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Putnam Reaches \$20 Million Deal with Krivak

Settlement would end wrongful conviction lawsuit

By Leonard Sparks

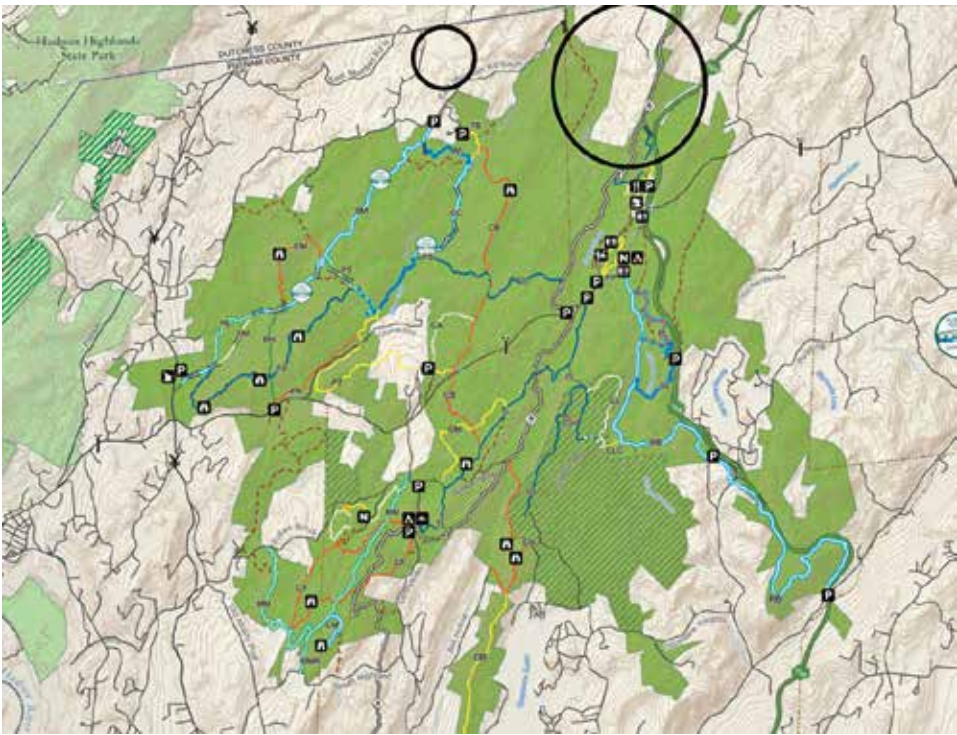
Putnam County legislators gave preliminary approval on Tuesday (Oct. 8) to a \$20 million settlement with a man who spent 23 years in prison before being acquitted at retrial of raping and killing a Carmel girl.

The three members of the Legislature's Rules Committee voted to approve the settlement with Andrew Krivak, who filed a federal lawsuit against Putnam County and the sheriff and district attorney's office in August 2023, six months after a jury found him not guilty of killing Josette Wright, 12.

Putnam will be responsible for \$200,000, with the remainder covered by insurance. The agreement must be approved by the full Legislature, which in 2020 authorized a \$12 million payout to Krivak's co-defendant, Anthony DiPippo, who spent 20 years in prison before a state court overturned his conviction.

In this case, both sides made "unrealistic" offers, according to the county attorney's office — Krivak wanted \$50 million, while the county offered \$500,000 — before reaching a compromise during an all-day meeting on Sept. 4.

County Attorney Compton Spain said the
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The 233- and 530-acre parcels that will be added to Fahnestock are circled.

Fahnestock Park Gets Bigger

New parcels buffer Appalachian Trail

By Brian PJ Cronin

Fahnestock Memorial State Park continues to expand with the addition of 763 acres along its northern edge.

New York State announced on Oct. 4 that parcels of 530 and 233 acres would be annexed, with the former being one of the largest undeveloped parcels remaining in the Highlands. Acquiring the land

had been a state priority for years because it buffers the Fahnestock portion of the Appalachian Trail, which stretches over 2,190 miles from Maine to Georgia.

It is unclear if new trails will be built, although an announcement by Gov. Kathy Hochul said the parcels will include access to the Appalachian Trail and Fahnestock.

The land was purchased for \$3.64 million, half of which came from the state Environmental Protection Fund and half from the federal government as part of the

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Tax Rate to Drop, But Taxes May Rise

Proposed Beacon budget below state cap

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council on Monday (Oct. 7) began its review of the city's proposed 2025 budget, a plan that includes \$26.2 million in general fund spending along with \$5.4 million in the sewer fund and \$4.3 million in the water fund.

If adopted, the budget would reduce property tax rates to the lowest point in more than 15 years while staying \$255,538 below the state's tax cap.

However, at \$1.7 billion, the city's housing assessments have more than doubled in the past decade, so individual property owners' tax bills could rise despite the tax-rate decrease. Commercial assessments, at \$415.8 million, have nearly doubled.

Under the proposed budget, a \$530,000 home would see its tax bill rise by about \$85, or 2.9 percent. A \$500,000 commercial property would pay \$340, or 7.4 percent less. Water and sewer fees would increase by 3 percent each, which Mayor Lee Kyriacou noted on Monday is lower than the rate of inflation.

In the examples above, the residential tax bill would increase while the commercial would decrease because of what New York State calls "base proportion" percentages. The percentages can change from year to year and determine the balance between residential and commercial properties in making up the city's tax levy, which would

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About 120 volunteers harvested sweet potatoes in Garrison.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Big Dig

Philipstown farm hosts sweet-potato harvest

By Michael Turton

When Stacey Farley put out a call online in July for volunteers to harvest a crop of sweet potatoes for food pantries, she hoped to recruit, at best, 120 people.

Instead, she had to close the sign-up form almost immediately. "We could have gotten 500 volunteers," said Farley, who runs Davoren Farm on Route 9D in Philipstown with her husband, Peter Davoren.

On Saturday (Oct. 5), a full contingent of 120 volunteers showed up to dig potatoes from

a town-owned plot across Route 403 from the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison. The harvest weighed 20,008 pounds, or 10 tons, the equivalent of four Dodge Ram pickups.

The 6-acre Davoren Farm operates on land leased from Boscobel Gardens and Museum. It yields an abundance of organic vegetables, including corn, potatoes, kale, eggplant, okra and leeks, as well as tomatoes, peppers, arugula, cantaloupe, watermelon and peppers.

The produce is distributed to food pantries that serve residents in Philipstown, Beacon, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Fishkill, Wappinger, Peekskill and Verplanck.

"We also grow sunflowers for the pantries because we believe in the power of beauty," Farley said.

Farley said Davoren Farm has a second mission to "grow and train" farmers. Three to six young farmers-in-training work

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FIVE QUESTIONS: RUPERT HOLMES

By Chip Rowe

Rupert Holmes, who lives in Cold Spring, is the author of *Murder Your Employer: The McMasters Guide to Homicide*, which he will discuss Oct. 22 at Split Rock Books. RSVP at bit.ly/mystery-holmes.

Your novel is presented as a handbook for an exclusive school that teaches students the art of murder, or “deletion.” Where did the idea come from?

I couldn’t help but notice that bookstores have how-to guides on almost every subject, including one called *Tattoos for Dummies*, which sounds like a bad idea. As a mystery writer, I thought, “What would *The Idiot’s Guide to Homicide* look like?” But instead of a textbook, I thought I could create a campus that used the textbook — a finishing school for finishing people off. I wanted it to be a period piece from the 1950s because I don’t think you could get away with some of the murders with current forensic science.

The story is full of puns and one-liners. Where did you develop your sense of humor?

I had witty parents. My father was a Juilliard graduate who loved show business. He had a Mel Brooks type of humor and



raised me on Jerry Lewis and Sid Caesar. My mother was a literate British woman with a very British wit. She raised me on Noel Coward and Oscar Wilde.

Can you say anything about the second volume, *Murder Your Mate*?

We were hoping for a Valentine’s Day [2025] release, but I’ve missed that. From the outset, the McMasters dean explains

that murdering your mate is not a substitute for divorce, that “till death do us part” is a vow, not an appointment. I have to stack the deck in these books: I can’t have you murdering nice people or murdering for profit. It must be your only choice. The second of the four rules of McMasters is: If somebody makes your life so difficult that you just cannot continue, to delete them is merely a case of involuntary suicide.

Did you come up with the rules before you began writing?

I needed a faux moral code to make this nonsensical idea seem almost feasible. I was always impressed that Isaac Asimov began *I, Robot* with the laws of robotics — the rules programmed into them so that they will always be beneficial. We have people in our lives, most of us, where we can say, “Gee, I wish I’d never met them.” That’s not far from, “The world would be a better place without them.” And that’s not far from — for people whose existence has been primarily to cause suffering or heartbreak — “I could just *kill* them,” which becomes “I *could* just kill them.”

Who are your favorite mystery writers?

I don’t think most people understand that Agatha Christie is not Col. Mustard in the ballroom with the wrench. Most of her mysteries center around people in stifling relationships or yearning. I’m also incredibly fond of the Father Brown stories by G.K. Chesterton; they are exquisitely written. I was on *The Merv Griffin Show* with Orson Welles [in 1981] and mentioned my love of Chesterton. During the commercial break, Welles leans over and says [imitating Welles]: “It does my heart good to know that there’s a young man like yourself who appreciates G.K. Chesterton.” Then he told me a story about Chesterton that he said H.G. Wells had told him. I thought I might be dreaming. Another favorite is Ellery Queen, the pen name of Manfred Lee and Frederic Dannay, two cousins from Westchester. I started reading their novels at an early age because the detective wore glasses, and I had to wear glasses. And I thought, “Oh, the hero can wear glasses!”

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Where do you go when you need peace and quiet?

“My room. Out in the world, it’s anything but serene.”



Esteban Acuma, Beacon

“The nearest waterfront: The water and waves calm me.”



Tudi Wallace, Beacon

“Anywhere my wife is not!*



Jimmy Taylorson, Cold Spring
*standing with his wife, who laughed



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NEWS BRIEFS

Royal Carting Sold to Vermont Firm

Waste company founded in 1955

Royal Carting, a waste management firm based in Hopewell Junction that contracts with Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Beacon and serves Philipstown, will be sold to a Vermont company.

Casella Waste Systems expects to close the deal by the end of the year, according to a Sept. 9 news release. The sale will include two solid waste collection operations and two transfer stations in the Hudson Valley and western Connecticut.

Royal was founded in 1955 by Emil Panichi, who began with a single truck; he collected the cans while his lone employee drove. Today Royal Carting and its sister company, Welsh Sanitation, employ about 200 people. Panichi said Carella had agreed to retain the workforce.

Casella announced Sept. 18 that it will make a public offering of 4.5 million shares of stock at \$100 per share to raise \$450 million to purchase Royal and pay down debt. Casella said it expects Royal to generate \$90 million in annual revenue.

Cold Spring Declares Water Emergency

Reservoirs drop with little rain

The Cold Spring Village Board on Oct. 4, acting as the Board of Water Commissioners, declared a Stage 1 water emergency and asked residents to conserve. Due to a lack of rain, the village water supply was at 77.75 percent capacity on Oct. 8, down from 79.1 percent on Oct. 4.

The lower water levels have resulted in reserve water in the upper reservoir being released into the lower reservoir to maintain normal water operations.

All village water system users are required to (1) identify and stop all leaks, (2) cease washing vehicles, building exteriors or outside areas, (3) use no village water for ornamental features, (4) restrict watering of lawns and landscape features to the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., (5) irrigate vegetables or fruits for human consumption from hand-held containers only and (6) refrain from filling swimming pools.

In addition, hotels, bed-and-breakfasts

and short-term rentals shall wash linens only upon request.

EPA Extends Comment Period

Collecting feedback on Upper Hudson cleanup

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has extended by 30 days the public comment period for its third review of the cleanup of PCB-contaminated sediment from the Upper Hudson River.

The new deadline is Nov. 7, the EPA said in a statement.

The EPA reviews Superfund cleanups every five years. Its latest review concluded that PCB levels in water and fish are declining but that the agency needs more fish data. The EPA said it will issue an addendum to the current review as soon as 2025 and no later than 2027.

Comments can be emailed to epahrfo@outlook.com or mailed to Gary Klawinski, Director, EPA Region 2, Hudson River Office, 187 Wolf Road, Suite 303, Albany, NY 12205. The draft review is online at epa.gov/hudson-riverpcbs, along with a Lower River update.

Beacon Student Injured on Field Trip

Brought down Mount Beacon by first responders

An 11-year-old student injured on Mount Beacon during a field trip on Oct. 3 was brought down the mountain by first responders and airlifted to a Westchester hospital as a precaution.

The sixth grader suffered a leg injury after falling while coming down the mountain and was unable to walk, according to the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, which retrieved the student with a utility terrain vehicle. The child was taken by ambulance to a helicopter landing zone established at Memorial Park.

In an email to families, Brian Soltish, the principal of Rombout Middle School, wrote: “We are aware that some of the students may have seen the student on the trail or saw the helicopter in the park. I am sharing this information with the permission of the family as we want you to know that the injuries do not appear to be serious.”

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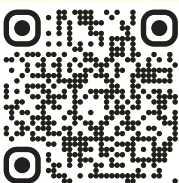
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Beacon Budget (from Page 1)

be \$13.25 million under the proposal.

In 2025, residential taxes must account for about 73 percent of the levy, and commercial taxes 27 percent. The levy is proposed to increase by \$490,043, or 3.8 percent, with new construction mitigating the tax impact by adding \$37 million to city rolls. In the past five years, Beacon has seen \$178 million in new construction or significant renovations added to its taxable base.

The 2025 budget proposes no new employees or programming and, for the first time in at least a decade, draws nothing from the city's reserves. "I strive to use no fund balance — that would be what's referred to as a balanced budget," Susan Tucker, the city finance director, told the council.

The budget would eliminate the Community Investment Grant program, which received \$20,000 for local projects and initiatives in each of the last four years.

Sales tax revenues are projected to increase from \$5.8 million to \$6.1 million because of a tax-sharing agreement that Kyriacou negotiated with Dutchess County in 2022.

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~ Susan Tucker, Beacon finance director

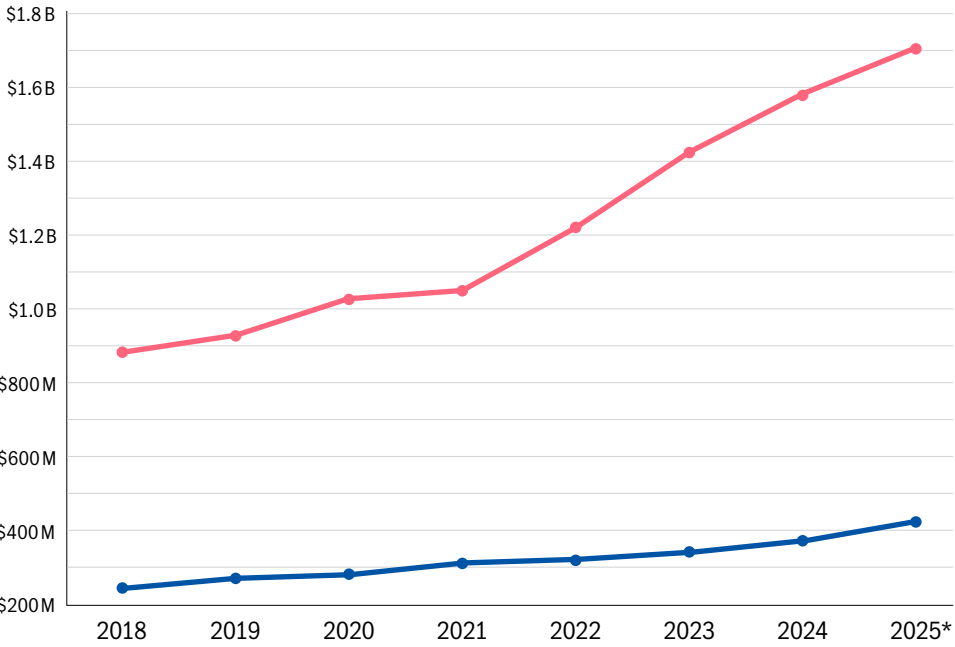
The budget also projects receiving \$60,000 from a 2 percent tax being considered by the council. (A public hearing on the occupancy tax, which would apply to hotels, motels and short-term rentals, is scheduled for Oct. 21.)

The largest cost increase is the city's mandatory contribution to the state pension system, which will increase for a second year, this time by \$351,000. The proposal includes 5 percent salary increases for the Police Department that were effective last month.

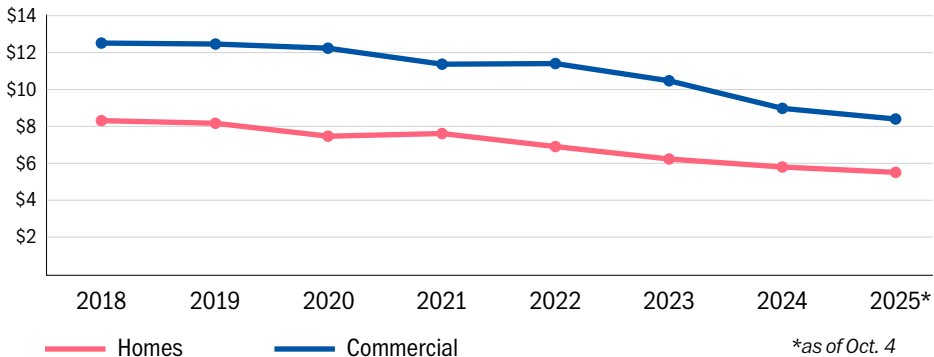
It does not reflect a new agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association, the union that represents most city employees. The current agreement expires Dec. 31.

The council will meet over the next three weeks with department heads before holding a public hearing on the proposed budget on Nov. 4. It must be adopted by Dec. 16, the council's last meeting in 2024.

Total Assessed Value in Beacon



Beacon Tax Rates (per \$1,000 assessed value)



LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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Add-On," Oct. 4). Our school tax is insane now — maybe cut back on salaries and manpower.

Scott King, Philipstown

Beacon killing

I was present at the trial of Nicholas and Jamie Orsini every day until the verdict was decided by a jury, which was supposed to be comprised of the defendants' peers but instead was people with PhDs who were significantly older and not representative of the defendants' ages or race ("Couple Guilty in Beacon Disappearance," Oct. 4).

Since *The Current* reports the facts, why not report on testimony that not one shred of DNA, blood or fibers from Steven Kraft was discovered after swabbing his vehicle, or that cadaver dogs searched in Beacon and Amsterdam [New York, where the couple lived] and found nothing despite the allegation they had burned a body in a Beacon backyard in broad daylight, over two days no less? Or that DNA from Nicholas Orsini, who allegedly drove Kraft's car, was not found in the vehicle? How about a friend knowing to

look for Kraft's car in a high-crime area of Newburgh?

The "evidence" provided by the prosecution was all circumstantial, which apparently can be used to decide verdicts in carjacking resulting in murder trials even with no evidence of a carjacking or a body.

The defendants were not considered innocent until proven guilty; they never had a chance. They were held in detention for over a year before the trial started, away from their children who desperately needed them. Is this how our country treats "innocent" people?


Why don't the police address the drug and violent crime problem in Newburgh and find out who had something to do with Kraft's disappearance, instead of putting innocent people in jail?

Erin Acosta, Rio Rancho, New Mexico
The writer is Nicholas Orsini's sister.

The trades

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Nancy Drew, via Instagram




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Putnam Executive Proposes \$205 Million Budget

Spending rises, tax rate falls to 18-year low

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam Executive Kevin Byrne announced on Oct. 3 a \$205 million budget for 2025 that keeps the overall revenue from property taxes at the same level and includes the lowest tax rate in 18 years.

Spending would rise by \$10 million over 2024 and revenues would include \$79 million in sales taxes, \$14 million in reserve funds and \$46.2 million from property taxes, the same as this year’s budget. Properties would be taxed \$2.70 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or 15 cents lower than this year.

A combination of “outliers, unfunded mandates and cost increases beyond our control” helped drive spending over \$200 million for the first time, said Byrne, who shared his plan in a presentation at the

Historic County Courthouse in Carmel.

“Regardless of party or political control, the fact of the matter is the cost of services, materials and labor goes up — not down,” he said. “The real challenge in government is for leadership in the public sector to manage these increases responsibly and demonstrate it can do more to control the growth of spending, so it doesn’t unnecessarily squeeze the taxpayer.”

The county will spend \$1.8 million more on health insurance premiums in 2025.

The county will spend \$1.8 million more on health insurance premiums in 2025 and \$1.5 million for pre-K and early interven-

tion programs. It also faces \$1.4 million in increased costs for raises negotiated for employees represented by the Sheriff’s Department Police Benevolent Association and the Putnam Management Association.

In addition, Byrne said his administration has reached an agreement for a new contract with the Putnam County Sheriff’s Employee Association, which represents corrections officers at the jail and administrative employees. Negotiations are ongoing with the Civil Service Employees Association, the county’s largest union.

Despite these expenses, Byrne said that Putnam can lower tax rates because it raised \$2.2 million in July selling 144 properties it seized because of unpaid taxes from 2014 and 2015. Before holding its first auction since 2020, the county “spent years missing out on recovering millions of dollars from these properties having been taken off the tax rolls and not selling them,” said Byrne. (As of July,

Putnam still had \$30 million worth of foreclosed properties dating to 2016, according to the finance commissioner.)

Byrne said his administration has reduced borrowing needed for projects in the county’s six-year capital plan by tapping into reserve funds.

His spending plan includes \$2 million for sidewalk projects, \$1 million for road maintenance, \$500,000 for the installation of a generator at the county office building in Carmel and \$50,000 for the construction of a Quonset-style hut to house a veterans’ museum at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel.

Among the initiatives, said Byrne, is a committee to study the “considerable amount” county employees must contribute to health insurance and how this affects the recruitment and retention of workers.

Byrne announced a new mission statement crafted by a committee that includes Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward. The committee is also reviewing Putnam’s charter and code, he said.

Fahnestock *(from Page 1)*

20-year-old Highlands Conservation Act, a law that authorizes the Department of the Interior to purchase land for preservation in the Highlands regions of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

The smaller parcel was purchased from The Fresh Air Fund and the larger parcel,

which is in Kent and bordered by 5.5 miles of Fahnestock, from a private seller. The Fresh Air Fund parcel makes a trail from the park to Fishkill Farms “one step closer to reality,” noted Seth McKee, executive director of the Scenic Hudson Land Trust, in a statement.

The 763 acres will count toward the state’s goal of conserving 30 percent of land and inland water by 2030. The federal

The acquisition brings Fahnestock State Park to 15,638 acres, or about 22 square miles.

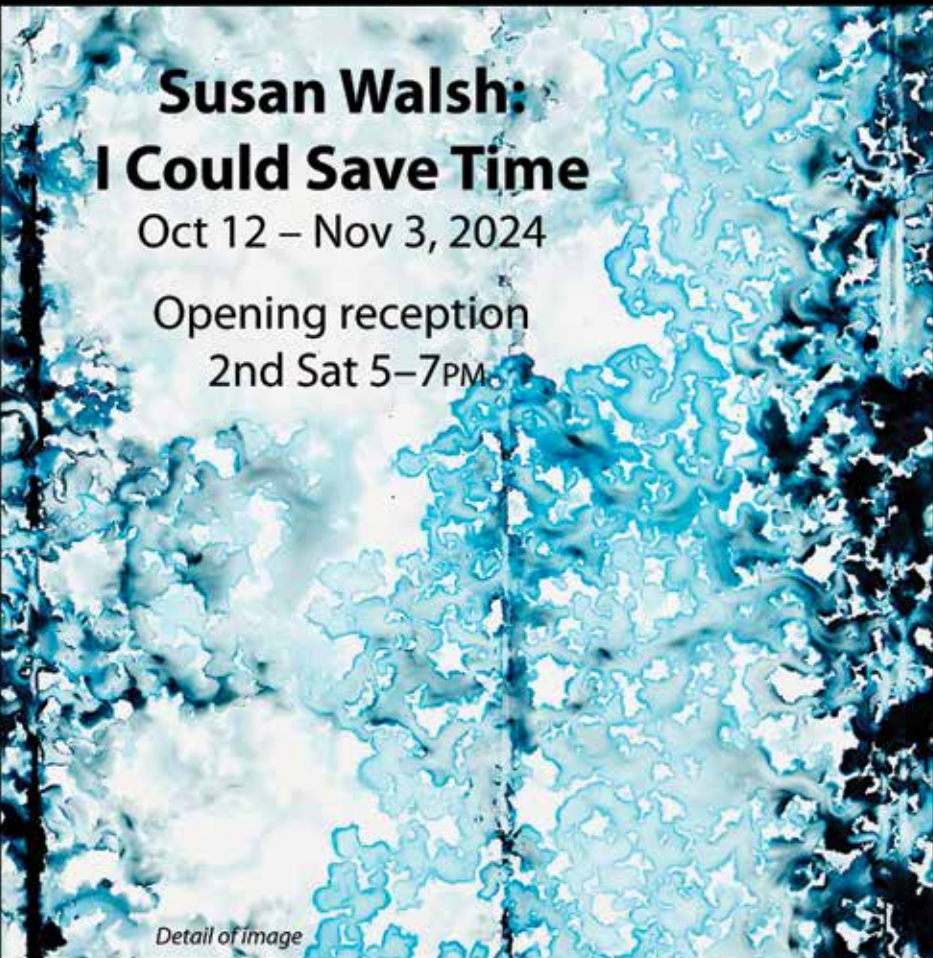
government hopes to do the same at a national level. As of July, 22 percent of the state had been preserved.

The acquisition brings Fahnestock State Park, which is situated between the Taconic

Parkway and Route 9, to 15,638 acres, or about 22 square miles. The park was named for Clarence Fahnestock, a casualty of World War I. In 1929 his brother donated 2,400 acres to the state as a memorial.

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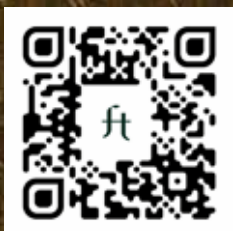
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- Tom O'Quinn and Todd Seekircher

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Philipstown Drafts Solar Rules

Guidelines cover private, commercial systems

By Leonard Sparks

Philipstown is reviewing draft regulations for solar panels that would limit heights and tree-cutting and require solar farms to repair any damage if they remove the systems.

Jason Angell, a member of the Town Board and its solar advisory committee, proposed a law on Oct. 3 that would regulate the installation of certain solar systems by homeowners and businesses and commercial-scale energy farms.

The guidelines, Angell said, were crafted based on laws in other municipalities and model legislation created by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), which administers solar tax credits and financing programs.

According to data from the agency, solar installers completed 35 residential projects in Philipstown in 2023, compared to 21 the previous year. Eighteen residential projects have

been completed through Sept. 30 of this year.

The projects are one element of the state goal to generate 70 percent of its electricity from renewables by 2030 and part of Philipstown's goal to reduce its emissions of the greenhouse gases that drive climate change.

The town received funding to install rooftop panels at its Highway Department garage and is eyeing an array at the closed landfill on Lane Gate Road. "There's a lot of money coming down the pike" for solar, said Angell.

The goals of the local law are "to maintain a clear process for solar, to protect environmental resources and our community character, and to incentivize more solar in Philipstown," he said.

Under the draft guidelines, property owners who want to install roof- or ground-mounted systems that generate electricity for personal use would be allowed to do so in any zoning district and follow the same process required for adding accessory structures such as garages.

Philipstown would limit the heights of panels on pitched roofs to 8 inches, flat roofs

to 2 feet (or the height of parapets) and ground-mounted solar systems to 15 feet. It would also require property owners to buy panels with anti-reflective coating and take steps to shield ground-mounted panels from neighbors.

Removing trees larger than 6 inches in diameter would require town approval. If more than 10 trees need to be removed for a ground-mounted system, applicants would need to document how that would increase the capacity of the systems and propose mitigation measures that include planting twice as many new trees. "Chopping down tons and tons of trees doesn't make sense," said Angell.

The law would allow larger systems to be sited in all zoning districts and, "to the greatest extent possible," installed on industrial properties, Superfund sites that have undergone environmental cleanup, mining sites, abandoned parcels, landfills, parking lots and the roofs of commercial buildings.

Developers of commercial projects would have to undergo a more stringent review requiring approval of a site plan and a special permit from the Planning Board. Town attorney Stephen Gaba said the Town Board should consider limiting large-scale solar farms to certain areas.

"If I bought a house, I wouldn't be too confi-

dent that the board may not grant a special permit next to mine or down the road from mine," he said. "That's going to have a serious impact on my property values."

In addition, solar farms capable of generating up to 5 megawatts of electricity would need 7-foot-high fencing with a self-locking gate to secure mechanical equipment. Systems over 1 megawatt would have to include a decommissioning plan outlining the time and cost required to remove the installation and repair damage caused by the project.

Applicants would have to deposit cash or post a bond or some security equal to 115 percent of the cost of removal and site restoration, according to the draft. They would forfeit the money if they defaulted on the decommissioning requirements.

Preferences for Philipstown residents are incorporated into the law. Companies building community solar projects, which allow residents to buy shares of the electricity they generate, would have to target Philipstown residents for subscriptions, particularly low- and moderate-income households.

Developers would also be encouraged to incorporate workforce training into their projects and consider "solar-trained" Philipstown residents for jobs.

Krivak (from Page 1)

settlement was the best course of action for the county because Krivak not only had the benefit of materials used by DiPippo's defense

but other records "unfavorable" to Putnam could be revealed if the case continued.

"These items could serve to drive the value of the case up, and make any settlement possibility less favorable," Spain wrote

in a memo to Legislator Toni Addonizio, who chairs the Rules Committee.

Krivak accused police and prosecutors of strong-arming witnesses, withholding evidence and other misconduct in prosecuting him and DiPippo for the rape and murder of Wright, whose remains were discovered by a hunter in Patterson.

In separate trials in 1997, juries convicted both men of second-degree murder and first-degree rape. Krivak implicated himself in a statement that his lawyers contended was a false confession coerced by Putnam County Sheriff investigators.

DiPippo's conviction was overturned in 2011. An appeals court determined that his lawyer had failed to disclose that he had represented Howard Gombert Jr., a sex offender who knew Wright and was put forth as a more likely suspect.

A jury convicted DiPippo at a retrial in 2012, but an appeals court overturned that conviction in 2016. A third trial that year lasted three weeks before a jury found him not guilty.

A judge in Westchester County threw

out Krivak's conviction in 2019. (Judges in Putnam County recused themselves.) After losing an appeal to restore the conviction, Putnam District Attorney Robert Tendy opted to retry Krivak. A jury found him not guilty in February 2023.

"The jury has rendered its decision and we must respect it," Tendy, who tried the case, said at the time of the verdict. Tendy earlier had criticized the county settlement with DiPippo, calling it "incomprehensible and indefensible."

In claims filed after his exoneration, Krivak sought \$100 million in compensation and \$50 million in punitive damages from the county, the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Department. A separate claim asked for \$50 million from the state under the Unjust Conviction and Imprisonment Act. Krivak settled that claim for \$5.7 million.

"Even if we got every dollar that was listed in the two claims it would not sufficiently compensate Mr. Krivak or anybody for 23 years of wrongful incarceration for a heinous crime that you didn't commit," Krivak's attorney, Oscar Michelen, said last year.

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Andrew Krivak (right) and Anthony DiPippo outside the Putnam County Courthouse in February 2023 after a jury acquitted Krivak.
Photo by Seth Harrison/
The Journal News

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

■ Mayor Kathleen Foley, at the Wednesday (Oct. 9) meeting of the Village Board, reported that she, Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel and Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward recently met with Tracy Brown, the president of Riverkeeper, to discuss that organization's position on the proposed

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. Foley said Brown indicated that, after reviewing initial design proposals, Riverkeeper expressed concern to HHFT regarding the potential impact on wildlife and habitat, including from pilings and shade created by walkways. Riverkeeper had served on the HHFT Steering Committee, but that committee is no longer being convened, Foley said.

■ The Cold Spring Police Department plans to partner with the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub on a training program for officers who encounter people suffering from mental health issues. The department also will work with the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps on follow-up procedures.

■ Police officers responded to 198 calls in September, including 33 traffic stops, 17 medical assists, five motor vehicle crashes and five noise complaints.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 19 calls in September, including three mountain rescues, two river incidents and a structure fire. The volunteer company recently added seven members. Chief Jeff Phillips Jr. reminded residents to ensure that their addresses are clearly marked and visible from the street.

■ The board approved a Planning Board recommendation to create a \$3,500 fee for building permits for subdivisions.



(left)
Volunteers harvested 10 tons of sweet potatoes in Garrison on Oct. 5 that Davoren Farm will distribute to food pantries.

(right)
Ivy Chio unearthed a sweet potato that weighed nearly 6 pounds.

Photos by Ross Corsair

Big Dig (from Page 1)

there, depending on the season. "At the end of last season, we realized we could do so much more if we had more land," she said.

In April, the couple asked Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel if the municipality had surplus land they could farm. The Town Board quickly approved the use of a parcel on Route 403, which Farley said had not been farmed in at least 60 years. The town acquired the 10.8-acre property in 2017 as a gift from the Scenic Hudson Land Trust and the Open Space Institute.

Ten thousand organic "slips," or stem cuttings, from Sprout Mountain Farm in Georgia were planted over an acre in June. About 120 days later, it was time to harvest the four varieties.

"We decided on sweet potatoes because they're so nutritious and delicious," said Davoren. "If you produce 20,000 pounds and each person consumes a pound, you've helped to feed 20,000 people."

Sweet potatoes are marketed as a "super-food" because they provide vitamins A, C and B6, minerals such as calcium, iron, magnesium and potassium, and fiber and antioxidants.

Food insecurity is part of life in every county in the country. According to the United Way, about 1 in 3 residents of the Highlands live paycheck-to-paycheck, one hardship away from no longer being able to cover necessities such as food, perhaps in the short-term, perhaps longer.

"Food insecurity is a national crisis — there's no reason for kids to go to school without breakfast," Farley said. "We want people to know about the incredible work food pantries do."

In addition to the local pantries that Davoren Farm regularly supports, the Oct. 5 harvest will be shared with a dozen more, including the Hudson Valley Regional Food Bank and outlets in Rockland County, Highland Falls, Brewster, Larchmont and Mamaroneck.

Cynthia Knox, the CEO of Caring for the

Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill, helped at the dig. "Most of us aren't impacted by food insecurity; it's not visible until you drive past a food pantry line," she said. "But people are using food pantries so they can use their wages to keep their family housed."

The small army of harvest volunteers included recruits from New Hampshire, Connecticut, New Jersey and New York City. Nine people with a Philipstown connection flew in from Kentucky.

There was enough digging, collecting, transporting, weighing, bagging and tagging to keep the crew busy for about five hours. The volunteers took a break midway through the day to watch Garrison resident Dean Anderson demonstrate his restored 1948 John Deere potato digger. But the bulk of the work was done on hands and knees.

Many volunteers had connections to Davoren and Farley. Imani Cruz, who lives in Brooklyn, volunteered in part because "Stacey is my friend's roommate's mom." Don Sonnenborn, 80, from Scarsdale, has known the family for years. "I haven't been going to the gym recently," he said. "I hope it's good exercise."

"Everyone worked hard, right to the end," Farley said. "The day was completely joyful; it was all about community and what can be done when we work together. We hope to be a model and see this all around the country, and we'd surely help other communities figure out how to grow food on public land."

Ivy Chio, a resident of New York City, won the informal contest for digging up the biggest spud, which weighed 5 pounds and 12 ounces. "She was very proud," Farley said.

For more on food insecurity, see *The Current's* series, *Hunger in the Highlands*, at highlandscurrent.org/hunger. Stacey Farley is a member of the advisory board of Highlands Current Inc., which publishes this paper.



Facts About Sweet Potatoes

1. There are more than 400 varieties of *Ipomoea batatas*, including those with orange, red, yellow and purple skin.
2. They are not yams, which have white skin that is difficult to peel.
3. They're part of the morning glory family; regular potatoes belong to the nightshade family.
4. They originated in what is now Ecuador at least 10,000 years ago.
5. They can be fermented to make vodka or beer.
6. According to Guinness World Records, the heaviest sweet potato, grown in Spain in 2004, weighed 81 pounds and 9 ounces.
7. Their starch is used in biodegradable plastics.
8. They require less water and fertilizer than rice, wheat or corn.
9. They are used as ground cover in orchards and vineyards to control erosion and improve soil health.
10. China produces 46.6 million tons annually, or 80 percent of world output; U.S. production is 1.2 million tons.

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AROUND TOWN



DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY — Jay Ungar (fiddle) and Molly Mason (guitar, piano) provided the music on Sept. 29 for a square dance at Camp Combe to benefit the Tompkins Corner Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. Ungar is best known for his song “Ashokan Farewell,” the theme for Ken Burns’ PBS series, *The Civil War*.
Photo by Ross Corsair



FUTURE STARS — The Philipstown Recreation Department will hold the final session on Saturday (Oct. 12) of its annual fall soccer league for young players. The 3-year-olds are known as Little Kickers and the older children — through sixth grade — as Strikers.
Photo by Leo Grocott



STICKER SHOCK — This car was spotted last week parked on Main Street in Cold Spring.
Photo by Michael Turton

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Joel Pitchon, Violin
Anthony Berner, Viola
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The Calendar

CONTINENTAL DRIFT

Gabe and Elaine Smiley relocated with their children from Beacon to Africa in 2021.

HBO Max

Many Americans bluster about leaving the country over political tension and other heated issues, but in 2021, the Smiley family of Beacon bailed for Zambia.

Their participation in an HBO Max show about four families that became expats in various parts of Africa, *Coming from America*, which began streaming last month, came through happenstance.

Evidenced by a Zoom call and the family's social media channels, the Smileys are living up to their name and enjoying a laid-back lifestyle. The family appears to have seamlessly integrated into the daily rhythms of the country's capital, Lusaka (population 3 million).

Their new home also serves as a launchpad to tour the world, and they have returned stateside for visits (school-age children, River and William, attend a Beacon summer camp).

The family still owns a house on Jackson Avenue, which is rented out. When asked if they plan to return, Gabe slowly shakes his head, "No." Elaine looks wistful. She misses her family in Brooklyn and upstate, but her mother, Marjorie Baynes, overcame a fear of flying and joins them on some jaunts.

After meeting in Brooklyn, the couple found themselves priced out. Eight years

Show follows Beacon family's move to Africa

By Marc Ferris

ago, they moved north after discovering Beacon during upstate escapes to ride bicycles. Elaine worked a health care job in Manhattan, Gabe as a career counselor at the Poughkeepsie Day School.

He says they became increasingly uncomfortable with "racism, generally, and volatile politics" and began looking for a job abroad. After getting an offer in Belgium and another at Lusaka International Community School, they jumped into the heart of Africa. Then, a friend of a friend told them about the Max show and helped make it happen.

"I love Beacon, it's a bubble," says Elaine. "It's progressive and all, but I felt tokenized." Shortly before the move, though, she met a lot of "women of color with similar lefty values whom I wish I'd met years ago," which softened her views. But she also mentions "Karens" and the "white cop on the corner."

Their social media videos tick off some things they miss (tacos and sidewalks) and others that they were glad to jettison (commuting and the rat race). Instagram

videos show them zipping around on four-wheel dirt bikes and visiting their adopted country's Kafue National Park.

Over three years, they've racked up mileage points jetting to the Philippines and just about every country that surrounds landlocked Zambia, which is centrally located in the continent's sub-Saharan southern section. Elaine took a solo birthday trip to Mauritius.

Now that they're outside the U.S. looking in, they sometimes find it hard to describe their feelings. "In Zambia, there's classism, but no internalized racism and no ultra-macho attitudes," says Elaine. "People are calm. Almost everyone is Black and, for me, that's empowering. I can wear my hair any way I want."

Before the move, friends and relatives gave them an earful. Someone asked Elaine: "What are you going to do, sell mangoes on the street?" Hardly: The couple created the Zambridgian Leather Co.

The name, which mashes up Zambia and Gabe's hometown of Cambridge, Massachusetts, hints at a metaphoric span between

countries and continents.

Besides Elaine's mom, the Smileys' friends and neighbors from Beacon, Matthew Condon and his 91-year-old mother, Nancy, have visited twice and plan to return this month.

The Condons have taken a safari, swam in the Devil's Pool, visited Victoria Falls and walked with lion cubs. "It's a wonderful, stress-free place; they're so relaxed over there," Matthew says.

Condon recalled visiting a high-end steakhouse "where you could cut the meat with a fork because there's no steroids." The check was \$100 for six adults and two children.

There are downsides, like bad sushi, power outages and the locals' surprise that they take their dog, Mango, on walks. But Gabe, who is seven minutes by foot from work, thinks the family made the right decision.

"We had a good life in Beacon with our young children and aging parents," he says. "In a way, it was a tough decision. But when the school offered the job, we wanted this."

Coming from America can be streamed at max.com. To watch the Smiley family videos from Zambia, visit youtube.com/@gasmiles.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 12 Citywide Yard Sale

BEACON
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Various | beaconny.gov
Find deals and treasures at the fall yard sale. See Page 18.

SAT 12 Record & CD Fest

BEACON
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. VFW | 413 Main St.
More than 20 vendors will showcase music in all styles, as well as ephemera and media. Early admission at 8 a.m. is \$5. *Free*

SAT 12 Savage Wonder Festival of Veterans in the Arts

BEACON
Noon. VetRep | 139 Main St. bit.ly/vetrep-savage-2024
The Veterans Repertory Theater is hosting this annual festival of music, dance and art at its new home in the former Beacon Savings Bank building. The art gallery is open, and Ben Fortier, Lois Hicks-Wozniak + Hot Wrks and Scott Arcangel & Hexatonic will perform. Also SUN 13. *Free*

SUN 13 Florence Northcutt Memorial

BEACON
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org
The longtime leader and board member will be celebrated with music, stories and the creation of a new fund. The service begins at 2 p.m.



SUN 13 HVSF Gala

PHILIPSTOWN
4:45 p.m. The Garrison 2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org
The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's annual fundraiser will celebrate its new home and honor actor Carrie Preston and board member Patricia King. *Cost: \$350+*

TUES 15 Blood Drive

COLD SPRING
12:30 – 4:30 p.m. St. Mary's 1 Chestnut St. | redcrossblood.org
Schedule an appointment (use code ColdSpring) or drop in at the parish hall.

FRI 18 Community Gathering

BEACON
6:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery 7 E. Main St. | commongroundfarm.org
Support Common Ground Farm's programs through a silent auction and enjoy food and drinks. *Cost: \$30 to \$65*

SUN 20 Castle to River Race

GARRISON
8 a.m. Philipstown Rec Center 107 Glenclyffe Dr. | castletoriver.com
Participate in a half marathon that starts at 9 a.m. or a 5K run/walk at 9:30 a.m. Children can wear costumes for the 1-mile run at 10:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit Friends of Philipstown Recreation. *Cost: \$50 (\$35 for 5K, \$5 for fun run)*

SUN 20 Pumpkin Festival

BEACON
Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park 2 Red Flynn Drive | beaconsloopclub.org
Enjoy pumpkin pie, vegetarian chili and other food and drinks. Performers will include Arm of the Sea Theatre, Lost Ryders of the Wawayanda and the Judith Tulloch Band. *Free*

SUN 20 Beacon Flow

BEACON
Noon – 5 p.m. River Center 8 Long Dock Road beaconflowfallfestival.eventbrite.com
Bassist and composer Dassi Rosenkrantz will debut *Order of the Flow* at this music and wellness festival, and there will be classes, food, vendors and more music. *Free*

SUN 20 GVAC 50th Gala

GARRISON
3 – 6 p.m. Highlands Country Club 955 Route 9D
Celebrate the Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps' 50th anniversary with music by Todd Londigan & Band, food and drinks. At 4 p.m., the GVAC will dedicate an ambulance in memory of Louis Lombardo Sr. Donations welcome. *Free*

VISUAL ARTS

FRI 18 Revolutionary Visions

COLD SPRING
5 – 7 p.m. Putnam History Museum 63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010 putnamhistorymuseum.org
Antique maps and prints will be shown alongside contemporary works by local artists that explore the role of women in the Revolutionary War. Registration requested. Through Dec. 15.

SAT 19 Community Print and Steamroll

BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane beaconopenstudios.com
Roll Out, the printmaking collective, and Beacon Open Studios will lead workshops and children's activities and print oversized woodcuts. Also SUN 20.

SAT 19 Natalia Engelhardt

COLD SPRING
Noon – 3 p.m. Studio Tashtego 160 Main St. | studiotashtego.com
The solo exhibit will include the ceramic artist's hand-built works. Through Dec. 1.

SAT 19 Bridges of Beacon

BEACON
1 – 3 p.m. Beacon Historical Society 61 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org
Photos and artworks capturing the spans that connect the city will be on view.

SAT 19 Maria Yolanda Liebana

COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Liebana's installation includes mixed media and light as part of the Diverse Voices: Empowering Narratives program, which promotes inclusivity and honors the LatinX experience.



SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 12 Dennis Cornetta

BEACON
5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery 139 Main St. | clutter.co
The artist's spooky toys will be on view. Through Nov. 1.

SAT 12 I Could Save Time

BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass 162 Main St. hudsonbeachglassshop.com
Susan Walsh's solo show will include drawings, photos and sculptures created with natural elements. Through Nov. 3.

SAT 12 Form + Dysfunction

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects 484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
Laura Holmes McCarthy's sculptural ceramic vessels explore the limits of functionality. Through Nov. 2.

SAT 12 Nataliya Hines | Ilse Schreiber-Noll

BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St. 845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
In Gallery 1, Hines' exhibit focuses on religious iconography. In Gallery 2 and the Beacon Room, Schreiber-Noll's works examine violence and conflict. Through Nov. 3.

SAT 12 Pink and Blue

BEACON
7 – 9:30 p.m. Distortion Society 155 Main St. | distortionsociety.com
Bradley Silver's sculpture exhibit dissects cultural ideas about gender and raising kids. Through Dec. 7.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 12 Car Seat Check

GARRISON
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Technicians will check your installation.

SAT 12 Halloween Reptile Experience

BEACON
11 a.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Children ages 2 to 12 can meet "not-so-creepy crawlies." Registration required.

SUN 13 Learn about Slime Mold

GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Children ages 7 and older can learn about these fascinating creatures.

WED 16 Painted Gourds and Pumpkins

GARRISON
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Children ages 3 and older are invited to create seasonal decor. Registration required.

SAT 19 Halloween Carnival

BEACON
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Children ages 12 and younger can play games, participate in a costume contest and enjoy spooky fun. Registration required.

SAT 19 Costume Sale & Makerspace Open House

COLD SPRING
Noon – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Find a gently used children's costume. There will be storytime and crafts, too. Proceeds benefit library programs. Also SUN 20.

SAT 19 Witchlings 3

BEACON
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 stanzabooks.com
Claribel Ortega will read from and discuss the third book in her young adult Witchlings series, *House of Elephants*. RSVP requested.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 12 The Star Horse

PHILIPSTOWN
10 a.m. Topfield Equestrian Center 115 Stonecrop Lane
Sarah Maslin Nir, a *New York Times* reporter, will discuss her book about a horse that prefers working with disabled riders over Hollywood actors.

SAT 12 Lessons from the Foothills

GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Gretchen Dykstra will discuss her book about Berea College, a tuition-free school in Appalachia.

THURS 17 Returning Home to Our Bodies

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St. 845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com
Abigail Rose Clarke will share her book about body-based healing.

THURS 17 They Were Good Soldiers

FORT MONTGOMERY
7 p.m. Historic Site | 690 Route 9W 845-446-2134 | parks.ny.gov
John Rees, author of "*They Were Good Soldiers*": *African-Americans Serving in the Continental Army, 1775-1783*, will examine the role of enslaved and free Black men and women in the Revolutionary War.

SAT 19 Cemetery Tour

COLD SPRING
3:30 & 5 p.m. Mountain Avenue putnamhistorymuseum.org
For this program hosted by the Putnam History Museum, meet at the cemetery gate to hear guides discuss some of the oldest local burial sites. Registration required. Donations welcome. Also SUN 25. *Free*

SUN 20 Online Safety

GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Parents, teachers and caregivers

are invited to learn about tools and controls to support a child’s or teen’s positive experience online. Registration required.

SUN 20
Melissa Joplin Higley
PUTNAM VALLEY

3 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The poet will read from her collection, *First Father*, followed by an open mic. *Cost: \$10*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 12
A Maroon Tale
BEACON

7 p.m. KuBe Art Center
211 Fishkill Ave. | bit.ly/maroon-tale
Damon Banks wrote and composed this multimedia project about an African teen who is enslaved, revolts and becomes a leader on a Caribbean island while his alter ego moves through contemporary times, enduring incarceration and the judicial system. The New Muse4Tet will perform at 6 p.m. *Cost: \$20*



TUES 15
Selena
COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with crafts and a screening of the biographical film about the Tejano star’s crossover into mainstream success and her early death.

SAT 19
Memorex Lane
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Justin Possenti and Rooster will host this live video art show and screening. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 20
Brian Kilmeade
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
For his History, Liberty & Laughs Tour, the Fox News morning host will share stories from his career and his books. *Cost: \$55 to \$75*

MUSIC

SAT 12
The Alchemy Festival
BEACON
2 – 8 p.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane
bit.ly/alchemy-fest-2024
Make a jar of fire cider, enjoy a massage or yoga, and listen to music by More Horse. *Cost: \$12 (\$20 with cider, free for ages 18 and younger)*

SAT 12
Natalie Forteza
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The vocalist and songwriter will perform with Pat Firth (piano), Anthony Candullo (bass) and Erik Perez (drums). *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 12
Top of the World
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The tribute band plays hits by the Carpenters. *Cost: \$40 to \$57*

SAT 12
Stephane Wrembel Band
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The jazz guitarist will play music from his new album, *Triptych*, with pianist Jean Michel-Pilc. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

WED 16
Animal Music
COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Pianist Daniel Kelly will collaborate with David Rothenberg, a clarinetist and composer, for a musical conversation. *Free*

FRI 18
Feast of Friends
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Doors tribute band will play the band’s hits. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 19
Elm Chamber Ensemble
COLD SPRING
2 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St. | musicatstmarys.com
Yu-Mei Wei (piano), Joel Pitchon (violin), Anthony Berner (viola) and Volcy Pelletier (cello) will play. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 19
The Fab Four
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Beatles tribute band will move through history with all the favorites. *Cost: \$37 to \$60*

SAT 19
Tom Rush
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Celebrating 50 years on stage, the

folk singer and songwriter will play music from his latest release, *Gardens Old, Friends New*. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*

SUN 20
Scott Beall
BEACON
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bannerman Island
845-831-6346 | bannermancastle.org
Enjoy the singer and songwriter’s music as you explore the island. *Cost: \$45 (\$35 ages 11 and younger)*

SUN 20
Charles Mokotoff
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The classical guitarist will perform. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



SUN 20
Jacqueline Kerrod Trio
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Kerrod (harp), Taylor Ho Bynum (cornet) and Ken Filiano (double bass) play jazz, experimental and classical music. Donations welcome. *Free*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 19
Bird Walk
PHILIPSTOWN
8:15 a.m. Glassbury Court
30 Revolution Road
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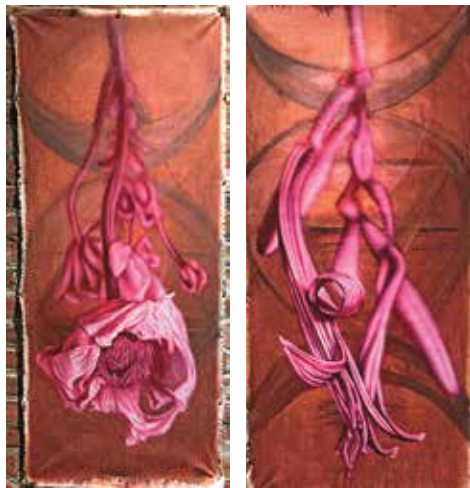
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Change of SEASON

Beacon artist explores dichotomies

By Marc Ferris

Many locals know that Evan Samuelson often paints in his second-floor studio on the eastern end of Main Street in Beacon, where he steps back from the works-in-progress to gain perspective, then pounces in to add details.

As his dog, Sienna, hangs out the window, following the action, pedestrians stare. The panorama below is close enough that the artist can converse with passersby.

"All I want to do is paint," says Samuelson, who had his first solo show at Newburgh's Grit Works Gallery in 2021. "There's a long game here. I'm not creating for me, yet. I have to build technique and that will take time. You want perfection but can't achieve it. That's the paradox."

The artist, who is 38, is a fan of Rousseau, Kierkegaard and John Muir. He tries to apply their educational philosophies at the alternative Green Chimneys School in Brewster, where he teaches physical education.

This summer, Samuelson hung 11 paintings in Hakan Chocolatier on Main Street. On Second Saturday (Oct. 12), he will



Evan Samuelson with some of his new work

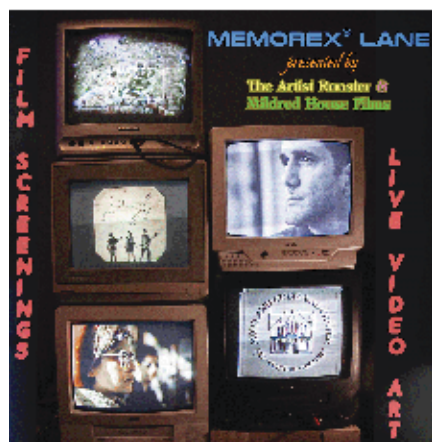
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replace them with a crop of seasonal fare with ambiguous faces. Torsos and collarbones are visible, but the visage in one untitled work resembles a gnarled peach pit. Another painting portrays a metallic dress and shiny faux face.

The pre-Halloween swap, he says, reflects dichotomies like "masculine-feminine, yin-yang, sun-moon, life and death, heaven and hell. There's a wide spectrum between the extreme poles that I want to explore."

There's room for improvement in his rendering of skin color, Samuelson says. And he's started toting around a portable easel for plein air work; one budding project conveys the grand view at Boscobel in Philipstown.

"I'm just going for something raw that underlies everything and connects us all," he says. "Many artists seek beauty, but the darker world asks us to think about what ideal beauty is. Maybe it's somewhere in the middle."



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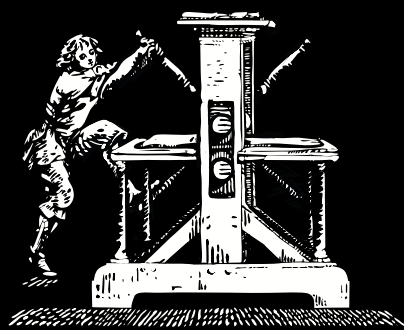
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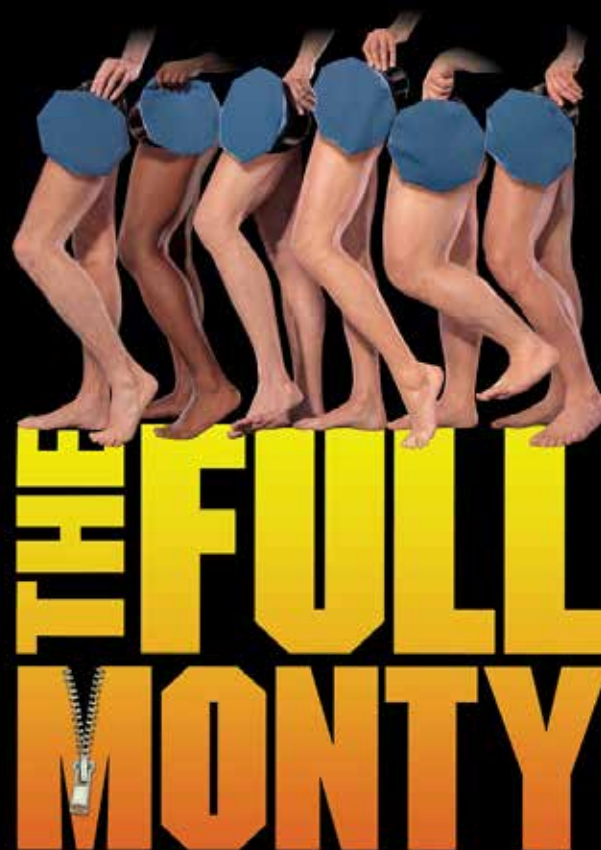
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SWING'S THE THING

Dancers fill Beacon's Memorial Building

By Marc Ferris

The first thing that stands out at a swing dance is the smiles on the Lindy Hoppers' faces. Next would be polka dot dresses and vertically striped shirts.

Sometimes, there's a Flapper-worthy shiny sequin dress, like the one worn by Beacon resident Rachel Hutami, who danced with an infectious joie de vivre at the first Hudson Valley Swing Dance soiree held in Beacon on Oct. 5 at the Veterans Memorial Building.

Kelly O'Connor, 32, who lives in Mahopac, co-founded the group, which rents venues from New York City to Poughkeepsie. "This is our expansion into Beacon," said O'Connor, who discovered swing as an undergraduate at SUNY New Paltz.

"Swing ticks off so many boxes, I don't know where to begin," she said. "It's social, emotional, mental, athletic, joyful and connection-based. That dynamic with the band also exchanges a lot of energy. You can even do it solo."

Gung Katatikarn is the Beacon-based fan who made it happen. "I vote here [at the Memorial Building] and always thought it would be a good place to fill with dancers,"

she said. "I've run into people in New York who I danced with in Paris and Hong Kong."

She hopes to host a quarterly party — the next one is planned for February — although Emily Murnane of Beacon, 29, who wore a polka dot dress, said she would prefer to have them every month and avoid the drives to Kingston and Westchester County.

At the Memorial Building, old swayed with young and partners rotated around the room. Swinging like Babe Ruth, the six-piece Bottoms Up Jazz Band played Dixieland, turning the clock back to the Roaring '20s as about 100 people got lost in the music and movement.

During the final number, "When the Saints Go Marching In," one of the trumpet players led a conga line. "I felt like I was in New Orleans," said Katatikarn. "I still get chills thinking about it."

At one point, after a spontaneous jam circle formed, couples took their turns in the center. As "Bill Bailey" wrapped up, a gaggle paid homage to the band by hoisting their hands above their heads and shaking them like reeds in the wind.

Some dancers dove into it, others went through the motions, but everyone had fun under the disco ball. Several attendees knew that rotating mirror balls in dance halls date to at least the 1920s.

Swing dancing accompanied early jazz and



Photos by Ross Corsair

symbolized freedom, a departure from stiff, formal European styles. There are basic steps, but the moves, executed with kicking and hip shaking, are largely improvised, like the music.

Extreme Lindy Hopping emerged during the Big Band era, crystallized by the dance scene in the 1941 film *Hellzapoppin'*, which featured Frankie Manning in one of the most exuberant routines ever captured on camera. Men throw the women over their shoulders and through their legs as the dances edge into high-watt gymnastics territory.

The fad faded in the 1950s and Manning took a job at the post office. But in 1998, a television commercial for The Gap, "Khaki Swing," set to "Jump, Jive and Wail" by Louis Prima, sparked a revival, said O'Connor.

At the Beacon event, some participants rose from their chairs and entered the dance floor while executing low-key steps rather than walking into the crowd and breaking into the moves. One woman wore cowboy boots.

To avoid injuries, no one is tossed in the air and acrobatic moves are limited. Liability insurance, which is required for these types of events, represented Katatikarn's largest expense.

One energetic stepper, Kathy Nigro, said she considered any dance within an hour of her home in Hyde Park to be part of the circuit. "When you're out on the floor, the world just melts away and everything is copacetic," she said

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Phebe Lord Bassett

The Village of New Berlin, New York, lost one of its most distinctive citizens when Phebe Bassett, a village resident since June 1969 and a former resident of Garrison, died at UHS Binghamton General Hospital on Sunday, Sept. 29 of complications following minor surgery on the previous Friday, a day after her 82nd birthday.

Her death was preceded by that of her father, George Pomeroy Bassett III (1988), her mother, Virginia Shoemaker Bassett (1995) and her brother, James Morris Shoemaker Bassett (2002).

She is survived by her brother, George Pomeroy Bassett IV, her sister-in-law, Nancy Hamill Wilson, and her niece, Eliza Barr Bassett-Wilson, all of Ewing, New Jersey; and her first cousins Richard David Townsend, of the Philip-pines and Fairfield, Iowa; Mary Cleland Townsend and her husband, Jonathan Perry Pitt, their older son, Jonathan Wendell Townsend-Pitt, and his partner, Sheri Barrett, all of Garrison, and their younger son, Thomas Britton Townsend-Pitt, his wife, Brooke Allison Chadwick, and their son, Frazier Holland Chadwick, of Bloomingburg, New York; and Nancy Bassett Smith, of Lexington, Massachusetts, and her three daughters and their families, and Susan Pomeroy Bassett, of Flagstaff, Arizona.

Born at New York Hospital (now NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital), Phebe grew up in Garrison (except for the family's three years in Derwood, Maryland [1950–52] and attended Garrison Union Free School and later The Gunston School, in Centreville, Maryland. Though she was significantly nearsighted in her early years and also had to wear an eye patch over her “good” eye to cure strabismus (misalignment) in her weak eye, she was an early reader and became a notably fast and decidedly voracious one.

She loved gothic and historical romances, westerns, fantasies and fantasy-oriented science fiction, Harlequin romances, political thrillers, and mysteries, including British “tea cozies.” Perhaps even more remarkable than her insatiable appetite for books was her memory, which retained not only minute details of the plots of hundreds of novels but also the names of the major, minor and even bit-part characters of television shows of the 1950s through the 1970s — and the names of the actors who played those roles. She had a great fondness for figurines and other knickknacks and enjoyed making potholders out of cotton loops on a loom and sewing holders for pens, eyeglasses, and needles out of felt and



colored threads.

A familiar figure on her daily walks to the post office, pharmacy, bank, library, convenience store, pizzeria, senior center (as well as the grocery store, second-hand shop, and Victorian-themed restaurant before those businesses closed), Phebe had friends, friendly acquaintances and wonderful helpers in all those places.

She was seen less frequently after her move in November 2016 from the family home, at 35 South Main St., where she'd lived with her parents and brother Jim, all of whom had died there, to an apartment at 2 Terrace Heights, from which she could not walk into the village far below but from which she was fortunate enough to have friends willing to drive her where she needed to go. After a fall in January of this year she spent a few days recovering at UHS Chenango Memorial Hospital, in Norwich, and then made what turned out to be a permanent move to Chase Memorial Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center, which she chose over two facilities in Norwich because it was in New Berlin, only a stone's throw from her apartment and within reach of her village and her friends.

A necessarily modest supporter of the New Berlin Library and the Unadilla Valley Railway Society and Museum, Phebe would have liked to sponsor other organizations of the village where so many people had been extraordinarily kind to her and for whom she had so much affection in return. All will be welcome to attend a memorial gathering at Chase (1 Terrace Heights) at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Phebe will be missed by many, as doubtless will her signature admonitions whenever she was bidding farewell to friends — pieces of advice we can remember with a smile as we in turn bid her a final, fond farewell: “Don't dream anything I wouldn't dream. And Don't Trust the Weather!”

LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (October 1874)

The Husted Base Ball Club of Peekskill accepted a challenge from the Kellogg Base Ball Club of Cold Spring to compete for 10 gold badges that would be presented to the winner by Assembly Member Hamilton Fish Jr. When the Peekskill team arrived, Kellogg reported its local catcher was out of town and had been substituted with a Newburgh player. The Husted club protested; Kellogg offered to scratch him from the lineup if Peekskill removed a player who lived in Haverstraw. The visitors refused and left.

Alexander Purdy of Breakneck, who had been walking his dog on a string, insisted he didn't hear any of the whistles blown by the northbound freight train whose cowcatcher tossed him over the south track and nearly into the river at Sandy Landing. Purdy suffered only bruises, but his dog was killed.

The Cold Spring Recorder noted that District No. 3 spent \$11 [\$304] annually per pupil but District 13 spent \$16.08 [\$444], which the editor took as evidence that the schools should be merged.

Officer McAndrew drove to the post office with a 3-year-old boy he had discovered playing near the tracks. The boy said his name was Charlie Hemway and that he lived in Matteawan [Beacon]. But suddenly he shouted “Mama!” and pointed to a woman on the sidewalk: Mrs. Daniel Henry of Nelsonville, who identified the boy as her son. He had been missing since breakfast.

The schooner yacht Restless ran aground at Sandy Landing and had to be hauled off by the steamer Boardman two days later at high water.

The wharf was covered with flagstones from Ulster County for Caleb Mekeel of Nelsonville to add to residences around the village.

According to *The Recorder*, an express train cut off a portion of Mrs. McGwinny's dress when she was slow crossing the track. But Mrs. McGwinny insisted it wasn't true, and that “she is able to look out for herself.”

The annual hunting match took place on a rainy Saturday. A team captained by C.H. Ferris won with 922 beasts and birds. The day ended with a feast at Town Hall. J.Y. Dykeman was the individual champion with 302 kills.

A dog was sent flying by the 8:12 p.m. express but got up and hobbled home.

The Lone Star Club, a Black baseball team that the *Poughkeepsie Press* said was from Cold Spring, traveled to Poughkeepsie to play the Butterflies. The Lone Stars

were actually from Newburgh, with *The Recorder* noting there had not been enough Black men in the village for a baseball team since the 18th century.

Among the unusual items displayed at the Putnam County Fair in Carmel were a 200-year-old German trunk, 120-year-old shears and 143-year-old shoes worn in succession by Barnabas, Orpha, Ruth, Chloa, Heity, Polly, Daniel, Timothy, Samuel, Bizar, Jonathan and William Pierce.

Four train cars left for the waterworks in Providence, Rhode Island, with iron piping from the Cold Spring Foundry that weighed 17 tons, 20 tons, 30 tons and 50 tons. A fifth pipe being cast weighed 62 tons.

At a trustee vote for the Nelsonville school district, incumbent Stephen Mekeel received 19 votes and Isaac Riggs 17. But “owing to some informality,” *The Recorder* said, “the chairman did not declare the result.” In a second ballot, Riggs won, 22-17.

Alex Skeene showed off a banana he had grown in a greenhouse.

The little daughter of John Dillon was pulled off the track near the depot a moment before the southbound 1:51 p.m. train would have struck her.

Mrs. Morris Englebride and her daughter were on their way to church when they passed a man walking unsteadily, with his hands in his pockets, across the Foundry Cove bridge. Soon after, they thought they heard a splash, but there was no cry for help. They told their story at church and several men investigated and found a body with “H.M.” on the arm and a stamped rail ticket issued at Fishkill Landing [Beacon] for Sing Sing the day before. The coroner concluded that the man had fallen from the train, but it was unclear where he spent the night.

Jennie Bailey, the widow of John Bailey, who had been fatally injured in a quarry blast at Storm King in 1870, died at age 34.

After a son of Walter Phalon arrived from New York City at the family home on Garden Street sick with smallpox, the Village Board quickly created a Board of Health to order him isolated. *The Recorder* opined: “We wonder if the taxpayers will all turn out, at the lead of some officious mischief maker, and refuse to appropriate money for this board, as they did in 1872?”

A county judge ruled against Joseph Dore in his lawsuit against the New York City & Hudson River Railroad for killing his horse near the Breakneck tunnel. Dore claimed the train stopped but started again, killing the horse, which was caught in its cattle guard. The company said everything possible was done to stop the train.

125 Years Ago (October 1899)

George Morro, 24, a former Cold Spring resident, was shot in the back and mortally wounded outside his Brooklyn home following an argument over a woman. The assailant was captured after his gun jammed during a shootout with police. Both men had been drinking.

Peter Reed returned from the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, where surgeons removed an ulcer on his eye, restoring his sight.

Navy Admiral George Dewey, the hero of the Spanish-American War, passed by Cold

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Spring on a train covered in U.S. flags.

A cardboard man set in front of Spaulding's pharmacy to promote codfish oil was so lifelike that a farmer alighted from his wagon and asked for 10 cents of quinine.

John Durlip, a West Point Band drummer, went missing from the academy, along with the 16-year-old daughter of Sgt. Kniffen, who taught chemistry.

The steamship Scotsman wrecked near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River in Newfoundland, killing 24 passengers, including the infant niece of Mrs. William Yates of Cold Spring. The girl's mother and sister survived.



Twenty-four passengers died when The Scotsman ran aground in 1899.

The Recorder opined: "The approaching election will test the sincerity of the citizens who have been crying out for change. The Democratic ticket [which the paper endorsed] is composed of strong and clean men."

William Ladue circulated a petition to build bicycle paths in the town and county.

Sheriff John Donohoe, who had been running the Garrison Hotel for 14 years, leased it to his sister, saying he was tired of keeping house as a bachelor.

The Cold Spring Light, Heat and Power Co. filed papers with the state to incorporate with \$30,000 [\$1.14 million] divided into 200 shares.

Zophar Post, who had lived in Philipstown for 58 years, died at his home in Nelsonville. He survived his brothers, Cyrus, Henry, Sela and Lemuel.

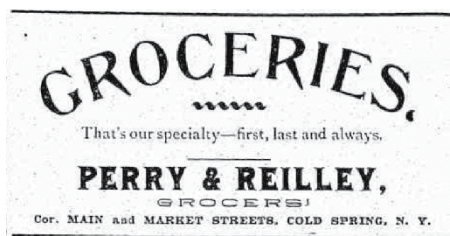
J.Y. Mekeel offered for sale a square Steinway piano, with carved rosewood legs and case, for \$125 [\$4,700]. He gave its value as \$850 [\$32,000].

The Cold Spring Hose Co. paraded its new firetruck equipped with three ladders, a 35-foot extension, four hooks and poles, rubber fire buckets, axes, crowbars, lanterns and an automatic wheel-striking gong.

100 Years Ago (October 1924)

A new state law required that anyone who became qualified to vote after Jan. 1, 1922, first demonstrate their ability to read and write English.

Kenneth Jaycox, 27, died while attempting to extinguish a fire on the second floor of his home in Nelsonville opposite Allen's Garage. Jaycox collapsed while carrying a barrel half filled with water up the high, narrow staircase. He was survived by his



An 1899 grocery store ad

wife and young daughter.

Theodore Roosevelt, the Republican candidate for governor, spoke from the rear platform of a special train that stopped at the Cold Spring station at 2:52 p.m. on a Monday. He shared "the errors of the Democratic Party" and promised that "all extravagance would cease" in Albany once he took office.

The New York Central Railroad installed electric lights at the Garrison depot.

William Henry Knox sailed for South America aboard the S.S. Voltaire to represent the National City Bank of New York at its Rio de Janeiro office.

The Salvation Army's Hudson River Guard Band performed on a Friday morning outside the post office.

The Cold Spring Dramatic Association performed minstrel shows in the parish house at St. Philip's Church in Garrison and Philipstown Town Hall.

The Manitou post office closed its doors, forcing residents to begin retrieving their mail in Garrison.

Electric lamps were installed on the Bear Mountain Bridge so the men constructing it could work at night.

75 Years Ago (October 1949)

More than 300 people attended the Flower Show and Exhibition of Period Rooms hosted by the Philipstown Garden Club at the Highlands Country Club.

The Haldane Central School established a safety patrol to help younger children cross Main Street at Fishkill Avenue, the iron steps and Town Hall.

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement celebrated its 50th anniversary. Francis Cardinal Spellman, the archbishop of New York, was in Rome and sent his regrets.

In a column that appeared weekly on the front page of the *Putnam County News & Recorder* called "Wake Up America; Peek-skill Did," George Benziger, commander of the local American Legion, shared details of how Communists had infiltrated every level

of society, including the unions and schools. The headline referred to an August benefit for the left-wing Civil Rights Congress with Paul Robeson in which concertgoers had been attacked with bats and rocks.

J.J. Lynch gave an archery demonstration during an assembly at Haldane High School that included trick shots.

50 Years Ago (October 1974)

The Haldane school board approved bids for \$240,000 [\$1.5 million] in renovations, including adding drainage, paving a parking lot and installing sidewalks and concrete stairways.

A friend of the Rev. William Reisman, rector of St. Philip's Church in Garrison, alerted him to a portrait at a Toronto antique store of Beverley Robinson, the founder and first warden of the church. It was found to be a modern copy of a portrait done in London of Robinson in his Loyalist uniform.

25 Years Ago (October 1999)

Bryon Tuttle of Garrison returned from a six-month deployment in the Balkans aboard the USS Halyburton. The ship helped conduct NATO airstrikes in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Del Karlen Jr., an associate regional counsel for the Environmental Protection Agency, analyzed property records in the Putnam County Clerk's Office to determine the ownership of dirt roads. Lou Petrocelli of Garrison, a candidate for town supervisor, funded the study.

Supervisor William Mazzuca said that Tropical Storm Floyd had caused \$975,000 [\$1.8 million] in damage to Philipstown roads, particularly Old Albany Post Road, South Mountain Pass and East Mountain Road, despite drainage improvements.

The Garrison school board rejected a petition signed by 168 residents asking it to postpone a referendum on a new building. Acting on the advice of counsel, the board noted that residents had no say over the design or delaying the vote.

A plaque was dedicated along Route 9D near the Chestnut Ridge Apartments to honor Joe Percacciolo, a former town supervisor and county legislator who died the year before.

The Town Board voted to oppose the merger of its cable provider, MediaOne, with AT&T, citing poor service and broken promises.



Marilyn Schlosser

(June 27, 1935 – Sept. 25, 2024)

Marilyn was a loving — and much loved — daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, parishioner, friend and neighbor to many. She is remembered fondly for her generosity and kindness to all who knew her.

Marilyn was the beloved daughter of Albert and Lenore Schlosser and the devoted sister of Joan and Richard. She was the loving aunt to Glenn, Kathy, Laurie, Russell, Dinah and Valerie, who will never forget that she took them to their first Broadway plays. How magical it was to sit in the theater and see plays like *The Miracle Worker* and *Oklahoma*, and then go to a Chinese restaurant afterward!

Marilyn never, ever forgot the birthday of her nephews and nieces and all of their children, to whom she would send birthday cards and call them on their special day. And everyone received Halloween, Valentine's Day and Christmas cards!

Marilyn was a stalwart in the Cold Spring community and the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon and volunteered at the food pantry. Earlier in life, Marilyn served as a volunteer at a nursing home on Pelham Parkway in the Bronx. She regularly attended the Friendship Senior Center in Cold Spring and was a member of the Philipstown Garden Club, known for beautifying the town and protecting native trees and plants.

Marilyn was a conscientious worker her entire working life, always punctual and reliable, working at Gimbels and later at the NYU Credit Union. She helped neighbors in her senior housing complex and always provided a friendly and encouraging word.

A memorial will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Academy St., in Cold Spring on Oct. 26 at 11:30 a.m. Donations in Marilyn's memory can be made to the Philipstown Food Pantry (presbychurch-coldspring.org/food-pantry.html).

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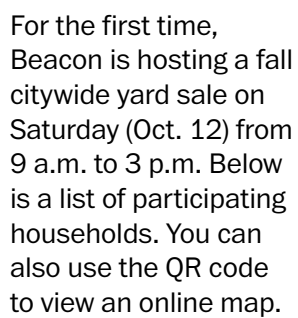


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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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12				13					14			
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- ACROSS
1. "Kapow!"
4. Makes a choice
8. Release money
12. Actress Merkel
13. Boyfriend
14. Celestial bear
15. MSNBC rival
16. Lawman Wyatt
17. Some HDTVs
18. James Caan's role in *The Godfather*
21. Shoe width
22. Aachen article
23. Tire pattern
26. LBJ's successor
27. Faux —
30. Shower bar?
31. Chart format
32. Shed
33. Cauldron
34. Hit show letters
35. Symbol of freshness
36. HBO rival

37. Serena, to Venus
38. Grammy-winning Shawn Colvin song
45. Exotic berry
46. Eventful periods
47. Actor Harrison
48. Brisk pace
49. Vogue rival
50. Microwave
51. Curly cabbage
52. Ken or Barbie
53. Oklahoma tribe

- DOWN
1. Tampa Bay team, for short
2. — Domini
3. *Death in Venice* author
4. Heeded
5. Quiet partner?
6. Tropical tuber
7. Paramount
8. President Martin Van —
9. Not pizzicato
10. "This — outrage!"

11. Zap with a beam
19. Tide variety
20. Author Yutang
23. Recipe abbr.
24. Kanga's kid
25. Have dinner
26. Carnival city
27. Luau dish
28. Gore and Pacino
29. Farm pen
31. "Continue!"
32. Prepare potatoes
34. Bashful
35. Truck fuel
36. Marsh bird
37. Lowercase
38. Bag
39. Pac-12 team
40. Hammer target
41. Woody's son
42. Rice-shaped pasta
43. Vegan's no-no
44. Big fair, for short

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

MORAL

NOSES

WORDSEARCH

W	R	S	G	N	I	V	A	S	E
F	I	Q	T	I	S	O	P	E	D
H	S	T	T	E	C	Y	B	U	O
X	E	P	H	N	T	A	T	Y	X
M	N	H	F	D	U	S	S	C	B
C	H	E	C	K	R	O	Z	H	D
J	B	H	P	U	K	A	C	M	Q
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G	A	T	O	R		O	R	S		N	E	D	

Answers for Oct. 4 Puzzles

I	F	G	K	K	P	O	N	D	O
K	S	S	T	R	E	A	M	L	Y
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D	B	Q	R	V	P	R	E	J	N
J	C	R	O	Y	A	I	V	I	A
O	T	I	E	U	C	B	T	O	N
T	G	J	T	A	E	K	A	L	A
R	I	S	L	R	I	V	E	R	E
G	E	G	K	W	M	G	U	H	C
E	Z	V	P	U	D	D	L	E	O

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PURSE, NURSE, NORSE

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Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' SOCCER — After a brutal stretch of losses, Haldane notched a win on Oct. 5, easily defeating Putnam Valley, 9-1. Matthew Silhavy scored a hat trick, followed by Samuel Cardona with two goals and Rhys Williams, Connor Keegan, Owen Sullivan-Hoch and Ty Villella each with one. On Monday (Oct. 7), the Blue Devils traveled to North Salem to play the team that beat them last year in the sectional playoffs but lost, 2-0. Haldane (3-8) travels to Peekskill today (Oct. 11) and Walter Panas on Tuesday before hosting Pawling at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

GIRLS' SOCCER — The Blue Devils faced a ranked Class A team — rival Beacon — on Oct. 4 and conceded five goals in the first half before losing, 7-1. The lone goal for Haldane came from Stella Gretina with five minutes left. The girls played better on Tuesday (Oct. 8) hosting Croton-Harmon, which defeated them earlier in the season, 10-1. After falling behind 4-0 in the first half, the Blue Devils came within two goals before losing, 6-3. Anna-Catherine Nelson, Josie Foley-Hedlund and Amelia Alayon each found the net. On Wednesday, the team fell at Edgemont, 7-0. The Blue Devils (1-10) travel on Tuesday (Oct. 15) to Walter Panas and host Yonkers Montessori Academy on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

GIRLS' TENNIS — Haldane squeaked out a win at O'Neill on Monday (Oct. 7), edging the Raiders, 4-3. The Blue Devils took only one of the four singles matches (Charlie Robohm won 7-6, 6-2) but Audrey Silverstein/Alice Stevenson, Silvia Hardman/Aisling Stathos and Jupiter Hutchison/Sachi Starbuck swept at doubles. The Blue Devils came home from Port Chester on Tuesday with a 6-1 victory behind wins at singles by Ellie Dubroff, Mary McBride and Scout Thakur De Beer and doubles by Robohm/Stathos, Hardman/Starbuck and Ella Sizemore/Hutchison.

The team won its fourth consecutive match on Wednesday, defeating Valhalla on the road, 4-1. Dubroff and McBride won at singles and Thakur De Beer/Hardman and Stathos/Stevenson at doubles. The Blue Devils hosted Westlake on Thursday and travel to Croton-Harmon today (Oct. 11).

VOLLEYBALL — On Wednesday (Oct. 10), the Blue Devils lost 3-0 at North Salem (25-7, 26-24, 27-25); Savannah Duggan had nine digs and Elaina Johanson scored six kills. Haldane (2-10) will host Yonkers Montessori today (Oct. 11) at 6 p.m. and travel to Pawling on Wednesday.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

FOOTBALL — With a 21-14 win at Saugerties on Oct. 4, Beacon (4-1) is off to its best start since 2014. Playing quarterback, Elijah Epps rushed for 194 yards on 25 carries, including two scores. He was 7 of 15 for 37 yards passing with a touchdown and interception. Jaden Jones had five receptions for 29 yards and a touchdown. Epps also had three tackles on defense. The Bulldogs traveled to winless O'Neill on Thursday (Oct. 10).

BOYS' SOCCER — Beacon went 3-1 over the week. The Bulldogs defeated Fallsburg at home, 2-0, on Oct. 5 but fell at Kingston, 2-0, the next day. On Monday (Oct. 7), Beacon defeated Newburgh, 2-1, behind goals by Jaidyn Caccamo and Brody Timm, and on Wednesday the team blitzed Liberty, 4-1; Caccamo scored twice and Timm and Avery Davis each had one. The Bulldogs (10-2) traveled to Fallsburg on Thursday (Oct. 10). They host Byram Hills at 9 a.m. on Monday (Oct. 14) and Port Jervis at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Beacon is ranked 10th among Class A teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

GIRLS' SOCCER — The Bulldogs remain undefeated after three wins in the last week. Beacon knocked off tunnel rivals Haldane, 7-1, on Oct. 4; Kingston, 6-0, on Monday (Oct. 7); and Burke Catholic, 3-0, on Tuesday. Reilly Landisi had seven goals and three assists in the wins. The Bulldogs traveled to John Jay East Fishkill on Thursday (Oct. 10) and will host Liberty at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday. Beacon is ranked 15th among Class A teams by the New York State Sportswriters Association.

VOLLEYBALL — The Bulldogs improved to 10-2 (7-0 league) following a 3-0 sweep on Monday (Oct. 7) against visiting Liberty (25-17, 25-15, 25-14). Katherine Ruffy had three aces and 21 assists. Beacon also won Wednesday at Fallsburg, 3-0. The team will host O'Neill on Wednesday (Oct. 16) and Minisink Valley on Thursday.

GIRLS' SWIMMING — Beacon knocked off Rhinebeck on Monday (Oct. 7), 81-63, for its first win of the season. Serena Stampleman broke yet another school record, this time in the 500-meter freestyle at 5:56.73. She won three golds and a silver, while Lauren Antonucci won a gold and three silvers. Beacon fell to Red Hook, 89-67, on Wednesday to finish its regular season.

GIRLS' TENNIS — The Bulldogs closed



Taya Robinson of Haldane and Zoe Hammond of Beacon battle for the ball during the Bulldogs' 7-1 win on Oct. 4.

Photo by Leo Grocott



Holly Whittemore competes for the Bulldogs against Red Hook.

Photo by Cadence Heeter

their season on a high note with three wins to finish 8-6. Beacon defeated Minisink Valley on Monday (Oct. 7), 5-2; Kingston on Tuesday, 5-2; and Franklin Roosevelt on Wednesday, 6-1.

CROSS-COUNTRY — Beacon hosted a dual meet with Goshen and Port Jervis on Tues-

day (Oct. 8). The boys beat Port Jervis, 31-24, but lost to Goshen, 47-20. Caellum Tripaldi finished fourth and Travis Dickston was sixth. The girls defeated Port Jervis, 50-17, but lost to Goshen, 45-15. Elise Moran placed sixth, followed by Cecilia Allen (seventh) and Maeve Haley (ninth). The Bulldogs travel to Cornwall on Wednesday (Oct. 16).