Beacon Police Chief to Leave

Expected to take same position in Newburgh

By Jeff Simms

Beacon Police Chief Doug Solomon is poised to become the new chief of the Newburgh police department, succeeding Dan Cameron, who retired in March after two years as acting chief.

Solomon, who came to Beacon in 2012 after a 24-year career in law enforcement in Monticello in Sullivan County (including 10 years as chief), said on Dec. 12 that his appointment has not been finalized, although “it certainly looks that way.” Newburgh’s city manager, Michael Ciaramino, has recommended Solomon for the job.

“What I like about Chief Solomon is that he was there for a significant part of the renaissance, or the rebirth, in the City of Beacon,” Ciaramino told the Newburgh City Council on Dec. 11. He said Solomon spoke “in the very first conversation about how the building department and police department can work together in a way that establishes the linkage between code enforcement and crime fighting.”

The Newburgh Civil Service

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Santa Claus nesting dolls

Photo by M. Turton

$4.2 Million? Dam!
Repairs at Cold Spring’s upper reservoir will be costly

By Michael Turton

Repairs to the upper reservoir dam off Foundry Pond Road will cost the Village of Cold Spring between $3.8 and $4.2 million, according to an engineering report presented to the Board of Trustees on Dec. 6.

The report, prepared by Tectonic Engineering and Surveying, outlined two approaches to repairing the aging dam.

One scenario, with a single spillway, would cost about $3.8 million but result in water levels in the reservoir being lowered by 1.2 feet, a significant reduction in capacity.

The second option, which Tectonic recommended, would use a combination of service and auxiliary spillways at an estimated cost of $4.2 million. The auxiliary spillway would only come into play during extreme storms.

The trustees took no action pending discussions with Cold Spring’s consulting engineer, Bart Clark, and Superintendent of Water and Wastewater Greg Phillips.

At the board’s Dec. 12 meeting, Mayor Dave Merandy said that residents who own property (Continued on Page 2)

From Russia, with Love

The inside, inside, inside story on nesting dolls

By Michael Turton

The bright pink barn that houses the Nesting Dolls shop on Route 9D just south of Wappingers Falls is impossible to miss. But the real eye catchers are inside.

Halina Danchenko opened Nesting Dolls in Hughsonville nearly 20 years ago, soon after she retired from teaching Russian at Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie. Her shop replaced the basket-and-wicker business her husband Frank had operated in the same location for 30 years.

While teaching, Danchenko ran a student-exchange program that took her to Russia for a month each year. “We’d always pick up nesting dolls,” she says. Although she was born in Germany, Danchenko’s parents were from Moscow and Ukraine.

Known in Russia as matryoshka, the dolls get their name from the word for mother. “Basically it means the woman who keeps her family safe and harbors them,” Danchenko says. (Continued on Page 13)

SOUTHERN CHARM — Members of the cast of Steel Magnolias react during a performance at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison. The show continues through Sunday, Dec. 17.

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Five Questions: Jackie Grant

Jackie Grant, who lives in Garrison, retired on Nov. 30 after 13 years as executive director of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall.

During your tenure, the museum changed its name from the Museum of Hudson Highlands. Why was that?

The museum was about connecting people with nature, but it was more amorphous. Our focus became "to develop responsible caretakers of the natural world." We delved into the research and discovered that one thing which adult conservators had in common was a lot of unstructured play in nature as children.

How did the digital era change your job?

People will suggest, “You should have a virtual walk in the woods.” That's quickly met with a “no.” We want to get the kids into the woods. We have two sites. One is filled with outdoor areas to explore. The other has animals. There are all sorts of wonderful documentaries, but nothing replaces seeing an actual creature.

What can you tell us about the animals?

They are at the Wildlife Education Center because they can't be let out into the wild. Our animal-care people really connect with them. For instance, they trained Edgar Allan Crow to take a dollar in his beak and put it into a cup. He loves it, because it gives him an activity.

What is Grasshopper Grove?

It's a half-acre play area in the woods. We took all the fun places on our property and brought them to one spot. Instead of slides and swings, we have hills. It helps adults see how much kids love play that's not based on a lot of equipment.

Was it difficult to promote the museum to Philipstown residents?

We had 35,000 visitors overall last year, but the river is a great barrier. Still, the drive from Garrison is only 25 minutes.
Philipstown Board Renews Push for Safe-Storage Gun Law

Putnam County firearm group again objects

By Liz Schevetchuk Armstrong

When Philipstown’s Town Board last week resumed its push for a law requiring gun owners to lock up their firearms, gun-rights activists quickly fired back.

The board first tackled the issue last year. Supervisor Richard Shea announced the renewed efforts on Dec. 7 during the board’s formal monthly meeting.

According to the draft law, the Town Board “finds that firearms stored in the home should be kept locked or securely stored to prevent theft and/or access by children and others who should not” handle them.

In the fall of 2016, at the request of gun-control advocates, the board considered safe-storage legislation but shelved it after gun-rights advocates objected and instead proposed gun-safety programs for schools and Scout troops.

Upon learning of the board’s renewed interest, the Putnam County Firearm Owners Association encouraged members in an email to turn out for the Dec. 7 meeting at Town Hall and “pack it in our favor.”

The group expressed fears that if the Philipstown ordinance passes, the idea will “spill throughout the county like a cancer,” according to the email. The Firearm Owners Association belongs to the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association, an affiliate of the National Rifle Association.

Most members of the audience remained silent and left en masse after the board introduced the draft ordinance but two residents stayed to criticize the proposed measure during the public-comment period.

Craig Watters of Garrison, who ran for a seat on the Town Board in 2015, and who opposes a safe-storage law as “an encroachment on freedoms,” said it “seems like activist legislation” being “railroaded” through.

Another Garrison resident, Eric Vogel, argued that “the only people it’s going to affect are responsible gun owners.”

Councilor John Van Tassel disagreed. “As a gun owner, I don’t see how it’s going to affect anybody” who acts sensibly, he said. “I’m not going to live with the fact that if something does happen and I had an opportunity to stop it, I did nothing. I don’t care if you sit on your couch and look like Rambo with a 50-caliber gun. But when you leave your house, lock up your 50-caliber.”

The draft law stipulates that “no owner or custodian of a firearm shall leave” it “out of his or her immediate possession or control in a residence without” having given it to a responsible custodian, stored it in a locked container, or disabled it with a safety lock. Penalties for violating the law, a potential misdemeanor, could vary but might include a fine of up to $1,000, a year’s imprisonment in the county jail, or both.

Shea observed that another school shooting had occurred earlier that day and that gun safety “is an issue that keeps coming up, over and over again. I own guns. I keep them locked, as a practice. It’s the responsible way to own a gun. I imagine most firearms owners in this room are already doing this sort of thing.”

Van Tassel explained that with a gun, “if you’re not in possession of it, you can’t be in control of it. It’s not going to help you and it’s not going to help anybody else. It’s only going to hurt someone.”

He called for a workshop to resolve a few questions, such as the definition of “direct possession.”

Councillor Nancy Montgomery said that despite the offer by gun owners last fall to work on gun-safety programs, nothing had happened and she now wants the Town Board to move forward on legislation. She said she hopes those on all sides of the issue can help craft “a good ordinance.”

Shea said board review of the issue would resume after the holidays and entail consultations with the village attorney; refinement of the law’s text; and public meetings, including a hearing at which “we will hear every person who wants to speak.”

Gun Storage in Beacon

The Beacon City Council, by a 6-1 vote, approved a law in December 2016 that requires residents to keep loaded firearms in a “safe-storage depository” (gun safe) or to be equipped with a “gun-locking device” when children and teenagers 16 years or younger live in or are visiting a home.

Although council members conceded at the time that the law would be difficult to enforce, it calls for fines of up to $250 or jail time of up to 15 days for a first offense. An early draft of the law included a provision that would have allowed handgun bullets to be sold only to gun owners with a firearms license.

Handgun License Deadline

Holders of state pistol permits issued before Jan. 15, 2013, must recertify with the New York State Police by Jan. 31 for a five-year renewal. Failing to recertify can lead to suspension or revocation of the license. See troopers.ny.gov/firearms.

Town Business

For more on the Town Board’s Dec. 7 meeting, including gas tankers at Philipstown Square, raising Manitou Station Road and an appointment to the MTA Advisory Board, see highlandscurrent.com.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thyroid cancer study

The “new study” you cite in “What’s Causing Local Cancer Rates to Soar?” (Dec. 8) is from a notorious anti-nuclear pseudo-scientist, and your article does a disservice to the intelligence of your readers and the reputation of The Current. Please be more rigorous about your standards, and your fact-checking, so that you may continue to strengthen your voice in our community.

Donald Klész, Fort Montgomery

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has weighed in on research done by the Radiation Public Health Project on multiple occasions. The organization has published numerous studies seeking to link U.S. nuclear power plant operations with increases in thyroid cancer cases in the vicinity of those facilities. The NRC has found little or no credibility when it comes to those studies. What’s more, numerous peer-reviewed scientific studies do not support the organization’s assertions.

Questions we have raised about the group’s studies have included the areas of methodology, assumptions and conclusions. In general, we have found that these studies have not followed good scientific principles and that frequently they have: • not established control populations for study; • not examined the impacts of other risk factors; • used very small sample sizes to draw general conclusions; • not performed environmental sampling and analysis; • cherry-picked data or [items] selectively chosen to ignore data in certain geographic locations or during certain periods of time because they did not “fit”; • not subjected their data to the independent peer review of the scientific community as a whole.

The evaluation of health effects from exposure to radiation is an ongoing activity of the NRC involving public, private and international institutions. The NRC routinely seeks out new scientific information that might reveal health and safety concerns. It reviews independent studies of nuclear safety issues and embraces opportunities to inform the public about the results of such reviews. Again, the NRC finds there is little or no credibility in the studies published by the Radiation Public Health Project.

Neil Sheehan, Philadelphia

Editor’s note: Sheehan is a public affairs officer for the NRC. We asked Joseph Mangano and Janette Sherman of the Radiation Public Health Project, the authors of the study, which appeared in the Journal of Environmental Protection, if they would like to respond to Sheehan’s letter. They said they did not.

Opioid series

I would be remiss in not commenting on, and not commending, your paper for, the four-part series, “Fighting Back: The Opioid Crisis” (Sept. 22 to Oct. 13). Reports on this crisis are too often recycled news, superficial discussions and short soundbites. I like to think I know a lot about the opioid crisis, and I suppose I know more than many; however, I can say that these four lengthy reports were informative, educational, in-depth, well-written and riveting. Your writers provided interesting statistics; vital information about the difficulties of sobriety and treatment; viewpoints of many “players” in the business—from users, to providers, to parents, to doctors, to judges and attorneys, and to members of religious orders; and a message of hope and understanding.

The final installment, appropriately titled “The Way Out: ‘Where There is Life There is Hope’” (borrowing a quote from Susan Salamone of Drug Crisis in Our Backyard) accomplished something very important: it informed the public that this is not a crisis of despair and dissolution. It can be one of hope and solution. This message must be preached over and over again. It is never hopeless; it is never too late; it is never over.

I was moved by the photo on Page 1 on Oct. 13 of the three young men, patients at St. Christopher’s Inn, standing in front of the honor wall. I don’t know them, but I wish them all the success and blessings that a healthy, non-addicted life can bring. They looked so hopeful, healthy, full of promise, and — well, young.

With addicts and alcoholics, sometimes we are tempted to say “How does a person become such a mess?” It is an important question. But we also need to understand something else: “There but for the grace of God go I.” If we don’t understand this by now, we haven’t learned a thing.

Robert Tendy, Carmel

Tendy is the Putnam County district attorney.

Brower Retains Garrison Fire District Seat

David Brower, who won a one-year term last year to the Garrison Fire District Board of Commissioners, again defeated challenger Joe Regele on Dec. 12 to win a five-year term. Brower received 166 votes, or 55 percent, to Regele’s 135, or 45 percent. Two affidavit votes by residents new to the district have yet to be counted, said election official Anne Osborn.

The turnout at the polls, which were open for four hours, was 17 percent of registered district voters.

In last year’s election, the first for the district, Regele, a longtime critic of the fire company’s finances, fell seven votes shy of defeating Brower for the fifth and final seat on the panel.

Regele had endorsed this year by Commissioner Stan Frelich who cast the lone vote against the district’s 2018 budget. With Brower’s win, fire company members will continue to fill three of the five seats.

In North Highlands, Amy Locitzer ran unopposed to retain her fire district seat. She received all 14 votes.

Bathroom break

The two public restrooms at the foot of Main Street in Cold Spring, next to the tracks, are no longer able to serve the increasing

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However, the chapel was identified as the “Union Church,” which has never been its official name. It was originally (in 1867) the Philipstown Methodist Episcopal Union Chapel, whose congregation was centered on Mekeel’s Corners, now the intersection of Routes 9 and 301. The congregation had disbanded by the early 1950s, when the building was rescued with funds donated by Helen Fahnestock Hubbard, whose property adjoined the chapel. The present association has maintained the chapel since 1961, following Mrs. Hubbard’s death.

The Mekeel’s Corners Chapel has no electricity or plumbing, although it does have an old wood stove. In recent years it has been the site of an annual Independence Day celebration (to which all are invited) and occasional other services.

Robert Bickford, Philipstown
Editor’s note: A newspaper clipping from 1867 referred to the building as the “Union Church,” which may have been colloquial. A later clipping, from 1950, noted the Methodist Episcopal Union Chapel had fallen into disarray and was being used “as a refuge for knights of the road” but would soon be restored.

Handwritten revisions made during the 1789 debate by the U.S. Senate on amendments to the Constitution approved by the U.S. House

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The First 19 17 12 10 Amendments

By Chip Rowe

Today (Dec. 15) is Bill of Rights Day, marking the date in 1791 when the U.S. House and Senate approved the first 10 amendments to the Constitution.

James Madison, a representative from Virginia, proposed 19 amendments, which he wanted interwoven, rather than attached at the end. (He gave up on that.) The House approved 17, and after the Senate combined and altered them, 12 were sent to the states to consider.

Of the 12, two were not ratified by enough states. One was a proposal that Congress not be able to give itself pay raises but only approve those that began with the next session. (This was adopted in 1992 as the 27th Amendment, although Congress still awards itself “cost-of-living adjustments.”)

The second set down a formula to determine the number of members in the House. Had it been adopted in 1791, the House today would have 800 or 5,000 representatives, depending on how its language was interpreted. Federal law limits the number to 435.

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Edgewater Passes Environmental Muster

Plus, updates on other projects around Beacon

By Jeff Simms

The proposed Edgewater development in Beacon will not have a significant adverse effect on the city’s school district, the Planning Board has decided.

Next up for the 307-unit project is the Zoning Board of Appeals, which must rule on three variances its developer has requested. The board will hold a public hearing on the requests — for the number of stories allowed per building, the number of units per building and the space between buildings — on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Planning Board recommended the ZBA allow more stories per building but deny the variances for the number of units per building and space between buildings. Edgewater officials say the variances would minimize the construction footprint of the project, but that they will proceed regardless.

“We’re trying to create and be a leader in doing something different, and that’s why we’re asking for these,” said Rodney Weber, who is developing the project and several others in Beacon.

After the ZBA rules on the variances, the City Council will decide whether to grant Weber’s company, Scenic Beacon Developments, a special-use permit. If Edgewater clears that hurdle, the Planning Board would vote on final approval of the development.

The Dec. 12 Planning Board meeting was the conclusion of a seven-month-long environmental review that had become a standoff between Weber and the Beacon City School District. Edgewater consultants contended that when balancing increased property tax revenue with the number of new students the development would add to the schools, the project would be a net benefit for the district.

School officials countered that the developer had underestimated the cost of adding students to an already strained and underfunded district.

The district seemed to win the popular vote, as more than 600 people signed an online petition in its favor, but in the opinion of the Planning Board, the development would not create a “significant” adverse effect on the schools. “The school board’s issue does not lie on the back of one project,” Board Member Randall Williams reasoned. “We have to address the problem that already exists in the schools.”

In other business...

• The Planning Board on Dec. 12 voted to continue a public hearing next month on the River Ridge townhouse development at “Parcel L” on Wolcott Avenue. After hearing mixed feedback from neighbors, attorney Jennifer Van Tuyl said the developer may revise elements of the design, including a proposed pocket park and pedestrian path.

• The board approved site plans for the four-story, mixed-use project at 226 Main St., at the corner of North Elm. (Now the site of Ed’s Auto Repair, the property was purchased in May for $429,000.) The project will include retail space on the ground floor and eight apartments. Some residents asked the board to delay its decision while the City Council considers zoning changes that could limit buildings on Main Street to three stories. The Planning Board, however, opted not to postpone because the plans for 226 Main were submitted before the council’s zoning discussion began. “This is not being rushed through in any sense of the word,” Planning Board Chairperson Jay Sheers said.

• The board completed its environmental review of an amendment to already-approved plans for The Lofts at Beacon at 39 Front St. The developer wants to remove commercial space and add 29 residential units to the 143 artist live/work spaces that have been approved, bringing the total to 172. Approximately 80 of the units have been built. The project will proceed to the ZBA in January, although the City Council will have to grant a new special-use permit. While the Lofts stand to lose commercial space, architect Aryeh Siegel said that the developer is “seriously considering” a commercial project on an adjacent lot to the south.
First Presbyterian Welcomes New Minister
Alabama native joins Cold Spring church
By Alison Rooney

The First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown has found an exemplar of its descriptive name, the Church of the Open Door, in its new pastor, the Rev. Doris Chandler. She gave her first sermon on Dec. 3, coinciding with the beginning of the Advent season.

“What could be more fitting?” she asks.

She comes to the parish from her native Alabama “with the heart of a teacher,” she says, having spent 28 years teaching applied math and Advanced Placement courses in physics and chemistry for the Jefferson County School System in and around Birmingham.

While teaching, Chandler decided to attend seminary and received her master of divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, followed by her doctorate of ministry from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She was ordained in 1996 and served four congregations while also teaching but has since retired as an instructor.

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While teaching, Chandler decided to attend seminary and received her master of divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, followed by her doctorate of ministry from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. She was ordained in 1996 and served four congregations while also teaching but has since retired as an instructor.

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The first snowfall of the season arrived in the Highlands on Saturday, Dec. 9. AccuWeather has predicted a total of 30 to 35 inches of snow for this winter in the Hudson Valley; the historical average is 28 inches. Below, snow decorates the bandstand at the Cold Spring riverfront; at right, a horse hitched up on Main Street.

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The view on Main Street near Bank Square Coffeehouse in Beacon

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The Season's First Snowfall

Photo by Jeff Simms
Francis Naumann, a curator, scholar and dealer who specializes in Dada and Surrealist artists, had his work cut out for him as juror of the biennial PHOTOcentric show at the Garrison Art Center, which continues through Jan. 7.

The art center received 117 entries from across the country, with 721 images, from which he chose 50 for the exhibit. Awards were given in three categories: nature, people and "open," along with a director's choice selected by the art center's Katie Schmidt Feder. Naumann awarded Best in Show to Thomas Whitworth, whose winning photo can be seen at highlandscurrent.com.

All the works on display at PHOTOcentric, which was established in 2009 by Cali Gorevic and Lucille Tortora, are for sale, along with a color exhibition catalog.

The Garrison Art Center is located at 23 Garrison's Landing, and the gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Monday. See garrisonartcenter.org.

Nature, First Place: Timothy Macy, Bakersfield Cows
Nature, Third Place: Christopher Mauro, Otter Cove – Maine

Open, First Place: Karen Johnson, I Dream of the Pale Horse

People, Third Place: Liza Hennessey Botkin, Twin Landscapes

At left, People, First Place: Giulio Sista, Speakeasy; above, People, Second Place: Paul Murray, Training for Life

Director’s Choice: Janet Holmes, Buddy (Catskill Animal Sanctuary)
FRIDAY, DEC. 15
Into the Woods
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
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Joe McPhee and Billy Stein
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Yo, No, No, A Pirate’s Christmas
7 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Gienstlyffe, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com
Melissa Etheridge: Merry Christmas, Baby
8 p.m. Bardavon
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org
Chaosica: Immersive Sound and Animation
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Meredith Monk (Concert and Talk)
8 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary’s Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org
Steel Magnolias
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17
St. Mary’s Episcopal – Philipstown Reform Synagogue Joint Service
10:30 a.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring

Deck the Halls at Cafe Sizzle
5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Saturday.

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Live Action Potter: Joel Brown Demos Coil Building
Noon – 5 p.m. Rivervinds Gallery
See details under Saturday.

Franz Waxman Requiem
7 p.m. Rivervinds Gallery
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PEOPLE'S COOPERATIVE MARKET
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 100 Old Post Road, Beacon
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SATURDAY, DEC. 16
Christmas Bird Count
8 a.m. Padisport parking lot | Áreaville Circle, Peekskill | putnahighlandsaudubon.org
Beacon Zoning Forum
9:30 a.m. Beavieh Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beaviehbtv.org
Beary Merry Holiday
10:30 a.m. Tralise Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-796-2701 | traliseszoo.org
Holiday Craft Fair
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org
Santa Visit
Noon – 4 p.m. Fishkill Farms
9 Fishkill Farm Road, Hopewell Junction
845-897-4377 | fishkillfarms.com
Live Action Potter: Joel Brown Demos
Coil Building
Noon – 5 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery | 172 Main St., Beacon
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com
The Nutcracker
12:30 & 4:30 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
westchesterballet.wordpress.com
Fine Arts and Crafts Fair
1 – 5 p.m. Open | Reception
Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Into the Woods
1 & 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.
Snapology Lego Holiday Workshop (ages 5-11)
2 p.m. Saoneers Farm
198 Central Ave., White Plains
See details under Friday.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19
Holiday Candlelight Tours
1 – 5 p.m. Mount Gullian | Details under Sunday.

Bicycle Menorah Lighting
5:30 p.m. 427 Main St., Beacon | Celebrating Artists
Sinbad (Comedy)
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, DEC. 18
Beacon vs. John Jay (Girls’ Basketball)
4:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon
845-838-6900 | beacons12.org
Bicycle Menorah Lighting
5:30 p.m. 427 Main St., Beacon | Celebrating Activists
Beacon City Council
7 p.m. City Hall Courtroom | 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | beaconcity.org
Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St., Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.org

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20
It's a Wonderful Life (1946)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Saturday.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21
Winter Solstice
Fine Arts and Crafts Fair
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Saturday.

FRIDAY, DEC. 22
Fine Arts and Crafts Fair
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Saturday.

Hudson River Holiday Tours ( Saturday)
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
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Hudson House River Inn
7 p.m. Hudson House River Inn
2 Main St., Cold Spring
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THE HIGHLANDS CURRENT
Over the Hump

Workshops designed to push projects along

By Alison Rooney

Sometimes it’s simply about saying no — no to checking email, no to catching up with friends, no to going to an event you don’t care about.

It’s also about figuring out the times which work best for you to focus. Procrastination happens, and treating that as a solvable problem is the aim of Creative Completion, a free workshop held twice each month at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring.

Led by Robin Hutchinson, whose background includes gallery and technology management and graphics, the workshops recently generated a collaboration, the result of which may be a patented medical diagnostic tool.

Hutchinson’s goal is to teach participants to think creatively to solve problems. She advises participants to be as specific as they can about whatever they are pursuing. “Give it details or it’s not as likely to happen,” she says.

Each workshop begins with participants elaborating on what they’ve accomplished. For newcomers, Hutchinson writes five questions on an index card to reflect on, such as what steps they will take, completion dates and how they will reward themselves. The goal is to see projects through, or at least get a good start.

Finding space

At a recent workshop, Pat Angerame reported she had been working on “eking out a new space at home where I could be more consistent with my writing.” She wound up working more than she had previously, everywhere except in the new space.

“Creating that empty space opened up some odd plug, and I was writing elsewhere, scribbling things on the backs of receipts on kitchen counters, anywhere,” she said with a laugh.

What drew Julie Corbett, an occupational therapist, was the wish “to get my ideas off my desk. I believe science is a creative process.”

She noted there was not a standardized way to determine if a patient is a candidate for hand therapy. In one session, Corbett described what she had in mind, which was a wooden box with slots on the lid in a serpentine pattern for clients to slip coins into. She envisioned this as a way to have a standardized assessment based on factors such as time and accuracy.

“I needed a structure for how to get something to market,” she says. The first step was to interview consumers to see if there was a perceived need. The next step was to create a prototype.

Thinking about the box

Sabrina Ortquist had come to the workshop by accident, expecting to find a session presented by the Small Business Administration, which was taking place elsewhere. But she decided to stay and learn more.

Ortquist’s husband, Bryan, is a woodworker, and she handles the business end of things for their new business, Old Mountain Woodworking, in Middletown.

Hearing Corbett wrestling with where to get a prototype made, Ortquist said, “Let me talk to Bryan.” Her husband agreed and disappeared into his shop. “I had the wood, and I have very precise tools, and I’m a…”

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**Mouths to Feed**

**What a Blast**

By Celia Barbour

That same gut-punch despair a 1970s mother felt upon discovering a copy of *Playboy* under her teenage son’s mattress I now feel when I come across a box of “flavor-blasted” Pepperidge Farm Goldfish in one of my children’s bedrooms.

Who is this child? I think. And when did he become a stranger? Because I certainly didn’t raise my offspring to eat … garbage. As I stand there, buzzing with denial and perplexity (When did he manage to sneak that thing into the house? Where did he buy it? etc.), I critically size up the graphic design of the box: its bright, overhyped creature design of the box: its bright, overhyped for making junk food seem fun. For a moment, bless him, readily accepts responsibility for my kids’ diets, I am not entirely innocent. Perhaps it is my husband for introducing garbage into our house; I used to buy it, (about ¼ cup chopped) and maples into our laps. I used to buy it, even jacked up on flavor to even realize that they’re being exploited. My eyes widened. I really thought I was raising healthy little goldfish now surging wildly he become a stranger? Because I certainly didn’t raise my offspring to eat … garbage. Even as I unpacked from a voyage. “I didn’t even like the way this stuff tastes. It’s creepy.” He used the word fake; he used the word pernicious. My eyebrows relaxed. Indeed.

But, as I said, I am not blameless. Flavor has always been a driving principle of my cooking, and I am not above ratcheting up the butter-and-salt content to ensure maximum deliciousness. Or, for that matter, the soy-maple-ginger-garlic content – a combination so easy on the taste buds it deserves to be called “pernicious.”

Which brings me to an altogether different species of fish: the majestic salmon, prince among the finned, which has been blasted over the years not by chemically-manipulated flavor molecules, poor dear, but by industrial development and the resulting destruction of its various and vulnerable habitats. Nonetheless, salmon remains the second-most popular fish consumed in the U.S., after tuna. (Goldfish aren’t ranked, Week after week, there it is at the market, looking more or less rosy, more or less firm-fleshed, more or less supple. My youngest adores salmon, so these days I buy it often.

Last year, I had the good/bad fortune to stumble across an especially excellent salmon recipe. The original is on Food52, a cooking website, where it has received nearly 2,000 likes. I tried it and everyone raved. As in: “This is the best fish you’ve ever made.” So I tweaked it (the original seemed slightly off) and remade it, and again: raves. For a while, I tried interspersing this version of salmon with others I liked, but who was I kidding? Every time I came home from the farmers’ market with a filet of salmon, one child or another would say, “Oo! Are you going to make it the good way?”

As my 1970s forebears knew, a good recipe quickly becomes a prison, it’s very deliciousness setting a standard one feels compelled to meet, if not surpass, forevermore. It makes cooking a bit less adventurous, a bit more rote. Unless, that is, you get a little crazy with the flavors, doubling this, tamping that, fine-tuning the balance, carding up the volume notch by notch until … well, OK: No. You don’t ever actually blast it, because that would just be immoral.

**Soy-Ginger-Maple Salmon**

1 pound salmon filet
4-inch piece of ginger, roughly chopped (about ¼ cup chopped)
2 garlic cloves, roughly chopped
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1 tablespoon lime juice
¼ cup dry vermouth or wine (red or white)
¼ cup mirin
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 to 2 scallions, sliced, for garnish
Rice, for serving

1. Heat the oven to 275 degrees. Cut the salmon into 1½-inch wide slices. Place skin-side down in a roasting pan and set aside.

2. In a blender, combine the ginger, garlic, soy sauce and maple syrup and blend until smooth. Add the vermouth and mirin and blend to combine. Transfer to a small saucepan and bring to a boil; cook briskly, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes until reduced to the consistency of molasses. Stir in the lime juice.

3. Spoon about half the sauce over the salmon and transfer to the oven. Cook 20 to 25 minutes until the fish flakes gently when prodded. Sprinkle scallion over the top and serve with rice and the remaining sauce on the side.

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From Russia, with Love (from Page 1)

They are also sometimes called stacking dolls.

A staple of Russian handicraft, the dolls are believed to have originated in Japan. The industry began in the 1890s with an imported set of nested Samurai dolls, Danchenko says. The people of the city of Sergiyev Posad liked what they saw and began producing their own. “The Rooster Girl, a rather primitive style, was the first,” she says. She sells that 19th-century design and dozens of other styles.

The city of Sergiyev Posad is still a hub of Russian dollmaking; techniques have changed little, with the figures made on a lathe from linden wood. They’re factory-made but hand-painted, Danchenko says.

At the same time, customer preferences have changed toward dolls that are unique, or different, Danchenko says. She carries traditional designs but also custom dolls, which increasingly include ethnic figures. “People may want a dark-faced doll or a Greek, Georgian or Hispanic doll,” she says. “It’s about their heritage.”

Her most unusual request? Someone who wanted a ferret nesting doll.

Still, the public’s habits remain unpredictable. “Every year when you think you know what people want, they’ll switch!” Danchenko says. In 2016 matte-finish snowmen and Santa Clauses were popular. “This year everybody wants shellac,” she says.

She wouldn’t hazard a guess as to how many dolls line the shelves of her shop. A 10-year-old boy attempted a count, but “he didn’t get very far!”

Dolls come in myriad designs and sizes, from a three-piece set for $5.98 to a finely painted 30-doll set that sells for $2,000. Many are in the $10 to $30 range. The artwork depicts everything from cosmonauts and astronauts, to presidents and czars, sports figures and Marvel Comics characters. Children are especially fond of cartoon character dolls, Danchenko says.

The largest set made for retail sale has 60 dolls. The outer one is about 3 feet tall, she says.

Danchenko believes she knows at least part of what lies at the heart of the appeal. “Children love them because they’re tactile,” she says. “They like taking them apart, and then putting them back together. It’s like a little surprise. But it’s adults too. They love playing with them just as much.”

She says that, while she hasn’t been to Russia in 10 years, and misses it, she is able to converse with a surprising number of Russian-speaking customers who drop by, including members of the local Russian-American community. “They can’t believe there’s a Russian doll shop out here in the boondocks!” she says.

Nesting Dolls is open daily from noon to 6 p.m., except for Christmas Day, through Jan. 1. It reopens in March or April.
Baby Dog

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? Susan Hurd of Cold Spring shared this shot of her new grandson, Jonah, with his puppy and bodyguard, Henry. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.com.

Creative Completion workshop attendees (left to right): Carol Filmanski; Pat Angerame; facilitator Robin Hutchinson; Sabrina Ortquist; Julie Corbett and Butterfield Library’s Luann Morse. Bryan Ortquist stands at the back.

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Grocery Gallery

Sixth-grade artists fill Foodtown windows

By Alison Rooney

Foodtown has a new identity as an art gallery, with the first of four exhibits by Haldane sixth-graders enlivening the backs of the display cases that dominate the front windows.

Angela Branco, in her first year as Haldane’s elementary and middle school art teacher, assembled 13 paintings and collages by her first-quarter students on a broad range of topics, from the supermarket itself to cows, dragons, Tic Tac containers, pre-adolescent questioning and “hodgepodge.” Each work was done on a 12-by-18-inch sheet, and some were joined to make larger pieces. Most artists provided a statement about their work, and these are displayed, as well. Some students collaborated.

Branco says the only parameters were that the works must be flat and couldn’t resemble advertising. New artwork will be hung at the store when Branco has her next group of sixth-graders, which is every 10 weeks.

According to Rachel Emig, a Haldane parent and Arts Booster club member who coordinated the installation, “it took some time to come up with a user-friendly design for that space, as the shelves [against the windows] are not able to be moved.” The group went with a hook-and-clip system that makes it easy to change the panels.

Besides donating its window space, Foodtown has been supportive of the project in other ways. For example, Paul Satkowski, the manager of the Cold Spring store, visited the school to be interviewed by the students.

“They were asked to treat this as a commission they were designing for a client,” Branco explains. She sees the gallery as “a great way to get the artists into the real world, and also to see there’s an audience for their art. “Most of these kids are ready to make work independently,” she adds. “I’m trying to foster an ‘It’s your idea, run with it’ approach from kindergarten on.”

For Emig, the project is a “great example of how we can reclaim underutilized space to connect our students and our community.”

Sports as Art

Rombout eighth-graders paint mural near gym

By Tom Hotaling

The entryway to the Rombout Middle School gym in Beacon got a colorful upgrade last month when eighth-grade students over five days painted a mural under the direction of Joseph Pimentel, an artist who lives in Newburgh. The project was a collaboration between Pimentel, Principal Brian Soltish and science teachers Jeanette Lynch and Christina DeVall, who advise the student council, which wanted to fund a school beautification project.

The concept was to connect all the sports played at the school. The design uses silhouettes of athletes based on patterns and shapes that are connected by the bulldog mascot at its center. Pimentel created and drew the outlines and the students painted.

“When the students contribute, they leave a legacy before they move on,” said Pimentel, who has collaborated with students on 20 other murals. “They can then look back and say ‘I made that mark, I made that line, I painted that shape.’ ”

Soltish said the view of the mural through the glass walls and doors of the gym, “especially at night, is just spectacular.”

One-third of the project was funded by the student council through proceeds from two dances. The remainder of the money came from a regional program that supports arts programming in Dutchess County schools.
Putnam County Accepting Intern Applications

Deadline for PILOT program is Jan. 31

Putnam County students can apply for paid and unpaid summer internships in county government through the Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) Program, now in its fifth year, until Jan. 31.

Applicants must be undergraduate or graduate college students or high school students who are at least 16 years old and in their junior or senior years. College students should have at least a 3.0 grade-point average.

The 2018 program will run from May through August, depending on student availability. Interns typically work 28 hours per week. See putnamcountyny.com/internapply.

Kids in the Garden
Course open for grades 3-5

The Cornell Cooperative Extension will offer a two-year Junior Master Gardener program, with the first of eight sessions beginning in January in Brewster. Only 12 spots are available for Putnam County students in grades 3 to 5, so early registration is encouraged.

The fee is $40 for 4H members or $70 otherwise for the first session, on plant growth and development, which meets Monday evenings for nine weeks starting Jan. 22. See putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events.

Jazz in the Pulpit
Annual concert set for Dec. 16

The First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown will present its annual Jazz Nativity concert at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. Tom McCoy, the church’s music director, will play piano and direct Marty Eakins on vocals, Rob Scheps on sax and flute, Cameron Brown on bass and Mike Larocco on drums.

The concert is free but donations are welcome. The performance will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. The church is located at 10 Academy St. in Cold Spring.

Holiday Bird Counts
Citizen scientists needed

The Putnam Highlands Audubon Society has two upcoming events at which bird watchers can help with the oldest citizen science project in North America. Join the Northern Westchester Count in Peekskill on Saturday, Dec. 16, or the Putnam County Count on Saturday, Dec. 30, or both.

Volunteers can participate when and for as long as they choose; the tally will begin at 5 p.m. and data submitted to Audubon will help create a snapshot of bird populations across the continent. See putnam-highlandsaudubon.org or email Charlie Roberto at chasrob@optonline.net.

Fellowship in Cold Spring
St. Mary’s and synagogue to dedicate sign

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Cold Spring is formalizing its 10-year relationship with the Phillipstown Reform Synagogue by unveiling a new sign that brings the congregations together.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, at 4 p.m., a ceremony celebrating the partnership will be followed by a Hanukkah meal in the Parish Hall, and on Sunday, Dec. 17, at 10:30 a.m., Father Shane Scott-Hamblen and Rabbi Helaine Ettinger-Bloom will lead a joint service. “The message here is one of diversity and that we are all entitled to a place of worship,” said Scott-Hamblen.

Holidays on the Farm
Santa Claus to visit Dec. 16

Fishkill Farms will host Santa Claus at its annual Holiday Fair and Market from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. There will be a wreath-making workshop and ornament crafts for children. Artisans also will be offering tastings of cheese, bread, wine, hard cider, preserves and maple syrup. Some activities require tickets. See fishkillfarms.com.

Dickens and Dinner
Hudson House Inn to host performance

A dinner-theater version of A Christmas Carol will be presented at the Hudson House Inn in Cold Spring at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, with Victorian carolers. The performance is $65 with a cash bar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call 845-265-9355 for reservations.

Defend the Holidays
Send care packages to troops

Donate $15 to send a care package to a member of the U.S. Armed Forces serving overseas as part of the Operation: Defend the Holidays program sponsored by the Putnam County government and sheriff’s office. See putnamcountyny.com/carepackage to order; then send payment to the County Executive, c/o Terry Oliver, 40 Gleenide Ave., Carmel, NY 10512. Call 845-808-1001 with questions. The deadline is Dec. 21.

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Dutchess County has three open seats for three-year terms on its Human Rights Commission. For more information, visit the website putnamcountyny.com/hr and send an email to hr@putnamcountyny.com or call 845-808-3568.

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Razzle-Dazzle Holiday Revel
Cabaret-style show at Howland Center

The Howland Cultural Center in Beacon will light up with holiday cheer for a cabaret-style show, Deck the Halls at Café Sizzle, on Sunday, Dec. 17, starting at 5 p.m. The performers, who will be led by maestro Tom McCoy, include Goldee Greene, Kids Korner, the Howland Wolves, Lydia Adams Davis and Russ Cusick. Admission is $20 and refreshments will be served. Call 845-831-4988 to reserve tickets.

Art Opening at SallyAnder
Shop will host Dec. 22 reception

SallyAnder Skincare at 1 E. Main St. in Beacon will host a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 22, for an exhibit of landscapes and seascapes by Rick Austin called Hudson Valley Winter Showcase. Austin, known for his oil-glazing technique that recreates atmospheric effects, is making his Hudson Valley debut. His work will remain on display until Jan. 31.

SPIN ART — Potter Joel Brown will demonstrate coil building and answer questions on Dec. 16 and 17 between noon and 5 p.m. at RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon.

GOING BY FAST — The Bicycle Menorah in Beacon will be lit on Dec. 15 at 4:45 and then at 5:30 p.m. each night following through Dec. 19.

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Langley Speaks to Putnam Legislature
Incoming sheriff promises review of spending, treatment programs

By Holly Crocco

Members of the Putnam County Legislature welcomed Sheriff-Elect Robert Langley, a Democrat from Garrison, to the county seat in Carmel during their Dec. 11 Personnel Committee meeting.

Langley, a Carmel native and Mahopac High School graduate, defeated four-term Sheriff Donald Smith by 326 votes in the Nov. 7 election. He will be sworn in during a ceremony at 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 29, at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

“Many of us have not personally met you, so it’s a pleasure to meet you,” said Legislature Chairwoman Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson). Langley updated the lawmakers on his priorities for 2018, which include possibly making budget cuts.

“The Sheriff’s Department could save the community their dollars,” he said. “I don’t like throwing money away any more than anyone else.”

In addition, Langley said he’s looking to achieve state and national accreditation for the Putnam County Correctional Facility and the sheriff’s Civil Division. He called this recognition a prestigious achievement, and said it includes meeting requirements related to rules and procedures, audits and conditions at the jail.

As part of the process, Langley said he would like a financial audit of the Civil Division, in addition to a procedural audit.

“There’s a lot of money that goes into the Civil Division that has to be accounted for, and we want to make sure everything is aboveboard,” he said. Langley said he is interviewing candidates to lead the Civil Division and the Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Langley also thanked the Legislature and the county executive for initiating a lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies that make and distribute opioid pain killers. The war on addiction, he said, is a battle he intends to wage.

“Right now, there’s no program in place in the jail,” said the future sheriff. “I’ve already discussed with the person who will be taking over the jail to immediately implement some program to address inmates that come into the system as addicts, to have a treatment program so that they’re not thrown back out onto the street, only to repeat offend and wind up back in jail. That’s costing all of us money.”

With the start of his term two weeks away, Langley said he hopes to have the support of county lawmakers.

“I’m looking toward working together with each and every member of the Legislature and the county executive to achieve these goals,” he said.

Legislator William Gouldman (R-Putnam Valley) told Langley: “I wish you good luck. I’m sure you’ll do a great job.” Nacerino said that as 2018 progresses, lawmakers will address the changes and concerns proposed by the incoming sheriff.

“We have the same values as you do and I’m glad that you spoke to them,” she said. “We’re looking forward to working in concert with you to save the taxpayers in any way that we can, without compromising safety or efficiencies within our county.”

A former deputy sheriff, Langley served in the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department from 1984 to 2007 as a criminal investigator in forensics and identification, as well as in the K-9 unit. He also served in the Mahopac, Garrison and Continental Village volunteer fire departments.

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Robert Langley Jr., the newly elected Putnam County sheriff, during a campaign appearance in Cold Spring
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Boys’ Basketball Preview

By Leigh Alan Klein

Beacon

On Dec. 12, the Beacon boys’ basketball team lost at Ardsley, 73-65, dropping its record to 0-2. The Bulldogs battled foul trouble but came back from a double-digit deficit late in the game.

Last season Beacon finished 8-14 after its first seven wins were forfeited due to an ineligible player. This year the team is adjusting to the departure of key contributors Alex Benson, Andre Davis, Dionte Komisar and Branden Evans.

Beacon’s starting guards are juniors Aaron Davis and Manny Garner, who scored 19 in the Bulldogs’ opening loss at Putnam Valley on Dec. 6. He was saddled with foul trouble against Ardsley, limiting his contribution to five points.

Manny Garner (11) of Beacon looks for an open teammate while a defender appears to yell at the ball during the Bulldogs’ loss at Putnam Valley.

Davis had 23 points against Ardsley, including 11 in the fourth quarter as Beacon clawed back into the game.

Senior Jemond Galloway (23) drives around a defender during Beacon’s game at Putnam Valley on Dec. 6. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

There are few players in Section 1 with his size. Down 51-39 after the third quarter, Beacon was forced to extend the defense and look for three-point shots, which took Galloway out of the flow.

Senior DaSean Turner is another important player for Beacon. He struggled against Ardsley but scored four points in the fourth.

Coach Scott Timpano says the teams to beat in the league this season will be Hendrick Hudson and Poughkeepsie. “We want all of our players to leave the program as better people than when they entered,” he says. “If a push to the sectional final happens along the way, we will gladly embrace it.”

Manny Garner (19), Aaron Davis (10)

Haldane

The Blue Devils lost to Hamilton in OT in the sectional quarterfinals, Coach Joe Virgadamo is hoping for “tough, scrappy and disciplined defense” from his 2017-18 squad.

Although he notes the school has a strong junior varsity program, he says it’s important that young players learn man-to-man defense. “The focus should be on fundamentals,” he says. “Most players aren’t where they need to be. Athletes can work on their skills by themselves. There are so many resources for them now on the internet, there are no excuses.”

Haldane Top Finishers

Section 1 Kick-off, Dec. 10

Boys’ 55-meter Hurdles

1. Ryan Cory (4:42.34)
2. Ethan Burgos (8.12)
3. Jeonghyeon Park (19-8.5)

Boys’ 1,600-meter Finals

1. Ryan Cory (4:42.34)
2. Boys’ 55-meter Hurdles
3. Ethan Burgos (8.12)

Boys’ 4x400 Relay

1. Beacon (3:38.85)

Boys’ Long Jump

3. Jeonghyeon Park (19-8.5)
3. Trevor Earle (35-0.5)
8. Maura Kane-Seitz (3:24.89)

Boys’ Long Jump

8. Brittany Gona (14-1)