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History on the Move

Beacon society moves into new digs

By Alison Rooney

After years of searching for an escape from its 225 square feet at the Howland Cultural Center, the Beacon Historical Society last fall found a new home at the 2,000-square-foot former rectory of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on South Avenue, south of the Bank Square Coffeehouse.

Members of the society, which was founded in 1976, spent the summer moving its collection of artifacts, maps, books, photos and newspapers dating to Beacon's founding in 1709 as Matteawan and Fish-kill Landing.

The nonprofit's board members have been hard at work setting up the space,



The new home of the Beacon Historical Society

Photo by A. Rooney

which was largely funded through an anonymous donor, determining which rooms will hold what collections and supervising renovations, which include a ramp and ground-floor bathroom.

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Breakneck Summit

Two years later, what has been accomplished?

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

When state and local officials recently discussed Breakneck Ridge, congestion and other problems raised 21 months ago came up. (Again.) But so did examples of progress.

Many participants in the session had met in December 2015 at the Cold Spring firehouse in a similar roundtable. Unlike the 2015 event, however, this latest gathering did not include anyone from Beacon.

Breakneck Ridge lies within Hudson Highlands State Park. The state plans to temporarily close the main Breakneck Ridge path on Jan. 1 to allow restoration and initial construction on the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, a project expected to shut down the Breakneck Metro-North railroad stop until April 2019.

For now, Breakneck remains open and busy.

Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown in the Putnam County Legislature, and who organized the meeting, noted that the mountain had attracted an estimated 100,000 visitors since March. "It's getting to the point that it's a dangerous situation," she said.

Chief Steve Smith of the Cold Spring Fire Company said his department had answered 17 rescue calls since February. Ralph Falloon, a former CSFC chief who serves with the

Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services, noted that in 2016 it handled 14 calls.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea asked why volunteer first responders were being asked to answer calls on state property at local taxpayers' expense.

Linda Cooper, regional state parks director, noted that the park system pays local taxes, too. "I'm a little perplexed by the response that you feel emergency services shouldn't come into state parks," she said. She also said that "17 calls this year is a relatively small (Continued on Page 3)

Fighting Back the Opioid Crisis

a special report

Beyond Punishment: Cops and Courts Rethink Strategy

What is the role of law enforcement in battling the epidemic? Many officers and judges have reached the conclusion that imprisoning addicts is not enough.

"I don't think arrests are going to enable us to get our arms around this problem," said Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy at a forum in March at the Garrison School. "We're doing so much, trying so hard, doing so well [with arrests and convictions], and the problem is getting worse."

At the same time, police officers are saving lives. On Sept. 5, three Putnam County Sheriff's deputies saved a Patterson man who apparently overdosed, by administering a nasal spray known as Narcan that

acts as an opioid antidote.

Over the past few years, as more people have become addicted, two extreme positions appear to have formed. At one end of the continuum is Sheriff Richard Jones of Butler County, Ohio, where the death rate from overdoses is three times that of the Highlands. He has long refused to allow his deputies to carry Narcan. "We don't do the shots for bee stings, we don't inject diabetic people with insulin. When does it stop?" he has said. "I'm not the one that decides if people live or die. They decide that when they stick a needle in their arm."

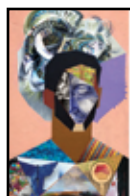
At the other is Eric Adams, a police officer in Laconia, New Hampshire, which without summer tourists is a city about the

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Eric Adams, left, a police officer in New Hampshire assigned to prevention and treatment, and Richard Jones, a sheriff in Ohio who refuses to allow his deputies to carry Narcan. Where do the Highlands fall between these extremes?

Photos by Paige Sutherland/NHPR and Butler County Sheriff's Office



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5 Five Questions: MARK PRICE

By Jeff Simms

Mark Price is director of the Beacon Recreation Department.

You oversee the parks, the pool, camps and afterschool programs, among other duties. Are you feeling overwhelmed?

The mayor and the City Council have supported the expansion of the program, so with a few people and a little bit of money, cool stuff happens. Our budgets and capital projects are back. Plus, we have a good footprint here with a lot of parks and a base of volunteers.

The afterschool program is in its second year. How did you design it?

Our goal wasn't to provide kid-watching. It was about providing an experience. And parents can pick days — a child can go one day or every day. The versatility is what people like — whether it be karate or cooking or, this year, podcasting. We have lots of experts in Beacon on the arts, movement and culinary. With Silly Science, we have someone who's great at making slime and doing fun backyard projects.

Are the programs breaking even?

We're close. Summer camp paid for itself. The pool has been open for three summers, and each year we get more swimmers and a little closer to break even. We're hoping

to break even with the afterschool program in the third or fourth year.

What does a recreation director do to recreate?

I live right off the Sunnyside Trailhead on the Fishkill Ridge side, so me and the

dog are up there often to hike. I'm also obsessed with trout. For fly-fishing, I go to Connecticut and the Catskills. You have to find cold, clear water.

What's next on the agenda?

We have some work to do at the University Settlement camp and tuning up other city parks. Between the Wee Play playground expansion at Memorial Park and the skate park, there's a lot of stuff coming within the next year.



Mark Price

Photo by J. Simms

NEWS BRIEFS

Galef to Host Forum

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown in the New York State Assembly, will host a forum on Tuesday, Oct. 10, in Cortlandt Manor to discuss the pros and cons of the proposed New York Health Act, which would create a statewide single-payer health system.

The panel will be Assemblyman Richard Gottfried, who sponsored the legislation; Bill Hammond, director of health policy for the Empire Center for Public Policy; Dr. Thomas Lee, past president of the Westchester Medical Society and Westchester Academy of Medicine; and Dr. Betsy Rosenthal of Physicians for a National Health Program.

The forum begins at 7 p.m. at Cortlandt Town Hall, at 1 Heady St.

Grant to Remove Old Dams

The state Department of Environmental Conservation awarded \$245,233 to Riverkeeper to pay for the removal of unused and outdated dams and stream barriers in Dutchess, Putnam and four other counties to restore habitats for fish such as American eel and river herring.

The grant program implements priorities outlined in the Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda, which was created in 1996 and last updated in 2015.

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County employee tapped as successor

By Holly Crocco

Pat Sheehy, who has been head of the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources since 2011, plans to retire on Oct. 31. County Executive MaryEllen Odell has recommended Michael Cunningham, the county asset manager, as her successor.

Putnam Senior Director Retiring

"We are very sad to see Patricia retire," said Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson), during the county's Personnel Committee meeting on Sept. 13. "She has done a stellar job the last several years with helping our seniors and helping transition through some very difficult matters, as well."

Sheehy championed the creation of a senior center at the former Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring and also changed the name of the department from the Office for the Aging to acknowledge that seniors should be

recognized for more than their ability to grow older.

Before being hired by the county, Cunningham directed Medicaid coordination services at ARC of Westchester. Earlier, he spent 11 years as director of residential services at Putnam ARC. Both groups serve residents with developmental disabilities.

The Legislature will vote on the appointment at its Oct. 3 meeting.

Breakneck Summit *(from Page 1)*

number" given the "thousands and thousands and thousands" of hikers.

According to Cooper, most distress calls are handled by park personnel and stewards from the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference and other outdoor groups. "There are a lot of people addressing this," she said, and local ambulance corps generally only answer calls involving serious injuries.

At the 2015 meeting, local officials had asked that the state park service take on a greater role in rescues. Yet, "here we are, two years later," said Philipstown Councilor Nancy Montgomery. "We need some help. Where is the support from the county and the state?"

Ken Clair, acting commissioner of emergency services for Putnam County, suggested a rope team created by the county (an idea discussed at the 2015 meeting) could expand into a search-and-rescue squad for Putnam and Westchester counties.

Philipstown Councilor John Van Tassel wondered about pooling resources with Bear Mountain State Park, which is just across the Hudson River but in a different state park region. "This area is now becoming more popular than Bear Mountain," he said. "Maybe some of the funds from Bear Mountain need to be reassigned over here."

Capt. Michael Cappuccilli of the state park police said Bear Mountain rangers assist with rescues on the east side but are busy on the west, too. He said its officers cover four counties, with two officers on duty at a time and seven officers in total



State, county and local officials met on Sept. 19 at the Philipstown Town Hall to discuss congestion at Breakneck Ridge.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

— though it should have 12. Park use has increased substantially since 2000, but he has fewer officers than he did then, he said.

"New York State needs to fund these parks," Shea argued. "We can talk these things to death, but the answer is obvious. We need more funding."

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown in the state Assembly, proposed that local officials and park staff determine the "ideal" amount of money required and, to maximize clout in Albany, bundle that figure into a common request with appeals from communities and parks in similar circumstances. State Sen. Sue Serino advised a related, regional approach.

There was talk of progress. Linda Cooper and others observed that, since the 2015 meeting:

- The Washburn trail parking lot across from Little Stony Point has been completed;
- Conversion began at Little Stony Point to turn an old house into a park headquarters;
- Stewards patrol the trailheads to discourage hikers who are not prepared;
- The park service developed a GPS app for hikers;
- More information signs have been posted;
- Parking has been banned on parts of Route 9D;
- State transportation officials have agreed to lower the speed limit near the trailheads to 40 mph;
- Park police have arrested people walking across the train tracks at Little Stony Point, rather than over the footbridge; and
- Auxiliary summer park police have been patrolling along Route 9D and near Indian Brook Falls in Garrison, another congested area.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fighting Back

Teri Barr's story about her son Max was brave and beautiful ("Fighting Back — the Opioid Crisis: Max's Story," Sept. 22). I wish we had found a successful solution to my grandson Matthew Herring's addiction problem. We were not lucky. He died from an overdose on Aug. 25. He was loved and adored by his family and knew it but that did not help him survive the lure of heroin.

We have formed the Matt Herring Foundation (mattherringfoundation.org) in his memory and I am holding meetings at my home on Thursdays for family members of addicts. Search for "Keeping It Real with G'ma" on Facebook. We need to help stop this. Thank you for your story. I am so happy for you.

Sharon Herring, *Fishkill*

Teri Barr, thank you for sharing. It may help some parents facing problems now and it may alert other parents to be vigi-

lant. All parents and grandparents should visit Philipstown Communities That Cares Coalition at philipstownctc.org. If you need help, check out Resources on the menu there.

Theresa Waivada, *Garrison*

Editor's note: Earlier this month, the Philipstown Communities That Cares Coalition received a \$125,000 grant for fiscal year 2018 from the Drug-Free Communities Support Program administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. The Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County, based in Fishkill, also received \$125,000.

A heroic story. An incredibly proactive parent. Addiction is a disease and Max's mother knew the disease.

I wish I had been this proactive when my son Phil was using regularly at age 14. I was frightened and did not have the emotional tools. Begging and pleading

was of no use. I too was divorced and my ex and I were not on the same page and could not be united in our actions.

The struggle was long, with a 10-year period of sobriety. Phil overdosed at age 36. Thank you, Teri, for your courage and determination!

Lillian Rosengarten, *Cold Spring*

I am truly sorry this system failed the Materos ("Fighting Back — the Opioid Crisis: Sasha's Story," Sept. 22) and continues to fail our community.

Nancy Montgomery, *Philipstown*

This is a sickness, an illness, a death sentence, and there doesn't seem to be any help out there for those who need it so badly. I have a relative who is 29 and he can't find help anywhere — in and out of rehabs for 3- to 5-day stretches, and that's it. A very sad situation.

Debbie Eichler, *Cold Spring*

Beacon charter

Last year, the Beacon City Council and Mayor Randy Casale put together a nine-member bipartisan commission to review the City Charter, which is done every 10 years. After this group of volunteers worked for months to identify what was needed to move our city forward in a sustainable manner, they uncovered a very concerning cost: health insurance for City Council members. The commission could find no other example in the state of New York where a city charter provided for insurance benefits for the part-time elected council members.

I sat on the council from 2011 to 2013. In 2013, the insurance premium paid by the city was a total of about \$3,000 per year, and Council members paid 20 percent of the premium. The premiums are now close to \$16,500 per year, an increase of

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Taking it to the Street By Anita Peltonen

What is your favorite autumn hike?



"Breakneck Ridge. It didn't seem achievable for me to climb it, then I was in awe that I could.
I hope it reopens fast!"
~Rose Frezza, Cold Spring



"Perkins Memorial Drive in Harriman. You can see three states, the New York skyline, and eagles, too."
~Ted Horowitz, Central Valley



"Innisfree Gardens in Millbrook. It's enchanting. And we love the Long Dock walk in Beacon."
~Pam Smith, Somers

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

450 percent. The commission noted that, for Council members, the value of the benefits is higher than the salaries they receive.

The commission recommended that council members receive a \$2,000 raise (to \$11,000 annually) and the mayor receive \$5,500 (to \$30,000) so they could buy insurance through the city plan offered to employees. I find the idea of raises egregious and disrespectful to taxpayers. Beacon school board members, all volunteers who don't get health benefits, handle a budget twice the size of the city's.

Voters should be allowed to decide by referendum if council members should receive health insurance benefits.

Justin Riccobono, Beacon

Thank you from Lions

The Beacon Community Lions Club would like to express its sincere thanks to Key Food and Beacon residents for their generous contribution of food items and cash during our food drive on Sept. 8 and 9. The donations were given to the St. Andrew's/St. Luke's Food Pantry, where your generosity will help support its efforts to feed our neighbors.

The pantry is open to Beacon residents on Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 15 South Ave. Thank you to all our volunteers.

Rose Aleandre and Marilyn Riccotilli, Beacon

Aleandre is the Lions' president and Riccotilli the food drive chairperson.

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The Row of Honor, and a logo created for the event



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Putnam Executive Will Lead Anthem

Orders U.S. flags installed in Carmel

In response to a number of NFL players kneeling during the national anthem before games on Sept. 24 in what they said was a protest against police brutality and racial injustice, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell has ordered the county's Row of Honor installed along Lake Gleneida in Carmel for a ceremony on Sunday, Oct. 1, at 10 a.m., in which she will lead spectators in the National Anthem.

"This isn't about race, this is about re-

spect," said Odell in a statement. "This is about honoring and standing in unity with all those who have sacrificed themselves to protect the safety of others." She also said that "standing during the National Anthem is not about anything political."

Karl Rohde, director of the county's Veteran Service Agency, called kneeling during the anthem as "vile" as burning an American flag, saying that the U.S. Supreme Court "got it wrong" when it ruled that act was protected by the First Amendment.

MEETING NOTICE

The Town Board will hold a workshop on:

**October 4, 2017, 7:30 p.m.,
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History on the Move *(from Page 1)*

week, Board Member Diane Lapis and Vice President Theresa Kraft paused while unpacking to give *The Current* a tour. They hope to be ready for a soft opening on Second Saturday, Oct. 14.

The home was built in 1903 for \$5,000 as a rectory for St. Andrew's next door,



Diane Lapis stands with a file cabinet filled with records of Beacon residents who fought in the Civil War.

Photo by A. Rooney



The library on the second floor is a work in progress but does have a table for researchers to spread out their finds.

Photo by A. Rooney

with funds borrowed from John Rider, president of the local New York Rubber Co. Its ground floor has three rooms, a kitchen and bath. The large rear gallery contains models of the ferries that once were an integral part of Beacon's riverine transportation system.

A ferry bench invites visitors to study one of the latest acquisitions, a four-foot-long dollhouse made in Beacon around 1928 by Toy Krofters, a company once located at 380 Main St. The toy belonged to the mother of Shelley Northrop, of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, who donated it, and was available at FAO Schwartz for \$300, furniture included.

The first-floor map room contains one of current interest for the Craig House property, while a gift shop is tucked into a large closet.

Upstairs, a room is filled with shelving donated by Neil Vaughn of Hudson Valley Auctioneers, who also helped move the collection, for storing archival boxes. The goal is for the upstairs to be filled with material from the collections that was inaccessible at the Howland Center, such as issues of the Beacon News dating from 1924 to 1940 and records from Highland Hospital.

The society's library is dominated by four windows. It remains a work in progress but researchers will have a place to request materials and a table to examine them.

"I'm amazed how everything fits in the space," says Kraft. "It's how it was meant to be. Things were pulled out that members and board members haven't seen in 30 years."

Lapis adds, "This move has done so much

Upcoming Events

On Oct. 7 and 8, the Beacon Historical Society will host candlelit Ghost Tours of "secret haunts" departing from the Howland Center at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Tickets are \$17, or \$10 for children 8 to 14 years old.



On Nov. 9, the society will debut Beacons of History, an awards program to recognize residents and businesses for their dedication to preserving history in the city.

Clara Lou Gould

The first honorees are Clara Lou

Gould, who was mayor from 1990 to 2007, and the owners of Hudson Beach Glass, who in 2003 turned the former Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. firehouse into a gallery and glass-blowing studio.

Tickets for the party, which will take place at the Roundhouse, are \$75. Email dvanburen@cenhud.com.

for us in doing our job, which is to promote and preserve the history of Beacon."

The society's current, limited hours on South Avenue are Thursday 10 a.m. to noon and Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. See beaconhistorical.org or call 845-831-0514. It meets every fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Howland Center at 477 Main St.



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Salon Series with Diane Lapis
Saturday, October 14 at 5 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Diane Lapis of the Beacon Historical Society! Enjoy a cocktail while Diane shares stories of local bars and saloons and a brief history of the Old Fashioned.



Photo courtesy of The Cocktail Project

The early bird ticket price is \$40 per person and includes Diane's presentation, an Old Fashioned tasting, cocktails, and light hors d'oeuvres. The price for tickets purchased after October 6 and at the door is \$45.

Tickets may be purchased at www.putnamhistorymuseum.org, or by mailing a check to Putnam History Museum at 63 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring, NY, 10516. Tickets will also be available at the door. For more information, please call Rachel at 845-265-4010.

The Putnam History Museum is located at
63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring.
www.putnamhistorymuseum.org

Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

200 Years Ago (September 1817)

In a document dated Sept. 11 and preserved at the Putnam History Museum, six investors — including Gouverneur Kemble, a New York City merchant who organized the effort — agreed to create “an iron foundry by the name of the West Point Foundry” in Cold Spring.

100 Years Ago (September 1917)

Earl Osborn of Garrison, who was wounded in France while rescuing other soldiers, was awarded the War Cross for bravery. He was recuperating in the American Hospital in Neuilly.

Two 13-year-old girls from New York City who were visiting the home of John Vleck in Garrison drowned at a pond at the Fairfield Osborn place. Apparently one girl had been seized with cramps and the other tried to save her.

James McCarty, 80, a native of Garrison who now lives in New York City, spent a few days in Cold Spring. He walked to Garrison and reported “that owing to the excellent condition of the Garrison road, I made as good time Thursday as I did 50 years ago, when the road was not so well adapted for travelling.”

The Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees condemned the actions of Officer Andrew Reilley, who, acting as Town Constable, took a prisoner from the jail in Town Hall to the polls so the inmate could vote in the primary election. In his defense, Reilley said he was not acting as the time as a police officer, because he only works for the village from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

75 Years Ago (September 1942)

The management of the New Hudson Theatre said that rumors that it had caught fire were false and that “the



An 1861 illustration from *Harper's Weekly* of workers moulding guns inside the West Point Foundry

Antipodean Books

public will be given top motion picture entertainment in safety and comfort.”

The board of the Philipstown Community Center agreed to accept the gift of a 1941 Buick town car from Mrs. Lawrence Bayne of New York City to be converted into an ambulance.

50 Years ago (September 1967)

The junior members of the Hand-to-Mouth Players presented Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Mikado* at the Garrison Depot Theatre.

Frank Lyden, who retired and moved to Florida earlier in the year after serving for 18 years as Putnam County sheriff, died at age 72.

A tugboat was called to Manitou to release an empty 217-foot oil tanker whose bow had been driven 50 feet

onto the shoreline property of a resident. The ship's captain was arrested for drunk piloting and fined \$15.

A team sponsored by Sullivan's Nursing Home clinched the Philipstown Softball League title, its sixth in a row.

Michael Carufe of Cold Spring, who had been employed at the Matteawan State Hospital in Beacon for 10 years, was named its Psychiatric Aide of the Year.

Officials from the Hudson River Valley Commission met at Our Lady of Loretto with Father Tull and Father Grace to discuss restoring the Old St. Mary's-on-the-Rock Chapel on the Hudson River.

25 Years Ago (September 1992)

The Garrison Volunteer Fire Company opened its new station on Route 9, built on 1.5 acres donated to the department about 20 years ago by Graymoor. The station was dedicated to the charter members who founded the company in 1929.

Six Cold Spring teenagers were charged with 33 counts of petit larceny, criminal mischief and possession of stolen property after a “scavenger hunt” resulted in the loss or damage of a number of mailboxes and signs in the village and Garrison. A few items were recovered near the Breakneck tunnel.

The Narcotics Task Force of the Putnam County sheriff reported that in the first six months of 1992 it seized more than seven pounds of cocaine with a street value of \$1.5 million.

10 Years Ago (September 2007)

Cold Spring Village Board members complained they had not been informed of a deal by Hudson Valley Hospital to sell the Butterfield Hospital property to Paul Guillaro of Unicorn Contracting for \$2 million. Mayor Anthony Phillips said he had no idea what Guillaro planned to do with the site.



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Beacon: One in a Thousand

Dar Williams discusses city's successes, challenges

By Brian PJ Cronin

Ask a few locals to name the most important arrival to Beacon in the past 20 years and you'll hear a handful of well-worn answers: Hudson Beach Glass, BeaconArts, Dia:Beacon, The Roundhouse.

Dar Williams, the singer-songwriter from Cold Spring, has a different response: the dog park.

"There was still the sense [in 2013, when the Beacon Dog Park opened] that something was about to happen in Beacon that hadn't happened yet," she said on Sept. 19. With the introduction of the park, "people had to talk to people that they didn't really know. When your dog sniffs another dog, conversations start."

Williams, who has been visiting small towns for 20 years while on tour, has collected her observations into a book, *What I Found in A Thousand Towns: A*

Traveling Musician's Guide to Rebuilding America's Communities. She spoke at an event at the Howland Cultural Center with urban theorist Jonathan Rose.

While Williams admitted her comment about the dog park was somewhat tongue-in-cheek, it sparked the idea for the book. "The more I thought about the cities that were coming together," she said, "the more I saw that they all had spaces like the dog run that allowed certain kinds of conversations to take place."

Rose said spaces such as parks, cafés and churches allow for "the strong bond of weak ties" as networks are formed, degrees of separation shrink and people find that it's easier to find jobs, help for projects or roommates. Beacon has an abundance of all three.

Even Beacon's architecture is credited with its revival; Williams pointed to Bank Square Coffeehouse, which has two rooms and a generous patio. "I recommend two-room cafes," she said. "Because the second room is where poetry readings happen, insurrections are planned, and the depressed teenager can go to write in her



Dar Williams performing her song *Storm King* at the Howland Cultural Center during a presentation with Jonathan Rose

Photo by B. Cronin


journal and get hooked on caffeine instead of heroin."

Both Rose and Williams said they are optimistic that its revived spirit will help Beacon face the challenges that success has brought, such as development and gentrification, which Williams defined as "when the shop gets replaced by the shoppe." Although developers may not always have Beacon's best interests at heart, she said, they have to work within the social structure the city has created and answer to its planning boards and citizens'

groups. Rose referred to that spirit as "collective efficacy."

Williams added that the conversation is not always polite, noting that a friend has called the conversations that go on "grappling."

"There are various talking heads who say that all grappling is bad, that all uncomfortable interactions mean incompetence and idiots," she said. "That's not true. It's grappling. I hope other cities can learn from these important conversations Beacon is having, because things are moving so fast here."



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The Calendar



Margaret Vetare will perform as part of a trio on Oct. 7.



Session Americana will play on Oct. 14.

Photos provided

Going to the Chapel

Cold Spring restoration has full slate of writers, musicians

By Alison Rooney

The Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring, which over the summer closed for a month to upgrade its electrical system and install air conditioning, returns with its culture cup running over.

The Greek Revival ecumenical chapel on the Hudson River will play host in October to a mix of musicians and writers. The chapel, which was construct-

ed in 1833 by the West Point Foundry for its growing population of émigré Irish Catholic workers, this year celebrates the 40th year since it was rescued from ruin, restored and reopened in 1977.

The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St., adjacent to the Metro-North train station, where parking is free on weekends.

A Gaelic celebration

On Saturday, Oct. 7, during a sunset cocktail hour, Nina Dryer (fiddle), Carl Radens (mandolin and cittern) and Margaret Vetare (Celtic harp) will perform traditional Irish music in homage to the Chapel's origins. Tickets are \$35. RSVP to chapelarty2017@gmail.com.

Matisse and jazz

On Sunday, Oct. 8, at 4 p.m. the Chapel will host a music, dance and art experience called the Matisse Jazz Project: Music and Culture in a Global Age.

Jazz was a huge influence on the artist, who published 20 of his paper works in a book called *Jazz* and who once wrote: "There are wonderful things in real jazz, the talent for improvisation, the liveliness, the being at one with the audience."

Violinist Gwen Laster, a Beacon resident, and pianist Christopher Bakriges will perform, and Tess Dul of Philipstown will provide narration. The suggested donation is \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Mostly classical

Classical music, a Chapel mainstay, is on the schedule for Monday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m., with Harvest Gratuities, a pop-up



Journalist Ted Conover will read from his work on Oct. 29.

Photo by Emma Oravec

concert to raise money to buy stage lights.

The performers are Rachel Evans (modern violin, baroque violin and viola), Joy Plaisted (harp), Christine Bokhour (vocals), Ray Bokhour (guitar), Tom McCoy (piano), Richard Kolb (lute) and Sara Langbert (cello).

The Open Heart String Quartet, with Evans and Nelva TeBrake on violin, Cynthia Ligenza on viola, and Carolyn Llewellyn on cello, will also perform, along with the Philipstown Student String Ensemble.

The composers include Vivaldi, Beethoven, Heinrich Biber, Arvo Pärt, Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, and Joseph Kosma, along with Garrison's Art Labriola. The suggested donation is \$15 or \$10 for seniors and students.

A little rock 'n' roll

On Saturday, Oct. 14, at 7:30 p.m., Bekah Tighe and Sonia Rzyz-Ryski of Cold Spring will debut a music series at the Chapel called Restoration Roadhouse. Rzyz-Ryski says they hoped to offer something "a little bit raunchier than the usual fare — we want to bring in fresh,

unique music that we don't often see here, touring artists stopping off on their way to or from the city."

The idea grew out of the Chapel's popular Sunday afternoon concerts. First up is Session Americana, a Boston-based collective of singers and instrumentalists who blend vintage American roots styles from country to jazz to rock.

According to the band, its instruments include a collapsible bar table "wired with microphones, a vintage suitcase recast as a kick drum, an old Estey field organ, a pre-war parlor guitar, a mandocello and all of its smaller siblings" and "a harmonica case fire-damaged when Jack's Bar went up in flames and graffitied by Depeche Mode roadies."

Kamel Jamal, owner of Tito Santana in Beacon, will have a taco stand outside and beer will be available for purchase from Industrial Arts Brewing Company, owned by Cold Spring resident Jeff O'Neill.

Spoken word

Bracketing these musical events is the Sunset Reading Series, which returns on Sunday, Oct. 1, with Jenny Offill, whose latest novel is *Dept. of Speculation*. Offill published her previous novel, *Last Things*, in 1999, and has written several children's books.

On Sunday, Oct. 29, journalist Ted Conover will read from his book, *Immersion: A Writer's Guide to Going Deep*. Among other assignments, Conover has ridden the rails with modern hobos, scrambled across borders with Mexican migrants, driven a taxi in a wealthy town and worked as a corrections officer at Sing Sing.

Each reading begins at 4 p.m. and is followed by a reception. Admission is free but donations are welcomed.



Christopher Bakriges will perform on Oct. 8.

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size of Beacon. In 2014 he became the first officer in the country with the title of prevention, enforcement and treatment coordinator. His business cards read: "The Laconia Police Department recognizes that substance misuse is a disease. We understand you can't fight this alone."

Earlier this year, Adams was profiled in *The New York Times*. A police officer who shows up to assist addicts and not arrest them is news. He listens to the scanner for overdoses, then drives to the scene in an unmarked cruiser. The moments after an addict wakes up from an overdose can be an excellent time to convince him or her to seek treatment, and Adams offers a ride.

The officer keeps a spreadsheet of every person he has helped. By his count, as of July, he had encountered 204 addicts: 92 are in treatment, 84 are in recovery, and zero have died.

We wanted to find out more about how law enforcement in the Highlands views the epidemic. Where do we fall between Sheriff Jones and Officer Adams? We decided to start where many addicts in Putnam County who are arrested end up, if they're lucky — Drug Treatment Court.



Judge James Reitz, with his back to camera, speaks during a Drug Treatment Court session in 2014.

NBC News

A Day in Drug Court

A chance to avoid prison — and stay alive

By Michael Turton

It takes a single visit to Putnam County's weekly drug court in Carmel to realize how serious the

stakes are for everyone involved.

Defendants arrive in the waiting room of the court, known officially as Judicial Diversion/DWI Treatment Court, well ahead of time. Judge James Reitz does not tolerate late arrivals. Many of the defendants know each other.

"Court is going to suck today," says one. "The judge is going to lecture us again."

"When doesn't he lecture us?"

A woman complains that her son is in the county jail because he tested positive after taking painkillers following oral surgery. "It's stupid," she says. "You can't do anything" while in the program.

"Your lawyer has to deal with something like that," someone else advises. "They have to know ahead of time — not after."

In another conversation nearby, someone says: "When we do drugs, we don't think about dying. We just think about getting high."

Life is great

After the 30 or so defendants file into the courtroom, Reitz asks anyone to stand who knows a woman named Samantha who had appeared in court the previous week.

A few stand. "She was doing

well," Reitz says. "She told me, 'How can life not be great? I'm clean and sober and working. I'm getting my degree. I'm doing great.' " Her most recent court-ordered drug test, three days earlier, had come up negative.

That same afternoon, she was found dead of an overdose.

"Twenty-seven years old," says Reitz. "And just a few days ago everything was 'great.' "

As he does at each session, Reitz admonishes everyone present. "You have to make good decisions," he says. "You can never let your guard down. If you stay alive, we can help you."

The program

The first drug court in the U.S. was created in Miami-Dade County in 1989 in response to the crack cocaine epidemic.

The premise is simple. Defendants arrested for certain non-violent felonies who suffer from drug or alcohol addiction can agree to enter a court-supervised treatment program that lasts a minimum of two years. Eligible crimes include selling drugs, theft, larceny and burglary; addicts often steal to fund their habit. If the defendant completes the program, the

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DRUG ARRESTS 2016

Putnam County

26% of felony arrests were drug-related.
(82 of 314)

21% of misdemeanor arrests were drug-related.
(230 of 1,079)

Dutchess County

16% of felony arrests were drug-related.
(240 of 1,516)

16% of misdemeanor arrests were drug-related.
(568 of 3,553)

Source: New York Division of Criminal Justice Services (criminaljustice.ny.gov)

Chart by Lynn Carano

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(from previous page) charges are dismissed or greatly reduced and the person avoids prison time.

Today there are more than 3,000 such courts in the U.S., including in Putnam and Dutchess counties and Beacon. Most handle only adults, but some specialize in juveniles, veterans and other groups.

In Carmel, a team reviews each case to determine if the person qualifies. It includes Reitz and two other court officials, lawyers from the district attorney's office and Legal Aid, two citizens, a probation officer, someone from the Sheriff's Office and counselors from the county department of mental health and a local treatment center.

Is everything great?

At the typical court session, a defendant usually speaks to the judge for only a few minutes. During the appearance, each person submits a written update addressed to his or her probation officer or counselor. Some stand with an attorney. All must attend the session from start to finish.

Unlike the case in the waiting room, all are on their best behavior in court.

Reitz: How are you doing?
Man in his 30s: I'm doing the right thing. I'm clean and sober.
Reitz: So you're doing all right. Can we help you with anything?
Man: You already have.
Reitz: Never let your guard down.
Man: I won't.
Reitz: Any questions?
Man: No, sir.
Reitz: You're doing good work. Keep it up.

Reitz: How are you doing?
Woman in her 20s: Really well.
Reitz: Why so?
Woman: I'm sober.
Reitz: I understand transportation here was an issue?
Woman: I made an effort, I really wanted to be here.
Reitz: Be sure to thank the driver who brought you.
Reitz, to coordinator: She's good, right?
Coordinator: Yes, she's doing well.
Reitz: You've earned your nine-month coin.

Reitz routinely awards coins and certificates for milestones. He presents the coin. Everyone applauds.

The Judge

Michael Turton sat down with Judge James Reitz to get his thoughts on the epidemic of opioid abuse. See highlandscurrent.com.



Judge James Reitz Photo by M. Turton

Reitz: How are you doing?
Man about 30: Very well.
Reitz: Any questions?
Man: No, I want to thank you for letting me travel to my brother's wedding. It meant a lot. I even made a speech.
Reitz: When you make good decisions, you earn more trust.
Man: Everything is under control.

Reitz: You've made some good decisions.
Man in his 50s: Yes, I'm happy. It's a big turnaround. It's a great opportunity.
Reitz: I'd rather give out coins than send you to prison or read about your death. You're an inspiration. Keep it up. One day at a time.

The encounter does not go as well for the next defendant, a 40-year-old man. He failed a drug test after taking amphetamines. He stands with his Legal Aid lawyer.

Reitz asks for an explanation. The man says that he drank a dietary supplement that was being given out at a fitness club.

"That's it?" Reitz says. "You expect me to believe this nonsense? You've been in this program how long? And you took something without knowing its contents? Nonsense. We will have to deal with this."

Rules and violations

Among the good decisions that Reitz expects from defendants is adherence to the court's strict requirements. Participants must receive clinical treatment; at-

tend support meetings; submit to drug tests; meet with a probation officer or counselor; and stay in contact with the court. Repeated violations mean dismissal from the program and the restoration of all pending criminal charges.

The program has three phases. As a defendant moves through each, he or she earns rewards. For instance, mandatory court appearances are reduced from weekly to alternate sessions to monthly, and drug testing becomes less frequent.

A defendant who qualifies for drug treatment court must observe two sessions before being considered. At one session, Reitz notices a late arrival.

Reitz: Sir, can I ask why you are here?
Young man: I'm here to observe.
Reitz: You want to be in this program?
Man: Yes.
Reitz: When does court start?
Man: At 2:30.
Reitz: And what time is it now?
Man: It's 3.
Reitz: Then get out! Get rid of the gum. Dress appropriately. And get out!

After the man departs, Reitz addresses the others. "You have to be respectful," he says. "Showing up right on time is not being on time. Be there 15 minutes early. Show respect."

27 years

Partway through a court session, guards bring a young pris-

oner in through a side door from the Putnam County Jail. She is shackled at the wrists and ankles. The room falls silent, in part because all defendants usually arrive in street clothes, sometimes coming from work. The woman stares ahead, head slightly bowed.

Reitz is familiar with the defendant. He asks the assistant district attorney for an update on the case. Charged with, among other crimes, selling heroin, the woman has struggled, with 10 violations of the treatment court rules.

"What do the People recommend?" Reitz asks.

"We recommend that she be removed from the program," the assistant D.A. says, "and sentenced to 27 years in state prison."

The woman stands silently with her lawyer as Reitz asks her a series of questions to determine if she is aware of the seriousness of her situation. She replies to each with an almost inaudible "Yes."

"Do the math. How old will you be when you get out of prison?" Reitz says.

"Fifty-one."

The judge says she missed out on a second chance and criticizes her attitude. The message is clearly intended for the other defendants.

At the woman's sentencing on Sept. 28, Reitz said the court team was divided on whether he should send her to prison. Reluctantly, he said, he would defer sentencing. She had one more chance.



ONWARD — Trey Anastasio, the lead singer of Phish, hugs a graduate of a drug treatment court in Fort Edward, New York, near Glens Falls. Anastasio is also a graduate of the program, which he says saved his life.

Photo by Steve Jacobs/AP

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"We Can't Get Our Regular Work Done"

Dutchess, Beacon officers frustrated by epidemic

By Jeff Simms

The Dutchess County Drug Task Force consists of officers sent by departments in towns and cities such as Beacon when they can spare them. It handles nearly 200 cases per year, which includes executing search warrants and undercover work.

That's about as much detail as you're going to get.

Frank Tasciotti was one of the first officers to join the Task Force when it was created in 1989 in response to the crack cocaine epidemic. He's reluctant to reveal much about the agency — where it's headquartered, how many officers are involved — because virtually everything it does is clandestine. But he will share why he believes it exists: "Our job is to protect people, even if it's from themselves, and to have the skills to bring somebody's kid, father or brother back — to give them a second chance."

The opioid crisis, he says, is overwhelming. "If we had this

many deaths from a serial killer, the entire law enforcement community would be rallied," he says. "Instead, you don't even see obituaries."



Beacon Police Chief Doug Solomon

File photo

Vincent Stelmach, the Task Force's coordinator, says users, unlike dealers, are typically not imprisoned until they have been arrested multiple times. He estimates 80 percent of opioid users and/or sellers who end up in jail return to using or selling after their release.

"Where are users gonna go?" Stelmach asks. "They're gonna go right back home, get a menial job

and try to get their act together."

"The seller has a far different task," says Tasciotti. "He's looking to support himself and make money, and you sell what the hottest commodity is." Finding reliable work is difficult, the officer notes, because "for legitimate reasons, most businesses are not felony friendly."

The officers are frustrated, and seem saddened, by the merry-go-round of faces they encounter. But they make one thing clear when discussing opioid addiction. They believe those who become addicted are responsible for their own choices. "Their burden is something they put on themselves," Tasciotti says.

Casual use

When asked about drug use in the Highlands, the Task Force officers, along with Beacon Police Chief Doug Solomon and Beacon Detective Jason Walden, each recounted similar narratives. In the 1960s, injected heroin was the drug of choice, followed by cocaine in the 1970s and '80s, then crack, ecstasy and now opioids. It's heroin, again, but this time around it's more typically snorted or smoked, and it's often laced with other highly potent painkillers such as fentanyl.

In Tasciotti's view, the casual portrayal of illicit narcotics in popular culture has removed much of the stigma associated with their

use. Once maligned as being used by "junkies," narcotics became accepted as recreational drugs.

"When ecstasy came out, it was amphetamine-like and psychedelic-like — and it was dangerous — but they showed people using it on TV," he says. "It was never demonized. Then you started seeing people doing cocaine on reality shows. Why wouldn't it lead to the acceptance of heroin, when it can also be snorted?"

"Law enforcement is migrating away from the 'warrior' approach to a 'guardian' approach."

~ Beacon Police Chief Doug Solomon

That acceptance, he argues, is what's killing people. Recreational users are mixing in powerful chemicals that invade the central nervous system, causing respiratory failure, sometimes almost immediately. "Your brain actually forgets to breathe," Tasciotti says, likening the effect to suffocation without the pillow.

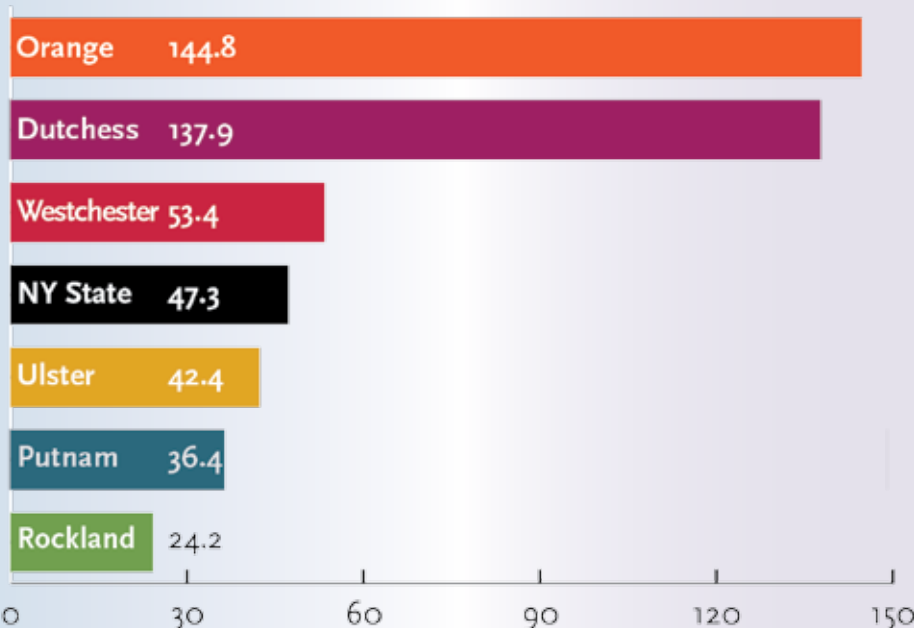
"Parents need to realize it can happen to anybody, and their kids are not young adults," he says. "They're older children, and they need supervision."

Sometimes there isn't time to become addicted, he notes. A single dose of a synthetic opioid such as fentanyl can be fatal. It can also be

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NARCAN SAVES (2016)

(# per 100,000 residents)



Includes saves reported by EMS, police and community prevention

Source: NYS Department of Health (health.ny.gov/statistics/opioid), County Opioid Quarterly Report, July 2017

Chart by Lynn Carano



DEADLY BUSINESS — The opioid crisis has increased risks for police officers because synthetic opioids being added to heroin are so dangerous that agents can be sickened simply by inhaling them. Here, federal agents are washed down after dismantling a lab that contained fentanyl. The lethal dose is the size of a few grains of salt.

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(From previous page) dangerous to officers who touch or inhale it, and they often pull on medical gloves at busts.

Although it's often difficult to pinpoint a single drug as the cause of death, Tasciotti estimates that more than 60 people — ranging from their teens to their 60s — have been killed so far this year in Dutchess from heroin and/or fentanyl. This past summer, he and Stelmach handled six deaths in seven days. "I'd like to be sitting behind a desk," Stelmach says, "but we can't get our regular work done."

Beacon

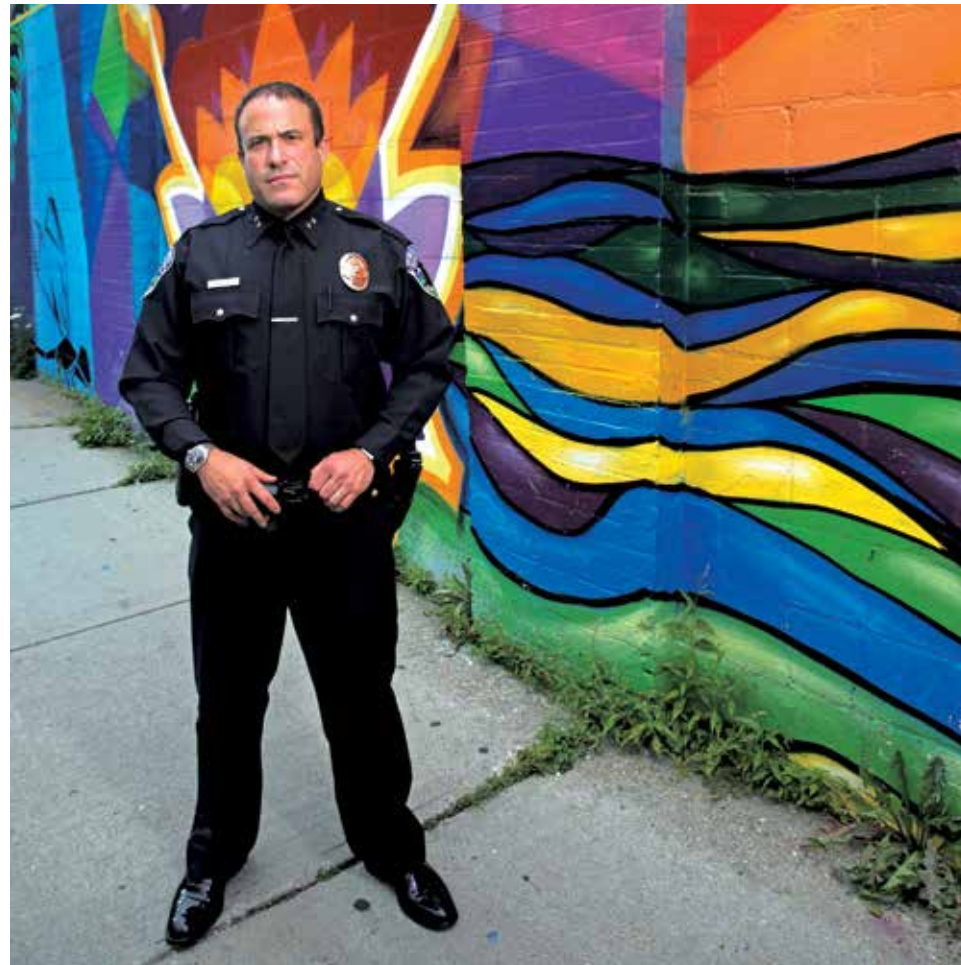
Detective Walden estimates there's at least one overdose in Beacon each week, although most are not fatal. Law enforcement officials say Beacon is relatively clean when compared to neighboring Newburgh, or Poughkeepsie. There are more users than sellers, and they represent all races and social classes. Walden says users have told him the high is so intense "that you can't explain" how it feels, as if no one can resist after tasting it.

Every patrol officer in the Beacon Police Department carries Narcan, as do the city's full-time firefighters. The antidote, administered in a nasal spray, overpowers the opioid's effect on the brain, effectively "reversing" the overdose. But as street drugs become more potent, it can take multiple bursts to revive someone, while in the past, one was sufficient.

Every member of the police department has also completed or is undergoing Crisis Intervention Training to help understand and react to people suffering from mental health issues so they can receive treatment rather than be arrested and jailed. Chief Solomon says he hopes the training will continue to evolve to change the approach to addiction.

"Law enforcement is migrating away from the 'warrior' approach to a 'guardian' approach," he explains. "That's what's missing from the drug piece. The profession has become a lot more sophisticated, and law enforcement is going to need to integrate with the treatment end. It's a constant process of reinventing yourself.

"In the end, you have to look out for people's lives," he says. "You want these people to get help."



Burlington Police Chief Brandon del Pozo

Photo by Matthew Thorsen/Seven Days

Burlington Chief on Opioids, Crime

Former Nelsonville resident embraces new approach

By Michael Turton

In July 2015, Brandon del Pozo, then a resident of Nelsonville and a longtime New York City police officer, was named the police chief of Burlington, Vermont, population 42,000. In Burlington, he says, opioids lie just below the surface of all major crimes, including homicides. But he has become a leading voice for approaching the crisis as more than an issue of punishment.

How do your officers handle addicts differently than traditional law enforcement?

People on both sides of this issue — the "law-and-order" and "harm-reduction" camps — have been dogmatic. We look at policing but also at public health. We are committed to putting high-end suppliers in jail, but I also have a social worker in charge of our opioid policy as part of our commitment to save lives.

How has the community reacted?

The reaction has been positive. This is a progressive community with high expectations. Parents have come forward to get their kids into treatment. Low-level dealers have cooperated because they know they can trust us and that our focus is on high-level dealers.

But there are still some who cling to dogma — that everyone associated with opioids should go to prison, or that no one should go to prison. So both sides oppose what we're doing.

Do you have a drug court?

Yes. It does a good job of picking out people who are eligible for treatment. Some do relapse; it's the nature of addiction. Getting people into treatment can be difficult. We need better coordination and more resources. There is also little treatment in prison and that's an obstacle.

How many of your officers carry Narcan?

Every Burlington officer carries and is trained in the use of naloxone. At this stage, any police department that doesn't do that is living in the Stone Age, and the community should not stand for it.

This series will have four parts.

In Part 1 (Sept. 22), reporters Michael Turton and Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong spoke with the parents of young men who struggled with opioid addiction. One died, one survived, but they faced many of the same obstacles in getting treatment. We asked them to share their experiences, hoping it would provide a road map.

In Part 2 (Sept. 29), we examine the role of law enforcement and the courts in battling the epidemic. Turton looks at the work of the Putnam County Drug Treatment Court, while Jeff Simms spent time with Beacon and Dutchess County police officers who are at the front lines.

In Part 3, we will look more closely at treatment options. Brian PJ Cronin will profile the Dutchess County Stabilization Center, an innovative first stop for those in crisis, while Anita Peltonen and Armstrong visited treatment centers at Graymoor in Garrison, Arms Acres in Carmel and CoveCare Center (formerly Putnam Family & Community Services) in Carmel.

Finally, in Part 4, we will share the thoughts of specialists, counselors, doctors and those struggling with addiction about what they feel should take priority in addressing the problem. And we will close with a dose of hope — the stories of people who have survived in what is a lifelong battle.

We appreciate your feedback about the series and thoughts about how best to address the epidemic. Email editor@highlandscurrent.com. If you have missed an installment, each will be posted at highlandscurrent.com, where comments are welcome. We also have posted additional material and resources.

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November 7th

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Depot Docs: Cutie and the Boxer

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
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11 a.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
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Mandeville House Tour

1 – 4 p.m. 1005 Lower Station Road, Garrison

Suzanne Thorpe: Resonance and Resemblance

3 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Army Football vs. UTEP

3:30 p.m. Michie Stadium
845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

Ess See (Music)

4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Four O'Clock Flowers (Music)

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
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845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

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SUNDAY, OCT. 1**Castle to River Run**

7:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Dr., Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

7th Annual Open Studios

Noon – 6 p.m. Newburgh
See details under Saturday.

Mandeville House Tour

1 – 4 p.m. Garrison
See details under Saturday.

Saving Place Saving Grace (Documentary)

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

Conversation with the Artist: Laura Kaufman

3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Pop-Up Concert

4 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
15 South Ave., Beacon | howlandmusic.org

Sunset Readings: Jenny Offill

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | sunsetreadings.org

Putnam History Museum Gala

5 p.m. Highlands Country Club
955 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

An American Werewolf in London (Movie)

7:30 p.m. More Good
383 Main St., Beacon | storyscreenbeacon.com

MONDAY, OCT. 2**Beacon City Council**

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 3**Marco Anelli: Building Magazzino (Opening)**

6 p.m. Italian Cultural Institute
686 Park Ave., New York | maggazzino.art

Putnam County Legislature

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
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845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

Haldane School Board

7 p.m. Haldane School Music Room
15 Craigsides Dr., Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4**Beacon Sukkah Project**

Main St. and Route 9D, Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

Deep Heap Circle (Organizing)

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Sunday

Garrison School Board

7 p.m. Garrison School
See details under Saturday.

The Frighteners (Movie)

7:30 p.m. Harry's Hot Sandwiches
449 Main St., Beacon | storyscreenbeacon.com

Town Board Workshop

7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

THURSDAY, OCT. 5**Beacon Sukkah Project**

See details under Wednesday.

Dutchess County Executive's Art Awards

5:30 p.m. Villa Borghese
70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls
artsmidhudson.org

FRIDAY, OCT. 6**Beacon Sukkah Project**

See details under Wednesday.

Celebrating the Art of Seed (Opening)

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Traditional music in Putnam Valley

A concert scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will “honor the laborers” with traditional music from Ecuador, Nicaragua and Mexico. The performers are Juan Basilio Sanchez, Cesar Vele and Sentimiento, and Miguel and Cosobi Angel. The performance begins at 3 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$10. See tompkinscorners.org.

Bird Seed Sale

Suet cakes and bags available

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society is accepting orders for suet cakes and 5- to 50-pound bags of bird seed. The deadline is Oct. 16 and pick-up is Oct. 21 at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center. Call 716-913-1641 or email swixblue@hotmail.com.

Revolutionary Re-enactment

Fort Montgomery battle on Oct. 7

Fort Montgomery will host a re-enactment day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Saturday, Oct. 7, with musket drills and cannons, as well as cooking demonstrations, children’s activities and tours. The historic site is located at 690 Route 9W.

Clear the Chemicals

County will accept hazardous waste

Putnam County residents may drop off household hazardous waste from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 7, at the Smith Campus in Carmel. For a list of acceptable items, see putnamcountyny.com. Register by calling 845-808-1390, ext. 43150, or emailing putnamhealth@putnamcountyny.gov.

The gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See garrisonartcenter.org.



Circles and Squares, by Joel Perlman, will be on display at the Garrison Art center starting Oct. 7. *Image provided*

Exhibit Opens in Garrison

Art Center reception on Oct. 7

The Garrison Art Center will open an exhibit of new sculpture and drawings by Joel Perlman and Patrick Strzelec with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Assembly Internships

Applications are due Nov. 1 for internships with state Assembly members *(To next page)*

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Beacon

Classical Concerts

Music Circle events Oct. 1, 8

The Howland Chamber Music Circle will host a free pop-up concert at St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, with a program of Bach, Brahms, Handel and Mazzoli. On Sunday, Oct. 8, at the Howland Cultural Center, baritone Thomas Meglioranza and pianist Reiko Uchida will perform Schubert's *Die Schöne Müllerin* song cycle. Tickets are \$30 and \$10 for students; see howlandmusic.org.

River Paintings

Collector to discuss movement

Robert Doyle, a historian and appraiser who specializes in paintings from the Hudson River School movement of the mid-1800s, will talk about his collection at his private gallery in Wappingers Falls at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8, in a benefit for the Bannerman Castle Trust. Tickets are \$30. See bannermancastle.org.

Compassionate Civilization

Author to speak at Howland

Robertson Work, a professor at NYU and former U.N. policy advisor on development, will read from his book, *A Compassionate Civilization: The Urgency of Sustainable Development and Mindful Activism*, at the Howland Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. The book includes practical actions and a vision for the future.



Robertson Work
Photo provided

Scary Movies

Pop-up horror festival

Story Screen is hosting a pop-up horror movie festival throughout October. On Oct. 1, *An American Werewolf in London* will be shown at More Good; on Oct. 4, *The Frighteners* at Harry's Hot Sandwiches; on Oct. 8, *The Invitation* at Oak Vino; on Oct. 11, *Get Out* at Stock-Up; on Oct. 15, *Horror Shorts, Vol. 3* at Dogwood; and on Oct. 22, *Child's Play* at Quinn's. Each screening is free and begins at 8 p.m.

Open to the Sky

Annual Sukkot begins Oct. 4

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance, with support from BeaconArts, will install a



HOLY DAYS — Helmut Hoess and his son, Walter, blow the Shofar (a ram's horn) on the Cold Spring waterfront on Sept. 21 during a Tashlich ceremony as part of Rosh Hashana. The Philipstown Reform Synagogue's celebration of the High Holy Days concludes with Yom Kippur services on Sept. 30.

Photo provided

Sukkot, a house that highlights the impermanence of life, at Polhill Park from Oct. 4 to Oct. 12. See beaconhebrewalliance.org

for a schedule of events, including office hours with Mayor Randy Casale, yoga, a potluck, dancing and discussions.

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Gratitude flows from the depths of my heart. Thank you all for your generosity, kindness, precious time and efforts in manifesting the beautiful moments of Forrest's memorial celebration of life. And a special thank you to all who anonymously contributed by jumping in and helping where needed.

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Roots and Shoots

The Annual Fall Drought

By Pamela Doan

We're not in an official drought, but it's been awfully dry for a few months again, as has been the trend for this time of year for many years. It is official that I'm sick of watering. Although I fantasize about living in a climate where four seasons of gardening is possible, my rhythm is geared to wind down at this time of year. My rain barrel is running dry, too, which is a sign that I need to add another one.

Everything about water is changing. It's melting. It's drying up. It's pouring down from the clouds in extreme, record-breaking levels. It's more polluted. It's being overrun with invasive aquatic plants and creatures. It's freezing when it shouldn't, coming down as snow when it's off season and generally producing dramatic and scary moments.

Even gardeners who recognize and ac-

cept this reality surprise me by not taking measures to conserve resources. A journalist who has been covering the story of climate change for decades pointed out in a conversation that many people think we'll be able to do something when it gets *really* bad. I expect gardeners, my people, to have a deeper connection to the landscape and to nature.

Back to soil and water. It's fall and an excellent time to harvest the leaves for reuse. In my three-bin compost pile, I'm setting aside one pile now to do its magic for spring and starting on a bin for the winter. Topping it off with shredded leaves makes just the right mix for a spring feeding. Most of this will go into the raised beds of the garden. I always need more compost than I make.

While I'm not a perfect composter, with a hot pile and the right ratio of carbon- and nitrogen-producing materials, I'm at least taking my veggie and fruit scraps, coffee grounds and eggshells out of the



The seasonal stream behind my house became a rushing river during Tropical Storm Irene in 2011.

Photo by P. Doan

waste stream. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, organic material (i.e., food scraps) is the largest proportion of municipal waste.

Watering plants is a constant in my yard. Even though I landscape with mostly native perennials, my projects are always evolving (to put it nicely), and there's always a new plant that needs water to get established in its first season. That's where the rain barrel comes in. I reuse cooking and rinsing water, too, with a wa-

tering can outside the kitchen door.

My next step is a gray-water collection system, but I'm not there yet. After interviewing a residential well-digger a few years back, I'm always conscious that weather factors beyond my control can create an expensive problem. Ever had a well problem? Turned on the faucet and nothing came out? It's only happened once at our house and was easily solved. But it made me realize how much I take for granted that it's all just going to keep working.



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Sports

Haldane Tennis Off to Another Strong Start

Expect tough match-up with Pleasantville

By Leigh Alan Klein

The Haldane's girls' tennis team is on an upswing.

Last season the Blue Devils finished 12-3, with the doubles team advancing to the conference tournament.

This season, for the first time, there will also be an unofficial post-season team tournament organized by coaches. All league winners will be invited.

Haldane hopes to participate, and they may be on their way with a 4-1 start.

"I fully expect us to compete for a league title this year," says Coach Simon Dudar. "Our biggest competition will come from

Pleasantville," when the Blue Devils hosted on Sept. 28.

A record 18 players are on the roster (typically 9 to 12 come out, Dudar said). The numbers have "amped up the intensity in practice," the coach says, although the teammates still "genuinely pull for each other to succeed."

Dudar credits Rosemarie Sterling and Joe Curto for their youth clinics and community play days that have helped generate interest in tennis.

He says the teams' three seniors also happen to be its three best singles players. Olivia Sterling has been the No. 1 player since the eighth grade, while Lucinda Strol and Alii Sharpley are 2 and 3.

One key to the team's success is sophomore Julie Geller, a doubles player, who Dudar says keeps everyone in high spirits

and is "the linchpin to having the best team mentality in a highly individualized sport."

The Blue Devils have a busy week ahead.

They travel to Croton on Monday, Oct. 2, and host Tuckahoe on Oct. 3 and Briarcliff on Oct. 4 before traveling to Beacon on Oct. 6.



The Haldane girls' tennis team

Photo provided

Beacon to Induct Five into Hall of Fame

On Saturday, Oct. 7, as part of homecoming ceremonies at Hammond Field, Beacon High School will induct three players, a coach, an administrator and two teams into its Athletic Hall of Fame, established in 1996 and named for former Athletic Director Eric Romanino. The ceremony will take place at 1:30 p.m., following the parade and prior to the introduction of athletic teams at 2 p.m. and the 3 p.m. kickoff between Beacon and Somers.

John Madera (1982)

Madera set a school record with 11 career interceptions as a member of the football team, and also had 17 tackles in a single game, including seven solo. He was also a state semi-finalist in the 100-meter dash and at the time held the school and regional record at 10.7 seconds.

Alexander Bowen Jr. (2011)

As a senior, Bowen won the state high-

jump championship at 6-8, and that same spring became an All-American by placing third in a national meet with a jump of 6-10, a school record. Bowen also holds the record at the University of Albany (7-3.25).

Vincent Grella (2011)

Grella holds the school record with 181 wrestling takedowns and is third in career wins. As a senior, Grella won the Section 1 championship and placed third in the state finals. He went on to wrestle at Binghamton.

Thomas Powers (Honorary)

Powers, a three-sport athlete at Beacon High School, later became a three-sport coach. He coached the boys' basketball team for 25 years and recorded the most wins in school history (227). His 2003 team reached the final four of the state tournament. He launched the varsity boys' soccer team and led the Bulldogs to their first softball league championship.

Lisa Tompkins (Honorary)

In 2012 Tompkins was named Section 1's Secretary of the Year and was the recipient of a Secretarial Award of Excellence from the New York State Athletic Administrators Association. She also is the mother of three former Beacon athletes, including two members of the Hall of Fame.

1982 and 1983 Boys' Track and Field

The 1982 spring team, coached by Jose Rodriguez, went 8-0 and won the Class B state championship. Its top performers included John Madera, Raymond Humphrey, Tamago Gray, Michael Banks, Monte Martin, Peter Loughran, James Scofield

and Michael McCray.

The 1983 team was also 8-0 and won the Section 1, Class B championship. Its top performers included Gray and All-American jumper Raymond Humphrey.

Should Everyone Make the Team?

A number of Haldane parents complained to the school board about the size of some fall teams after no cuts were made at the J.V. or varsity level. See story at highlandscurrent.com.

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Byram Hills 24, Beacon 0

Boys' Soccer

Haldane 6, Woodlands 1
Kyle Zimmermann (3), Max Mormar (2), Keifer Convertino (1)
Brewster 6, Haldane 0
Arlington 1, Beacon 0
Beacon 6, Putnam Valley 0
Zack Kotzias (2), Matt Wyant (2)
Beacon 3, Poughkeepsie 0
Devin Lambe (1), Wyant (1), Kotzias (1)
Beacon 7, Peekskill 0

Girls' Soccer

Haldane 2, Beacon 2
Putnam Valley 1, Haldane 0
Beacon 4, Brewster 1
Ericson (2), Cader (1), Compagnone (1)
Beacon 3, Henry Hudson 3 (OT)
Chloe Antalek (3)

Girls' Volleyball

Haldane 3, Beacon 0
Yorktown 3, Haldane 0
Beacon 3, Poughkeepsie 0

Girls' Tennis

Haldane 4, Pawling 1
Haldane 5, Woodlands 0
North Salem 4, Haldane 1
Beacon 6, Panas 1

Cross Country

Beacon @ Bowdoin Classic
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