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‘War to End all Wars’

Former Garrison resident left detailed account of life on the front lines

By Michael Turton

John Benjamin doesn’t remember his grandfather well, but as the 100th anniversary of the Armistice that ended the fighting in the first World War approaches on Sunday, Nov. 11, he hopes others will remember what Thomas H. Ellett accomplished.

A captain in the U.S. Army who later in life moved to Philipstown, Ellett left behind a wartime diary that is on display at the Desmond-Fish Library through Nov. 15. It provides a detailed account of life on the front lines in France leading up to the 1918 Armistice. (See Page 13 for excerpts.)



Thomas Ellett's wartime identity card

“It’s important to have such a clear, detailed, immediate record of the events” from a century ago, says Benjamin, who lives in Garrison. “If we don’t know where we have been, how can we know where we are headed?”

Thomas Ellett was born in Red Oak, Iowa, in 1880 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1906. When the U.S. entered the war in 1917, he was a 37-year-old architect. He enlisted, completing basic training in Plattsburg, New York.

Once he arrived in France, Ellett commanded Company E of the 302nd Engineers. Its duties included building and rebuilding bridges and keeping roads passable for horses, vehicles, artillery and troops. The company often came under fire; two of Ellett’s men were killed and five wounded while the company worked on a foot bridge over the Meuse River.

Ellett didn’t shy away from the action. An article in the *New York Evening Sun* on Oct. 20, 1918, described him scouting the Aires River for a suitable location to construct a bridge. After he waded into the river, “machine guns opened fire upon him,” according to the newspaper account. On the far bank, Ellett located the machine gun nest, fired at it several times with his pistol, “took a quick survey of the north bank,” and waded back to shore.

At the time of the Nov. 11 armistice, Ellett wrote in his diary that he hoped to be home by Christmas, and he was,

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ELECTION DAY MISHAP — Jim Erickson moves a backhoe from inside the firehouse after a car crashed into the north end of the Route 9 building at about 12:45 p.m. on Election Day while voting went on inside. The driver apparently hit the gas instead of the brake. Photo by Ross Corsair

Montgomery Takes District 1 Seat

- 75 percent turnout in Philipstown
- Odell wins second term as Putnam executive
- Jacobson succeeds Skartodos in Assembly 104
- Serino keeps state Senate seat
- Maloney, Galef re-elected easily

By Chip Rowe

With 75 percent of registered District 1 voters going to the polls on Tuesday (Nov. 6), Nancy Montgomery easily defeated incumbent Barbara Scuccimarra to win the seat on the Putnam County Legislature representing Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley.

Montgomery, a Democratic member of the Philipstown Town Board, won 58 percent of the vote, compared to 42 percent for Scuccimarra, a Republican who was seeking her third, three-year term. The results are unofficial until the Putnam County Board of Elections tallies absentee ballots and certifies the results.

When she is sworn in, Montgomery will become the sole Democrat on the nine-member Legislature and the first to represent District 1 in 25 years. Montgomery



Nancy Montgomery campaign photo

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A GROWING CHALLENGE

Our series will continue next week.

Part 1 | Nov. 2
Farmers
Young & Old

Farmers in the Hudson Valley, and those who work the fields, are getting older, without heirs. Who will follow? A generation of young farmers may fill the gap, including young women, people of color and veterans. See highlandscurrent.org.

Part 2 | Nov. 16
Land & Soil

Why is the Hudson Valley such a great place to farm? In large part, it’s the superior dirt, but the forces of climate change and urban sprawl threaten both the landscape and the industry. Scientists and planners are pushing back.

Part 3 | Nov. 30
Are Farms in
Our Future?

In 2004, an American Farmland Trust report concluded that major changes were needed to save agriculture in the Hudson Valley. Fifteen years later, how are we doing? The federal government spends billions on farming subsidies, but does it help the Hudson Valley? The answer to what ails farmers here is likely not green markets, which are popular but may be overdone. Many farmers are instead turning to new (or old) crops, such as hops and grains.

5 Five Questions: JEFFREY YANG

By Allison Rooney

Jeffrey Yang, who lives in Beacon, is a poet whose most recent collection, *Hey, Marfa*, was published last month. In 2009 he won the PEN/Joyce Osterweil Award, which is given biennially to an emerging American poet. He will read at Split Rock Books in Cold Spring at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16.

When you moved to Marfa, Texas, in 2011 for a writer's residency, did you know what form your work would take?

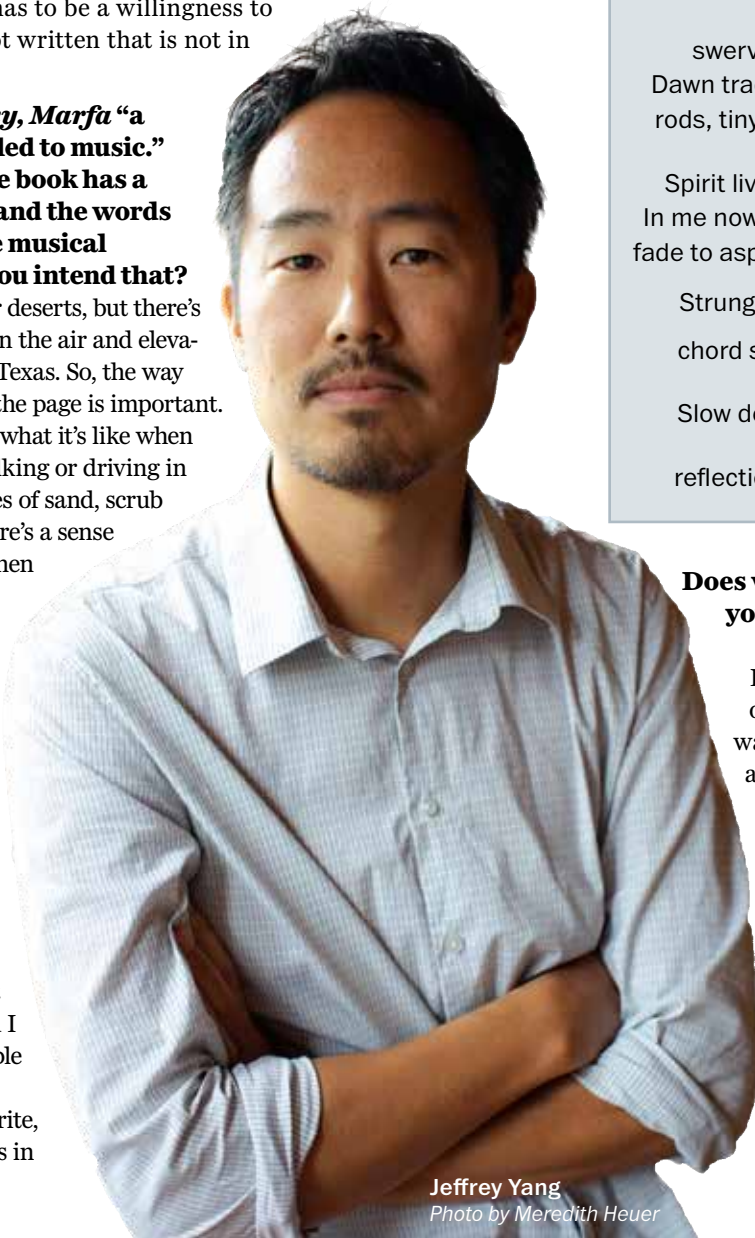
I actually went to Marfa to translate [human rights activist and Nobel Peace Prize winner] Liu Xiaobo's *June Fourth Elegies*. I had no idea I would want to write anything myself. It was a gradual process over maybe five years for me to know what the book would be like. Once I hit upon a structure, then I felt more like, "I'm actually going to do this." With poetry, for me, there always has to be a willingness to revise. There's a lot written that is not in the book.

You've called *Hey, Marfa* "a desert diary scaled to music." Every page of the book has a specific design, and the words almost resemble musical notations. Did you intend that?

I've been in other deserts, but there's a specific vastness in the air and elevation in that part of Texas. So, the way the poems look on the page is important. I wanted to convey what it's like when you're out there walking or driving in extended landscapes of sand, scrub grass and hills. There's a sense of repetition, but when you look closely it's more unique. The look of the book is all part of trying to carry a certain kind of rhythm.

Will you ever write about Beacon?

[Laughs.] Well, I've written an essay on it, but it's hard to write about where you live. And I know so many people here. Living here feeds into what I write, although not always in obvious ways.



Jeffrey Yang
Photo by Meredith Heuer

Substation | By Jeffrey Yang

Conducting lines golden in the light

Waves illuminate the sun's last words
on the morning faces, rippling turtleback
slope, lone cypress, lone elm, poles

greet a few low-pitched roofs at the end
of the road, pink posts planted in a row small
heaps of dirt, weed clumps, square shadow door-

way cast on a wall, zigzag edge veers round
the posts, runs the fence perimeter, divides
the vicinity from the mind's machinery

swerves magnetic for the H-frame gnomon
Dawn tracks, empty block, rolling sphere lightning
rods, tiny brushstrokes against the surging storm

Spirit living energy, the matter—not with the fire
In me now—of survival, where the windswept sands
fade to asphalt, and the lines like the strings of a lyre

Strung through the sky, converge on a visible
chord sustained across the urban wilderness

Slow desert sustenance, evidence of the true
reflection in the inner light outside the picture

Does working as a translator, and also having your own work translated, make you more acutely aware of your choice of words?

It's hard to say, because the two feed into each other. It's been said that translating is the best way to learn how to write. For me, the appeal of a lot of poetry is the music of the language. My work has been translated into Chinese, which I know, and German, Spanish, Malay and Dutch, which I don't. I let the translators do what they want to do; I don't interfere.

On Amazon, *Hey, Marfa*, is No. 6 on the list of Asian-American poetry best-sellers. How do you feel about being classified like that?

What? I had no idea. That's great. I'm fine with that. I have no idea what kind of algorithm is going on there. I wonder who the first five are, though?

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your fall comfort food?

Chicken cutlets with bread crumbs, prosciutto, Parmesan cheese, shallots and parsley and served with homemade applesauce.



Richard Corio, Cold Spring

Pasta alla carbonara — and I'm going to have some in Rome next week!



Stacey Penlon, Beacon

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Philipstown Says It Will Sue Property Owners Over Illegal Dumping

Also, board hears about logging, Breakneck intervention

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Philipstown's Town Board last week voted to sue owners who allow illegal dumping on their properties and shield those responsible.

The board voted 5-0 to sue homeowners who it says, in separate cases, permitted "phony fill" to be dumped. The town code forbids trash dumping or fill operations on private property without permits.

The properties are at 15 Howland Road in Garrison and 240 Carol Lane in North Highlands. The 2018 tax rolls list 15 Howland Road as a 1.5-acre property and 240 Carol Lane as a 2-acre parcel that belongs to the owner of 236 Carol Lane. Both parcels contain houses.

Resolutions authorizing the litigation state that the town's code enforcement officer issued notices for both properties but that the messes remained.

Supervisor Richard Shea said each incident involved "tractor-trailer loads" of fill and that "complicit" property owners claim to not know who had dumped it. "They're going to give us a name," he emphasized. "We're going to find out who did this and they are going to get fined and are going to clean it up."

He said that one case involved 5,000 cubic yards of debris that included toilet tanks, pipes and paint cans. The haulers appear to have come across the Tappan Zee Bridge, he said. They apparently were paid to remove debris from another site and brought it in Philipstown, where they were paid again for providing "fill," he said.

"We're trying to take care of our town" and illegal dumping "could destroy streams and [neighboring] properties' well systems, wreak havoc, and cause a serious problem for us for a long time," said Councilor Mike Leonard.

Logging

Christopher Prentis, a forester representing Lower Hudson Forestry Services, appeared before the board to explain the planned logging of about 40 acres on Bald Hill, at 70 Reservoir Lane in the Town of

Fishkill on the Philipstown border.

"We're not doing anything in Philipstown" except to use one or two roads for access, Prentis said. He said the operation would remove 502 "over-mature," damaged or otherwise poor quality hardwood trees while preserving underbrush and other trees. Because of state restrictions, the work must occur between Nov. 1 and March 31, he said.

Shea said the Town Board's concerns include "use of our roads and the disturbance" in that part of town and Leonard added that the roads "are extremely small." Shea said Philipstown would want a bond payment to cover any damage caused by the logging trucks.

The supervisor, who holds a forestry degree, also noted that "there are no boundaries in the forest," which can extend across town or county lines. But "forests do need to be managed" and "there are ways to mitigate the negative impacts" of tree harvesting, he said. "We're not looking to crush somebody's business."

Max Garfinkle, the town natural resources officer, observed that the paperwork filed so far does not mention that the surrounding area serves as a winter habitat for bald eagles "That will be important," he said. Prentis said he would check with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Breakneck Ridge

Michelle Smith, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, told the board that a national conservation organization, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics, has begun a study of Breakneck Ridge, which is plagued by trash, vandalism, trail erosion, overuse and related problems.

Leave No Trace, which works to preserve endangered parks and scenic areas, is collaborating with the New York State park system and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, as well as private backers such as the outdoor company REI. The group conducted a similar review in the Catskills at the Blue Hole, a woodland

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Hate in the Highlands

They say to understand a person you must walk in his or her shoes. So walk in mine.

Imagine for a moment that you are at prayer on a nice morning in your church, which you have attended for 20 or 30 years or more, sitting next to a young family with their baby, waiting for a christening. A gunman breaks in and begins shooting at you and your friends. His motive is hatred — hatred of you, your faith, your entire community, your values and all that you stand for. That's what happened to the Jews of Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh. They were about to celebrate a baby-naming ceremony. Eleven congregants died and two were wounded. Six police officers also were wounded.

We could try to dismiss this violent criminal as a madman. But he is an American, and his hatred of Jews is homegrown. He read and believed hateful lies about Jews circulated online by Nazi sympathizers and others who may not even have been fully aware that their language was anti-Semitic.

Anti-Semitism comes in many forms. We had our own close look at it when the home of a Jewish family was defaced with a swastika and a slur ("Hate Hits the Highlands, Again," Nov. 2). We are talking about a young man's home, his place of refuge from the world which he is building with his wife and two small children. What is it we all look for in a home? Peace. In Hebrew it is called *shalom* — a word that means not just peace, but wholeness and completeness.

This family's sense of peace was shattered, and their idea about this community was challenged. Of course, they know that this was the act of one person, or perhaps a small group. But the person or persons are from our town, our community. And if it turns out that this was an act of teenagers, we ask: "Where did they learn these words? Why did they behave this way?" It's a question we all want answered. It demands a response.

That is what we will do. Philipstown Reform Synagogue invites you to join us at a vigil on Saturday, Nov. 10, at 7:45 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring, our spiritual home, to say no to anti-Semitism and all forms of hatred. And to say yes to American values of free-

Tell us what you think

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dom of religion, freedom of speech and freedom from fear, to our collective spirit of love, and the power of our right of assembly, and to reassert what this community and our America stand for.

Thank you for joining with Philipstown Reform Synagogue so that we truly know that good people will not be passive nor silent in the face of hatred.

Cathy Duke, *Philipstown*
Duke is the president of Philipstown Reform Synagogue.

I find it surprising that a representative from the Sheriff's Office would say of this vandalism, "If it's deemed a hate crime, criminal mischief charges could be elevated from a misdemeanor to a felony." If someone draws swastikas on a Jewish home, that is a hate crime, plain and simple. The state of hate in this country is beyond comprehension and it is deeply saddening to find it in our community. We must confront this head on, not with if's and but's.

Astrid Lindgren, *Cold Spring*
Editor's note: The qualified language is because the Putnam County prosecutor, Robert Tendy, rather than the Sheriff's Office, determines if a crime is elevated. When we asked Tendy about it, he replied: "This was clearly a hate crime, and I know without a doubt that the sheriff believes it is, too, because we have discussed it. My office and the Sheriff's Office are proceeding accordingly."

I remember this sort of thing happening 50 years ago. We turned our clocks back too far two years ago.

Larry Jensen, *via Facebook*

I'm sick to my stomach over this, especially after the shooting at the Pittsburgh synagogue. As a community, we need to stand together against this hate.

Bridget Viletto, *via Facebook*

Corrections

- Several figures were incorrect in "Hudson Valley Farms, By the Numbers," that appeared in the first part of *A Growing Challenge* (Nov. 2). The percentage of farms in Dutchess County with less than \$2,500 in annual sales is 34 percent (not 25), in Putnam, 57 percent (not 54), in Orange, 30 percent (not 24) and in Ulster, 32 percent (not 26). Also the average annual federal subsidy in New York State to farms is \$7,955 (not \$9,366).

- In a report on the paving of the intersection at Fishkill Road and Route 9, we wrote that the traffic light had been changed from three sides to four to accommodate traffic coming out of the gas station ("New Paving, Light on Route 9," Oct. 28). However, the source of the report, a news release issued by Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, said only that she and county Highway Commissioner Fred Pena "pointed out again the need for the traffic signal to be upgraded," not that one had been installed.

I suggest the Putnam History Museum consider an exhibit about the county's response to slavery, World War II and the civil rights movement and host a series of Teaching Tolerance workshops (tolerance.org). This will help us move forward as a community.

Melissa Beck, *Philipstown*

The story about the anti-Semitic vandalism at a Nelsonville home reminded me of something done in June to a sign we placed near our home to redirect people who come into our yard looking for the nearby Garrison Institute. Someone defaced it with a swastika and "SS" [a reference to *Schutzstaffel*, the black-uniformed Nazi police]. Of course, after seeing that we removed the sign immediately. What is happening around here?

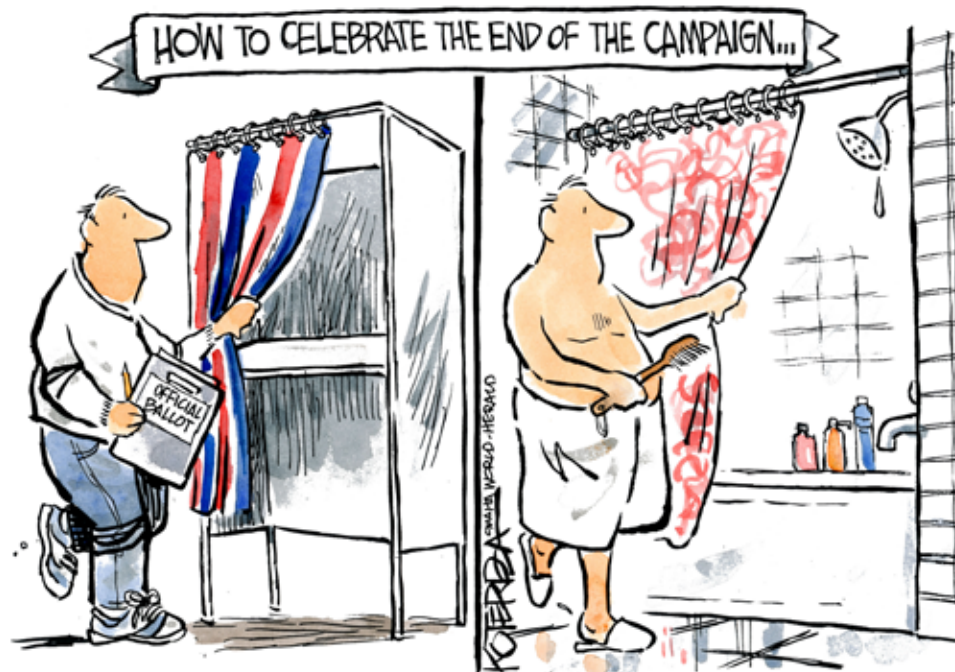
Kyle Good, *Garrison*
Good is a board member of Highlands Current Inc.

When I was a camper at [the Jewish] Surprise Lake Camp in the 1970s, there were several incidents where we were harassed hiking into Cold Spring. When I was 8 years old, someone once threw fireworks at us from a passing truck, and hikes into the village were stopped after that. I remember being told that people in town hated Jews and didn't want us coming there.

Glen Frick, *via Facebook*

The racists don't wear hoods these days and gather around fires out in the woods. They don't have to because they are part of a state-sponsored program.

Tom Carrigan, *via Facebook*



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I find it highly hypocritical that the editor of *The Current* who, in my opinion, rightfully labeled this incident a hate crime, in August, when our church signboard in Nelsonville was vandalized by the same type of hate crime, titled the photo "Shuffle Board" and questioned if it was "a prankster or vandal, depending on your view."

What difference does it make if it happens to our Christian church or the property of a Jewish homeowner? Imagine the shock and horror of our congregation finding our sign vandalized to read, "Remember God is Dead."

Is not hate still hate and religious intolerance just that, intolerance? It should never be tolerated or welcomed in our community and absolutely never held up to ridicule. I believe your publication absolutely owes the good people of our congregation an apology for making light of such a horrible, hurtful moment that our church had to endure.

The Church on the Hill stands with our Jewish friends of the community against this type of hate. Our prayers are with you all.

Tim Greco, *Garrison Greco is the lead pastor of the Church on the Hill.*

Slippery slope

Editor's note: The Oct. 31 issue of the Putnam County News & Recorder included a full-page advertisement placed by the Putnam County Republican Committee endorsing Republican candidates for county and state offices in the Nov. 6 election. A red banner at the bottom of the page read: "Democrats embrace Progressiveness, which becomes Socialism and ultimately COMMUNISM." Richard Shea, a Democrat and the Philipstown supervisor, submitted this letter to The Current in response.

The ad placed in the PCNR was both ill-conceived and more than a little pathetic. It set me to wondering who at the helm of the Putnam County Republican Committee thought that calling Democrats communists was a good idea.

Democrats represent a large portion of the voting population and to dismiss them in this way was not only insulting but a serious strategic mistake. The ad raises so many questions. Who approved it? Did all the Republican candidates listed on the ad sign on to calling me a communist? Does



A volunteer at a Catholic Charities Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas, hands a Central American refugee child to its mother to take a bus to stay with a U.S. family.

Photo by Vic Hinterlang/Shutterstock

the Putnam County Republican Committee believe this? An ad like this could, and probably should, be written off as a bad idea put together by someone who spends far too much time watching Fox News.

Having said that, there is a wealth of history that shows just how dangerous and divisive this sort of rhetoric can be. The Putnam County Republican Committee needs to recognize that we all have a role in forming the kind of society in which we wish to reside. We are all Americans and the ideals of civility, community and a peaceful society should be the foundation upon which all campaigns are built. The ad certainly did nothing to advance our common goals.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*

At the border

My daughter, who recently volunteered at an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) family detention center, asked that I let people know they should not be afraid of immigrants at our border.

The people at the detention centers are mostly women, including mothers with their children, who are fleeing from terrifying, brutal situations in places with little or no infrastructure to help them. As their children cling to them or sleep up

right in chairs, the women recount their experiences to the volunteers.

Here are two anecdotes my daughter shared with me from these moms, who come from Central America and other countries around the world.

ROSA: "I fled after I continued to receive death threats against me and my 6-year-old son from a local gang looking for my husband, who had worked for the police

and made some unpopular arrests. My husband fled as well. After I moved to the third village, I decided I had to leave."

ANNA: "I fled after my husband beat me continuously, including breaking down the door of an apartment I had moved to, pulling a gun on me in front of my daughter and verbally attacking her because she is not his and because my daughter and I are dark-skinned. I asked a judge for a restraining order and he told me his calendar was full, and to come back in a few months. My husband informed me he had bribed the judge. I cannot move back to my mom's home because gangs have taken it over. She is living with my grandmother, where there is no room for my daughter and me."

If an asylum officer believes its fear is credible, a family is permitted to leave the detention center and given a court date. Many who arrived via the river or other non-official port of entry leave with an ankle bracelet that allows ICE to track them. If they do not show up for the court date, they will be arrested and deported.

These are not women or people we should fear. They are lost and scared and have suffered greatly. I hope we can all support my daughter's conclusion that they need our help, not our scorn.

Prue Posner, *Beacon*

Get Lit story

My compliments to Deb Higgins on her article, "Ben," about a Percheron that served the

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN FOR THE YEAR 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of said Town, where it is available for inspection by any interested persons during regular business hours.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown will hold a Public Hearing on the 7th day of November, 2018, at 7:45 p.m. Prevailing Time, and at such hearing all persons may be heard in favor of/or against any item or items therein contained.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law that the following are the proposed salaries of the Town Officers of this Town:

Supervisor	\$27,000.00
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Town Justices (1 at 27,000.00)	\$27,000.00
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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk

DATED October 31, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR CONTINENTAL VILLAGE PARK DISTRICT AND CONTINENTAL VILLAGE WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown has completed the Preliminary Budget of the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2019 and the same was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, where the same will be available for inspection by any interested persons during regular office hours. The Town Board will meet at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York on the 7th day of November 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and 7:35 p.m. respectively, for the purpose of hearing any one person in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water District as compiled for or against any item therein contained.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN

Tina M. Merando
Town Clerk

DATED October 31, 2018

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Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. ("Get Lit Announces Winner," Oct. 26). I have been a member of Lewis Tompkins for 52 years as a volunteer fireman. We have always kept any history about the company, especially about Ben. When I joined, Ben was already a legend.

I am sure Dennis Lahey Sr., our company historian, will cherish this article. There are a few things Deb mentioned that even I did not know, and I thought I knew most of our history.

Richard Kolakoski, *Beacon*

Problems with baseball

Michael Turton really captured the decline of baseball in his column on Oct. 26 ("Baseball's Continued Demise"). I agree with everything said, except I have been seduced by the "idiot's rectangle" that

indicates the strike zone. I decide what my next pitch would be as if I was on the mound or the catcher calling pitches.

Can you believe the silliness of camera-men in shorts lugging equipment as they chase a baserunner back to the dugout after he's thrown out? I hope they don't start showing replays of these action-packed shots. Also, on the scoreboard at Yankee Stadium, after Runs, Hits and Errors, it has MVR — that's how many Mound Visits the manager has Remaining. What next?

All that said, I still love the game and, even a week after the World Series, have withdrawal symptoms. How many days until the pitchers and catchers arrive at spring training?

Alan Brownstein, *Cold Spring*

Philipstown comp plan

For the past year, I have had the great and fulfilling experience of working alongside a dozen of our neighbors on the first update to the Philipstown Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted in 2006, this guiding document helps the Town Board, the Planning Board and the Conservation Board explore and determine land-use policies and zoning. The plan, and its proposed update, covers everything from community health and wellness to public recreation space, to climate resilience. I am especially interested in housing affordability, so I worked on Goal No. 2, which focuses on maintaining economic diversity in our community.

I know not everybody has the ability to spend a whole year on a project like this, but there is still an opportunity for anyone interested to get involved. Whether you're passionate about preserving our historic roads or preventing another cellphone tower, visit philipstown2020.org to review the proposed update, give your feedback and find out about the public meetings on Thursday, Nov. 15, and Sunday, Nov. 18.

Each of us has the capacity to shape our community, and each of us has the responsibility to shape it for the better.

Sean Conway, *Cold Spring*

Rec appreciation

Each year since I retired as the school nurse at Haldane, I've been asked to substitute as the nurse for the summer camp run

by the Philipstown Recreation Department.



Camp has been over for several months, but I feel as if this letter needs to be written. Every summer I've been impressed with the activities offered to the campers. These children have fun! This is truly a gem of a camp. The building and grounds are wonderful and the counselors, most of whom are former campers themselves, are some of the best role models I've ever seen. On the rare occasions when I've had to send a youngster home because of illness, the camper is invariably upset to have to leave for the day!

In addition, the activities offered to seniors are amazing. I am able to take free exercise classes every day of the week. There are five or six trips each year, including to Broadway shows, river cruises and even to see Elvis impersonators! I have met so many wonderful Philipstown residents. In fact, on opening day of registration we seniors start calling at 8:30 a.m. because we don't want to end up on a waiting list.

This letter doesn't even touch on the amazing Philipstown Depot Theatre or the other activities offered to residents, from tots to seniors. It's great to see that the taxes we pay are put to such good use. Praise is warranted to the Town Board, the Recreation Commission and most particularly, Amber Stickle and her staff at the Recreation Department. I am an appreciative resident.

Candy Zgolinski, *Philipstown*

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

School consolidation

Just after Philipstown children have begun to play with, learn together and learn from each other, we weaken one of our most important opportunities to build cohesion and common identity in the community: We separate the children along our antiquated school-district boundaries.

Although the outdated district lines long have been a point of contention for many, in lieu of resurfacing the associated issues a Philipstown Community Congress working group is focused on plotting a path forward that works for the Philipstown community as a whole. The first step is creating policy parity across the three districts.

In August, the Philipstown Community Congress concluded an online vote to ratify a platform based on the simple idea that children who grow up playing in Philipstown together should have the chance to be educated together. This document (online at bit.ly/pcc-school) advocates a petition of the Garrison Union Free School District to adopt a non-resident tuition policy similar to that of the Lakeland and Haldane districts. The vote passed with 88 percent approval, and the petition has launched at ecologicalcitizens.org/pcc/schools. We encourage all members of the Philipstown community to visit the page, review the platform and sign on.

A non-resident tuition policy would allow Philipstown families residing out-

side the Garrison district to pay tuition for their children to attend the Garrison School. This is a short-term measure that would bring the three districts into parity so that larger, cross-district discussions can take place, with the goal of any family in Philipstown being able to find the right classrooms for their children, without incurring out-of-pocket expense.

It is important to note that this effort requires close collaboration with the Garrison Board of Education. The Philipstown Community Congress and our working group, specifically, wishes to express the utmost gratitude for the dedication and sacrifices made by school board members across all three districts who serve our community tirelessly and often thanklessly. We are aware that adding to their workload is a significant ask. Yet as Philipstown residents we all share an unwavering dedication to strengthening our community, a sentiment best taught early and often, at home as well as in the classroom.

With the support of friends and neighbors via the petition, we look forward to working with the Garrison, Lakeland and Haldane boards on expanding schooling options for local families.

Eric and Carolyn Arnold, *Garrison*
The letter was also signed by Anita Prentice (a former Garrison school board president), Mark Kenny, Alex and Katie MacInnes, Joshua Kaplan, Diana Hird, Jesse Lubbers, Joel and Ali Beckerman, Eliza Starbuck, and Terrence O'Brien.



We, the Vestry of St. Philip's Church in the Highlands, the Episcopal church of Garrison, deplore reports of the spray-painting of a swastika on a home in Philipstown.

The action, reprehensible in itself, follows by only three days the senseless massacre of 11 people at a synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Given that background, we think it imperative to publicly affirm that we stand alongside the victims of the swastika tagging. Moreover, we presume that the intended targets are a wider group than those immediately victimized. We offer them our support and our alliance.

We pray that those affected find comfort; that we and our other neighbors show loving-kindness and that the community not stay silent when our peace is attacked.

The Wardens and Vestry of St Philip's

Dan McEvoy, Sr. Warden
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Q Where do they get those big scissors for ribbon cuttings?

A: For a ribbon-cutting for the Garrison School's new \$50,000 playground, the Garrison Children's Education Fund bought its 25-inch scissors on Amazon for \$30, says Jen Colandrea, the fund's vice president and a former professional fundraiser who says big scissors have long been a part of her life. For a ribbon-cutting at the new Beacon solar farm, BQ Energy borrowed its scissors from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, according to the energy firm's managing director, Paul Curran.

"What is a Chamber without a sharp pair of cosmic scissors?" asked Frank Castella Jr., president of the Dutchess group. "We have a stockpile of sheers in many shapes, styles and colors because there have been occasions when we cut multiple ribbons at once or coordinate the scissor handles and ribbon to suit the organizational colors." They are brought to ceremonies in a guitar case, he said, and those assigned to cut are encouraged to practice first.

There is enough demand for ceremonial scissors that several companies specialize in them. At the top end of the market, Specialty Design & Manufacturing of Wisconsin sells a 5-pound, 38-inch model for \$200, and Golden Openings — "the only company with 20 years of grand-opening and ribbon-cutting experience" — has a 40-inch working pair for \$209. The company's founder, Kimberly Baeth, quit her job at a Chamber of Commerce in Minnesota in 1997 to get into the business and has since expanded into ceremonial shovels (for groundbreaking) and giant-scissor display stands.

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Garrison School Superintendent Laura Mitchell holds the scissors she used to cut the ribbon for a new playground on Sept. 22.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Beacon Men Charged with Possession of Cocaine

Police say they found drugs, packaging inside home

State troopers arrested a Beacon man on Nov. 1 on charges of selling cocaine.

Derrick B. Lorick Sr., 55, was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell after police executed a search warrant on his residence. Officers said they found 11.5 grams of cocaine, narcotics packaging and weighing equipment.

Lorick was arraigned in the City of Beacon Court and remanded to Dutchess County Jail on \$20,000 bail or \$40,000 bond. He was scheduled to return to court on Nov. 7.



Lorick

Stabilization Center Project Halted

Project goes far over budget

A plan to expand and upgrade the Dutchess County Stabilization Center, which provides immediate, 24-hour assistance for residents struggling with substance abuse or behavioral problems, has been postponed after an audit found it was far over budget.

According to county Comptroller Robin

Lois, the projected cost for the expansion of the building and its services was about \$5 million. But by July, the first of two phases to the project had already cost \$5.6 million. The county says that higher labor costs account for much of the increase.

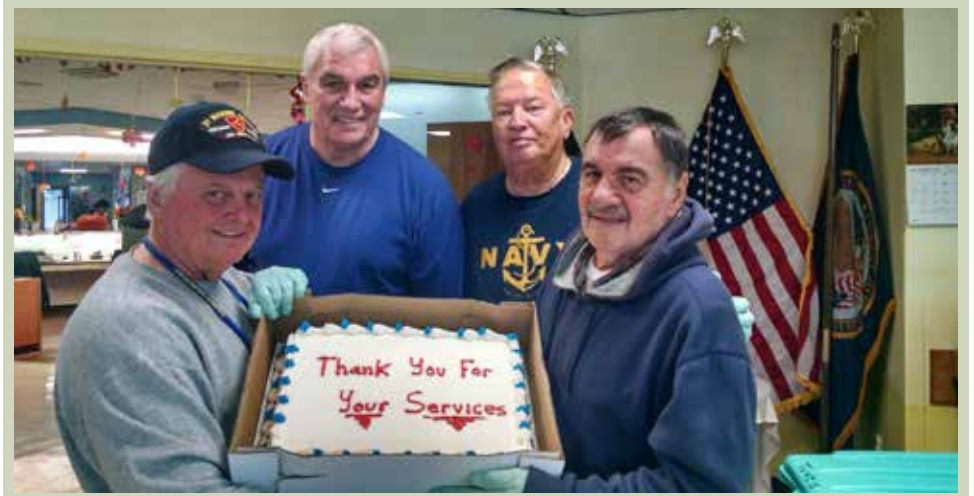
Naval Officer from Beacon Honored

Worked as nurse for decades

Members of the Melzingah Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution traveled to Mystic, Connecticut, recently to attend a luncheon honoring Barbara Miller, a retired commander in the U.S. Navy, in recognition for her service during the Vietnam War. Miller was raised in Beacon and has been a chapter member since 1952.

Miller spent 20 years as a U.S. Navy nurse, starting in 1961 at the National Naval Medical Center (now Walter Reed) in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1964 and 1965, during the beginning of the war, she treated wounded Marines in Japan. In 1968, she helped care for the crew members of the USS Pueblo after they were freed from captivity in north Vietnam. She also worked with veterans with spinal injuries in San Diego and cared for amputees in Philadelphia.

DAR membership is open to any woman who has a direct line to a patriot who served in the Revolution. See melzingahnsdar.org.



REMEMBERING VETS — Members of the St. Rocco's Society in Beacon hosted a Veterans Day luncheon at the Castle Point VA Hospital on Oct. 25 for 25 veterans and 15 staff members. Pictured are Jeff Dunay, Jim Martin, Paul McGovern and Mike Pulcastro. *Photo provided*

CoveCare Director Will Retire

Diane Russo with nonprofit since 1998

Diane Russo, who for 20 years has been with the CoveCare Center, a nonprofit that provides mental health and substance abuse treatment, will retire as chief executive in January, the Carmel-based center announced.



Russo

Russo began as an associate executive director before being promoted to executive director in 2010 and CEO in 2015.

Putnam Predicts Chain Hotel by March

County says to open in Southeast

Putnam officials say a new chain hotel should open in March in Southeast.

Formerly known as the Fox Ridge Hotel, the 57-room property at Exit 21 on Interstate I-84 was purchased by Ahana Hospitality on Oct. 31 to be converted into a hotel for the Clarion chain. A previous developer had been working to build a hotel on the site since 2009.

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is in her third term on the Philipstown Town Board. After consulting Town Board members, Supervisor Richard Shea will select a replacement to fill her seat for a year. Montgomery would have been up for re-election in fall 2019.

Scuccimarra is a former member of the Philipstown Town Board. She lost her position in 2011 to Montgomery and Dave Merandy, now the mayor of Cold Spring, in a four-way race for two seats. The next year, Scuccimarra ran for the county Legislature, defeating Steve Rosario with 54 percent of the vote, and then won re-election against Lithgow Osborne in 2015 with 58 percent.

Scuccimarra raised \$10,475 for her 2018 campaign, while Montgomery received \$14,418 in contributions.

In the race for county executive, MaryEllen Odell handily defeated challenger Maureen Fleming, a Democrat who is the supervisor in Kent, winning 56 percent of the vote to Fleming's 43. It will be the second full, four-year term for the Republican incumbent, who will not be eligible to run for a third in 2022 because of term limits. Odell became county executive in 2011 in a special election after Vincent Leibel was convicted of tax evasion. She was then elected to a full term in 2014 with 60 percent of the vote.

During the 2018 campaign, Fleming charged Odell with fiscal mismanagement, calling the senior center being built at the Butterfield re-development site in Cold Spring a "boondoggle" aimed to enrich its developer, who supported Odell. The incumbent responded that other senior centers in the county had cost far more. The candidates also sparred over the definition of a tax hike and whether reducing interest payments amounts to reducing debt.

In the end, Odell raised more than three times what Fleming did for the campaign, \$120,000 versus \$36,000. More than half of Odell's contributions came from corporations or unions, many of whom do business with the county, a fact Fleming questioned.

In other county legislator races, incumbent Ginny Nacerino, who represents Patterson, was re-elected after running unopposed and Joseph Castellano, who represents Mahopac, Croton Falls, Brewster and part of Southeast, defeated his Democratic challenger, Scott Reing, 58-43 percent.

Michael Bartolotti, a Republican, ran unopposed for his second term as county clerk and Michael Nesheiwat and John Bourges were re-elected as county coroners.

In Cold Spring, Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto were re-elected after running unopposed for the Village Board.

State Legislature

Sue Serino retained her state Senate seat representing District 41, which includes the Highlands, winning a third term over challenger Karen Smythe. The district stretches along the east side of the Hudson River from Putnam Valley in the south to Saugerties in the north. The turnout approached 60 percent.

According to unofficial results, with absentee votes yet to be counted, the incumbent Republican received 2,416 more votes than Smythe, of more than 113,000 cast.

Serino received 56,462 votes, or 50 percent, while Smythe had 54,316 (48 percent). The remaining 2 percent of voters did not make a choice in the race.

Smythe, who lives in Red Hook, oversaw her family's construction firm, C.B. Strain & Son, before becoming executive director of the Beatrix Farrand Gar-



Odell



Serino

ELECTION
Results

		VOTES	% VOTES	% IN PUTNAM	% IN DUTCHESS
★	FEDERAL				
★	U.S. House District 18				
	SEAN PATRICK MALONEY (D)	130,420	53	48	58
	James O'Donnell (R)	106,381	43	52	42
★	U.S. Senate				
	KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND (D)	3.7m	64	49	57
	Chele Farley (R)	1.9m	33	51	43
★	STATE				
★	Governor				
	ANDREW CUOMO (D)	3.3m	58	42	44
	Marc Molinaro (R)	2.1m	36	55	53
★	Comptroller				
	THOMAS DINAPOLI (D)	3.7m	64	49	55
	Jonathan Trichter (R)	1.8m	31	49	43
★	Attorney General				
	LETITIA JAMES (D)	3.5m	60	45	52
	Keith Wofford (R)	2m	34	53	46
★	Assembly 95 (Philipstown)				
	SANDY GALEF (D)	29,329	65	58	
	Lawrence Chiulli (R)	13,791	31	42	
★	Assembly 104 (Beacon)				
	JONATHAN JACOBSON (D)	20,293	56		74
	Scott Manley (R)	13,578	37		26
★	Senate 41				
	SUE SERINO (R)	56,462	50	51	51
	Karen Smythe (D)	54,316	48	49	49
★	Supreme Court, 9th District (Vote 7)				
	KATHIE DAVIDSON (D)	589,021	12	18	17
	THOMAS ZUGIBE (D)	412,042	9	10	11
	JOAN LEFKOWITZ (D)	381,689	8	9	10
	BARRY WARHIT (D)	356,444	8	9	9
	WILLIAM GIACOMO (D)	351,982	7	8	9
	HAL GREENWALD (D)	339,205	7	7	9
	DAVID EVERETT (D)	336,492	7	8	9
	Robert Freehill (R)	253,326	5	10	9
	James Reitz (R)	238,597	5	11	8
	Philip Grimaldi Jr. (R)	235,348	5	10	8
★	COUNTY				
★	Putnam Executive				
	MARYELLEN ODELL (R)	20,293	56		
	Maureen Fleming (D)	15,718	44		
★	Putnam District 1 (Philipstown)				
	NANCY MONTGOMERY (D)	2,992	58		
	Barbara Scuccimarra (R)	2,159	42		
★	Dutchess Family Court				
	JEFFREY MARTIN (D)	50,900	50		
	Karen Hagstrom (R)	50,785	50		
★	Dutchess Surrogate Court				
	MICHAEL HAYES (R)	51,913	51		
	Thomas Mansfield (D)	49,566	49		

Unofficial results as of Nov. 7. The figures don't always equal 100 percent because of blank or voided ballots or votes for candidates who received less than 2 percent of the vote. Unopposed candidates are not included.

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den Association in Hyde Park.

A former member of the Dutchess County Legislature, Serino was elected to the Senate in 2014, defeating incumbent Terry Gipson with 51 percent of the vote. She was re-elected in 2016, again defeating Gipson, with 55 percent.

Sandy Galef, the Democrat who represents Philipstown in the state Assembly, had an easier time of it, defeating her 21-year-old Republican challenger, Lawrence Chiulli, 65-31, for her 14th, two-year term. Galef, 78, who was first elected in 1992, won her last two elections with 68 and 69 percent of the vote.



Galef

In the race to succeed the late Frank Skartados representing Assembly District 104, which includes Beacon and Newburgh, Democratic candidate John Jacobson received 20,293 votes (56 percent) to defeat Republican Scott Manley, who got 13,578 (37 percent).

Skartados, a Democrat, died in April of pancreatic cancer, leaving his seat vacant. Jacobson, a Democrat who serves on the Newburgh City Council, will be sworn in as soon as the vote is certified by the Dutchess County Board of Elections. Manley is a member of the Town of Newburgh Council.

Jacobson won the Democratic primary in September with 26 percent of the vote among a field of five candidates.

In a nearby race, Republican incumbent Terrence Murphy, whose district in the state Senate includes eastern Putnam County, lost his seat to his Democratic challenger, Peter Harckham, 50-48. With absentee votes still to be counted, Harckham had received 2,121 more votes, among 115,000 cast.

U.S. House

The decision by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents the Highlands in the House of Representatives, to pursue the Democratic nomination for state attorney general didn't hurt him in the end, as he easily won a fourth term. He defeated Republican Lawrence O'Donnell, an Orange County legislator, with 130,420 votes (53 percent) to 106,381 (43 percent). The turnout was 56 percent.

In the 19th District, which includes parts of northeastern Dutchess County, Antonio Delgado upset incumbent Republican John Faso, 49 to 46, to take the seat for the Democrats. According to the unofficial results, he won by 7,500 votes out of 268,000 cast.

State Supreme Court, 9th District

Putnam County Court Judge James Reitz, who was a candidate for one of seven open seats as a state Supreme



Jacobson



Maloney

Court justice for the 9th Judicial District, which includes Putnam, Dutchess, Westchester, Orange and Rockland counties, will remain with the county court after finishing ninth in a field of 10.

The Supreme Court is not the highest in the state — that is the Court of Appeals, whose seven justices are nominated by a committee and appointed by the governor. Instead, there is a Supreme Court for each county, with 324 justices statewide, each of whom serves a 14-year term. They primarily handle civil cases.

There are 29 justices in the 9th District, which is headquartered in White Plains.

The seven justices who will fill the seats after Tuesday's election are all Democrats, and three — Kathie Davidson, William Giacomo and Joan Lefkowitz — are incumbents. The others are David Everett and Barry Warhit, both Westchester County judges; Hal Greenwald, a Yonkers Family Court judge; and Thomas Zugibe, the Rockland County district attorney.

Dutchess courts

In Dutchess County, the race between Republican Karen Hagstrom and Democrat Jeffrey Martin for a seat on the Family Court will come down to absentee votes, as Martin received only 115 more votes than Hagstrom of 101,704 cast. Michael Hayes, a Republican, was elected as a justice on the Surrogate Court over Democrat Thomas Mansfield with 51 percent of the vote.

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Family. Making Art. That's It.

A new Beacon resident lives a colorful life

By Alison Rooney

Stan Lindwasser says he has an internal, creative need, at age 71, to “work on the possibilities until I get bored.” So every day he paints. “I like making shapes and forms, letting the liquid dry. I like natural forms, gravity, movement.”

Earlier this year, a few of his many paintings were hung at Oak Vino Wine Bar on Main Street for the opening reception of Beacon Open Studios. The proprietor, Rinny Shah, liked what she saw and invited Lindwasser to mount a solo exhibition. Titled *Paintings 2018*, it opens on Second Saturday, Nov. 10, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Lindwasser’s colorful, striped paintings are all untitled because, he argues, “naming things is a misdirection.”

Lindwasser paints in his studio on the perimeter of his Beacon backyard. He and his wife, Helen Crohn, a therapist and social worker, moved to the Highlands in 2016 from a brownstone in Hoboken. They were introduced to the area by their daughter. “She thought it would be good for us. We were going to Manhattan less and less; the New Jersey taxes were terrible; the transportation was good; and we wanted more of the country,” Lindwasser says.

The artist says he knew from an early age what he wanted to do with himself: “I was told in kindergarten I was gifted in finger paints!” He grew up in Brooklyn and Westchester and benefited from an inspiring high school art teacher. Before his senior year, his family moved to Manhattan and he feasted on all the art there; he later earned a BFA and MFA from Hunter College.

His first works were installations. He painted on cord, then strung the cord on frames, forming three-dimensional grids. One was exhibited in the courtyard of the Brooklyn Museum and others at the Brooklyn Public Library and the Bertha Urdang Gallery in Manhattan. He began



to paint, and there was a period when all he did was self-portraits, “varying the proportions of the features, though not in a fun-house way, although it did scare the kids a little. It was sort of like a collection of ancestors — but they were all me.”

He also taught full-time to pay the bills. He and Crohn met at a synagogue. “He picked me up at a kiddush,” she recalls with a grin. Along the way, they moved from 14th Street (the rent — he remembers each amount — was \$46 a month), to Delancey Street to a sixth-floor walk-up on 9th Street (\$85) and, finally, to a nine-room apartment on 84th and West End Avenue (you don’t want to know how little it cost back then). They moved to Hoboken when Helen became pregnant with the first of their three children.

Throughout those years, Lindwasser taught art during the day and made art during the evenings. “He was never a promoter,” Crohn says. “He was very paternally focused.” His teaching took him to a Bronx school for emotionally disturbed children, then to a psychiatric facility, then to homeless shelters to teenagers at Harlem Hospital.

For Crohn, there was acceptance. “That’s the way it goes,” she says. “We didn’t live in Europe, where there was government-sanctioned support for art-



ists. And we had no rich parents.” She adds, wistfully, “I sometimes think that if we hadn’t met, Stanley would have been more recognized.” Her husband isn’t buying it. “The most important thing is family,” he says. “And making art. That’s it.”



Stan Lindwasser
Photo by A. Rooney



What to Read to Your Kids

Library hosts discussion of children's books

By Alison Rooney

There's been a change in direction in the Children's Room at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, both actual and in approach.

For the actual, large bins filled with picture books now greet children at eye level, which is designed to be easy to flip through and encourage young readers to choose their own reading material instead of relying on mom or dad.

And for the approach, on Oct. 20, near those bins, librarian Lucille Merry and library director Jen McCreery hosted a Children's Lit Talk, inviting participants to share their favorite books and what they'd like to see more of in the children's room.

A group that included parents, educators and library trustees listened as Merry explained that the children's room has been part of the library since it opened in 1980. She said librarians try to keep the book selection "broad and diverse" and that they "weed" it every three to five years to remove books that aren't read much or that have been read so much that they need to be replaced. She said that if there are consistently more than four people on a waiting list for a book, they will order a second copy.

"We're interested in recommendations, al-

ways," she said, adding that "we don't censor — that's your job as parents." McCreery agreed. "We try to show all perspectives. We encourage parents to read books before they read [them] to their child," she said.

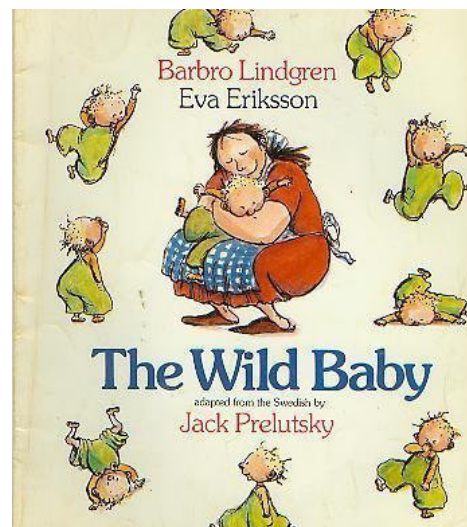
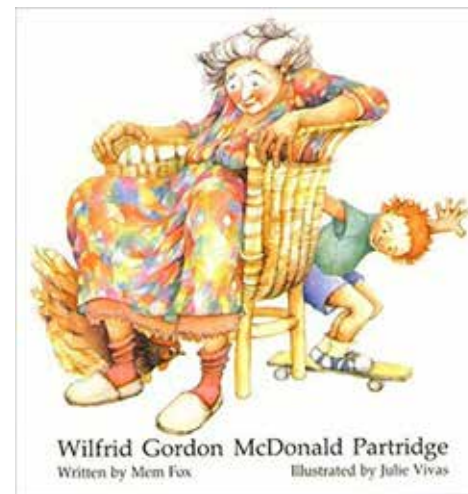
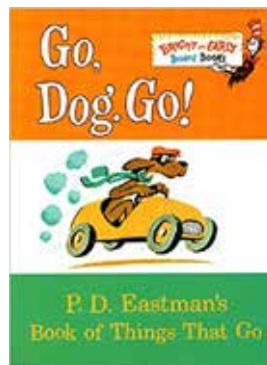
The lack of censoring applies to books in the collection written decades ago that have elements which today are considered racist and/or politically incorrect. McCreery cited *The Cricket in Times Square*, a 1961 Newbery Honor winner. "It has this awful [written] Chinese accent for one of the characters, but my parents never read it with that accent," she said. "And then there's Curious George, settling in with a big pipe..."

Anita Prentice, the president of the library's board, offered that "as an older person here today, my perspective has changed through the decades. You can and should add your own commentary when reading to a child, like 'Oh, do you think he should be doing that?'"

"That constant interaction is reinforcing an important lesson," Merry said.

"Reading develops empathy," added McCreery. "It's a huge part of empathy creation."

In choosing books to add to the collection, the librarians use suggestions from



periodicals such as the *School Library Journal*, *The New York Times* books section, the Caldecott and other children's book awards, and Tumblebook Library, a curated database of children's e-books.

The budget for the children's room is about \$5,000 annually, which pays for about 400 books. This year the library received a \$2,000 gift earmarked for new copies of popular books, and directed donations, such as one from board member Frank Lucente, have been used to purchase flooring, armchairs and other amenities.

Eric Arnold, who attended the discussion with his wife, Carly, and their two sons, said the Desmond-Fish "has made a world of difference to us. It has been an open door to other categories of books, and to new authors, like Chris Van Dusen. My son has *Those Darn Squirrels!* memorized. He doesn't actually read it, but he's on the path."

Arnold, speaking of his older son, said that "if he really, really loves a book, we buy it, but that's not an option for everyone. We'd like to see not necessarily multiple copies, but a way for the community to get recommendations to you. We'd love to see a local, real-time, list and online information like, 'If your child enjoyed this book, he or she could move on to...'" McCreery noted the American Library Association sorts its lists by age group.

Stacy Labriola, who runs the Stacy's House preschool in Garrison, spoke about how much her school uses the library. "We have themes and we tie in books as much as possible," she said.

McCreery said the library also plans to add a display unit that will hold books currently perched above the higher shelves to make them more accessible. "We're working to make it easier for people to know what's on our shelves — the forward-facing bins have helped."

Check Out These Books

Jen McCreery asked participants to share the titles of their favorite childhood book, or of a book they read to their children:

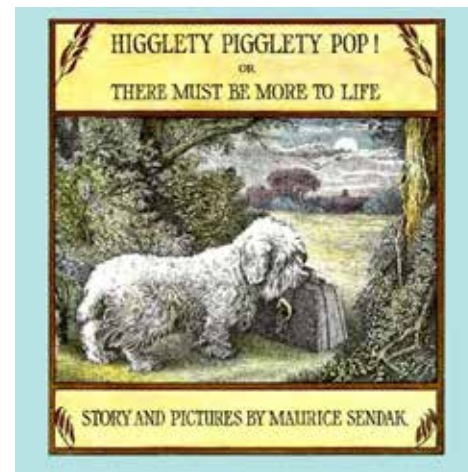
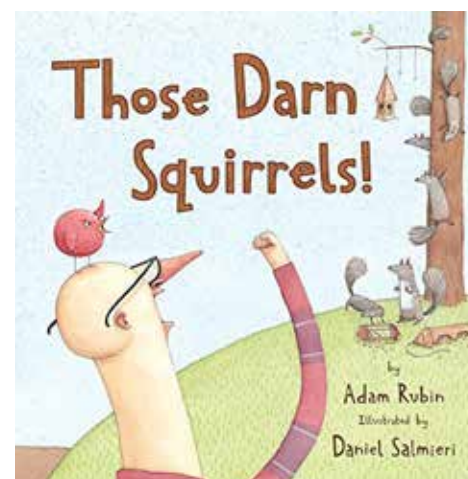
ANITA PRENTICE: "Fairy stories. I especially love Jerry Pinkney's retold classic tales."

LUCILLE MERRY: "*Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge*, by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas."

STACY LABRIOLA: "My favorite books for 2- to 3-year-olds are *Go Dog Go* [by P.D. Eastman] and *A Fish Out of Water* [by Helen Palmer and Eastman]."

JEN MCCREERY: "*The Wild Baby*, by Barbro Lindgren and Eva Eriksson, and, for older kids, *Higglety, Pigglety Pop!*, or *There Must Be More to Life*, by Maurice Sendak."

FRANK LUCENTE: "When I was born, we didn't have books! They came in when I was in the third grade! No, actually *The Hardy Boys* series was my favorite."



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‘War to End all Wars’ (Continued from Page 1)

John Benjamin says, returning to his career.

Benjamin hopes his grandfather’s war documents, which have never been seen outside of the family, can be put to good use, possibly providing material for a graduate thesis. There is a great deal of material that is not on display, he says, including maps and sketches of buildings, bridges and other engineering projects in France.

In 1937, Ellett moved from Iowa to Garrison, where he married Joan Bigelow of Highland Falls. He died in 1951 and is

buried in the churchyard at St. Philip’s.

The Benjamin family has a long history of military service. John’s great-grandfather, Samuel Nichols Benjamin, graduated from West Point in 1861, in the same class as George Custer, and served in the Civil War. Another great-grandfather, John Bigelow, also graduated from West Point. His father, John Hoffman Benjamin, served in the Army during World War II in North Africa and Italy.

From Capt. Thomas H. Ellett’s journal

Friday, Nov. 1, 1918

Try to work on St. Juvin — Champigneulle Road. Stopped by violent M.G. [MG 08, the standard German machine gun] and 9mm fire. 2 squads out in PM ... Scouts watching ... Moved from camp at 6 AM. 5 men wounded by shell fire while getting out. Camp on road bank — near St. Juvin. Dig in ... under shell fire.

Saturday, Nov. 2

Move co. out at 10 AM ... clear and fill many shell holes. Into town at 5:15. Later learned that patrol captured 3 Bosche [Germans] there half an hour before. Enemy in full retreat.

Sunday, Nov. 3

Up at 4:30. Co. moved before 6 AM. Moved at 12:30. Good lunch for men before starting. An awful fast time keeping up with enemy. No resistance. Col. informs me he has recommended I be returned to U.S. as major.

Monday, Nov. 4

Move at 8 AM to hillside just west of St. Pierremont which was being heavily shelled. — HQ at old stone mill near by. Big comfortable rooms.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Up at 5:30. Co. marches to Ochets to work on artillery bridge. (1 squad on culvert) Salvaged heavy RR rails and ties. Orders to stop work at 4:45. 45 min. would have completed. Move to La Berliere ... 1 pltn [platoon] back at night to complete bridge. Civilian woman welcomes us with joy.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Move Co. at 6 AM to fill huge mine crater at Stonne — 150’ diam. 60’ deep. Open trail cut off to Les Cendrieres — La Besace by 1 PM. Released timber tie up — mine crater completed at 5 PM.

Thursday, Nov. 7

Awake at 2:30 AM by Capt. Simmons. Orders to move at once to Rancourt. Lt. Gray and I start at 4 and reach Villers des Mouzon at 7. To bridge site Meuse. Notice 5 Bosche [Germans] 200 yards away. Shout to them for 15 minutes. They did not fire. Reported reconnaissance ... Completed foot



Ellett's journal for November 1918

Photo by M. Turton

bridge at 3:15. 2 Inf pltns [infantry platoons] passed over at once. I had 2 men killed + 5 wounded on job (mostly after work was finished). Back to Rancourt to billets with French family who cannot do enough for us. “La Deliverance!” they all shout in the streets. We were first horsemen in. Great invention: Bread + Jam. Very tired.

Friday, Nov. 8

With Col. Simmons + 117th Captn (42nd on our left) to Remilly. Constructed a foot bridge across canal! Some distant Bosche. Saw sedan burning on our left. No orders for tomorrow! Col. G prophesies war will be over within a week. (A few shells ... last night.)

Saturday, Nov. 9

Burial squad to Villers M for Pvt. Hartman + Brill. 1 platoon in PM filling mine crater and shell holes on Remilly — Autrecourt Road. All excited about peace rumors. Col. G wants no more men killed or wounded. Unofficial that there will be no more shelling of towns. German officials crossed our lines yesterday to see [French general] Foch.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Free day. No work. Except to find and guard bridge material for Meuse ... Baths and clean clothes. Capt. La Fetra returns from hospital. He is named as sub for me. To return to U.S. as major — Capt. Collins + he for dinner

Monday, Nov. 11

“Hostilities will cease along the whole front 11 Nov. 11 hours French o’clock. After that date + that hour there will be no further advance of Allied troops.” Gen. Foch telegram, 7:20 AM. All very excited, especially French people. French taking over our sector. Town crier informs civilians they can come back to village.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

French relieve us. Civilians cheer as they march in.

He Finished a Book Started in 1918

Historian profiles 700 Putnam veterans from WWI

By Michael Turton

Roderick Cassidy, a Brewster resident who served in the Army for 19 years, spent two years compiling the biographies of hundreds of service members and civilians for his book, *Putnam County Veterans of World War I*, published in May.

Why did you write the book?

In late 1918, Putnam County collected information for what was supposed to be a book of remembrance honoring those who served in “the war to end all wars,” but it was never finished. I felt honor-bound to write the book; it was promised to World War I veterans. We are lessened as a community if we permit their sacrifice to fade into the mist of history.

How many Putnam residents served?

I estimate 699, including 258 from Philipstown, eight of whom made the supreme sacrifice. Of the 23 from Putnam County who died, 12 were killed in action or died of wounds, 10 died from the flu, and one died by accident.

What role did women play?

Fifteen Putnam women served, the majority as nurses. Edith Diehl and Marjorie Addis were guiding forces in the Woman’s Land Army. Philipstown’s Helena Fish, daughter of Hamilton Fish, served with the Red Cross in France. She supported the suffrage movement. While still in the service, she was the only Putnam woman to register to submit an absentee ballot in the primary election of 1919.

Did troops still die after the Armistice was signed on Nov. 11, 1918?

The Armistice was signed at 5:10 a.m. but the ceasefire did not start until 11 a.m. Ironically, folks in New York City knew about the Armistice and celebrated hours before the boys in the trenches got the word. Gen. John “Black Jack” Pershing, commander of U.S. forces, thought the terms of Germany’s surrender were too lenient and encouraged officers to advance before the looming deadline. American forces suffered about 3,000 casualties on the last morning of the war. An inquiry held no one accountable. The last American was reportedly killed at 10:59 a.m. by a reluctant German machine-gunner who knew the war was all but over but couldn’t convince the charging Americans to stop.

Monday, Nov. 13

Beefsteak lunch — 1st for several weeks. Informed I have been recommended for Belgian Cross, 8 in Division. My bridge detail cited in 9.0. Kaiser gone to Holland 11 Nov. Co. works on road.

Thursday, Nov. 14

Co. rests. Presentation of meritorious conduct papers to bridge detail. Capt. La Fetra makes speech.



Roderick Cassidy with his book

Photo by T.E. McLaughlin

How did military induction at the time differ from the Civil War?

It was certainly “fairer” in World War I. A Civil War draftee could pay a substitute \$300 to take his place, so the rich could avoid military service. There were only two options in WWI: volunteer or be drafted. Putnam County draft boards were disinclined to grant deferments or exemptions, but if a man could afford college and pay for training camp, he would likely become an officer. Many men paid to go to boot camp before the war started to position themselves for a commission.

Is there a Philipstown story you found especially interesting?

Col. Percy Weir Arnold, from Cold Spring, died in France on Jan. 25, 1919, after the war. The Army said he died from “accidental injuries.” *The New York Times* said he died as a result of a railroad accident. *The Boston Herald* said he died after falling down a flight of stairs. Why two different versions?

How will you observe Veterans Day?

I’ll spend some of the day with fellow veterans but most of the day with my family. When you go off to war, they serve too. I’m fairly certain that my being deployed to Afghanistan [in 2012] was more stressful for my wife and children than it was to me.

Friday, Nov 15

Cleaning up transport and equipment ... Hope to go home soon. My bet is that 77th Div. (or 302 engr [engineers] at least) will be home by Christmas! Dinner — Sardines! Steak, Potatoes, Rice, Tomatoes, Grape Jam, Coffee, Cigars.

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AROUND TOWN



BABY FACE

Children taking part in a class at Suzy Tortora's Dancing Dialogue in Cold Spring (left and below), and trick-or-treaters on Oct. 31 at Spookytown, an event held at the Chestnut Ridge retirement community for children ages 5 and younger (above, left and far left)

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THE BLUE PRINT COMMUNITY EDITION

Five times each year, the members of Jenna Isabella and Ashley Linda's journalism class at Haldane High School publish a school newspaper, *The Blue Print*. With support from the Haldane School Foundation, reporters and editors from *The Current* are working with the students to craft their stories and share their reporting with the community. Selections from the October issue appear below.

Seniors Kayak the Hudson



Arlan Thornquist

By Riley Bissinger, Katelyn Pidala and Julia Rotando

Sept. 14 was a humid and cloudy Friday, but that didn't stop the senior class of 2019 from going on the school's annual kayak trip. The grade was split into two groups, with each group spending one half of the day kayaking up and down the Hudson River, and the other half hiking up Mount Beacon.

The kayak trip was run through Mountain Tops Outfitters, whose employees

were extremely kind to the students, patiently helping them into their boats and later instructing them clearly while they were kayaking on the Hudson. Students traveled for about two hours, starting at Long Dock Park and looping around Dennings Point. They also drifted underneath a pair of tracks that had trains actively racing across.

The hike up Mount Beacon was a much more strenuous journey. The 40-minute hike was done in the morn-

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Seniors Prepare for College

By Alden Dobosz

As the fall continues to progress, high school seniors gather up what they need to prepare to apply to colleges and meet the upcoming deadlines.

Someone who is right in the middle of this strenuous process is Haldane's guidance counselor, Kristen Mosco. She advised: "At this point in the fall, seniors should have started their Common Application essays, requested their letters of recommendation from teachers and other faculty, have linked their senior questionnaire through Naviance, as well as through the Common App."

Some of the key parts to a successful application are the essay (Common Application), letters of recommendation (at least two from teachers, up to six total), a resume, and of course, getting good

grades throughout the years.

Students should apply to six or so schools, with about two in the "reach" category, meaning you might fall short of their standards; two "target" schools, meaning that you are on par with their criteria; and about two "safety" schools, meaning that you have almost a guarantee you'll be accepted.

"The most important deadlines to meet are the minimum of two weeks for the letters of recommendation, the deadlines for the application of the colleges of their choice, as well as the financial aid deadlines for those colleges," said Mosco.

One thing about college that prospective students and their families are suspect about is the cost (tuition). Although it won't be cheap no matter what, there is help. Colleges and universities give out financial aid to most students every year, to ease

Haldane Welcomes New Superintendent

By Arden Conybear

The new Haldane superintendent, Philip Benante, is focused on setting a new path for Haldane that includes input from the community, especially students.

"That's really important to me, that whatever actions I take here as superintendent are grounded in understanding of what the student perspective is here at Haldane," said Benante.

After spending 16 years in the Arlington School District as an elementary teacher, high school assistant principal, elementary school principal and deputy superintendent, Benante decided to take on the challenge of being Haldane's superintendent. His first task was to spend time listening and examining the strengths and values of our school system.

In order to understand the perspective of students at Haldane, Benante prioritized creating a student advisory council, "It is important to me that students feel they have a connection with me."

When asked to point out an area of focus for Haldane, Benante commented, "One area where we need to focus is a review of our literacy program K-12." He believes students need a strong balance between reading and writing and he feels that can be created at Haldane. He also explained that at Arlington each staff member, or a team, had one specific role and responsibility — made possible by the size of the staff.



Benante

At Haldane, the smaller size makes it necessary for everybody to tackle multiple tasks. This involves a strong level of teamwork, which he believes will accomplish great things.

Benante and his wife, Kerri, have two boys, Cole, 10, and Luke, 7. He enjoys Crossfit when he is not working, as well as hiking, and is training his dog, Scout. His boys play baseball and soccer, and he loves to join them on the field.

Benante is excited about his new position at Haldane. "It's a good change, both professionally and personally." One important thing he wants students to know is that should they "have a thought, perspective, or an issue, that they not hesitate to reach out to me if they feel I can be of help to them."

On behalf of *The Blue Print* staff, good luck and welcome to Haldane!

the cost. The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens Oct. 1 and ends June 30, 2019. It may not be well known that there are several types of application options. They are: Regular Decision (RD), Early Action (EA), Early Decision (ED), and Rolling Admissions (RA). The deadlines for each type all vary by school.

As a senior in the fall, you will have another opportunity to retake the SAT or ACT, to try and improve your score from taking it as a junior. Try to complete your personal essay (Common App) by Nov. 1 or so.

The fall is a great time to visit the schools

that prospective students may have an interest in, if this hasn't been done already. Once you have gathered everything you need, contact the guidance office to send your transcript to your college(s).

"Seniors are more prepared than they think they are, so it's a good idea to take a deep breath and put things into perspective," Mosco said. "It's also important to realize most of the hard work is already done, but take advantage of what Haldane has to offer, like the essay workshop, and Naviance. The essay causes the most stress, but just take it step by step."

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SPIRIT WEEK



The Lynchs

By Riley Bissinger

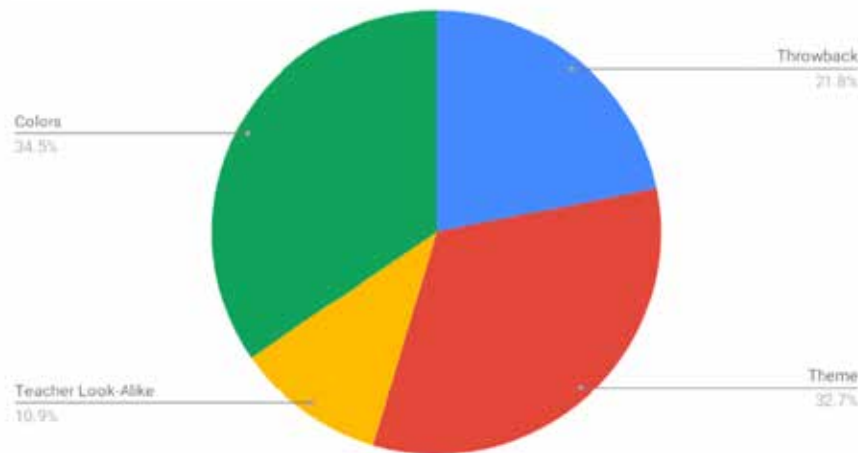
For the week of Sept. 24 to 29, morale was high at Haldane High School for Spirit Week, a traditional precursor to the annual homecoming football game.

The schoolwide celebration kicked off on Monday with throwback day. Students dressed in fashion from almost every recent decade, from 1960s hippie to 1990s grunge.

Tuesday was teacher-lookalike day, a new day this year. Lynchs, Virgadamos and even a few Richters were seen roaming the hallways. "I was Mr. Lynch and I carried around my 20 calculators all day," says senior Katelyn Pidala. "I chose him because I own a Columbia sweatshirt and several watches." The faculty seemed to enjoy this day almost as much as the students, and even Principal Julia Sniffen joined in on the fun.

Wednesday was theme day, and each grade was assigned a theme that best fit

Favorite Spirit Week Days



their class. The themes this year were fire freshmen, summer sophomores, jammin' juniors and space seniors. Freshmen filled the hallways with red, while sophomores wore leis and sunglasses. Juniors dressed in pajamas and seniors came to school looking like they were from another world.

Thursday was color day, with freshmen wearing green, sophomores purple,

Homecoming Dance

By Sophia Scanga

On Sept. 29, students from Haldane High School tore it up on the dance floor celebrating the annual homecoming dance. With almost 200 students attending, high schoolers took pictures with friends in the photo booth and danced under the gold string lights illuminating the gym.

There was only a break in the dancing to announce the homecoming court. This year's homecoming queen was Willa Fitzgerald and Sam Curto was crowned king. The runners-up for queen were Helena Alvarez, Julia Rotando, Evy Ashburn and Robin Ben Adi. Vlad Siriiia, Thomas Percacciolo, Sam Giachinta and Matt Ortiz were the runners-up for king.

Seniors Kayak *(from page 17)*



Brad Dowd

ing for the first group and in the afternoon after lunch for the other.

For each group, there were a few members who opted out of the hike for several reasons. One of those students was Jamie Calimano, who said, "after getting about halfway, we decided to take our trip back down the mountain. Mr. Sassano decided to join us and come down; he too was exhausted. Although we didn't get to the top it still was one of the best class trips I've been on and I'm very glad I went."

"I didn't know a grade could bond so much over students tipping kayaks and nearly falling off of mountains until I went on this trip," says senior class President Katie Langer.



Katie Langer at the Mount Beacon summit

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A Day in the Life

By Katie Hellmuth Martin

"I can't think about that now. I'll go crazy if I do. I'll think about that tomorrow." — Scarlett O'Hara in Gone with the Wind



Last month, while I was typing away to you about how to decorate your home and where to find everything, my editor reminded me: "Don't forget to write about how to balance work and kids." Oh, *that*. I prefer hiding behind shopping recommendations. Writing about work and children is a minefield of guilt triggers for me.

I mentioned this to a friend who does not have children. She confessed that she never understood why mothers struggle with guilt about working. "Do what you need to do!" she said. Right.

A week later, my crew and I were at a neighbor's house. She'd absorbed my older two for a movie night, so the baby and I joined them after I'd fed him dinner at home (too hard to bring this messy guy anywhere). Over a plate of ravioli, she asked, "How is it all going?"

Since everyone is asking, here's a day in the life of this mom. Balance comes in moments. There are plans, projections and predictions, but it all comes down to minute-by-minute acceptance and forgiveness of how it all turns out.

It was early on a Tuesday in October. Mount Beacon was barely awake in the haze and chill, and I was hoofing it to my office at 8 a.m., wearing my most fashionable set of jeans and good shoes. A company had rented my space to hold a retreat, and I needed to let them in. In Parent Time, that's before School Drop-Off, so I was overachieving, and overcommitting.

Ahead of me was a smartly dressed young woman headed, I imagined, to her first job in New York City. As we passed each other, we did double takes. "Hey!" the woman said. I hadn't recognized her. She was a mom-friend from the PTA, headed to her job, but rockin' it in her day clothes with her hair blown and styled,



Biking to school in Beacon
Photo by K. Martin

good shoes, and cool bag. I normally see her in baggy sweats. "I thought you were a teenager!" she called to me over her shoulder. "I thought you were a teenager!" I yelled back. Mom-friends usually talk while walking away from each other.

There we were, in our work moments, kid-free, warming up our work brains as we rushed to meet deadlines. Liberating as this sounds, I was racing against a time bomb. My neighbor had graciously agreed to bring over her daughter and sit with my three children while I dashed to the office. The clients were late, so I left a key and dashed back home.

All of the children were ready. It was 8:45 a.m. You're late for school at 9 a.m. The plan was that everyone would climb into my car, and my neighbor would go straight to work. But there was that promise I made the night before that I had forgotten. I had told my son he could ride his bike to school.

He just learned how to ride his bike — and by "learn" I mean he can pedal two times before losing his balance. Getting anywhere took a while. I put on my biggest "I'm-so-sorry" face. He's not a crier, but his eyes welled with tears.

The other schoolchildren and my neighbor were staring at me, waiting for the verdict. Will she derail everything for the bike? "Can you take the girls?" I asked. "I'll take this guy on the bike and stroller the baby." I knew we'd be late, but I took the late hit and we headed to school, happily.

That is a start of a typical day. I'm out of space and it's not even 9 a.m. Mornings are the toughest. The rest is cake, unless someone gets sick, or there's a snow day. Oh, dear ... I can't think about that now.

Katie Hellmuth Martin is a Beacon mother of three children, wife to one man and owner of A Little Beacon Blog and Tin Shingle.

Illegal Dumping

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pool inundated by visitors and garbage before the DEC restricted access.

On its website, Leave No Trace says that its "goal is to bring long-term solutions to the Breakneck Ridge Trail that will help it on its road to recovery."

Gym floor

The board voted unanimously to upgrade the moisture-damaged gym floor at the Recreation Center. The Recreation Commission passed along three options: Repairing the floor, which is more than 50 years old, for \$7,900; replace the floor with rubberized sheets, at a cost of \$60,000; and replace the floor with a new wood floor, for about \$90,000.

The Recreation Commission recommended the rubberized floor, although the estimate does not cover any necessary repairs to the underlying slab. Councilor John Van Tassel, the Town Board liaison to the commission, said he would make a sample cut into the floor to determine the condition of the slab.

A contractor, Van Tassel concurred with the Recreation Commission that installing the rubberized floor makes the most sense. He said it would be less vulnerable to moisture damage than the wood floor, which has buckling that looks like "speed bumps." He said the Recreation Commission budget has enough money to cover the cost.



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The service will be followed by dinner at The Garrison. Cocktails are at 6:00pm and dinner begins at 6:45pm. The Garrison is located at 2015 Route 9, Garrison, New York, 10524.

At the dinner, the Elizabeth Todd Healy Volunteer Service Award will be presented to Bryan Dunlap. Bryan is an active community member volunteering with the Putnam History Museum, Desmond-Fish Library, St. Philip's Church and the Constitution Island Association. Bryan most recently curated the "Voices of the Foundry" audio display for the West Point Foundry Bicentennial Exhibition at the Putnam History Museum.

To purchase tickets visit www.putnamhistorymuseum.org or call Catherine at 845-265-4010, ext 10.
Local businesses and merchants: please contact the museum to become a sponsor of this community event.



Seventh Annual
Tree Lighting
at
WINTER HILL
Friday, December 7, 2018
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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 10

Urgent Knead: For Goodness Bake

BEACON

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

145 Main St. | 845-518-4194

facebook.com/forgoodnessbakebeacon

Bakers are donating goods to sell to raise money to help a family stay together. Now in its sixth year, For Goodness Bake has raised nearly \$15,000 for local causes.

SAT 10

Unity Vigil

COLD SPRING

7:45 p.m. St. Mary's Church

1 Chestnut St. | 845-265-8011

Members of the Philipstown Reform Synagogue will host a 30-minute candlelight vigil to remember and honor victims of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh on Oct. 27 and to “stand up against anti-Semitism and hatred in all its forms.”

SUN 11

Veterans Day Ceremony

BEACON

11 a.m. Memorial Building

413 Main St.

Lt. Col. Caroline Pegge will speak at this memorial organized by VFW Post No. 666.

SUN 11

Veterans Day Ceremony

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Veterans' Memorial

Main Street at Route 9D

SUN 11

Mount Beacon Eight Ceremony

FISHKILL

12:30 p.m. Veterans Park

A ceremony will remember the eight service members who have died in crashes on Mount Beacon.



Veterans Day, Cold Spring

SAT 17

Harvest Sale

GARRISON

9 a.m. – Noon. St. Philip's Church

1101 Route 9D

The Friends of St. Philip's present their annual fundraiser, with white elephant items, baked goods, cheese, pecans and a 50-50 raffle.

SUN 18

Putnam History Museum Thanksgiving Dinner

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. St. Mary's Church

1 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010

putnamhistorymuseum.com

The 60th annual event begins with a candlelight service followed by cocktails and dinner at 6 p.m. at The Garrison, 2015 Route 9, where Bryan Dunlap will receive the Elizabeth Todd Healy Volunteer Service Award. *Cost: \$100*

MUSIC

SAT 10

Daisy Jopling Band

PEEKSKILL

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

paramounthudsonvalley.com

The band will celebrate Brian Delma Taylor, a composer and instrumentalist from Peekskill who died in 2017, with music arranged, produced and inspired by him. *Cost: \$25 to \$50*

SAT 10

Christine Dominguez

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

Christine Dominguez, who was voted best local singer/vocalist by the readers of *Hudson Valley Magazine*, performs songs from her new album, *Soul Shake*. Proceeds will be shared with Safe Harbors of the Hudson. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 at door)*

SUN 11

Modigliani Quartet

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandmusic.org

As part of the ongoing Howland Chamber Music Circle series, Amaury Coeytaux (violin), Loic Rio (violin), Laurent Marfaing (viola) and Francois Kieffer (cello) will perform works by Haydn, Ravel and Brahms. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*



SUN 11

Trio Kisosen

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration

45 Market St. | 845-265-5537

chapelrestoration.org

Matheus Sardinha Garcia Souza (violin), An-Lin Bardin (cello) and Naomi Niskala (piano) will perform works by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Dvorak. *Free (donations welcome)*

SUN 11

Boz Scaggs

PEEKSKILL

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

paramounthudsonvalley.com

The singer, songwriter and guitarist and former member of the Steve Miller Band will perform as part of his Out of the Blues tour. *Cost: \$73 to \$240*

SUN 11

Blue October

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.

845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

This alternative rock band from Houston has had 11 hit singles, including “Hate Me” and “Into the Ocean.” *Cost: \$30 to \$50*

SAT 17

Windborne Singers

PUTNAM VALLEY

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural

Center | 729 Peekskill Hollow Road

845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Traditional folk acapella. *Cost \$18 (\$20 at door), \$15 students and seniors*

SAT 17

Christine Lavin

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Peekskill Central Market

900 Main St. | 914-287-0300

bit.ly/christine-lavin

The singer-songwriter returns to her hometown. *Cost: \$35*

SAT 17

Hudson Valley Philharmonic: The Silk Road

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon

35 Market St. | 845-473-2072

bardavon.org

The philharmonic will perform works by Tallis, Azmeh, Stravinsky and Bartok. *Cost: \$20 to \$57*

SUN 18

Sound/Peace

BEACON

3:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

Gina Samardge conducts pianist/accordionist Andy Rinehart, bass clarinetist/percussionist J Why and guitarist Craig Chin with members of the Beacon Rising Women's Choir. The concert will follow the setting sun. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 18

Dark Star Orchestra

PEEKSKILL

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039

paramounthudsonvalley.com

The band has been performing Grateful Dead covers for more than 20 years. *Cost: \$30 to \$35*

SUN 18

Clear Light Ensemble

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

John Dubberstein (sitar), Scott Beall (guitar), Steve Franchino (flute), Lindsey Horner (bass) and Tem Noon (percussion) will perform improvised raga-jazz world fusion. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 at door)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 10

Autumn in the Hudson Valley

BEACON

5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St. | 845-831-1134

beaconlibrary.org

Works by 16 members of the Beacon Photography Group. Through Dec. 1

SAT 10

Annual Holiday Show

BEACON

5 – 8 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery

172 Main St., Beacon | 845-838-2880

riverwindsgallery.com

SAT 10

Joan Phares and Kirsten Lyon: Potpourri

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. bau Gallery

506 Main St. | 845-440-7584

baugallery.com

Phares, in mixed media, and Lyon, in ceramics, create their own version of potpourri. Jerika Broussard's *She is Magic and Medicine* also will be on view.

SAT 10

Bioluminescence

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery

163 Main St. | 212-255-2505

shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

SAT 10

Stanley Lindwasser: Paintings 2018

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. Oak Vino

389 Main St. | 845-765-2400

stanleylindwasser.com

This exhibit of conceptual paintings by the Beacon artist is an exploration of the emotion and relational experience of color found in layers of rock or clouds. See Page 11.

SAT 10

Abstract Paintings by David Kendrick

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery

137 Main St. | 845-204-3844

catalystgallery.com

“For me, painting is a daring adventure into the unknown, a quest for truth assisted by the actions of the paintbrush,” says the artist.



SAT 10

Travelers

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass

162 Main St. | 845-440-0068

Hudsonbeachglass.com

A group show of glass art inspired by travel

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 17
Holiday Pottery Show & Sale
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960

The center's annual sale features pottery both whimsical and sophisticated from more than 30 artists from the region, along with jewelry, handmade soaps and paper goods. Through Nov. 25



Nancy Bauch

SAT 17
Little Boxes
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. River Center Red Barn
Long Dock Park | 845-527-8671
littleboxes2018.brownpapertickets.com

Purchase a 3-by-3-inch canvas for \$25 (additional are \$5 each) and submit the artwork you create on the theme of the Hudson River by Nov. 15. The pieces will be auctioned with 50 percent of proceeds benefiting the Beacon Sloop Club. Cash awards for people's choice, most creative, most spectacular and funniest. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 17
Richard Bruce and Kathy Feighery: Recent Work
NELSONVILLE
6 – 9 p.m. Create Community
11 Peekskill Road | 845-416-1427

The painters will exhibit complementary work from years of working in shared studios. Both are inspired by and interpret nature.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 10
Virginia Sole-Smith: The Eating Instinct
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

The Cold Spring author's book explores how we learn about food and eating. *Free*

SUN 11
Chris Hughes: Rethinking Inequality
GARRISON
12:30 p.m. Highlands Country Club
955 Route 9D | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Hughes, a co-founder of Facebook, will discuss his book, *Fair Shot: Rethinking Inequality and How We Earn*, at a benefit for the Desmond-Fish Library. *Cost: Pay what you wish*

SUN 11
Get Lit Beacon Literary Salon
BEACON
5 p.m. Oak Vino
389 Main St. | 845-765-2400
getlitbeacon.com

Sign up at the door to read five minutes of original work. Repeats on second Sunday. *Free*

TUES 13
Fall Cleanup for Responsible Gardeners
GARRISON
1 p.m. 18 Normandy Grange
914-588-4782

In this presentation, Master Gardener Janis Butler will discuss how a less-tidy approach to fall cleanup can provide shelter and habitat for birds, insects and especially pollinators. Host Annie Patton will also provide a tour of her garden and talk about the benefits of "doing nothing." RSVP by phone or email annie.k.patton@gmail.com.

WED 14
Thinking Outside the Flower Box
BEACON
6 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Diane Roberts will demonstrate for the Tioronda Garden Club how to create unique floral arrangements.

WED 14
Future of Retail and our Communities in the Age of Amazon
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Beahive
291 Main St. | 845-765-1890
beahivebzzz.com

Lionel Binnie, author of *The Future of Omni-Channel Retail: Predictions in the Age of Amazon*, will discuss community development, localism and sustainability. *Free*

FRI 16
Jeffrey Yang: Hey, Marfa
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

Drawing on history and culture, the poet at this reading will delve into the southwest Texas town's draw for artists, immigrants and ranchers. See Page 2.

SUN 18
Bryan Dunlap: The Boys from Canaan
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Dunlap will discuss his book on brothers Henry and Thomas Warner, who lived in the Highlands in the early 19th century. Henry, a lawyer, was the father of novelists Susan and Anna, who planned to develop tourism

and agriculture at their Constitution Island home. Thomas was an Episcopal priest and well-regarded member of the West Point faculty.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 10
The Mitten
BEACON
11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandculturalcenter.org

A musical based on the popular children's book by Jan Brett tells of animals seeking shelter inside a mitten. Recommended for children ages 3 to 7. *Cost \$10 (children free)*

MON 12
Writing Your College Essay
COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Led by Elise La Rocco, this workshop for high school seniors will cover how to write, edit and submit essays for college applications. Bring drafts and questions about the Common Application. *Free*

SAT 17
Singing Books
BEACON
2 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

An interactive concert by Lydia Adams Davis and Steve Kirkman draws on popular children's stories. *Free*

SUN 18
I Am Not a Fox
COLD SPRING
10:15 a.m.
Split Rock Books
97 Main St.
845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

Karina Wolf reads from her new picture book. *Free*



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 10
James and the Giant Peach Jr.
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
brownpapertickets.com/event/3634193

The Youth Players present Roald Dahl's tale of a boy who travels across the ocean on a piece of fruit. Also SUN 11. *Cost: \$12*

SAT 10
The Importance of Being Earnest (Audition)
GARRISON
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Rehearsals begin in January

and the play will be performed in March. Email a headshot and resume to kairos.carin@gmail.com.

SUN 11
Art Thieves Conservatory
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
brownpapertickets.com/event/3741711

Led by Bill Coelius, the Teen Players will share an immersive theatrical experience with improv, singing, dancing, monologues, YouTube videos and smeared clown makeup. The eighth-graders this year will be stealing and performing their own version of *James and the Giant Peach*. *Cost: \$10*

WED 14
Annie Kids
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-350-2722
beaconperformingartscenter.com

An orphaned child escapes her evil caretaker and finds a home with a billionaire. Also FRI 16, SAT 17. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 students)*

WED 14
Music in the Hudson Valley
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com

Mark Gamma will share two documentaries produced by the Newburgh Actor's Studio about Hudson Valley musicians: *The Valley of Music* and *The Beat Goes On*. *Free*

FRI 16
The Eagle Huntress
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

As part of its International Film Series, the library will screen this documentary about a 13-year-old girl training to become the first female in 12 generations to become an eagle huntress. Shot in Britain, Mongolia and the U.S. Rated G. *Free*

SAT 17
They Will Say I Killed Them
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Magazzino | 2700 Route 9
845-666-7202 | magazzino.art

Danilo Correale uses the untold stories of lost screenplays to investigate genres and themes after the fall of Fascism in Italy. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion at 5 p.m. and a second showing at 6:15 p.m. *Free*

SAT 17
The Winning of Barbara Worth
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

The library's Silent Film Series presents this 1926 western

about water rights that starred Ronald Colman, Vilma Banky and Gary Cooper. *Free*



SUN 18
A Bread Factory, Parts 1 & 2
BEACON
1:30 p.m. Beahive | 291 Main St.
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

The Beacon Film Society will screen these two films about the Time & Space Limited Building in Hudson and change in a small town. Part 1 screens at 1:30 p.m. and Part 2 at 3:45 p.m., followed by a discussion with director Patrick Wang. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 for both)*

HEALTH & FITNESS

SAT 17
Castle to River Run
GARRISON
7:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618
bit.ly/castle-to-river

Runner check-in opens at 7:30 a.m. The 50K begins at 8 a.m., the half-marathon at 9 a.m., the 5K at 9:30 a.m. and the kids' mile at 11:30am. *Cost: \$65 (50K), \$45 (half-marathon), \$25 (5K) and free (kids)*

CIVIC

TUES 13
Board of Trustees
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611
coldspringny.gov

WED 14
Village Board
NELSONVILLE
6:30 p.m. Village Hall
258 Main St. | 845-265-2500
nelsonvilleny.gov

THURS 15
Philipstown Comprehensive Plan
GARRISON
7 p.m. Continental Village Clubhouse
49 Highland Drive | 845-265-5200
philipstown2020.org

Residents are invited to discuss proposed revisions to the plan, which was adopted in 2006. A draft is online. Residents can also submit comments by email to philipstown2020@gmail.com. Additional meetings are planned for spring.

SUN 18
Philipstown Comprehensive Plan
COLD SPRING
1 p.m. North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Road | 845-265-5200
philipstown2020.org



The Future of Retail & our Communities in the Age of Amazon

Wed, Nov 14, 6:30 PM

Free talk + discussion with Lionel Binnie based on his insightful new book.

Beacon Film Society: A Bread Factory

Sun, Nov 18, 1:30 – 6:30 PM

A pair of films that looks at the state of art, community and commerce. Q&A with filmmaker Patrick Wang and Time & Space Limited director Linda Mussmann.



Beacon Zoning Forum 2.0

Sat, Dec 1, 10 AM

A follow-up to last year's packed forum. Discuss how zoning works, what the current laws are, impact of proposed changes, etc.



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Baby and Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. Paul and Ellen Dulberger of Mahopac shared this photo of their granddaughter, Ona, dressed as an ant for Halloween with Sergeant, who was disguised as a pumpkin. Submit photos for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 tennis venues (6)
- 2 last (8)
- 3 fishy fishermen (8)
- 4 talks indistinctly (7)
- 5 E Street saxophonist Clemons (8)
- 6 gives birth to pups (6)
- 7 aggressive journalist (8)

SOLUTIONS

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title to advance*

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane High School football team avenged its only loss of the season, beating Tuckahoe, 18-6, on Saturday (Nov. 3) to win the Section 1, Class D championship.

Because there are only two Class D teams in the section, Haldane and Tuckahoe play for the title each year. The Tigers defeated Haldane (7-1) during the regular season when they scored a late touchdown on Sept. 7 in Cold Spring to win, 14-8.

Because some sections do not have Class D schools, the Section 1 title advanced the Blue Devils straight into the Final Four on Saturday, Nov. 17. Haldane will travel to Middletown High School to face the winner of a Nov. 10 game between Moriah



Sam Giachinta ran for 218 yards and three touchdowns against Tuckahoe.

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and Warrensburg. The winner of the Nov. 17 semifinal will play for the state championship on Friday, Nov. 23, in the Carrier

Dome at Syracuse University.

Haldane has never reached the state title game, losing twice in the semifinals.

The Blue Devils opened the game against Tuckahoe with a 5-yard run by senior Sam Giachinta in the first quarter, and he ran for two more of 10 and 29 yards in the fourth to seal the victory.

"This is the best team we've had in the last five years," said Coach Ryan McConville, who is in his fifth season. "A lot of these kids were freshman in 2015, playing varsity football, and we lost a lot of games. But they grew up quickly, in the middle of a fire, and learned how to win.

"This is the first senior group we've had win two [sectional] titles," he added. "Both of these teams know each other, so it's about execution. We turned the ball over, but the guys made some big stops."

The Blue Devils got another monster game from Giachinta, an All-State pick last season as a junior. He ran 26 times for 218 yards and also stepped in at quarterback for most of the second half after starter Dan Santos went out with a back strain.

Giachinta, who has played on the varsity squad for four seasons, is approaching 4,000 career yards rushing and has 18 touchdowns this season alone.

"Sam is one of the top two or three players in Haldane history," McConville said. "He wants the ball, and makes things happen. Matt Champlin had a big interception for us, too, and our offensive line — Will Westerhuis, Matt Ortiz, Peter Rodriguez, John Hankel — all did a great job with the pass rush. Craig Dowd also had a great game. Our guys came up big."

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Haldane Volleyball Falls in Final

*Valhalla wins Section 1,
Class C title*

By Skip Pearlman

The two-time defending champion Haldane High School volleyball team ran into a roadblock on Saturday (Nov. 3): undefeated Valhalla.

The two squads met at Pace University for the Section, 1 Class C championship, and the Vikings left with a 3-1 victory and their perfect season intact.

The Vikings (19-0) came out strong, winning the first set, 25-17. The Blue Devils, who finished 19-4, struggled at times in the second game but won 28-26.

In the third set, the Vikings took advantage of uncharacteristic Haldane mistakes and won convincingly, 25-9, then closed with a 25-16 victory.

Coach Kelsey Flaherty conceded her team was not at its best.

"I was surprised at how poorly we played in the third set after winning the second," she said. "We didn't carry any of the momentum over. On our best day I think we win that game, but we made a lot of unforced errors and missed services. It comes down to who makes the least errors and they played better than us."

She noted there is more stress and pressure with a do-or-die tournament game but "the experience will help them know what to expect if we can get there again next year."

Senior Willa Fitzgerald had 12 kills and four aces for the Blue Devils, and Melissa Rodino added 17 assists. "Willa had a pretty good game, but it's hard when everyone is not on," Flaherty said. "She was always the one to stop on our team."



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Senior Willa Fitzgerald (25) goes to the net in what would be her last match for Haldane, capping a stellar career.



NEXT UP FOR HALDANE — The girls' soccer team heads to Cortland High School, north of Binghamton, on Saturday, Nov. 10, for a semifinal game in the Class C state tournament. They will face Stillwater (20-0-1), which has outscored its opponents this season, 94-14, behind All-State junior Brooke Pickett (3), at left. Stillwater was state runner-up last year; Haldane returns to the Final Four for the first time since 2014, when it won the title.

Photo by Peter Barber



SECTION 1 CHAMPS — The Haldane boys' cross-country team won its 12th consecutive Section 1, Class D title on Nov. 3, and will travel to the state championship tomorrow (Nov. 10). From left: Coach Tom Locascio, Ben McEwen, Everett Campanile, Adam Silhavy, Kyle Kisslinger, Quinn Petkus and Walter Hoess. Four girls — Meghan Ferri, Shannon Ferri, Elizabeth Nelson and Autumn Hartman — also qualified for the state meet as individuals.

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