Longtime Antique Shop to Close

Fountain Square will shutter in February

By Michael Turton

The bench in front of 104 Main St. in Cold Spring is one of the things Walt Carmichael says he will miss most when he locks the door at Fountain Square Antiques for the last time next month. “Sitting out on that bench in the summertime was a lot of fun,” he says. “I made a lot of friends.”

Carmichael and his daughter, Jeanine, have worked the antiques trade together for more than 20 years. He says they will continue to do so after he closes the store during the third week of February, but only at shows. “Until then there are plenty of bargains!” he says.

The business got its name from its original location on Fountain Square, a plaza on East Main Street in his native Beacon that had a fountain once used to water horses. He moved the shop to Cold Spring 23 years ago; the shop’s current location is its third in the village.

Carmichael says he never viewed the antiques business as his livelihood. “It was just something I enjoyed” that grew out of his passion for knife collecting, he says. His “real jobs” included 18 years in construction and 19 as a corrections officer.

The business changed over the decades, primarily because younger people seem to have less interest. “If I see a dumpster at an estate sale, that’s where I look now,” he says. “These days younger people don’t care about antiques — they just trash it.”

That waning interest has made selling antiques more challenging, he says, with some pieces dropping in value 75 percent over the past 20 years, including Wedgewood, English China that dates back to the 1600s, and Waterford and Lalique crystal. Enthusiasm for hand tools, old bottles, postcards and colorful Depression-era glass has also declined, he says.

Then there was the 2008 recession. “We took a 60 percent drop in business,” Carmichael says.

But Carmichael still revels in a great find such as “a beautiful, 1860s English Empire dresser made of solid tiger maple” that he came across a few months ago. A customer returned three times to the shop before buying it, a common occurrence with “serious buys,” he says. Another buyer, a couple from Brooklyn, also returned three times to the shop before buying a 9-foot-tall, 1880s pier mirror.

One of his most prized finds was also one of the smallest: a 2-inch tall, carved ivory bust of a female slave that he found at a tag sale in Beacon. It sold within hours. “You have to be observant,” he says.

The public also has become more observant thanks to television shows such as Antiques Roadshow, although Carmichael advises keeping those “finds” in perspective.

“Only the best of the best gets on Antiques Roadshow and it gives people the impression that everything is worth a lot of money,” he says. (Continued on Page 3)
Five Questions: STEVE BLAMİRES

By Alison Rooney

Steve Blamires, a native of Scotland who lives in Beacon, is a shipboard historian and expedition leader for National Geographic and Lindblad Expeditions. Beginning Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m., and continuing through March, he will present a series of talks at Beahive Beacon about Scottish culture and his journeys to Antarctica, West Africa and South America.

Given the current political climate, is the Antarctic Treaty in any jeopardy of being dissolved?

Antarctica has never been owned or claimed by any state or nation. In 1961 the United Nations set up the treaty to keep it that way and open it to all nations for scientific research. This means that any research carried out there — climatology, meteorology, geology, etc. — can remain free from political or corporate intervention. It is not presently in jeopardy of being dissolved because mineral extraction there would be cost-prohibitive, but one day that may not be the case.

Did Scotland actually once suffer an “ethnic cleansing”?

The Gaelic-speaking Highlanders were a thorn in the side of the British royalty and government. Following an unsuccessful uprising in 1745, the British army spent two years searching out “suspect” Highlanders and killing entire families without trial. Legislation banning all signs and symbols of Highland culture — wearing the kilt, tartan, playing bagpipes, gathering in groups, carrying weapons — was used as a reason to send in troops to the glens. This genocide was carried on right into the early 20th century by surrogate clan chieftains who forcibly evicted and deported thousands of families to make way for more profitable and less troublesome sheep.

Who was Roald Amundsen?

He achieved many firsts. From 1897 to 1899, he led the first expedition to overwinter in Antarctica. In 1903 he was the first to navigate the fabled Northwest Passage, which took three years. In 1911 he was the first to reach the South Pole, beating Capt. Robert Falcon Scott by 33 days. In 1925, his aircraft crashed on the ice near the North Pole, so he spent three weeks shoveling 600 tons of ice to make a runway, surviving on one pound of food daily. In 1926 he made the first flight over the North Pole. In 1928, he disappeared in the Arctic during a rescue mission to find several missing Italian explorers. Despite all that polar activity, he managed to find time to have at least three affairs with married women.

How do you define Celtic?

Celtic is as inaccurate and meaningless as the term Native American. The notion that there was a vast, Europe-wide race called Celts with the same culture, traditions and beliefs is not true. Many of these present-day cultural beliefs, traditions, clothing and music were made up during the Victorian era.

Is there anywhere in the world you still yearn to see?

I have never been to the central area of Russia, where most Russians live. I would also like to travel in the foothills of the Himalayas. My father spent many years there and as a child in Scotland I was fascinated by his photographs and stories. But because I spend my winters in the Antarctic and my summers in the Arctic, I would love to spend some time anywhere hot.
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construction and others under review by the Planning Board, a group of residents formed the People’s Committee on Development and began attending city meetings en masse. In September, the City Council adopted a six-month development moratorium because of concerns about Beacon’s long-term water supply.

The results of studies to find new water sources and to determine the maximum population that the city’s water can sustain are expected in the next month.

Planning and development

Dutchess County has created “Centers and Greenspaces” guidelines for several of its municipalities, including Beacon, that suggest where development can be supported by existing infrastructure while retaining agricultural and other open spaces.

In Beacon, the guide is largely in agreement with the city’s comprehensive plan, identifying the east and west ends of Main Street as development centers, with the waterfront and the train station-to-Main Street linkage zone as an emerging center.

“Any city goes through a process of understanding what it wants to be, and the comprehensive plan is meant to be the guide that the community relies on for implementing how it will develop,” said Eoin Wrafter, the county’s planning commissioner.

He notes, however, that even with a comprehensive plan — Beacon’s current plan was drafted in 2007 and revised in 2017 — external factors can be unpredictable. For example, high rents and the accessibility afforded by Metro-North led many Brooklynites to relocate to Beacon in the last decade.

Fifteen years earlier, the Taconic State Parkway was the impetus for similar growth spurts in East Fishkill, Lagrange and Beekman, he said.

“The community has to evaluate the pace and the type of development while looking at changing patterns,” Wrafter said. “Then it has to look to its zoning to implement that.”

To that end, Wrafter says that Beacon is on the right path. The City Council began discussing zoning adjustments in the Fishkill Creek district and along Main Street almost
Deduction limits

In capping the deduction for state income and local property taxes at $10,000 annually, President Donald Trump's tax law places a heavy burden on New York homeowners and taxpayers (“Philipsburg and Beacon Taking Early Tax Payments,” Dec. 29). New York is not the only state affected, and it is too glaring a point to be a coincidence that this bill largely affects “blue” states that Trump did not win.

It was up to small towns like ours to clean up the mess. The Town of Philipsburg acted immediately to receive early payments of 2017 property taxes so residents could take advantage of the deductions before they were capped.

In order to subsidize his ill-conceived tax plan, the president has decided to place the burden of paying for it squarely on the backs of millions of working families all across America.

I agree with the majority of Americans that the tax code needed to be changed. But, as with any sweeping and important legislation, the details matter. This tax law was not given the appropriate amount of time for proper consideration and the process completely ignored established protocols for the implementation of legislation. Members of Congress who voted for it never even had time to read the bill. This legislation turned a blind eye to the concerns of more than 50 percent of Americans.

Whatever short-term benefit the temporary income tax breaks achieve will be dwarfed by the permanent elimination of the property tax deduction. All of this, and the law is only a week old. Now imagine what’s in store for working families all over America.

Richard Shea, Philipsburg

Grassroots opposition

In her book *The Hudson River Highlands*, which documents the preservation of our region over centuries, Frances Dunwell ends her preface by stating: “The spirit of the Highlands endures because people intervened to protect nature, beauty and a national heritage.”

We are encouraged to see that, even in this digital age where we’re tied to our devices, this spirit is alive and well. It has manifested in the recent opposition to proposed cell towers that will further our attachment to these very devices. However, it is not opposing the expansion of wireless. Rather, it is continuing the cultural preserving the beauty and heritage we cherish.

A perfect example of this spirit in action was the spontaneous formation of the group Philipsburg Cell Solutions who, over a short time, raised funds, hired experts, dived into Nelsonville’s zoning code and state code, and gathered the necessary skills to put together a compelling argument for going about this technology expansion differently.

Pointing to both Nelsonville’s scenic protections in its zoning code and the fact that the proposed cell tower site lies in a designated Scenic Area of Statewide Significance, they have focused the dialogue on how to expand wireless technology in a way that is not detrimental to our magnificent scenic beauty and cultural heritage.

We applaud these efforts and agree this is the route to follow. We share concerns that any decision here could be precedent-setting, especially under a telecommunications framework undergoing rapid change. As evidenced by the recent decision to reverse net neutrality, the recent judicial action documenting high local thyroid cancer rates (“After Indian Point: What’s Causing Local Thyroid Cancer Rates to Soar?” Dec. 9) is a call for officials to better understand causes. It is more than time!

My three daughters and I were diagnosed with thyroid cancer, and within months we all had our thyroid glands surgically removed. We lived within eight miles from Indian Point for over 14 years. There is no history of any cancer in my family.

I am told it is a “good” cancer because many survive. Not so! Having surgery, taking daily medication and continuously trying to adjust it, taking ultrasounds to see if the cancer has grown back, taking blood tests and living with the worry of it returning after it metastasized to lymph nodes.

The four us have to live with this. Why and how can... (Continued on next page)
local disease and death rates but oppose any research that says otherwise? The NRC was created by Congress in 1974 to ensure the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes while protecting people and environment.

For my family, it is too late. We have moved out of Rockland County but the cancer and aftermath have followed us. The children and families surrounding Indian Point are in need of your help.

Joanne DeVito, Branford, Connecticut

Best wishes

I would like to thank Donald B. Smith for his 16 years of dedicated service as Putnam County Sheriff. He served all of the people who make Putnam home, as well as visitors to our wonderful county.

Under Don’s leadership, the Sheriff’s Office has grown and evolved in the protection of our community, and strong progress has been made by our law enforcement officers and emergency services. We have all benefited. I would like to wish Don well as he begins a new chapter in his life.

Sheriff Robert L. Langley Jr., Carmel

Thanks from BeaconArts

From the Board of Directors of BeaconArts, grateful thanks to all who participated in and contributed to the City of Beacon Christmas tree lighting and the Beacon Hebrew Alliance Illumination bicycle menorah lighting in December.

Beacon is so very lucky to have such a dedicated and assured Recreation Department director in Mark Price, as well as his colleagues, the equally wonderful Heidi Harrison and Nate Smith, both of whom were on hand working with volunteers from the Recreation Commission and the Girl Scouts.

We are also very grateful to sculptor and super-volunteer Ed Benavente for once again reinventing the Bicycle Christmas Tree and giving the community and the children of Beacon such unique and meaningful symbols of the season.

And special thanks to the Beacon Hebrew Alliance for all it does to honor so many in our community during the eight nights of Hanukkah. Relocating the menorah to the Beacon Building (former City Hall) on the East End of Main Street truly helped to unite our 1.5-mile long Main Street and the two villages that became one beautiful City of Beacon.

Thanks to the Wee Play Community Project for providing a kids’ craft at the tree lighting; to the Center for Creative Education for their “flash mobs” at the tree lighting and on the seventh night of Hanukkah; to Emily Ellison for leading our community in song so beautifully; to Jeff McHugh for helping raise the tree; and to Timothy Parsaca for stage-managing the festivities.

Thanks also to Michael Bogdanfly-Krieger for capturing the event on film; to the Beacon Music Factory for their generosity in supplying equipment and support; and to the City of Beacon Highway Department for creating a Winter Wonderland at Pohill Park, not to mention all of the other things they do for our city and its citizens.

Kelly Ellenwood, Beacon Ellenwood is president of BeaconArts.

Tattooed man

The best art is the result of collaboration. Let me give credit where it’s due, to the group responsible for the tattooed man in The Greatest Showman (“The Woman in Charge of the Tattoo Suit,” Dec. 29).

The original drawings were done by me, the body cast of the dancer was made by Louie Zakarian, department head of makeup on Saturday Night Live; my sister, Leslie Sautler-Yauck, and I did the final drawings; and the daily application of transfers to the face and hands was done by Stacy St. Onge.

Cassandra Sautler, Cold Spring
Fire Protection Dispute Coming to a Head

Special meeting may tell the tale

By Michael Turton

A
fter smoldering for more than a year, a dispute between Cold Spring and Nelsonville over fire protection costs may finally be settled next week. At the Dec. 19 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy said that a public meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, will involve only one agenda item: Nelsonville’s payment for fire protection. The Nelsonville Village Board and leadership of the Cold Spring Fire Company have been invited to attend the special 7 p.m. session at the Cold Spring Village Hall.

The conflict stems from an invoice for $21,679 sent by Cold Spring to Nelsonville in October 2016, part of a twice-yearly billing. Nelsonville responded with a check that omitted $1,004 identified as its share of the cost of the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP), a pension for volunteer firefighters. Cold Spring has yet to cash the check over concerns that doing so would indicate formal acceptance of the smaller payment. Merandy has consistently stated that he would not accept what he considers partial payment. At a June 27, 2017, meeting, he said that the Nelsonville invoice reflects “fair distribution of fire company costs. We’re not making money on it.”

Nelsonville Mayor Bill O’Neill indicated at the time that a referendum may be held in 2018 to determine if Nelsonville residents support paying into LOSAP.

The Village of Cold Spring may be guilty of having been overly transparent in its billing. John Furst, the village attorney, has pointed out that in New York state municipalities typically issue fire protection invoices that list the total amount due, without breaking down costs. Because of the impasse, the Cold Spring Fire Company is out the funds it normally receives from Nelsonville’s payment, which are used to cover operating expenses.

In other business ...

Merandy and other Village Board members thanked Arne Saari and Greg Gunder for their many years of dedication. Gunder joined the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2005 and began chairing it in 2015. He is moving to Florida and stepped down on Dec. 31. Saari served on the Planning Board for 12 years. He was the only member to serve through the entire, and often controversial, Butterfield redevelopment review.

The mayor and trustees received the Historic District Review Board’s draft update of Chapter 64 of the Village Code, which deals with the Historic District. They will next respond to the HDRB, taking into account Furst’s comments. A public hearing will be held after the proposed text has been ironed out.

A request by residents for installation of “Children at Play” signs on Fair Street was not granted. Mayor Merandy indicated that, legally, such signs can only be used near playgrounds and schools. The village insurance company also advised against the signage.

The board approved Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke’s request to add a surveillance system at Village Hall and the Cold Spring Police Department office. A grant obtained through the office of New York State Sen. Sue Serino will pay half of the $5,015 cost.

An appreciation night for village employees and volunteers will be held on Friday, Jan. 26, at 6 p.m. at the Cold Spring Fire House.

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The exercises are designed to develop a common language and the ability to listen and react to others in the group. We will explore the expressive nuances of ‘structured’ unstructured music and learn how to develop longer forms of this music as a group."

"The technical part is important, but it’s not the thing that gives it life. It’s having a conversation with someone. It’s not necessary to have technical expertise in order to have emotional content."

Brad Hubbard

No one, even those with zero musical background, should feel intimidated about signing up, he says. “This will be a very supportive and positive space to step out of the comfort zone. Any mistake you make: I have made that mistake and plenty more 1,000 times already. Mistakes lead to cooler things than what you first thought of. You find things you wouldn’t have seen otherwise.”

If you don’t have an instrument — never fear, Beacon Music Factory has plenty, including piano, keyboards, drum sets, guitars, and possibly a saxophone and a flute.

Hubbard says his goal is to demystify music. “I’ve heard my whole life, ‘But you understand this music and I don’t,’ but
FRIDAY, JAN. 5

**Reel Life Film Club: Before the Flood (grades 6-8)**
6 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | buttefieldlibrary.org

**Group show: Square Roots (Opening)**
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-609-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

**Beacon vs. Peekskill (Girls’ Basketball)**
6:15 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconk12.org

**Army vs. Bucknell (Men’s Basketball)**
7 p.m. Christl Arena, West Point
845-938-2526 | goarmywestpoint.com

**Depot Docs: Step**
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

**Winter Residency with Ori Alon (Opens)**
Noon – 5 p.m. Matteawan Gallery
436 Main St., Beacon
supportivebureaucracy.org

**Haldane vs. Henry Hudson (Girls’ Basketball)**
1 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | haldaneschool.org

**Kazikome: Japanese First Writing of the Year**
2 p.m. Arts Mid-Hudson
9 Vassar St., Poughkeepsie
845-454-3222 | artsmidhudson.org

**THURSDAY, JAN. 11**

**Garrison School PTA**
10 a.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3689 | gufspta.org

**Army vs. Lafayette (Men’s Basketball)**
Noon. Christl Arena
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

**Family of Veterans Group Meeting**
6 p.m. Cornerstone Park
1 Fair St., Carmel
845-278-8387 | mhaputnam.org

**K of C Free Throw Competition (ages 9-14)**
5:45 p.m. Capuchin (Gym)
781 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-265-3802

**Mount Beacon Eight and the Indestructible Man (Talk)**
7 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

**Transform Your Life through Meditation**
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-856-9000 | kadampanewyork.org/beacon

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

**Beacon Basketball**
4:15 p.m. Girls’ vs. O’Neill
6:15 p.m. Boys’ vs. Lourdes
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconk12.org

**Beacon vs. Peekskill (Boys’ Swimming)**
4:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconk12.org

**Plain White T’s**
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com
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immediately after adopting the moratorium last fall.

Density-reducing changes were approved along Fishkill Creek at the end of 2017 and the council is set to continue the Main Street discussion this month.

But what's not happening in Beacon, says Dan Aymar-Blair, one of the organizers of the People's Committee on Development, is a more fundamental shift.

"People want to see a significant change in the culture of development," Aymar-Blair said. "It should be 'How can development support a community?' and not just 'How many units should there be?'"

He agrees that development should go where infrastructure can support it, but with a better mix of uses, rather than hundreds of new apartments.

"People want to work here, and it's a smarter formula for taxes," he said.

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'Smart Growth'
The issues facing Beacon aren't unique, said Alex Hutchinson, an economic and community development specialist with the Washington D.C.-based Smart Growth America.

"A lot of towns are going for an approach where land uses are clustered around transportation access, and there are unique businesses that people can walk to," he said. But as these communities experience growing pains they often "worry that they're losing a bit of their soul, and when they see new development happen it can trigger a natural response of, 'I don't like this change.'"

Hutchinson pointed to Frederick, Maryland, a city with a population of 70,000 that is within driving distance of Baltimore and Washington. Like Beacon, it has also become an attractive destination for people priced out of the surrounding metropolitan areas who want "authentic," and not strip malls.

Hutchinson suggested there are a number of ways that a city like Beacon can smartly manage its growth.

A variety of transportation options, like bikeways and public transportation, will allow more people to live in and visit a city that maintains its character without the cost of expanding roads or parking. A standardized and simple review process will guide builders toward "easy and predictable" development plans, he said.

Hutchinson also suggested that city leaders perform a parking audit, so they know how much parking their streets can accommodate and they can plan ahead for overflow situations.

Finally, an active small-business association will help get local merchants on the same page with marketing and events. "That will make a downtown lively and productive and will help create the core vitality that's needed to help an area survive," he said.

Affordability
Many residents cite affordability as an issue in Beacon, as well.

In 2017, the city council increased the overall number of "affordable" housing units that developers must include in projects in Beacon, and on Dec. 29 the state Homes and Community Renewal agency announced $4.5 million in funding for the West End Lofts project adjacent to City Hall.

Approved by the Planning Board in September, the Lofts will include 73 units of middle-income and artists' spaces within walking distance of Main Street and the train station. Developer Ken Kearney calls the development "a good fit for Beacon's current sygnergy."

Haldane
The application period to find a successor for Superintendent Diana Bowers, who is retiring in June, will continue through Feb., with interviews planned for March.

Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES is leading the search, promising a process that "ensures transparency, encourages participation and demonstrates alignment between the board and community stakeholders," said John McCarthy and Lynn Allen, assistant superintendents from BOCES who spoke to the board on Nov. 20.

In other business...

• On Nov. 7, Haldane senior Mae McGrath was welcomed as a nonvoting member of the board who will serve as a liaison with students.

• Haldane's attorney is continuing discussions, or attempted discussions, with Monolith Solar, the company renting space for panels on the roofs of Haldane buildings. The panels at one site have been inactive since a year ago. The attorney is "talking about the type of litigation that could potentially ensue," Bowers said on Nov. 7.

• The board met with an architect on Dec. 19 to discuss building improvements, specifically to the heating systems.

• Haldane will host a forum on Tuesday, Jan. 30, to discuss the opioid addiction crisis.
One of the frustrations of printing a newspaper is never having enough room to share the many great shots captured by local photographers. Here are a few photos by Ross Corsair taken in the Highlands in 2017 that haven’t appeared in print – until now.

Great Shots of 2017

Zack Parks, Garrison Volunteer Fire Company open house, April 30

MEMORABLE VIEWS — A visitor to the Cold Spring waterfront on Aug. 31 takes in the sunset.

Two by Two Zoo, Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison, June 29

Twin Forts Day, Fort Montgomery, Oct. 6

St. Mary’s Carnival, Cold Spring, Sept. 17
Tracing My Taginealogy

By Celia Barbour

The first thing I ate when I grew up was a tagine. This is a 100 percent true fact. Before that, when I was fresh out of college and living, as we all lived, three-to-a-bedroom in some illegal sublet in New York City, weekends meant grabbing a street-cart pretzel en route to a party that was an exact replica of the one we’d attended the week before and the week before that and so on, going all the way back to campus.

In rooms packed as full as subway cars, we’d drink and drink, and shove a handful of chips into our mouths if we happened upon a bowl of them. After a year or two of this, the fancy ones among us began adding things like baked artichoke dip and hummus to our menus, and wearing cocktail dresses and painful heels at holiday time.

Eventually, we acquired our own apartments, or at least our own bedrooms; we made friends with people with lofts. We could breathe, in other words, and maybe find a sofa to sit on as the night wore on. But the basic pattern for a party remained unchanged. It was an event whose beating heart was a table crammed with cheap wine, beer and spirits, plus plastic Solo cups that might be clean or used; you took them.

And then my friend E hosted a dinner party and served tagine. I had tasted tagine before — when I was a child, my mother’s best friend was a Moroccan-ophile. A dinner party, too, was not entirely new. Throughout college, I had attended and even hosted little get-togethers: four people and some spaghetti, that kind of thing. But E’s party was a real event. Twelve guests around a beaux, yea, that kind of thing. But E’s party was a real event.

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New Year, New Art
Buster Levi group show opens Jan. 5

The Buster Levi Gallery in Cold Spring opens a group show today (Jan. 5) with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The show, which will be on display through Jan. 28, includes works by John Allen, Martee Levi, Lucille Tortora, Grace Kennedy, Ursula Schneider and Maria Pia Marrella. The gallery is open on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. for the month. See busterlevigallery.com.

Holiday Spirit in Philipstown
Chamber recognizes holiday decorating

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has recognized four businesses for their efforts to “light up Philipstown” with holiday decor. On Main Street, Archipelago was recognized for “Best Light,” Once Upon a Time for “Most Creative” and Houlihan Lawrence for “Most Sophisticated.” The “Best Off-Main Street” award went to the Philipstown Recreation Center in Garrison. Ten businesses participated.

Stargazing Indoors
Skylab open on Jan. 13

See the stars at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in the Skylab Indoor Planetarium on Saturday, Jan. 13. Three sessions will be offered, at 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Families and children ages 4 and up can learn how to identify major constellations and stars and hear Native American and Greek stories about how they were created. The event will be held at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Cornwall and registration is required. See hhnm.org.

Children’s Fund Announces Grants
More than $14,000 raised in fall

The Garrison Children’s Education Fund which supports learning for students in the Garrison Union Free School District, raised more than $14,000 during its fall fundraising drive. The money will be distributed for spring programs, including two-day workshops with the Garrison Arts Center for all grades, a sail aboard the sloop Clearwater for fifth-grade students, and transportation to the New York Museum of Science for grades 3 to 5. See gcef.net.

Out with the Old
How to dispose of old electronics

Since many people received electronics as holiday gifts, the state Department of Environmental Conservation reminds residents to properly dispose of old electronics.

WORLD PREMIERE — Charlie Plummer of Cold Spring (second from left), with co-stars Mark Wahlberg and Michelle Williams and director Ridley Scott at the premiere of All the Money in the World, which opened on Dec. 25. Photo by Eric Charbonneau/CTMG

The Skylab Indoor Planetarium at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will offer views of the Milky Way on Jan. 13. Image provided

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**HONORED FOR SERVICE — On Dec. 8, the Continental Village Fire Department in Garrison named Dylan Meaney (left) as its Junior Firefighter of the Year and Matthew Cashman (right) as its Firefighter of the Year.**

Photo by Cooper Cardenase

**Ori Alon Begins Residency**

**Matteawan hosts artist in January**

Starting Saturday, Jan. 6, Ori Alon will be working at the Matteawan Gallery at 436 Main St., in Beacon, as its annual winter artist in residence. He will be at the gallery on Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. through Jan. 28, with a closing reception that day as well as an artist's talk.

Alon is the founder of the Center for Supportive Bureaucracy (Empowering Clerks Network), which produces a Forgiver’s License, Joy Permits, Open Carry Permits for musical instruments, the OK Parent Award, the Village Fool Diploma, a Racism Release Form and, for his January stay, the White Men Registry.

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**First Chamber Series Concert**

**Pianist will perform on Jan. 14**

Pianist Orion Weiss will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon in the first concert of the Howland Chamber Music Circle’s new Piano Festival season. Weiss will play Brahms’ Selections from Six Klavierstücke, Op. 118, Debussy’s La Boîte à joujou, Schumann’s Waldszenen, Op. 82 and Ravel’s Le Tombeau de Couperin. Tickets are $30 ($10 for students). See howlandmusic.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS (from previous page)

Limited to eight students, allowing for individual instruction. No experience necessary. Ages 16 years and older welcome.

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Longtime Antique Shop to Close (from Page 1)

said. He believes another popular show, American Pickers, is staged. “Nobody just rides here and there and finds a beautiful barn full of antiques,” he says. “Once in a lifetime maybe, but every week?”

Carmichael saw firsthand how antique shops helped revitalize Main Street in Cold Spring.

“When I grew up in Beacon, Cold Spring was a pretty closed little town,” he recalls. Like many communities, the village declined in the 1960s and early 1970s with the growth of plazas and shopping centers. Eventually there were 30 to 35 shops in Cold Spring that brought thousands of customers to Main Street. “There were weekends when you couldn’t see the sidewalk for people, and they were here just for antiques,” he says.

New Leaders for Putnam Legislature

Philipstown representative named to four boards

By Holly Crocco

In keeping with the practice of rotating the leadership of the Putnam County Legislature, a new chairperson was named Tuesday (Jan 2) during the board’s organizational meeting at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

Joseph Castellano (R-Southeast) took the reins after serving as deputy chairman in 2016 and 2017 under Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson).

Castellano is in his sixth year on the Legislature. Previously, he served on the Southeast Zoning Board of Appeals. His appointment was unanimous.

Toni Adonizzio (R-Kent) was named deputy chairperson. Her appointment was also unanimous.

Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown) was appointed to serve as a representative on the Region 3 Forest Practice Board, the Putnam County Soil and Water Conservation District Board, the Board of Health, and the Agricultural and Farming and Protection Board.

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Haldane Basketball Hopes to Defeat Juvenile Diabetes

worked with varsity Coach Joe Virgadamo to organize the fundraiser, want to educate people about the disease and the toll managing it takes on children and their families.

"Most of the time when people ask me about T1D, they are not educated and think it's caused by eating too much sugar," says Krissy Irwin. "That can be very upsetting to a parent and child. Liam's pancreas was attacked by a virus, leaving it not functioning and not producing the insulin his body needed."

Her husband, Bill, "has had T1D for 37 years and gives him pointers on playing competitive sports with T1D," she says. "Increased blood-sugar testing and eating the right things before and after practices and games is a key to better managing high and low blood sugars. Being good in math is always a plus for a diabetic as they have to manage insulin-to-carb ratios and correction factors to get their blood sugar back to the agreed-upon target as per their endocrinologist. It's certainly not easy for a teenager, but with the family support it makes it easier, for sure."

T1D, a chronic autoimmune disease, occurs when the pancreas stops producing insulin, the hormone that controls blood-sugar levels. T1D develops when the immune system mistakenly destroys insulin-producing pancreatic beta cells.

While there is likely a genetic component, people of all ethnic backgrounds have T1D, though the incidence generally increases in populations north of the equator. Many are diagnosed in early elementary school or as preteens, around growth spurts or hormonal changes.

There is nothing anyone can do to prevent T1D and, despite recent advances, no cure. People with T1D continuously balance insulin intake with eating, exercise and other activities. They measure blood-sugar levels multiple times each day in blood drawn through a finger prick or by wearing a continuous glucose monitor.

"The illness affects the entire family, says Amy Kubik. "As a family, you all have to change the way you operate in all aspects. For our family, it became a new normal, with 'Mommy has to stop and pay close attention to your sister,' day in, day out; it was arduous."

What stands out for Kubik is how "invisible it is for these kids. They do all that their peers do, while carrying this burden, which isn't noticeable. And it's different for each family living with this: What kind of insurance coverage do you have? Is it a one-parent or two-parent family? Are there siblings at home? What are the economics of the household?"

For Krissy Irwin, "we are all in this fight together. When Liam was diagnosed at the age of 13, it was our worst nightmare. But on the positive side — if you could say there is one — this actually was comforting to Liam because he was aware of how a person lives with it as he watched his father deal with it over the years and understood that you can live with diabetes."

"There is a constant struggle with T1D; you have good days and bad days and have to educate yourself on how many carbs are in the foods you are eating so you can give yourself the proper dose of insulin to cover that," she says. "Family support is very important; it's a life-or-death matter."

The Kubiks had no clue that diabetes would afflict them, there was no family history of the disease or other signs. When Cassie, at age 3, seemed listless, it was believed she had a virus. "She didn’t want to go to her dance class, which was unusual," Amy Kubik says. "It was a Friday and the doctor could have easily said, 'See you Monday.' Thankfully, he didn’t; if we had waited the weekend, she would have died."

En route to the hospital, Kubik called her aunt, who is a nurse. "I told her, 'Her blood sugar is 1,200. Is that bad?' My aunt paused and said: 'Yeah, honey, it's real bad.' Luckily for us, we found out early; it's crucial to know in the first few days."

Insulin is provided to the body through injections or a pump, which has to be worn at all times. It correlates to a computer program that provides a constant measure of blood-sugar levels. If there is a problem, an alarm sounds. For Kubik, a recent switch to the pump means she no longer must wake up each night at 3 a.m. to check on her daughter.

"Blood sugar has to be checked before you eat and when you don't feel well, or if you're getting a bug," Kubik says, but "you can eat whatever you want. You just have to manage it well and get medication to match what you're eating."

This can be difficult for teenagers. "Most suffer some kind of burnout at times," Kubik says, "and this is what you're most fearful of as a parent. Hopefully by the time they leave for college they have the maturity to handle it all."

She praises Haldane's support of kids with diabetes, calling it "kind and professional, which isn't always the case. Our kids need access at any time to a pile of stuff — their blood sugar can crash at any time. At Haldane we've never had to fight for anything."

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Haldane Basketball Hopes to Defeat Juvenile Diabetes

Game will raise funds to fight disease some Blue Devils know well

By Alison Rooney

In a charity fundraiser to fight a disease some players and their families know well, the Haldane boys’ varsity basketball team will hit the court against Yonkers Montessori Academy on Friday, Jan. 19, to support Riding on Insulin, an organization that supports research into Type 1 Diabetes (T1D), or juvenile diabetes.

Two Haldane players, Liam Irwin and Anthony Sinchi, have the disease, as does Irwin’s father, Bill. Cassie Kubik, the sister of another player, Alex Kubik, is also managing the illness, which, according to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, affects 200,000 Americans under age 20, along with more than 1 million adults.

The Haldane game, which begins at the school gym at 6 p.m., is free but donations will be accepted and there will be a raffle and auction. The concession will also offer low-carb, low-sugar snacks.

Amy Kubik, Krissy Irwin and Susan Richardson, who (Continued on page 15)