-year community colleges are another less costly and less time-consuming option for high school grads. The tuition at State University of New York community colleges is \$5,400 annually for New York residents, compared to \$7,070 per year at SUNY universities. The average annual tuition at private universities in the U.S. is \$42,000 and can exceed \$60,000 at elite schools.

With a campus on Route 9 in Fishkill,

Dutchess Community College (DCC) offers technical programs in fields such as air conditioning and refrigeration; aviation maintenance; architectural, construction and electrical technology; and manufacturing.

Susan Rogers, the chief of staff and vice president for institutional effectiveness at DCC, said the programs are on the upswing. “Our airframe maintenance and airframe mechanic programs didn’t even exist 10 years ago,” she said. “Graduates of our aviation pilot program can make over \$100,000 a year.”

The mechatronics lab at the Fishkill campus, which Rogers described as “the intersection of electrical, mechanical, robotics and automation,” opened last year because regional employers identified a need for educated technicians with manufacturing skills.

The college hopes to expand its air conditioning and refrigeration option into a complete HVAC program next fall, an area Rogers said offers “so many job opportunities.”

“The trades primarily operate in the physical world, and no algorithm on the planet has yet figured out how to hang drywall.” ~ Angi

## Average New York Salaries

Elevator/Escalator Repair .....	<b>\$110,590</b>
Power-Line Repair .....	<b>\$108,670</b>
Aircraft Mechanic .....	<b>\$95,070</b>
Steelworker .....	<b>\$92,670</b>
Plumbers .....	<b>\$84,890</b>
Electricians .....	<b>\$83,550</b>
Boilermakers .....	<b>\$78,550</b>
Stonemasons .....	<b>\$74,980</b>
HVAC .....	<b>\$68,950</b>
Carpenters .....	<b>\$68,450</b>
Roofers .....	<b>\$66,410</b>
Auto Mechanic .....	<b>\$53,260</b>
All occupations .....	<b>\$78,620</b>

*Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2023*

## Vocational Tracks

Courses offered through the Career & Technical Institute at Dutchess BOCES

- Agriculture
- Automotive Technology
- Construction
- Computer Hardware
- Computer Networking
- Cosmetology
- Cybersecurity
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Electrical
- Esthetics
- Fashion Design
- Graphic Arts
- HVAC
- Nursing
- Public Safety
- Small Engine Technology
- TV/Film Production
- Welding and Fabrication

She also sees more women considering industrial jobs. One female student “went into manufacturing after completing our electrical technician program,” Rogers said. “She’s encouraging more women to do that. Manufacturing is changing; it used to be dirty, greasy work where you had to be able to lift 75 pounds. That’s not the way it is anymore.”

Angi, formerly Angie’s List, helps people find contractors for electrical plumbing, carpentry and other skilled trades. It asked 1,200 workers for its 2024 Skilled Trades Report what they’d tell high school students is the best thing about working in a trade. Thirty-one percent said job satisfaction; 27 percent noted the pay; 23 percent cited entrepreneurial opportunities; and 19 percent liked the flexible hours.

While many white-collar workers worry that artificial intelligence could make their job obsolete, skilled trade workers are much less concerned. “The trades primarily operate in the physical world, and no algorithm on the planet has yet figured out how to hang drywall,” the Angi report noted.



## Roots and Shoots

## Meadows for the Masses

By Pamela Doan

“Gardens are not enough,” says Janis Butler. Her review of the research shows that we can do more to support plants and insects by adding or converting lawns and gardens into meadows.



“We need significant space for diverse species of plants and insects to interact,” she says. Creating these ecosystems through meadows restores ground that has been lost to development and other environmental pressures.

Butler, a Master Gardener and Master Forester volunteer, will be the opening presenter at a symposium on meadows scheduled for Sunday (Oct. 6) at Boscobel in Philipstown. She will focus on the relationship between insects and plants and why we need meadows in our yards.

Meadows Matter: How to Create a Meaningful Meadow is a full-day program co-organized by seven groups and nonprofits. It will include presentations by landscape professionals and site visits. It's for anyone with a yard who wants to understand this style of planting, what it involves to create and care

for, and why it can have huge benefits.

We think about meadows as wild, open spaces that happen naturally. In landscaping terms, it's a style of cultivating plants. The working definition of a meadow that will be used at the symposium is “an open habitat or field, vegetated by grasses, herbs and other non-woody plants, largely composed of species native to the region and has limited human intervention.”

There isn't a required size or shape. It could be 10 feet by 10 feet or acres. What matters is the plants and maintenance, or non-maintenance. You leave it alone and don't mow regularly or add fertilizers. The plants are important because you want to create a habitat with nesting, food and shelter for wildlife and insects, including pollination opportunities.

Erin Muir, co-founder of Figure Ground Studio, will discuss establishing a meadow with seeds or immature plants called plugs, although there isn't a right way. It depends on the site, how you prepare it and, to some extent, your level of expertise and budget. Muir has designed and created meadows for clients and in her yard. She has given me a tour of the latter, and it's rich in plants and insects.

Now in its fifth season, Muir planted her meadow from seed after the family home was built in Philipstown. “It's about providing support for the more-than-human realm,” she says. “We can do a lot if we make the pathway.”

Muir maintains the meadow with once-a-year mowing and, in the beginning, managing the invasive mugwort. The plants that



The meadow at Erin Muir's home in Philipstown is beautiful and functional.

Photo provided

dominated in the first year — coreopsis, rudbeckia, partridge pea — have given way to bergamot, joe pye weed, northern sea oats and other natives, demonstrating the dynamics of launching plant communities and seeing them evolve.

The expectation that an expanse of lawn is the tapestry of a home is losing its hold as more people become aware of the need for biodiversity and are excited by the beauty of an alternative. Just this week, Margaret Roach wrote in *The New York Times* about a suburban couple who carefully turned their lawn into a meadow while managing it to avoid negative reactions from neighbors.

Organizations like Homegrown National Park and Wild Ones offer resources on what to plant and design options. In Beacon, Bryan Quinn of One Nature, who will present at the symposium, has been collecting data for his Refugia Project, tracking the

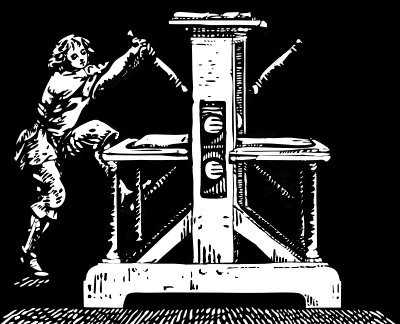
impact of the 150 gardens he and his team have designed and planted in Beacon.

Quinn estimates that One Nature's gardens cover 52 acres, or 5 percent of the city. These contiguous spaces and the density give pollinators a fighting chance when so much land is developed or disturbed.

Boscobel's lawn-to-meadow conversion makes it the ideal site for the symposium. “We're adding a meadow to diversify Boscobel's ecosystem and introduce important facets of Hudson Valley beauty, history and stewardship,” said Jennifer Carlquist, the executive director. Seeded this spring, the planting is showing bursts of asters, goldenrod, sedge, partridge pea, mint species and other native plants.

*Boscobel is located at 1601 Route 9D. To register for Meadows Matter, see [boscobel.org/events/meadows-matter](http://boscobel.org/events/meadows-matter). Tickets are \$50.*

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- Justice McCray

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## October Book Club Selections

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**TUES 1, 7 P.M.**  
*Fresh Water for Flowers*, by Valérie Perrin  
Stanza Books, Beacon  
Register at [stanzabooks.com/events](http://stanzabooks.com/events).

**Fiction Book Club**  
**THURS 3, 6 P.M.**  
*Hamnet*, by Maggie O’Farrell  
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison  
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**Abe Lincoln/Civil War Book Club**  
**THURS 3, 7 P.M.**  
*The Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War*, by Erik Larson  
Lincoln Depot Museum,  
10 S. Water St., Peekskill  
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**Graphic Novel Book Club for Adults**  
**MON 7, 3:30 P.M.**  
*Season of the Bruja*,  
by Aaron Duran and Sara Soler  
*Superman Red Son*, by Mark Millar,  
Dave Johnson and Kilian Plunkett  
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**Graphic Novel Book Club for Kids**  
**TUES 8, 3:30 P.M.**  
*El Deafo*, by Cece Bell  
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring  
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**Fantasy Book Club**  
**TUES 8, 7 P.M.**  
*Somewhere Beyond the Sea*, by TJ Klune  
Stanza Books, Beacon  
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**Mystery Book Club**  
**TUES 15, 6 P.M.**  
*I Dreamed of Falling*, by Julia Dahl  
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**Helen Savoit Book Club**  
**WED 16, 2 P.M.**  
*Solito*, by Javier Zamora  
Howland Library, Beacon  
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**Biz Bzzz Book Club**  
**WED 16, 6:30 P.M.**  
*Range: Why Generalists Triumph in a Special-ized World*, by David Epstein  
Beahive, Beacon  
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**Page-to-Screen Book Club**  
**THURS 17, 3 P.M.**  
*Death on the Nile*, by Agatha Christie  
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison  
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**Beacon Book Club**  
**THURS 17, 6:15 P.M.**  
*The Bad Place*, by Dean Koontz  
David’s, Newburgh  
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**Sci-Fi Book Club**  
**TUES 22, 7 P.M.**  
*The Future*, by Naomi Alderman  
Stanza Books, Beacon  
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**Mystery Book Club**  
**TUES 22, 7 P.M.**  
*Murder Your Employer*, by Rupert Holmes  
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring  
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**In Comparison Book Club**  
**WED 23, 7 P.M.**  
*The Member of the Wedding*,  
by Carson McCullers  
*The Passion*, by Jeanette Winterson  
Stanza Books, Beacon  
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**Butterfield Book Club**  
**MON 28, 7 P.M.**  
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## Fjord Trail (from Page 1)

Director Amy Kacala did not accurately reflect the outcome of meetings she, Van Tassel and Winward had with HHFT officials on April 20 and May 11, saying it included “troubling departures” from what had been informally agreed upon.

She said while one of HHFT’s original and primary missions was to help manage and mitigate existing conditions in Cold Spring, the Aug. 16 letter states HHFT has “no responsibility for the mitigation of the impacts on the village of existing visitation.”

Foley said Kacala has stated that the trail is expected to become “the epicenter of tourism in the Hudson Valley.” Many Cold Spring residents believe the village already suffers from overtourism.

A discussion about having Little Stony Point serve as a terminus for the trail and a “pause point” for review of the trail’s development was replaced in the letter by “general references to the opening of the Breakneck Connector, Breakneck train station, and visitor center and parking at Dutchess Manor,” Foley said, with a trail south from Little Stony Point to Cold Spring still identified as HHFT’s preferred route.

She quoted Kacala as saying at a meeting in September that Chris Davis had misunderstood the schedule and that there would be no pause in construction.

The mayor also said that the letter changes a 2030 timeline for construction at Breakneck and Dutchess Manor to a “nebulous and surprising 2026-27.”

In addition, she said a role for local boards in decision-making “has been watered down to the worrisome and undefined inclusion of ‘local voices and interests’” in the letter.

Former Philipstown Supervisor Bill Mazzuca, who had been invited to attend the May 11 meeting, wrote to Davis stating that the Aug. 16 letter included “discrepancies from what I understood to have been verbally agreed to.”

In early September, state Sen. Rob Rolison expressed concern about HHFT’s plans, as did Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, who wrote to the governor, state parks and HHFT advocating the inclusion of local leaders in the trail’s planning process, citing the “profound effect” a trail entrance at Dockside Park would have on local municipalities and calling for a pause so that “a more expansive review of the local impacts can be considered before proceeding.”

Foley said: “We’ve got one chance to get this development right; let’s get it right the first time. A great visitor experience for someone from Buffalo or Watertown should not come at the detriment of the quality of life in Philipstown, Nelsonville and Cold Spring.”

Trustee Aaron Freimark said he was troubled that he had not been informed of the May 11 meeting and said there is a need for greater transparency and trust in the mayor’s negotiations with HHFT.

“It’s a bit disingenuous to represent that you are unaware of what it is I’m doing,” Foley responded. “You are copied or forwarded most communications, but you have to read the emails.”

She pointed out that she negotiates on behalf of the village on other issues, including with Seastreak and federal agencies.

“You have trust for me there, but where we have a difference of opinion, you don’t have trust,” Foley said. “You either trust me as a professional, or you don’t.”

In a comment posted in response to this article, which was posted online on Sept. 20, Freimark wrote: “I’ll take the advice and ask my eye doctor for glasses that let me read emails that were never sent.”

Freimark and Trustee Eliza Starbuck, who wrote letters to the editor that appear on Page 4, have supported having the Fjord Trail begin at Dockside. Starbuck said she

wished the village had more control over Dockside, which is owned by the state, pointing out that the village could have acquired the property years ago but didn’t. The village manages the property as part of a contract with state parks; either party can terminate the agreement at any time.

Having HHFT start at Dockside wouldn’t be “the end of the world,” Starbuck said, emphasizing that stormwater is the biggest threat facing the village. “We can survive a park, but if we get storms that happen the same way they did last year, I don’t know the village will survive that.”

Trustee Laura Bozzi said she still has questions regarding how the trail will impact village police, emergency services and budget. “Those are practical, legitimate questions for us to be dealing with as a village government,” she said. “I can’t form a full conclusion without those answers.” She said she favors the trail going north from Breakneck to Beacon first.

“We don’t have a document in front of us,” Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods commented. “I’d like to see what landscape architects have to say, what engineers, DEC [the Department of Environmental Conservation] and the Army Corps of Engineers have to say about development along the waterfront.”

More than a dozen residents spoke at the meeting, expressing disparate views. Some favored Dockside Park as the terminus; others advocated starting at Little Stony Point with feeder paths from the village. The trail was described by some as an asset for villagers and by others as harmful to the quality of life.

“It’s clear the mayor, trustees and village residents all have diverse opinions on the project,” MJ Martin, HHFT’s deputy executive director, said on Sept. 19 in an email. “I wish HHFT, which had several representatives present, was afforded the opportunity to clarify the information shared, as some statements contained factual errors.”

Martin said HHFT has offered to pause for analysis after Phase 1 is complete before deciding whether to move forward on a connection to Dockside.

During the public comment period, Rebeca Ramirez, HHFT’s community and visitor relations manager, said the trail will be built and opened in several phases over a decade.

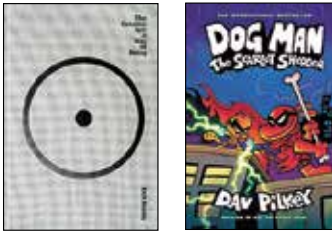
“That will allow us to observe the impact of the phases at Breakneck and Dutchess Manor and gather data for a year to ensure the visitation management strategies are working before we discuss with the local communities how to progress with shoreline construction,” she said.

Ramirez also offered to meet with the Village Board during a workshop to answer questions and clarify project details.

Foley said she will draft a letter to HHFT and state parks for the board’s consideration specifically requesting phasing of the project, with integrated periods of assessment and revision for each subsequent phase, with Dockside Park being the last to be considered.

### In other business...

■ Officer-in-Charge Matt Jackson reported on Sept. 18 that Cold Spring police officers responded to 216 calls for service in August, including 34 traffic stops, 23 assists to other



## Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for July and August at Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.

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| 3 | <i>Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide</i> by Rupert Holmes |
| 4 | <i>Sandwich: A Novel</i> by Catherine Newman                                  |
| 4 | <i>Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow: A Novel</i> by Gabrielle Zevin       |

### CHILDREN

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|---|---|
| 1 | <i>Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder</i> by Dav Pilkey                         |
| 2 | <i>Songs of the Birds</i> by Isabel Otter                                 |
| 3 | <i>Karen's Sleepover (Baby-Sitters Little Sister No. 8)</i> by Ann Martin |
| 4 | <i>Who is Kamala Harris? (Who HQ Now)</i> by Kirsten Anderson             |
| 5 | <i>Narwhal's Sweet Tooth (Narwhal and Jelly No. 9)</i> by Ben Clanton     |
| 6 | <i>Who is Taylor Swift? (Who HQ Now)</i> by Kirsten Anderson              |

first responders and seven vehicle crashes.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 25 calls, including eight for mutual aid, eight fire or carbon monoxide alarms and three mountain rescues.

■ The board declared three older model Cold Spring police vehicles as surplus and authorized their sale by public auction.

■ The board will hold workshops on Oct. 2 and 9 to finalize updates to Chapter 100 of the Village Code that regulate short-term rentals such as those booked through Airbnb and VRBO.

■ Accountant Michelle Ascolillo said at the board’s Sept. 25 meeting that, because of the decrease in the hourly rate from \$4 to \$2, parking revenue is less than planned. However, the village will receive \$72,150 in filming fees from Netflix that was not anticipated.



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## Gas Station *(from Page 1)*

diesel pumps. Misti's is also proposing an 8,000-square-foot "flex" building that would have storage for contractors and a small office, with potential space for a loading dock and truck parking lot.

A second phase calls for the construction of a solar farm of unspecified size on the rear of the property.

Because eateries with drive-thrus are not allowed in the Highway Commercial Zone, Misti's will need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. The project is also in the Aquifer Overlay District, which requires review by the Conservation Board and the state Department of Environmental Conservation of potential impacts to Clove Creek, which crosses the site.

### Desmond-Fish library

The Planning Board on Sept. 19 approved an application from the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison to construct an outdoor pavilion with an open area for events and programs, an enclosure to store used books for its annual sale and rooftop solar panels. It will be built in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and assembled on site, most



A developer has proposed building a gas station with a Dunkin' on the former Automar site on Route 9.

Photo by L. Sparks

likely by May, according to Anita Prentice, chair of the library board.

The library says the pavilion will fulfill two needs identified by patrons in surveys: a place to hold outdoor meetings and a community resource during natural disasters.

The timber-frame pavilion would measure nearly 2,000 square feet, with 1,350 square feet of covered space under a gray metal roof. It would sit immediately west of the parking lot, with a brick walkway with bollard lighting leading to the library. The design includes an uncovered patio space

and dark-sky-compliant lighting.

"It grew out of a need before the pandemic, but especially during the pandemic, for outdoor covered meeting space," Dede Farabaugh, the library director, told the Planning Board when the library introduced the project in May.

The south face of the roof would hold the solar panels, which would feed energy to a backup battery in the library. According to the project documents, the power would "support the community during an emergency by serving as a comfort station, providing clean rest-

rooms and a warm space for people to gather."

A 24-foot-by-24-foot section with a service window will house books for the Friends of the Desmond-Fish Public Library sale. This year's event, which ended Sept. 4, raised more than \$24,000 from the purchase of about 15,000 books and 2,500 CDs, said Prentice.

### Hudson Highland Reserve

The Planning Board scheduled a public hearing for Oct. 17 on a request from the developers of the Hudson Highland Reserve subdivision for a special permit required when projects need to disturb steep slopes. Glenn Watson, the project's engineer, said the disturbances would largely occur along the access road from Route 9.

The board, which gave preliminary approval to the 24-home subdivision in September 2023, also referred the project to the North Highlands Fire Department.

Its review is one of several outstanding conditions before Horton Road LLC can receive final approval from the Planning Board. Others include approval of a conservation easement agreement from the Town Board and approval of the bylaws and rules of the homeowners' association by the Town and Planning boards.



Gov. Kathy Hochul (center) and other elected officials joined HVSF board and staff members to break ground on the theater site.

Photo by Tom Moore

## Shakespeare *(from Page 1)*

alongside this river."

The governor noted that last year a record 306 million tourists came to New York and spent \$88 billion — including \$5 billion in the Hudson Valley.

The theater will cost \$50 million, which has already been raised through public and private funding. Another \$8 million is needed, HVSF said, to construct seasonal on-site housing for performers and create a contingency fund. Actors currently live during the summer in a Fishkill hotel.

"The annual expense to the theater of putting up our actors in that lodging and transporting back and forth is one of the

single largest items in our budget," said board member Frederic Rich.

As part of the project, the monoculture of grass on the theater site will be replaced with a mix of native species and wildflowers. The theater, designed by Studio Gang, will be the first purpose-built theater in the nation rated LEED Platinum, the highest rating for sustainable design. It will have solar panels, a green roof, natural ventilation and rainwater-capture systems.

"This theater is going to be more than just a destination," said Studio Gang founder Jeanne Gang. "It's going to be a model for how cultural and performing arts spaces can help us work toward a better and more sustainable future."

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## OBITUARIES

**Ralph Manglass (1927-2024)**

Ralph Joseph Manglass, 97, the longtime owner of the Butterfield Pharmacy in Cold Spring, died Sept. 7.



He was born Aug. 17, 1927, in Newburgh, the son of Guiseppe and Teresa (Coumita) Manglass (Mangiacasale). He graduated in 1945 from Newburgh Free Academy and was drafted into the U.S. Army on his 18th birthday, the day the Japanese surrendered to end World War II. He liked to say, "They knew I was coming."

After 20 months of service as a clerk typist helping discharge members of the greatest generation, he returned home and worked briefly at his parents' tavern before taking advantage of the GI Bill and attending Purdue University.

After graduating in 1951 with a pharmacy degree, he worked as a pharmacist in Wappingers Falls and Fishkill. He met Mary Anne Stevens during that time; they were married on Jan. 16, 1954.

They moved to Indiana so Ralph could pursue a graduate degree at Purdue, but the weather didn't agree with Mary's New England temperament, so they came back east. The couple settled in Beacon and then Fishkill.

In 1963 Ralph opened Butterfield Pharmacy in Cold Spring, supported by the immense generosity and loyal friendship/partnership of the late Stanley Greenwald. In

the first year, Ralph commuted seven days a week between Fishkill and Cold Spring. (The store hours were 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.)

After that, Ralph and Mary and their two young children moved to an apartment behind the store, which was owned by the landlord, Don Yannitelli, another generous soul who built the house on Benedict Road that the family would live in until the 1990s. (He said, "Pay me when you can.")

During more than 30 years at Butterfield Pharmacy, Ralph started with himself and one cashier/clerk, and eventually employed his wife, his children, nieces and nephews, neighbors, several generations of Cold Spring and Garrison high schoolers and other residents in what was a fixture in Cold Spring and known by many longtime residents as "the new drugstore." Ralph retired in the early 1990s and the space was taken over by Drug World.

During their retirement, Ralph and Mary moved from Cold Spring but stayed in touch with friends, particularly through activities with Philipstown Senior Citizens. They settled first in East Fishkill, in a two-family house with their daughter Marie and her family, and then in a senior living complex in Beacon.

Always sporting a "No Place for Hate" pin, Ralph was the kind of neighbor who was always helping everyone, cleaning off cars and moving them during a snowstorm, and running back into the building during

a fire to help the "older" people get out. (He was 90 years old.) For this courageous act, he received an award from the fire company and a scolding to never do this again.

Their later years were spent in the Rhinebeck area. They spent much time with family and seldom missed an opportunity to visit a casino. Ralph and Mary lived independently until 2023 and enjoyed the loving care of their daughters, who lived close by.

Mary died Aug. 8. Ralph's siblings and their spouses — James Manglass, Betty Torracca (Warren), Lena Farina (Nick) and Joseph Manglass — also died earlier. He is survived by his children, Ralph Jr., Marie and Amy, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and Joseph's wife, Teresa Manglass.

Visitation will be held Friday (Sept. 27) from 4 to 7 p.m. at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., in Cold Spring. A Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for Sept. 28 at 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto, 24 Fair St. in Cold Spring, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery. Following the service, a celebration will be held at the American Legion, 10 Cedar St. in Cold Spring.

**Barbara O'Leary (1937-2024)**

Barbara Elizabeth O'Leary, 87, died Sept. 2 at the same family home in Beacon where she was born.



She was born April 9, 1937, the daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Burky) Murphy. On Oct. 25, 1958, she married John "Jack" O'Leary at St. Joachim Church in Beacon. He died in 1994.

Barbara was a parishioner of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist. As a member of the St. Joachim Women's Club, she managed the kitchen, among many other roles, at the annual rummage sale. At the parish school, she served on the PTO and assisted with many activities when her children were students.

She was a Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader, as well as being responsible for some of the largest cookie orders in the city's history. She served on the Beacon Democratic Committee, was the Beacon Historical Society's treasurer, volunteered with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and was an election poll worker.

With her husband, Barbara organized and managed many community events such as Spirit of Beacon Day, Beacon's Diamond Jubilee, the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge Run and the Beacon Band on the Run 10K.

She was Jack's assistant/supporter/worker for social and benevolent events at the Knights of Columbus such as the community Thanksgiving Day meal, 26 Week Club, Italian Night, St. Patrick's Nights and Oktoberfest. At their home, Barbara and Jack hosted an annual New Year's Day party.

Barbara was a caregiver and helper to many of all ages. She drove elderly friends to doctors' visits and errands. She provided childcare to a plethora of children, providing assurance to their working parents that their children were lovingly cared for and safe. Weekly, she would buy and donate items to food pantries.

She loved reading mysteries and was a certified "dissectologist" (puzzle aficionado).

Barbara is survived by her children: John O'Leary (Debbie) of Brewster, Massachusetts; Molly O'Leary (Jim Webster) of Beacon; Thomas O'Leary of Beacon; Pat O'Leary (Chrissie) of Newburgh; and Michael O'Leary (Darci) of Cary, North Carolina.

She is also survived by her daughter-in-law, Susan O'Leary of Beacon; her sisters, Diane Murphy of Beacon, Linda Murphy of Tivoli, Kathleen Zimmer of Queensbury and Maureen McInnis of South Glens Falls; and her sister-in-law, Anne Sileno of Poughkeepsie. Her brother, Robert Murphy, died in 2020.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Sept. 9 at St. Joachim Church, followed by interment at St. Joachim Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice (hvhospice.org), St. Joachim's (stjoachim-stjohn.org), the St. Vincent de Paul Society (ssvpusa.org) or any favorite charity.

**Linda Parks (1951-2024)**

Linda Sue Parks, 72, of Cold Spring, died Aug. 31.



She was born in Catskill on Sept. 27, 1951, and graduated from Catskill High School in 1969. She later earned a degree from Green Mountain College, where she majored in fashion and retail marketing.

Linda was a ski instructor at Hunter Mountain during her final year in college, but as the ski season ended, she loaded up her Firebird, drove west and stopped at the first major ski resort she found, Vail Mountain. She walked into the Ski School director's office, handed him a recommendation from Hunter Ski School that she had written in the parking lot and was hired on the spot.

She later moved to California, where she worked at the San Diego Zoo, Sea World and a circus. She trained and performed with elephants, cougars, tigers, sea lions, killer whales and dolphins.

California is where she discovered her love of flying. She was hired in 1986 by American Airlines and flew until 2016, retiring as a captain on the Boeing 757 and 767.

Bored with retirement, Linda bought a Harley Davidson so she could ride with her husband and son.

She is survived by her husband, Kevin Walsh, her son, Parker Walsh, and her mother, Barbara Parks. A memorial service was held Sept. 10 at Millspaugh Camerato Funeral Home in Catskill, followed by interment at the Town of Catskill Cemetery.

**Other Recent Deaths***Philipstown*

Stewart Bowen, 87      Jeremy Yakavonis, 42  
Larry Howell, 74

*Beacon*

Luciana Bonilla, 84      Melinda Sohval, 66  
Carmen Gonzalez, 81      Megan Turner, 42  
Theodore Henry, 92      Jimmy Vetrano, 68

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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. Peron of Argentina

4. Siestas

8. First light

12. Bud

13. — Major

14. Actor Morales

15. German shepherd

17. Teen hangout

18. Resistance unit

19. Church topper

21. British party

24. Louvre treasures

25. Khan title

26. The “G” of LGBTQ

28. Doesn’t buy

32. Clothing store section

34. Gender

36. Stratagem

37. Green sauce

39. Teeny

41. Shriver of tennis

42. Rainbow shape

44. A Karamazov brother

46. Stew flavorer

50. Chi follower

51. Genesis brother

52. Music school concerts

56. Only

57. Sharif of *Funny Girl*

58. Pool unit

59. Contain

60. Commanded

61. Messy room
- DOWN
1. Clean air org.

2. Kilmer of *Top Gun*

3. Losers

4. Eggnog sprinkling

5. *Entourage* agent

6. Unpaid TV ads

7. Dasher’s boss

8. Agriculture goddess

9. Pronto

10. Humpty’s perch

11. Egyptian river

16. Sashimi fish

20. Goof up

21. Pack (down)

22. Curved molding

23. Airline to Sweden

27. Evergreen type

29. Wedding

30. Despot

31. Big rig

33. Bought time

35. Deleted

38. Tram load

40. Realm

43. Ersatz chocolate

45. Follower (Suff.)

46. Wild party

47. “Peek- —!”

48. Holler

49. Disaster aid gp.

53. Scoundrel

54. Long. crosser

55. CIA operative

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

SHAKE

SKATE

WORDSEARCH

R	E	C	T	A	N	G	L	E	C
D	K	E	R	A	U	Q	S	I	O
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K	O	A	N	G	L	R	Y	R	A
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Answers for Sept. 20 Puzzles

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READY, READS, BEADS,  
BEAMS, SEAMS, SLAMS

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2	8	7	4	1	5	6	3	9
1	5	9	6	3	7	8	2	4
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A HAHNEMÜHLE CERTIFIED STUDIO





The Beacon girls' tennis team fell to Goshen on Wednesday (Sept. 25). Shown are Nadeen Ahmed, Addison Miller and Sarahlynn Jaafar.

Photos by Cadence Heeter

## Sports

### HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

**FOOTBALL** — Riding high after a 2-0 start, Haldane hoped to continue that momentum in its home opener on Sept. 21 against Valhalla, but the Vikings steamrolled the Blue Devils, 28-7. The only score for the hosts came with three minutes left in the first half when sophomore quarterback David Powlis launched one high and deep to senior Brody Corless for a 48-yard touchdown to make it 14-7.

Valhalla scored in the third quarter on a 31-yard reception and in the fourth on a 16-yard run. Haldane's offense struggled, gaining just 165 total yards and going 1 for 10 on third-down conversions. After the game, Coach Ryan McConville lamented a lack of execution. Haldane hits the road on Saturday (Sept. 28) to play Tuckahoe, its perennial Class D rival. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m., and the game will be broadcast at [events.locallive.tv/events/153961](http://events.locallive.tv/events/153961).

**BOYS' SOCCER** — The Blue Devils were looking on Sept. 21 to snap a two-game losing streak, but Lakeland had other ideas with an easy 5-1 win. Things didn't improve on Monday (Sept. 23) at Blind Brook (a 4-0 loss) or Wednesday hosting league rival Croton-Harmon (a 3-0 loss). On Saturday (Sept. 28), the Blue Devils (1-5) travel to Croton-Harmon, followed by a trip to Pawling on Tuesday.

**GIRLS' SOCCER** — The Blue Devils fell at Tuckahoe, 5-1, on Sept. 21 and at Putnam Valley, 2-1, on Tuesday (Sept. 24), a game in

which senior Josie Foley-Hedlund scored on an assist from sophomore Taya Robinson. Haldane was scheduled to host Putnam Valley on Thursday (Sept. 26). Next week the Blue Devils (1-4) have three home matches: North Salem at 5 p.m. on Monday, Croton-Harmon at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Beacon at 5:15 p.m. on Friday.

**GIRLS' TENNIS** — Haldane defeated Valhalla at home on Sept. 19, 4-1, behind an 8-0 victory by ninth-grader Ellie Dubroff and three doubles wins by Scout Thakur De Beer/Audrey Silverstein (8-3), Alice Stevenson/Charlie Robohm (8-6) and Silvia Hardman/Aisling Stathos (8-3). The Blue Devils (3-2) travel to Tuckahoe on Monday (Sept. 30) and host Woodlands on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL** — After winning two straight, Haldane hoped to make it three when hosting Irvington on Sept. 20, but fell 25-19, 25-7, 25-18. The Blue Devils hosted North Salem on Wednesday (Sept. 25) and lost in similar fashion (25-13, 25-13, 25-12) to fall to 2-5. The Blue Devils were scheduled to host John Jay East Fishkill on Thursday. On Saturday, Haldane will play in an eight-team tournament at Lakeland High School. Next week the team hosts Putnam Valley on Monday at 6:30 p.m. and travels to Croton-Harmon on Tuesday.

**CROSS-COUNTRY** — On Sept. 21, Haldane competed in the Dan Purdy Invitational at

Pawling. Junior Owen Powers had the best finish for the boys, placing fourth among 121 runners in the 3-mile in 16:32.54. For the girls, senior Ashley Sousa was 14th of 80 runners in 22:23.61. The Blue Devils will compete on Saturday (Sept. 28) in the Bowdoin Classic in Wappingers Falls.

### BEACON

By Nick Robbins

**FOOTBALL** — After a defensive battle, Beacon moved to 3-0 on Sept. 20 with a tough 8-0 win at Kingston. Running back Elijah Epps scored on a short rush and quarterback Jazziah Whitted converted the two-point conversion. Whitted completed 19 of 31 passes for 134 yards and ran 12 times for 40 yards. Jaden Jones had seven receptions for 89 yards. On defense, Kevin Beal had six tackles, including four for losses. The Bulldogs host undefeated Port Jervis today (Sept. 27) at 5:30 p.m.

**BOYS' SOCCER** — Beacon (4-0) is ranked third among Class A teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association. The Bulldogs hosted Arlington on Thursday (Sept. 26) and will host Burke Catholic at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

**GIRLS' SOCCER** — The Bulldogs, ranked sixth among Class A teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association, knocked

off Newburgh, 3-2, on Sept. 20; Liberty, 6-0, on Monday (Sept. 23); and Fallsburg, 9-0, on Wednesday to improve to 7-0. Reilly Landisi had four goals across the three games, while Mika Sanchez scored the game-winner against Newburgh. Beacon was scheduled to travel to O'Neill on Thursday (Sept. 26) and host Port Jervis at 4:30 p.m. on Monday before visiting John Jay East Fishkill and Port Jervis.

**VOLLEYBALL** — Beacon suffered its first loss on Sept. 20, falling 3-1 at O'Neill (25-13, 25-23, 15-25, 25-19). Lila Burke had 17 kills. The Bulldogs bounced back on Monday (Sept. 23) against Cornwall, winning 3-2 (28-26, 25-19, 10-25, 14-25, 15-8) behind 23 kills from Burke and four aces from Londyn Jones. On Wednesday, the squad topped Monticello, 3-0 (25-14, 25-8, 25-18). After a weekend tournament with O'Neill and Panas, the team (7-1) travels to Port Jervis on Monday (Sept. 30) and hosts Pine Bush on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

**GIRLS' TENNIS** — The Bulldogs fell at home to Goshen, 6-1, on Wednesday (Sept. 25). Beacon (4-4) will travel to John Jay East Fishkill on Monday (Sept. 30) and hosts Monticello at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

**CROSS-COUNTRY** — Both squads fell to Valley Central at home on Tuesday (Sept. 24), with the boys losing 49-20 and the girls 53-15. For the boys, Caellum Tripaldi finished second in 15:42 and Travis Dickston was sixth in 16:53. For the girls, Lily Murr was seventh in 22:48, Cecilia Allen was ninth in 23:16 and Elise Moran was 10th in 23:31. Beacon travels to Monticello on Tuesday (Oct. 1).