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**GOTCHA!** — A spectre played by Marie Murnane prepares on Oct. 13 to spook members of a Ghosts in the Mist walking tour organized by the Beacon Historical Society. The tours continue today (Oct. 18) and Saturday; see [beaconhistorical.org](https://beaconhistorical.org). Photo by Ross Corsair

## Does It Pay to Prosecute Pot?

*Council debate goes behind closed doors*

By Jeff Simms

**A** Beacon City Council member has asked her colleagues to consider a law that would deprioritize the enforcement of marijuana laws, but the police and city attorneys say the proposal won't stand under scrutiny.

Introduced by Council Member Jodi McCredo, the proposal comes on the heels of a state law enacted in August that reduced the possession of up to 2 ounces of marijuana from a misdemeanor that could lead to jail time to a violation punishable by a fine.

The local policy, which McCredo crafted with David Jensen, a Beacon attorney who is on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, goes further, asking Beacon police to make "law enforcement activities relating to marijuana offenses" their lowest priority.

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## Few Challengers at Candidates' Forum

*Cold Spring mayoral race took center stage*

By Michael Turton

**P**olitical drama was largely absent — as were a number of candidates — at a League of Women Voters of Putnam County forum held at Haldane on Wednesday (Oct. 16) in anticipation of the Nov. 5 election.

The only candidates who showed up who will oppose each other on the ballot on Nov. 5 were incumbent Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy and his challenger, Chuck Hustis.

Incumbent Cold Spring Trustees Marie Early and Fran Murphy fielded questions; a challenger, Margaret Parr, will appear on

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**Questions for Candidates**  
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## Mental-Health Hub Opens in Cold Spring

*Nonprofit will provide referrals, support*

By Alison Rooney

**A** newly formed community organization, the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, will host its grand opening in Cold Spring on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Located just off lower Main Street, the nonprofit will offer confidential referrals to mental health and addiction services, as well as information and follow-ups.

Its executive director is Danielle Pack McCarthy, a social worker who is also Philipstown's addiction-resource coordinator, a position established by the Town Board in 2017. She said those in need will be referred to the center by schools, judges, therapists, first responders and religious institutions, although walk-ins are welcome. The Hub also will host support programs and workshops and identify grants that could fund addiction recovery and resources.

"We have a lot of private practitioners who do great work [with therapy] but are not necessarily connecting patients to other



Executive Director Danielle Pack McCarthy at The Hub

Photo provided

resources," Pack McCarthy said. "We want to make sure no one slips through the cracks."

She said she expects that "getting people in the door" will be the initial challenge, "to make people comfortable with the space. We're busy now establishing that founda-

tion, creating policies and at the same time already working with families in crisis."

Pack McCarthy, a former Nelsonville trustee, spends 12 hours per week as the town's addiction resource coordinator but noted "there are not enough resources. The Hub will broaden my position to more mental-health programming" and offer regular hours and a central location. "The number of overdose deaths in Philipstown is just unacceptable," she said. "So, too, is the prevalence of loneliness, isolation and addiction."

The Hub is overseen by a board of directors chaired by Shannon Keegan that will handle marketing, technology and fundraising. "The board is quite diverse; there are people who have been here their whole lives and others who have moved here in the past 10 years," Keegan said. "We have a wide range of experience and perspectives, including, for example, an emergency-room doctor at Putnam Hospital."

Keegan said the board did not plan to have a storefront but was able to fund it because of the "amazing community support. So many people are touched by mental-health issues, whether it's depression, anxiety or loss of

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## FIVE QUESTIONS: ANDREA GARBARINI

By Brian PJ Cronin

Andrea Garbarini is the director of *From Beacon to the Border*, a 35-minute documentary about the Grannies Respond movement organized in opposition to recent federal immigration policies. The Beacon Hebrew Alliance, 331 Verplanck Ave., will host a free screening at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

### How did the project come about?

Friends of mine who are filmmakers sent me an article from *Yes!* magazine about a group of grannies who were going to the [Mexican] border to protest the separation of families. They said, "Why don't you try to do a movie on that?" I followed the grannies in a rented van with two young men who had just graduated college. One was a film major and the other was an art major. I talked them into coming. We also shared the van with Antonio Flores-Lopez from Radio Kingston.

### You produced a documentary about 9/11 widows, but this was your first film as a director. What made you decide to make it yourself?

I thought it was time for me to do something on my own. I put my mind to it. I said



Andrea Garbarini

Photo provided

"I'm going to do it," the two kids were available, I rented some additional cameras and we hit the ground running. It was quite a sprint!

### What was most surprising about the experience?

The spirit of the elders and their ability to raise their voices and be heard, their ability to bring attention to a distressing situation.

### What do you hope people take away from your film?

It's never too late to have a collective voice. What's going on at the border is inhumane. I hope people see that we need to treat all humans with respect and dignity and that it is never OK to separate children from their parents.

### Are you concerned the issue is no longer in the news every day?

As with any news cycle, things come to the forefront and other things get pushed to the back. There's so much going on. There is chaos distracting us from issues that mean something, but the immigration issue is not going away. Because of climate change and unrest in some of these countries, it's just going to get worse. There's going to be a constant flow of migrants and we need to extend our hand. Because if they're not OK, we're not going to be OK, either.

## ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

### What's in your coffee cup?

“

A regular cup o' Joe, decaf, cream, no sugar.

”



~Mary Bloxson, Cold Spring

“

Dark roast with raw milk at home, latte when I'm out.

”



~Krystal Ford, Garrison

“

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~Mia Klubnick, Cold Spring

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# Putnam Settles Lawsuit Alleging False Arrest

*Legislators approve  
\$130K payment*

By Chip Rowe

Putnam County legislators voted unanimously on Oct. 1 to approve a \$130,000 settlement with three people who sued the Sheriff's Department

last year alleging false arrest.

In the lawsuit, filed in federal court in White Plains, Nicole Cannizzaro, Alexander Schvets and Jonathan Wilson, all residents of Connecticut, said that deputies in an unmarked car pulled them over in Carmel in February 2018 because a deputy said they had a taillight out.

Schvets, who was driving, said an officer accused him of being under the influence

of drugs or alcohol; he said replied that he was in recovery and had been sober for 18 months. The plaintiffs said the officers removed a bag from the vehicle, identified the 13 round white pills inside as Ecstasy, and arrested all three plaintiffs.

They were taken to the county jail and charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance before being released on bail. The county also distributed their mug

shots, and Wilson said he was fired from his job.

The lawsuit states the items were actually plastic plugs that Schvets had used on a construction job. It said that in April 2018, at a second court appearance, the charges against all three plaintiffs were dismissed.

In its response to the lawsuit, the Sheriff's Department said its deputies acted in good faith, but in August 2019 the parties agreed to settle.

"The charges against us were entirely false," said the plaintiffs in a statement released through their attorney. "We are very happy to have been fully vindicated."

## No Light at Chestnut Ridge

*State declines request for  
traffic study*

By Michael Turton

There will be no traffic light on Route 9D in Cold Spring near Chestnut Ridge and the Butterfield redevelopment project.

At the Tuesday (Oct. 15) meeting of the Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy read aloud a letter from the state Department of Transportation declining Cold Spring's request for a traffic study to determine if a light was needed. Route 9D is a state highway.

Gayle Sudder, a state traffic analyst, noted that Route 9D has three nearby pedestrian

crosswalks and suggested the village could install an in-street crossing sign or rectangular rapid-flashing beacon. Merandy said he would discuss those approaches with Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge of the Cold Spring Police Department.

### In other business ...

■ Trustees will have to dig deeper into the budget than expected to replace the aging boiler at the firehouse, which it owns. Merandy said the three quotes received were "way more than expected." He said a requirement that the village pay the "prevailing wage" added significantly to the cost. Phoenix Mechanical of Elmsford had the low bid at \$30,200, followed by Pidala Heating and Cooling

of Cold Spring at \$34,115 and Westar Tech Services of Middletown at \$39,640. The village engineer recommended the board accept the Pidala bid because it included better-quality equipment.

■ "It's like D-Day!" Trustee Steve Voloto said of the influx of tourists expected to arrive in Cold Spring on Seastreak boats this weekend, along with the usual hikers and other visitors arriving by train or car. On Tuesday, reservations for the two boats scheduled to dock topped 750 on Saturday and 500 on Sunday. Seastreak officials, who agreed to pay for portable toilets near the dock, said the passenger count could increase before the weekend. Merandy said he will contact local restaurant owners and possibly invite two food trucks into the village to help handle the traffic.

■ Garden Street will be open only to its residents beginning Friday, Oct. 25, while crews install sidewalks, curbs and drains. The street will be closed when workers grind down its center, which has "crowned" badly over the years, and during paving. The mayor said provisions will be made for residents who have to leave while the road is closed.

■ The board approved a \$1-per-hour raise for Joe Narok. Merandy said the highway department employee has proven "invaluable" because of his mechanical skills. The raise will take effect when Narok completes his probationary period.

■ Merandy announced that seventh-grade students from Haldane in early November will paint the pedestrian tunnel that runs under the Metro-North tracks.

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Election 2019

Early voting in New York has finally arrived! Every county will have at least one polling site open from Oct. 26 through Nov. 3, two days before Election Day. See voteearlyny.org for locations and hours.

In Putnam County the only place for early voting will be the Board of Elections at 25 Old Route 6 in Carmel. Next year, the Board of Elections has promised to have an early voting site on the west side of the county.

The nine days of early voting plus Election Day means everyone who is eligible should be able to vote. As the advertisement goes, "Just do it!"

Susan Anspach, *Cold Spring*

This is a tale of two towns in Putnam County. The first town is Philipstown. The longtime Republican town clerk is running for re-election. It was well known in the town that she has been battling cancer. This dedicated woman would come to work even after receiving chemotherapy treatments. She would take as little time off as she could and remained dedicated to the town and her duties. The Democrats have decided to put up a young lady to challenge this town clerk.

The second town is Putnam Valley. The Democratic town clerk has experienced the heartbreak of her husband's devastating illness. The Republican Party in Putnam Valley chose not to run anyone against her. Not only did they not run anyone against her, but they decided to endorse her. Unfortunately, after nominations were completed, this town clerk's husband passed away.

My question is: "Who did the right thing?"

Anthony Scannapieco Jr., *Carmel*  
*Scannapieco is chairman of the Putnam County Republican Committee and one of the county's two election commissioners.*

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### Future energy

It's great that the Garrison school district is taking the lead in upgrading its heating and cooling system to run on electricity instead of oil ("Garrison Voters Approve Capital Spending," Sept. 27).

The district should reach out to Lauri Taylor, the new Putnam County Climate Smart Coordinator, and persuade her that the county would be better served if any upgrade the county is planning includes the replacement of oil with electricity instead of natural gas. We don't need any more fossil fuels, gas or oil, if we want to truly be a Climate Smart Community.

Judy Allen, *Putnam Valley*

### On the trails

Thanks to Brian PJ Cronin for hiking with us and for his great column ("Out There: And the Teens Shall Lead," Oct. 11). He captured the essence of Scouting as a youth-led program, where these emerging leaders are given the space and encouragement to take risks in a safe environment, make leadership decisions and learn from any failures along the way. No one gets participation trophies, but no one is ever left on the bench.

To have the opportunity to pursue a merit badge, which involves 70 miles of hiking,

over six trips, with Fahnestock, the Hudson Highlands and Harriman state parks as their playground, is icing on the cake for the scouts of Troop 437. We're hoping to instill a lifelong love for the outdoors and promote an activity that allows the Scouts to push themselves to experience views and environments unreachable by car, while taking pride in meeting challenges that promote physical and emotional growth.

Thanks again and see you down the trail.

Tom Campanile, *Cold Spring*

Thank you for a great article. Tom Campanile has been a wonderful counselor for the Scouts. My son and a few of the boys he's been with since Cub Scouts started the hiking badge in 2015, and I am happy and proud to say they completed their last 10-mile hike yesterday. Now to have them do the write-ups...

Maureen McGrath, *Cold Spring*

## ELECTION 2019

**SATURDAY, OCT. 19:** Women will speak about why they sought elected office. St. Andrew's Church, 15 South Ave., Beacon, 1 p.m.

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**TUESDAY, OCT. 22:** Candidates' Forum: Beacon Democratic candidates, Howland Cultural Center, 7:30 p.m.

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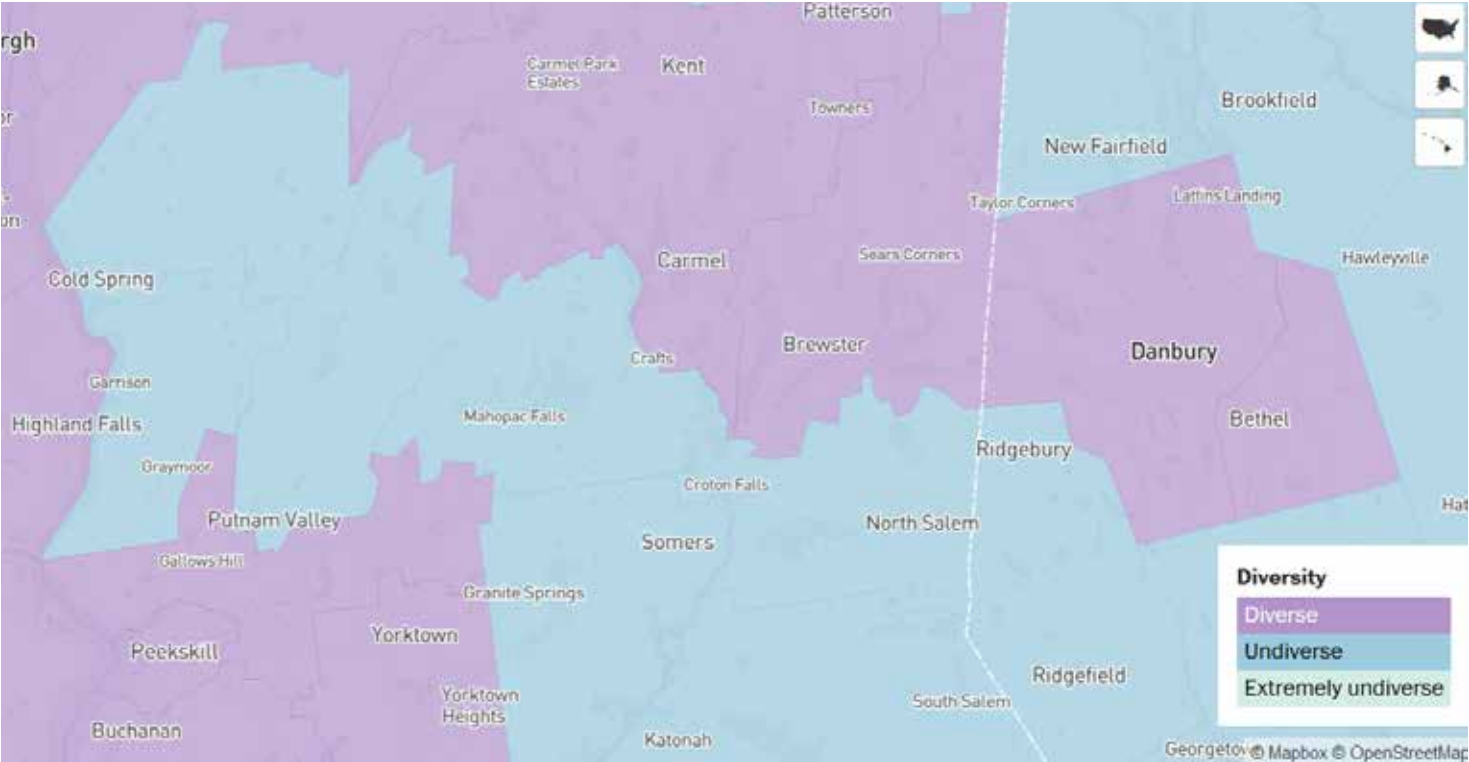
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	BLACK	22.1	16.7
	ASIAN	0.9	2.6
	NATIVE	0.2	0
	MULTI-RACIAL		5.9
GARRISON "Undiverse"	STUDENTS	3,056	2,911
	WHITE	97.2	79.7
	HISPANIC	0.8	10.1
	BLACK	0.8	1
	ASIAN	1.2	2.9
	NATIVE	0	0
	MULTI-RACIAL		6.3
HALDANE "Undiverse"	STUDENTS	250	207
	WHITE	95.5	85.7
	HISPANIC	2	8.1
	BLACK	0.5	1
	ASIAN	2	4.5
	NATIVE	0	0.4
	MULTI-RACIAL		0.4
PUTNAM VALLEY "Undiverse"	STUDENTS	761	827
	WHITE	91.9	75.8
	HISPANIC	4.1	17.8
	BLACK	1.9	2.7
	ASIAN	1.7	1.9
	NATIVE	0.3	0.1
	MULTI-RACIAL		1.7
LAKELAND "Newly diverse"	STUDENTS	1,265	1,696
	WHITE	87.4	69.4
	HISPANIC	5.5	18.8
	BLACK	5	5.7
	ASIAN	2.1	4.6
	NATIVE	0	0.2
	MULTI-RACIAL		1.3
WAPPINGERS "Newly diverse"	STUDENTS	5,462	5,678
	WHITE	87.1	71.6
	HISPANIC	3.8	15.7
	BLACK	4.3	6.3
	ASIAN	4.8	4.7
	NATIVE	0.1	0.1
	MULTI-RACIAL		1.7
WAPPINGERS "Newly diverse"	STUDENTS	11,132	10,861
	WHITE	87.1	71.6
	HISPANIC	3.8	15.7
	BLACK	4.3	6.3
	ASIAN	4.8	4.7
	NATIVE	0.1	0.1
	MULTI-RACIAL		1.7

# Growing Diversity

An analysis by *The Washington Post* found that more students in the U.S. attend public schools with children of different races than ever before. In 2020, for the first time, there will be

more children of color than white children, according to Census Bureau projections. Over the past few decades, integration has taken hold even in smaller districts that had been predominantly white, although

schools in many big cities and across the South continue to be deeply segregated, the paper found. To measure the changes, the *Post* compared data for each district in the country from 1995 and 2017; a district is considered "diverse" when no one race constitutes more than 75 percent of its student body.



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# Questions for Candidates

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong  
and Michael Turton

In anticipation of the Nov. 5 election, we asked candidates for offices in Cold Spring and Philipstown, as well as for Putnam County judge, a series of questions by email. Their written responses appear below, presented in alphabetical order by last name.

## Cold Spring Mayor



Hustis



Merandy

Dave Merandy, the two-term incumbent, is being challenged by Chuck Hustis, who served two terms on the Village Board from 2010 to 2014. The mayor serves a two-year term.

### Why are you running for mayor?

■ Hustis: I want to serve as a mayor who represents everyone. I am running for mayor because the village desperately needs leadership. We are in a crucial period. I have the experience necessary to perform the job at a high level and complete projects. As someone who served as a trustee, I know how to work with people and how to foster respect and collaboration within the community. Additionally, I will seek to locate funding sources that we can use to improve our aging infrastructure. I am pro-business and understand that if we have a viable business community, the other components of our village will benefit — the tax base will be shared equally, the fire department will be able to function at a higher level and in a building that serves to protect the volunteers and their equipment, and, importantly, residents and visitors alike will be able to shop in Cold Spring.

■ Merandy: I've served our community for 18 years in elected office. I believe my service on the school board, Town Board and Village Board demonstrate my genuine commitment to the welfare and progress of our community. Over the past four-and-a-half years, I have successfully led our board and village staff, expanding sources of revenue, creating sources of revenue, maintaining services despite multiple staff retirements, and investing in improvements to village life for all residents and business owners. These range from addressing seemingly minor issues, such as

having our garbage pickup rescheduled later in the morning so we aren't woken in the middle of the night by the sound of our truck, to tackling more complex issues, like developing a fair and enforceable law to resolve the impacts of short-term rentals.

I want to continue this work for our village; I believe my management skills, public policy experience and genuine interest in public service make me the best qualified candidate to lead our village as mayor.

### If elected, what would be your three priorities?

■ Hustis: (1) I would like to see a finalized plan for an upgraded firehouse on Main Street that is affordable and functional for both residents and the volunteer firefighters. Consider the number of calls for service our volunteers perform each day, but specifically in the warm weather months, performing rescues at Breakneck Ridge and the mountains. Funding sources exist to aid us in this endeavor and we need to secure these funds. The cities of Newburgh and Poughkeepsie have been able to secure funding to retain paid firefighters and equipment. Why haven't we done that? Where is the leadership on this? (2) I would like to see a long-term lease agreement between the village and the Cold Spring Boat Club that benefits both the club and village residents while recognizing their importance to the vitality of the community. This is an area that has not been provided the proper vision it needs. (3) I would like to see better relations between both Cold Spring and Nelsonville, Philipstown and Putnam County. This can be done by mutual agreement, whether it is snowplowing, purchasing of equipment, leasing and sharing equipment. This will allow us as a village to partner with other municipalities for grant opportunities, as well as other important initiatives that benefit the people first.

■ Merandy: (1) My first priority is to develop and adopt a fair and enforceable law that will help the village manage short-term rentals. Because our village is small, even a few short-term rentals have a noticeable impact on the availability of housing for residential use, on village character, on noise and parking. As more and more people visit Cold Spring to enjoy what we love so much — our beautiful village and the natural beauty of our surroundings — we need to be thoughtful and deliberative about how we manage the impact of those guests. (2) My second priority is to finalize and adopt an updated village code. Our Code Update Committee, staffed by an extraordinary group of

talented, professional residents, has for five years conducted an exhaustive review and prepared recommendations for updates to ensure that it is a clearly written, unambiguous and consistent body of law. Once publicly heard and adopted, this updated code will be an essential tool for our village departments, boards and committees. (3) My third priority is to support repair work on our Upper Reservoir dam by finalizing our agreement with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection for village access to the aqueduct water system (a connection without which we can't move forward with the dam repair) and complete land-use easements that will secure village access to the dam through adjacent private properties.

### Should Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown consolidate into a single municipal government? Why or why not?

■ Hustis: Like the dissolution of governments, consolidation requires a referendum of the voters. I support consolidation of services only if it benefits the residents as a whole.

■ Merandy: The short answer is no. It may seem like a good idea, but consolidation should deliver improved governance, improved services and real savings to the taxpayer. I don't believe changing our form of government while merging and eliminating departments would necessarily deliver fair representation to all residents or reduce the need for services.

## Cold Spring Trustees



Early



Murphy

Marie Early and Fran Murphy are each seeking a third 2-year term. A third candidate for the two open seats, Margaret Parr, will also appear on the ballot but said she plans to move out of the village soon and has suspended her campaign.

### Why are you seeking re-election?

■ Early: I believe I've made significant contributions in my two terms. There is more work to be done, particularly in the area of the village code. I feel that I'm in a unique position to do that.

■ Murphy: Being on the board is not a job that can be done by attending a few meetings each month. It takes a lot of time and a lot of dedication. When I first ran for office in 2015, I promised that I will get the facts, talk with experts, listen to you and work to

get results. I have done what I promised. And, while we have accomplished a lot, there is still more to do. I am not finished. I have the time; I have the expertise. Please allow me to continue to work for you.

### What do you see as the board's top two priorities over the next two years?

■ Early: (1) Updating of the code based on the Code Update Committee's recommendations, and continuation of the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. (2) A plan for infrastructure upgrades, including equipment, in multiple areas: the dam, the firehouse, the municipal building, the village garage, the wastewater treatment plant, the water treatment plant.

■ Murphy: (1) To complete the code update and, based on that and changes in the village over the past 10 years, get approval from the state for our Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan. (2) Our upper dam is in need of repair. After negotiating with New York City for close to seven years regarding an upgrade to our connection to its aqueduct system, we are almost there. While the background of this project is larger than space will allow, getting this completed is a priority.

### Should Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown consolidate into a single municipal government? Why or why not?

■ Early: Consolidation is typically considered to increase services or decrease costs; consolidation also has costs such as consolidating the municipal codes. The village and the town have cooperated in many projects, particularly among the Highway Departments, lending equipment for example. The village has entered into multiple Intermunicipal Agreements (IMA) with Philipstown and with Putnam County, with varied degrees of success. I believe that continued cooperation and IMAs are the better courses of action if cost savings or increased services can be shown. IMAs allow the village to choose which project to undertake based on projected savings and/or services while retaining the village identity and continuing to provide all the services that residents depend upon and expect.

■ Murphy: While there may be areas where the municipalities could benefit from joining, there are many where the residents of Cold Spring would be losing some services that are important to them. For example, as we have seen, consolidating the Cold Spring and Philipstown building departments did not work as we had hoped. Bringing the building department and code enforcement back to the village is much more beneficial for our residents. Our 24/7 police coverage is comforting to our citizens, especially our seniors, who know there is always an officer nearby. Our Highway Department provides invaluable services to the residents including, but not limited to, our regular garbage pickup.

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**HUSTIS:** "I want to serve as a mayor who represents everyone. I am running for mayor because the village desperately needs leadership."

**MERANDY:** "I've served our community for 18 years in elected office. I believe my service on the school board, Town Board and Village Board demonstrate my genuine commitment to the welfare and progress of our community."



## Philipstown Town Board



Farrell



Flaherty



Lyons

Robert Flaherty is seeking his second, four-year term, while Judy Farrell, who was appointed to the board on Dec. 27 to fill a vacancy, is seeking her first full term. They are being challenged for one of the two open seats by newcomer Corey Lyons.

### Why are you seeking a seat on the board?

■ Farrell: I would like to return because my leadership, competency, experience and passion can help Philipstown thrive and provide residents with a good quality of life. I want to continue to bolster our opioid and substance-abuse programs and I plan on leading the board's effort to fight for resources on behalf of our children and families.

■ Flaherty: I have always been involved with our community, and I have had the pleasure and honor to represent all citizens in Philipstown over the last four years. I believe I have a good understanding of the community's issues and I listen to what people have to say. I want to continue to serve and move our community forward. I enjoy this position and I believe I can make a difference.

■ Lyons: I am running as a result of my upbringing; my family owns a business and it was here that I learned the value of service to others. I would like to bring that to this

position: energy, compassion and business acumen. I have spent time with members of the community and learned that problems aren't addressed, issues aren't solved and input from the community isn't sought. There are many things that make us different from others; however, there are more things that make us similar. We live in this community, we dine at local establishments, and our children attend school and play together as we worry about their safety. We share comparable problems, worry about the same things and all of us wonder about tomorrow. I promise to address issues head-on. I want Philipstown to be a wonderful place to live and raise a family for all.

### What do you see as the two most important challenges facing Philipstown in the next four years?

■ Farrell: (1) Keeping Philipstown affordable. We must continue to work to keep taxes under the state cap while addressing needed infrastructure improvements. It may sound hard to achieve, but I've done it before; when I joined the board, I led an initiative to replace the lighting at our largest town building with LED. It takes creativity and common sense, qualities I have. (2) Preserving and protecting Philipstown from overdevelopment and environmental threats: we need to carefully manage growth and development. If we only look a few miles north, we can see how quickly development can overtake a town. We can decide on the landscape of our community. I have also communicated to our elected officials about barges in the river, which were stopped, and I am strongly fighting a potential fossil-fuel development right across the river.

■ Flaherty: (1) We have aging infrastructure (buildings). Our Town Hall is old and has not been updated for years. We are in the process

of a renovation that will make it ADA-compliant with the installation of an elevator. New windows and siding will also be installed. We realize this will be an inconvenience for our residents, but it must be done. A new highway garage with office space is planned for 2020-2021. When both buildings are complete, they will serve our community by making things run more efficiently. (2) The opioid epidemic has continued to be challenging and we have been proactive in creating the addiction resource coordinator position and appointing Danielle Pack McCarthy. Danielle is having a tremendous impact giving families guidance and providing resources.

■ Lyons: (1) I believe our infrastructure and our willingness to work alongside each other are two of the biggest challenges we face. We need new energy and vision to problem-solve. My life experiences lead me to do just that. I'm a volunteer firefighter and I work in a family-owned business, where I was at my grandfather's elbow, not just learning the business but learning life and common sense approaches to issues. I was taught that your problem is my problem. I will govern by that.

### Should Philipstown, Cold Spring and Nelsonville consolidate into a single municipal government? Why or why not?

■ Farrell: We should ask and listen to the residents of each village to see if one municipality is desirable. We need to examine all the functions of each government; Cold Spring and Nelsonville are historic villages; a cost-benefit analysis is needed to determine if the efficiencies of merging municipalities will realize savings. Our town government does not have a lot of overhead; we have lean staffing; the supervisor and council positions are all part-time, the advisory boards are comprised of dedicated volunteers. The capacity to absorb village functions, boards, committees and events would have to be explored. I do not see how we could operationalize such a proposal and I have not seen any cost-savings or cost-benefit analysis presented. I am all for shared services, where possible, and eliminating needless duplication of services, if they exist.

■ Flaherty: Each municipality is unique, with its own set of issues, and I believe each board is doing a good job in handling the tasks at hand. At this time, I do not think

consolidation is the answer. It would require full-time elected officials, rather than part-time. We can look at shared services, such as we have done with the Cold Spring and Philipstown building inspector/department. We can look at expanding this with Nelsonville and look at investigating other areas for which we can provide shared services.

■ Lyons: Only the residents can decide this. Opinions and facts need to be presented, people have to be heard who represent all perspectives. One person should not decide this. I'd like input and discussion with many as there are so many sides to this and a decision must be well thought-out. I'd recommend putting together a panel comprised of people of many different walks of life. Public hearings, governmental employees — there are many factors that must be considered. This brings me to my belief, like that of President Lincoln, that we are a government for the people, by the people and of the people. And we should govern like this.

## Philipstown Town Clerk



Merando



Percacciolo

Tina Merando, who has served four, 4-year terms as town clerk, is being challenged by Tara Percacciolo, who works in the town clerk's office.

### Why are you the best candidate for the job?

■ Merando: I have 26 years of experience as deputy town clerk and town clerk. There are daily challenges in the Office of Town Clerk, such as being record-keeper for the Town Board, the record management officer, tax collection and vital records clerk, to name a few, which demands knowledge of all aspects of the task and to keep new procedures and policies up to date.

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■ Percacciolo: I have been working for Philipstown since March 2016, when I was hired as a clerk in the town clerk's office. I have firsthand knowledge of the duties of the town clerk and performed many of them directly. I am hard-working and detail-oriented, the exact traits the town needs to elevate the efficiency and effectiveness of the office.

If elected, what would be your two priorities for the next four years?

■ Merando: (1) To continue serving the residents of Philipstown with accurate information in a professional and respectful manner. (2) I had the opportunity to work closely with the county clerk digitizing town records, I would like to continue to do that to maintain the database and storage of important records.

■ Percacciolo: (1) My top priority would be to revamp the town website. We are a small town and Town Hall is lightly staffed. The site offers a lot of information but is often out-of-date and can be extremely difficult to navigate. Through my work in the building department, as well as the town clerk's office, I know firsthand that calls come in all the time from residents who are on the site but can't find what they're looking for — or find information that is seriously out of date. (2) A better website and better use of other communication technologies would help with another priority: building on community and connection throughout the town. I've spoken to many residents in Continental Village, for

instance, who feel like they are "the lost side" of Philipstown. Sometimes that seems true: We hear a lot about events around Garrison and Cold Spring, but how can we better promote town unity and connection in all parts of Philipstown? I would love to help facilitate that as town clerk.

The clerks of Cold Spring and Nelsonville are appointed, rather than elected. Should the Philipstown clerk be appointed? Why or why not?

■ Merando: The town clerk and the highway superintendent were appointed positions until 1981, when the Town Board proposed that both positions be elected, and the proposition was approved by voters. They also increased the term of office from two to four years and put the town clerk in charge of tax collection, saving taxpayer dollars. I believe the positions should be elected, giving residents the opportunity to select the best person for the job. This eliminates partisan choices.

■ Percacciolo: I believe the office should be elected. While the town clerk doesn't set policy or pass laws, it is an incredibly important position because the clerk is often the face of the town to residents needing service or assistance. The town runs effectively when the clerk works efficiently. Residents should have the right to have their voice heard through a vote if the clerk is not able to best serve their needs. Voting by residents ensures the town clerk is held accountable and performing up to the duties of the job.

Putnam County Judge



Linson



Spofford

Camille Linson, a Philipstown town justice, and Joseph Spofford Jr., a Carmel town justice are running to succeed Judge James Reitz, who died in June. Linson will appear on the Democratic party line and Spofford on the Republican line. The seat has a 10-year term.

Judge Reitz provided big shoes to fill. What would you bring to the position?

■ Linson: No one can fill Judge Reitz's shoes. The best way to honor him is to secure his legacy in Putnam County's drug treatment court. I am the only candidate who has consistently incorporated drug treatment court practices and philosophy in my courtroom; who has built the strong relationships and dialogue with law enforcement, health care and education professionals that are essential to the success of treatment court; who has organized DWI and opioid-response summits; who is ready to take the reins of our treatment court on Day One and expand on its success. I am fully prepared to lead all three of the county courts — criminal, family and surrogates — because of my demonstrated ability as town justice and as an attorney in private practice. My practice includes providing cost-free legal services to those in need on matters including domestic abuse, juvenile crime, end-of-life care and estate planning, and home foreclosures. Like Judge Reitz, my commitment to the people I serve doesn't end on the bench. It has continued into my volunteerism on public school committees, in the Chamber of Commerce, and in my commitment to civics education — I instruct Putnam's Youth Court and have hosted high school mock trials. The public must see and trust in the integrity and humanity of judges. I am tough and fair on the bench, yet still accessible.

■ Spofford: I bring experience and a demonstrated record as a litigation attorney. I have 33 years of trial-court experience in the Putnam County Family Court, Criminal Court and Surrogate's Court. As a judge for 20 years, sitting every week in the largest town court in Putnam, I bring a reputation for fairness, impartiality, knowledge of the law, compassion and respect for all those that have appeared before me. I invite residents to ask their attorneys and the members of the Putnam County Bar Association who have appeared before me who they believe has the qualifications and temperament to serve as the next county judge. Judge Reitz and I were partners in the Carmel Town Court from 1999 through 2006; together we developed a judicial philosophy designed to help people that become involved in the criminal justice system as a result of addiction issues. I would continue the drug court as Judge Reitz and I developed it originally in the Carmel court.

Other Putnam Races

Philipstown

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JUSTICE

Stephen Tomann (R), unopposed

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Carl Frisenda (D), unopposed

Putnam County

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Robert Tendy (R), unopposed

Putnam Legislature\*

DISTRICT 5

Carl Albano (R), Rebecca Swan (D)

DISTRICT 6

Paul Jonke (R), unopposed

DISTRICT 7

Neal Sullivan (R), unopposed

\*Philipstown is in District 1, so these races will not appear on the local ballot.

What do you enjoy most and least about practicing law?

■ Linson: What I like most is problem-solving — interpersonally, situationally and linguistically. What I like least is wearing my robe in the summer.

■ Spofford: My passion is being an advocate, the voice, of my clients. What I like least about the law practice is the length of time it takes for cases to be adjudicated. As a judge I have a strict policy of efficiently and expediently adjudicating cases.

You will appear on the ballot under party line(s) but the rules of the courts essentially prevent you from campaigning. What should voters use to make their judgment? And should county judges be appointed instead of elected?

■ Linson: Judicial campaign ethics standards don't prevent campaigning but rightly enforce strict limitations on the kind of campaigning. The standards prescribe parameters that, if followed, help candidates avoid partisan misconduct that might damage public confidence in the independence of the judiciary. It takes effort and clear ethical boundaries to run a judicial campaign by the rules. A candidate can't be led by party politics or special interests. I strictly follow all guidelines because I am deeply committed to judicial independence. As county judge, I would continue to follow these principles, complying with and enforcing the Constitution and the rule of law without bias. Judges should be elected. Elections are job interviews; people can ask about candidates' qualifications and learn their judicial values and temperament. Hiring a county judge for a 10-year term is a decision too important to be left to the vagaries of political appointment.

■ Spofford: I believe strongly in the election process because I trust that the people of Putnam have the knowledge and wisdom to elect the most qualified candidate. I stand by my record as an attorney and as a judge.

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## Prosecuting Pot *(from Page 1)*

It also asks city officials to — in most cases — ignore marijuana offenses when hiring employees and contractors and calls on state and federal agencies to legalize the sale and distribution of marijuana to adults while imposing programs to tax and regulate sales of the plant.

The council discussed the proposal during its Oct. 15 meeting but stopped abruptly to go into executive session. After returning, City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis said the council would resume the discussion at a later date, possibly its Oct. 28 workshop.

According to McCredo's proposal, Beacon police officers spend considerable time enforcing marijuana laws that, in many cases, it said, conclude with a judge dismissing the charges. At the same time, the impact of an arrest for possession, which is reported by the police in a public "blotter," could stick with someone for life when applying for a job or permit, Jensen said during the council's discussion.

The proposed policy "serves to send a message that I think is consistent with what the substantial majority of people living in this community think," he said, "which is that it would be better not to be initiating these charges in the majority of cases."

The proposal, however, treads danger-

ously close to asking police to ignore the law, said Lance Klein, another city attorney. This law "does not decriminalize marijuana offenses," he said, and "you cannot tell police officers not to charge someone if they see an offense taking place."

McCredo countered that the policy's intent is to "not make it [a marijuana arrest] something that is permanently on someone's record and affecting their lives every time they try to get a job or apply for a permit. A little discretion is what we're getting at."

Police Chief Kevin Junjulas said officers already use their discretion more often than not. "Marijuana enforcement, as far as simple possession, is not a priority," he said. "That's already established without the law."

Many pot charges are add-ons when someone is detained for other offenses, he explained. (Browsing the blotter released by the department every two weeks shows many possession charges occur after vehicles are stopped for traffic violations.)

But the draft law, Junjulas said, implies that "we're going out there with a team on a sting operation and grabbing people off the street and seeing if they have nickel bags on them. That's not what's going on."

Legalization advocates have long argued that the criminalization of marijuana disproportionately impacts minority communities.

## Regulating Weed

A new state law that went into effect on Aug. 28 reduced the penalty for possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana to a violation. It also created a process for some people who have been convicted of marijuana misdemeanors to have their arrests expunged.

The possession of a small amount of weed (23 grams or less) for personal use has been a violation in New York since 1977 unless an officer determined that the marijuana was "in public view" or "burning." The new law means that anyone caught with a small amount of marijuana will not be arrested but instead face a fine of \$50 or, if the person is smoking in a public place in public view or the blunt is lit, a fine of up to \$200.

Before being signed by the governor, the bill passed the state Senate by a 39-23 vote (Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, voted no) and the Assembly, 94-44 (Sandy Galef, whose district includes Philipstown, and Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, each voted yes).

According to a 2017 report issued by Start SMART New York, there have been more than 800,000 arrests for the possession of "small amounts" of marijuana in New York since 1996. More than 85 percent of those arrested were black or Latino, although federal data shows whites use marijuana at higher rates.

*The Current* has filed a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request for the number of marijuana-related arrests made by the Beacon police over the last three years.

Before going into executive session,

where Klein said he would give his opinion of the proposal, Beacon Lt. Sands Frost cautioned the council again not to assign priority to crimes.

"If we stop someone for speeding and they're being arrested for a suspended license and there's a small amount of marijuana," he said, "once that arrest is made, they're going to be charged with everything that is going on. If you pick and choose now what you want to charge them with and what you don't, a lawyer's going to tear you up on the stand."

## Candidates' Forum *(from Page 1)*

the ballot but said she has suspended her campaign because she plans to soon move out of the village and did not attend the forum.

In Philipstown, three candidates are vying for two seats on its board. Incumbents Judy Farrell and Robert Flaherty participated but challenger Corey Lyons did not.

See highlandscurrent.org for coverage of the comments made by the Cold Spring and Philipstown board candidates.

Tara Percacciolo, a first-time candidate for Philipstown clerk, was present but not able to answer questions because her incumbent opponent, Tina Merando, was absent. Under League of Women Voters rules, more than one candidate for an office must be present.

Similarly, Philipstown Judge Camille Linson, who is running for Putnam County judge, attended but was unable to field questions because her opponent, Joseph Spofford, did not attend.

### The mayoral race

In his opening statement, Merandy emphasized his experience in elected office as a Haldane school board trustee, Philipstown board member and two-term mayor.

Hustis stressed the need to think outside the box for projects such as Dockside Park and Main Street and expressed concern that high property taxes could force residents to leave Cold Spring.

The two fielded questions submitted by the audience of about 50 people.

Asked what his priorities would be if re-elected, Merandy said he wants to resolve the ongoing issue of short-term rentals in a way that can be supported by most residents.

"And probably more important in the long



Cold Spring mayoral candidates Dave Merandy and Chuck Hustis at the forum

Photo by M. Turton

term is to move the dam repairs along," he said, referring to a project that has been ongoing for 10 years through a number of administrations.

Lastly, Merandy said, finalizing the work of the Code Update Committee in revamping the village code is important not just to the government but to all residents.

Hustis said his first priority would be to come up with a design for an upgraded firehouse that the community could support, funding it either by bonding or through grant sources such as the federal Department of Homeland Security. "If possible, we should offset the cost and not increase taxes, which would chase people out of here," he said.

Hustis said he would also focus on improvements at Dockside Park and that he has met with Garrison resident Sandy Saunders about a project that would use the park as a port for the sloop Clearwater.

His third priority, Hustis said, would see more plants and trees added along Main Street. "It needs a little more color and vari-

ety," he said.

The candidates were asked if they would support forming a charter committee to look into ways for the village to receive sales tax collected by Putnam County, revenue the county does not share with municipalities.

Hustis said he would send a delegation to Carmel "to put a little pressure on the county executive to see if we can get some attention over here," adding that even a small percentage would be an asset.

Merandy said he didn't think sending a delegation would change any minds, but he "definitely would not be opposed to setting up a charter committee to look into ways we could force their hand." He termed it "alarming" that the village only receives \$7,500 from the county to support tourism, "when Cold Spring is the center of tourism."

Neither was enthusiastic when asked about possible consolidation with Nelsonville and Philipstown.

Merandy said outright merger of the three municipalities would be extremely difficult

and that it wouldn't produce the savings people want. "I feel what we are doing now is efficient," he said, adding that municipal leaders are not "raking in lots of money" or abusing power. "It should stay the way it is."

"I would be against consolidation," Hustis said. "I'd like to be separate and distinct, away from everybody else." He did say he would support consolidating some municipal services, "but only if people in the village can save money."

In his closing remarks, Hustis cited his background in the private sector in supermarket management as one of his strengths. "With my work, dealing with workers under me, I could tackle village issues," he said. "I know how to work with people, how to seek advice and locate funds that could help people and projects in the village." He said voting for him is a vote for a vision of moving Cold Spring forward.

Hustis seemed to temper his optimism, however, stating, "if I don't get elected, we still have to work together for the common good."

Merandy was more aggressive. "There's a stark contrast between me and my opponent," he said. "A lot of the things he put forward he might be more knowledgeable about if he had attended any meetings in the last five years. If you're running for mayor, I think you should do that."

Merandy said Dockside Park and Main Street beautification, which Hustis said would be among his priorities, "are already being done as quickly and as efficiently as possible." He praised the Tree Advisory Board for having put "an incredible effort into helping to beautify Main Street," and referred to the agreement negotiated with the state in which the village took over management of the property as "one of our best accomplishments."



AROUND TOWN



▲ **HISTORY HEAD** — The Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring has named a new executive director to succeed Sarah Johnson, the former Putnam County historian who left in June. Cassie Ward was most recently executive director of the New Castle Historical Society and Horace Greeley House in Chappaqua and, before that, worked at Long Branch Plantation in Millwood, Virginia. She has a bachelor's degree in history from Coastal Carolina University and a master's in history from American University.

Photo by Chip Rowe



▲ **STRING FLING** — Makers and players gathered on Saturday (Oct. 12) at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon to strum, admire and buy and sell handcrafted guitars, violins, ouds and basses.

Photo by Michele Gedney



◀ **GREEN QUEEN** — The Hudson Highlands Land Trust has named climate-change activist and community organizer Krystal Ford of Garrison as the second recipient of its annual Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award. It will be presented on Oct. 26 at the seventh annual HHLT Young Friends Fall Fest at Winter Hill. Jason Angell and Jocelyn Apicello of the Ecological Citizen's Project were honored last year.

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# The Calendar

## Restarting the Fire

### *A playwright returns to her first work*

By Alison Rooney

Twenty-five years ago, Mona Smith, then a graduate student in Columbia University's playwriting program, wrote her first full-length work, *Fire in a Dark House*. It was directed by a fellow student, Traci Mariano, then in her second year pursuing a master of fine arts in the discipline.

Unlike the play, which sat in a drawer after that early production, the artistic partnership persevered. The women are circling back and will present a staged reading of the reworked play on Saturday, Oct. 26, at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill, where Smith is playwright in residence.

The idea of reviving *Fire in a Dark House* came up during one of the women's twice-weekly working sessions, which take place over the phone (Smith lives in Cold Spring and Mariano in Los Angeles), when they

realized it addressed topics prominent in the news, especially immigration.

The play was inspired by Smith's grandmother, who told her stories of discrimination against German-Americans that took place after the U.S. entry into the First World War in 1917.

"An extraordinary percentage — over half of Americans — have an ancestor who was from a German-speaking region," Smith says. Many 19th-century German immigrants settled in the Great Plains and Midwest, often in groups, buying swaths of farmland from railroad companies that wanted the parcels developed along their routes.

"Places like Wisconsin, Ohio, Nebraska and Illinois had many German-speaking immigrants because the chain of information was there and these groups had suffered through political turmoil and conscription in their home countries," says Smith, who grew up in Nebraska and is of German and Danish heritage.

"All German-Americans were suspect once the U.S. declared war on Germany," she says. "It's a chapter in American history



Mona Smith and Traci Mariano

Photo provided

that I wouldn't have known about except that I had a German-speaking grandma who talked about what it was like to come over here as a child knowing you would never see your family again.

"Even if these immigrants came from

agrarian backgrounds, you're talking about living in a small village, then being placed in the Great Plains, often an hour's wagon ride away from town," she says. "Some came from cities. They included Protestant, Cath-

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Steve Franchino and Judith Tulloch

Photo by A. Rooney

### *Judith Tulloch Band will again host masquerade*

By Alison Rooney

A Norwegian Gothic building built to house a library might not be the first place that comes to mind for a *Blame it on the Bossa Nova* musical masquerade party, but that's where it will

be on Saturday, Oct. 26, when the Judith Tulloch Band returns to the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon for its fourth all-Brazilian set.

The band is Tulloch on vocals and guitar, her husband, Steve Franchino, on flute (the couple met 20 years ago this month at an open mic), Tom Richardson on upright bass and Owen Winter on percussion. The Beacon-based band is booked nearly every weekend all over the Hudson Valley, from tapas bars to

clubs such as the Towne Crier and The Falcon in Marlboro, as well as microbreweries. (They particularly enjoy the Gardiner Brewing Co., located in a former dairy barn.)

The Brazilian shows developed, in part, from the regular requests, particularly at weddings and cocktail hours, for "The Girl From Ipanema." The band folded it into their set list and learned more Brazilian material. "There's this joy in the melodies and the rhythms are so infectious," says Tulloch. She initially learned songs by looking up all the Portuguese words in a dictionary and sounding them out, as well as from a Saturday night Brazilian show on WBGO.

For the Howland show, the band plans to "mix the earlier stuff with some contemporary music as well as some reggae, a little cha-cha and, of course, some samba," Franchino says. "It's a masquerade — we encourage everyone to bring shakers."

The band has always played a variety of music. "We can't lock ourselves into one genre, because we love so many: Latin, Celtic, Peruvian, Indian music," he says. "We try to make everybody happy." Tulloch feels they fit best into the "world music" category.

Whatever the sound, Tulloch knows when something is working. "It's all about audience reaction," she says. "When we have a good show, everybody is liquid and we're air, and we're all connecting. I'm singing like it's the last song I'm ever going to sing.

I'm sweating and everything feels right."

Tulloch grew up in Brooklyn and attended Hunter College in Manhattan, where she switched from nursing to music after a professor heard her playing guitar and singing and encouraged her.

"I had music in my soul," she says. "I didn't have the greatest natural ability in picking it up, but all I did was play. I practiced everywhere, in stairwells, on the train. I studied classical vocal music and at the same time was working at the 92nd Street YMCA as an artist assistant and later a house manager for one of their spaces."

She moved to the Hudson Valley in 1989 to teach music and special education — which she still does. "For the first time, I was living in a wooded area, and had to learn how to drive," she recalls. "I felt cabin fever. I had a piano and a guitar and started writing music and decided that I wanted to perform."

Franchino grew in New Jersey, where he and his friends started a band "but none of them stuck with their instruments," he says. A friend who was leaving for college gave him a flute, which he could practice and play on his own. "Once I got that silver flute, it became a hobby and fascination," he says. "I've acquired flutes from around the world; I even sent away to India for a Bansuri flute, and I studied the ragas."

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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For a complete listing of events, see [highlandscurrent.org/calendar](http://highlandscurrent.org/calendar).

## HALLOWEEN



Costume Parade, Oct. 26

### SAT 19 Not-So-Haunted Barn WAPPINGERS FALLS

4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm  
79 Farmstead Lane | [stonykill.org](http://stonykill.org)

Visit the animals and enjoy the fall with crafts and family activities. Brian Robinson will present a birds of prey show at 5 p.m., and draft-horse wagon rides will be provided by the Hudson Valley Driving Association. Proceeds will be used for livestock care. *Cost: \$5 donation (children 3 and younger free)*

### TUES 22 Driller Killer BEACON

7 p.m. StoryScreen | 445 Main St.  
[storyscreenbeacon.com](http://storyscreenbeacon.com)

The fifth Beacon HorrorShow festival will open with this 1979 film in which an insane artist kills people in New York City at random with his power drill. The selection on SUN 27 will be the 1963 indie slasher *Dementia 13*. *Free*

### FRI 25 The Ghost in the Mist BEACON

6 – 8:30 p.m. Memorial Building  
413 Main St. | 845-831-0514  
[beaconhistorical.org](http://beaconhistorical.org)

Costumed guides will lead lantern-lit, hour-long tours in which they share stories of local legends, haunted places and historic Beacon “ghosts.” Tours leave every 30 minutes. Also SAT 26. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 children)*

### SAT 26 ComicFest BEACON

11 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Underground Beacon | 462 Main St.  
[facebook.com/theundergroundbeacon](https://facebook.com/theundergroundbeacon)

Get in a spooky mood with face-painting from noon to 3 p.m. and a costume contest for kids (3 p.m.) and adults (5 p.m.). Then return to watch a scary movie at 8 p.m.

### SAT 26 I Spy Scavenger Hunt CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center | 120 Muser Drive  
845-534-5506 x204 | [hhnm.org](http://hhnm.org)

Find hidden objects on the Halloween Trail and win a prize, then stop by the Creepy Crawly Room for crafts. Also SUN 27. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children; non-members \$7/\$6)*

### SAT 26 Costume Parade COLD SPRING

4:30 p.m. St. Mary's Lawn  
Route 9D and Main  
[facebook.com/coldspringhalloweenparade](https://facebook.com/coldspringhalloweenparade)

Come to watch or join in the 26th annual parade of costumed pets and people.

### SAT 26 Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Hudson House Inn  
2 Main St. | 845-265-9355  
[hudsonhouseinn.com](http://hudsonhouseinn.com)

Come in costume and solve the mystery of three murders that take place during a comedic take on a wedding in Transylvania. *Cost: \$75*

### SUN 27 Hocus Pocus Parade BEACON

1 – 5 p.m. Main Street  
Children can trick-or-treat at Main Street shops from 1 to 3 p.m. and then line up at the Visitor's Center for the 4 p.m. parade.

### SUN 27 Pumpkin Glow GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Bring your carved pumpkin or just enjoy the glow during a sing-a-long with Stacy Labriola. Cider and donuts will be served.

## COMMUNITY

### SAT 19 Community Open House

**COLD SPRING**  
3 – 7 p.m. 5 Stone St.  
[philipstownhub.org](http://philipstownhub.org)

The Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, a newly created space for mental health and addiction assistance, will celebrate its opening with music, cider and donuts. See Page 1.

### SAT 19 Open to the Sky

**BEACON**  
5:30 p.m. Route 9D and Main St.  
[beaconhebrewalliance.org](http://beaconhebrewalliance.org)

The Beacon Hebrew Alliance will close its weeklong schedule of events under a sukkah, or temporary hut, at Polhill Park with a Melava Malka, or “Jewish folk-singing, herring-eating hootenanny.” On SUN 20, there will be two discussions: “Amazon on Fire: How to Save ‘The Earth’s Lungs’” at noon and “Sexuality and You: Bodies, Communication and Jewish Values” at 4 p.m., followed by a picnic at 5:30 p.m. and Simchat Torah parade down Main Street.

### SAT 19 Solar-Powered Boat

**BEACON**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Beacon dock

The Solaris will leave the Beacon Institute dock on the half-hour for the Newburgh boat launch, returning on the hour. Exact change required. Also SUN 20. *Cost: \$2*

### SAT 19 Castle-to-River Run

**GARRISON**  
6:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618  
[salomonnytrailseries.com/castle-to-river-run](http://salomonnytrailseries.com/castle-to-river-run)

In this fifth and final race of the 2019 Salomon New York Trail Series, test your endurance during a 50k (8 a.m.), half marathon (9 a.m.), 5k (9:30 a.m.) or kid’s dash (11:30 a.m.) around the Highlands (including Benedict Arnold’s escape path). *Cost: \$65 (50k), \$45 (half marathon), \$25 (5k), free (kids)*

### SUN 20 Meadows & Trails Run

**CORNWALL**  
7:30 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
[hhnm.org](http://hhnm.org)

Support the nature museum’s programs and run or walk a scenic course on the grounds of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in this third annual benefit. Same-day registration begins at 7:30 a.m., 5k walkers start at 9 a.m., 5k runners at 9:15 a.m., and the kid’s dash at 9:20 a.m. *Cost: \$40*

### SUN 20 Car Show

**BEACON**  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street  
914-474-1891

The Beacon Chamber of Commerce and the Dutchess Cruisers Car Club will present this ninth annual event with vehicles both vintage and new, along with live music, raffles and food. Vehicle registration is \$15.

### SUN 20 Pumpkin Fest

**BEACON**  
Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park  
1 Flynn Drive | [beaconsloopclub.org](http://beaconsloopclub.org)

Pick up a Hudson Valley pumpkin and enjoy pumpkin pie, cider and stone soup. Two solar-powered music stages will feature local talent at this annual Beacon Sloop Club gathering and there will be children’s activities and environmental displays.



### SUN 20 Braising 101

**COLD SPRING**  
1 – 3 p.m. Glynwood Center  
362 Glynwood Road | 845-265-333  
[glynwood.org](http://glynwood.org)

Sam Garwin will explain how to braise your best cuts. *Cost: pay what you can*

### SUN 20 Little Stony Point Meeting

**COLD SPRING**  
1 – 5 p.m. 3011 Route 9D  
[littlestonypoint.org](http://littlestonypoint.org)

Anyone interested in learning more about the Little Stony Point Citizens’ Association is invited to attend its annual meeting at the Volunteer Center. There will be food, drink, crafts and music.

### TUES 22 The Airbnb Phenomenon

**PHILIPSTOWN**  
6 p.m. Glynwood Farm  
362 Glynwood Road  
[coldspringnychamber.com](http://coldspringnychamber.com)

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host this conversation — with wine and hor d’oeuvres — about the local impacts of short-term rentals. RSVP requested. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door; members \$25/\$30)*

### THURS 24 Miles of Hope Fundraiser

**BEACON**  
6 p.m. Melzingah Tap House  
554 Main St.

Enjoy a buffet, a drink and a raffle while supporting programs for Hudson Valley residents living with breast cancer. *Cost: \$25*

### SAT 26 Harvest Beer & Cider Fest

**COLD SPRING**  
Noon – 5 p.m. Mayor’s Park  
554 Fair St. | [hopsonthehudson.com](http://hopsonthehudson.com)

More than 50 New York breweries will offer samples. There will also be food trucks, live music and, of course, hatchet throwing by sober people. *Cost: \$25 to \$98.50*

### SAT 26 HHLT Young Friends

**GARRISON**  
2 – 5 p.m. Winter Hill  
20 Nazareth Way | [hhl.org](http://hhl.org)

This seventh annual fundraiser will include activities for families and children, a hike to the Revolutionary War redoubt and cider-pressing. Climate activist Krystal Ford will be recognized with the Timothy Osborn Roberts Young Friends Conservation Award. *Cost: \$25 (ages 12 and under free)*

### SUN 27 Community Dinner

**GARRISON**  
6 p.m. Garrison Institute  
14 Mary’s Way | [csfarmmarket.org](http://csfarmmarket.org)

Support the nonprofit Cold Spring Farmer’s Market while enjoying dinner and drinks made from local produce and Fresh Company specialties. Come in costume and you could win dinner for two at Dolly’s. *Cost: \$90*

## KIDS & FAMILY

### SUN 20 Duo Scorpio

**BEACON**  
Noon. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012  
[howlandmusic.org](http://howlandmusic.org)

As part of its Classics for Kids series, the Howland Chamber Music Circle will present harpists Kathryn Andrews and Kristi Shade. *Cost: \$10 (children free)*

### THURS 24 The House with a Clock in its Walls

**GARRISON**  
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

This 2018 film, starring Cate Blanchett and Jack Black, follows



a boy and his magical uncle as they look for a clock that can end the world. Rated PG.

SAT 26  
**Smartphone Filmmaking**  
BEACON  
10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org

In this workshop, children and teens ages 12 and older will learn how to use a smartphone to create high-quality short films. Registration required.

TALKS AND TOURS

SAT 19  
**The Right to Vote**  
COLD SPRING  
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010  
putnamhistorymuseum.org  
Historian John Cilio will discuss the fight for the national right to vote for women that culminated in the 19th Amendment. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

TUES 22  
**Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change**  
COLD SPRING  
2 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
As part of the Butterfield Lecture Series, Mary Beth Pfeiffer will discuss her book, which examines how climate change and ticks have turned Lyme disease into an epidemic.

WED 23  
**Born in Clay and Fire**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. Beacon Institute  
199 Main St. | 845-838-1600  
bire.org  
In partnership with the Beacon Historical Society, historian Michael Conrad will discuss the Italian immigrants and African-American workers who used Hudson River clay to create the building blocks of the metropolis.

FRI 25  
**Fresh Flavors for the Slow Cooker**  
COLD SPRING  
6 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.  
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com  
Virginia Sole-Smith will interview Nicki Sizemore about her latest cookbook.



Sizemore



The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari, Oct. 19

SAT 26  
**Hudson Highlands Poetry**  
GARRISON  
1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org  
Heller Levinson, Edwin Torres and Ruth Danon will read from their most recent collections.

VISUAL ART

SAT 19  
**Abstract Pop**  
BEACON  
4 – 7 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon Gallery  
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211  
loftsatbeacon.com  
Robert Paschal’s paintings take their plots from the literature and the artistic influences of Dadaists.

SAT 26  
**Ghent Altarpiece**  
COLD SPRING  
4 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Roberta Shayo will discuss six centuries of the early 15th-century altarpiece, also known as the “Adoration of the Mystic Lamb,” which may be the most often stolen artwork of all time. It hangs at St. Bavo’s Cathedral in Ghent, Belgium, and has been attributed to the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 19  
**Vic DiBitto**  
PEEKSKILL  
8 & 9:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
After selling out at the Paramount in 2018, the comedian returns for two shows with opener Eric Tartaglione. DiBitto has been called a cross between Rodney Dangerfield and Ralph Kramden. *Cost: \$25 to \$55*

SAT 19  
**The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari**  
COLD SPRING  
7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
This 1920 German horror film, about a hypnotist who uses a somnambulist to kill, will be screened as part of the library’s Silent Film Series with live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown. *Free*

THURS 24  
**From Beacon to the Border**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplanck Ave.  
beaconhebrewalliance.org  
The documentary follows the 2018 trip by a group of grandparents from Beacon to Texas to protest the separation of migrant families at the border. See Page 2. *Free*

SUN 27  
**Compassion and Mercy: Tales for Our Times**  
BEACON  
2 p.m. St. John’s Church  
35 Willow St. | stjochim-stjohn.org  
Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi, Jonathan Heiles, Muriel Horowitz, Karen Pillsworth, Mary Platt and Ron Sopyla will share original and traditional stories.

MUSIC

SAT 19  
**Mike Klubnick Blues**  
COLD SPRING  
2 – 5 p.m. Bandstand  
Klubnick will perform with Amy Sherlock on vocals, Roberto Muller on drums, James Rubino on guitar and a special guest, Dave Merandy on blues harp. The rain date is SUN 20. *Free*

SAT 19  
**Appalachian Fusion**  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org  
This celebration of Appalachian music and dance will feature music by Vanaver Caravan and readings from Ron Rash’s *Burning Bright* and Mary Knight’s *Saving Wonder*. *Free*

Presley, Perkins, Lewis and Cash, Oct. 25



SAT 19  
**Robin Holcomb**  
BEACON  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
A critic in *The New York Times* called Holcomb’s music “a new American regionalism, spun from many threads — country rock, minimalism, Civil War songs, Baptist hymns, Appalachian folk tunes, even the polytonal music of Charles Ives.” *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

FRI 25  
**Presley, Perkins, Lewis and Cash**  
PEEKSKILL  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
In this tribute, the performers segue through the 1950s singing classics such as “Blue Suede Shoes,” “Walk the Line” and “Great Balls of Fire.” *Cost: \$30 to \$50*

SAT 26  
**Blame It On the Bossa Nova**  
BEACON  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
Bring your masks and join in a Brazilian masquerade with the Judith Tulloch Band. See Page 11. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SAT 26  
**Dalton Ridenhour**  
COLD SPRING  
8 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537  
chapelrestoration.org  
As part of the Jazz at the

Chapel series, the pianist will perform ragtime, stride and blues as well as songs from his album, *Eccentricity*. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 26  
**Lucy Kaplansky**  
BEACON  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The folk and Americana chart-topper blends country, folk and pop in her melodies. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 27  
**Stop Gun Violence Concert**  
BEACON  
5 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
A group of musicians led by Tom Chapin will perform to benefit the nonprofit AfterLead, which assists victims of gun violence. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC

MON 21  
**City Council**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 21  
**School Board**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road  
845-838-6900 | beaconf12.org

MON 21  
**Village Board**  
NELSONVILLE  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
258 Main St. | 845-265-2500  
nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 22  
**Board of Trustees**  
COLD SPRING  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.  
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 23  
**School Board**  
GARRISON  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org





Franchino and Tulloch take their eclectic world mix to the stage.

Photo provided

## Brazilian Beat (from Page 11)

Franchino also moved to the Hudson Valley in 1989, to work at an organic farm (and later IBM), but the couple didn't get to know each other for another decade. "If I had stayed in New Jersey, I don't know if I would have become a musician," Franchino says. "Everything is hard rock and I outgrew that fast."

The couple relocated to Beacon nine

years ago. "What I love is there's very little competition; everyone supports each other," Tulloch says. "We're happy to be around the artists and poets, too."

*Tickets are \$10 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4351077 or \$15 at the door. Bring or wear a mask. The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St. Snacks will be provided and wine and beer will be available.*

## Mona Smith (from Page 11)

olic and Jewish communities, and they all felt isolated; everything they knew had to be shed. Yet, they did it, as others did before and since — the immigrant experience told over and over. How we parse out our divisions depends on our times."

After deciding to rework and stage the play, she and Mariano worked together for a year, their first experience as co-writers. "Luckily we have complementary strengths," Smith says. "I'm the research history nerd-head; Traci sees things visually. Sometimes we hit trouble spots where we spent a month on a scene. Eventually, the only thing retained from the original was the opening."

Once they had a draft they were happy with, the women set up an online fundraising campaign. In 2018, the play was produced by the Whitefire Theater in Los Angeles, with audience discussions following each performance. "Immigrant communities came — people from all over the place, including the Persian community," Smith says. "I wish we'd put a map in the lobby. Everybody wanted to share a story."

In Peekskill, the cast will include Stephen Paul Johnson, Sean McNall and Jose Gamo, who are known for their work with the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. (Smith spent seven years in grant development there.) They'll be joined by actors from Los Angeles and New York City and by Haldane students Helen Rose Hutchi-

son and Andrew Nachamkin.

Smith, who has a journalism degree from the University of Nebraska and is a former reporter for *The Miami Herald*, has written several other plays, including *All That Remains*, *Becoming Something*, which was inspired by black actor and activist Canada Lee, about whom Smith has written a biography of the same name, and *Borderlands*, a meditation on women, war and ethnic cleansing. Mariano has directed many new plays, including, most recently, Lorien Haynes's *Butterside Down* at the Cherry Lane Theatre in New York City.

*Tickets for the reading are \$5 at paramounthudsonvalley.com or at the door. The show, at 7:30 p.m., will be preceded by refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and followed by a discussion moderated by Jim Cairl. The Paramount Hudson Valley is located at 1008 Brown St.*



Jose Gamo



Sean McNall



Stephen Paul Johnson

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Kid Friendly

# Playground Politics

By Katie Hellmuth Martin



As Election Day nears, let's address politics — specifically, politics among children, who often have their own opinions about what's going on but just as often parrot what they hear at home, whether their parents are conservative, centrist or progressive, which can lead to mini-debates on the playground or in class that don't advance very far into the issues.

Let me share two concepts:

- 1. Each person believes the thoughts in their head to be true and valid.
- 2. Every day is election season. Whether to say or not say something comes up with nearly every topic, including religion, housing developments and families.

Children are keen listeners, and when they leave the house, they take our adult reactions to the TV news and other adults with them. Our children learn how to respond from the grownups. Are we showing them how to listen? Are we listening to other views, to show our children how to deal with a statement they don't believe to be true?

A letter came home in my second-grader's folder from Beacon's elementary school guidance counselor, Roberta Clements. In it, she wrote about working with the students to develop skills "that help all children get along with other people and get the most out of school."

Her focus was on empathy, impulse-control and anger-management. Empathy is the first key in the equation of what to tell our children to say in response to another kid they disagree with. How do



"You're a princess? OK, you're a princess."

Photo by K. Martin

they respond with empathy? By listening. According to Roberta: "Empathy means identifying and understanding others' feelings in order to be a more caring person."

The first step for a parent is to identify empathetic teaching moments: catch your kid talking about the conversation they had. They may share this in a random moment during a midnight snack. Or you may actually hear the conversation while carpooling (turn the radio down).

Beyond politics, the conversation could sound like: "Jesus said to do this, and when he did that, this other thing happened." The response from the other child might be: "There is no Jesus."

Or, a conversation during a playdate could sound like: "I am a vampire." And the response could be: "During this game of pretend, your role is a vampire." And the response to that is: "No, really, I am a vampire."

You can see what is happening: a statement and a rejection. The key to moving through this respectfully is to put on our Listening Ears, even if we hear something we think is untrue.

my dear Grownup reader: Are your Listening Ears on with other grownups who say something you disagree with? Your children are watching, and mimicking, you.

The second step is impulse-control and identifying it. What is a negative impulse that leads to escalation and an emotional disagreement? A few candidates: "No, it doesn't!" or "That's absurd!" "That is so not true!" "Lies! All lies!"

My husband was watching Fox News the other day and declared as I walked into the room: "I feel so badly for these anchor women. They have to wear these mini skirts. It's so degrading."

I happened to be wearing a mini skirt. A pink one. With a ruffle. My response was: "Well, the dresses are part of their costume on TV that is part of the show they chose to be on. Every network has a look, and that's Fox's look. Even CNN is having their ladies sit in solid red and blue dresses lately."

He was incredulous. "I thought you would appreciate that I am defending these women." I did appreciate that, but I was wearing a mini skirt to work, and I didn't see the difference. Our debate went on a bit longer, and I didn't need to win it. I bid him a polite adieu. I wanted him to know I wasn't leaving in a huff. (I can do that sometimes.) We could be friends and still disagree.

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Real Estate

## Market Report (September)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
New Listings	10	17	15	24
Closed Sales	1	9	14	10
Days on Market	15	91	120	70
Median Price	\$475,000	\$385,000	\$598,750	\$550,000
% List Received	109	89.9	93.5	96.9
Inventory	31	44	86	98

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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ARTS BRIEFS

Beacon Artists Honored

Two among winners of Dutchess Arts Awards

Two Beacon residents — Ed Benavente and Jillian Warner — were among the honorees at the 33rd Dutchess County Executive’s Arts Awards on Oct. 3 in Wappingers Falls. Warner, a 2019 Beacon High School graduate who is studying theatrical design and production at Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, was recognized as one of two students with exceptional promise in the arts. Along with the

Beacon Players, she worked at Syracuse Stage and the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Benavente, a sculptor who created the Beacon Bicycle Tree in 2011 and the Beacon Menorah in 2014, was honored as an “artist.” He has lived in Beacon since 2006.

Calls for Artists

Beacon: Then and Now  
– Deadline: Nov. 1 –

The Howland Public Library and the Beacon Historical Society will collab-

orate on this December exhibit, which asks photographers to re-create any of eight historic images. See facebook.com/beacon-library for guidelines.

Small Works Show  
– Deadline: Nov. 10 –

Submit painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, sculpture or mixed media for this seventh annual show at the Catalyst Gallery, 137 Main St., in Beacon that will run from Dec. 7 to Jan. 12. Visit catalystgallery.com for guidelines.

Little Boxes  
– Deadline: Nov. 21 –

Purchase a 3-inches by 3-inches blank canvas for \$25 to create an interpretation of the Hudson River. The artwork will be auctioned on Nov. 23 at Scenic Hudson’s Red Barn at Long Dock Park in Beacon to benefit the sloop Woody Guthrie. Three will win awards for Most Spectacular, Most Creative and Funniest. Visit brownpapertickets.com/event/4355193 to purchase a ticket that can be exchanged for a canvas at RiverWinds Gallery, 172 Main St., in Beacon.



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for September by Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon and Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.



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Position	last month	TITLE	AUTHOR
1	-	<i>The Testaments</i>	Margaret Atwood
2	1	<i>The Overstory</i>	Richard Powers
3	-	<i>On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous</i>	Ocean Vuong
4	-	<i>Men Explain Things to Me</i>	Rebecca Solnit
5	-	<i>Happiness, As Such</i>	Natalia Ginzburg
5	-	<i>The Water Dancer</i>	Ta-Nehisi Coates
1	-	<i>Guts</i>	Raina Telgemeier
2	-	<i>Boy-Crazy Stacey</i>	Ann Martin
3	1	<i>Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls</i>	Dav Pilkey
4	-	<i>Best Friends</i>	Shannon Hale
5	-	<i>Stargazing</i>	Jen Wang

BABY and DOG



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Sheila and Brandon Williams of Garrison shared this photo of a friend’s dog, Lucy, as she surprised their son Rhys with a tongue touch, to the delight of his brothers. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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Opioid statistics per 100,000 residents

	All deaths	E.R. visits	Deaths 18-44	Heroin deaths	"Opioid burden"	Pain-reliever deaths
Putnam	21.2	53.6	49.2	11.1	249.7	16.2
Dutchess	17.3	46.9	29.9	9.5	432.6	11.2
Mid-Hudson	16	46.8	31.6	8.3	311.1	11.5
State	15.5	56.9	25.3	6.7	295.9	12.1

Source: New York State Department of Health, 2016 (most recent data available). Opioid burden is a combined rating of deaths, abuse, dependence and E.R. visits. Pain-reliever deaths include those involving fentanyl.

### Behavioral Hub (from Page 1)

life,” she said. “We’ve had generous startup money.” Once they established the office, she said, “it felt essential.”

The other members of the board are Luke Hilpert, Tamar Stubbs, Carol Powell, Katie Cucchiarella, Drena Fagen, Maria Stein Marrison, Dave Marzollo, Melanie Matero, Kristin McPherson, Craig Muraszewski, Rebecca Pearsall, Lisa Scicluna, Sylvia Wallin and Suzanne Willis. The Hub is also working with the Philipstown Coalition, formerly known as the Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition.

Pack McCarthy said having a location in Cold Spring is important because so many resources are located on the other

side of the county. “Even when we could get people to Carmel for the initial step [for treatment], it was too far to be able to do a real follow-up,” she said.

“Now people can come through this door, get an assessment, find out about the resources available, and I’ll be following up closely,” she said. “I’ll be asking ‘How did that meeting go? What was the chemistry like?’ I’ll be arranging transportation. What we don’t want is for people to be sent to the E.R. and get cast out. This is a place where relatives can say, ‘This [treatment] didn’t work,’ and we can try again.”

*The Hub is located at 5 Stone St. To learn more or donate, visit [philipstownhub.org](http://philipstownhub.org) or call 845-809-5050. For confidential assistance, call or text 845-260-1001.*



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# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (October 1869)

School was canceled for a day in Nelsonville after two days of rain left a lake from the schoolhouse steps on Secor Street to Main. West Street and the docks were also submerged, the Foundry Brook in Mollysville ran across the turnpike and torrents of water at Breakneck destroyed thousands of bricks in the yards below.

School Districts No. 3 (Rock Street), No. 13 (Foundry) and No. 10 (Nelsonville) reported average attendances of 159, 125 and 84 students, respectively.

An intoxicated train passenger died when he fell between two cars near the mouth of Beverly Brook. He had boarded at Peekskill with a ticket to Fishkill and was asked by the conductor to go to the smoking car. On his way he apparently encountered a locked or jammed door and slipped while struggling with it.

The rain extinguished a fire in a gorge on the Breakneck side of Bull Hill.

Salutes were fired at West Point at sunrise, noon and sunset following the



West Point saluted Franklin Pierce at his death in 1869, but many historians consider him one of the most ineffective presidents.

death of former President Franklin Pierce on Oct. 8 of cirrhosis of the liver.

Michael Kinsella, 7, of Market Street, died after he was struck in the legs by the

fender of an express train and thrown against a pile of timber.

The first "snow" fell in Cold Spring from the top of the Atlantic Express train, which apparently had passed through a storm to the north and west.

The stained-glass windows were installed at the new Methodist Church.

A. Jaycox, while bringing a load of hay to the village, turned too short on Furnace Street near Martin's Shoe Store and spilled the load into the street. The baker wagon of Mr. Dore also spilled a barrel of fresh loaves during a sharp turn.

## 125 Years Ago (October 1894)

A state game protection agent visited Cold Spring to arrest the son of John Denna, who he claimed had illegally trapped three partridges.

Hon. W.H. Ladue was "touched" for \$15 on the train or at Danbury Fair. He was carrying the cash in an envelope in his inside coat pocket.

Capt. Henry Metcalfe was named the first president of the newly formed Cold Spring Village Improvement Association. Its initial order of business was to meet with the vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church to discuss adding walks, flowerbeds and settees under the shade trees on its grounds. However, it was discovered that, according to the deed of gift from Robert Parrott to the church, the grounds could only be used for church purposes.

One hundred and thirty-seven "Chinamen" were passengers aboard a Central Hudson express train on their way to San Francisco to take a steamer home to fight against Japan.

Martha Squire of Nelsonville celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born in Pound Ridge on Oct. 11, 1794, and had 10 children, 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. She noted her family had only three deaths in the previous century (her husband and two of their children). The Kemble Cornet Band gave her a serenade.

Eugene Staff of Continentalville had 18 chickens stolen and traced them to a hut on Cat Hill, but the thief, a stranger, escaped.

A boatload of manure from New Jersey docked in Garrison caused a stink.

Justice Nelson fined Joseph Denney \$5 for punching John Quinn Jr. in the face.

Thomas Cronin complained to Justice Nelson that a dog owned by Charles Hanyen was vicious, so the judge ordered the dog shot.

Police received a complaint about the foul language being used by young men who gathered in the evenings at the corner of Kemble and Main.

The state commissioners who visited Cold Spring in August to consider it as a site for a new veterans' home instead chose Oxford, in Chenango County.

A farmer's wife in Purdytown, about 10 miles from Cold Spring, hanged herself from a rafter in the hay mow. Hannah Smith, 34, was "a victim of melancholia brought on by a disease of longstanding," according to the *Recorder*. She left a note for her husband that read, "God have mercy on my soul."

A horse belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Hanyen took fright at a donkey on the Garrison road and the wagon carrying the couple and their son collided with a telephone [telegraph] pole, breaking the boy's leg.

A traveling evangelist, Mrs. Van Cott, held revival meetings at the depot and the South Highlands M.E. Church in Garrison. [A former patent-medicine saleswoman, Maggie Newton Van Cott led revivals for 46 years.]



The traveling Methodist evangelist Maggie Newton Van Cott led revival meetings in Cold Spring and Garrison in 1894.

David Forson of the firm of Forson and Ross sued the Newburgh Board of Education because it would not allow his children to attend school until they were vaccinated.

Boys in the village celebrated Halloween by throwing cabbage stalks at front doors and removing gates.

## 100 Years Ago (October 1919)

Whoever removed the spoons from the Knights of Columbus was asked to return them, no questions asked.

John Riggs, a lifelong resident of Nelsonville who was for decades its postmaster and justice of the peace, died at age 75.

A group of women met at the Philipstown Town Hall to hear a speaker from the National Woman Suffrage Association. She told those assembled: "The state was like a man who had always had two legs and only used one." She advised the women, when they voted, to carefully make the X in the center of the box, to prevent the ballot from being thrown out.

Charles Traver announced he had taken ownership of William Brewer's blacksmith shop in East Nelsonville and would offer horseshoeing and wagon-making as well as automobile supplies such as gasoline, oil and grease.

After a Peekskill high school football team defeated Haldane, 24-0, the *Recorder* offered: "It is most evident that the locals are in need of considerable practice."

A committee proposed constructing a Soldiers' Memorial Building on the site of the Philipstown Town Hall with an

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## Looking Back *(from Page 18)*

800-seat auditorium. It noted “the present Town Hall, as everybody knows, is inconvenient, unsanitary and dangerous.”

Twelve members of the local Men’s Association attended a dinner, at Mount Beacon, of Men’s Clubs from Dutchess County. The speaker was Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the Navy.

### 75 Years Ago (October 1944)

Edward Monroe, 56, a painter and former Nelsonville resident, was held in special custody at the Hudson River State Hospital in Poughkeepsie after being accused of killing another patient by bashing him over the head with the arm of a chair. He said the man had “bothered him.”

The Lions Club signed a “hillbilly” orchestra from Westchester called the Dandee Doodlers to perform at its annual barn dance at Haldane Central School.

Rita (Nolan) Gilman of Church Street was informed by telegram that her husband, Arthur, had been killed in action. Before being inducted, he worked at the Harmon shops for New York Central Railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster Warren of Nelsonville received word that their son, Arthur, had been wounded in action in Italy.

### 50 Years Ago (October 1969)

After several months of preparation, the Nelsonville Village Board approved hiring a consulting firm to study the feasibility of installing a sewer system.

Mrs. Francis Dale of Cold Spring presented a bronze memorial plaque to the Constitution Island Association for its Anna B. Warner Memorial Garden.

Clarence Post gave the Putnam County Historical Society [now the Putnam History Museum] his father’s boyhood diaries, kept from 1884 to 1888, recording happenings and the weather on the Garrison farm where he grew up. In one entry, Fred Post recalled skating over the frozen Hudson to deliver mail to West Point.

David Nairn, the town dog enumerator, began a canine census required by state law.

Pegi Pearson, in a letter to the editor of the *News and Recorder*, said the Haldane

Student Council had been right to host an assembly with speakers discussing opposing views of the Vietnam war, and that the school had been right not to discipline students who wore black armbands. She scolded another writer, Homer Jaycox, who had labeled the students “red fascists.”

### 25 Years Ago (October 1994)

*The New York Times* ran a story about Cold Spring that included praise for Constitution Marsh. The next day, more than 75 cars lined both sides of narrow Indian Brook Road and some 300 visitors crowded into the Visitors’ Center, taking every handout and exhausting the toilet-paper supply. Staff spent the next two days turning people away and Audubon closed the marsh for the remainder of the season.

The Desmond-Fish Library appointed Polly Townsend, a Garrison native who had just earned a master’s degree in English Literature from the University of New Hampshire, as its children’s librarian.

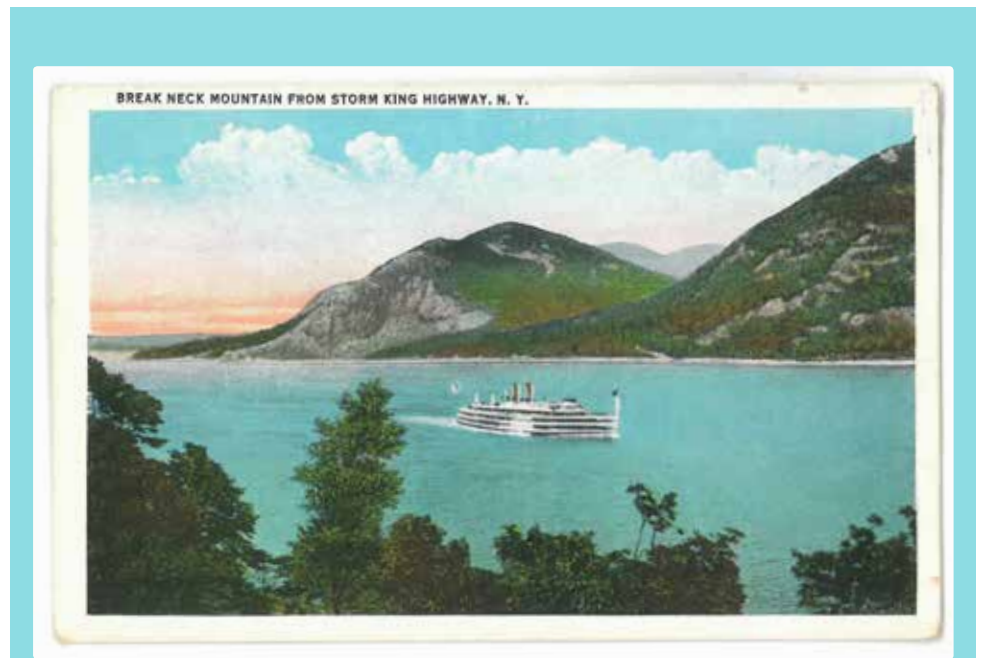
Catherine Portman-Laux of Garrison was certified as an independent candidate for the congressional district that included Philipstown. Her campaign slogan was “ax taxes” and she described herself as “American first, anti-socialism and anti-world government.” The seat was held by Rep. Hamilton Fish, who was retiring. His son, Hamilton Fish Jr., was the Democratic candidate, and Sue Kelly held the Republican line.

First responders from 10 agencies searched Breakneck for a Scarsdale boy who became separated from his parents; he was found by other hikers, who brought him out of the woods near Lake Surprise Camp.

Madeline Klehr-Keyes, a first grader at the Garrison School, was recognized for her honesty when she found money on the playground and brought it to the office.

An early-morning kitchen fire destroyed a home on River Road/Fair Street, injuring James Halligan.

A Beacon man whose license had been revoked for driving while intoxicated was arrested when he drove his car into the curb outside Butterfield Hospital. When his cuffs were removed at the police station for fingerprinting, the suspect tried to make a run for it out the front door.



**SEEING THE SIGHTS** — Thirty Hudson River postcards dating to the early 1900s from the collection of Barry Ross of Garrison will be on display at the Desmond-Fish Library through Nov. 2. Here, a steamboat cruises past Breakneck. In 1902, Day Line cruises recorded 266,504 passengers; by 1925, the total had grown to nearly 2 million.

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Industrial archeologist Arron Kotlensky described the historic importance of the West Point Foundry, calling it "a place that's been hiding in plain sight."

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# Foundry Honored as Engineering Landmark

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

On Oct. 5, exactly 215 years — to the day — of the birth of West Point Foundry superintendent Robert Parrott, history buffs gathered at its ruins to honor the contributions Parrott and his colleagues made to engineering and the world.

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and Scenic Hudson, the environmental nonprofit that owns the 90-acre site in Cold Spring, unveiled a plaque commemorating the factory's role not only in manufacturing iron goods for commerce and the military but in nurturing visionaries.

The West Point Foundry is the 272nd engineering landmark recognized by ASME. The list already included a functioning 1861 foundry-built steam engine and an early 1850s foundry water turbine, now both in Puerto Rico. (The West Point Foundry is also on the National Register of Historic Places.)

Joined by Scenic Hudson and ASME officials, Steven Walton, a history professor at Michigan Technological University and member of the member of ASME's History and Heritage Committee, and Arron Kotlensky, an industrial archeologist, explained the foundry's historic importance. Both partici-

pated in research led by a team from Michigan Tech that conducted archeological digs at the ruins from 2002 to 2008.

The foundry was established in 1817 and thrived until about 1870, although it remained in operation until 1911. After it closed, nature reclaimed its valley along Foundry Brook and bricks from its structures were re-used elsewhere. However, the office building built in 1865 remains intact.

Kotlensky described the foundry as "a place that's been hiding in plain sight" for more than a century. Meanwhile, its one-time competitors mostly have been bulldozed. "From marine engines for many pioneering riverboats on the Hudson in the late 1820s through 1840s, to many of the [original] American-built railroad locomotives, including the very first, the Best Friend of Charleston, completed in 1830, it would be easy to go on about what the foundry made," he said.

Parrott, a West Point grad, joined the foundry in 1836 and retired 31 years later. His Parrott cannon is credited with helping the Union win the Civil War. But the foundry also made water pipes, department store fronts, lighthouse components and agricultural equipment.

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# Apples for a Beloved Teacher

The Haldane Elementary School in Cold Spring on Oct. 4 dedicated an outdoor learning space to Lori Isler (right), who taught in the district for more than 30 years before her death from cancer last year at age 55.

Isler's family, including her parents, Catherine and Fred Isler of Cold Spring, her sister Jeannie, her nephew Cooper and two aunts and an uncle, attended the ceremony (below). "Anyone who knew her, knew that she loved apples," said Lincoln McCarthy, the student council president (bottom photo, at left). "We thought it would be a nice idea to plant apple trees and make a place at Haldane where we could remember her."

The trees were planted in a spot that overlooks Isler's former classroom. Her mother and nephew together cut the ribbon (above).



Photos provided



## Obituary

### Leon Cochrane Sr. (1926-2019)

Leon McKinley Cochrane Sr., 93, who in 1968 became the first African-American elected to the Beacon school board and later served as its president, died Oct. 6 in Apex, North Carolina.

Born in Brockway, New York, on Oct. 4, 1926, he was the youngest and last surviving child of Frank and Lulu (Palmore) Cochrane. As a child, he suffered from poliomyelitis and was unable to walk for some time. But he was a star athlete at Beacon High School and played baseball with local teams into his 70s.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict (he said he was stationed in Germany instead of Korea because he missed a bus), Leon earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Howard University, where he was named "the brain" of his graduating class.

At Howard, he met Mary Jo Alice Dula, from Hickory, North Carolina, and they were wed in 1954. They were married for 36 years before her death.

After graduating, Leon was hired by IBM as its fifth black engineer (his brother, Harry Cochrane, was



the first). He was a senior associate engineer and worked on semi-conductors when digital technology was in its infancy. He retired after 35 years with the company.

Leon had a lifelong passion for sports, particularly baseball. He was a die-hard Yankees fan but also a fan of the Giants and Knicks. He loved music and sang and played the tenor saxophone. (He said that he was once offered the opportunity to travel with a jazz band but did not want to leave his family.)

He is survived by his children: Leon Cochrane Jr. of Philadelphia; Sandra Blakney (Ben) of Cary, North Carolina; Karen Cochrane-Brown (Ed Brown) of Cary; and Alan Dula (Willardean) of Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and his grandchildren, LaTrinda Williams, Lakisha Dula, Ariel Cochrane-Brown, Jared Blakney, Jasen Blakney and Joseph Cochrane-Brown.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Society of Black Engineers' summer SEEK program (nsbe.org), which introduces third to fifth graders to science, math and engineering.

A funeral service was held Oct. 15 at the Star of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Beacon, followed by interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery.



SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES — Seven candidates for three vacancies on the Beacon School District Board of Education met at Romblout School Thursday night, in the "Candidates Night" sponsored by the Beacon Council Parent-Teachers Association. Vying for election May 7 will be (left to right): Leon M. Cochrane; Robert Whittingham; Emil Sjöholm (moderator of the program and not a candidate); Harry Allred, who is seeking re-election as president of the school board; Phillip Smith; Angelo R. Turco; Otto Feilen and Thomas C. Varland. About 90 people were in attendance to hear the candidates speak.

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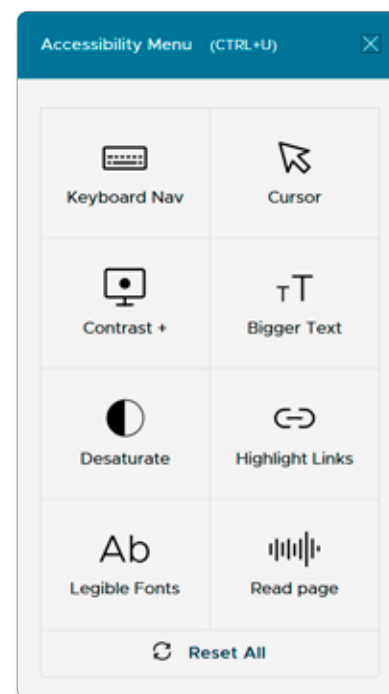
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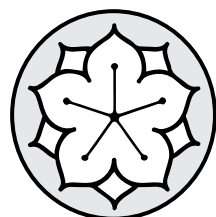


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The HIGHLANDS

Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

Saturday

61/39



Sunny


POP: 0%

W 4-8 mph

RealFeel 65/42

Sunday

60/42



Partly sunny and pleasant


POP: 10%

S 3-6 mph

RealFeel 63/43

Monday

65/49



Intervals of clouds and sunshine


POP: 10%

E 4-8 mph

RealFeel 67/53

Tuesday

61/42



Cloudy, chance of a little rain in the afternoon


POP: 30%

S 4-8 mph

RealFeel 63/39

Wednesday

61/40



Chance of morning rain; otherwise, mostly cloudy


POP: 35%

WSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 60/38

Thursday

60/46



Plenty of sunshine


POP: 0%

SSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 60/45

Friday

63/48



Mostly sunny

POP: 0%

S 4-8 mph

RealFeel 66/49

Pollen

High

Moderate

Low

Absent

Absent

Absent

Absent

N.A.

Grass

Weeds

Trees

Molds

Source: National Allergy Bureau

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 10/19

7:12 AM

Sunset Sat. night, 10/19

6:09 PM

Moonrise Sat., 10/19

10:12 PM

Moonset Sat., 10/19


12:44 PM

Last

New

First

Full



Oct 21

Oct 27

Nov 4

Nov 12

POP: Probability of Precipitation; The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is an exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

# CROSSCURRENT

By  
Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

### ACROSS

- Capital of Swiss canton of Valais
- Scripture
- Cow food trough
- Ex-Cold Spring village lawyer Michael
- Package of combined items
- \_\_\_\_\_ Me, online money-raising site
- Honors, respects
- Bony piscine
- Spirited enthusiasm
- With 23-down, local civic building being restored
- Town in Italy known for Spumante
- Date of November elections
- Pull
- Opposite of more
- Western plateaus
- Type of creature in No. 17-Across
- Name for king of the jungle
- Sports official, for short
- Beacon general and library donor
- Empire \_\_\_\_\_
- First name of Nelsonville-Philipstown road
- Blotchily multi-hued
- Berate
- Before
- Crazy
- End
- Citizen in Kampala
- Excessively desired
- Southeast Asian prickly-fruit tree
- Passengers
- Promotionally palavered
- Spelunkers

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58. Painful scrapes or wounds

59. Scottish young woman

DOWN

1. New Mexico city

2. Leaves spaces when starting new paragraph

3. Eye lustily

4. Indian subcontinent tree

5. Reason for wide-shaft boots?

6. Indicted Giuliani associate Fruman

7. New York city on Lake Erie

8. Three French 18th-century kings, collectively

9. Ted Cruz, St of Tex; Joni \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ of Ia

10. Islamic faith member

12. "He'd my back, just as \_\_\_\_\_ back."

13. Ox meat

16. Piggish place

17. Possessor

20. Cereal component

23. See 19-across

27. Aircraft that land on water

29. Juvenile New York Eastern News

31. Allium family favorite

33. Personal causes of consternation

34. One of New York's Great Lakes

35. Smaller, frailer, weaker

36. NYS outdoors agency

38. Agrees to

39. Small horns and whistles

40. Senior congregants in some churches

41. Praises

43. Abbreviated medico or paper

45. Counterparts to moms

50. Valley

52. Spoken

53. Celebratory interjection

# SUDOCURRENT

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### Answers for Oct. 11 Puzzles

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9	6	1	4	3	5	7	8	2
8	3	5	1	7	2	4	6	9
2	4	7	9	6	8	5	1	3
7	8	2	5	9	3	1	4	6
6	5	3	7	4	1	9	2	8
1	9	4	8	2	6	3	7	5

Answers will be published next week.  
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## SPORTS



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## Philipstown Soccer Teams Make Runs

*Girls finish second; boys fall just short*

The Philipstown Lady Hawks finished in second place on Sunday (Oct. 13) in the under-12 girls' division at the 31st Annual Poughkeepsie Columbus Weekend Tournament at Greenvale Park.

The squad narrowly missed claiming

the tournament title but was edged out by the Saratoga Lightning in a dramatic, extra-time shootout.

Meanwhile, the boys' U11 Vikings made their own run on Saturday (Oct. 12), falling short in the final match against a powerful Inter-Connecticut 2009 Boys' White team. Parker Larsen led the Vikings in scoring throughout the four-game competition, while keeper Patrick Shields kept the team in contention.

## Haldane Volleyball Prepares for Run

*Will move to Class D for state playoffs*

By Skip Pearlman

It's almost that time again: The playoffs. The Haldane High School volleyball team will put the wrap on its regular season tonight (Oct. 18) against Putnam Valley after posting straight-set victories over Blind Brook and North Salem.

The Blue Devils — who are 15-4 overall and 5-0 in the league — will recognize their seniors at tonight's home game.

Haldane made short work of Blind Brook (10-7), winning 25-19, 25-18 and 25-21. Senior captain Melissa Rodino handed out 11 assists to go with six kills and two aces, and Maria Barry added six kills, four aces and four digs.

"We did a great job adjusting our defense to pick up balls, which enabled us to run our offense well," said Coach Kelsey Flaherty.

Haldane also had little trouble with North Salem (6-12), winning 25-9, 25-9, 25-19. Olivia Monteleone had five aces and 12 assists, Grace Tomann had four aces, 12 kills and nine digs, and Barry added three aces, seven kills and three blocks.

"Olivia ran the offense, which can be tricky, and she stepped up and made sure



Grace Tomann (4) makes an acrobatic return against North Salem.

Photo by S. Pearlman

all our hitters had chances," said Flaherty. "Grace had the most kills for us; she was very consistent at the net."

Haldane can clinch the league title with a win over Putnam Valley (11-4). The Blue Devils beat the Tigers in straight sets in the teams' earlier meeting.

The Blue Devils, who won the Section 1, Class C title in two of the last three seasons, will move to Class D for this year's playoffs. The only other Class D team in Section 1 is Tuckahoe (11-4), so the teams will play for the title for Nov. 3 at Pace University. Haldane defeated Tuckahoe 3-1 on Sept. 18.

## VARSITY ROUNDUP

### GIRLS' SOCCER

**Beacon** fell to Hendrick Hudson, 4-0, but gave the Sailors a much tougher game in a rematch, losing 2-1 in double overtime. The Bulldogs' goal was scored by Gabby Del Castillo on an assist from Samantha McDowell. Shianne Canada had 15 saves in goal.

The next day, the Bulldogs defeated Kennedy Catholic, 2-1, with senior captain Analiese Compagnone scoring twice, including the game-winner on a 35-yard shot with 16 seconds left.

"Thank God for Analiese," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "She's done everything for us this season from playing defense to scoring goals. She made that play happen."

Beacon improved to 4-11 with the win and could sneak into the Section 1, Class A playoffs with a victory over Arlington today (Oct. 18) at home.

**Haldane** lost twice, to North Salem (4-0) and Croton-Harmon (3-2), falling to 7-5-2 with two games remaining against Pawling (9-4) and Peekskill (2-9-1).

Against North Salem, "unfortunately we had no jump at the start of the game and lost a defensive mark to give them an early

goal in the second minute," said Coach Steve Schweikhart. "We settled down a bit, but they got two quick tallies later in the first half and we could not recover.

"Bianca Harmancin had another solid game at left back and Mazzie Maxwell also did a nice job defensively," he said. "Both are only sophomores and they keep getting better as the season goes along."

Against Croton-Harmon, Haldane fell behind 3-0 but scored twice late and could have tied the game on a direct kick by Jade Villella with 15 seconds left but the goalie leaped to make the stop.

Sophia Scanga scored the Blue Devils' first goal on a cross from Chloe Rowe and Villella had the second unassisted. Keeper Shianne Twoguns made nine saves.

"The girls didn't quit," said Schweikhart. "It was one of our most energetic efforts of the season."

### FOOTBALL

**Beacon** got thumped by the always-tough John Jay of Cross River, 48-6, with Santino Negron scoring the Bulldogs' sole touchdown. He rushed for 125 yards on

18 carries, and Josh McCrae and George Pinkhardt each had seven tackles.

"It was a tough matchup," said Coach Jim Phelan. "Our guys fought hard, but we got beat on a number of big passing plays."

The Bulldogs (2-4), seeded No. 16 for the Section 1, Class A tournament, again face the No. 1 Indians (6-0) on Oct. 18. "We're in the playoffs for the first time in some years, and we'll have to play our best game of the season," Phelan said.

**Haldane** (2-4) struggled on both sides of the ball in a 43-8 loss at Briarcliff. "We turned the ball over early, and that set us back," said Coach Ryan McConville. "They made some big plays in their passing game that set up touchdowns."

In its final games before facing Tuckahoe for the Section 1, Class D title, Haldane will travel to Blind Brook on Oct. 26 and host Edgemont on Nov. 1.

### BOYS' SOCCER

**Beacon** tied Spackenkill, 2-2, on goals from Derek Bilyeu and Dillon Kelly and a day later tied Hendrick Hudson, 0-0. The Bulldogs, 8-3-3 overall and 7-0-1 in the league,

conclude their season on Oct. 19 at Poughkeepsie (4-7-2). The playoffs begin on Oct. 24.

**Haldane** battled to a scoreless tie with Tuckahoe but lost to North Salem (2-0) and Westlake (6-1) to fall to 1-11-1. In its final two games, the squad will travel to Putnam Valley (3-11) today (Oct. 18) and host Yonkers Montessori Academy (4-11) on Oct. 19. The Blue Devils will face Hamilton (10-4) in the first round of the Section 1, Class C playoffs.

### GIRLS' SWIMMING

**Beacon** (7-2) defeated Ketcham, 89-81, but fell to league-leading Harrison, 87-77. The Bulldogs hosted Albertus Magnus on Oct. 16 and travel on Oct. 23 to Keio Academy for their last meet of the season.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Beacon** (5-10) shut down Poughkeepsie, 3-0 (Olivia Spiak had five aces and Natalia Guzman had six), but was blanked by Lake-land (Tessa Nilsen led the Bulldogs with 11 kills and 17 digs). Beacon hosted Peekskill (10-7) on Oct. 17 for senior night.