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TWIN FORTS DAY — Tom Johannessen of Carmel (right) portrays the commander of the 5th New York regiment at a reenactment on Oct. 7 at Fort Montgomery Historic Site near the Bear Mountain Bridge. History buffs converge each year at the historic site to commemorate the battle on Oct. 6, 1777, in which 2,100 British, Loyalist and Hessian troops attacked and overran 600 Continental Army soldiers defending the fort and nearby Fort Clinton. The attacks were designed to divert the Americans from another Hudson River battle with British Gen. John Burgoyne but ultimately it didn't work, as Burgoyne surrendered on Oct. 17. For more photos from the event, see highlandscurrent.com.

Signs of the Time?

Campaign posters snared in trademark flap and thefts

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Election signs emerged as a political issue this past week after a national newsmagazine claimed a candidate's campaign logo violated its trademark and a bipartisan chorus decried the theft of placards from Highlands yards.

TIME objects

Tim Greco, the Republican candidate for one of two open seats on the Philipstown Town Board, ran afoul of Time Inc., which warned that the appearance of his slogan — TIME for a Change — improperly replicated the TIME magazine title, including its deep red lettering.

Greco is challenging Democratic incumbents John Van Tassel and Mike Leonard for a four-year term on the board.

The minister and former *Putnam County News and Recorder* reporter agreed to alter his campaign materials, although he predicted that, less than two weeks before the Nov. 7 election, his supporters likely would not change their lawn signs. In addition to signs, his logo appeared on his Facebook campaign page and other materials.

The dispute began on Tuesday (Oct. 24), when Greco received a letter from a Time Inc. lawyer demanding that he “immediately cease” using TIME for a Change because it employs “the same style, serif typeface, font, and red color” as TIME and “suggests an affiliation or endorsement, neither of which was authorized.”

“As an independent source of news and information, we do not allow the TIME name to be used to support political candidates or causes,” wrote Jennifer Chung, an assistant general counsel with the company.

Greco, who told *The Current* he believes an unknown political adversary alerted Time Inc., initially had a different color scheme for his logo but changed it to red, white and blue. He told Chung this in an email, after she said that “it seems a deliberate decision was made to transition to a red TIME,” thereby “suggesting an intention to trade off the TIME magazine (Continued on Page 3)



Photos by Ross Corsair

Zoning Changes Being Considered in Beacon

City Council looking at two busy districts

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is expected to hold a public hearing before the end of the year on proposed changes to the Main Street and Fishkill Creek zoning districts.

Pushed by council member Lee Kyriacou as a vehicle for reining in incompatible development, the council pledged in September to complete a nearly parcel-by-parcel review of the zoning laws for the city's busiest development corridors while a building moratorium, set to run until March, is in effect.

A three-hour planning session on Oct. 23 provided some details on the changes likely to be proposed. Draft revised codes would establish a single zoning district for all of Main Street while addressing building-height restrictions, design standards and better ensuring that development projects don't adversely affect historical assets and protected viewsheds.

Along Fishkill Creek, proposed changes would give the City Council authority to review conceptual plans for developments

while lowering density allowances on some parcels and heightening consistency requirements with the city's greenway trail master plan. The council also discussed a requirement for residential projects to include commercial uses as part of their plans.

At the board's request, planning consultant John Clarke is re-drafting zoning language for Main Street and the creekside district for its review while a date is set for the public hearing.

In other business, the City Council approved a minor (Continued on Page 3)



RESCUE ON ANTHONY'S NOSE — First responders watch as a hiker is lifted in a stretcher to a New York Police Department helicopter on Oct. 22 after he had a heart attack on Anthony's Nose near the Bear Mountain Bridge. It took emergency crews 25 minutes to hike to the victim, who was taken to Westchester Medical Center. For a video of the rescue, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photo by Cooper Cardenas

What the Candidates Say

In anticipation of the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 7, *The Current* asked each candidate running for the Beacon City Council and Philipstown Town Board to respond to questions posed by reporters Jeff Simms or Michael Turton. See Page 9.

5 Five Questions: PATRICK HALVEY

By Brian PJ Cronin

On Nov. 11, the Halvey Funeral Home will move from 24 Willow St. in Beacon, its location since it was founded by John Halvey in 1933, to a riverfront location near Dia:Beacon. At the same time, Patrick Halvey, 30, will become the third generation of the family to run the business.

Did you want to take over the family business?

I grew up in the business, so I was always around it. I thought about a few other things, maybe becoming a teacher, but this fell into place.

Your job must be emotionally exhausting. How do you handle it?

When people come to see me, it's a difficult time. But I'm here to help them through the process. It gives me a lot of satisfaction.

What is the best advice your father, Peter, gave you about the business?

He always says, "Some people can afford more than others, but everyone deserves a dignified funeral."

The industry is moving away from residential funeral homes in neighborhoods to large, modern facilities. Why is that?

Changing demographics. A lot of people are less religious. They want to have a memorial or celebrate a life separate from a church.

You are a lifelong resident of Beacon. How has the city changed the most?

It's growing, which is great. When I was younger, you couldn't walk down Main Street like you can now, because most of it was boarded up.



Patrick Halvey at the site of the Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, which opens Nov. 11

Photo by B. Cronin

Hawkins Appointed to Planning Board

Volunteers still needed for other seats

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board appointed Stephanie Hawkins to the Planning Board by a 4-0 vote during its Oct. 24 meeting. Mayor Dave Merandy, who is married to Hawkins, abstained.

In a letter to the mayor and trustees, Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco wrote that his five-member board unanimously supported the appointment, citing Hawkins' experience as a former village trustee, her time spent as a member of the Special Board for a Comprehensive Plan and the Recreation Commission, along with her role as a board member for the Cold Spring Film Society.

Trustee Fran Murphy commented that the opening had been advertised in the *Putnam County News and Recorder* and posted on the village's Facebook page. "One person stepped forward," she said. "I enthusiastically support Stephanie."

The village is looking for two additional Planning Board members as well as a member for the five-person Zoning Board of Appeals to succeed Gregory Gunder, who is moving to Florida.

Merandy noted that three Planning Board members — Arne Saari, Dave Marion and Ezra Clementson — plan to leave for various reasons. (The fifth member is Judith Rose.) While they have continued to serve, their availability has decreased, a situation which Francisco said has made it difficult at times to achieve a quorum.

Letters of interest can be submitted to the village clerk.



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Powassan Virus Found in Dutchess

The state Department of Health on Oct. 20 confirmed a case of Powassan virus, a tick-borne disease, in Dutchess County. It was the fourth confirmed case of the virus in the state in 2017; the other three were in Saratoga County, north of Albany.

Powassan is a rare viral disease that can cause issues ranging from flu-like symptoms to inflammation of the brain. There have been 27 confirmed cases in the state since 2000.

Dr. Anil Vaidian, commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral & Community Health, reminded residents to be mindful of exposure to ticks until temperatures drop below about 45 degrees. For more information, see health.ny.gov/tickfree.

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brand and fame.”

She directed Greco to remove all postings and photos that showed a red TIME, and to “cover the E” on signs, as Greco had proposed.

Greco subsequently called Time Inc.’s objections “petty” and told Chung, “I’m just running for a local election. It’s sad that the opposition had to contact you.” He likewise said he found it “very sad to know that such a great American magazine like TIME would take such efforts to place themselves squarely in the middle of a local election.” (Chung did not respond to inquiries about how the company learned of the signs.)

Greco told *The Current* that the font in his slogan was recommended to him by an online advertising firm.

On his campaign website, the candidate suggested the conflict would boost his chances. “How low will the opposition go? Read it and roll!” he told supporters. “Vote Greco.



An altered Greco campaign sign

TIME for a change. This is campaign gold!”

A few hours after the exchanges with Time Inc., the candidate’s Facebook page showed a yard sign in which the red “E” had been replaced by a white “e.” It also featured a photo of Greco, stamped with THIS CANDIDATE FROM PHILIPSTOWN IS NOT ENDORSED BY TIME.

Stolen signs

Campaign yard signs commonly get stolen or defaced all over the country, and the Highlands has not proven the exception. Greco said that at least 11 of his signs, valued at about \$15 each, disappeared, along with those for Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith, a Republican running for re-election.

“Could it be that the Democrats are actually scared that they may lose a seat this year, that they have to resort to stealing?” he asked. He said he had called law enforcement authorities, who assured him they would keep an eye out for pilferers.

Cold Spring Police Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke said on Oct. 26 that the department had received eight complaints of signs being taken or knocked down. The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office said it had not received any formal complaints.

On the other side of the aisle, a half dozen residents, mostly from Cold Spring, said their signs for the Democratic candidate for Putnam County sheriff, Robert Langley Jr., were stolen between Oct. 20 to 22.

On Oct. 24, Langley said he condemned the theft of any signs. “I ask everyone to refrain from tampering with the signs of any candidate, on public or private land,” that latter of which involves trespassing, he



A row of signs on Route 9D near the Garrison School. A few days after this photo was taken, the Greco sign disappeared.

Do Yard Signs Work?

The greatest yard-sign study ever conducted — a 2016 effort that involved six researchers from Columbia University who worked with four campaigns in New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia — found that yard signs placed in people’s lawns have essentially zero effect while those placed in public places may raise a candidate’s share of the vote by about 1 percentage point. That might matter in a very tight race — but only about 1 in 50 are decided by that margin, according to one estimate.

Notably, the researchers found that signs are not as effective when they include references to a political party or ideology.

said. “Political signs are free speech, and we need to respect our neighbors’ rights to express their support of any candidate.”

He added on Facebook: “Keep in mind they can steal the signs, they can steal ideas, they can steal everything — almost! — but not the spirit!”

Langley did not respond to questions about the number of signs that had been stolen, their value, or whether any signs had been taken elsewhere in Putnam.

In Beacon, meanwhile, the Republican

candidate to represent Ward 3 on the City Council, Andrew Gauzza, complained on Facebook on Oct. 20 that his signs were being stolen from front yards.

“I am extremely diligent to ask people if I can put signs outside their house and even ask where I can put them,” wrote Gauzza, a college student. “It is troubling that I spent \$400 of my own money to purchase signs, and they keep getting taken.... I find this a troubling sign of the times. Too much hate.”

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revision on Oct. 16 to its six-month building moratorium, adding an exemption for existing industrial and manufacturing buildings.

The amendment gives Tim Dexter, the city’s building inspector, the discretion to allow the reuse of non-residential buildings for industrial or manufacturing uses — where such use does not increase the building’s footprint or square footage — to proceed while the moratorium is in effect.

The council also approved amendments to the city charter to give elected officials the option of receiving individual or family health insurance benefits through the city’s employee plan. Earlier this year, a charter review committee recommended

that council members and the mayor receive a stipend instead of being offered health coverage.

As of Jan. 1, the city will pay 80 percent of individual health insurance costs — the same rate that Beacon governmental department heads receive — with the council member or mayor paying the remainder. Council members and the mayor may secure family coverage through the city’s plan but will be responsible for any cost above individual coverage.

Elected officials who don’t opt for health insurance will receive a payment of \$2,500. The six council members each earn \$9,000 annually, while the mayor’s salary is \$25,000.



Beacon City Hall

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The Philipstown election

I am very dismayed by the vile remarks that have been posted in the private Facebook group called Cold Spring Neighbors. Some remarks shared with our campaign from members of the page beggar description. The postings continually ridicule me in a very personal way outside the bounds of normal political debate. My ministry as a pastor in our community also has been mocked.

If you are a Philipstown resident and are not allowed on this page, I highly recommend you visit my Facebook page, Vote for Tim Greco for Philipstown Board, to view a sample of their remarks and decide for yourselves.

I call upon Democratic candidates Richard Shea, Michael Leonard and John Van Tassel, as well as the Philipstown Democrats, to condemn this culture of hate and intolerance.

Tim Greco, *Garrison*

Editor's note: We asked Lithgow Osborne, chair of Philipstown Democrats, for a response. He wrote: "While I understand Mr. Greco's outrage at having been the focus of negative remarks by people on Facebook, I would remind him that once one enters the public realm, one leaves oneself open and exposed to all manner of sniping and criticism. Public figures, even the hardest working, most patriotic of them, must endure endless scrutiny. Finding fault has become a very public preoccupation because every citizen with a laptop and a Facebook account is endowed by the Constitution with the inalienable right to free speech. It's not always nice and it may sting a bit, but that's how it is in a democracy during the cyber age — I know this from personal experience, because I too have been a candidate for public office. My advice to Mr. Greco? Don't spend too much time on Facebook."

I would like to express my support for both John Van Tassel and Tim Greco for Philipstown Town Board. I have known each of these gentlemen for a long time and can say with full confidence that they have both served our community for years with distinction; John on the Town Board and Tim as a pastor, volunteer and active member of the community.

I know them both to be caring individuals who will not back down in the face of what they believe to be right for the residents of Philipstown. John has done a good job on the Town Board and Tim will also be a tremendous asset to the board.

Both John and Tim have earned my trust as leaders in the community and I hope you will join me on Nov. 7 in electing them to represent us in Philipstown.

Peg Schatzle, *Cold Spring*

The Putnam election

There are two candidates on the ballot for Putnam County sheriff on Nov. 7. One of them, Robert Langley, has 23 years of hands-on policing experience in the sheriff's department. He's been in corrections, on patrol, in forensics, in investigation. If that's not enough, he's been a volunteer firefighter in Mahopac and Garrison for a combined 22 years.

To say that Langley is qualified for the job of sheriff is a major understatement. He's pledged to return integrity to the sheriff's office, and, boy, do we need that.

The other candidate on the ballot, Don Smith, is brazenly running for re-election despite the fact that his personal vendettas have already cost taxpayers \$125,000 in a civil-suit settlement.

The top cop in the county costs us money. And there are more lawsuits likely to come against Smith. How much more will he cost us?

I urge independent voters and voters in all parties to look at the records of both

men. It shouldn't be difficult to choose Langley and a return to integrity in the office that needs it most.

John Plummer, *Cold Spring*

There is only one trustworthy candidate running for sheriff: Robert L. Langley Jr. I know that he will restore honesty, respect and integrity to the office.

Leonora Burton, *Garrison*

Results are important. When I think about Putnam County politics, little matters more than the result of an elected official's term, which is why the Putnam County Young Republicans are proud to endorse Sheriff Don Smith.

Sheriff Smith gets results. Putnam County is once again one of the safest counties in New York. Kent and Carmel are ranked among the safest cities in New York. Carmel is in the top 100 safest cities in the country.

Coordinating between at least five law enforcement agencies, a correctional facility, the district attorney and EMS and fire departments is no easy task, but Don's steadfast commitment to our Constitutional rights and American values continues to uplift Putnam County as the shining city upon the hill.

Sheriff Smith has put much effort to community and civic outreach, an incredibly important endeavor during this highly polarized time. Being a retired general, he has an incredible reverence for America's armed forces and supports our local veteran groups like no other. He is a staunch supporter of the Second Amendment, has a presence with the National Sheriffs' Association, and like the Boy Scouts' motto, he has ensured his department is prepared for anything with advanced training and equipment.

The Putnam County Young Republicans have endorsed Don Smith for his proven track record, his dedication to the people of Putnam, his unwavering law enforcement leadership and his unbendable commitment to law and order. Please join us supporting Sheriff Smith in the November election. We need Don to continue serving and protecting the people of Putnam County.

Nick Fannin, *Carmel*

Fannin is president of the Putnam County Young Republicans.

U.S. presidents are allowed only two four-year terms so that they can't cause too much trouble. Sheriff Smith has been in office for four terms. Such a long hold on power tends to breed corruption. And, indeed, Smith has admitted to abusing his power.

Regarding damaging press releases he issued against his enemy, Smith admitted: "These statements were untrue, and I should not have made them." How can we trust such a man to impartially enforce the law?

To re-elect Smith would be to reward lying and recklessness by a powerful official. Putnam taxpayers must pay \$125,000 of the settlement resulting from Smith's po-

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litical vendetta. Another lawsuit against Putnam is pending.

His opponent is Robert Langley, a tall man with a polite disposition and a quiet, commanding presence. Langley was born and raised in Putnam County and lives in Garrison.

Unlike Don Smith, Langley has devoted his career to law enforcement. He served in the Putnam Sheriff's Department from 1984 until he retired in 2007. He won many commendations for his work. Now he runs his own security company. Langley understands the law and respects its limits. The fact that he has served in three volunteer fire departments further demonstrates his public spiritedness.

Probably because of his work as a criminal investigator, Langley listens before he speaks and asks questions before he comes to conclusions. These are rare qualities in a public official, and they are urgently needed in the Sheriff's Department.

Eliza Starbuck, *Cold Spring*

I would like to express my support for the re-election of Sheriff Smith. He has served our county well for more than 18 years, first as deputy county executive for two years and then as sheriff for 16 years. He has also served our country honorably for more than 30 years, including in Vietnam, and rose to the rank of brigadier general, which is no easy task.

Without a doubt he has one of the most distinguished backgrounds, being both a

graduate of the New York Military Academy and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

I am retired from the state Division of Criminal Justice Services, which is the agency that oversees and regulates law enforcement agencies. The work that it does includes gathering information about

crime so that funding and resources can be provided and areas of need can be targeted. Based on those crime stats, Sheriff Smith has led Putnam County to the distinction of being the "safest" county in New York for eight years, despite there being many much smaller and more rural counties.

I also worked for the state Attorney General's office for more than 16 years. To help put Sheriff Smith's recent civil settlement in perspective, the primary responsibility of that agency is to defend other state agencies and their employees in claims against them. It is commonplace that government agencies, public officials and civil servants are sued. Litigation is initiated about everything from an inmate whose toothbrush is the wrong color to a motorist who hit a pothole. Federal, state, county and municipal governments have deeper pockets than individuals, so there are hundreds to thousands of lawsuits filed each year depending upon the level of government. In 2016, New York City alone settled more than \$1 billion in claims.

That does not account for any of the rest of New York state, its counties or municipalities. The taxpayers pay settlement money in different ways; the state is self-insured, the General Fund and municipalities are insured through private companies.

Public officials and civil servants who work for these entities are indemnified (held harmless) unless they act outside the scope of their authority, and the only real time we even hear about these lawsuits and settlements is when someone is running for election. The reality is that these lawsuits and settlements happen every day, all day and the settlement amounts and totals are

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New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application



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Applicant: TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
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Application ID: 3-3726-00313/00001
Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands
Project is located: in PHILIPSTOWN in PUTNAM COUNTY

Project Description:

The applicant proposed disturbance to freshwater wetland PK-2 and its adjacent area associated with raising the elevation of the existing road to 1.5 feet above the current 100-year flood level. The proposed disturbance includes new fill as well as excavation of old fill for the establishment of a 12-foot long opening in the existing causeway to allow tidally-influenced flow between the wetland sections.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination:

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The activity is being reviewed in accordance with federal historic preservation laws (Section 106 of NHPA) and the project area of potential impact is substantially the same.

Coastal Management:

This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 11/09/2017 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

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staggering every year.

Smith's settlement amounts to a nuisance fee in the scheme of things, and we wouldn't even know about it if he wasn't running for re-election. A sheriff is an administrative position that relies on information as gathered and provided by his department. It is wrong to believe that in 18 years, a dedicated, loyal public servant is immune from making a mistake, but it is even more disturbing to dismiss all those years of committed service to our county and more than 30 years of honorable service to our country because of one mistake.

It is for these reasons and Sheriff Smith's proven record that I support his re-election to keep Putnam County as the safest county in New York.

Cindy Trimble, *Cold Spring*

On Nov. 7, Putnam County voters have an opportunity to make a change and elect Robert Langley Jr. as our new sheriff, rather than supporting a dishonest, irresponsible incumbent whose actions weigh us down with a pending lawsuit and \$125,000 bill.

Langley will make a fine sheriff. His qualifications show a life committed to community and law enforcement. His deep roots in Putnam County run the length of a lifetime and will support the challenges of meeting the needs of individual towns and villages through enhanced community policing.

Having served for more than two decades in the Sheriff's Department, Langley has a unique perspective to address the impact opioid addiction has had on families, schools, blocks and villages.

But there is work to be done before Langley can start. Let's take care of some cleaning and vote out the dirty record of Smith. We must tell friends that we have a choice to reset the ethical standards by which we measure our top lawman by voting for Langley.

My family has made homes in Southeast and Cold Spring and we hope from east to west our neighbors check the box for Langley. We all deserve it.

Laura Kaufman, *Cold Spring*

Community Congress

It is inspiring and energizing to experience the engagement of Cold Spring, Nelsonville, North Highlands, Continental Village and Garrison neighbors in the Philipstown Community Congress (PCC). As one of the organizers, I had no idea what to expect when a small group of volunteers provided a nonpartisan platform for folks to speak out and offer concrete proposals to strengthen our wonderful community.

People seem to like the fact that the PCC is autonomous. People also seem to like the opportunity to meet folks with whom they might not otherwise cross paths and to share ideas and interests. Some are already working collaboratively to achieve their goals.

Over the course of three PCC-sponsored community forums, 40 proposals were put forward that individuals feel strongly about and are willing to work to make a reality. You can read a summary of each at ecologicalcitizens.org/pccproposals.

By now, each postal customer in Philipstown should have received a ballot that offers an opportunity for residents to vote for their top three priorities. Since proposals will only become a reality by virtue of citizen engagement, each ballot has an optional space to put your email address so you can volunteer to work on the proposal(s) you favor.

Ballots can be returned by mail or dropped in marked boxes at either Butterfield Library in Cold Spring or the Desmond-Fish Library. Or you can vote online at ecologicalcitizens.org/pcc2017ballot.

The deadline is Oct. 31. PCC volunteers will tabulate the results and share the number of voters and the priorities expressed with the public and community leaders. It will then be up to folks to come together and work to make their priorities a reality. What's next? PCC volunteers will work with community volunteers to promote continued civic engagement.

Thanks to all who are working for the benefit of our Philipstown community.

Priscilla Stevens Goldfarb, *Garrison*

Over the summer, a bunch of Philipstown residents gathered together and presented ideas to preserve and promote a strong community. We had three gatherings, and 40 ideas were presented.

I presented the idea to create a teen center in Cold Spring. The center would be student-driven, organized and run with adult supervision and an adult advisory group on hand to help with planning and logistics. It could be on Main Street or elsewhere in easy walking distance from Haldane High School.

I strongly believe that opening a teen center is particularly critical at this time. The nationwide epidemic of drug addiction among teens particularly afflicts youth in small towns like Philipstown where there isn't much to do after school if you don't do sports or theater.

At present, there aren't many opportunities for teenagers in Philipstown to hang out and socialize in a safe, unstructured environment. The teen center could be a relaxed place with comfy couches and coffee tables to hang out and socialize with friends, do homework in a social setting, or just listen to music and play games on devices in a safe, no-pressure environment. There could also be special events like open mic, karaoke, student art exhibits, etc. Members of the community could donate furnishings, a pool table or ping-pong table. There could be a screen for films, video games, etc.

The goal is to hear from as many of our neighbors as possible to see what things we all care about and get things done as a community. Please vote and help us spread the word by telling your neighbors to vote as well.

Sandy McKelvey, *Cold Spring*

Philipstown residents recently received a Philipstown Community Congress brochure in the mail, which asked residents

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On NOV 7th let's re-elect reliable leaders we know we can trust.

RICHARD SHEA

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- Town Supervisor, 2010 - present
- 5 years of under 2% cap budgets & cut taxes in 2016
- Created budget surpluses, permitting renovation of Town Hall, Town Annex & Highway Offices w/no tax increase
- Guided town through 2 natural disasters
- Passed comprehensive zoning law
- Led coalition in major progress on bringing Hudson Fjord Trail to Philipstown
- Led comprehensive review of emergency services funding
- Created new recreation programs for seniors

JOHN VAN TASSEL

TOWN COUNCILMAN



- Town Councilman, 2010 - present
- 35 years volunteer firefighter, North Highlands Fire Dept., Chief & Assistant Chief, 1998 - 2003
- Initiated Narcan training & access program for all Town Fire Chiefs
- Overseeing Town Hall Annex construction
- Town Emergency Coordination Center co-director for Hurricanes Sandy & Irene
- Board of Fire Commissioners, 2005 - 2009
- County Transportation Safety Board 2009 - present
- Coach, Little League & Pop Warner Football, 2010 - present

MICHAEL LEONARD

TOWN COUNCILMAN



- Town Councilman, 2014 - present
- Philipstown Planning Board, Member 2010 - 2012, Chair 2012 - 2013
- Philipstown Conservation Advisory Council & Board, 2008 - 2013, Liaison 2013 - present
- Philipstown Board of Assessment Review, 2008 - 2013
- Philipstown Cemetery Committee Liaison, 2013 - present
- Environmental Coordinator: Stormwater Management
- 30+ years at New York Power Authority, including work as Supervisor, Instructor, Fire Brigade Leader and Compliance Manager

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

to vote on their top three priorities for our town. Many of these priorities are issues that dedicated Philipstown residents have been working on for years.

The last item on the ballot is to create a harm-reduction coalition. Such a coalition already exists and has held community meetings and recovery vigils, facilitated addiction awareness workshops and hosted Narcan trainings for the past four years.

The Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition has a website and Facebook page with real-time bed availability for those in crisis and a current list of addiction resources. We meet monthly with representatives from various sectors of the Philipstown community working with the youth and recovering population in our area. These different sectors work to prevent youth substance use and abuse through innovative programming with limited financial resources. These include our local libraries, which host monthly youth events, the Haldane and Garrison school districts and Philipstown Recreation Department's youth programs. Coalition members also include local recovery coaches and organizations like St. Christopher's and the Walter Hoving Home.

Rather than risk duplicating services and stretch our small town's already limited energy and resources, interested people of the Philipstown Congress should look to become involved with the organizations and people already out there doing this work. We would all agree on many of the ideas presented — the best way to implement them is to build on resources that already exist in Philipstown.

Danielle Pack McCarthy, *Cold Spring Pack McCarthy is co-chair of Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition.*

Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood is a respected and trusted health care provider in our community, and we would like to respond a recent letter to the editor suggesting otherwise ("Defund Planned Parenthood," Oct. 13).

Planned Parenthood does not receive a lump sum from the government in the form of a check. Rather, we receive Medicaid reimbursement for services rendered, just like any other health care provider. Under the Hyde Amendment, federal funds may not be used to pay for abortion.

Planned Parenthood does not sell fetal tissue for profit, and never has. A small number of Planned Parenthood health centers allow women to donate fetal tissue for scientific research, which is legal. The anti-abortion activists who created the distorted smear video were charged with felonies for their criminal deception.

On a local level, only 15 percent of the services we provide at Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley are abortion-related services; 85 percent are preventative health care services ranging from birth control options to testing/treatment for sexually transmitted infections to breast cancer screenings and mammogram referrals. On a national level, this statistic is 3 percent to 97 percent.

Letters to the Editor

We welcome letters to the editor, which can be emailed to editor@highlandscurrent.com or mailed to 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. As with online comments, we ask that writers remain civil and avoid personal attacks. All letters are subject to editing for length, accuracy and clarity. The writer's full name, email and phone number must be included, although only the writer's name and village or city are published. We do not print anonymous letters or those written under pseudonyms.

The preventative and contraceptive services we provide reduce the numbers of unintended pregnancies and need for abortions.

As a case study, look at Texas: When the state eliminated Planned Parenthood from its state family planning program in 2011, researchers found a dramatic 27 percent spike in births among women who had previously used injectable contraception.

Planned Parenthood does more to prevent unintended pregnancies than any other organization in this nation. We will continue to proudly and unapologetically offer abortions to those in need. (In the Hudson Valley, call 845-562-7800 to make an appointment.)

"Pro-life" agitators are not pro-life — they are merely pro-birth. These same self-professed "pro-life" activists want health care taken away, want the food stamps program to shrink, want Medicaid cut, don't want to fund Head Start for small children who come from low-income families to have a chance at an equal education — they don't even want to fix the lead-laden water pipes in Flint, Michigan, that are poisoning children's bodies.

A "kinder, gentler, and less violent nation" would be one in which every woman had the freedom of choice without government intervention, one in which every child was a wanted child, and one in which support systems were institutionalized to care for every child born. At Planned Parenthood, we work hard every day to create that world.

Ashley Casale, *New Windsor Casale is the public affairs manager of Planned Parenthood Mid-Hudson Valley.*

Thank you to those who responded to my Oct. 13 letter on Planned Parenthood, and to *The Current* for printing all sides of a topic that definitely needs airing.

My letter was filled with easily authenticated facts detailing the brutal methods used in Planned Parenthood clinics to destroy thousands of new lives.

Thankfully, however, no one need go to a Planned Parenthood abortuary for health care. There are 13,000 federally funded community and rural health clinics that are easily accessible and last year served nearly 26 million people, compared to 2.7 million served at Planned Parenthood (see getyourcare.org). These clinics typically offer more services than Planned Parenthood, with the exception of abortion.

It is partly due to Planned Parenthood's political influence that

the U.S., along with China and North Korea, are among the nations with the most unrestricted abortion laws. In the U.S., the procedure is allowed right up to the final weeks of pregnancy for "the health of the mother," which is so broadly defined that there is effectively no limitation.

Almost all European countries protect vulnerable new life with much more restrictive laws. As a result of this American debacle, the Alabama mud hen, the Florida gator and an eagle egg at Denning's Point have more legal protections than a pre-born American child. This is what must change and why my letter was written. Defunding Planned Parenthood would be a big step in the right direction.

Dick Murphy, *Beacon*

Constitutional convention

Do you want to clean up Albany? See lower municipal and county taxes? Now's our chance! Vote yes on Nov. 7 on the referendum for a Constitutional Convention for New York state.

You'll see the referendum listed along with two others on the reverse side of the ballot. The proposed Constitutional Convention is a once-in-a-generation chance to enact long-overdue ethics and home rule reforms. It will rectify state gerrymandering, our byzantine court system and out-of-date voter registration laws.

During her 2018 budget presentation, Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell noted that Albany's unfunded mandates gobble up 70 percent of the county's expenses and all of its property-tax levy. This burden has helped stifle economic growth and prosperity here for too long.

Limiting or ending unfunded state mandates is reason enough to vote yes on the Constitutional Convention referendum. To learn more, search for "NYS Constitutional Convention Panel" at Youtube.com.

John and Alexandra Ballantine, *Brewster*

Thank you for assistance

On Friday, Oct. 6, my seventh-grade son was badly in need of help, as he had just been through a severe ordeal in the village. He texted my wife and I that he needed us to pick him up. We advised him

to get away from the kids involved, and that I'd pick him up at Foodtown.

As I pulled into the parking lot, I saw a customer had noticed that my son was visibly upset and in bad shape. This man offered help to my son and to wait

with him until I arrived. My son declined, as he saw my car approaching.

The man went to his blue Subaru wagon while still keeping a watchful eye on my son. Due to the gravity of the situation, I did not approach him to say thank you.

I'd like to thank this gentleman for his concern and empathy. It was a comforting moment for my son in an otherwise highly disturbing situation. We hope that you, or someone who recognizes the description of your blue Subaru wagon, will see this letter.

Paul Mooney, *Cold Spring*

Cell tower proposal

I have been closely following the discussion of a proposal to build a cell phone tower on Vineyard Road in Philipstown and the proposed alternative sites such as the landfill site on Lane Gate Road ("As the Towers Turn," Sept. 22).

I have a dog in this fight. I live on Lane Gate Road. I am not opposed to placing a tower there but I have some deep-seeded concerns.

Specifically, the landfill was once used as a disposal site for the Marathon Battery plant at a time when the environmental considerations that are routine now were not in place. I took the liberty of contacting the Environmental Protection Agency to determine what safety parameters need to be considered before locating a structure of that size at the landfill. Pamela Tames, a remedial project manager for Region 2, responded to my email and said:

"I was unable to find any information about this landfill online but if it is old enough to have accepted waste in the 1950s and 1960s, it probably does not have a bottom liner and it relies on its impermeable cap to keep its waste contained," she wrote. "It is important that any construction work for the tower maintains the cap so it can continue to act as an impermeable barrier [her emphasis]. The engineer who is designing the tower should be performing some geologic tests to determine if the landfill is geologically stable enough to support the weight of the tower."

An ounce of prevention is essential. My fear is that the cap will be unintentionally disturbed and the aquifer contaminated. Before any consideration of the landfill as a viable site, it must be established that 1) the site is geologically stable, 2) the proposed footings will not disturb the cap, and 3) the weight of materials crossing the cap will not disturb it.

Given the potential for harm, I do not understand why this location is under consideration, especially as there is a third potential site, McKeels Corner. This site already has a tower that could be replaced.

Further, why has there been no exploration of alternative technologies, such as boosters, to meet our needs? In this age of rapid technological advance, why are we locked into an aging technology? I respectfully ask Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman Robert Dee and the committee to take these concerns under advisement when considering a zoning variance for this location.

Ellyn Varela-Burstein, *Philipstown*

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What the Candidates Say

In anticipation of the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 7, *The Current* asked each candidate running for the Philipstown Town Board and Beacon City Council to respond in writing to questions posed by reporter Michael Turton (for Philipstown) or Jeff Simms (for Beacon). The candidates are presented in alphabetical order.

PHILIPSTOWN TOWN BOARD

With two open seats, incumbents Michael Leonard (D) and John Van Tassel (D) are being challenged by first-time candidate Tim Greco (R). Regular board members serve four-year terms.

Which of your strengths should residents keep in mind as they vote?

Greco: I've had various roles in the Philipstown community, worked with different groups, researched, reported on and been clear in my position on most issues facing our town over the last several years. It's given me the opportunity to hear, discuss, and debate with many of my fellow residents and changed my mind on some, and hopefully given me the chance to change a few minds, too. We all benefit when there's discussion, diversity and tolerance in our community, right? Why couldn't the Town Board benefit, as well?

Leonard: Clearly it is my experience that helps to provide high-quality results. A person needs an extensive knowledge



Greco, Leonard and Van Tassel

of how land use and municipal operations work. Having more than 15 combined years of serving on the Planning Board (including as chair), Conservation Board and Board of Assessment before joining the Town Board provided me with the skills necessary toward making good, structurally sound decisions and to provide possible alternatives so that residents and businesses could achieve their land-use goals.

Van Tassel: The one strength that I possess as a candidate is my ability to listen to the residents at a multitude of venues. My involvement as a business owner, emergency services provider, father, coach and homeowner allows me to see and hear from so many different people in our community. I use this exposure to help guide me in making decisions that best serve our town.

What are two important issues facing the board over the next two years?

Greco: A lack of vision and a lack of inclusion. Many residents I've spoken with

feel as if the Town Board "just goes through the motions" on the "bread-and-butter" issues that should be its focus, such as finances, roads, infrastructure and planning. Instead, it seems it gets caught up too often in wasting time and energy on issues and playing politics on things that have nothing to do with running the town, are not within its jurisdiction, and are distracting and needlessly divisive.

Leonard: The revitalization of Town Hall, a historical structure, along with improved operations and a handicapped-accessible public meeting room, has and is going to be a major undertaking for the board. Improved service, increased working space to adequately perform duties properly and proper records retention will be all clear benefits from the upgrade, and residents and businesses will definitely benefit. Also, continued support and assistance to the Highway Department in regard to infrastructure improvements toward roads and bridges, which have already and will continue to result in a significant and noticeable change to our town-owned highway system.

Van Tassel: First, the preservation of the health and safety of our residents and our environment and, second, repairing Town Hall and the highway facility to make them code-compliant and energy ef-

ficient while keeping the budget in check.

What role should the board play in such issues as immigration and gun rights?

Greco: Unless the current Town Board is considering establishing Philipstown's own foreign policy — sorry — my point is that we have an aging population, the opioid crisis impacting our children, the highest assessed property values in Putnam County and talk of a county-wide property revaluation, to name a few issues before us. I'd say we have more important things locally that impact our residents right now, which the Town Board should be concentrating on.

Leonard: Legally, immigration policy rests with the federal government and gun rights are a shared responsibility between federal, state and county governments. The desired expectation of your local town board is to ensure its residents understand that it shall treat everyone in an equal, fair, safe and civil manner and reserve the right as exercised to advise higher forms of government when it feels the safety of its fellow residents may be at stake due to flawed processes that require corrective action. Town boards certainly can provide educational assistance and tools to help residents in all life safety and equality-of-life issues that do not violate existing laws.

Van Tassel: The Town Board needs to stay focused on (Continued on Page 10)

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What the Candidates Say *(from Page 9)*

issues that we can control directly. I do support the board revisiting the Safe Storage Law that was proposed and coming up with a plan that will secure the safety of our residents and most importantly our children without taking away a person's right to defend themselves. The Town of Philipstown does not ask for or retain any individual's immigration status or set protocols or procedures for any policing agency, and that eliminates us from any involvement in immigration procedures.

Are three municipal governments needed for a town and two villages with a combined population of 10,000 people?

Greco: Objectively, no, and if you ask each of the three municipalities they'll say the same. However, each will probably tell you that the other two "aren't really interested" or "have some issues." Even then, the Town Board doesn't have much of a track record in this regard. Remember the on-off-on-off-again Butterfield-Town Hall drama, the Graner emergency services study, ambulance corp. funding or the Garrison Fire District saga? The ongoing dispute between Cold Spring and Nelsonville regarding fire coverage? Also, the town's abandoning of the Fair Street sidewalk project in Cold Spring? Not to mention the duplicative costs of two independent school districts. All of these are pocketbook issues that have cost residents time, hard feelings and lost opportunities.

Leonard: It's important to point out

these administrative positions are part-time. This allows for a number of residents to be able to serve at different times, providing both a wide range of talents and experiences. Both town and village governments have discussed and acted on consolidated services such as combined building inspector duties, resulting in improved overall efficiency and service availability. The multiple current layers of government provide a higher, capable level of personalized service for town and village matters but also respect and are open to the wishes of town and village resident majorities should a change in structure feel warranted.

Van Tassel: The three municipalities are unique and it's important for them to retain their identity. I do feel that there are several more opportunities for sharing of services, which will reduce costs and provide better service to everyone.

The Philipstown Community Congress gathered 40 ideas "to preserve and promote a strong community" Which two should be priorities?

Greco: An updated Comprehensive Plan and local civic engagement. These two initiatives would provide the framework for all interested residents to participate in, make their voices heard, discuss, reach consensus addressing the issues and move Philipstown forward as a more dynamic, diverse and tolerant community.

Leonard: Clearly, environmental suggestions lead with 14 proposals and Cli-

mate Smart Community provides the overall structure for the others to develop from. The Town Board has already begun its structure, and positive developments benefiting everyone should be a result. Infrastructure improvements came in second with seven proposals and public transportation begins the development of a town-wide transportation and alternative travel system providing essential services and resources for all.

Van Tassel: First, clean water for obvious reasons. Without a clean water supply, our community would suffer dramatically. The town is about to renew our aquifer study to assist us in protecting this essential resource. Second, Philipstown has had far too many drug-related tragedies. A drug czar, someone qualified to guide us through this growing epidemic, would be a worthy cause that I would have no problem subsidizing it if necessary.

PHILIPSTOWN SUPERVISOR

Richard Shea (D) is running unopposed for his fifth two-year term.

What are your priorities for the next two years?

I will be focusing on infrastructure and the environment. The Town Board has hired an architect and an engineer to produce a plan to update Town Hall including an elevator and new ADA-compliant bathrooms. We will also be installing new windows, insulation and siding to



Shea

increase the energy efficiency and appearance of the building.

The proceeds from the sale of the VFW building on Kemble Avenue allowed us to renovate the annex building at the rear of Town Hall. By December our building department will move

into the new space, which will also house a conference room.

We are also working toward becoming a Climate Smart Community. This will be a multi-year project to assess our carbon footprint and propose solutions for offsetting it. I recently appointed a Climate Smart coordinator to make this program a priority.

All this being said, it is always my first concern to take care of our residents. More programs for seniors and kids of all ages through our wonderful Recreation Department will continue to be a focus. Respecting our ancestors by maintaining the cemeteries is a cause I include in the budget and Councilor Mike Leonard puts into action.

I am fortunate to have a board whose members have diverse skills and opinions. Together we have been stewards of the town's natural resources and environment and by this we're protecting public health and *(Continued on Page 15)*



MICHELANGELO PISTOLETTO WALKING SCULPTURE

Michelangelo Pistoletto's performance will begin at 12.30pm by the Gazebo at the end of Main Street on the Hudson River Waterfront.

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The Calendar

Flowers Galore

Two shops bring blossoms back to Cold Spring

By Alison Rooney

COLD SPRING FLORIST

Mary Supino is one of those lucky people who knew what they wanted to do by the age of 12, and, decades later, is still doing it.

In fact, she gave up on retirement to return to what she knows best: flowers.

Five months ago, Supino opened Cold Spring Florist at 159 Main St., and she's never been happier, she says, filling a void that had existed on Main Street for a retail floral business since Carolyn's Flower Shoppe closed in 2016.

While growing up in Shrub Oak, Supino enrolled in a vocational flower arranging course in high school that included field trips to wholesalers and greenhouses as well as to the countryside to pick wildflowers for drying. When a teacher recommended Supino to his wife, who ran a flower shop in Bedford, she eagerly took the job.

When the teacher and his wife later sold the business, Supino stayed for two years as a manager for the new owner. Although only 21, she felt ready to venture out on her own. She ran her first store, Mer-Made (a play on her childhood nickname, Mer) until the birth of her second child, but re-opened it when he reached middle school. Her children and grandchildren, she says, "were raised with the flowers."

Eight years ago, Supino closed the shop and retired, thinking she was done, until, earlier this year, she decided to jump back in.

"I never wanted to come here while Carolyn was here, of course," she says. "But I was bored not being creative. And you know what? Opening here has been the best thing I've ever done. What great people there are here. I like small towns."

Supino says that while her previous shop was "a little bit more Victorian," her current one is more "country." This is reflected in flower sales, with sunflowers and wildflowers being popular, along with succulents and plants. She

creates bouquets for all occasions.

In the spring, she'll prepare corsages and boutonnieres for the proms — customers email her photos of the dresses and she tries to match the color — and she's figuring out how best to reflect Cold Spring's enthusiasm for Halloween.

During the coming holiday season she will have wreaths made of bicycle tires; now the shop has whiskey barrels full of mums.

"I'll make anything, as long as I can put a flower in it," she says. "I get to play with Mother Nature all day — what could be better than that?"

Cold Spring Florist is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday. Call 845-809-5588 or see facebook.com/coldspringmer.



NOW IN BLOOM

In Sweden, Midsummer is a holiday celebrated in late June. Flowers are woven into wreaths and crowns and girls gather seven kinds of flowers, put them under a pillow and dream of whom they are going to marry.

"It's hard sometimes to find that many!" says Bo Corre, a Cold Spring resident who grew up near Stockholm. "We made garlands, decorated a maypole with birch branches and flowers — it's so beautiful. Everyone turns out a fairy tale beauty, there's silver light and a white night."

Who couldn't fall in love with flowers, in such a setting?

Corre did, and earlier this year she opened a floral design shop, Now in Bloom, adjacent to the Cold Spring General Store on Main Street in Cold Spring. "Even as a girl I was always making bouquets," she says. "When you work with your hands a lot, you start feeling really healthy." She moved to the village in 2005 with her husband after traveling between London and New York City for years as an actress.

Her monochromatic compositions, often arranged in Mason jars and apothecary bottles, have been selling out every weekend. Now, tagging along with the General Store, she'll be moving to the back of the space across the street formerly inhabited by Gallery 66 NY.

What sets her work apart, she says, is the personal touch. "I think about the person I'm making the bouquet for," she says. "Do they favor pastels, are they more wild, organic — would they respond to branches? I see it as a creative quest. When I work with flowers; I can't help but be happy. It's about texture, smells, how colors make you feel." Flowers, she says, "put joy in people's lives."

When Corre arrived in New York City as a young woman pursuing an acting career, she thought working in a flower store would be more enjoyable than waiting tables to support herself.

She found a job at a French-owned shop on Mott Street, Pulex Floriste.

"I learned a lot there about creating amazing, gorgeous arrangements," she recalls. She continued to work there even after the move to Cold Spring, and between roles. "I always go back and forth between acting and flowers," she says. "I get and give energy from both."

Corre says she decided to open her floral shop after Carolyn's closed. "It dawned on me I should start my own business," she says. She attended a series of small-business courses at area libraries. It worked. On Mother's Day, Corre says, there was a line of customers down the block, "like for a rock concert."

Now in Bloom, at 57 Main St., is open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. As of Nov. 1, it will be located at 66 Main St.



Mary Supino

Photo by A. Rooney



Bo Corre

Photo by A. Rooney

FRIDAY, OCT. 27

Children’s Halloween Movie Night
6 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
Sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary

Pumpkins in the Park Jack-o'-Lantern Lighting
6 – 8 p.m. Long Dock Park
8 Long Dock Road, Beacon
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

Halloween Party for Middle-Schoolers
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Haunted House
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Depot Docs: Long, Strange Trip
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Mike Archer Memorial 5K Run/Walk
9 a.m. Memorial Park, Beacon
mikearcher5k.eventbrite.com

Medication Take-Back Day
9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center
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MON 4:30, WED 4:30, THU 5:00
The Mountain Between Us (PG13)
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SUN 4:00 6:30, MON & TUE 7:00
WED 2:00 7:00, THU 7:00
Jigsaw (R)
FRI 3:45 6:15 8:45, SAT 2:45 5:15 7:45
SUN 1:45 4:15 6:45, MON 5:00 7:30
TUE 7:30, WED 2:30 5:00 7:30, THU 7:30
Geostorm (PG13)
FRI 3:15 5:45 8:15, SAT 2:15 4:45 7:15
SUN 1:15 3:45 6:15
MON 4:45 7:15, TUE 7:15
WED 2:15 4:45 7:15, THU 7:15
Hotel Transylvania (PG)
SAT (10/28) 3:00, \$5
Rocky Horror Picture Show (R)
SAT (10/28) 8:00, \$10
Dracula (1931, NR)
MON (10/30) 2:00, \$6

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

François Morellet (Opening)
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St., Beacon
845-440-0100 | diaart.org

I Spy Halloween Trail and Crafts
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
174 Angola Road, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnrm.org

Spooktacular Animals Adventure
2:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
See details under Friday.

Not-So-Haunted Barn and Hayride
4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-831-3100 | stonykill.org

Soup & Salad Take-out
4 – 6:30 p.m. Christ Church
60 Union St., Beacon | 845-831-0365

Halloween Parade
4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
Route 9D and Main St., Cold Spring
coldspringareachamber.org | Rain date is Oct. 29

Raven Howell: Shimmer (Reading)
5 – 8 p.m. Country Goose
115 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2122

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

Haunted House
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
See details under Friday.

Depot Docs: Long, Strange Trip
7:30 p.m. Depot Theatre | See details under Friday.

Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra:
Bohemian Rhapsody
7:30 p.m. Aquinas Hall
Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org

Songwriter Fest
7:30 p.m. Beahive Beacon
291 Main St., Beacon
845-765- 1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Hot Jazz Cool Art (Fundraiser)
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-401-3677 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Burton Greene Quartet (Jazz)
8 p.m. Atlas Studios
11 Spring St., Newburgh
845-391-8855 | atlasnewburgh.com

Stomp
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road, West Point
845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975)
8 & 11 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

I Spy Halloween Trail and Crafts
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
See details under Saturday.

Children and Families: Pumpkins and Painted Faces
Noon – 4 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Hocus Pocus Halloween Parade
1 p.m. Beacon Visitors Center
South Avenue at Main

Harvest Festival
2 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Family Movie: Hotel Transylvania
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Classics for Kids Concert
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Saturday.

Sunset Reading Series: Ted Conover
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Haunted House
5 – 8 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
See details under Friday.

Pumpkin Glow
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | See details above.

John Lodge of the Moody Blues
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, OCT. 30

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Begins
valleytable.com/hvrw

International Artists Residency (Opening)
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. River Center Red Barn
Long Dock Park, Beacon | beaconarts.org

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 31

Halloween

Family Halloween Party
4 - 7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring

Trick or Treating (ages 5 and younger)
4:30 – 6 p.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1

All Saints Day

Babywearing Meeting
10 – 11:30 a.m. Waddle n Swaddle
484 Main St., Beacon
waddlenswaddle.com/calendar

Podcast Workshop (ages 11+)
3:30 – 5 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org | Registration required.

Concert for Puerto Rico Animal Rescue
7:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

THURSDAY, NOV. 2

Community Blood Drive
2 – 8 p.m. Loretto Parish Hall | 24 Fair St., Cold
Spring | 800-933-2566 | nybloodcenter.org

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

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

FRIDAY, NOV. 3

Tim D'Acquisto and Grace Kennedy (Opening)
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Willy Wonka Jr.
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Oct. 27.

Acoustic Harvest
7 p.m. Graymoor | 1350 Route 9, Garrison
845-424-3549 | atonementfriars.org

Legend of Sleepy Hollow (Film) with Jonathan Kruk
7 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center
See details under Sunday.

NY Kings Comedy Tour
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
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The Spirits of Beacon

Distillery hosts music, tours, tastings

By Alison Rooney

If the sight of a large orange snake crawling along a garage door makes you think you've had one too many, what's inside will give you the opportunity.

The snake is decorative and adorns the entrance of Denning's Point Distillery on Chestnut Street in Beacon, just off Main. The distillery produces six spirits — Beacon Apple Brandy, Beacon Bourbon, Beacon Whiskey, Maid of the Mountain, Great 9 Gin and Viskill Vodka — and also hosts music jams, parties and events.

The operation celebrated its third anniversary on Labor Day, and each Friday, Saturday and Sunday open its doors for tastings. Founders and partners Karl Johnson and Susan Keramedjian lead tours on Saturday afternoons.

The distillery came about after the passage in 2014 of the Craft New York Act, which offered financial incentives and other benefits to distilleries located on a farm, or where the liquor is made primarily from farm and food products.

The act piqued the interest of Johnson, who grew up on a 6,000-acre farm in Minnesota and, after studying chemical engineering (his first job was developing rocket fuel) had been a distiller for 25 years.

The couple began by looking at farms but realized how difficult it would be to entice customers to an isolated location. While scouting Beacon, they found the perfect spot, a former auto garage.

"The city of Beacon was incredibly supportive, even fast-tracked it," says Keramedjian, whose background is in corporate marketing and design.

The state program requires distilleries to buy 75 percent of their grains from New York farmers; Keramedjian says Denning's Point sources nearly everything in its products, except for the botanicals, from within the state.

"We get our malted barley — 16,000 pounds each week — mostly from around 50 miles from here," she says. "We mill the grain using mainly equipment reclaimed from other industry uses. We're into bootstrapping and try not to buy new."

Each of the spirits and label designs have connections to the history and agricultural (Continued on Page 14)

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Susan Keramedjian

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abundance of the Hudson Valley, she says. For example, the sash-like splash of blue across the Viskill Vodka label was inspired by the sashes worn by Army officers once stationed nearby. Great 9 was the name of the original patent for the Dutchess County land grant (and there are nine botanicals in the recipe).

The distillery has been named the best in the Hudson Valley for three years running by *Hudson Valley Magazine*, not insignificant as there are about 15 distilleries in the region. It also has won three silver awards at the San Francisco World Spirits Awards — for its bourbon, gin and Maid of the Mountain, a wheat-based spirit infused with wild herbs and honey.

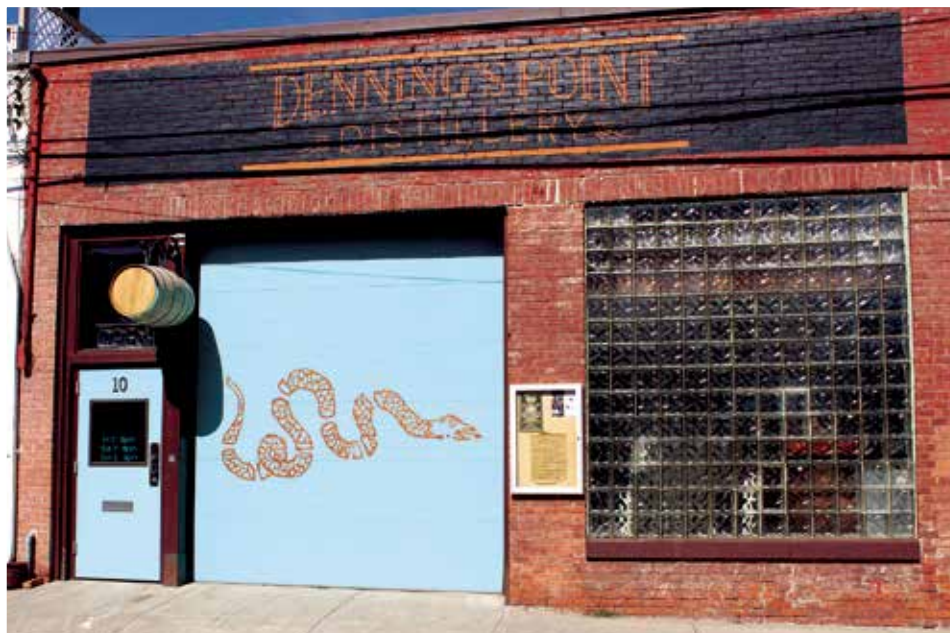
During a tour, Keramedjian describes the distillation process. A homemade “relay box” allows the process to be controlled from an iPhone, she says.

“The grains are milled in a roller mill reclaimed from a horse farm,” she says. “It is mixed with hot water and barley malt, then mashed, turning into sort of a gelatinous oatmeal.” After cooking the mash, the contents are cooled and the couple’s proprietary yeast is added. It is then pumped into fermenting tanks, where it remains for about five days.

After fermentation, the mash is pumped to a 250-gallon, custom-made still. It all then goes into a blending tank, and an app calculates how many pounds of water are needed to bring it, for example, from 115 proof to 110 proof.

The barrels are made from charred American oak by a cooperage in the Adirondacks. They’re filled with water first, which gets the wood to swell. Once filled, they are aged for years in a Newburgh warehouse.

“Fluctuation in temperature draws spirits in and out of the wood, which is what creates the flavors,”



Denning's Point Distillery, with its distinctive snake

Photos by A. Rooney

Keramedjian explains. “When the time comes, barrels are returned to the distillery for bottling, which is done by hand. The bottles are corked, given tear-tapes and labels and go inside case boxes, which then go out on pallets,” with some reserved for the tasting room and distillery sales.

Denning's Point produces about 5,000 cases annually, she says, which are distributed to New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland and Georgia, as well as Washington, D.C. “With bills to pay while sitting in barrels, unaged spirits pay the bills, while the others age,” Keramedjian explains. “Anything with color is aged in a barrel.”

The distillery also hosts live music. On Second Saturday, from 4 to 7 p.m., it opens the doors for a Bourbon ‘n Blues Open Jam Session for any musician who wants to use its backline of Mapex drums, Zildjian cymbals, Hammond organ, Peavey and Fender amps — plus free popcorn. In addition, they’ve hosted films for Story Screen, bachelor/bachelorette parties, charity events and a few weddings. On Nov. 4, it will host a chili festival. “Just turn up with your crockpot three-quarters full,” says Keramedjian.

Denning's Point Distillery, at 10 N. Chestnut St., is open for tastings from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Half-hour tours, followed by a tasting, are conducted on Saturday, usually at 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person. See denningpointdistillery.com or call 845-476-8413.



The distillery barrels are made from charred American oak.

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safety. We may not agree on all issues but the one thing that unites us all is our love of Philipstown and our respect for the people who call it home. I am both humbled and proud to be supervisor of such a great community.

BEACON CITY COUNCIL

There are six council seats — one for each of the four wards and two at-large — and each member serves for two years. Each voter can choose a candidate for his or her ward and each of the two at-large seats.

Ward 1

How should the council address concerns about development?

Terry Nelson (D): It should make certain that during the residential building moratorium they reset zoning for Main Street, the historic district and Fishkill Creek for mixed-use development. It's imperative that it provides more clarity and specificity in zoning in order for the planning and review board process to operate more efficiently and transparently.

Wayne Theiss (R): The council should thoroughly examine the concerns from Beacon residents with regard to some of the larger building projects that have already taken place in Beacon over the past few years. It's clear to me that there is a collective unsettled feeling in our community with this topic. I think we are at a point where it is important to focus on commercial building projects to balance our growth.

Paul Yeaple (Green): It's the responsibility of the council to go out and be involved with all they represent. If they do this well, they hear what people are saying. The people whom I have spoken to in Ward 1 overwhelmingly believe that our development schedule is too much. Many are in favor of a moratorium; many are optimistic that development is not bad but they don't see how they are benefiting. In fact, they are wondering when all this prosperity comes to them. We have to keep the moratorium in place until we can clearly and easily translate to everyone why it would be beneficial to their lives.

Describe your vision for Beacon five years from now.

Nelson: I would like to see Beacon become a Climate Smart Community and a leader in Dutchess County in using renewable energy. The theater at the University Settlement Camp is a site that has untapped potential. I would love for this building to get some modern upgrades and be used more often as an event site for movies, concerts, etc. Finally, I would like to see an expansion of the Parks and Recreation Department so that it could provide even more programming for our seniors and teens.

Theiss: As I've stated throughout my campaign, my vision is to help find a balance in development between commercial and residential growth. Over the next five years I would also like to help come to a decision on what direction the city plans to go in with regard to the firehouse consolidation project. It's also important to



Nelson, Theiss and Yeaple

create recreational and job opportunities for our youth because they are Beacon's future.

Yeaple: The right decisions now pay off in the future. Investing in the right places will bring more quality of life for the people in Beacon. Five years from now, we should have more parks and more bike trails. Taxes that are the same as they are in 2017. Less trash and more parking on Main Street. A much-improved intercity shuttle system and economic development system. Free Little League baseball and soccer. I wish I had more space.

What qualities or experiences make you the right choice for the council?

Nelson: Having been consistently involved in this community over the last nine years through the Beacon Independent Film Festival, BeaconArts and the Beacon afterschool program, I've had the unique opportunity to interact with a wide and diverse range of members of this community. I have heard and listened to their various concerns over the years and plan to continue doing just that. They know that they will always have someone in city government that is attentive to their needs. By creating and helping build the Beacon Independent Film Festival over the last five years, I've built a reputation as someone who is not afraid taking on huge tasks. I'm a doer as well as a good listener and I believe those skills will translate well if I'm fortunate enough to sit on the City Council.

Theiss: I believe that I have some important qualities that allow me to stand out and take on the responsibilities of a city councilman. Throughout my life I have always been active in my community here in Beacon. I've been a team captain and leader as I came up through Beacon's baseball program. Those leadership qualities have helped me build a successful HVAC business. I've also lived in Beacon all of my life so I have a firsthand connection to the transformation that has occurred in my community and a vision for how to continue growing in a sustainable manner for future generations.

Yeaple: As someone born in Highland Hospital, who rode the incline, walked that mountain round, crashed dirt bikes, played Little League, got a Regents, graduated from Dutchess Community College, SUNY New Paltz and the Institute of Culinary Education, and as a former VP and financial advisor with Chase Manhattan, homeowner, business owner, taxpayer, chef and, above all else, the father of Hudson and Talulah, I have experience. I see what Beacon is — a true gem of unbelievable magnitude. We should all benefit and getting that done is all I want to do.

Ward 2

Although his name will appear on the ballot on the Republican and Conservative party lines, incumbent Omar Harper said on Oct. 17 he is no longer running for personal reasons and endorsed his opponent, John Rembert.

How should the council address concerns about development?

John Rembert (D): The council should extend the moratorium if necessary to



Rembert

find an alternative water supply due to population influx and reassess zoning as it impacts key areas of our city such as Main Street, the Fishkill Creek corridor, our waterfront and historic areas. We have learned from 344 Main how building size and its proportionality to its location matters in development.

Describe your vision for Beacon five years from now.

Rembert: My vision for Beacon is a place that provides jobs for our youth and those who want to live where they work. I also envision our city building a community center that is accessible (possibly on Main Street) to all our residents and particularly our youth and seniors. Our community will have adopted sustainable practices and established energy goals.

What qualities or experiences make you the right choice for the council?

Rembert: While I am new to Beacon politics, I am not new to leadership. I retired as a first sergeant after 27 years of service and leadership in the U.S. Army, having been awarded the Bronze Star for training Iraqi police officers in a combat zone. I am an ordained minister at the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church and am completing a master's degree in Biblical studies. I have been endorsed by the Democratic, Working Families and Beacon United parties. I have also been endorsed by the Independence Party, in part, for its belief that I will be nonpartisan in carrying out my duties as the Ward 2 councilman. With a similar belief, Mayor Randy Casale appointed me last year to the city Charter Review Commission. I am also an active member in the American Legion in Beacon and in the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Masons. Being involved in our community, having the ability to listen to the people and the leadership skills necessary to get the job done

are critical qualities needed to progress our city forward. I am confident that I embody these qualities and will serve well as a voice for the people.

Ward 3

How should the council address concerns about development?

Andrew Gauzza (R): The council needs to address the residents' concern of development in Beacon. We have had a period of unchecked development with no central plan for moving forward, and the people of Beacon understand this and are concerned about it as much as I am. The council needs to get "down and dirty" when it comes to the specifics and details. We should look into the comprehensive plan, and place provisions for the amount of residential zoning as opposed to commercial and office space as well as triggers for a comprehensive plan update/redraw for when we reach 60 percent of our resource capacity. The council also needs to assess large building projects' effect over time (e.g., one, three, five, 10 and 20 years in the future) to determine impacts to city resources and adjust to meet the requirements.

Jodi McCredo (D): I believe that government officials are elected to both lead and represent the people they serve. Right now, it's extremely important for us to slow down development, review our zoning to make sure that our historic landscapes and structural architecture are preserved, and provide incentives — such as tax breaks, municipal assistance with hiring, and working with businesses and the school board to create professional internships that high school students can take in exchange for credits — to bring jobs into the community. When considering new projects, it is crucial that developers communicate with our school district and other Beacon entities about possible impacts. We should also pursue grants to bring green industry into Beacon. This will protect our environment while creating jobs and solidifying Beacon as a leader in progressive sustainable growth. One major concern among residents is that Beacon is losing its sense of community. I believe that more events geared towards residents will help. For example, I would like to establish regular Ward 3 meet-ups, so people new and old can get to know their neighbors better.

Describe your vision for Beacon five years from now.

Gauzza: It includes thriving businesses, higher employment within the city and a higher volunteer base in terms of the fire department and emergency services. I would also

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like to see a plan for updates on the city's sewage and water systems at least in place and ready to take off by five years, as well as a plan be passed for firehouse consolidation.

McCredo: I see Beacon as continuing to be an economically thriving, environmentally conscious, close-knit community. New residents will be able to assimilate into Beacon life through local job opportunities and events. Our newer structures will be energy efficient and make use of safe, low-toxin materials for products such as sealants and insulation. New businesses will want to open in Beacon because this will be a beautiful, thriving city with a local population eager and equipped to work. As they are today, my children will be proud to say, "I'm from Beacon."

What qualities or experiences make you the right choice for the council?

Gauzza: Voters should elect me because I am a lifelong Beacon resident and because I am young and I have new ideas and a unique outlook on compromising historical preservation with smart and sustainable development and growth. I value organization and solid plans, which is what I want to implement to accomplish many projects that simply cannot be pushed off any further (sewage and



Gauzza, McCredo



water updates, firehouse consolidation and various other issues pertaining to either infrastructure or recreation) while recognizing that it is not the city who pays for these projects but the taxpayers. I also value bipartisanship and

working across the aisle to get solutions to problems. I like to see both sides of every issue before I make a decision, which I believe is what makes a good leader.

McCredo: Community engagement is vital to the success of any city. I strongly encourage all residents to get involved and hold elected officials accountable. I learned a lot through my work with Advocates for Beacon Schools, a group that became necessary because the former school administration was ignoring the concerns of the community it was meant to serve. Through both ABS and the Beacon Commission on Human Relations, I have become someone locals seek out when they are having problems because I am passionate about helping them find solutions. This activism has also taught me a lot about Beacon's diverse population, and their equally diverse needs. It's not about money, race, politics, or how long you've lived here; if you are a part of this community, you are a part of its potential. I work from home and I am extremely active in the community, so I will be accessible and available to anyone

who needs me. My experiences have taught me what's expected of council members and I have a deep respect for community members who make the time to make a difference. I am not afraid to stand up and speak out for what I believe in and I will not be intimidated by any group or individual seeking to put their own interests before the best interests of Beacon. I am ready for this challenge!

Ward 4

How should the council address concerns about development?

Christopher Bopp (R): The City Council should spend more time listening to residents before they make decisions about any development within the city. Unfortunately, this has not happened. The limited amount of exposure to the Planning Board doesn't give residents enough input to our city's future development. We need to revisit how we get this type of information to residents in a timely manner. Considering social media, residents should have ample ways to review and know about upcoming developments and I will work to make this happen.

Amber Grant (D): Beacon needs stronger, smarter control of development. It's time to take stock of where we are and where we want to be in the long term. Based on our plan for the future, we move forward with legislation that strengthens our zoning — clearly defining building height, parking, setbacks and green spaces, to name a few. We can get the details right and reduce variances through stronger controls and zoning regulations. We should also ensure projects contribute to improving our city's infrastructure and our community. With aging water, sewer and roads, we need to push for a tax base or contribution model that supports advancements in these areas and for our community as a whole.

Describe your vision for Beacon five years from now.

Bopp: My vision for the city is that we continue to have the same financial ratings we enjoy now, or better. Considering all this development, this new tax base should require that we do not raise taxes for five years. I also look forward to Beacon being acknowledged as the cleanest and safest city in the Hudson Valley. I per-



Bopp, Grant



sonally will never vote for tax increases for at least the next two years.

Grant: I see Beacon as a thriving city where people from all walks of life are welcomed. Residents have access to great recreation opportunities and services, and we've made progress toward more efficient, green energy sources. We have a Main Street where business owners are profitable and where the community and tourists alike enjoy shopping and eating. We've been able to bring in more local jobs, so people can spend less time commuting and more time enjoying our wonderful mountains, museums and community. We have affordable housing options that have helped keep our community diverse. The historic and architectural integrity of our surroundings has been preserved and enhanced through stronger zoning and controls.

What qualities or experiences make you the right choice for the council?

Bopp: As a longtime contributor to the community and past City Council member, I have sat on the Beacon Planning Board, was the treasurer of both the Howland Library and Howland Cultural Center, and I have served as a trustee for the Christ Methodist Church in Beacon. I am a trustee for the Beacon Elks 1493, which contributed more than \$102,000 to the community last year. I am also a real estate broker and tax accountant with a successful business in town for the past 28 years, and I have lived in Beacon for the majority of my life. I have a Bachelor's degree in accounting from SUNY New Paltz and have engaged in graduate work in financial planning at Marist College. I live and breathe Beacon and look forward to serving my constituents. My door will always be open for comments and input.

Grant: I am so glad we have such an active and engaged community, and I value the perspectives our residents bring to the table. My *(Continued on Page 17)*

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years of professional experience in project and budget management, digital technology, and long-term strategic planning will help move our community forward. These skills are needed on the council and I bring a fresh perspective, a proactive approach and a can-do attitude to tackling issues. I'd also seek ways to make government more accessible and understandable to residents — I feel it's important to keep the community informed so I get their input. I'm very responsive and have proven leadership skills, both in my professional and community volunteer capacities. This mix of professional and personal experience makes me an effective leader. I will put the people of Beacon and our community first, helping to guide us toward continued success.

At-Large

Amando Downer (R) could not respond due to illness.

How should the council address concerns about development?

Lee Kyriacou (D): At this critical time in Beacon's rejuvenation, we must quickly and firmly manage new development to fit our community's character and needs. That includes: (1) limiting Main Street height; (2) reducing creekside density and requiring commercial development; (3) insisting on appropriate design; and (4) expanding historic preservation. I have been offering detailed proposals for the past several months even before passage of the development moratorium, so that we can quickly get changes in place in the six-month window of the moratorium.

George Mansfield (D): As one of the only two incumbents on the ballot this year, I have the opportunity to begin addressing constituent concerns regarding development immediately. In fact, we have already taken significant steps toward refining and clarifying our current zoning language so as to better predict and determine the kind of development we need at this pivotal time in our history. With ever-increasing costs in pensions, healthcare, infrastructure repair etc., we must look for additional tax revenues without burdening our current base. We are now in the enviable position of having significant developer interest in Beacon. However, we must remember that not all development is net positive regarding cost of services and infrastructure impacts. We have recently updated our comprehensive plan,

imposed a building moratorium, begun redrafting zoning in the Fishkill Creek district and Main Street — all efforts to secure a sustainable future for Beacon. In its draft form, future zoning language will make it mandatory to include commercial space so as to encourage small businesses and subsequent job opportunities as well as limiting density to a degree that it helps maintain the vitality of Main Street without compromising our quality of life. Having served eight years on the council, I have witnessed the tail-end of the bust years and the ascendancy of the boom years. None of those years have been without challenges and inherent peril. It is how we, as a community, chose to deal with them that has put our city on a path to success. As an elected official I have always tried to encourage community engagement, discourse and education. I have learned to value and listen to all voices, loud and soft alike. I have learned that each day brings new opportunities and problems that we must react to with deliberation and a clear, comprehensive vision.

Describe your vision for Beacon five years from now.

Kyriacou: My original vision for Beacon as a councilman in the 1990s was the renaissance it has been enjoying for the past 15 years — transforming itself from a worn-out industrial city to a vibrant community of diversity, history, arts and entrepreneurs. Many viewed that as unrealistic, but here we are. My vision for Beacon today continues that transformation, but adds to it that we tightly manage development to achieve: (1) a sustainable, thriving and more attractive Main Street; (2) a Fishkill Creek with residential/commercial restoration of empty

factory sites as well as extensive greenway trails; (3) an expansion of our preserved historic properties, viewsheds and open space; (4) the "greenest" community in the Hudson Valley in terms of energy, transit and recycling practices; and (5) an active and engaged community.

Mansfield: There is no denying the inevitability of change. The challenge is to change by embracing and valuing our past while simultaneously preparing for an unknown future. I cannot say what Beacon will be like in five years, but I can say what I would like it to be and that I will work diligently to see these hopes become reality.

- MTA spur line will be reactivated as

either a bike path or intermodal form of transportation.

- MTA will develop primarily office space on the waterfront.
- Solar farm will be complete at landfill.
- Camp Beacon will be a major hub of innovative incubators for makers, local food purveyors, educators.
- University Settlement will be fully utilized for innovative educational and recreational activities.
- Craig House will be renovated for either commercial or educational purposes.
- Route 52 corridor will be reimagined and developed for additional commercial/job opportunities.
- "Zombie" houses will be released by the banks and offered to first-time home buyers.
- Commercial/residential rents become more affordable as new units are added to the supply.

What qualities or experiences make you the right choice for the council?

Kyriacou: My passion and expertise is in zoning and planning (plus a penchant for hard-nosed budgeting). Within months of joining the Beacon City Council in the '90s, I proposed and helped lead the community through a development moratorium that resulted in major residential zoning changes affecting half our properties. If re-elected, I offer that planning/zoning expertise and 16 years of service

on the City Council.

Mansfield: I believe that my two years on the Planning Board and eight years on the council will provide the experience, historical knowledge and familiarity with the complex issues that will be necessary to address the challenges of tomorrow. I know that all solutions are the result of healthy debate, compromise and pragmatism. As the owner of Dogwood and a frequent presence on Main Street, I am available and accessible to my constituents on a daily basis.

Election Coverage

The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 7. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is Tuesday, Oct. 31. For information, or to find your polling place, see putnamboe.com or dutchesselections.com.

In our Nov. 3 issue, *The Current* will pose questions to each candidate in the races for Putnam County Sheriff and the two seats on the Dutchess County Legislature that represent Beacon. We also will provide a ballot guide, including to the three statewide referendums.

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Kyriacou, Mansfield



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Roots and Shoots

Learning from Experiencing

Lessons from a walk in the park

By Pamela Doan

If you love plants, visiting a garden like the High Line, an unused, elevated rail line in New York City transformed into a park and walkway, is similar to an art lover roaming a museum. There's so much to look at and take in. I enjoyed a lovely fall day there and appreciated the sculptural qualities of the dried plants interspersed with spots of color from late-blooming asters, lilies and leaves turning on the trees and shrubs.

I've been studying a new book, *Gardens of the High Line, Elevating the Nature of Modern Landscapes*, by Piet Oudolf and Rick Darke, and it gave me a new perspective on the layout and the designer's vision.

Oudolf designed the plantings. What I did not realize from prior visits was his intentional creation of diverse landscapes. There are very often crowds at the High Line, and with so much to look at and so many people, the overall themes were lost on me.

Oudolf essentially set up ecosystems of plant communities along the mile and a half

of track — including woodland, grassland, meadow, a wildflower field and a water garden — using the natural conditions that resulted from the surrounding buildings. It's what I love best about wild gardens, mimicking nature and always changing. Each year the layers of canopy trees, understory, woody plants and herbaceous plants maneuver and shift in response to each other and the urban environment.

Maybe I'm doing something right if this internationally recognized landscape designer and I like some of the same plants?

I was thrilled by how many plants I could identify and have in my own landscape at home. Maybe I'm doing something right if this internationally recognized landscape designer and I like some of the same plants?

The plantings inspired me to think about how I can create more interesting vistas. Oudolf uses a variety of grasses in ways that I haven't thought about. In many yards, grasses are used to define an area like the entrance to a driveway or as a backdrop to other plants, and many are non-native. Intermixing sedges, clusters of *Muhlenbergia capillaris* or pink muhly grass, *Sporobolus heterolepis* or prairie dropseed, *Schizachyrium scoparium* or big and little bluestems, were striking features and added color and texture in combination with native perennials.

These are all much better choices than the widely used and invasive Chinese silver grass *Miscanthus sinensis* that is prohibited from sale or planting by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Dried flower stalks are left in all the plantings on the High Line, creating a four-season landscape of artistry. When left to overwinter, spent plants can disperse their seeds in the wind, provide food for wildlife, and look dramatic when covered in snow.

The photography by Darke is reason enough to pick up the book. I'm sure the High Line ranks high in the most Insta-



Sinomone toadlily blooming on the High Line.

Photo by P. Doan



The High Line at 20th Street, looking downtown

Wikipedia

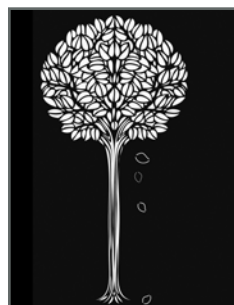
grammable sites in New York City and Darke shot every landscape in every season with gorgeous results.

Oudolf describes visiting the High Line many times in the process of designing the landscape. He tried to understand its nat-

ural tendencies and work with those conditions rather than to force his view onto it. Credit goes to the founders of the High Line for choosing someone with this sensibility to make it a landmark, a destination and a model for aspirational gardeners.



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Sara Blackburn of Garrison shared this photo of her son, William, with Shadowfax. "Will is sure they're best buds," she says. "Shadowfax is not so sure." If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.com.



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Catching Up with ... Capuchin Ministries

By Christine Simek

Agape is the word used by early Christians for the love they believe God has for humanity. Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries, headquartered on Route 9D in Garrison, is a Catholic community built on the tenets of agape love: service, care for creation and focus on justice and peace.

The Capuchins are a global organization of friars who model themselves after St. Francis of Assisi. Founded in 1528 in central Italy, the order has become a major force in the Catholic Church. The friars assigned to Garrison focus on youth and family.

"What we do here is called 'relational ministry,'" explains Erik Lenhart, one of two friars recently transferred here from a parish in Connecticut. "The information we share is important, but we do that through knowing people first. Without relationship, nothing happens."

To accomplish that, the center hosts retreats and programs throughout the year. They are open to anyone and include weekends for middle and high school students focused on community building and bonding with peers. The goal is to help each adolescent have his or her own personal encounter with Christ.

But what makes a 15-year-old decide to spend a sunny October weekend at a seminary learning about Scripture rather than kicking a ball around on a soccer field?

"What gets them here is a search for something bigger in their lives," says Tom Brinkmann, CYFM's executive director. "But we also do a lot of service projects, so that's a hook, too."

The projects include service retreats, such as one that took place on Oct. 13 to 15, in which families gathered for prayer on Friday and spent the rest of the weekend building bunk beds for disadvantaged children.

Brinkmann says the retreats offer teenagers and their parents the opportunity to unplug, get quiet and let God speak to them. He says children often get pigeonholed by peer groups early in their lives,



Friar Erik Lenhart cuts parts during a service retreat at CYFM on Oct. 14. Photo provided

but "if they are able to come here at a time when their personality is developing but without the baggage of 'We already know who you are,' it can be very helpful. Here they become part of an accepting community, and I see kids flourish."

The friars also host outreach retreats twice a year for high school and college students to spend a week in prayer, learning catechism and volunteering. During past retreats, students have worked in soup kitchens and at hospitals with end-stage cancer patients and have tutored children with disabilities. "The kids get outside of their bubbles," Brinkmann says. Lenhart notes that social media provides connections but not community, "which is, as humans, our deepest desire."

The retreats at CYFM are designed to focus on beauty, goodness and truth, Lenhart

says. "We share the catechisms, the echoes of ancient wisdom and truth that make our lives meaningful," he says. He adds, with a laugh, "It's not necessarily making our lives easier, but more meaningful."

The summer Appalachian Mission is CYFM's largest retreat, with 85 participants who spend nine days in Harlan County, Kentucky, deep in the heart of Appalachia.

Harlan, the county seat, is a struggling coal mining town, and one of the poorest communities in the country. Capuchin volunteers make nursing home visits, run a vacation bible school and distribute clothing and children's books. In addition, five teams are dispatched to repair homes.

Another program, Cap Corps, which Lenhart oversees, inspired him to join the order 15 years ago. He was a first-year cadet at West Point on Sept. 11, 2001, which shook his world view. Soon after, a friend sent him a biography of St. Francis. Lenhart noted that the saint, at one point,



Sarah, a participant in the Family and Friends retreat at CYFM on Oct. 14, stains part of bunkbeds being built for disadvantaged children. Photo provided

had wanted to be a soldier, too, but ended up on a wildly different path.

"I recognized that something was not in alignment with who I was, what I wanted to be and the type of community that I desired," Lenhart explains. As it happened, a few months later, he attended a Cap Corps retreat at CYFM designed for cadets. "God was presenting me with something," he says. "After that, it wasn't hard to make a decision to leave the academy."



Friar Erik Lenhart, left, and Tom Brinkmann, CYFM's executive director

Photo by Sheila Williams

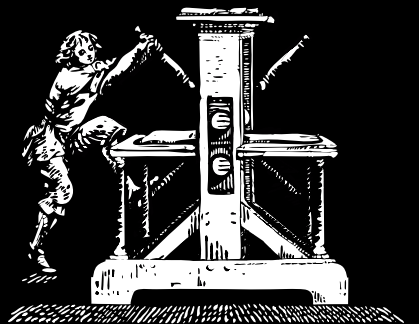
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Memorial Tree Planting

Honors Jodi Ferdico of Garrison

A tree will be planted and a plaque placed in McConville Park in Cold Spring at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4, to remember Garrison resident Jodi Ferdico, who died in April at age 53. Ferdico watched the children of many Phillipstown families and was a regular at the Tot Park.

Celtic New Year

Irish music session on Oct. 29

Local musicians will follow the Irish session tradition and each take turns playing as inspiration hits during the annual Harvest Festival at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley starting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29. The event celebrates Samhain, the Celtic New Year. A \$10 donation is suggested. See tompkinscorners.org.

Gardens in Their Best Light

Photographer to discuss new book

Photographer Stacy Bass will discuss her new book, *Gardens at First Light*, at Winter Hill in Garrison from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 5. Bass used the natural

glow of daybreak to photograph private gardens throughout the Northeast. The event is sponsored by the Garden Conservancy and the Philipstown Garden Club. RSVP to lmoss@gardenconservancy.org.

Spanish Music and Poetry

Graymoor to host guitarist

Jacqueline Henry-Ross will perform classical Spanish guitar music and poet Paul Jacob will read Spanish poetry at the Acoustic Harvest festival hosted by the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in Garrison at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

New Exhibit at Buster Levi

Reception scheduled for Nov. 3

The Buster Levi Gallery in Cold Spring will open an exhibit of works by Tim D'Acquisto and Grace Kennedy with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3.

D'Acquisto uses common objects as metaphors and to explore composition and color. Kennedy's paintings act as stage sets for collages and figures with unusual angles of viewpoint. Buster Levi is open Friday to Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.

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A hotel and bungalows at the lost utopia of Nitgedaiget

Utopia in Philipstown

Where did it go?

On Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, historian Diane Lapis will discuss her research on the vanished utopia of Nitgedaiget. Lapis is a trustee of the Beacon Historical Society. Nitgedaiget was a community that flourished on the border between Beacon and Cold Spring for much of the 20th century. The presentation begins at 4 p.m.

Planting Bulbs

Workshop at Stonecrop

Stonecrop Garden will host a hands-on workshop on planting bulbs starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Instructors will cover planting techniques and potting and participants will take home paperwhites and a bag of bulbs. The fee is \$30 for members or \$40 otherwise.

Give Blood

Drive at Loretto on Nov. 2

The Philipstown Community Blood Drive will take place in the parish hall of Our Lady of Loretto from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2. See nybloodcenter.org. Walk-ins are welcome, or to make an appointment, call 845-424-3456.

Beacon

Buy a Tree for Playground

Wee Play launches fundraiser

The Wee Play Community Project has joined with environmental designer Bryan Quinn of One Nature to create a nature playground as part of an expansion of the Wee Play Tot Park in Memorial Park. The first phase of the installation begins this month.

Based on feedback in a survey conducted last year by Wee Play, a grove of poplar trees will be (To next page)

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WILL IT HAPPEN AGAIN? — Diana Henriques, author of *A First-Class Catastrophe*, a history of the 1987 market crash, spoke on Oct. 22 during a fundraiser for *The Current*. Signed copies of her book are available with a \$100, tax-deductible contribution to the newspaper. Email donate@highlandscurrent.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(From previous page) an important element of the playground, and the names of donors who contribute \$100 or more to the project will appear on a Forest Map inside the Wee Woods. For information, email weewoods@weeplayproject.org.



LEGAL LEAD — Lourdes Laifer of Cold Spring portrays a lawyer in *Diminished Capacity*, which will be performed at the United Methodist Church in Shrub Oak starting Nov. 4.

Photo provided

Art and Music Flow

Artists to create under influence of jazz

Three artists — Basha Maryanska, Cynthia McCusker and Joe Pimental — will create original works while listening to the Chris Crocco Fluid Trio on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m., as a fundraiser for the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. The event, “Hot Jazz, Cool Art,” will raise money for upgrades to the center’s heating and cooling system. Tickets are \$20 at brownpapertickets.com/event/3112164 or at the door.

Benefit for Animals of Puerto Rico

Scheduled for Dogwood on Nov. 1

The Judith Tulloch Band will perform a benefit concert at Dogwood in Beacon at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, to raise money for animal rescue on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. The Humane Society there is in dire need of supplies for animals that were hurt or need to be sheltered since Hurricane Maria.

From Berlin to Beacon

Exhibit looks at home and heritage

The theme of migration and searching for heritage and home unites the artists in *Roots — From Berlin to Beacon* at

the Howland Cultural Center. It will open with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Works by German-born artists Bibiana Huang Matheis, Helga Schuhr, Ilse Schreiber-Noll and Silke Konschak address their feelings of being between cultures. The exhibit is on view until Dec. 3.

Tick-Free Contest

Open to middle and high schoolers

Middle and high school students are invited to submit a 30- or 60-second public service announcement as part of a contest sponsored by the Tick Task Force of the Dutchess County Legislature. The live action or computer-animated video should explain how to remain tick free. Entries are due by March 10. See co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/be-tick-free-contest.htm.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Spookytown Returns

Sweet kind of scary

Spookytown, the trick-or-treat event designed for children ages 5 and younger, returns to Cold Spring on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Chestnut Ridge. From 4 to 7 p.m., the Putnam History Museum, at 63 Chestnut St. will host a free party with apple cider, snacks and games.

Fourth-graders in Girl Scout Troop 2032, along with Manitou School students, created decorations that will adorn the neighborhood.

Spookytown was founded in 2016 by a group of residents led by musician Dar Williams to provide an alternative to young children who might be frightened of the sights and sounds of Parrott Street.

Garrison Pumpkin Glow

Library hosts annual event

The annual Pumpkin Glow hosted by the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison begins on Sunday, Oct. 29, on the front lawn at 6 p.m. Bring a carved pumpkin with a candle and experience the light of all the pumpkins together. Stacey Labriola will play spooky music and there will be apples, cider and doughnuts. Earlier, in the day, at 2 p.m., the library will screen the animated *Hotel Transylvania* (2012).



YOU'LL GROW INTO IT — Haldane sixth-graders Scott Bailey and Patrick DiNardo suit up with help from members of the Cold Spring Fire Company during a fire prevention assembly at Haldane Middle School on Oct. 16.

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Girl Scouts from Troop 2032 prepare the Spookytown decorations. *Photo by Ivy Meeropol*

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Bits of Beacon History

By Robert Murphy

The man who dared too much

In 1920, Harry McLaughlin had a meteoric rise, and fall, to fame.

Although he was known as “Tex,” he had little Texas background. Born in 1892 in Fishkill Landing (now Beacon), where his father, George McLaughlin, was a brakeman for the New England Railroad, Harry spent most of his younger years in Connecticut. He got the nickname from the relatively brief time he spent in San Antonio as an Army flight instructor during World War I.

Prior to the war Harry had been a gymnast and an instructor at a YMCA in Con-



Daredevil McLaughlin hangs from a plane by his teeth BHS

necticut, and following a competition at Madison Square Garden in 1915 he was named one of the “most perfect of male specimens” in the country.

During his short time in San Antonio, Harry impressed Tex O'Reilly, an adventurer, soldier of fortune and writer of western novels, who was having two of his novels, *Hollywood Ranch* and *West of the Rio Grande*, made into silent films. Harry was chosen to play the lead in both, and he did his own stunts.

When filming ended, Harry promoted himself as America's most daring stuntman. He made national news by having his photo taken while doing a handstand on a chair on top of a Chicago skyscraper.

When Ormer Locklear, America's foremost aviator stuntman, was killed during a movie shoot, Harry fulfilled Locklear's contracts at state fairs. His airplane act was to hang by his knees from a rope lad-

der and jump to the wing of another plane.

On Sept. 18, 1920, at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, Tex was offered \$1,000 to perform a stunt for 40,000 spectators. Harry climbed out on the wing of one plane and reached for the rope ladder attached to the fuselage of the plane flying overhead. He began to climb when a burst of wind blew him into the propeller of one plane.

Pilot Shirley Short, recognizing that Harry was badly injured, landed the higher plane, with Harry still clinging to the rope. He died two days later.

Honeymoon Ranch opened that December to high praise for the Beacon boy's stunts. He was also praised for his work in *West of the Rio Grande*, which opened in 1921.

The first Beacon TVs

Soon after Ralph Manning opened his auto supplies store at 500 Main St. in the mid-1920s, he capitalized on the latest rage — radio — by adding Atwater-Kent cabinets next to his line of auto batteries and tires. And on Aug. 31, 1939, Manning stocked the first television set for sale in Beacon.

The set was a top-of-the-line RCA model (TRK-12) with a 5-by-12-inch tube capable of receiving five channels. It cost \$600 at a time when a new car was \$700. Television had broken into the airwaves only a few months earlier, on April 30, when RCA and the National Broadcasting Co. broadcast live the opening ceremony of the New York World's Fair. Station W2XBS in New



The TRK-12 television

Wikipedia

York broadcast several hours a day, five days a week, including sports, films, and live, hour-long dramas.

Manning placed his TRK-12 in the window and the crowds gathered. He offered two hours (12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.) of viewing, Tuesday through Fridays. Sales were disappointing until RCA cut the price of its sets by a third.

Cat trouble

On a cold January morning in 1898, the pupils in Frances Nearing's physiology class at Matteawan (Beacon) High School were quiet as mice, rapt in attention to the lesson at hand. Miss Nearing's subject that day was the anatomy of a cat, and to that end she had brought in the lungs, heart and other feline innards for a show-and-tell exhibition of their workings.

The class, which consisted of about 20 boys and girls who were ages 12 to 14 years, were mostly thrilled at the novelty of seeing a cat inside out. And, of course, most ran home after- (To next page)



A scene from *Honeymoon Ranch* with Tex McLaughlin BHS

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(From previous page) ward to tell their parents and let the cat out of the bag that Miss Nearing had dissected a tabby.

Gurdon Miller, the principal, resolutely defended Miss Nearing. But the school board passed a resolution of disapproval, stating that the practice is "more demoralizing than enlightening in its influence upon the children." It also noted that any further dissections "will be considered sufficient for the dismissal of any teacher."

Miller and Nearing both offered their resignations in protest. The New York newspapers published the gory details but the catty accusations eventually subsided and the educators returned to the school.

Mystery man

Until recently all that we knew about this photo of a man sitting at his office desk (below) was the date: March 1901, from the calendar on his desk.

The mystery began to unravel with the identification via Google of Elsie Miles Smith of South Avenue in Fishkill Landing (Beacon). She was one of the city's pioneer female inventors, having received a patent in the 1870s for her corset-stays (fasteners) with vulcanized rubber coating that prevented rusting from perspiration. Elsie sold her patent to a Michigan corset manufacturer for a tidy sum. A news article gave her name as Mrs. George C. Smith, and a search for George uncovered a record of his grave at Fishkill Rural Cemetery with a photo. The man in the long unidentified photo and the gravesite photo were dead ringers.

By 1901, George C. Smith, it turns out, was a superintendent at the New York Rubber Co. on Tioronda Avenue in Beacon, where he had been employed since the 1860s. He had risen over his 40 years there from bookkeeper to manager of the whole plant and its 250 employees. George died in 1907 and Elsie in 1925.



Mystery man no longer

Hammer time

On the granite facade of the building at 139 Main St. are two panels in carved relief depicting a man's arm holding a hammer. The arm and hammer were symbols of the strength of the financial institution located within, as well as representative of the corporation's name, the Mechanics Savings Bank.



Mechanics Savings Bank

The building was constructed by the James Forrestal Co. in 1929 and opened for business on Feb. 1, 1930. The architect was A. Stanley Miller, who said he wanted it to be the most imposing building on Main. Its granite was quarried at Ausable Forks, New York.

The main entrance featured a heavy bronze grill fitted with a swinging gate and bronze lantern. Inside, a visitor beheld a "sight of grandeur" (the architect's words): the walls and floors were of Green Mountain marble and paneled walnut.

The name carved in bold lettering on the cornice was accurate for only five years. In 1935, the Matteawan Savings Bank and Mechanics Savings Bank merged to become the Beacon Savings Bank. In 1956, Beacon Savings moved out of 139 Main to 364 Main. Around that time the Star of Bethlehem Church at 22 N. Cedar, made the bold move to relocate to 139 Main, thus becoming the only church within a bank in Beacon.

Footnoting a photo

With the help of a high-resolution scan and closeups, the Beacon Historical Society was able to piece together clues of when, where, what and who (we think) is in this old photo.

Arrow 1. A calendar with "John M. MacFarlane, Chemist and Apothecary" printed below the picture. The month is November, and the first day falls on a Monday, so it was either 1915, 1920 or 1926.

Arrow 2. Since the two men are wearing store clerk aprons, we can assume the man in the picture is not John MacFarlane (or McFarlane) and this is not his drugstore. Had it been a drugstore, they would be wearing white lab coats.

Arrow 3. A chalkboard of desserts: Pies, 10 cents; Ice Cream, 10 cents; Pie Alamo, 15 cents; Cakes, 10 cents.

Arrow 4. Picture of a Coca-Cola Girl ad-



Footnoting an old photo

Photos courtesy of BHS

vertisement that closely matches Coke's 1923 advertisements.

Arrow 5. Smith Brothers and Lance cough drops. The Lance Co. had introduced the Tootsie Roll in 1918.

Arrow 6. Cigar and cigarette cases with Murad-brand Turkish cigarettes, and Between the Acts cigars.

Arrow 7. Edgeworth pipes and pipe tobacco. Smoking products seemed to be big sellers.

Arrow 8. Pan Dandy bread, probably for 10 cents a loaf.

Step imaginatively into this photo and back in time to see why local history study is so much fun.

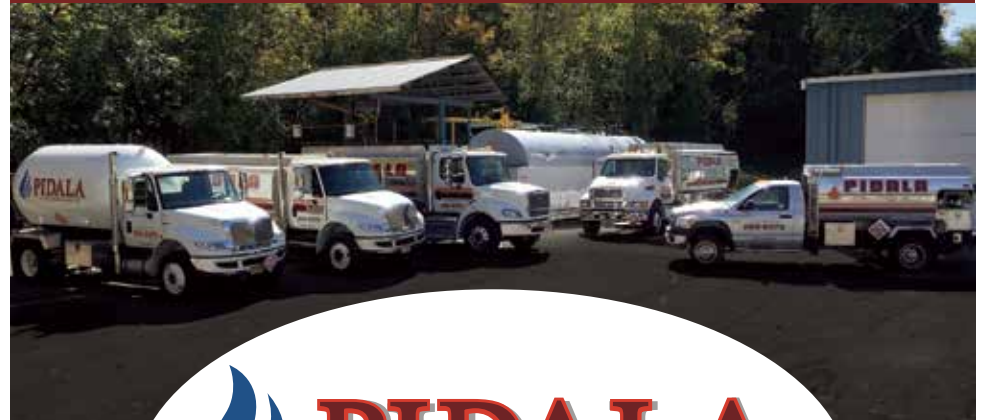
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Sports

Haldane vs. Tuckahoe, Again

Since 2004, rivalry has determined Section 1 champ

By Leigh Alan Klein

Since 2004, the clash for the Section 1, Class D championship has come down to the only two schools left fielding football teams in Section 1, Class D: Haldane and Tuckahoe.

The teams will meet at 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, at Mahopac High School to determine who advances to the regional playoffs.

Tuckahoe, which won the Class D state championship in 2006 and 2010, has dominated the series, winning 16 of 20 meetings. One of the four Haldane wins came last year, when the Blue Devils upset the Eastchester school, 26-6.

The rivalry

Haldane Coach Ryan McConville says he can barely remember a time when Tuckahoe wasn't a rival. "Our alumni talk about it," he says. "We compete in basketball, football and baseball."

Tuckahoe Coach Tom Irti says of Hal-

dane: "It's difficult to beat a team twice in the same season. This is especially true with a team that knows us so well, as was proved last year."

When the teams met in the tournament last year, each squad had only one win on the season. This year they each have six. That's in part, says Irti, because Class C and D schools in Section 1 focused this year on creating schedules where teams could have more success and also limit late-season injuries.

Key performers

Tuckahoe's Matt Annunziata

When Tuckahoe defeated Haldane, 22-12, on Sept. 28, the 6-1, 220-pound quarterback passed for more than 200 yards and had three touchdowns, also notching 58 all-purpose yards. During his career, he has thrown for 1,421 yards, a school record. He also has rushed for 736 yards.

"He's a smart quarterback who makes good reads," said McConville. What makes him dangerous is how he keeps plays alive with his scrambling ability. We will have our hands full stopping him."

Haldane's Sam Gianchinta and Brandon Twoguns

A junior, Gianchinta already has 1,000 career rushing yards; he ran for 142 in last year's sectional final and had 156 yards and a rushing touchdown in the September game. Twoguns, a senior, went 7-for-18 on Sept. 28 with 87 yards passing, 80 yards rushing and a touchdown. In last year's sectional final, Twoguns capped off Haldane's two second-quarter drives with touchdowns.



Haldane quarterback Brandon Twoguns (11) rushes up the middle against Tuckahoe during the Blue Devils' 22-12 loss to the Tigers on Sept. 28.

Photo by Kim Gianchinta

The game plan

Tuckahoe: "For us to come out with the victory we must maintain our high level of physicality," says Irti. "We have a high number of players that play the game with what we call 'bad intentions,' and there aren't many teams that can match that. We will put the game on the shoulders of our seniors, who will be playing their sixth game against Haldane. They know what to expect, and they know that if they don't get the job done, their high school careers are over. That alone is enough motivation."

"The key is to keep focused on the game plan, and not let last year's slip-up ruin our confidence. Last season, one of the

biggest factors against us going into the championship game against Haldane was the number of injured players we had. We were down eight starters from our earlier win against Haldane. This year we have everyone who was a part of our Sept. 28 victory."

Haldane: "We have to stop the big play," said McConville. "We can't have a repeat of September, when they beat us with a hook and ladder and a double-reverse pass, one for a touchdown and the other that led to a touchdown. We must be fundamentally sound offensively and defensively and convert on the opportunities we have."



VOLLEYBALL — Sophomore setter Melissa Rodino (13) reaches for the top of the net during Haldane's 3-0 loss to Ossining on Oct. 14. The Blue Devils (14-7) finished the season with three straight wins and will host Keio in the Section 1, Class C semifinals on Nov. 3. Above, Coach Kelly Flaherty delivers instructions.

Photos by Ross Corsair

Varsity Scoreboard

Football

Poughkeepsie 32, Beacon 30
Haldane 30, Pawling 14

Boys' Soccer

State Tournament
Beacon 1, Nanuet 1 (Beacon advances, 4-3, on penalties)
Beacon 2, Pearl River 0
Zack Cader (1), Ebow Simpson (1)
Byram Hills 2, Beacon 1 (OT)

State Tournament:
Solomon Schechter 3, Haldane 1
Haldane finishes 4-13

Girls' Soccer

State Tournament
Beacon 2, Sleepy Hollow 1
Eliza Ericson (2)
Tappan Zee 5, Beacon 0
Bulldogs finish 10-6-2
Haldane 5, Hamilton 0

Tennis

Beacon 6, Brewster 1
Beacon 4, Brewster 3
Bulldogs finish 8-8

Volleyball

Haldane 3, North Salem 0
Haldane 3, Putnam Valley 1
Haldane 3, Pawling 0
Haldane finishes 14-7
Keio at Haldane, Nov. 3
Lourdes 3, Beacon 2
Harrison at Beacon, Oct. 26

Cross Country

Section 1 Coaches Invitational
17. Shannon Ferri, Haldane (22:34)
24. Taylor Farrell, Haldane (23:20.20)

Section 1 League Championships
10. Marisa Mourgues, Beacon (26:51.50)
15. Anita Martin, Beacon (29:33)
2. Jayen Lare, Beacon (17:19.80)
3. Ryan Cory, Beacon (17:21.80)