Happy to See the Dentist

Luz Bailey's patients don't complain, even about root canals

By Alison Rooney

From time to time, Nelsonville's Luz Mejia Bailey returns to her native Dominican Republic, which she left at age 10, to enjoy the ocean and catch up with family and friends. On her most recent visit, in November, she spent a week doing something she loves just as much: performing root canals.

Bailey, who is an endodontist (she specializes in dental pulp and the tissues surrounding the roots of the tooth), was taking part in The World of Smiles, a nonprofit program run by Dr. Yakir Arteaga, a friend and fellow graduate of the New York University College of Dentistry. It brings teams of dentists, dental assistants and dental school residents to low-income areas to treat children and teenagers at no charge.

Its primary mission is to serve the 1,700 children who attend three schools in La Romana run by an organization called Fundacion MIR. The students are from the poorest neighborhoods in the nearby barrios and batayes (sugar worker camps), explains Bailey, although the dentists also see family members and teachers, residents of an orphanage and patients from the La Romana Family Clinic.

This was Bailey's second service trip to the country. Her first was in the early 2000s while she was doing postgraduate work. "It was in a very rustic area, and some of the people we saw had never been to a dentist before," she recalls. "Of course, I wanted to come again."

Last month, Bailey worked with two dentists and an oral surgeon as well as a third dentist who headed a team of six students from the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. (A Dominican dentist who

Main Street Loses Mainstays

Cupoccino and Country Clocks close in Cold Spring

By Michael Turton

Two longtime shops on Main Street in Cold Spring, Cupoccino Cafe and Country Clocks, have closed.

Cupoccino, at 92 Main, served its last cup of coffee on Friday, Nov. 30. John and Jesse Arguello, who opened the shop in 2009, had sought a long-term lease from Rivertown Holdings, which purchased the building in 2017.

But Craig Roffman, a Philipstown resident who is a principal in the holding company, said in an email that "the decision was mutual between Cupoccino and Rivertown Holdings" for the shop to leave and that the future of the building, including a second-floor apartment, is "under discussion."

Jesse Arguello declined to comment on the negotiations. In a message posted on Cupoccino's Facebook page addressed to friends, family and customers, the Arguellos said the closing was bittersweet.
Five Questions: Sue Costigan
By Alison Rooney

Sue Costigan, who lives in Nelsonville, co-owns the property at 126 Main St. in Cold Spring, the former site of Carolyn’s Flower Shoppe.

What's being built on the site?
It's going to be Endless Skein, my yarn shop for knitters and crocheters, which I'm optimistic will be open in May. It may grow into having supplies for weavers and felters, but I'll start with what I know well, make every mistake in the book for the first couple of years, and take it from there.

Knitting seems to be undergoing a resurgence. Why is that?
One theory is that the extensive technology in our lives make us want to do something with our hands. But technology has also fostered a community of people interested in making things. Knitting and crocheting are timeless and appeal to older generations, but there's also a younger, cooler group and many people who want to learn, so we'll have classes. It's just two stitches. I'm very slow with physical things, and I learned.

Which was easier: Raising six children, or birthing a business?
[Pauses.] It's apples to oranges. Getting the building built has been far more involved than I expected it to be. I didn't understand the goals of the [Cold Spring] Historic District Review board, but I've learned a lot. Because of the construction, the yarn business has been on the back burner, and I'm ready to put my focus on that. The construction has allowed me time to learn more about running a business. I took a semester-long class through the Women's Economic Development Center. I've also taken courses specific to this industry at the TNNA [The National Needlearts Association] trade show.

How did this begin?
My youngest child will be finished with college soon. I know you're not supposed to use your hobby as a business idea, but I wanted to open a yarn store. I was sitting in Hudson Hill's when I saw the sign that said Carolyn's was for sale. I thought it would be the perfect place for a store. My husband and I agreed it would be costly, but it's an investment, too. There's an apartment on the second floor, but we're not going to be landlords yet. It's the parking lot that gets people excited!

What do you know of the history of the original building?
It was constructed between 1860 and 1880. It was a bakery, then a bread store. For a while there were a bunch of buildings along the length of the property, but they disappeared. It became an attorney's office. I believe Carolyn's father bought it in the 1970s. We hoped to add a small addition, but once in, my husband, who builds houses, said, "It has to come down." We bought the property in 2016 and spent a year working through the process. The demolition was done in March. We had a restoration architect document everything, and certain resources will go to the Putnam History Museum. We have 8-inch clapboard siding — it's probably what the original exterior looked like. We salvaged a lot. We took brackets off the front and saved some interior doors, some of which were possibly originals. We also have the interior brackets from the bay windows. My husband poured the foundation and one of my kids is in the crew. Karen Parks, my architect and designer, and Garrison Woods, which did the demolition and is working on the reconstruction, have been great. People have been very nice. And our seven neighbors have been very patient.

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Man Arrested in Killing of Beacon Woman

Ex-husband allegedly stabbed victim

By Chip Rowe

New York State Police arrested the ex-husband of a Beacon woman for allegedly stabbing her to death in Wappinger on Nov. 15.

Terrie Lee DeGelormo, 34, was pronounced dead at the scene at about 11 p.m. Her assailant had fled. The next day, police arrested Timothy Alexander, 32, of Poughkeepsie, who was charged with murder in the second degree.

“This was a heartbreaking tragedy, where a young mother lost her life due to domestic violence,” Capt. John Ryan of the State Police said in a statement.

Alexander was arraigned before the Town of Wappinger Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Jail without bail. Anyone with information on the killing can call the State Police at 845-677-7300. All calls can be kept confidential.

DeGelormo, a lifelong resident of Beacon who had recently moved to Wappingers Falls, was born Nov. 20, 1983, in Poughkeepsie, the daughter of George and Emma (Mandigo) DeGelormo, according to an obituary posted by the Libby Funeral Home in Beacon.

She was a 2002 graduate of Beacon High School and held a bachelor’s degree from SUNY New Paltz. DeGelormo worked in accounts payable at Dutchess Community College and enjoyed music and the outdoors.

She is survived by her 20-month-old son, Ryan DeGelormo; her mother, Emma Smith (Louis Jimenez); and her father. She is also survived by her siblings: George DeGelormo (Jenn), Stanley Smith (Mary), Malorie DeGelormo and Ashley Corrado (Ron).

A service was held at Libby Funeral Home on Nov. 23. Memorial donations can be made to a scholarship fund established for DeGelormo’s son at gofundme.com/please-help-ryan-secure-his-future.

If you are a victim of domestic violence, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233.

Beacon Updates

By Jeff Simms

Legislators Approve Stadium Repairs

In a reversal of its decision three weeks ago, the Dutchess County Legislature on Dec. 3 approved $2.4 million in bond funding to repair Dutchess Stadium for its tenants, the Hudson Valley Renegades minor league baseball team (“Highlands Could Lose Renegades,” Nov. 16).

The stadium will be outfitted with a new concrete seating bowl, among other fixes, before the Renegades, a Class A Short Season team for the Tampa Bay Rays, begin their 2019 season in June.

On Nov. 13, the Legislature rejected the same funding proposal, saying members had not been given enough time or information to review the project. Since then, legislators asked County Executive Marc Molinaro to clarify the long-term future of the Renegades, who have played at the stadium since it was constructed in 1994.

Meanwhile, the Beacon City School District, which owns the land beneath the stadium, approved a one-year extension of its lease of the land to the county.

“We received the necessary information to move forward,” said Francena Amparo (D-Wappinger) after the lawmakers’ Dec. 3 meeting. “But we will need to see the Renegades memorandum of understanding, an audit on Dutchess Stadium by our county comptroller, and detailed plans before considering a phase two.”

Renegades owner Jeff Goldklang said on Wednesday that he expects the team and county to complete by year’s end a preliminary agreement laying out the framework for a 20-year lease. County officials would then have the coming year to negotiate their own long-term lease with the school district.

“If we anticipate any options or ‘out clauses’ in the agreement ‘as long as the agreed-upon funding is in place and is used for improvements that will bring Dutchess Stadium to modern professional standards,’ Goldklang said. “Some of those improvements are structural and necessary to remain compliant, while others will address the fan experience.” Molinaro and Goldklang have both said the team will contribute toward the second phase of improvements, which will require an additional approval of funds from the Legislature.

BOCES Seeks Funding

The Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is asking voters to approve a spending proposal on Tuesday, Dec. 11, to renovate and relocate its facilities (“Dutchess Schools to Ask Voters for $37 Million,” Oct. 26).

BOCES offers vocational services and runs an alternative high school and special education programs for its 13 member districts, which include Beacon. One of 37 such agencies statewide, its offerings are available to the more than 50,000 public school students in Dutchess County.

The funding package would upgrade the BOCES Career and Technical Institute (CTI) in Poughkeepsie for high school students and the adjacent Salt Point Center for elementary and middle school students receiving special education services.

It would also move the Alternative High School, which is in a Poughkeepsie industrial park and in dire need of repairs, according to BOCES officials, to the CTI site.

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Losing Cupoccino

We wanted to take a moment to say how sad we are to lose our wonderful neighbor, Cupoccino Cafe, which closed Nov. 30 (see story, Page 1). In our short time on Main Street, they have been a warm and welcoming presence and their coffee and tea and sandwiches have fueled many long hours working at the bookstore. We wish them the best as they move on.

We would be remiss if we did not mention our disappointment at their being forced to leave during the busy holiday season. An empty storefront hurts all Main Street businesses and is a terrible shame during a time that is supposed to be about celebrating and being with the community.

Heidi and Michael Bender, Cold Spring
The Benders own Split Rock Books.

Beacon firefighters

In your Nov. 30 issue, you reported on the need for more firefighters in Beacon, in part because they spend so much time answering medical calls (“Beacon Firefighters: “It Has Never Been This Bad”), What a ridiculous waste. A contract with an ambulance service would be a good idea to reduce if not eliminate them. The opiate crisis is a major task for all municipal branches.

Edward Baecher, Fishkill

Pay the firefighters the pay and benefits they deserve. Make the politicians volunteer. That’s the way it should be.

Dennis Pennenga, Walden

It’s one thing to have volunteer firefighters in a rural town with no commercial properties, but in Beacon the fire department is responsible for buildings and box stores, as well. It’s nuts.

Lisa Kimball, via Facebook

Beacon better start investing in its infrastructure with all this new money coming in from development.

Jack Diedrich, via Facebook

Foam plastic

It frustrates me enormously that local, county and state governments take such tentative and cowardly baby steps toward cleaning up our environment (“Foam Plastic Ban Goes to Putnam Legislature,” Nov. 30). As the adage says: The first step toward getting out of a hole is to stop digging – the hole being the increasing amount of plastic and non-biodegradable waste pollution.

Many governments have put single-use plastic bans in place but only apply them to chain businesses. However, enforcement is nonexistent. After a recent visit to Texas Roadhouse in Poughkeepsie, we came home with our food in foam and polystyrene containers. The Dutchess County ban has been in place for more than two years, yet the corporate-office response is that they have time to run out the stock they have. Excuse me, but no restaurant keeps two years of packaging on hand.

It’s cowardly to only apply these regulations to chains when it’s the mom-and-pop operations leading the way. Go-Go Pops and Veggie Go-Go have only used sustainable, compostable packaging since our inception, the only exceptions being soup and salad packages (they’re sturdy, endlessly reusable and recyclable) and plastic soup spoons (because the compostable spoons flatten out when wet.)

The fact is, small-business people are the sustainability leaders at our own expense. Yet multi-unit operations are given a free pass. Large corporations enjoy the advantage of economies of scale — being able to purchase and store large quantities to lower their costs. If chains were required to use compostable and recyclable packaging, it would drive down the costs for everyone and be more effective in addressing the enormous problem of plastic pollution everywhere.

Lynn Miller, Cold Spring

It seems many of our elected officials, aside from Putnam County Legislature Barbara Scuccimarra, are more concerned about inconveniencing local businesses than they are about protecting our public health and the fate of the planet.

Heather Candon, via Facebook

Back in the day, we used cardboard cups, but plastic is cheaper. It’s always about the money.

Geraldine Fuller, via Facebook

Fond farewell

As a fellow Philipstown Town Board member, I will be sorry in one way to see Nancy Montgomery leave the board because of her election to the Putnam County Legislature.

Nancy’s high energy and dedication to serve the community has been an inspiration to me and was part of the reason I decided to run for office. I know she will continue in her new role to help better establish a working relationship between the county and the town.

Michael Leonard, Philipstown

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Q: Is it safe to push train cars?

It upsets me every time I see a photo of the Metro-North train that derailed in 2013 in the Bronx, killing my friend, Jim Lovell (“Waiting for Metro-North,” Nov. 30). My heart goes out to his family. The path that the MTA is on will be good for safety but one thing upsets me. Dropping my daughter off at the station the other day I noticed that they’re still pushing the cars toward New York ahead of the engine, which seems to lead to a more disastrous outcome during a derailment. Has this been addressed? —Frank Pidala, Cold Spring

A: After a train pushing its cars in California hit an SUV on the tracks in 2005, killing 11 people, the Federal Railroad Administration reviewed 446 crashes and found pushing cars was slightly more dangerous to passengers but not enough to justify ending the practice, which is used by most railroads because it saves so much time. Think of the delays if the engine had to be moved from one end of the train to the other to switch directions, especially beneath Grand Central Station. The 2005 study didn’t address derailments not caused by collisions, but engineers in 2013 said it wouldn’t have made much difference at Spuyten Duyvil because at 82 mph the cars would have still rolled after they came off the tracks. After the 2005 accident in California, train officials banned passengers from sitting in the first 11 rows of the first car of pushed trains but soon dropped the rule. In the New York area, push-pull diesel engines are only used on trains that use non-electrified portions of the Metro-North tracks, which includes the Hudson Line north of Croton-Harmon.

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**Smythe Concedes State Senate Race**

**Incumbent Serino prevails by 688 votes**

By Chip Rowe

After a count of absentee ballots from the Nov. 6 election completed this week in Putnam and Dutchess counties showed Karen Smythe trailing incumbent state Sen. Sue Serino by 688 votes, of more than 118,000 cast, the challenger conceded.

Serino, a Republican who will begin her third, two-year term in January, had a 2,146-vote lead after voting on Election Day, Nov. 6. The final certified tally was 59,434 to 57,746, or a difference of just over a half percent.

“This was a race that started with long odds, and I am proud of the effort that we made to listen and speak to voters about the issues most important to them,” Smythe, a Democrat, said in a statement. “I commend Sen. Serino on a hard-fought race and wish her well in her next term.”

The 41st District stretches along the east side of the Hudson River from Putnam Valley in the south to Tivoli in the north.

Serino won by 600 votes in Dutchess (of 103,000 cast) and 88 votes (of 15,000) in Putnam. Smythe needed to win about 70 percent of the absentee vote to overcome Serino’s lead, and she got 66 percent. Smythe won Philipstown, 61-39. In two other tight races, Michael Hayes, the Republican candidate, prevailed over Thomas Mansfield, the Democrat, for a judgeship on the Dutchess Surrogate Court. He led by 1,627 votes on Nov. 6 and won by 1,057 votes.

In a race for Dutchess Family Court judge, the Democratic candidate, Jeffrey Martin, defeated Karen Hagstrom, the Republican, by 1,462 votes. Martin led by 115 votes on Nov. 6.
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Two Arrests in Nelsonville Graffiti Case

The Putnam County Sheriff’s Office has made two arrests connected to anti-Semitic graffiti painted on the night of Oct. 30 inside a home being built in Nelsonville by a Jewish resident. A representative for the sheriff said two males, ages 17 and 18, one from Philipstown and the other from an unspecified location, have been charged with felony burglary and misdemeanor criminal mischief, trespass and graffiti charges. They appeared before Nelsonville Justice Court Justice Dennis Zenz on Nov. 14. Because they are younger than 19, they are both considered youthful offenders and were not identified. Putnam County District Attorney Robert Tendy said the investigation is continuing.

The graffiti, which included a Nazi swastika, anti-Semitic slur and obscenities, was spray-painted three days after 11 people died in a shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

The incident prompted outrage and disbelief among Philipstown residents, and a Nov. 10 vigil organized by the Philipstown Reform Synagogue in response to the Pittsburgh shooting and the graffiti filled St. Mary’s Episcopal Church in Cold Spring. Earlier that month, religious leaders in Beacon held a unity rally after anti-Semitic fliers were posted outside two churches there.

Bottini Fuel Convicted of Fraud

The state attorney general on Nov. 27 announced that Bottini Fuel, based in Wappingers Falls, admitted falsifying its records to steal credit balances, including $30,000 owed to the Beacon City School District for six overpayments.

The company agreed to pay $17.6 million in restitution as well as a $15.5 million fine. A whistleblower received a reward of $491,000.

The attorney general’s investigation revealed that from 2004 to 2016, when a customer overpaid for heating oil, the company did not issue a refund or credit but in many cases moved the money to pay down accounts owned by the Bottini family, their friends and select employees.

Judge Scuccimarra to Retire

Scuccimarra, a Garrison resident who serves on the New York State Court of Claims, will leave his seat on Dec. 31 after reaching the court’s mandatory retirement age of 70. He has been a judge on the court for 17 years.

Before being appointed to the court in 2001 by then-Gov. George Pataki (who also lives in Garrison), Scuccimarra oversaw local courts, including those in Philipstown (from 1985 to 2000), Cold Spring (1984 to 2000) and Nelsonville (1986 to 2000).

Scuccimarra, whose wife, Barbara, is departing the Putnam Legislature, was reappointed by Pataki to a nine-year term on the Court of Claims in 2006 and to a second nine-year term in 2015 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.
The team arrived on a Sunday to set up. “There is so much stuff you need,” says Bailey. “We created a triage area, where we took the radiographs and planned and discussed the treatment and outcome of each case.”

The clinic opened at 9 a.m. each day that week. After an exam, children were scheduled for a restoration, root canal or extraction. “As soon as you walked into the clinic you saw the neat row of smiling young faces,” Bailey says. “I have never seen kids so happy and excited to get dental work done. The patients would never complain, because they were so happy to get out of pain, so grateful.”

Bailey performed the root canals, after which the Stony Brook students, under supervision, restored the patients’ teeth. She says the teamwork was one of her favorite aspects of the trip. “We would take turns sterilizing the dental instruments, cleaning the chairs, suctioning, getting instruments and simply holding the patients’ hands” for support, she says. The doctors also entertained the children by making balloons from surgical gloves.

When Bailey moved as a child with her family to New York City, she picked up English quickly (while working hard to retain her accent as a tribute to her heritage) and later earned a full scholarship to Manhattan College, where she studied biology. She was considering medical school but while interning at a hospital found the deaths of patients too emotionally difficult.

Someone suggested dentistry. She spent six years at NYU, the last two focused on endodontics. “I always wanted to do endo because it was challenging, tough and male-dominated, which I wanted to break,” she says. “I was the first Dominican person ever to get into the program. I watched and learned: root canals, prosthetics, the operating room. You’re always on call and it requires total focus. First you work on the bicuspids, then the molars — they’re more difficult.”

Luz met the man who became her husband, Scott Bailey, at NYU, when she was a senior and he was a freshman after he switched careers from teaching. (Scott has a general practice on Route 9.) She says they didn’t connect romantically until after she returned for post-grad but were a couple by their second date.

After landing her first job in New York City, Luz joined Assogna Endodontics in Poughkeepsie in 2003 and has been there since. Around the same time, Scott joined a practice in Middletown. Soon they began looking for a place between their jobs and the city and settled on Philipstown. The couple’s three sons, ages 8, 10 and 12, have grown up here.

Bailey says she plans to do more outreach. “It’s an amazing experience to provide these underprivileged kids with oral dental health and be able to follow them through adulthood” on return trips, she says. “It meant a lot to me to give back to my home with the skills and knowledge I now have. Just hearing one girl say ‘I want to do what you do’ was completely inspirational.”

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A Stage Filled with Doubt

New company to perform a certain parable

By Alison Rooney

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lbi Gorn, who recently formed a theater company with his wife, Robin Joseph, says the couple wants to produce plays that “have a gravity that pulls them down to the stage.”

The couple, who live in Hastings, felt Doubt: A Parable, by John Patrick Shanley, fit the bill, and so the 2005 Pulitzer Prize winner will be the first play presented by GoJo Clan Productions. The performances will take place at the couple's favorite venue, the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison, over two weekends beginning Saturday, Dec. 8. Directed by Ed Friedan, it features Joseph, Julia Boyes, Dawn Brown-Berenson and Duane Rutter.

Set in a fictional Catholic school in the Bronx in 1964, it follows Sister Aloysius (played by Joseph), a distrusting nun who suspects the progressive parish priest, Father Flynn (Rutter), of having an improper relationship with a student.

Joseph notes that while the subject matter remains timely in light of the #MeToo movement, the Spotlight case in Boston and allegations of clerical abuse in Pittsburgh, “that’s not what it’s about — Shanley makes it clear. What it’s about is this idea of certainty. You feel certain, sometimes beyond reason, that you’re right, and you're not able to back down from it.”

“There’s a line in the play by Father Flynn: ‘Certainty is a feeling and not a fact,’ ” says Gorn. “Even though we might have certainty, there can be doubt.”

“Faith is making a leap of faith despite your reservations,” says Joseph. “So, faith has within it, inherently, doubt. When you think of people of faith, sometimes that’s characterized by certainty, and maybe that shouldn’t be.”

“The audience usually comes in with prejudices against the priest, but the play makes them rethink this,” says Gorn. Sister Aloysius, by contrast, is certain about every-

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Doubt (from Page 9)

thing. “I definitely understand the feeling of being certain,” Joseph says, with a smile. “I like to be right about things 100 percent of the time.”

Gorn, who is retired, worked for 50 years as a court reporter, covering trials where there was certainty, but on opposing sides. Joseph has been a cantor for decades at Temple Beth Shalom in Hastings, where she has observed the dynamics between clergy. Gorn has written and performed in community theater while Joseph has spent 45 years as an actor, director and stage manager.

They met when Gorn hired her as a director and she, in turn, cast him. “He took direction well, so I married him,” she quips.

The performances will take place at the Depot Theatre, which is located on Garrison’s Landing, at 3 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8 and 15, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9 and 16. Tickets are $25 (students and seniors $20) at brownpapertickets.com/event/3626372.

Putnam Chorale (from Page 9)

takes you away from the worries of the day.”

By contrast, Ed Broderick, who also lives in Beacon, has sung chorus and choral music for more than 30 years, including with the 175-voice St. Cecilia Chorus in New York City, where “singing the big classics twice a year was both a privilege and a huge motivator,” he says. Four years ago, when the weekly commute to rehearsal became too much, he says he went “shopping for a high-quality local chorus.”

The Chorale raises money through donations, arts grants and member dues (although no one is turned away) to pay its artistic director, Douglas Anderson (a professor at City University of New York who also conducts the Downtown Symphony in New York City), its rehearsal accompanist, David Johnson, and soloists and musicians as needed for particular pieces. The ensemble performs at nursing homes and ceremonies such as tree lightings and also does caroling.

Rehearsals take place each week at 7 p.m. in Carmel or Brewster, with breaks for holidays, from the week before Labor Day through late April. There are also twice-yearly vocal workshops.

“We encourage singing out if you’re confident with a piece of music, and holding back if you’re not,” says Simonelli. “We have our share of retired music and piano teachers, but most people are new to this. Somehow it all comes together.”

The reward, he says, is “the thrill of performance. Anyone can sing in the shower or exercise their pipes in some way, but when you come together as a group, the music gets so immersive. There’s a happiness that comes from that.”
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ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLE ON PAGE 18
Main Street (from Page 1)

“We are very sad to leave and will miss all of you but are thinking positive and looking forward to a new adventure and more time with our children, family and friends,” they wrote. “Cold Spring/Philipstown is an amazing community. We will never forget when John was diagnosed with cancer how you all as a community rallied to support us with love, support, prayer and generous donations. With tears in our eyes we say goodbye for now, and wish you all great health and fortune.”

In our eyes we say goodbye for now, and

At Country Clocks at 142 Main St., which opened 26 years ago, Howard Broad sold

Beacon Round-up (from Page 3)

Dutchess voters defeated a similar $29.7 million proposal in 2009. If this plan is adopted, it would be the agency’s first major capital undertaking since the 1960s. BOCES officials are calling the proposal “cost-neutral” because they expect the upgrades to pay for themselves over the next 20 years by reducing rent, maintenance, transportation and utility costs.

The immediate effect for Beacon homeowners would be a $6 to $8 increase in annual property taxes, based on a parcel valued at $275,000, the Dutchess average. Additional school system costs would come out of the district’s overall tax levy, not as an addition to it.

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CHIP TAYLOR

Songwriters Hall of Fame inductee Chip Taylor will be performing an intimate show with interview - featuring the songs from his long and storied career that have drawn the strongest responses. Along with his biggest hits (including Wild Thing & Angel of the Morning), Taylor, performing with his long-time friend and master guitarist, John Platania, will also feature songs from his new release, Time Waits For No Little Girls, plus songs from his critically acclaimed Americana records and his viral Spotify smashies.

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“Chip Taylor, like Johnny Cash, is well worth rediscovering by a new generation.”

- The Guardian
Last year was a Bah Humbug holiday for me. I listened to Mariah Carey's “All I Want for Christmas Is You” and wished I felt more cheer. All the songs seemed fake. They were pushing a truth that doesn't exist. I watched Elf on the Shelf YouTube videos with my kids, where families discover the elves, and I didn't want to participate. I wouldn't even pick up an Advent calendar in the Key Food checkout line because I'd had enough with the candy and the more, more, more things to do.

I had stopped hearing the bell. The Polar Express was going up and down my street, and I never heard a thing. But like everyone else, I am a product of childhood magic. I believed. I stayed up all night. I listened to the faint crinkling of someone fiddling around, assembling, wrapping, placing. The final thud of the fat stocking. I believed even after I recognized (spoiler alert) Ms. Claus had the same handwriting as my mom. And finding a barcode on the packaging seemed odd. But whatever — it was magic.

Having young children, I am now part of that truth-building. I am part of the story told in movies about magical presents pulled out of a bottomless bag, that elves make the presents in the North Pole, that parents don't have to buy anything. I was lying to my kids, and this was uncomfortable.

To fix this, I presented a budget to my husband and mom, and asked them to contribute to the 529 college funds instead. This did not go over well. My mom's retail therapy runs deep, and my husband doesn't like to deny anyone anything. The thing is, we are a self-employed family, and November, December and January are the dry months.

One morning, I was in AccuPrint in Beacon, shipping gifts. I saw a friend doing the same. She asked me how I was, and I told her the truth. I'd forgotten that her husband, like mine, also works in the film industry, so when she responded, “I know! December is our hardest month because the gigs end in November,” I cried right there and we hugged.

I told her about my attempt to place restrictions on my mom, who said she wanted to buy the “big Santa” presents. “You should let her!” my friend said. So I did.

This year, I still don’t have the ideal budget, but I know how to make the magic. I bought the Countdown to Christmas calendar at Alps Chocolate. It was going to be the first gift from our Elf on the Shelf on Dec. 1. Bam! Combo move. It turns out our new elf, who has been named Elfa, shares my daughter’s love of decorating and brings the kids Christmas decorations, which was actually a request from my daughter in her letter to Santa.

When I started this column, it was 5:58 a.m. on a Tuesday, my quiet moment pre-dawn. I placed Elfa in a tricky location with some new faux garland and battery-powered lights as her gift. As I waited for my coffee to soak in my French press, I heard a soft bell outside. No one else was awake except for our cat, drinking from a porcelain bowl, his nose tapping the side. It’s an odd thing for a cat nose to be able to do — sound like a bell. But it did. And I heard the bell.

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

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

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**SAT 8**

**Breakfast with Santa**

**GARRISON**

9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Garrison Firehouse 1616 Route 9 | 845-424-4406 The Garrison Volunteer Fire Company is hosting this annual event with two seatings. Call to reserve space. Free (donations welcome)

**SAT 8**

**Breakfast with Santa**

**BEACON**

11 a.m. Towne Crier Cafe | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecreeer.com Reservations are recommended for this breakfast buffet, photos with Santa and crafts. Cost: $15 ($10 children 12 and younger)

**SAT 8**

**City of Beacon + BeaconArts Tree Lighting**

**BEACON**

4 p.m. Polhill Park Main and Route 9 | beaconarts.org Following the seventh night of lighting the bicycle menorah at 4:30 p.m., Gina Samaridze and Compass Arts will lead caroling at 4:45 p.m. and Santa Claus is expected at 5 p.m. for the tree lighting and to spend about an hour greeting children.

**SAT 8**

**BHA + BeaconArts Bicycle Menorah Lighting**

**BEACON**

4:30 p.m. Polhill Park Main St. and Route 9 | beaconarts.org During each night of Hanukkah, a wheel on the menorah will be illuminated to honor a part of the Beacon community. Today clergy will be recognized, followed by artists and musicians on SUN 9 at 5:30 p.m.

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**HOLIDAY EVENTS**

**SAT 8**

**Tree Lighting**

**COLD SPRING**

6 p.m. Gazebo Join the community at the foot of Main Street for music, refreshments and a visit from Santa.

**SUN 9**

**Community Hanukkah Party**

**BEACON**

11 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance 331 Verplanck Ave. | 845-831-2012 beaconhebrewalliance.org Enjoy singing, food and games, including candy dreidel-making, followed by a dance party. Bring a non-perishable item to donate to the food pantry.

**SUN 9**

**Living Nativity**

**NELSONVILLE**

6:30 p.m. Church on the Hill 245 Main St. | 845-265-2022 jesusonthehill.org

**TUES 13**

**Easy Holiday Entertaining Workshop**

**COLD SPRING**

6:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Church 1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4167 chefstefny.com/lessons Chef Stef will explain how to make some small-bite foods and holiday punches. Register by noon on MON 10. Cost: $45

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**SAT 15**

**Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra**

**NEWBURGH**

4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College Aquinas Hall | 845-831-7157 newburghsymphony.org The orchestra will perform “Ave Maria” and other seasonal classics. Cost: $25 to $50

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**MON 10**

**Hudson Valley Women in Business Fourth Anniversary**

**BEACON**

6 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St. 845-265-3200 Hudsonvalleywomeninbusiness.com The networking group will meet for drinks, appetizers and door prizes to benefit Raising HOPES and collect personal-care items for women served by Hudson River Housing. Cost: $45 ($50 door)

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**THURS 13**

**Cold Spring Chamber Holiday Mixer**

**COLD SPRING**

5 – 7 p.m. Hudson House 2 Main St. | 845-265-3200 explorecoldspringsny.com Enjoy hors d’oeuvres and drinks at the annual party and annual meeting, which includes the election of board members. Auction items will be on display.

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**THURS 13**

**BeaconArts Holiday Party**

**BEACON**

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery 184 Main St. | 845-265-2012 whistlingwilleys.com Toast another great year for the arts in Beacon. Members receive a free drink.

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**FRI 14**

**More Good Gala**

**BEACON**

8 – 11 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery 2 Church St. | beaconarts.org The gala, with music by Nelly Bombs, will benefit Generosity.org, which provides access to clean water in impoverished nations. Cost: $40
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**MUSIC**

SAT 8  
**Tim Haufe with Strings Featuring Whiskey Girls**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
“Neo-folk-pop-jazz chamber music.”  
Cost: $30

SAT 8  
**Nate Wood’s FOUR**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Quinn’s  
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447  
facebook.com/quinnbeacon  
A solo performance features Wood on drums, keyboards, bass and vocals.  
Free (donations welcome)

SUN 9  
**Merry Christmas Darling**  
**PEEKSILL**  
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
Singer Michelle Berting  
Brett leads a theatrical show featuring The Carpenters’ music and story.  
Cost: $29 to $49

SAT 8  
**Cedric van Eenoo**  
**GARRISON**  
5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-809-5750  
garrisonartcenter.org  
A reception opens a solo exhibit of van Eenoo’s monochromatic canvases that speak to the essence of painting. Also on view is smallWORKS 2 1/2, with works by 70 artists. Through Jan. 6

**VISUAL ARTS**

SAT 8  
**Gift Wrapped**  
**BEACON**  
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery  
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505  
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery  
This show has a mix of 2D, 3D, wall-hanging and standing pieces, all priced at $200 or less. Through Jan. 4

SAT 8  
**Natural Selection**  
**BEACON**  
6 – 9 p.m. bau Gallery  
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584  
baugallery.com  
Eight artists explore the metaphorical process of evolution and change. Also, Jean Brennan screens a new video.

SAT 8  
**Stanley Lindwasser**  
**BEACON**  
6 – 8 p.m. Oak Vino  
389 Main St. | oakvino.com  
The conceptual artist will speak about his work.

**STAGE & SCREEN**

SAT 8  
**The White Ribbon (2009)**  
**PEEKSILL**  
3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA  
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100  
hudsonvalleymoca.org  
Increasingly brutal pranks directed at the upper class strike a small German village. The screening is part of the monthly Cinema Club.  
Cost: $12 ($8 members)

SAT 8  
**Romeo and Juliet**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7 p.m. Haldane High School  
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254  
haldaneschool.org  
Haldane Drama presents Shakespeare’s classic tale of love and love lost.  
Cost: $12 ($5 students, seniors free)

SUN 9  
**No Strings Marionettes**  
**BEACON**  
1 & 4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
At 1 p.m., the puppet troupe will present A Dragon’s Tale and, at 4 p.m., The Snow Maiden. Presented with the Howland Public Library.  
Cost: $10 adults, children free

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Cost: $10 adults, children free

SAT 8  
**Doubt: A Parable**  
**GARRISON**  
3 & 8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-9900  
snowdroptheatres.com/events/3626372  
In this play by John Patrick Shanley, set in a Catholic school in the Bronx in 1964, a nun suspects a priest of having an inappropriate relationship with a male student. See page 9. Also SUN 9, SAT 15, SUN 16.  
Cost: $25 ($20 students, seniors)

**KIDS & FAMILY**

SAT 8  
**Kids’ Make-and-Take Holiday Craft**  
**COLD SPRING**  
1 – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
This annual holiday party includes crafts, games and a visit from the Grinch. Registration required.  
Free

**CIVIC**

MON 10  
**City Council**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. City Hall  
1 Municipal Plaza | 845-838-5011  
cityofbeacon.org

TUES 11  
**Dutchess BOCES Capital Project Vote**  
**BEACON**  
Noon – 8 p.m. School District Office  
11 Education Drive | beaconk12.org

TUES 11  
**Fire Commissioner Election**  
**GARRISON**  
5 – 9 p.m. Garrison Fire House  
1616 Route 9 | 845-424-4406  
garrisonsd.org

WED 12  
**Board of Trustees**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
258 Main St. | 845-265-3611  
coldspringny.gov

**FRI 14**

**The Legend of 1900 (1998)**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1154  
beaconlibrary.org  
As part of its International Film Series, the library will screen this film from Italy. In flashbacks, it tells the story of a baby boy, discovered in an ocean liner’s boiler room, who becomes a musical prodigy.  
Free
Bits of Beacon History

By Robert Murphy

Dead mayors

The origin of Beacon's street names sometimes leads the researcher down dusty, long-forgotten paths of local history. Take, for example, Beacon’s dead mayors streets.

In March 1941, the Beacon City Council met to remedy the problem of streets in Beacon that dated to before 1913, when the city was formed from the villages of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing. As a result of the images, there was Washington Avenue and Washington Street; Tompkins Place and Tompkins Avenue; Center Street and West Center Street; and Park Avenue and Park Street.

In the 28 years since Beacon had become a city, there had been seven mayors, three of whom had died. In a “Eureka!” moment, council members decided to name those conflicted streets after the dead mayors. Thus, Tompkins Place became Beskin Place after Beacon’s second mayor; Samuel Beskin. Washington Street became Russell Avenue after Alfred Russell, the mayor from 1930 to 1933.

However, plans to rename Center Street to Frost Street to honor James Frost, the first mayor, ran into a roadblock. Many residents on that street protested the change and the council took note, so the late Mayor Frost was stiffed.

After running through the dead mayors, the council renamed Park Street (then located near upper Liberty Street) to Wilson Street after Pvt. William Wilson, the first soldier from Beacon to die in World War I.

Twain’s visit

One of my favorite authors is Mark Twain and for years I have been searching through old local newspapers hoping to find some clue that he once visited in Beacon. The closest I could come was the time the creator of Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer passed through Matteawan as a passenger on the New England Railroad — riding on the tracks just 100 feet or so from The Roundhouse — as he journeyed from his home in Hartford to West Point. I would hope the views of our Main Street and Fishkill Creek left a pleasing impression as he gazed out the window.

Cedar Lawn

The first major undertaking in Beacon’s Urban Renewal program was the Forrestal Heights Housing Project. In 1966, a handful of handsome old homes on Wolcott Avenue between South Avenue and Dinan Street were seized and razed, among them a dilapidated, bulging, made-over apartment house once known as Cedar Lawn.

Cedar Lawn had belonged to Dr. Egbert Guernsey (1823-1903), a journalist, philanthropist, founder of two hospitals, and New York’s most noted doctor of homeopathy. For more than 50 years, Dr. Guernsey came to his Georgian mansion summer home with its accompanying 12 acres in Fishkill Landing to

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Obituary

Keaton Guthrie-Goss (1993-2018)

William Keaton Guthrie-Goss, 25, of Philadelphia, and formerly of Garrison, drowned on Nov. 29 while surfing in Northern California.

He was born Jan. 24, 1993, in New York City, the son of Joel Goss, of Beacon, and Cat Guthrie, of Garrison. Keaton grew up in Garrison, attending the Garrison School and the Master’s School in Dobbs Ferry. In 2015 he graduated from Beloit College in Wisconsin, where he earned degrees in creative writing and classics. He enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding and surfing and was skilled at marketing and social media.

“Keaton and I doing what we loved to do — having adventures in the sea!” his mother wrote in tribute on Facebook above a photo of the two of them holding surfboards at the beach. “I am so happy he went out with a blaze, doing what he loves.” She added: “Keaton loved people, and people loved Keaton. Whether it was the tollbooth taker or the Uber driver, casual encounters could create lifelong friends.”

At Beloit, the school’s president, Scott Bierman, announced Keaton’s death to the campus on Dec. 1 and shared a message from Professor Donna Oliver, who remembered her former student as “kind, sweet, funny and smart.” She added: “The death of anyone so young is especially difficult to understand and accept; all of us who knew Keaton grieve the loss of a truly good soul.”

Besides his parents, Keaton is survived by his grandmother, Mary Ann Goss, and his girlfriend, Paige Tendler. A celebration of life for family and close friends will be held at The Garrison, 2015 Route 9, from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16. Memorial donations may be made to Beloit College, Box 45, 700 College St., Beloit, WI 53511 (beloit.edu/giving) or the Fresh Air Fund, 633 Third Ave., 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017 (freshair.org/support-us).

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Girls’ Basketball Preview

By Skip Pearlman

Beacon

The Beacon High School team is coming off a season where the Bulldogs finished 5–16 and lost in the first round of playoffs to Walter Panas. The returning squad has experience, with four starters from last season: juniors Grace Affeldt, Enita Rodriguez and Skyler Kurtz, and sophomore Dior Gillins.

Nevertheless, the Bulldogs struggled last week, losing their first two games. On Nov. 29, the team fell at Brewster, 45-18, and on Tuesday (Dec. 4), it dropped a 38-14 decision to Pearl River.

“Both teams pressed us the entire game,” said Coach Christina Dahl, who is in her 16th season. “We have trouble finishing. We get shots, but the ball doesn’t go in, and we have way too many turnovers. Our focal point has been trying to limit the turnovers, get better shots, and improve our confidence and focus.”

Affeldt, Rodriguez and Kurtz are the captains. “All three can be shooters,” the coach said. “They are the most confident players we have on the court.”

The Bulldogs are rounded out by senior Samantha Engel; juniors Sarah Evans, Analiese Compagnone and Dania Gillins; and sophomore Lejdina Gecaj. Newcomers include junior Ziara Beato, sophomore Amanda Moroch and seventh-grader Devyn Kelly.

“We’ve been struggling offensively but playing well defensively,” Dahl said. “The focus is always on defensive intensity. As we practice and play, we’ll gain more confidence, and that will help us on offense.”

Still, Dahl believes the Bulldogs can reach the playoffs again. “We can compete in the league and get into the sectionals,” she predicted. Beacon is scheduled to play in a tournament on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Walter Panas.

Haldane

Despite losing its All-Section talent from last year’s 12–11 team, the defending Section 1 champion Haldane team, as is typical, has other talent in the wings. The Blue Devils have won the last five Section 1, Class C titles.

Haldane will miss center Allison Chiera and forward Abbey Stowell, who graduated, but returns a pair of experienced starters in guard Olivia McDermott and forward Bela Monteleone, as well as senior guard/forward Julia Rotando, who missed last year with an injury. She is the team’s captain.

Junior forward Sophia Viggiano also returns. New players include juniors Anna Rowe and Abigail Platt, sophomores Shianne Twoguns and Maddie Chiera and freshmen Molly Siegel and Lili Westerhuis.

“We have a fairly young team,” said Coach Tyrone Searight, in his 11th year. “Hopefully we’ll start playing hard and aggressive and by February we’ll be going on all cylinders and can go into the section. But we need to rebound better. We play good defense, and we can shoot. Hopefully we improve with each game.”

The Blue Devils opened their season Tuesday at home, falling 50–39 to Pleasantville, which built a large lead in the first quarter before Haldane awoke to make it competitive. McDermott finished with 11 points, Monteleone had nine and Viggiano, seven.

“It was our first game, they were a little nervous, and that created a lot of turnovers,” Searight said. “At points we played well; we just couldn’t get over the hump. We dug ourselves a big hole in the first quarter.

“We’re trying to find individuals who can give us some scoring,” he added. “We saw some good defense, and we shared the ball, but we made mistakes due to inexperience.”

The Blue Devils are scheduled to host Blind Brook on Monday, Dec. 10, at 6:15 p.m. and visit Edgemont on Dec. 12 at 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Scoreboard

Boys’ Basketball

Haldane 60, Webutuck 33
Haldane 63, Pawling 29
Pleasantville 54, Haldane 49
Beacon 83, Gorton 24
Dayion Thompson (17), Willie Rivera (11)
Suffern 75, Beacon 72
Thompson (26), Rivera (19), Emmanuel Garner (17)
Boys’ Swimming

Harrison 88, Beacon 72
Boys’ Bowling

John Jay East Fishkill 7, Beacon 0
Kingston 7, Beacon 0
Girls’ Bowling

Beacon 7, John Jay East Fishkill 0
Beacon 5, Kingston 2
Wrestling

Beacon 51, Scarsdale 31
Carmel 48, Beacon 42

Coach Tyrone Searight and the Blue Devils prepare for the opening tip against Pleasantville.

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