Beacon Schools Extend Lease With Dutchess County

Agreement could give county time to negotiate with Renegades

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City School District has extended its roughly $29,000-a-year lease for the land beneath Dutchess Stadium for one year with Dutchess County, in hopes that the county can negotiate a long-term agreement with the stadium’s tenants, the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team.

What’s unclear, however, is whether (or when) county legislators and the Renegades will be able to reach an agreement that satisfies both sides.

The school board’s unanimous vote came about three hours into its Monday (Nov. 19) meeting. Earlier in the evening, board members grilled Dutchess Legislator Frits Zernike, whose district includes Beacon, about the Legislature’s refusal 10 days ago to back County Executive Marc Molinaro’s plan to borrow $2.4 million in bonds to come back County Executive Marc Molinaro’s spending plan on Nov. 7. Under the adopted budget, as in the draft, fire protection will cost the town $1.9 million, and ambulance services $591,841.

However, in tinkering after Nov. 7, the board boosted the budget by $41,568. It increased costs for collecting $7,943,621 in taxes, or 1.8 percent more than in 2018. It also anticipates $2,039,798 in revenue from non-tax sources, such as town service charges, and includes $1,260,600 in untapped fund balances.

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By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

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The five-member Village Board acted Nov. 19 during its regular monthly meeting in the village hall annex.

In other business, Mayor Bill O’Neill announced the end of a lawsuit brought by several residents to force the village and neighboring Cold Spring to assume responsibility for a private sewer. O’Neill also said that the village would launch an update of its comprehensive plan in January and encouraged residents to participate in the updating, already underway, of Philipstown’s 2006 comprehensive plan. He pointed to questions about parking in Nelsonville, Philipstown and Cold Spring as a topic comprehensive plans could tackle.

Before adjourning, the board scheduled the lighting of Nelsonville’s Christmas tree and Hanukkah menorah for Dec. 2 and the village holiday party for Dec. 21.

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creased the amount for buildings by $32,000 from the original $193,000. Likewise, the final numbers include an additional $1,000 for upkeep of the town’s historic cemeteries, bringing that total to $18,500; and $750 extra for Tina Merando, town clerk-tax collector, making her salary $67,750. Salaries for the Town Board members remained intact at their 2018 levels: $27,000 for Supervisor Richard Shea and $18,000 for each of the four councilors.

Tweaking continued Tuesday. Before voting, the board raised the pay for the town’s drug abuse prevention and resources coordinator to $15,000 — an increase of $5,000 from 2018 and $3,000 more than the 2019 draft had proposed. Shea noted that the position was envisioned as part-time, but that “from what we’ve witnessed in the last year, this has essentially become a full-time position at a very, very part-time salary.”

Councilor Nancy Montgomery said the coordinator, Danielle Pack McCarthy, “is fielding calls every day” and meeting with families, as well as with experts in combatting the opioid crisis. Montgomery said she had talked to three families herself on Tuesday. “It’s an epidemic,” she said. “I was in tears today realizing how hard it’s hit so close to home. I’ll keep fighting” for anti-drug outreach “and when I go across the way, I’ll fight for it there, too.” In January, representing Philipstown, she joins the Putnam County Legislature.

Shea said that a tax increase of 1.8 percent leaves the town “far below” the state’s 2 percent tax-hike cap. Put in dollars and cents, that means “we actually have $109,674 to spare,” he observed. “I feel good about this budget.”

Nonetheless, he pointed to “a bit of a mystery” surrounding Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps finances and said he would try to release any of the $242,600 earmarked for the GVAC until questions are answered; the 2019 payment is 21 percent higher than the 2018 amount. Shea said that attempts to have the town accountant meet with the GVAC accountant had failed. “We just didn’t get clarity on things,” despite pressing for it, he said. “I’m not intimating any malfeasance or anything like that; I’m just saying we need clarity.”

Cell tower

Philipstown officials have been negotiating with Homeland Towers to settle a lawsuit the cell tower company filed over the town’s refusal to grant permits for a 180-foot tower planned for land near Vineyard Road and Route 9.

Residents who live near the site strenuously opposed the tower in public meetings in 2017 and early 2018, stating that it’s intrusive for neighbors.

On Tuesday, they urged the Town Board to hold firm and reject a settlement allowing the tower to be installed in a slightly different spot — downhill, closer to the Magazzino art facility, and more visible to the general public.

One apparent settlement option involves putting a separate cell tower, now planned for a ridge in Nelsonville above the Cold Spring Cemetery, at the town’s Highway Department on Fishkill Road, while also installing the Vineyard-Route 9 tower.

Roger Gorevic, who lives off Vineyard Road, said a balloon test on Sunday showed how objectionable a Vineyard-Route 9 tower would be. “This is going to be an eyesore, one way or the other,” he said. He and other neighbors “would be better off personally if we were down there by Magazzino,” but that is not a good solution, he said. “This needs to be stopped. It’s all about money” for the telecommunications industry, Gorevic contended. “It’s not about necessity.”

If the case proceeds to a trial, Gorevic said the opponents want their lawyer — a cell tower litigation specialist — to represent the town. “And we’ll pay for it,” he promised. “We have no choice.”

He complained that, despite requests from the Town Board, the lawyer supplied by the town’s insurance company has not allowed the residents’ group to join the case as an interested party. Gorevic expressed fears that the town’s insurers will push for a settlement if it were down there by Magazzino.”

The board went into executive session to discuss the litigation, including, apparently, whether to accept a settlement, or risk a trial instead.

“You won’t know our decision tonight,” Shea said, noting that the board also could not comment on the case. He added that the town and Homeland are slated to talk again before Dec. 1, and that any announcement of Town Board intentions would follow that meeting.
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Marathon site
I know the former battery plant site on Kemble Avenue in Cold Spring is polluted, but I do love this part of the village — a nice meadow right off Main Street (“EPA: Marathon Groundwater Still Polluted,” Nov. 16). I hope it never gets built on.

Tom Stephens, Cold Spring

Losing the Renegades
All the issues with Dutchess County Stadium and the Hudson Valley Renegades were brought up prior to the stadium being built more than 25 years ago: The money. The budget. Who owned it (“Highlands Could Lose Renegades,” Nov. 16). Of course, not even with adding different venues will it bring in the $6 million said to be needed for repairs and upgrades. We’re at that crossroad again. To me, the stadium infrastructure doesn’t look bad. It’s been kept up quite well. And the Renegades are a part-time (summer) tenant. Considering the pros and cons, the management at the stadium has done well with what they have to work with.

Paul Schara, via Facebook

I went to one game, on free tickets, but still spent a fortune on concessions. I guess my humble economic status makes me un-American as I cannot afford a baseball game.

Bob McCabe, via Facebook

Losing the Renegades is better than losing $6 million or more. If the privately owned team wants a better stadium, it can pay for it. And as anyone who has been to a game knows, the idea that a third of the seats need to be upgraded is a hilarious lie.

Gabriel Berlin, via Facebook

Baseball, at all levels, is a form of entertainment and should be supported by the private industry that builds stadiums that provide baseball games and other entertainments in their facilities.

John McLaughlin, via Facebook

Renegades ownership has asked for repairs to broken seats and other Dutchess Stadium fixtures. Photo provided

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dium to the school district.

The issue is complex because there are two longstanding agreements between three parties at play. In 2008, the Beacon school district signed a 10-year lease (extending a previous long-term commitment) on the 21 acres it owns beneath the stadium. The county paid the district $23,100 annually for the first three years, $26,250 for years four through eight, and $29,400 for 2017 and 2018.

The county, in turn, has leased the stadium to the Renegades since its construction in 1994. Its most recent agreement expired in 2016, and the team has approved one-year extensions since then.

Renegades ownership says the 4,500-person facility is in dire need of repair, and that the first phase of funding — $2.4 million from Dutchess County combined with a $860,000 state grant — would cover immediate repairs to damaged concrete and broken seats before the 2019 season begins in June.

Since the Nov. 13 meeting, the legislators have asked Molinaro for more information about a second phase of improvements, which the lawmakers believe would require another $3.6 million in bond funding. If the Legislature is satisfied with the information it gets from Molinaro, it could vote on the first phase bond proposal again at its Dec. 3 meeting.

“What we’re missing is a specific plan for what this bond is going to do,” Zernike said on Monday. “Really, it’s no more complicated than that.”

Renegades owner Jeff Goldklang said Wednesday that the second phase would encompass “significant upgrades to the park to bring it to a professional baseball standard.” If the county agrees to phase two, he said, the Renegades will commit to a 20-year lease on Dutchess Stadium while “contributing heavily” to the stadium enhancements. A framework for that agreement has already been discussed and Goldklang said he believes a deal could go to the Legislature for approval in the spring.

But Legislator Nick Page, who also represents Beacon, said Wednesday that he still sees negotiations for phase two coming “on the far side of phase one.” A similar one-year extension between the county and club to allow time for those talks could be another possibility, he said.

The school board’s vote on Monday appears to have at least taken the mismatched scenario of the district assuming ownership of the stadium off the table.

Molinaro is “not interested in turning the stadium over to you all,” Dutchess County Public Works Commissioner Robert Balkind told the board before its vote.

“We want to keep the stadium. We think it’s a huge asset to the county.”

While that seemed to allay some of the district’s concerns, several school board members indicated they still weren’t happy being forced into a last-minute decision.

“I don’t like being pushed close to the clock,” said board member Craig Wolf. “This is not one of those things where it’s supposed to be sudden death overtime.”
### Reincarnitas

_Serves 4_

1. Preheat the oven to 450°F. In a small skillet over medium heat, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil, add onions and oregano and sauté for a minute or two to wilt. Sprinkle sugar over top to assist in caramelizing and continue to cook until they start to color (about 15 minutes). Add lime juice and cook until evaporated. Remove from heat and set aside.

2. Place 2 tortillas on working surface. Spread no more than ¼ cup potatoes on each tortilla. In layers, spread turkey, caramelized onions and cheese(s) — again, no more that ¼ cup of each — evenly over potatoes. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stack the 2 layers and brush with a little olive oil. Repeat process for a second, three-layer stack. (May be prepared a day ahead to this point and refrigerated.)

3. Bake stacks on a parchment-lined baking sheet until tortillas are slightly crisp and the cheese has melted, about 8 to 12 minutes. Cut into wedges and serve hot. Garnish wedges with salsa, guacamole or sour cream and chopped cilantro or scallions.

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**Small, Good Things**

**The Many Wonders of Thanksgiving**

_By Joe Dizney_

After all the work that went into making that spectacular Thanksgiving feast, “leftovers” is such a sad and inadequate word to describe the remains of the mountains of honored family comfort foods that usually make up a fine celebratory repast. Yet there’s something to be said — and secret pleasure to be had — from surreptitiously sneaking forkfuls of your favorite straight from the fridge, or even layering slabs of bread with turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce in a slightly less feral attempt at civility. Keeping it simple, as it were.

But despite the days of dedicated scullery leading up to the main event, re-animating a holiday dinner’s “many wonders” (the late David Foster Wallace’s choice euphemism for said leftovers) usually leads a culinary obsessive (such as your humble correspondent) to energy-intensive solutions like a comparatively simple turkey-okra gumbo on the homey end (“Small, Good Things: The Remains of the Day,” November 21, 2014), or to a simple-sounding turkey enchilada that became primarily an excuse to replicate an authentic but incredible reinvented Frankenstein monster. With a little consideration you can re-animate whatever remains you have on hand. A quesadilla recipe remembered from chef Bobby Flay’s first big New York City restaurant, Mesa Grill, consisted of a simple two-level stack of flour tortillas layered with a revolving selection of seasonal protein and produce. It was baked in a hot oven rather than pan- or griddle-fried, and bound by oozy melted cheese. While not an absolutely authentic interpretation, that still seems a good strategy for approaching whatever’s left from holiday dinner.

The version presented here marries turkey and what was left of a sweet potato casserole. The only new item is a bit of quickly caramelized onions, brightened a bit with some fresh lime juice. The flour tortillas are traditional for quesadillas, but baking them adds a bit of crunch, which contrasts nicely with the molten cheese. Traditionally, _queso Oaxaca_, a stringy Mexican cheese, is used but shredded mozzarella (perhaps supplemented by a more assertive cheddar or Jack cheese) is a readily available substitute. Even string cheese will work. Garnishes or toppings are flexible, but don’t make yourself crazy.

This reincarnated Thanksgiving meal — _Reincarnitas!_ — could even go vegetarian. Those same sweet potatoes could easily be topped by your leftover Brussels sprouts; just a bit sensitive to texture. If the potatoes are too chunky, mash them a bit to make a better base layer. The turkey should be either shredded or chopped into bite-sized bits for even distribution. And if you do use Brussels sprouts or some other vegetable, chop them roughly to avoid large chunks. You might even consider a version substituting leftover stuffing for the potatoes and cranberry sauce (particularly if it’s fashioned from whole cranberries and inclines toward the savory rather than the sweet) for the onions.

It may not be authentic but neither is it some culinary Frankensteined monster. With a little consideration you can re-animate whatever remains you have on hand.

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Sophia Rose Antik Brings Dream to Life on Main Street

Shop blends design, antiques, and Scandinavian hygge

By Alison Rooney

Sophia Rose Antik, the new design studio, antiques-seller and home furnishings shop is rooted in all things Scandinavian, reflecting the matriarchal heritage of its proprietor, Pia Chaudhari (her father’s side is Indian). Not only are the designs and products from that most northerly section of Europe, the philosophy behind them is, too.

“We’re drawing on the beauty and grace of historical aesthetics, the Scandinavian flair for combining function and form, and dramatic synergies between traditional and modern,” a description of the business reads. Indeed, stepping into the shop’s Main Street quarters, one is surrounded by objects from different centuries.

Chaudhari first became acquainted with Cold Spring as a child, on frequent mother/daughter “days out,” traveling from their Westchester home. “This is my first storefront, but I basically grew up in a store,” Chaudhari relates.

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In fact, in a 1978 New York Times story about that store’s opening, Chaudhari’s mother, Karin Chaudhari, touched upon some of the tenets that her daughter speaks of now. “Our surroundings must enrich our lives,” she told the Times. “That means good design, beautiful colors, natural materials and using these things every day, not putting them away for ‘best’ or special occasions. They must be made to last and the designs must not be boring. We want people here to share this.”

The younger Chaudhari says that store—keeping “is in the blood. I’ve wanted my own storefront since I was a little girl.” While there may be a professional lineage at work, Chaudhari first had another career, in theology and psychology. She has a Ph.D. in Psychiatry and Religion from Union Theological Seminary, and still works in that area. Asked how these two, seemingly unconnected, professional strands intersect, Chaudhari replied easily: “The importance of beauty is something they both have in common.”

Living in Manhattan, Chaudhari was “feeling at a crossroads on how to grow my design business when I visited Cold Spring again. I was so struck by the physical beauty and also the vibrancy of the community. I began wondering what it would be like to move there. How would my business fit in? I had just finished up a major project, and I tend to follow my intuition. It wound up becoming both a personal and professional decision. I moved up in mid-September; this place is so special.”

Chaudhari’s business has several components. Primarily, there is interior decorating, with many clients in Westchester, as well as in the city. She’s also been selling antiques online for a number of years. To these, in her store, Chaudhari has added a selection of (largely) Scandinavian goods. These include high-end items like the designer mohair blankets and scarves hand-woven in Finland, to more moderately priced items, woven in Finland, to more moderately priced items, such as high-end items like the designer mohair blankets and scarves hand-woven in Finland, to more moderately priced items, such as a typical Sophia Rose Antik assemblage showcases antique furniture and contemporary Scandinavian accessories.

I, Two Lives: Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas

Reading a play about the Lost Generation

By Alison Rooney

“The action of the play takes place between 1907 and 1967.”

That playwright’s note almost says it all. Could there be a 60-year period more marked by societal and technological changes than that one? Writer and salon doyenne Gertrude Stein and her — in the purposefully smudged language of the era — “companion,” Alice B. Toklas, rejected the conservative constraints of the early 1900s in the U.S. and decamped to Paris, included Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse and F. Scott Fitzgerald. Stein was credited with promoting Picasso as a young painter in Paris and introducing him to Gertrude Stein and a Companion was first performed, fittingly, in the West Village, at the Lucille Lortel Theatre, in 1986, in a two-woman version. In his New York Times review at the time, critic Mel Gussow explained the title, which “was from Ernest Hemingway. Though Hemingway had variable feelings about Gertrude Stein, he was quite clear in his attitude toward Alice B. Toklas. He found this ‘small, very dark, hook-nosed woman frightening.’” Gussow added that in A Moveable Feast, Hemingway disdainfully referred to her only as Miss Stein’s “companion.”

In many ways, this play seeks to right that wrong. In the forward to the published version, Blanche Marvin writes: “Most of all, this work is about Alice. The outside world was led to believe that her personality was that of a mousy woman who took second place to the vibrant Gertrude. The play not only gives

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priced items like Danish glassware. “I get to bring over everything I miss. And I can natter on for hours about the shape of the glasses,” she says, animatedly.

Talking comes naturally to Chaudhari — it’s the line of communication which must be open between designer and clients. And the clients vary in their needs. “Some come in knowing just they want, and others are open to exploration. Some people just need someone else to confirm their choices. Others just don’t have the time to compare and decide. Some have very distinct ideas about a look and it’s a challenge to create that look within the space they are living in. It becomes a combination of what they love and my expertise. I love working with the architecture of the site, what’s inherent, weaving the historic and modern so it resonates inside and out,” Chaudhari explains. She does mostly residential work, plus a bit of commercial, particularly in hospitality.

In her sideline, most of the antiques Chaudhari sells are Scandinavian. She acknowledges that when they hear the phrase “Scandinavian furniture,” most people jump immediately to notions of Danish modern design. However, she notes that this impression comes in part from Danish designers’ radical re-interpretations of previous styles. Earlier Swedish design, some of which she features, was “very, very different. The Gustavian style was influenced by the French Louis XVI style, but became airier and more muted under the Nordic touch,” she says.

As far as Chaudhari is aware, she is now Cold Spring’s only Main Street interior designer. For now, Sophia Rose Antik is open Friday through Monday, or by appointment. (The store’s first name is Chaudhari’s middle name; Rose symbolizes beauty over centuries; and Antik is the Danish word for antiques.) Many people, locals and tourists, of the latter disembarking from the weekend cruise sails, have stopped by, and Chaudhari has enjoyed the social interaction which results from having a storefront. “I’m specifically open on Fridays and Mondays because I know often local people don’t like to come down to Main on the weekends, and I hope that they’ll come by, have a cup of coffee. I love hearing people’s stories. I just had a man come by who had done all this research on spinners and weavers in Iceland because he is writing a novel focusing on this as women-driven commerce!”

One question which comes up frequently when people drop in involves hygge. That Danish word, employed in recent years by home-and-design magazine editors, is featured on the shop’s signage, a reflection of increasing familiarity with what it means. Or at least people think they know what it means. Chaudhari loves defining it more specifically.

“Hygge is a Danish concept. It’s something all Danes share. Every Dane knows what it is, which is care for self and others and affirming the essential goodness of life. It could be spontaneously going to the beach and watching the sunset, or a beautiful speech at a wedding. It’s there in every country, but the Danes lift it up and acknowledge it.” Sophia Rose Antik is located at 153 Main St., Cold Spring. Website: Sophiaroseantik.com | twitter: @sophiaroseantik

Gertrude Stein (from Page II)

Alice her name but reveals her as she really was — a witty woman with a sharp brain and cutting tongue. Without Alice, Gertrude would have remained undiscovered.”

Hilbe, who is “of Liechtenstein/Kansas origin” and has a string of U.S. and European opera and theater directing credits, has come to some of the same conclusions. Alice “seemed completely absorbed by Gertrude’s vision of life and art, with herself as the center, while others orbit around her,” says Hilbe. “But in fact, Alice not only very clearly ran the house, she also ran Gertrude. It was Alice who made all the big decisions, and she was also the gatekeeper as to who was to see Gertrude.”

McMichael and Hampden, who both have many regional theater credits, have known each other for decades. At the conclusion of an earlier project together, Savannah Disputation, also directed by Hilbe, they began looking for other material and came upon this, which was a Best Play winner at both the Edinburgh and Sydney Theatre Festivals.

Hilbe has come to respect “Gertrude’s unflinching conviction of her genius. While she was virtually unknown until her mid-50s — though admired by her flock of artists — she never for a moment doubted her own greatness and her artistry. Self-doubt was not in her wheelhouse, and I find that refreshing. Yes, questioning ourselves, as artists and people, informs our growth in both, but the world throws artists already so many curveballs. Having a steel core of conviction in one’s path is at times a welcome gift.”

Charlotte Hampden and Lucy McMichael

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3779224. The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St., Beacon.
NEWS BRIEFS

Jonathan Jacobson sworn in as Assembly member

In Albany on Nov. 15, New York Senate Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie swore in Newburgh City Council member Jonathan Jacobson as the new Assembly member for the 104th District. Jacobson, who won the election on Nov. 6, filled the vacancy created when Frank Skartados died in April.

“I am excited to get to work representing residents,” said Jacobson. “I have been meeting with and speaking to constituents since the election. I also have been working with state Senator-elect James Skoufis on matters which affect our districts, which overlap.” Skoufis will represent the 39th Senate District, which includes the City of Newburgh and the Towns of Newburgh and Marlborough, which are in the 104th Assembly District. Jacobson has resigned as a member of the Newburgh City Council.

Garage Fire in Beacon

Beacon firefighters responded to an electrical fire in an attached two-car garage at 58 Chiusano Drive around 8:50 p.m. on Nov. 19. On the scene within two minutes, firefighters were able to prevent the fire from spreading into the 1.5-story house, although the front porch area received some fire damage. Occupants were able to exit the home unassisted and without injury. Village of Fishkill fire crews assisted with extinguishment and overhaul, while the Red Cross provided temporary housing and assistance for four adults and a dog.

Beacon names new building inspector

Kolb will begin in January

The Beacon City Council on Nov. 19 approved Mayor Randy Casale’s appointment of George Kolb Jr. as the city’s incoming building inspector. Kolb, the building inspector since 2011 in Union Vale, a Dutchess County town of about 5,000 residents, will succeed Tim Dexter, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Kolb comes to Beacon with 37 years of experience, including five years as a village trustee in Wappingers Falls. “George has big shoes to fill but I think people in this community will realize we’ve got a real good building inspector,” Casale said. “He stood out above all the other candidates.”

Holiday Food Donations

The New Vision Church of Deliverance is distributing holiday donations from Trader Joe’s & Shoprite to needy families this season. Free food will be distributed at the Beacon Recreation Department building at 23 West Center Street from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. Please call 845-202-7199 to confirm distribution. Please bring bags for your items.
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To the voters of all parties in Philipstown and Putnam Valley who turned off the noise of national politics, participated where it matters most - locally - and had their voices heard in record numbers. I thank you. To the donors and volunteers who put faith in me as their candidate. I thank you. To Barbara Scuccimarra, I thank you for your years of service to our towns.

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With all my thanks,
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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 24
Holiday Boutique
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Browse crafts from 75 artists and artisans, along with used books and baked goods. Open Thursday to Sunday during library hours through Dec. 9.

SAT 24
Alumni Basketball Game
COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Haldane High School 15 Craigsie Drive | haldaneschool.org
Blue Devil alums will play the 2018-19 basketball team. Cost: $5 adults/$2 children

FRI 30
Celebration of Lights Parade
POUGHKEEPSIE
6:30 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson Parker Avenue | walkwaywalk.org
Watch fireworks from the Upper Landing Park.

SAT 1
Christmas Craft Fair
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Mary’s Episcopal Church 1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4177 stmaryscoldspring.org
Find gifts for anyone on your list at this annual church fundraiser.

SAT 1
Zoning Forum
BEACON
10 a.m. Beahive 291 Main St. 845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com
Come to discuss how zoning works, what the current zoning laws are, and what proposed changes would do.

SUN 2
BHA + BeaconArts Bicycle Menorah Lighting
BEACON
5:30 p.m. Puthill Park | Main Street and Route 50 | beaconarts.org
During each night of Hanukkah, a different wheel of the bicycle menorah will be illuminated to honor a part of the Beacon community. Continues nightly at 5:30 p.m. until SUN 9 except 4:30 p.m. on FRI 7 and SAT 8.

MUSIC

SUN 25
Broadway in Beacon
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org
The Hudson Valley Theatre Initiative presents a program of holiday favorites. Cost: $10 ($15 door)

SUN 25
Breakneck Ridge Revue
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe | 379 Main St. 845-805-1300 | townecrier.com
In a performance dedicated to the late Dan Einbender, the folk jam band returns with Andrew Revkin, David A. Ross, Patrick Stanfield Jones, Todd Giudice, Mark Murphy and the Trouble Sisters, along with guests Jeremy Schonfeld, Daniel Garcia and NPR commentator Andrei Codrescu. Cost: $15

WED 28
Kris Davis and David Leon
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-765-3012 howlandculturalcenter.org
Davis, on piano, and Leon, on saxophone, will perform as part of the Mentorship Program, with Davis leading on composition. Cost $10 advance, $20 door

SAT 1
Wayne Horvitz Trio
NEWBURGH
8 p.m. Atlas Studios 11 Spring St. | 845-391-8855 atlasnewburgh.com
The trio includes Eric Eagle on drums and Geoff Harper on bass playing music from their upcoming record Snowghost Sessions. Cost $20 advance, $20 door

SUN 2
Handel’s Messiah
WEST POINT
3:30 p.m. West Point Cadet Chapel | westpoint.edu
Performed with the largest all-pipe church organ in the world. Free

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 24
Holiday Pottery Show & Sale
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center 23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
This annual sale features pottery both whimsical and sophisticated from more than 30 artists throughout the region, along with jewelry, handmade soaps and paper goods. Also SUN 25.
**TALKS & TOURS**

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**Twilight Tours**

**GARRISON**

3:30 - 7 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

The mansion will be candlelit and decorated for a 19th-century Christmas, with music by the Greater Newburgh Symphony Quintet and guitarist Dan Stevens. Also SUN 25, SAT 1, SUN 2. Cost: $26 ($16 children, ages 5 and younger free)

**SUN 25**

**Romance Authors Reading**

**GARRISON**

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

Garrison residents Linda Behrens (Tomorrow Moments) and Krystal Ford (Love, Across the Divide) will read from their novels.

**WED 28**

**Neglected Historic Structures of the Hudson Valley (Talk)**

**BEACON**

7 p.m. St. Anthony’s Church
17 South Ave. | 845-265-3040

butterfieldlibrary.org

Rob Yasinsac, co-author of Hudson Valley Ruins, talks about his work. Co-sponsored by the Beacon Historical Society and the Butterfield Library.

**KIDS & FAMILY**

**SUN 25**

**Wild Turkey Trek**

**CORNWALL**

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506

hhnm.org

A guided hike along the McKeon Loop Trail will cover the history and adaptation of the wild turkey. Cost: $3 to $10

**FRI 30**

**Gertrude Stein and a Companion**

**BEACON**

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012

howlandculturalcenter.org

Charlotte Hampden and Lucy McMichael perform the concert reading. Cost $10

**STAGE & SCREEN**

**FRI 30**

**Miracle on 34th Street Radio Play**

**FISHKILL**

6 p.m. Clove Creek Dinner Theater
18 Westage Business Center Drive
clovecreekdinnertheater.com

The classic story of a department store Santa who believes he is the real thing performed as an old-fashioned radio program. Weekly performances through Dec. 23. Cost: $30 to $56

**FRI 30**

**Word of Mouth: Madelyn Folino (Storytelling)**

**GARRISON**

7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave.
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

In this adult program, hear tales from the veteran storyteller that draw from the personal, family and folktales. Free

**FRI 30**

**Movies That Matter: Eating Animals**

**BEACON**

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

The documentary explores the impact of factory farming on human health, the economy and the environment. Free

**CIVIC**

**MON 26**

**Fire District**

**GARRISON**

1616 Route 9 | 845-424-4406
garrisonfd.org

**TUES 27**

**Board of Trustees**

**GARRISON**

7:30 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St., | 845-265-3611
coldspringny.gov

**WED 28**

**School Board**

**GARRISON**

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

**THUR 29**

**Philipstown Comprehensive Plan**

**GARRISON**

7 p.m. Continental Village Clubhouse
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.
Climate Smart (from Page 1)

contribute to global warming by trapping heat in the atmosphere, New York State in 2009 launched the Climate Smart program, part of an international initiative. Communities that meet Climate Smart goals get a leg up on winning grants for local projects.

In its resolution, Nelsonville’s Village Board said that “climate change poses a real and increasing threat to our local and global environments,” endangering residents’ health, clean water supplies, natural resources and outdoor recreation, infrastructure and the local economy. It resolved to take action to reduce greenhouse gases and other pollution by decreasing community energy use and increasing the use of renewable energy, inventorying sources of emissions, supporting a “green” economy and enhancing Nelsonville’s ability to withstand the impacts of climate change, such as severe flooding.

O’Neill said that village officials have already begun cutting energy demands by switching to LED lights in village offices. Board members also unanimously allocated $3,000 to replace the dirt floor in the office basement with concrete, another measure to improve energy efficiency by weatherizing and eliminating moisture seepage.

Sewer suit

Although he provided few details, O’Neill announced that the sewer litigation filed by six residents had been withdrawn, which “means it’s gone away, forever.” The residents had demanded that the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville take over — and pay for — maintaining a private sewer line on Pearl Street.

Cold Spring’s sewage treatment plant was designed decades ago to also accommodate Nelsonville, which relies mostly on individual septic systems and other backyard waste-disposal means. An exception, the 6-inch Pearl line runs down that street, turns onto Pine Street, and connects to the Cold Spring sewer system at Parsonage Street.

The litigious residents contended the villages “in concert, own, maintain, and control the Pearl Street sewer pipe” and should be considered its legal owners, since both “on occasion, maintain, repair and otherwise control it,” as demonstrated in 2015, when they fixed a sinkhole after the line broke.

Nelsonville counter-argued that the lawsuit was “entirely frivolous and without basis in fact or law.” Cold Spring similarly claimed that offering municipal aid to homeowners during a sewer crisis does not convert a private pipe into a public sewer line.

Parking

O’Neill broached the idea of turning a piece of village-owned land into a paid-parking lot for hikers and other visitors.

The board also learned of a complaint from a resident to the village clerk about illegal overnight parking on a village street during the Nov. 15 snowstorm. The mayor promised to check with the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, which operates a substation in Nelsonville, about ticketing such vehicles. Furthermore, he proposed the board discuss overall parking issues in an upcoming meeting.
Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

**150 Years Ago (November 1868)**
Gilbert Austin, James Corday and Leonard Barrett, each charged with stealing a calf, were acquitted after a "tedious jury trial," according to the Cold Spring Recorder.

A stranger had “fairly whipped” a local man in a fight at the depot when the Cold Springer was told to “eat him,” which he proceeded to do, biting his antagonist in the ear. After a misunderstanding about his ticket, Sylvenus Haight of Nelsonville was ejected by the conductor from the 5:31 train to Hyde Park soon after it left the Cold Spring station. After Haight returned to the depot covered with dirt, Justice Ferris issued a warrant against the conductor. When the train arrived at the station the next day, with two constables waiting for it, a different conductor was aboard and Haight would not say who the other conductor had been.

President-elect Ulysses S. Grant was a guest of Gouverneur Kemble and several residents visited the boathouse on Foundry Cove to greet the general.

**125 Years Ago (November 1893)**
A large bag of mail from Cold Spring to points north was destroyed after the crane on the 10:25 mail train snatched it from the stand south of Main Street but then dropped it under the wheels.

Some women in the village were under the false impression that they would be able to vote in the election for all county offices when, in fact, they can only vote for the school commissioner. The official ballot will be 15 inches long while the ballot which the women vote with will be 6 inches long.

After a delay of nearly a year, work resumed on the 75-foot battle monument on Trophy Point at West Point.

On Halloween, local boys took off gates, threw cabbage stocks at front doors and, in one case, pitched a stone through a parlor window of George Ferris’ home on Parsonage Street.

An Arab woman “belonging to the colony located on the brickyard south of Dutchess Junction,” according to the Recorder, was struck and killed by a train.

“She was one of a number who peddle notions in Fishkill Landing, Matteawan and Cold Spring and was on her way home,” the paper reported.

Michael Salvatore, an Italian employed by the rail road, was shot by James Mosher, a farmer employed by E.A. Pelton, with a shotgun. Mosher claimed that Salvatore was stealing apples. He also said he fired the shotgun at some bushes, not the victim, who was hit five times.

West Point canceled its football game against Yale, saying the cadets had no time to practice.

Silas Silleck, who recently moved here from West Troy, announced he would open a cigar store at the corner of Main and Furnace streets.

The village told residents to have their rubbish ready when the street-cleaning wagon came round for the final time before the new year. A 50-ton dynamite gun that had stood on the Foundry dock for months was transferred to a tug to be taken to Morgan Iron Works in New York City.

Philip Marvel of Staten Island, who had been married in June at the Methodist Church in Cold Spring to Irene Rose of Poughkeepsie, was charged with bigamy.

The original Mrs. Marvel testified she learned of the deceit when she received letters addressed to Mrs. Irene Marvel. John Berk and John Thompson of Matteawan, who hired a horse and wagon to sell cabbage, instead drove it to Cold Spring to get drunk. The horse’s owner heard of it and an officer from Matteawan arrested the pair for cruelty to animals. Each was sentenced to three months in the Albany penitentiary.

**100 Years Ago (November 1918)**
The Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees passed a resolution calling on the executives of the estate of Julia Butterfield, who had died five years earlier, to release $50,000 she bequeathed for the construction of a hospital.

Peter McGurk has taken a job as gateman at the railroad crossing on Main Street. He is one of three men who each work eight hours daily.

Three black walnut trees, one a century old, were cut down at Glenwood, the estate of Mary Haldane and Francis Higginson. The trees were purchased by the federal government in 1868.

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eral government to make gunstocks and for use in military airplanes.

75 Years Ago (November 1943)

Voters seated an all-Republican Philipstown Town Board. In fact, the only Democrat elected in Philipstown was an assessor.

The Haldane football team defeated Carmel, 6-0, in a rough game that included multiple penalties for unnecessary roughness against both teams.

Eddie Farrell, a former student at Haldane Central School who was stationed in Puerto Rico with the Navy Seabees, was seriously injured, but a telegram offered no more details.

A local real estate broker sold the former Union Church on Market Street to William Kent of Beacon, who said he plans to build a home on the site. The church was built in 1826 before each denomination branched out and built sanctuaries of their own.

The George A. Casey Post of the American Legion raised $100 through a spaghetti dinner and raffle to buy 50,000 cigarettes for the armed forces.

50 Years Ago (November 1968)

Sister Agnes Charles, principal of Our Lady of Loretto school, announced that it would add a physical education program led by Barbara Giachinta.

Residents of the North Highlands began discussions about starting a fire engine company.

Margaret Gillian of Beacon visited the Haldane Central School in colonial costume to demonstrate for students how to spin vegetable and animal fibers.

In an open letter, a Haldane parent alerted others about the amount of marijuana smoking going on around town.

25 Years Ago (November 1993)

At 12:30 a.m. on Election Day, a Cold Spring police officer stopped two 43-year-old Garrison women whom he said were driving erratically. The officer said that, in the back seat, he found six campaign signs for a candidate for the Philipstown Town Board. The problem was that one of the women was the wife of the candidate’s opponent. Both were given court dates.

Hamed Nafa and Tom Rolston, the manager and owner of the Depot Restaurant, announced they would launch a 24-hour taxi service called Highland Transit Corp. at 265-TAXI.

George Pataki, a resident of Garrison who represented the Highlands in the state Senate, announced he would run for governor against three-term Democratic incumbent Mario Cuomo.

Fourth graders at Haldane Elementary assembled the school’s first networked computer lab.

The students also learned how to get into the system using passwords and how IBM computers differ from Apples.

A 20-year-old man from Queens was in critical condition after being stabbed with a steak knife following an argument at a party on East Mountain Road South. A Cold Spring teenager was charged with attempted murder.

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. St. Paul and Minneapolis (6) __________
2. adding fuel to (7) __________
3. sentimental song (6) __________
4. one patching boo-boos, maybe (5) __________
5. cleans the carpet (7) __________
6. leaning (8) __________
7. posse members (7) __________

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Haldane Football Stopped Short of State Final

Moriah edges Blue Devils, 6-0

By Skip Pearlman

Despite playing most of the game on its own side of the field, the Haldane High School football team had a chance to win the Class D state semifinal game on Sunday (Nov. 18) versus Section 7 champ Moriah right up to its final possession.

Instead, Moriah made the game’s only touchdown stand up — and forcing a turnover on the Blue Devils’ final possession — to preserve a 6-0 victory at Middletown High School.

Moriah (9-2) plays a team made up of players from Clymer Central, Sherman and Panama high schools for the state title today (Nov. 23) at the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University. Haldane ended its season at 7-2.

Haldane’s defense came up big, time after time, denying the Vikings on downs in the red zone on more than one occasion. Sam Giachinta forced a fumble and recovered on the Haldane five to end one third-quarter threat.

But Moriah kept the pressure on. On the team’s third trip of the second half into the Haldane red zone, Moriah’s Maddox Blaise managed to bull the ball into the end zone. He was initially stopped short of the goal line but scored on a second push with 9:01 left in the game.

Haldane’s defense had two opportunities on offense after that, but their hopes ended when QB Dan Santos completed a pass to Tom Percacciolo, who was headed across midfield toward open ground when he was stripped from behind, with Moriah recovering with 1:32 left. Haldane never got the ball again.

Giachinta, who was the focus of a smothering Moriah defense, finished with 80 hard-earned yards on 22 carries. Santos added 22 yards on 10 attempts. Percacciolo also had an interception on defense.

“They were tough; it was hard to move the ball against them,” Giachinta said. “Every time we managed to pick up some steam, they managed to stop us, and they ended up getting the W. This may be the best team we’ve ever had, and we got back to the state semis. Unfortunately we couldn’t win, but I’m still very proud of this team.”

Coach Ryan McConville was more blunt. “It stinks,” he said. “We had some opportunities to move the ball, but they had us on our side of the 50 for most of the half, and most of the game. We just couldn’t flip the field and get on a roll offensively. We gave them too many opportunities in our territory.”

Giachinta was named All-Section and All-League for the second time. Will Westerhuis earned All-Conference and All-League honors, and Percacciolo, Brad Dowd, Matt Champlin, Matt Ortiz and John Hankel were named to the All-League team.

Giachinta was named Most Valuable Offensive Player for Haldane in Sunday’s semifinal, and Ortiz was named Most Valuable Defensive Player for Haldane.

“This season has been a great ride,” McConville continued. “This is a group of seniors who have played in two Final Four games. They won the section and the region twice. And back-to-back winning seasons — that hasn’t happened at Haldane football in forever. Winning the section two of three years has never happened. It’s a great group of guys, and I love them a lot.”

McConville was also named the section’s Class C/D Coach of the Year, for the second time (2016 was his first). “I’m proud of it, but it’s about our team, our guys and the work they put in to help us be in position to win games,” he said.

A number of Haldane fans braved the cold to cheer the Blue Devils.

Quarterback Dan Santos (15) finds a running lane.

Darrin Santos (28) breaks up a pass intended for a Moriah receiver.

Coach Ryan McConville (L) talks to the team during a timeout.

Photos by Skip Pearlman