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DOG'S BEST FRIEND — Two loyal masters brave the elements on Feb. 9 on North Street in Cold Spring for a daily constitutional. For more snowy shots, see Page 13.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

Haldane Academy Told to Vacate St. Basil

State says program cannot operate at private school outside district

By Michael Turton

State education officials have told the Haldane Central School District it cannot continue to operate its Haldane Academy at St. Basil Academy in Garrison after the current school year because the latter is a private school in another district.

Haldane Academy, an alternative vocational high school, opened in September on the campus of St. Basil, which is operated by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America and located in the Garrison Union Free School District. Nine Haldane High School students attend morning classes at an administrative building on the Cold Spring (Continued on Page 6)



Alison Anthoine



Dave Merandy File photos by Michael Turton

Cold Spring Will Have Contested Election

Village residents go to polls on Mar. 21

Alison Anthoine, a lawyer and immediate past president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, will challenge first-term Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy on Tuesday,

Mar. 21, and three candidates will pursue two open village board seats.

Each candidate submitted nominating petitions to the Putnam County Board of Elections by the Feb. 14 deadline.

Marie Early and Frances Murphy, elected to the board in 2014, are seeking re-election against challenger Margaret (Continued on Page 7)

Rev. Geer to Retire from St. Philip's

Will step down in 2018 after 30 years

By Alison Rooney



The Rev. Frank Geer

Photo by Steve Basch

On the first Sunday in August 1987, the Rev. Frank Geer gave his debut sermon at St. Philip's-in-the-Highlands, an Episcopal church in Garrison that was founded in the 1770s. Geer had just moved with his wife Sarah and their two children into its stone rectory.

Geer, taking note of that day 30 years ago, and noting he will turn 70 this year, on Feb. 5 announced his retirement. He plans to leave in the spring of 2018, after Easter. In the meantime he will assist in finding his successor and help plan the future of the church, which has about 350 congregants.

The method of matching rector to congregation is much like matching employees to companies, Geer explains. "I made an appointment to see the Bishop of New York, and I told him I felt I was ready to be rector of my own church. He had known me for some time — he had given the permission for me to enter the priesthood — and agreed with me." (Continued on Page 8)

Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

Choose Your Filling

By Mary Ann Ebner

When bullies strike, nothing like fine pastry puts them in their place. Sharing crumbly cakes may sweeten even the most obnoxious characters, but naming a sweet treat after a villain has given victims the last word — *hamantaschen* — along with the last bite.

Hamantaschen cookies are the signature tri-cornered baked goods filled with surprises, long savored as part of the Jewish Purim festival. If there's a cookie with a good

story behind it, this pastry owns rights.

"It's the shape of hamantaschen that separates them from any other pastry," explained Diane Botnick, a member of Philipstown Reform Synagogue. "They're symbolic of the three-cornered hat of the [biblical] villain Haman."

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In Hebrew the pocket-style cookies are called *oznei Haman* or Haman's ears. Whether named for ears or hats, or early on for pockets of poppy seeds as in the Yiddish *montaschen*, all

sources seem to agree that hamantaschen were designed to remind the Jewish people of their victory over a despot.

In ancient Persia during the reign of King Ahasuerus, Haman lobbied for all Jews to be killed. Mordechai helped stop the plot with reinforcement from his relative Esther. The king was looking for a wife, so Mordechai orchestrated a beauty pageant of sorts that included Esther.

The king fell in love with Esther. Revealing her Jewish faith, she alerted him to Haman's plan, and the villain was sent to the gallows. To commemorate the thwarting of Haman's plot, the Jewish people established Purim to celebrate their salvation.

During Purim, hamantaschen pastries replace the breads typically shared after services. "Hamantaschen is basically made with a shortbread pastry," Botnick said. "I've also had them with a sour cream base but it's always a simple dough. Prune, poppy seed and apricot are traditional fillings," but they are also made with other fruits or chocolate.



Prepare hamantaschen with your preferred fillings and pinch into triangular shapes.



Hamantaschen

Photos by M.A. Ebner

Purim begins the evening of Saturday, March 11 and ends March 12, but you can bake hamantaschen anytime. I often see the treats at my favorite Rockland County bakery, but it took a trip to Austin, Texas to try them. Friends invited my family to a Purim festival at their synagogue where

we learned a little about Haman and hamantaschen. The children were given noisemakers called groggers. Each time the villainous Haman's name was read, the children made as much noise as possible. My sons recall this celebration as a special day with friends to eat hamantaschen together.

Hamantaschen

Yield: 20

Dough

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
½ cup sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla

2 eggs
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
pinch of salt
½ cup jam or poppy seed filling

1. Cream butter and sugar until blended. Stir in vanilla and eggs. Add dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Chill dough 30 minutes.
2. Divide dough into two sections. Lightly flour work surface. Roll dough about ⅛-inch thick. Use circle cutter or glass to cut 2-inch rounds. Place dough rounds on parchment-lined baking sheet.
3. Fill rounds with a dollop of jam. Pinch edges together to form three sides. Leave a small center opening to let filling peek from triangles. (Optional: brush egg wash over pastries before baking.) Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees until pastry turns light golden.

Poppy seed filling

1 egg
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon sugar

1 teaspoon milk
2 tablespoons crushed poppy seeds

Whisk egg in small bowl. Heat honey over low heat, stir in sugar until blended. Add egg and milk, stirring through about 3 minutes to thicken. Mix in crushed poppy seeds. Cool completely.

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Beacon to Consider Major Changes on Affordable Housing

Proposed law would increase lower-income units in new projects

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council will hold a public hearing in March to discuss sweeping changes that are being proposed for the city's affordable housing regulations. The date will be set at its Feb. 20 meeting.

The changes, which have been under discussion since last summer, about the same time that advertisements began circulating for Beacon's first seven-figure condominiums, would fine-tune the city's code to better maintain "a balanced mix of housing types and sizes that are affordable to a range of incomes," which are "essential to ensuring the long-term health of the community," according to a draft of the proposed revision.

Currently, developers building housing projects of 20 or more units must make 10 percent of the development "affordable," or

available at below-market rates. The new law would adjust that requirement to 10 percent of projects with 10 or more units.

Other major changes being considered are modifications to the income requirements for eligible households and giving priority for affordable "workforce" units to households with emergency responders, municipal and school system employees and current and former members of the military.

Under the proposed changes, households that earn 70 percent or less of the area's median income (AMI) would be eligible for reduced-cost housing. The AMI in Dutchess County for a family of four is \$87,100, so a family of that size that earns up to \$60,970 annually would be eligible under the proposed changes.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines "unaffordable" housing as requiring a household to pay more than 30 percent of its gross in-

... "a balanced mix of housing types and sizes that are affordable to a range of incomes," which are "essential to ensuring the long-term health of the community,"

come on housing costs, which include rent and utilities or a mortgage payment, utilities, insurance and taxes. If the Beacon Council approves the proposed change, el-

igible households would be able to rent or buy affordable units at a cost not exceeding 30 percent of their income. With utilities, that works out for a four-person family to \$1,524 per month.

Housing projects already approved will be grandfathered in, which was a sticking point developers argued for last year during a first round of public hearings. Language since added says projects approved by the Beacon Planning Board prior to the effective date of the proposed law may continue to set housing costs for below-market rate units at 30 percent of the county's median income. Using the family of four example, adjusted "affordable" housing costs for grandfathered projects would be about \$2,175 per month.

The current law also allows builders

to deposit payments into an affordable housing fund instead of including below-market rate units in their projects. That provision would be replaced by regulations allowing developers to provide affordable units in the same building, in a separate building on the same property or on a separate property no more than 1,000 feet away.

Although the city wanted to give developers some flexibility in how housing projects are laid out, council members have struggled with the perception that units could be segregated by income.

The proposed law would also allow developers to build up to 10 "bonus" market-rate units if they meet the affordable housing requirements.

In drawing up the proposal, city officials consulted with Hudson River Housing, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining affordable housing in Dutchess County.

"We're trying to keep that balance (of housing options)," said City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero. "That's what makes us successful — we've got that mix."

Firefighters Still Looking for Land for Central Station

City asks school board to reconsider parking lot at Sargent

By Jeff Simms

Seemingly faced with few options, Beacon officials have returned to the city school board to ask for help finding a spot to construct a centralized fire station.

The move comes three months after the school board rejected a proposal to put a new station on the campus of the 377-student Sargent Elementary School, one of only a few locations in Beacon where the fire department says a station could be built, based on response times.

The city had asked the school board to sell 1.75 acres on the Sargent campus for a station. As an alternative, it asked the board to allow the fire department to build a parking lot on a portion of the land to serve a station across Route 9D on a smaller Elks Lodge site.

Citing safety concerns, the board elected in November not to move forward with either plan.

But with so much land in Beacon under development for housing, the city has few other options, which prompted Mayor Randy Casale to ask the school board to reconsider the parking lot.

Speaking to the board on Jan. 26, Casale said the city now only views Sargent as a potential parking site. "If you're open to the idea and you've got concerns, let us know what they are so we can try to work them out so we're not losing two sites," he said.

A parking lot could be built on the east side of the Sargent entrance road, with its own entrance and exit off Route 9D, the mayor said.

The request did not appear to sway the board. At its Feb. 13 meeting, some board members argued the issue should be put to a public vote, while others who opposed the idea in November remained steadfast against it.

"We already expressed our concerns with the safety of the students," said board member Georgia Patchen. "I still have concerns with where exactly that parking lot is going to be."

If put to a vote, the proposal could appear on the ballot in May, when the district holds elections for its board and annual budget.

"Let the voters vote on it and give them the power to say yay or nay," said board President Anthony White. If it passes, he said, "we could put contingencies on what we would expect going forward."

When other board members asked how the public could vote without having more

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details, White responded: "Why would we spend time doing a design if it doesn't pass a public vote?"

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said he plans to bring a revised list of three or four possible sites to the City Council and ask for guidance on which to pursue. That could happen within the next two months, he said.

There is no agreement in place to build at the Elks Lodge site, Ruggiero said.

Moving forward there likely depends on school board approval to utilize some land on the Sargent campus for parking.

Numerous studies have concluded that the city's three aging fire stations should be consolidated into a central facility. Maintaining the existing stations — two of which are more than 100 years old — is difficult operationally, Ruggiero said, although any decision will be made by the City Council.

City officials considered 17 sites before choosing Sargent and the Elks Lodge as the best options. A 2014 study recommended building a 21,200-square-foot station at the city-owned Cannon Practice Field at Verplanck Ave. and Matteawan Road for what was then estimated to be \$7.25 million. That site is no longer being considered because a 1920s deed restriction stipulates that the land only be used for children's athletics.

Moving off Mondays?

The school board has discussed no longer hold its meetings on Mondays to avoid conflicts with City Council meetings, which are also held on Mondays.

"It makes it impossible to communicate well with the City Council," said board member Meredith Heuer, citing the fire station discussion as an example.

However, several school board members said they would have scheduling conflicts if meetings were not held on Mondays.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's make a deal

Scenic Hudson's withdrawal from a proposed purchase of lands surrounding Lake Valhalla is disheartening ("Scenic Hudson Deal Falls Apart," Feb. 3). Most of the property that defaulted to a hedge-fund company covers steep slopes, making it ideal to remain forever wild. There's plenty of open space for hikers and local residents to share.

Scenic Hudson excels at finding creative ways for preserving land in our region. Many residents of Lake Valhalla hoped all parties would work together, address concerns and create a worthy plan for the land in question. The Lake Valhalla Civic Association sued the hedge-fund company to follow the standard legal procedure to officially state our case. We were shocked Scenic Hudson essentially told us to go jump in the lake. Please, Scenic Hudson, let's make a land deal!

Jonathan Kruk, *Cold Spring*

Save the bridge

The city of Beacon must save the Tioronda Bridge; the structure and its site are of far greater value than any new sleek design. Not only is the bridge on the National Register of Historical Places (it's one of the last bowstring truss bridges left in the country), but more important, it is woven into the fabric of the city's own history.

Although critics have cast doubt on the logistics, feasibility and value of sticking to a plan adopted by four administrations (in-



The remains of the Tioronda Bridge

Photo by Daniel Case

cluding the current one), it is possible to bring the bridge back to its former glory. Before our own eyes an abandoned paper-box plant became an international tourist stop without changing its structure, and the rebuilding of the Poughkeepsie railroad bridge has brought the Hudson Valley a majestic destination. People do travel far and wide to see these unique treasures.

The city has spent a great deal of money on design plans, engineering fees and staff to move the rebuilding of the bridge plan forward, and now is not the time to stop the restoration process.

There must be other strategies to preserve this bridge, including grants, tax credits, national and state highway/bridge development incentives. Its time to take the Tioronda Bridge out of storage, rebuild and share it with the world with pride!

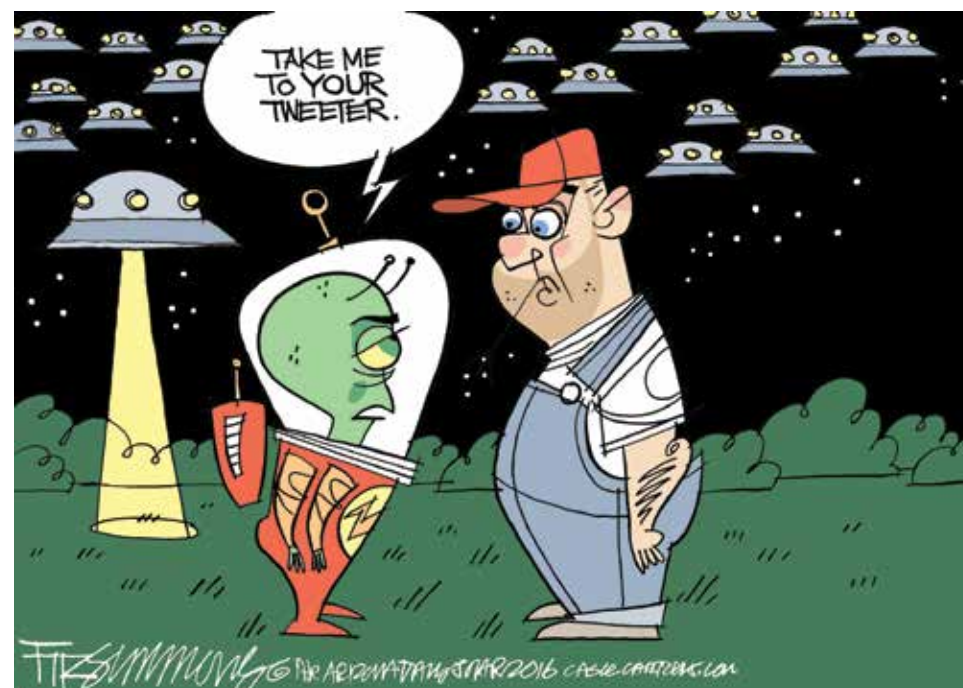
Theresa Kraft, *Beacon*

Kraft is vice president of the Beacon Historical Society. The Tioronda Bridge was built between 1869 and 1873 and once extended South Avenue across Fishkill Creek before it was dismantled in 2006.

Another surcharge

As you reported, the state Public Service Commission wants to add a surcharge to electric bills to subsidize operations of unprofitable nuclear power plants in upstate New York ("Nuclear Reaction," Feb. 10).

Notably, electricity rates for Hudson Valley residents and businesses have already been (Continued on next page)



Taking it to the Street

By Anita Peltonen

Snow: Love it or hate it?



"I love it when it's coming down and sticking to the trees. I don't like the cleanup, and I don't like driving in it."
~ Denise Husbands, Beacon



"I love it. I have a sled.
And we have a snow blower."
~ Sofia Kelly, Cold Spring



"We love snow because we are from Mount Everest. We moved here 37 years ago, but we come from the original Sherpa families."
~ Gelmu Sherpa, Fishkill

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

subjected to a surcharge for a separate but similar subsidy scheme. In 2013 the New York Independent System Operator and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission designated the Hudson Valley as a "capacity zone," or a region targeted for electricity surcharges to finance construction of power plants within the capacity zone. However, the plants do not necessarily supply power for that zone's grid. This means the increase in supply from the plant does not necessarily translate to lower electricity rates in the zone.

Under the Hudson Valley Capacity Zone program, each of us has so far paid to build a diesel/gas power plant near Middletown.

Diana Hird, *Cold Spring*

Fossil fuel fight

Are you a person who stands up to bullies and doesn't take abuse? If so, your neighbors in the Hudson Valley need your help.

The Hudson Valley is under attack from corporate bully No. 1, the gas and oil (fossil fuel) industry. We face the Pilgrim Pipeline, barges full of oil in the Hudson River, the CPV methane-powered electric plant in Minisink and the Spectra Atlantic Bridge pipeline in Westchester.

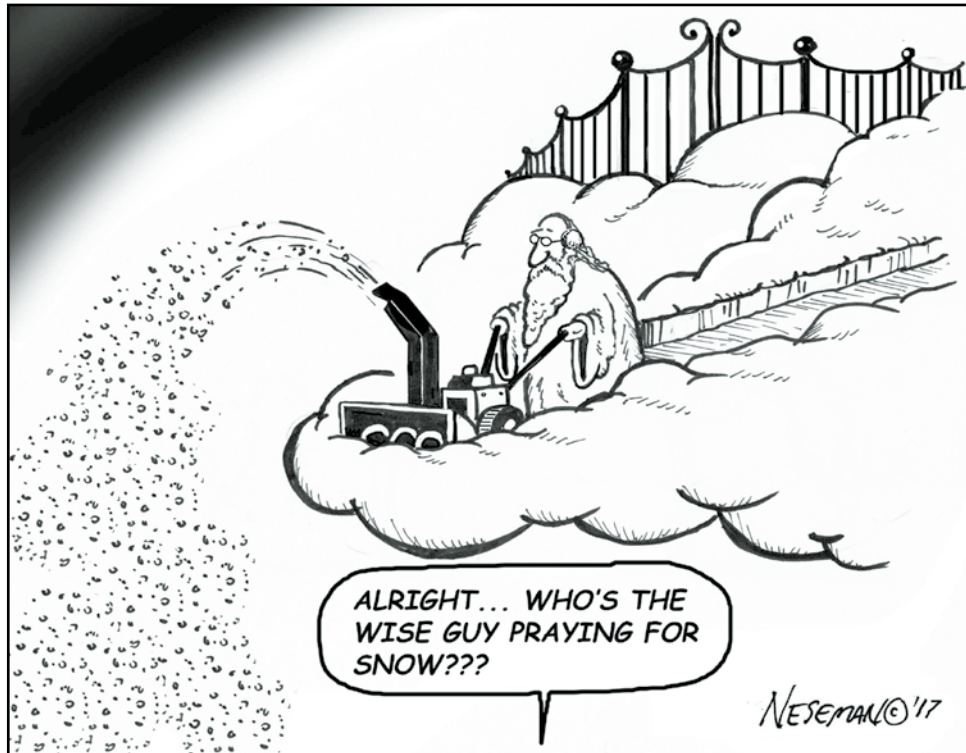
More than just being bullies, gas and oil companies are criminal organizations. In addition to poisoning our land, air, and water, the industry pays off public officials to obtain permits and favorable laws. It takes citizens' property by eminent domain and threats of eminent domain. Our "public service" agencies that are supposed to regulate the industry are staffed by former (and future) industry employees.

One outrageous example: According to DeSmogBlog.com, Maggie Suter, an official with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, led the review process for two gas pipeline projects by Spectra Energy, while her husband, Phil Suter, was a paid consultant for Spectra Energy.

The fossil fuel industry only cares about profit; it does not care about the harm it does to you, your friends and family, the Hudson Valley or the human race.

Local environmental groups are battling these projects, but more concerned bully fighters are needed to speak out and take action. With your help, the Hudson Valley and New York state may be able to escape domination by fossil-fuel industry greed.

Charles Davenport, *Wappingers Falls*



Beacon Elks Honor First Responders

Ninth annual awards dinner held Feb. 4

Elks Lodge No. 1493 in Beacon held its ninth annual First Responders Dinner on Feb. 4 and named its First Responders of the Year, including Michael O'Connor of the Beacon Police Department, Dennis Lahey of the Beacon Fire Department, Michael Basso of the Dutchess Junction Fire Department, Ralph Johnson III and Dominic Virtuoso of the Glenham Fire Department and Debbie Pagliaro of the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

The evening included a moment a silence for former Beacon Police Chief and Elks member William Ashburn, as well as a prayer for the safety of local first responders.



Firefighter Dennis Lahey (center) with chief Gary Van Voorhis (left) and Elks leader Barbara Farber

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By: Tina Merando, Town Clerk

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Haldane Academy Told to Vacate St. Basil (from Page 1)

campus and afternoon classes at St. Basil, where the curriculum includes courses such as environmental science, landscape architecture and filmmaking.

In November the New York State Department of Education notified Superintendent Diana Bowers that the Haldane Academy “cannot be permitted to continue as it is presently structured” because state law does not allow schools to lease space from non-public schools outside their districts.

To resolve the issue, Haldane needs to move the academy to its campus full time before the start of the 2017-18 school year or hand over the operation to the Putnam-Northern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), which would run it as a regional facility that serves students from a number of area districts, including Haldane.

The state recommended the latter. “We recognize that the St. Basil arrangement has merits both fiscally and [in the] quality of the location,” wrote Christina Coughlin, coordinator of educational management services for the Department of Education. “We encourage Haldane to work with Garrison and BOCES to explore ways to serve these students consistent with all applicable legal requirements.”

The state said that Haldane must submit a “corrective action plan” before the start of the school year.

Bowers said she and other Haldane officials are in discussions with BOCES about taking over the academy and will meet with BOCES officials in March at a meeting of chief school administrators from the region. She said that if BOCES will not agree to take on the program, it will continue next year on the Haldane campus.

Bowers acknowledged



Rebecca Pearsall of St. Basil, Haldane teachers Gabriel Horn and Patty O'Rourke and St. Basil Dean of Education Sylvia Kenny are shown last summer in front of the building that now houses the Haldane Academy.

File photo by M. Turton



Morning classes at Haldane Academy are held in the Mabel L. Merritt Building.

File photo by M. Turton

it probably would have been better to have asked BOCES about administering the program before it was launched, but that Haldane administrators were eager to get students onto the picturesque St. Basil campus, which overlooks West Point and the Hudson River. “It’s like a big hug for these kids,” she said. “It’s a gorgeous place. Everyone who visits knows why we want to have it there. And that school just sits there, not used.”

Bowers said that if BOCES takes over the academy, the enrollment would remain modest, at least initially. In subsequent years, more students from other districts could apply to attend. She estimated Hal-

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dane spent about \$10,000, including labor, on improvements at St. Basil to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the facility. The work included painting and installation of fire-escape windows and fire-alarm strobe lights, she said.

Jennifer Daly, president of the Haldane School Board,

said Bowers told board members about the notice from the Department of Education as soon as she received it. Daly said the board understood from the outset that the academy was a pilot program whose future was not certain, and that it might stay at St Basil or return to Haldane.



March 21, Re-Elect
Mayor Dave Merandy
& Trustee Marie Early
Delivering for Our Village



Cold Spring Will Have Contested Election *(from Page 1)*

Schatzle. Judge Thomas Costello will run unopposed to retain his seat as a Village of Cold Spring justice.

Anthoine is running under the Bridge Builders Party, while Merandy and Early will appear under the People's Party. Murphy is running as the Back to Basics Party candidate and Schatzle represents the Unity Party.

This will be the last March election for the village. A year ago voters approved moving the election to November, so the next time residents cast ballots will be November 2018.

In Nelsonville, Mayor Tom Corless and Trustee Danielle Pack McCarthy are not running for re-election. Corless was appointed mayor in 2008 and has since been re-elected four times. Pack McCarthy won her seat in 2015 in a tie-breaker after she and Thomas Robertson both received 90 votes.

Barring a write-in campaign, they will be succeeded by longtime Planning Board Chair Bill O'Neill as mayor and Alan Potts as trustee. Both submitted nominating petitions to the village by the Feb. 14 deadline. Nelsonville voters also will decide on Mar. 21 whether to expand the board from three to five members.

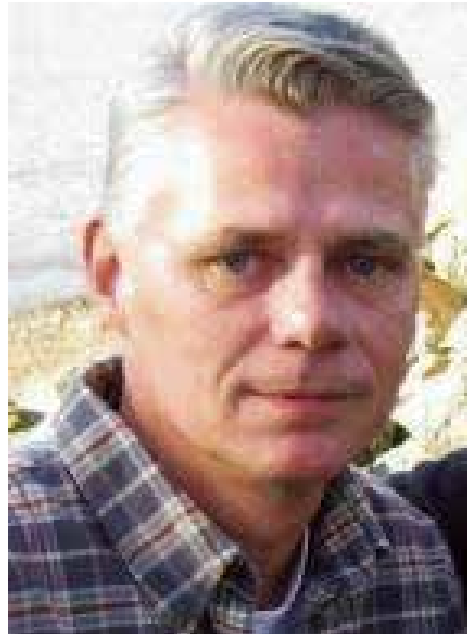
O'Neill is a retired managing director and chief global marketing officer of Standard & Poor's Corporate Finance. He has

been a resident of Nelsonville since 1979. Potts, a former Peace Corps volunteer who has lived in Nelsonville since 2004, is a middle-school science teacher in Rockland County.

Corless could not be immediately reached for comment on why he chose not to run. In April, Pack McCarthy emailed a letter to residents alleging Robertson had acted in a "disrespectful and harassing manner" toward her and saying that Corless had showed "a lack of support."

Pack-McCarthy told *The Current* Feb. 16 that she chose not to run because of the negativity she faced in the job. "I was disappointed in the level of discourse that was taking place at meetings," which, she said, were the only occasions "that I felt uncomfortable, in all of my many ways being involved in the community. I felt that my presence on the board was important and that I was successful in speaking up for residents who previously hadn't had their voices heard. I am hardworking and passionate, but the experience was stressful for me and my family."

In her capacity as a soccer coach and on school committees, and in her husband's similar roles, "we are well liked and appreciated and get a deep sense of belonging and satisfaction" from their participation, but "my experience as a board member in



Alan Potts will run unopposed to succeed Danielle Pack McCarthy as a Nelsonville trustee.

Photo provided



Bill O'Neill will run unopposed to become the next mayor of Nelsonville.

Photo provided

Nelsonville had such an opposite effect," she explained. "I was disappointed to experience the nasty side of politics that I stressed from the beginning of my trustee term was totally unnecessary at this very local level. I felt as though simple conversations turned into hostile arguments and that my voice did not matter or count. This is so sad, and really serves as a local

example of the divisiveness occurring on the national level. If we could only treat each other as neighbors no matter what the setting, so much more progress could occur."

The Current has invited each of the Cold Spring and Nelsonville candidates to a forum to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 13, in the music room at Haldane.

New York Hunters Kill 1,539 Bears During Season

About 10 percent fewer than last year

Hunters in New York State killed 1,539 black bears in the fall seasons, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation, about 10 percent fewer than 2015. The DEC licenses hunters to control the bear population, especially in the southeastern part of the state.

Seven bears were killed in Dutchess County during the bowhunting season and five during the regular season, including one in Wappinger. No bears were taken in Putnam or Westchester counties.

More than 100 bears were killed in Orange County, including two that

weighed more than 400 pounds. The heaviest bear reported, killed in Franklin County, weighed 555 pounds. The DEC says the greatest bear density — one animal every 3.3 square miles — was reported in parts of Orange and Sullivan counties, while the town of Minisink in Orange County had one bear in every 1.9 square miles. Twenty-five harvested bears had been tagged (including six from Pennsylvania, five from New Jersey and one from Vermont) for research, nuisance response, relocated urban bears or released rehabilitated bears.

Nearly 800 hunters submitted tooth samples from their kills to the DEC, which helps the agency determine the age of the bears taken in the hunt.



A black bear wandered into Cold Spring last summer. *File photo courtesy of Sarah Gurland*



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Rev. Geer to Retire from St. Philip's *(from Page 1)*

At that time Geer was in his fourth year as an assistant pastor at a church with 3,000 congregants. He had earlier completed four years of postgraduate seminary study, four years as a Protestant chaplain at a Roman Catholic hospital and four years at a hospital that specialized in heart transplants. Geer said he was beginning to think that he would never spend more than four years in the same job.

The bishop drew up a list of a dozen parishes in need of a rector. "When he got to St. Philip's, Garrison, I stopped him and said, 'That's a nice church,' " Geer recalls.

Geer had visited Garrison as a child, coming from his New York City home with a friend whose grandparents lived there, and he remembered it fondly. After sending his resumé to St. Philip's, the vestry sent a team to watch him preach, then invited him to give a sermon at the church.

Geer says he and Sarah were looking for a place where they and the children would fit in and felt they found it with St. Philip's. His daughter Phoebe and son Sam, who were going into the third and first grades, respectively, attended the Garrison School across the street, and Sarah became involved in arts and civics groups. For a time she directed the Garrison Art Center, served on the board of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and was chairperson of the steering committee for the Route 9D Corridor Management Plan. (She also joined the choir.)

Geer's background meshed well with



The Rev. Frank Geer in his office at St. Philip's

Photo by A. Rooney

the church's longstanding focus on community service. Its ongoing programs include food preparation and provision in Peekskill and Beacon, tutoring help in Newburgh and a homegrown weekly Life Support Group. It also sponsors volunteers who assist in reconstruction projects in New Orleans.

Another hallmark of the church is its il-

lustrious choir, which was in place when Geer arrived to succeed the Rev. William Reisman, who retired after 27 years as pastor. For the past 20 years the choir has been directed by Durward Entrekin, a professor of music at Mount St. Mary College. "We've worked well together, as have JoAnne and I," Geer says, referring to JoAnne Chadwick, who runs the nursery school.

Getting families with younger children involved in the church is a key to its growth, Geer says. The nursery school helps with that and also "adds joy to the building," he notes. As for youth groups for teenagers, "you go through cycles," he says. "The secret is having people in the congregation who will take it on. It's not as attention-getting as our activities in Beacon or Newburgh, but it's important, especially as high school students struggle in this age of opioids."

Geer notes that as a pastor gets older, so does his congregation.

His successor, he says, will likely bring a youthful energy, which will be a positive for the church. Geer says the greatest challenge for any minister these days is managing the finances.

"Back in the day, most churches had endowments which generated \$50,000 to \$60,000 in interest every year," he says. "That money could be used to pay the bills, keep up with repairs. Since the 2008 economic collapse the interest rates have been so low you don't get that \$50,000 and the congregation has to provide it, or you eat away at your endowment — and that can't happen. It's something we have tried to tackle."

Once Geer retires, he and Sarah plan to leave Philipstown — but because Phoebe Geer, now married and with children of her own, recently moved back to Garrison, they will be frequent visitors.

"I got advice early on, and that is when you retire, you'll want to get out of town, because it's not fair to the person who replaces you if you don't," the Rev. Geer says. "And then there's the housing. As the rector, your housing is provided, and when you leave, you have to move out. They tell you when you're starting out that if you can you should try to buy a house, as it will give you equity and a place to go. So we did and rented it out, first for 10 years and then 20, and that's where we're headed. Good advice."

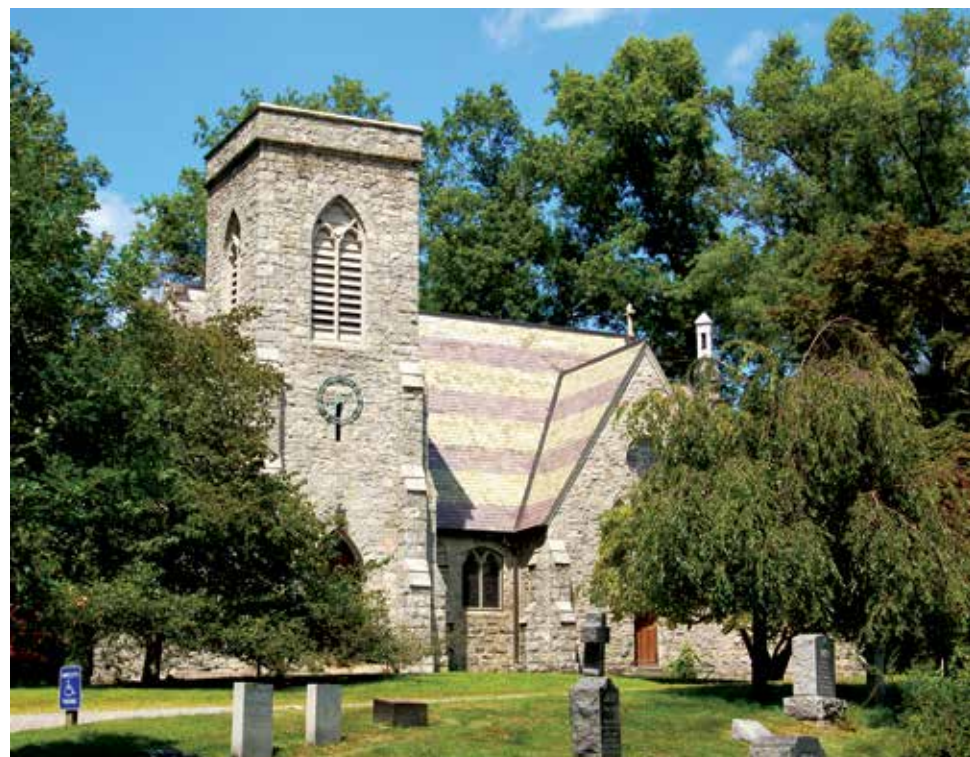
Although he's an avid fisherman, Geer says that what he most looks forward to in retirement is painting. He was hooked after taking watercolor lessons from Garrison painter Don Nice, who is a member of the congregation. "I dream of sitting around on a beautiful afternoon and painting," Geer says. "I gave my granddaughter a [paint] set, too."

Geer says that he believes that while the congregation knew his retirement was coming, setting a date made for an emotional service on Feb. 5. "This is more than just a job," he says. "You're a part of people's lives."



Frank Geer soon after he arrived at St. Philip's

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St. Philip's Church

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The Calendar

IT HAPPENED AT THE WINTER CARNIVAL

by SUMMER PIERRE

I WENT TO THE PHILIPSTOWN WINTER CARNIVAL. IT HAD STARTED AT 1:00, BUT WHEN I ARRIVED AT 2:00 IT WAS IN FULL SWING.

YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO BACK UP FOR A MINUTE-- THE SHUTTLE BUS IS STUCK!



I WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN IN BY THE CAREFUL AND EXACTING ICE SCULPTING BY BILL BYWATER.

HEY BILL-- WHY ICE SCULPTURE?

WHY NOT??

LIFESIZE STURGEON



EVERY YEAR HE DOES A HUDSON VALLEY ANIMAL

I WAS PULLED AWAY BY ONLY ONE THING-- THE PROMISE OF SOME SERIOUS REFRESHMENTS.

WHAT KIND OF COOKIES ARE THOSE?

CHOCOLATE CHIP AND S'MORES! I WAS TOLD THE S'MORES COOKIES WERE DEADLY!

I GOT AN OATMEAL WHOOPIE PIE!



SOON IT WAS TIME FOR SNOWGA (YOGA IN THE SNOW) WITH KRystal FORD-- A CHALLENGE IN BULKY WINTER CLOTHES:

REACH BEHIND YOUR BACK AND INTERLACE YOUR FINGERS...



IT'S HARD TO REACH IN THIS COAT!

NOT ON THE SCHEDULE, BUT TOTALLY WORTH NOTING WAS THE PARADE OF KIDS' WINTER HATS:



ALSO, THE ARRAY OF SNOW "THINGS" BEING BUILT:

IS THAT A SNOWMAN?

No! IT'S A SNOW UNICORN-DOLPHIN!



BUT REALLY -- AT THIS CARNIVAL, IT WAS ALL ABOUT THE EPIC SLEDDING ON WINTER HILL, WHERE EVERY KIND OF SLED COULD BE SEEN IN ACTION:



I ASKED A GUY IF HE'D BEEN DOWN THE HILL YET AND HE SAID:

NOPE! I'LL TAKE ONE RIDE-- DOWN THE HILL TO MY PARKED CAR!

MAN WITH A (GOOD) PLAN

I'M JUST HERE TO HOLD THE HOT CHOCOLATE!



BY THE TIME JONATHAN KRUK, THE STORYTELLER, HELD COURT, I HAD TO MAKE LIKE ONE OF HIS STORIES AND HEAD HOME:

IS THAT A STORY OVER THERE? IT'S FLYING DOWN WINTER HILL! CAN YOU CATCH IT?



I DIDN'T BRING A SLED TO FLY DOWN THE HILL WITH, BUT NEXT YEAR I WILL!

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

Great Backyard Bird Count

birdcount.org

Paint & Sip Fundraiser

7:30 p.m. North Highlands Fire Co.
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
914-760-3770

Sha Na Na

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

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

Free Fishing Day

dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html

Great Backyard Bird Count

birdcount.org

Eagle Walk

10 a.m. Constitution Marsh
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2601 | constitutionmarsh.org

Garrison Art Center

10 a.m. Terra Cotta Bas Relief Workshop (First Session)
1:30 p.m. Japanese Shibori
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Beacon Lions Club

1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
facebook.com/beaconlionsclub

Landscape Paint & Sip

3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnrm.org

Calendar Highlights

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Southern Dutchess: Resist! Weekly Protest

3 p.m. Polhill Park
Main Street and Route 9D, Beacon
Facebook: Southern Dutchess Resist

Jazz Vespers

5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Susan Walsh: Only Mark the Bright Hours (Opening)

6 – 8 p.m. Matteawan Gallery | 436 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Silent Film Series: The Kiss (1929)

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Irish Comedy Tour

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

Free Fishing Days

dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html

Great Backyard Bird Count

birdcount.org

Citizen's Soapbox: Community Congress

2 – 4 p.m. St. Philip's Church
1101 Route 9D, Garrison

HHLT Forum on Granite Mountain

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Grange Hall | 128 Mill St., Putnam Valley | 845-528-2565 | hhl.org

Adult Volleyball

6 – 8 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Owl Prowl

7 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
See details under Saturday.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Presidents' Day**Great Backyard Bird Count**

birdcount.org

Hudson Valley Renegades Job Fair

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

Winter Break Workshop (pre-K to grade 8) (First Session)

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
See details under Saturday.

Basketball Skills and Drills (grades 3-8)

6:15 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
See details under Sunday.

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall (Courtroom)
1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

Digital Salon

7 – 10 p.m. Beahive Beacon
291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Third Tuesday Queer Night

7 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

Howland Public Library

9:45 a.m. Come and Play (ages 0-3)
11 a.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
See details under Saturday.

Desmond-Fish Library

10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Storytime | 3:30 p.m. Lego Club
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Army vs. Boston University (Men's Basketball)

7 p.m. Christl Arena, West Point
845-938-2526 | goarmywestpoint.com

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

Family Movie Matinee: Pete's Dragon

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Wednesday.

Leonard Freed and the March on Washington (Opening)

5 – 8 p.m. Field Library Gallery
4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill
914-737-1212 | peekskill.org

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

Bowled Over (Beacon 3D Fundraiser)

Noon – 5 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery
149 Main St., Beacon
917-318-2239 | beacon3d.org

International Film Series: East Side Sushi (U.S.)

6:30 p.m. Howland Library
See details under Saturday.

Dragonfly Story Slam (For Adults)

7 p.m. Butterfield Library
See details under Saturday.

Lounge Dance Night

7 p.m. Beacon Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
beaconelks1493.com

Partner Yoga

7 p.m. Living Yoga Studios
3182 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

Through a Lens Darkly (Documentary)

7 p.m. First Presbyterian, Beacon
50 Liberty St., Beacon
moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

Company

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
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Broadway Brass

Cold Spring horn player pushes for music education

By Alison Rooney

Elkhart, Indiana, was once home to 60 companies that made band instruments. It also has produced a few people who play them at the highest level, including Greg Smith, a Cold Spring resident and Broadway mainstay who says he showed no hesitation when, in fourth grade, he was asked how he'd like to contribute to the school band.

"French horn!" he announced, having heard the instrument at a concert he attended with his parents. "What a sound — I want to play that!"

His subsequent career with the instrument has taken him from conservatory to chamber groups to Broadway, where he has played in the orchestra for *The Lion King* since 2004.

Smith also has lent his talents to the Haldane school district, creating and



Greg Smith, Alex Cook and Patrick Milando, who play French horns in *The Lion King* orchestra, in the pit at the Miskoff Theatre

Photo provided

advising a brass ensemble, launching a monthly Classical Café series in which students perform in the cafeteria during lunch and bringing a *Lion King* school edition to fifth- and sixth-graders. His next project, with violinist Rachel Evans, will be a youth orchestra.

Smith says he was fortunate that his first experience in school with music was so positive, courtesy of the magnificent instruments made in Elkhart and a talented teacher. Both of his parents were amateur musicians, and so there was always music playing at home. By ninth grade Smith realized he loved the French horn enough to commit to it, even if it put an end to his dreams of basketball or tennis stardom.

He was told that if he wanted to pursue the French horn, he needed to attend Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. His mother drove him there for an audition. "I went into a small studio, filled with cigarette smoke," Smith recalls. "I started playing and immediately the [horn] teacher said, 'You need to come here.'"

Unfortunately, a year later, the professor suffered a heart attack and could no longer teach. After transferring to Northwestern University, Smith moved

to Taiwan to play with its newly created national orchestra. After further study in Boston, he landed with the Vienna Chamber Opera. It was in Austria that he met another American, Mona Smith, who became his wife.

While living in Brooklyn and playing with chamber groups, Smith was asked by a friend to substitute in the orchestra for Broadway's *Jekyll and Hyde*. Smith subsequently stepped in for other shows, including *Wicked* and *Fiddler on the Roof*, and says each experience was nerve-racking. "There is no rehearsal," he says. "You watch the performance two or three times and that's it. *Jekyll and Hyde* had a solo horn part, and there was no place to hide. You listen and hope the cues are clear."

Smith says performing the same music night after night — in this case, for more than 4,000 performances of *The Lion King* over 13 years — has never bothered him. "It's not that different from playing in an orchestra," he says. "I played Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* 20 times each season in Vienna."

"The energy pumps you up," he says. "For the audience members on any given night, it may be the only time they'll see



Greg Smith

Photo by A. Rooney

it. Plus actors come and go — we have a new Scar [the villain] and it's different pacing. I have the music memorized, but that allows me to participate more fully and get beyond the technical."

When Disney released a school version of the show, Smith felt it would be a great fit at Haldane. "It's meant to be an educational process, incorporating up to 30 units, including scenery-making and costumes, and schools can pick and choose and blend it into the needs of the classroom," he explains. "The classes lead to the production of the show, rather than an

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A scene from *The Lion King* on Broadway

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Blind Boy Paxton will perform at the Clearwater Festival in June.

Other first-timers are the Ukrainian folk-fusion troupe Dakhabrakha; salsa band Jimmy Bosch Y Su Sexteto del Otro Mundo; Israeli sisters A-WA, who combine Yemenite folk with electronic dance; Plena Libre, a Puerto Rican plena and bomba group; Cuban singer Dayme Arocena; Afro-Venezuelan singer Betsayda Machado; and Mambo band Orkesta Mendoza.

Tickets are available at clearwaterfestival.org or by calling 877-435-9849. Clearwater members receive a 20 percent discount.

Broadway Brass (from Page 11)

adult-controlled rehearsal process."

The curriculum, overseen by newly hired music teacher Dan McGroarty, is taking place now, with a performance scheduled for the spring.

Smith's youth orchestra, which he is organizing with violinist Evans, who lives in Garrison, will begin in early March with rehearsals at First Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring followed by a concert in April or May. (For information, email Smith at greg-smithfrenchhorn@gmail.com or call 917-449-8814.)

"I want to show kids how much fun it is to be in an orchestra," says Smith, an advocate for music education. When his son entered kindergarten at Haldane,

"It's sad to me that this country has let music education go the way it has. Arts instruction gives kids vision and confidence."

Smith helped Deb Contini, then head of the music department, to create a brass ensemble for the elementary school. That initial group of stu-

dents, now in high school, is still at it. "It's sad to me that this country has let music education go the way it has," Smith says. "Arts instruction gives kids vision and confidence."



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The Dufresne family of Garrison

Snow Day

In October, long-range weather forecaster Jim Witt said the middle weeks of February will be “the tough ones for this winter.” Tell that to the children (and parents) who visited Winter Hill in Garrison on Feb. 9 after a storm dumped a foot of snow on the Highlands and everything but the sledding hill closed.



Grace Rouxel of Garrison



Connie and Micah Morales of Nelsonville



Mom guards the Cappello family sleds.

Obituaries

Garrison

Betsy Braggi

Helen E. "Betsy" Braggi, 77, of Wareham, Massachusetts, and a former longtime resident of Garrison, died Jan. 30, 2017.



Born in Oneonta, she was the daughter of James D. and Helen R. (Philips) Patterson. Her husband of 29 years, Dr. Robert Lawrence Braggi was a dentist in Cold Spring for 28 years. He died in 1989.

Betsy lived in Garrison for 35 years before moving to Wareham 12 years ago. She graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey. She was a dental assistant and worked alongside her husband for many years. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed photography. She won many awards for her floral displays.

Survivors include her sons, Lawrence J. Braggi (Mary-Pat) of Croton; Stephen J. Braggi (Lori) of Wareham; and Christopher S. Braggi (Alicia) of Roseville, California. She also is survived by eight grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Feb. 3 at St. Patrick's Church in Wareham. Memorial donations may be made to the church (82 High St., Wareham, MA 02571) or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (svdpusa.org/Donate).

Dorothy Manfredo (1927-2017)

Dorothy C. Manfredo, 89, of Wappingers Falls and formerly of Garrison, died Feb. 14, 2017.

Born on March 31, 1927 to Charles and Josephine (Mascaro) Cardello, she married Arthur Manfredo.

Dorothy is survived by her children Arthur Manfredo, Claire Furano (Jack) and Ellen Manfredo (Vincent Lettieri), five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A service was held Feb. 17 at the Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring, followed by interment at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Marvin Schenck (1923-2017)

Marvin C. Schenck, 93, died at home in Garrison on Feb. 4, 2017. Born in New York City on June 27, 1923, to Alfred and Sue Schenck, he grew up in New York City, graduated from Philadelphia Textile and New York University and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a stockbroker and investment banker before moving to Garrison 30 years ago.

Marvin loved to garden, play tennis and golf. Living along the Hudson River, he enjoyed watching the boats go by. He was also an avid sports fan, cheering for his New York Mets, always hoping "This is the year!"

Marvin is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joanne, and Tucker, his beloved Havanese. He was buried at Wellwood Cemetery in Farmingdale.

Cold Spring

Kathleen Horan (1931-2017)

Kathleen Horan, 86, a longtime resident of Cold Spring, died Jan.



30, 2017 at the Putnam Ridge Nursing Home in Brewster. Among her survivors is a son, Raymond Horan, of Garrison, and three grandchildren in Garrison: Megan, Dylan and Delaney Horan.

Kathleen was born in the Bronx on Jan. 21, 1931 to Felix and Mary (Wilson) Somers. On September 21, 1957 she married Matthew J. Horan, who died in 1994. She was a window designer for Woolworth's in the Bronx and Westchester County before her retirement, when she moved to Cold Spring. She was a member of the Senior Group and choir at Mother Lurana - Sisters of Atonement in Garrison.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Feb. 2 at St. James the Apostle in Carmel, with interment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne. Memorial donations may be made to the Sisters of Atonement, 41 Old Highland Turnpike, Garrison, NY 10524.

John Rath

John Rath, a longtime former math teacher and basketball coach at Haldane High School, died on Feb. 3, 2017. He taught at Haldane from 1964 to 1994. The Haldane school board observed a moment of silence at its Feb. 7 meeting.

"For those of fortunate enough to know John, he was very dedicated to all," said Vice President Laura Hammond. "He had an infectious smile and we are grateful for the positive impact he had for so many of us."

Beacon

Theodore Bowles (1920-2017)

Theodore G. Bowles, 96, of Beacon, died Feb. 10, 2017, at Vassar Brothers' Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Born in Beacon on May 18, 1920, he was the son of George Bowles and Mary E. Woody Shelton. He married Anna May Cobbs, who died before him.

A U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II, Theodore was a retired diesel mechanic for the Wappingers Central School District. He also was the first African-American commander of American Legion Post 203 in Beacon, a life member of the VFW in Beacon and a member of St. James AME Zion Church in Beacon.



His survivors include three children: James T. McBee of Sewell, New Jersey, Theodore C. Bowles of Plattsburgh and Dawna Bowles of Fishkill, as well as 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Feb. 18 at the St. James AME Zion Church, 23 Academy St. Beacon, with interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 301 Manchester Road, No. 105, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

William Komisar

William Philip "Billy" Komisar, 56, formerly of Beacon, died on Feb. 13, 2017, at MidHudson Regional Hospital in Poughkeepsie.



Billy was born in Beacon on Aug. 13, 1960, the son of William and Pauline Komisar. He was a former union carpenter for the Carpenters and Joiners Local No. 323 before founding the Carpenters Disciples, a residential and commercial construction business he managed for 20 years.

He is survived by his former wife, Robin Corneyea, and their two daughters, Casandra Komisar and Kristian Anderson (Kevin). He is also survived by his grandchildren, Diente and Jason Komisar.

Arthur Mitchell (1934-2017)

Arthur Howard Mitchell, 82, of Poughkeepsie, a former longtime art teacher for the Beacon school district, died Feb. 9, 2017.

Born March 9, 1934 in New York City to Jack and Rose Mitchell, he graduated from Forest Hills High School in 1952 and earned a bachelor's in education and a bachelor's in fine arts from Temple University. He served in the U.S. Army as a medical specialist in Okinawa and from 1957 to 1990 was an art teacher in the Beacon school system.

Arthur is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Joan Mitchell, and their children Grant and Meridith. He also is survived by his grandchildren Michael, Alexandra and Jessica.

A memorial service was held on Feb. 12 at the William G. Miller & Son Funeral Home in Poughkeepsie, with burial at Hebrew Benevolent Cemetery.



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'It's Hard to Stay Married!'

Sondheim's Company opens at the Depot

By Alison Rooney

Most people remember a song or album they listened to over and over as a teenager. Depending on your vintage, maybe it was a track by Elvis, or the Stones or Nirvana, or one you won't admit to.

For Maia Guest, it was the cast album of Stephen Sondheim's *Company*. Not only did she play it constantly, she says, she used its lyrics as texts in drama school and saw two stagings. Now, she's directing her own production and, with musical director Nathan Perry and choreographer Christine Bokhour, guiding 20 singing actors in what many consider the first "modern" musical. It opens at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison on Feb. 24 and runs on weekends through March 12.

First produced in 1970, the show, a comedy with a dramatic resolution, carries vestiges of the social revolutions of the 1960s. The story centers on Bobby, a single man swimming in a sea of married friends, who questions his emotional connections as he approaches a birthday (his 35th in the original production, here changed to 45th, reflecting the many more people who remain single into their 30s.)

The gestation of *Company* was unusual: author George Furth's analyst



Maia Guest with Chris Whipple

Photo by A. Rooney

thought writing plays would be therapeutic. Furth wrote a number of short pieces examining relationships between couples. Not knowing what to do with them, he asked Sondheim, an acquaintance, for advice. Sondheim told him to talk to director and producer Hal Prince, who felt they could be linked in a musical.

"George came to New York and we talked about how to shape these disparate pieces into a large form," Sondheim has said. "As we talked we realized that what the plays had in common was a couple and a third person, and it dawned on us that the third person should be the same person."

Working from Furth's scenes, Sondheim developed the character-driven songs. "My approach is closest to that of an actor," he has written. "Often by the time we're through, I know the script better than the author does, because, like an actor, I examine every line and every word."

Company won five Tony awards in 1970, including best musical, lyrics, music, book,



Casey Swann, Christine Bokhour and Karen Kapoor during rehearsals for *Company*

Photo by Linda Speziale

director and scenic design.

The emphasis on couples is one reason Guest thought *Company* would resonate in the Highlands. "I know a lot of talented couples in this area," she says. "It's hard to stay married! But most of all I love the music and how the music mirrors the action."

Chris Whipple plays Bobby in what is his third Sondheim show. A speech pathologist who lives in Beacon, Whipple is emblematic of quite a few of *Company*'s performers, having studied drama and voice in New York City to pursue a career in theater and eventually altering course. "Finding this group of people [at the Depot] has been incredibly fortunate," says the actor. "It's a haven of safety and

support for people who perform here."

Aiding and abetting the proceedings is a multi-level set, reflecting Bobby in conflict with himself. Replete with a bar and mirror, the idea, Guest says, is that "Bobby is constantly looking at the mirror to find his true self and accept or reject that self. It will also feature projections of iconic New York City views. The city is a main character: why you come, why you stay, why you leave."

Company will be performed at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays with 2 p.m. matinees on Sundays. For tickets, visit brownpapertickets.com/event/2800464 or call 845-424-3900

Editor's note: Alison Rooney is a member of the show's ensemble.



Sterling Swann and Patricia Fischer play one of several couples in the production.

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Liz Keifer and Robert Convertino, who are married, are cast with other partners in the production.

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Master Gardeners Offer Scholarships

Open to graduating seniors in Putnam County

Graduating high school seniors who live in Putnam County and are planning to study environmental programs such as horticulture, forestry and botany are invited to apply for two \$500 scholarships offered by the Putnam Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

Past recipients pursued environmental science and sustainability degrees at Cornell and SUNY Plattsburgh. See putnam.cce.cornell.edu. The deadline is April 30.

Sign Up for a CSA

Glynwood forms new coalition

A coalition spearheaded by the Glynwood Center is encouraging early registration for summer community-supported agriculture (CSA) shares of produce from regional farms. The Hudson Valley CSA Coalition brings together 70 small and mid-size farms in 11 counties.

After conducting a survey, Glynwood estimates that at full capacity, regional farms could increase their CSA production by about a third, to 15,000 shares. A full weekly share typically includes enough produce for a family of four. Although mainly associated with vegetables and fruit, shares can also include meat, dairy and flowers. One of the coalition's first projects is a searchable directory and the promotion of Feb. 24 as "CSA Sign-Up Day." See hudsonvalleycsa.org.

Teach a Dog New Tricks

Dog obedience classes to start at Rec Center

The Philipstown Recreation Department will offer six-week beginner and advanced dog-obedience classes starting Mar. 22. Instructor Morgan Stebbins will help humans and their canines behave and interact with each other and with other people and animals. The beginner class will include instruction on taming a dog's bad habits such as jumping on people, stealing things, running away, barking and chewing on the wrong things.

To register, see philipstownrecreation.com or call 845-424-4618. The cost is \$135 for Philipstown residents and \$150 for non-residents.



Good boy



Cross-country skiing at Fahnestock Winter Park

Photo provided

Winter Park is Open

Fahnestock has 11 miles of groomed trails

Fahnestock State Park has opened 11 miles of groomed trails for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children. Skis, snowshoes and baby sleds are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

The park is open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekends. The new Canopus Welcome Center, which is open year-round, has a café, ski rental shop and restrooms. The park will remain open as weather permits. It is located at 1570 Route 301 in Carmel. For information, call 845-225-3998.

Play Ball!

Little League sign-up for ages 5-12

Philipstown Little League has opened registration for children in the first through seventh grades for the spring season. Any child who is age 5 to 12 as of May 1 is eligible to play. There are three leagues based on age. Registration is \$100 for grades 1 to 4 and \$200 for grades 5 to 7. See philipstownlittleleague.com.



Opening day in Philipstown last year

File photo by Michael Turton

Gardens Needed for Tour

Partners with PARC event set for June 10

The annual garden-tour fundraiser organized by Partners with PARC is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 10 and the organization is looking for 12 Putnam County gardens to showcase, including rose, alpine, water and formal gardens. The nonprofit PARC serves children and adults with autism and other special needs. Gardeners who would like to be considered can email Rand Otten at rand_otten@putnamarc.org.

Filmmakers Launch Kickstarter Campaign

Making documentary about baseball's Team Israel

The Garrison-based Ironbound Films has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds for a documentary, *Heading Home*, that follows a group of Jewish professional baseball players who are playing for Team Israel in the World Baseball Classic in Seoul in March. The producers have already filmed Major League Baseball players on their first trip to Israel.

As of Feb. 15, Ironbound had raised nearly half of its \$72,000 goal, which must be met by Feb. 27. Search at kickstarter.com for "Heading Home." Ironbound's most recent documentary, *The Anthropologist*, just finished its theatrical run.

Camp Counselors Needed

Philipstown Rec hiring for summer

The Philipstown Recreation Center is accepting applications for counselors at its annual summer camps in Garrison for children and teens ages 3 to 14, which are held over eight weeks from June 26 to Aug. 18. Counselors-in-training must be 15 years old and counselors must be 16. See philipstownrecreation.com/forms for an application. The deadline is March 3.

Art Camp Registration

Summer program begins June 26

The Garrison Art Center has opened registration for its summer art programs for children and teenagers. The camps run from June 26 to July 14. Summer Arts on the Hudson is a three-week camp for children in grades K to 8. ARTtots is a half- or full-day program for children ages 2 to 4. See garrisonart-center.org.



A scene from the documentary *Heading Home*

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Beacon

Talking About Climate Change

Scenic Hudson to present programs

Scenic Hudson has three events planned for its River Center at Long Dock Park in Beacon. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 the organization's education and volunteer program staff will be available to talk about how to get involved. At 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 28, the group will lead a brainstorming session about climate change and its effect on small farms. And at 6:30 p.m. on Mar. 7, it will host a presentation called "Enhancing Climate Resilience Along Our Waterfronts" on how to make communities more adaptable to rising waters. See scenichudson.org.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson, the 2017 poet laureate of Dutchess County

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in natural light and other phenomena to create a series. The show continues through Apr. 2. Matteawan is located at 436 Main St.

Though a Lens Darkly

Movies that Matter to screen film on black photographers

The Movies that Matter series in Beacon will screen the documentary *Through a Lens Darkly* at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24 at the First Presbyterian Church. Filmmaker Thomas Allen Harris, who was inspired by the book *Reflections in Black* by photo historian Deborah Willis, will lead a

discussion after the film.

Through a Lens Darkly explores the role of photography in shaping, subverting and claiming the history and lives of African Americans, from slavery to the present. It features the work of Carrie Mae Weems, Lorna Simpson, Anthony Barboza, Hank Willis Thomas, Coco Fusco, Clarissa Sligh, James Van Der Zee, and Gordon Parks, among others. See movies-thatmatterbeacon.org.



Thomas Allen Harris directed *Through a Lens Darkly* and will speak after the screening.

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'Jazzoetry': Music Set to Words

Jazz musicians and poets team up

The nonprofit Calling All Poets will debut "Jazzoetry" at Quinn's in Beacon from 8 to 11 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 27. The event features a quintet of jazz musicians — Kitt Potter, Neil Alexander, Robert Kope, Dean Sharo and Eric Pearson — who will engage with poets. The poets are Bettina "Poet Gold" Wilkerson, the 2017 Dutchess County poet laureate; Mike Jurkovic and Glenn Werner of Calling All Poets; and storytellers Evelyn Clarke, Esther Taylor Evans and Steve Jones.

The performance will include music from the 1940s and '50s as well as contemporary jazz, groove and hip-hop. The suggested donation is \$10. See callingallpoets.net.

Solo Show at Matteawan

Susan Walsh artwork on display

On Saturday, Feb. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m., the Matteawan Gallery in Beacon will host an opening reception for an exhibit of work by Susan Walsh called *Only Mark the Bright Hours*. Walsh works in various mediums exploring time, place and memory, using her observations about changes



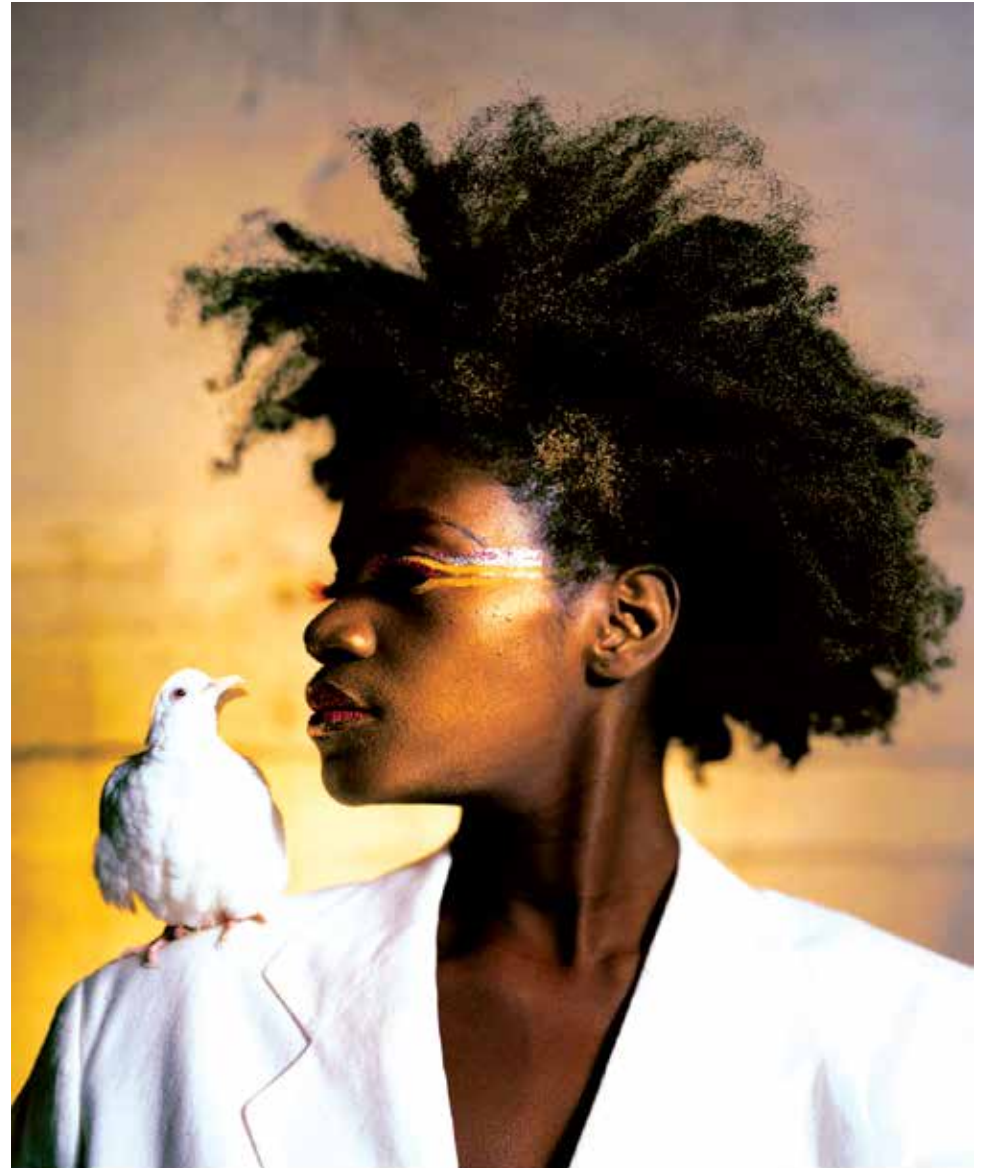
A work by Susan Walsh that will be exhibited at Matteawan Gallery.

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Sausage Fest

It's that time again

Barb's Butchery in Beacon will host its third annual Sausage Fest, with tastings of more than 40 sausages made in-house, on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. New this year is a North African mint sausage made with herbs and cayenne and a chicken sausage with herbs and spices that gives it a fried flavor. The shop is located at 69 Spring St.



An untitled photograph by Lyle Ashton Harris used on the film poster for *Through a Lens Darkly*

Southern Dutchess: Resist!

Weekly protests organized

A weekly hour-long protest of the policies of the Trump Administration began at Polhill Park in Beacon on Feb. 11 and will continue each week on Saturday at 3 p.m. Search for "Southern Dutchess Resist" on Facebook.

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Democrats to Talk Strategy

New political group to host forum in Beacon

Take18, a newly formed progressive group based in New York's 18th Congressional District, will host a forum at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 26 at the Springfield Baptist Church in Beacon with U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, state Assemblyman Frank Skartados and former state Senator Terry Gipson. The church is located at 8 Church St.

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Sports *(continued from Page 20)*



Junior Jemond Galloway (32) during Beacon's 84-75 victory at Lakeland on Feb. 4. Galloway had 28 points and 17 rebounds in the Feb. 7 victory over Carmel that qualified the Bulldogs for the playoffs. See Page 20.

Photo by Richard Kuperberg Sr.

High School Varsity Scoreboard

Boys' Basketball

Pawling 60, Haldane 52
Yonkers Montessori 43, Haldane 39
Beacon 65, Lakeland 63
Jemond Galloway (15 points), Alex Benson (14), Zamere McKenzie (11), DaSean Tucker (11)

Girls' Basketball

Arlington 30, Beacon 24

Indoor Track

Section 1, Class B Championships

Beacon Top 5 Finishers

Girls

High jump
1. Jummie Akinwunmi 5-02.00

Long jump

4. Tiara Boone 15-01.75

Triple jump

5. Tiara Boone 31-09.25

Pole vault

3. Anna Manente 8-00

Boys

55-meters

3. Alex Laird 6.76

4x200-meter relay

4. Beacon 1:37.29

High jump

5. Xavier Collins 5-03

Triple jump

3. Richard Kish 39-06



The Loretto Knights' seventh-grade boys' team defeated Annunciation (Crestwood), 56-34, to finish 10-0 on the season. Ryan Irwin had 33 points and Robert Viggiano added 10. The eighth-grade boys defeated St. James (Carmel) to improve to 11-0.

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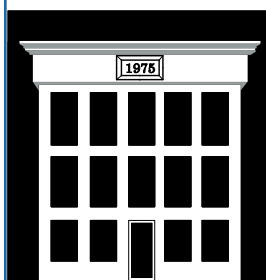
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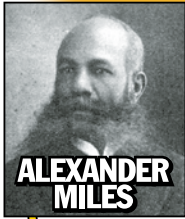
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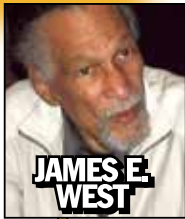
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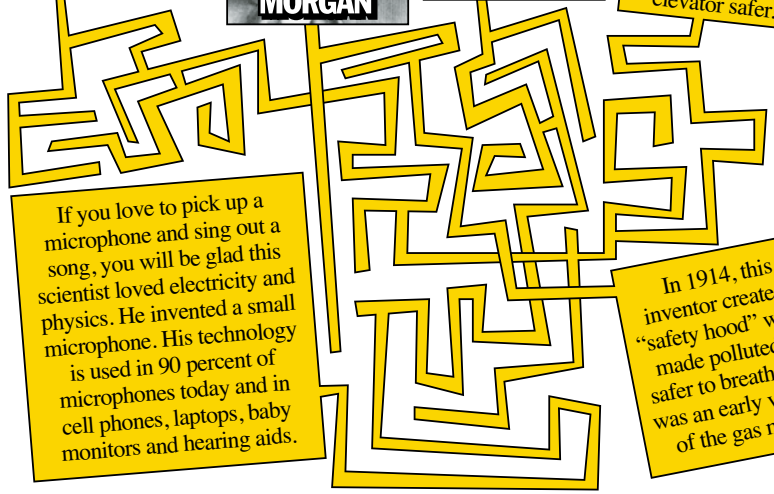
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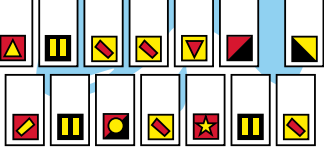
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This NASA engineer is best known for inventing the Super Soaker water blaster. The success of his invention has funded his own research and he now has more than 100 inventions to his name. Use the code to discover this inventor's name.



INVENTOR CODE

- = E
- = L
- = G
- = N
- = H
- = O
- = I
- = S
- = J
- = T

Proof It!

Are you an eagle-eyed reader? Read the story below and circle the seven errors you find. Then rewrite the story correctly.

Peanut Professor

George Washington Carver was born a slave, but he grew up to be one of America's greatest scientist. He invented more than 300 products made from peanuts!

it was hard for a black child to get into school when Carver was young but. He never gave up. He eventually finished skool and got a job as a teacher at a school in Alabama.

Carver wanted to help poor farmers. He told them to grew peanuts. The farmers thought peanuts were weeds.

Carver invited some farm to lunch. They had soup, mock chicken, creamed vegetables, bread, salad, ice cream, cookies and coffee.

Imagines their surprise when Carver told them that everything was made with peanuts!

Blank lines for proofreading and rewriting the story.



Jan Ernst Matzeliger

He invented a machine that could quickly attach the top of a shoe to the sole. The machine made shoes ten times faster than by hand, making shoes more affordable.

Find the two identical shoes.



Replace the missing words.

Mae Jemison

Mae Jemison has always had big _____. Her big dreams took her into space! She is the first African-American female _____. In 1992, she flew aboard the space shuttle Endeavor.

Mae loved _____ and dancing as a child. In college she decided to _____ medicine. After becoming a doctor, she went to Africa with the Peace Corps. When she returned _____, she decided to follow another dream—to be an astronaut.

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Inventor Poem

Look through the newspaper for ten words that describe inventors. Use these words to write a poem or a paragraph about inventors.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Kid Scoop® Puzzler

Cut and paste these sentences in the correct order to discover the beginnings of Black History Month.

- week to encourage knowledge of the important contributions by the black community. What began
- eventually became a month-long observance known as Black History Month.
- as a week-long celebration to honor equal rights pioneers Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln
- Carter G. Woodson was one of the first scholars to study African-American history. He lobbied to establish an African-American history

Double Double Word Search

- MICROPHONE
- AMERICAN
- AFRICAN
- COLLEGE
- SCIENCE
- HISTORY
- INVENT
- DREAMS
- FEMALE
- PEACE
- HONOR
- BLACK
- HAND
- SONG
- AIR

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Sports

The Tale of the Tape

Haldane hires former track and field star as first full-time trainer

By Leigh Alan Klein

The Haldane school district in November hired its first full-time athletic trainer, Meghan Crowe, a native of Wilmington, New York, who attended SUNY Albany and Dominican College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in athletic training. Crowe was a track and field star at Ausable Valley Central High School, where she also played soccer. At SUNY Albany, she competed in the heptathlon, javelin, high jump and 400-meter hurdles, among other events.

Crowe attends every Haldane practice and game and also tends to athletes from opposing teams who are injured during competition. Her responses have been edited for space.

Q: What are the majority of injuries you encounter with Haldane athletes?

A: With basketball players and members of the indoor track team, who have been practicing outside all year, it has been lateral ankle sprains and lower extremity injuries. Overuse injuries are always an issue, especially with baseball season coming, but with strong preseason prep, better weight-room technique and proper stretching, we can prevent a lot of those.

Q: What drew you to the field?

A: I have always been an athlete and I was lucky to have awesome trainers in college. I enjoy the interaction a trainer has with



Meghan Crowe, Haldane's new athletic trainer

Photos provided

athletes from start to finish. That connection is so valuable, and it influences the athletes' response to and recovery from injuries.

Q: How did you end up at Haldane?

A: After working at a cross-country meet at Bowdoin Park in Poughkeepsie last fall, the coordinator sent an email to most of the athletic directors in Section 1 [which

covers the Hudson Valley] recommending me. A few days later, Haldane Athletic Director Chris Salumn asked me to come in for an interview.

Q: What's the experience been like as Haldane's first full-time trainer?

A: Everything is new for everyone. Once the athletes and coaches got to know me, it became easier.

Q: You are on the front lines with students, coaches and parents. Is that challenging?

A: In a good way. I enjoy being in the action and educating athletes, coaches and parents about anything they'd like to know. Education and prevention of injuries is a big part of my job. The healthier the athletes are, the happier I am.

Q: Does everyone think they know your job or what needs to be done?

A: For the most part, no. Sports medicine is a growing field and treatment is always subjective. There are so many ways to approach injuries and I'm always looking for new ideas.

Q: Are you nervous while watching games that someone is going to get hurt?

A: I'm not sure if nervous is the word, but at times, yes. I have confidence in their skills and preparation, but accidents happen. It's my job to keep cool.

Q: Is it tough to tell a coach an athlete can't play?

A: So far, the coaches have been so great. They have been supportive of my decisions. We have been working together to improve preseason workouts and warm-up and stretching routines.



Crowe tapes senior Blaine Fitzgerald before a Haldane basketball practice.

Q: How about parents?

A: The parents and community have been so thankful and helpful. Whether it's getting in those torturous ice baths over the weekend or keeping up with rehab, the parents are always looking to do the best thing for their athlete.

Q: What do you enjoy most about the job so far?

A: I enjoy being part of the Haldane family. I'm excited to come to work and I miss everyone on long weekends. I love when an athlete works hard on his or her rehab and, when cleared to play, gains that confidence. The look on their faces when they are pain-free and strong is amazing.

Q: What do you enjoy least about it?

A: Smelly feet! [laughs] Seriously, I wish I could speed up the injury recovery process. Contrary to popular belief, I do not like keeping athletes off the court or field.

Highlands Current Athlete of the Week

Peter Hoffmann, a 2015 Haldane grad who is a starting guard for Division III Hamilton, scored a career-high 26 points on Feb. 11 in an 86-75 loss to top-ranked Amherst. The sophomore is shooting 55 percent from the floor and 43 percent from three-point range this season while averaging 17 points and six rebounds per game. The Continentals (16-8) play at Tufts in the conference tournament on Feb. 18.



Peter Hoffmann

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State Tournament Match-ups (Section 1)

Boys' Basketball

No. 5 Haldane (7-13) at No. 4 Hamilton on Feb. 22 (Class C)
Winner plays No. 1 Tuckahoe at Westchester County Center on Mar. 1

No. 18 Beacon at No. 15 Nyack on Feb. 16 (Class A)
Winner plays at No. 2 Tappan Zee (19-1) on Feb. 18

Girls' Basketball

No. 19 Sleepy Hollow at No. 14 Beacon, Feb. 16 (Class A)
Winner plays at No. 3 Hendrick Hudson on Feb. 18

Haldane (15-5) has a first-round bye
No. 5 Keio at No. 4 Pawling winner vs. Blue Devils Feb. 28 at WCC (Class C)

Hockey

No. 8 Rye vs. No. 9 Hendrick Hudson/Haldane (6-13-1) on Feb. 20
Winner plays No. 1 Pelham on Feb. 22

Despite 0-10 "Start," Beacon Boys Make Playoffs

Varsity forfeited first seven wins but eligible after Feb. 7 victory

The Beacon varsity boys' basketball team, which forfeited its first seven victories after a player was ruled ineligible, made the playoffs on Feb. 7 with its sixth win, a 61-54 victory at Carmel. On Feb. 13, the Bulldogs won again at home against Lakeland, 65-63, to finish the regular season at 7-13.

The Bulldogs, seeded No. 18 among

Class A teams in Section 1, played at No. 15 Nyack after press time on Thursday, Feb. 16. A victory would send them against No. 2 Tappan Zee on Saturday, Feb. 18.

Beacon made the cut because Section 1 uses a points system to determine which teams are seeded into the postseason. Each team needs 32 points to qualify. A win is worth four points but a team receives bonus points for each victory over an opponent that finishes with a winning record.

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