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Lynn Miller, co-owner of Go-Go Pops in Cold Spring, led a gingerbread and cookie craft workshop on Dec. 2. She is shown at top left behind the counter with students Mindy Jesek and Josephine Foley-Hedlund. The next workshop, on Dec. 16, is nearly full. Miller also made and has on display in her shop window at 64 Main St. a panorama in gingerbread of iconic buildings in Cold Spring (above). Can you identify them all? See Page 18. Miller says she created the facades because she was “deeply saddened by the fact that the lovely St. Mary’s-in-the-Highlands, sitting at the center of our village, struggles to maintain its place in our lives [because of financial difficulties]. I wanted to honor its history by showcasing it in our window but needed to fill out the tableau to reflect the beauty and cheerfulness of our village during the holidays.”

Photo (above) by Michael Turton | Photos (left) by Ross Corsair

## 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



Luz Bailey of Nelsonville in the Dominican Republic with a patient Photo provided

camp), 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

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## Main Street Loses Mainstays

*Cupoccino and Country Clocks close in Cold Spring*



The Cupoccino Cafe, which lost its lease, closed on Nov. 30.

Photo by M. Turton

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 resi-

dent 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.

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# 5 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.



Sue Costigan

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# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

## What is your earliest childhood memory?

I was 3, inside the Sacred Heart Church in the Bronx. The girl in front of me wore a leopard skin, pill-box hat.



Peter McGivney, Chelsea

I was 5, playing with wood shavings in my father's shop in Lago, Italy.



Mike Procopio, Cold Spring

I don't remember anything offhand from my childhood, but a photo will trigger a memory.



Leah Milcarek, Nelsonville



# 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.



DeGelormo



Alexander

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 (Jess), 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](http://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 on 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.

"I do not 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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## The Highlands Current

### Dear Beacon Resident,

In 2015 we decided that our website and paper, which had been covering Cold Spring, should expand to Beacon, because there seemed such a strong connection between the artistic and civic life of the two communities. We even changed our name, from Philipstown.info to The Highlands Current, to reflect the change.

As a nonprofit, we rely on readers for 75 percent of the costs to publish our paper and website, which we distribute free of charge. (The rest comes from advertising revenue.) But most of our donors are still from Cold Spring and Garrison. If you enjoy the paper and our coverage of Beacon, please consider donating what you can. **Even \$10 is significant, especially if you have never given before,** because it signals your support and counts as a vote that we should continue. **See [highlandscurrent.org/support](http://highlandscurrent.org/support), text CURRENT to 44-321 or write us at 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.**

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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.)

### Clarification

In a story in our Nov. 30 issue ("Beacon Firefighters: 'It Has Never Been This Bad'"), we reported that the Beacon city budget includes \$96,240 to pay for an additional full-time ("career") firefighter, bringing the number to 14. In fact, the roster will remain at 13 after the new hire, because he or she will succeed the retiring Tim Dexter, who was also Beacon's building inspector. Active and retired firefighters have lobbied the City Council to add three new positions to bring the total to 16.

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 Legislator 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.

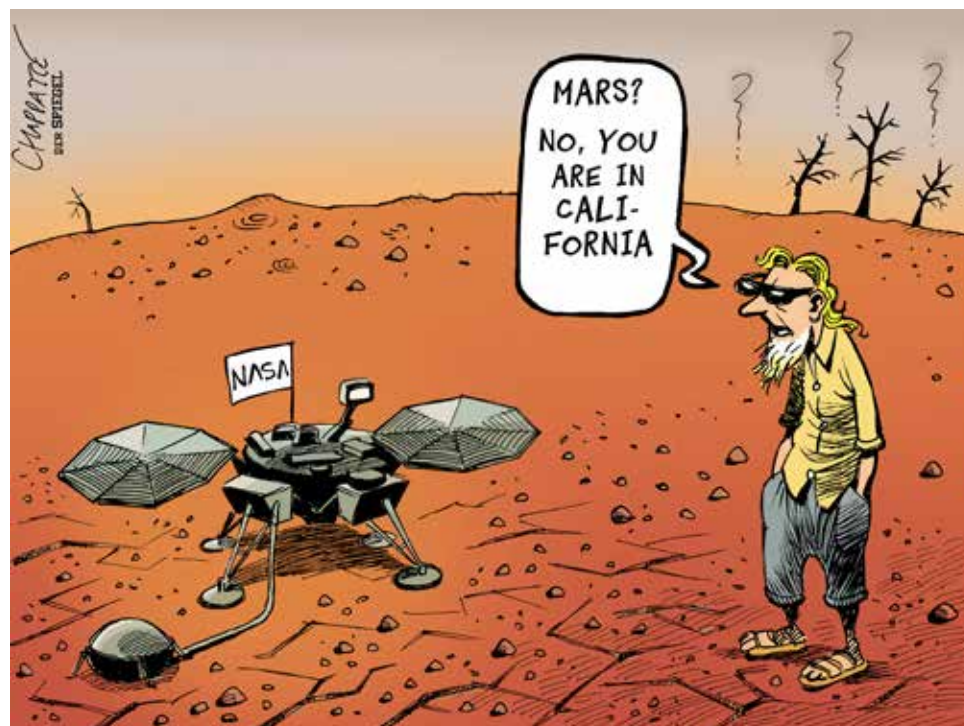
Geraldine Fuller, *via Facebook*

### 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 Metro-North engine pulling cars (left) and cars being pushed Photos by A.E. Moreira

**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 Sputyen 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

**A**fter 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 58,746, 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 Val-



Serino



Smythe

ley 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.


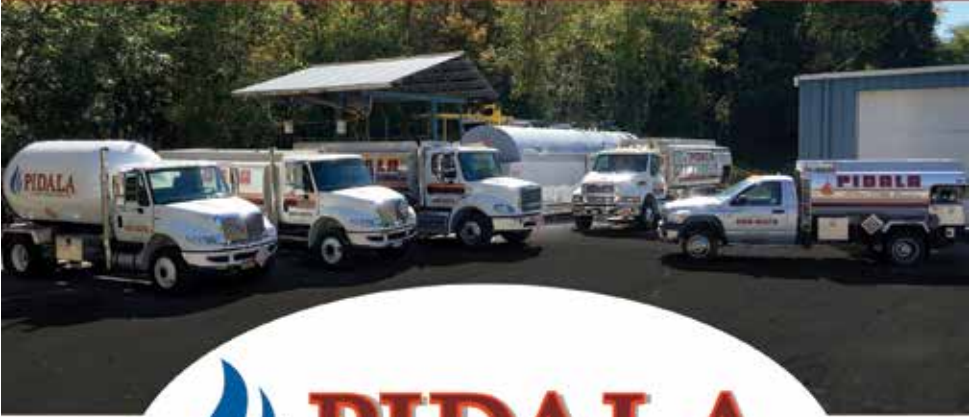
In a race for Dutchess Family Court judge, the Democratic candidate, Jeffrey Martin, defeated Karen Hagstrom, the Republican, by 1,462 votes. Martin led by 115 votes on Nov. 6.

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**HONORS FOR GARRISON STUDENTS** — Nine students who attended the Garrison School were among the 30 students inducted on Nov. 20 into the National Honor Society at James I. O'Neill High School in Highland Falls. In the front row, from left, are Henry Heckert, Solana McKee, Rex Young (president), McKenzie Clark, Madison Clark (secretary) and Garrison School Principal Alex Levine. In the back row are Isaac Walker, Benjamin Higbee, Gaetano Cervone and Adam Sharifi.

**LANDSCAPES** — The Towne Crier Cafe in Beacon has mounted an exhibit of paintings by Rick Gedney of Philipstown that will be on display from Second Saturday (Dec. 8) through January.

*Photo provided*



**ART THAT MOVES** — The Ramps at Memorial Park group is raising funds for its Beacon skate park by selling \$60 custom boards with images by local artists. Shown above is the "Dummy Light" board by Erica Hauser and the "Croc" board by Melissa Schlobohm; a "Boom!" board by MC Wolfman is also available. See [ridebeacon.bigcartel.com](http://ridebeacon.bigcartel.com). *Images provided*

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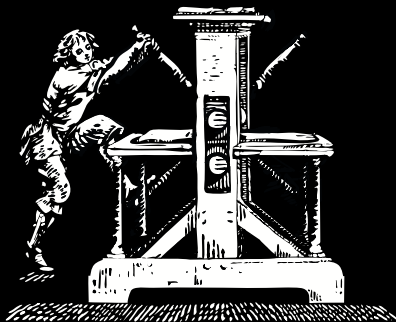
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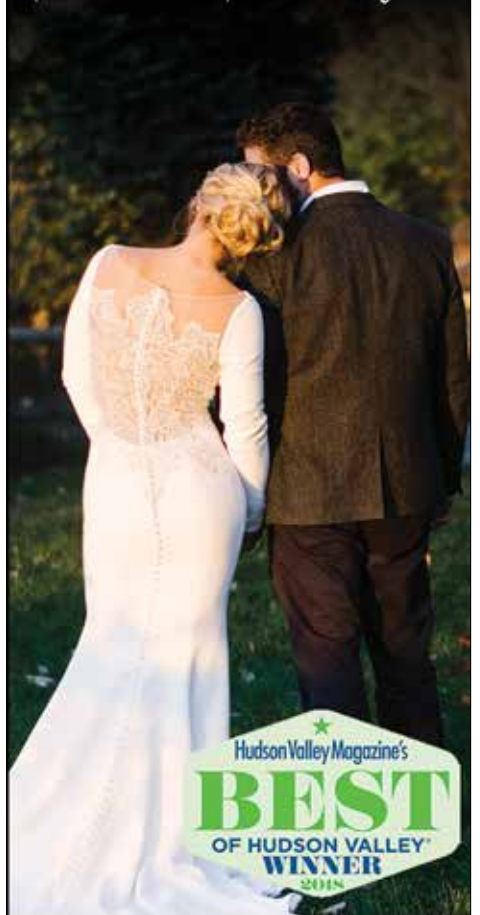
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## NEWS BRIEFS

## 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 \$10,000 owed to the Beacon City School District for six overpayments.

The company agreed to pay \$1.76 million in restitution as well as a \$1.5 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.

# At Last Meeting, Scuccimarra Offers Thanks

*Legislator served two terms representing Philipstown*

By Holly Crocco

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown on the Putnam County Legislature, thanked her colleagues, county workers and constituents during her last formal meeting on Tuesday (Dec. 4) at the Historic Courthouse in Carmel.

The Republican sought a third, three-year term but was defeated by Nancy Montgomery, a Democratic member of the Philipstown Town Board, in the November election.

"It has been a pleasure to be among this group of legislators," Scuccimarra said. "I know we didn't always agree — even tonight — and have had some very lively discussions, to say the least, but I thank you for your kindness, support and friendship."

Scuccimarra chaired the Health Committee for the past four years, during which time she championed several initiatives, including reducing plastic pollution, addressing the health of honeybees and passing legislation to raise the minimum age to

purchase tobacco from 18 to 21.

Her most notable project was the county senior center that will open at the former Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring.

"This center would not have been possible without the strong support and dedication of the seniors," she said. "Although we had no help from either the town or village board in Philipstown — in fact, we had resistance — we still managed to see the project over the finish line."

A ribbon-cutting has been scheduled for Dec. 18.

"I do believe my success over the past six years is due in part to the cooperation I received from all the department heads and their staff, always working as a team for Putnam," she said. "To my constituents: It was my extreme pleasure to be your legislator. I do believe I made a difference. Although the election didn't turn out the way I had hoped, I will always be grateful for the opportunity to serve my community."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) thanked Scuccimarra.

"Barbara has been a fine legislator," she said. "I know that Barbara will continue in



Barbara Scuccimarra

File photo

some shape or form to dedicating herself to the people of Putnam County and to the people of Philipstown and her district, because that's the way Barbara is wired."

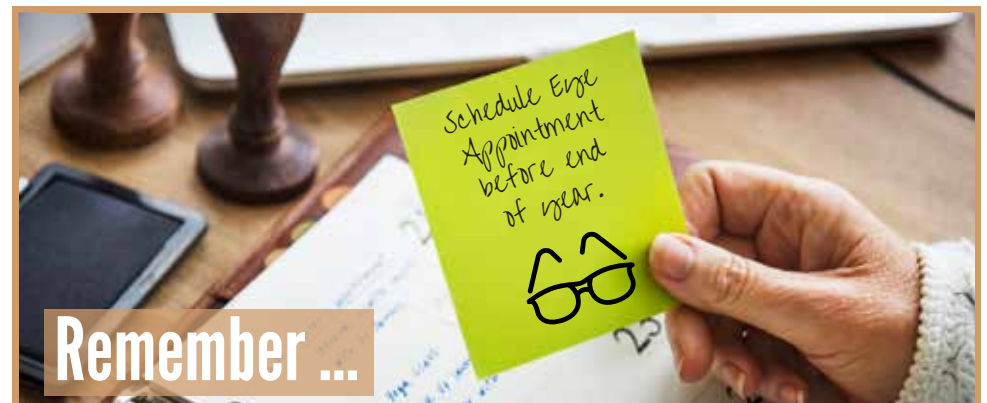
Freshman Legislator Amy Sayegh of Mahopac added that she "couldn't have asked for a better mentor on the Health Committee."

## Judge Scuccimarra to Retire

Thomas 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.



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## Luz Bailey *(from Page 1)*

visits regularly provides follow-up care.)

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



Luz Bailey with a patient *Photos provided*

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.”



Bailey, assisted by a Stonybrook student, at the clinic

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 be-

gan 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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# The Calendar

## A Stage Filled with Doubt

*New company to perform a certain parable*

By Alison Rooney

**A**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,’ ” adds Gorn. “Even though we



*Doubt* features, at top left, Duane Rutter and Julia Boyes, and, at bottom right, Robin Joseph and Dawn Brown-Berenson.

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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**“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.”**



Photo by Larry Baglio

The Putnam Chorale performed at St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon.

## Wanted: Singers Free on Mondays

*Putnam Chorale hoping to recruit in Philipstown*

By Alison Rooney

**F**eel the urge to sing? Are you free on Mondays?

You don’t need to be able to read music, or sing like a pro, to join the weekly rehearsals for the Putnam Chorale, a community chorus that hopes to recruit members from Philipstown after struggling to find an audience there for performances. (It has members from Beacon but none presently from Cold Spring, Nelsonville or Garrison.)

Based in Carmel, the Chorale doesn’t have auditions but does take its singing seriously and especially needs tenors and basses. See [putnamchorale.org](http://putnamchorale.org) or call 845-520-7574.

Founded in 1984, the Chorale wraps its scheduling around four seasonal concerts that include an open summer sing and a community *Messiah*. This year it added an all-Haydn performance at St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon, and a smaller ensemble will perform a pair of holiday concert sat Boscobel in Garrison on

Saturday, Dec. 15, of music that would have been heard in U.S. churches and homes in the early 19th century. (Both are sold out.)

There are usually 45 to 50 singers in the chorale, and 20 in the ensemble, says Nick Simonelli, the president of the nonprofit’s board. “People rotate in and out; life intercedes,” he says. Simonelli has been involved since 1993, and some members joined in the late 1980s. Nearly everyone comes aboard after learning about the chorale through word-of-mouth, he says, or after hearing a concert.

Amy Rastadt, who lives in Beacon, joined two years ago, after attending a concert. She says she hesitated because she didn’t think she was good enough but went to a rehearsal after a member of her church choir told her, “You have to join this group I found.” There is a range of talent, Rastadt says, but “everyone is treated the same whether you are an extremely talented soprano or a middle-of-the-range tenor. Singing with this amazing group of people

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Robin Joseph and Albi Gorn

Photo by A. Rooney

## 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](http://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 rehearse 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."



The Chorale at St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church in Beacon

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## 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."

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

and repaired antique timepieces. When interviewed by *The Current* in 2011, the Garrison resident said a 17th-century English lantern clock was the oldest in his collection but he declined to name a favorite. "It's like saying, 'Who's your favorite child?'" he said. "There's something about each one. They're all different. They each have a certain character."

Broad, who is 65, suffers from Alzheimer's disease, his spouse, Winfried Dohle, told *The Current*.

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## 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.

Polls will be open from 12 to 8 p.m. Voters can go to any of BOCES' 14 voting loca-

tions, but the closest for Beacon residents is the district office at 10 Education Drive.

### Beacon Adopts Budget

The Beacon City Council on Dec. 3 approved the city's \$28.6 million 2019 budget, a plan which includes property tax rate decreases on residential and commercial parcels. Property assessments, however, were largely up in Beacon, so the rate decrease will not automatically signify a lower overall tax bill. Additionally, the budget showed 5 and 10 percent rate increases for water and sewer service and draws \$326,000 from the city's fund balance while staying within the state-mandated 2 percent tax cap. The costs of health insurance, workers' compensation, recycling and the consolidation of long-term debt all jumped significantly, while energy costs were down due to implementation of LED streetlights

and anticipated savings from the city's new solar power farm.

### Hearings, Hearings, Hearings

At its meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11, the Beacon Planning Board will hold a public hearing on a request to extend seating for the Melzingah Tap House outdoors to its pavilion and patio. The restaurant, which opened in April at 554 Main St., hopes to host live acoustic music from May to November.

The Planning Board will also hold a hearing on a request to amend a special-use permit for The Roundhouse on East Main

Street. If approved, plans for an on-site spa would be scrapped, with 10 additional hotel rooms built in its place, bringing the total to 51. A private dining room would be replaced with administrative offices. The City Council approved the amended special-use permit on Dec. 3 but the Planning Board must grant approval before the project can proceed.

A third hearing will address a proposal to build 29 additional live/work spaces at The Lofts at Beacon, a development at 39 Front St. The council approved the amended special-use permit on Oct. 15.

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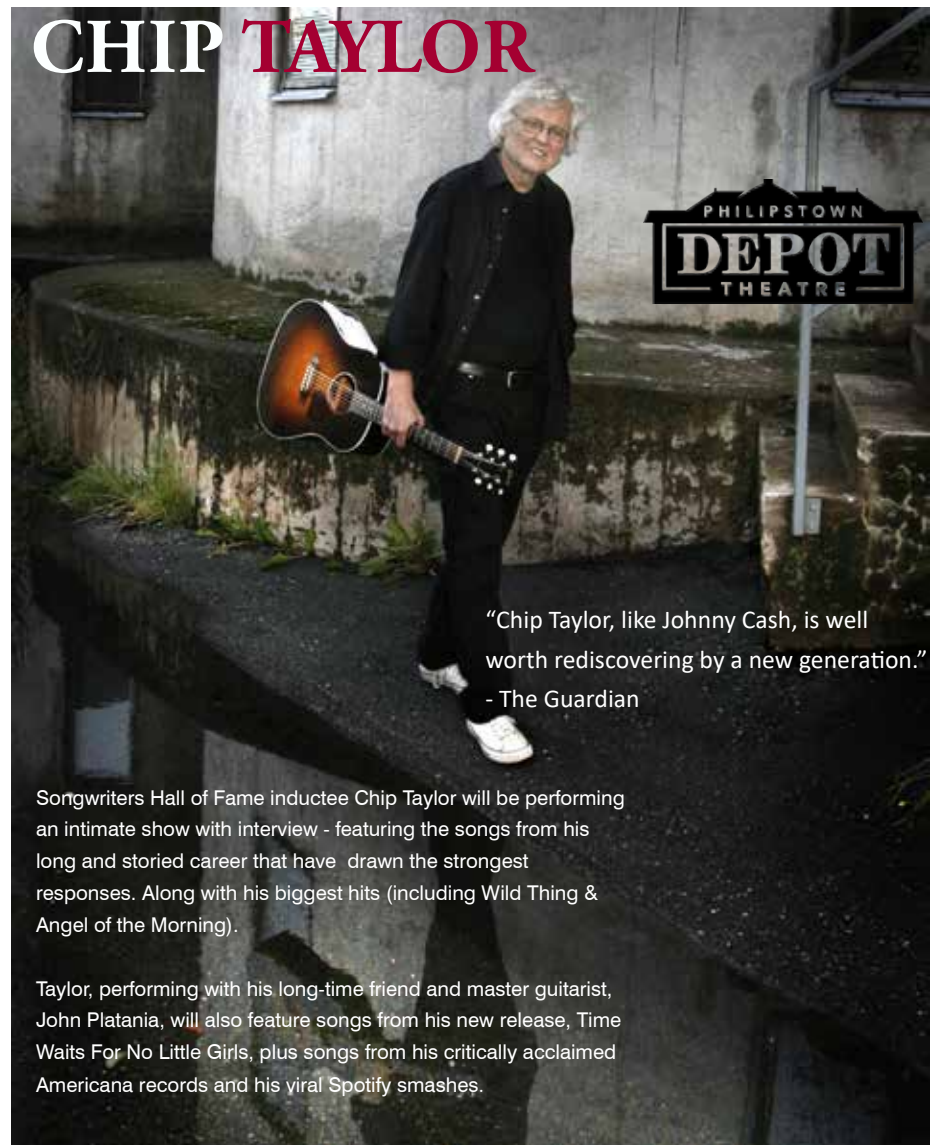
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"Chip Taylor, like Johnny Cash, is well worth rediscovering by a new generation."  
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Taylor, performing with his long-time friend and master guitarist, John Platania, will also feature songs from his new release, Time Waits For No Little Girls, plus songs from his critically acclaimed Americana records and his viral Spotify smashes.

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## Kid Friendly

## Making the Magic

By Katie Hellmuth Martin

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



Elfa on the Shelfa Photo by K. Martin

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 con-

tribute 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.*

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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



Bicycle Tree, Dec. 8

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

SAT 8

### Breakfast with Santa

GARRISON

9 & 10:30 a.m. Garrison Firehouse  
1616 Route 9 | 845-424-4406

The Garrison Volunteer Fire Company Auxiliary 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 | townecrier.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 9D | beaconarts.org

Following the seventh night of lighting the bicycle menorah at 4:30 p.m., Gina Samardge 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 9D | 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.

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 dreidl-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 11

### 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*

SAT 15

### Cookies & Cocoa with Santa

BEACON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tompkins Hose Co.  
13 South Ave. | lewistompkinshose.com



## HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

SAT 8

### The Colonial Nutcracker

PEEKSKILL

2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Set in Yorktown, this version of Tchaikovsky's ballet includes narration. *Cost: \$28.50*

SAT 8

### The Nutcracker

POUGHKEEPSIE

2 & 7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The New Paltz Ballet Theatre and dancers from the New York City Ballet present the classic holiday story of a magical journey. Also SUN 9. *Cost: \$27 to \$32*

SUN 9

### Selections from Handel's Messiah

GARRISON

10:30 a.m. St. Philip's Church  
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3571  
stphilipshighlands.org

The choir will perform selections from Part 1 during the morning service.

FRI 14

### Jonathan Kruk: A Christmas Carol

PUTNAM VALLEY

7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center | 729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

The storyteller shares the classic story with music. *Free (donations welcome)*



FRI 14

### Carol of the King

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The show features 20 Irish dancers and musicians in an original Christmas story. *Cost: \$42 to \$63*

SAT 15

### Hudson Valley Philharmonic

POUGHKEEPSIE

2 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The philharmonic will perform Handel's *Messiah*. *Cost: \$20 to \$50*

SAT 15

### Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra

NEWBURGH

4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College  
Aquinas Hall | 845-913-7157  
newburghsymphony.org

The orchestra will perform "Ave Maria" and other seasonal classics. *Cost: \$25 to \$50*

SAT 15

### Jessica Lynn

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The singer will perform holiday classics with a country twist. Bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. *Cost: \$25 and \$30*

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

SAT 8

### 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. Also, SUN 9.

SAT 8

### Holiday Bazaar

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Manitou School  
1656 Route 9D | 845-809-5695  
manitouschool.org

The sale will include pottery, baked goods, jewelry, handmade gifts, home goods and rocks and minerals.

SAT 8

### Work:Shop Winter Market

BEACON

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wickham Studio  
578 Main St. | 917-797-9247  
workshopwintermarket.com

Twenty artisans will be selling handmade items including ceramics, knitwear, accessories, food, jewelry and home goods. Also SUN 9.

SAT 8

### Holiday Fine Arts and Crafts Small Gifts Show

BEACON

2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org

A reception opens this annual show, which includes handmade gifts, art, food and jewelry. Daily through Dec. 23.

SAT 15

### Winter Market

NEWBURGH

11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Atlas Studios  
11 Spring St. | 845-391-8855  
atlasnewburgh.com

Buy holiday gifts from local makers and designers. Also SUN 16.

## COMMUNITY

SAT 8

### Army-Navy Football Party

COLD SPRING

2:30 p.m. Whistling Willies  
184 Main St. | 845-265-2012  
whistlingwillies.com

Proceeds will benefit the VFW and American Legion posts. Admission includes one beer and a buffet. Raffles and prizes. *Cost: \$10*

MON 10

### Hudson Valley Women in Business Fourth Anniversary

BEACON

6 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St.  
hudsonvalleywomeninbusiness.com

The networking group will meet for drinks, appetizers and door prizes to benefit Raising HOPE and collect personal-care items for women served by Hudson River Housing. *Cost: \$45 (\$50 door)*

THURS 13

### Cold Spring Chamber Holiday Mixer

COLD SPRING

5 – 7 p.m. Hudson House  
2 Main St. | 845-265-3200  
explorecoldspringny.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.

THURS 13

### BeaconArts Holiday Party

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery  
2 Churchill St. | beaconarts.org

Toast another great year for the arts in Beacon. Members receive a free drink.

FRI 14

### More Good Gala

BEACON

8 – 11 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery  
2 Churchill St. | 845-765-0115  
drinkmoregood.com

The gala, with music by Nelly Bombs, will benefit Generosity.org, which provides access to clean water in impoverished nations. *Cost: \$40*



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: \$10*

**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**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
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*

**SUN 9**  
**19th Annual Sloan Wainwright & Friends Holiday Whiz-Bang Shin-Dig**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
Brooks Williams joins singer-songwriter Sloan and the Sloan Flakes for a celebration of the season. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

**THURS 13**  
**The Weepies**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
Singer-songwriters Deb Talan and Steve Tannen, who make up the acoustic indie band, have quietly sold 1.5 million records and have 54 million streams on Spotify but rarely tour. Matt the Electrician will open. *Cost: \$30 to \$55*

**FRI 14**  
**Nicholas Tamagna: Between Past and Future**  
**COLD SPRING**  
8 p.m. Magazzino | 2700 Route 9  
845-666-7202 | magazzino.art  
The program includes Italian music from the 20th century to the present. *Cost: \$15*

**SUN 16**  
**Cafe Sizzle with Goldee Greene & Friends**  
**BEACON**  
5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
Enjoy music, singalongs and mulled cider with host Lev Levin, pianist Tom McCoy and vocalist Russ Cusick. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 seniors/students; \$10 children ages 7-12; under 7 free)*

[ THE WEEK AHEAD ]



BHS Dollhouse, Dec. 8

VISUAL ARTS

**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

**SAT 8**  
**Small Works Show**  
**BEACON**  
6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery | 137 Main St.  
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com  
A reception kicks off the sixth annual show with 130 pieces from 60 artists including painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, prints and mixed media. Through Jan. 6

**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.

**SUN 9**  
**Jazz & Canvas**  
**NELSONVILLE**  
4:30 – 6 p.m. Create Community  
11 Peekskill Road | 845-202-3494  
createcommunityspace.com  
Frederick Johnson will paint with accompaniment from the Daniel Kelly Quartet.

TALKS & TOURS

**SAT 8**  
**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 9. *Cost: \$26 (\$16 children, ages 5 and younger free)*

**SUN 16**  
**Holiday House Tours**  
**BEACON**  
3 – 6 p.m. Mount Gulian  
145 Sterling St. | 845-831-8172  
mountgulian.org

Each room will be decorated in a period style, with 18th-century harpsichord music performed by The Ministers of Apollo. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 senior; \$6 child, members free)*

KIDS & FAMILY

**SAT 8**  
**Kids’ Make-and-Take Holiday Craft**  
**BEACON**  
1 – 3 p.m. Beacon Historical Society  
17 South Ave. | 845-831-0514  
beaconhistorical.org

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to make a craft and watch the decoration of the historical society’s dollhouse for the holidays. *Free*

**SUN 9**  
**Grinch Party**  
**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*

**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*

STAGE & SCREEN

**SAT 8**  
**The White Ribbon (2009)**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
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)*

**SAT 8**  
**A Chorus Line**  
**BEACON**  
7:30 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900  
beaconplayers.com  
The Beacon Players perform the 1975 Broadway hit. Also SUN 9. Parental guidance suggested. *Cost: \$12 (\$5 students, seniors)*

**SAT 8**  
**Doubt: A Parable**  
**GARRISON**  
3 & 8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900  
brownpapertickets.com/event/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)*

**THURS 13**  
**America / The Lost City Diaries**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com  
As part of its film night series, the Crier will screen two films by Mark Gamma and Keaton Weiss: *America*, a short that chronicles the daily life of a homeless man as he remembers the affluent life he led prior to the market crash of 2008, and *The Lost City Diaries*, a documentary about the history of Newburgh as told by its lifelong residents and historians. Gamma will answer questions. *Free*

**FRI 14**  
**The Legend of 1900 (1998)**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
As part of its International Film Series, the library will screen this 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*

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

**MON 10**  
**School Board**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900  
beaconk12.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  
garrisonfd.org

**TUES 11**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611  
coldspringny.gov

**WED 12**  
**Village Board**  
**NELSONVILLE**  
6:30 p.m. Village Hall  
258 Main St. | 845-265-2500  
nelsonvilleny.gov

**WED 12**  
**School Board**  
**GARRISON**  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org



# 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.



Cedar Lawn, which belonged to Dr. Egbert Guernsey, was torn down in 1966.

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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 Forrester 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, philan-



Beacon mayors Frost and Beskin

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thropist, 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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## MOUNT GULIAN HISTORIC SITE

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take a break from his busy Fifth Avenue practice. At some 400 pounds, the hefty doctor was hard to miss as he rode his carriage about the streets of Fishkill Landing, off to assist those in need regardless of their station in life. This quality of mercy was not lost on one his literary friends. Bret Harte was best known for his fictional stories of Cali-

fornia's Gold Rush miners, but in his short story, "The Man Whose Yoke Was Not Easy," he based the protagonist on Guernsey, describing his fictional doctor as a "man who, through his long contact with suffering, had acquired universal tenderness and breadth of kindly philosophy; a man who devoted the greater part of his life to the alleviation of sorrow and suffering, whose face was as kindly, whose touch was as gentle in the

wards of great hospitals as it was beside the laced curtains of the dying Narcissa." Cedar Lawn was located about where the Forrestal Heights high-rise is today. By the 1950s and 1960s, a landlord had chopped the mansion into apartments. Robert Murphy has been president of the Beacon Historical Society since 1998. These items were excerpted from his blog at [beaconhistorical.org](http://beaconhistorical.org).

### HOLIDAY TREATS

(from Page 1) Sky Baby Building, St. Mary-in-the-Highlands, Halls 1875 Building, Cold Spring Band Stand, Julia L. Butterfield Library, Cold Spring Village Hall, and Cold Spring United Methodist Church

### 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](http://beloit.edu/giving)) or the Fresh Air Fund, 633 Third Ave., 14th Floor, New York, NY 10017 ([freshair.org/support-us](http://freshair.org/support-us)).

## 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.

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4 divided (5)	_____
5 come to rest (6)	_____
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7 photographs, informally (5)	_____

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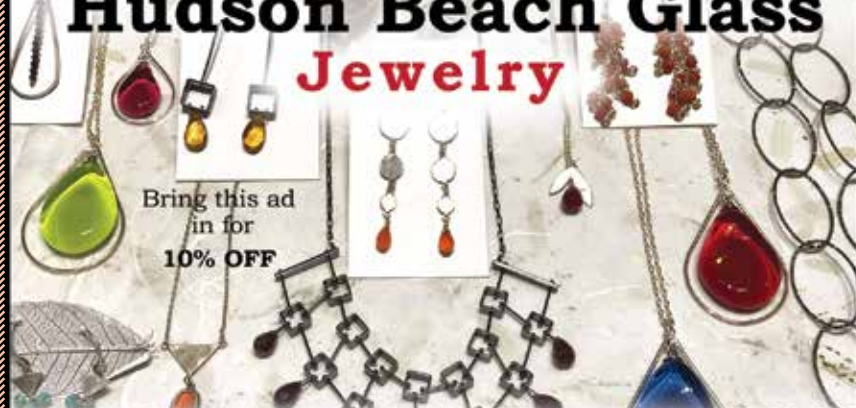
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Girls’  
Basketball  
Preview

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 team is 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.



Beacon returns four starters from last year's squad: juniors Grace Affeldt, Enita Rodriguez and Skyler Kurtz, and sophomore Dior Gillins.

“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 take care of 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.



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

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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