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Philipstown Man Dies in Mobile Home Fire

*Early morning blaze
destroys structure*

By Michael Turton

A Philipstown man died on Monday (Nov. 4) when his mobile home was destroyed in an early morning fire.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said Louis J. Weber Jr., 72, died in the fire at 3 Fourth St. in the Post Road Mobile Home Park off Route 9, just south of Route 301. The park has 43 units, according to the website of its owner, Lois Realty LLC.

The North Highlands Fire Co. responded to the alarm at 3:30 a.m. and was assisted by the Cold Spring and Garrison fire departments. The Sheriff's Office said

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TUNNEL VISIONS — Last weekend, students from the Haldane school district's Discover, Create and Innovate program painted murals inside the formerly dreary pedestrian tunnel beneath the Metro-North tracks in Cold Spring. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Michael Turton

Beacon Has New Mayor; Philipstown, New Clerk

*Cold Spring mayor
re-elected; Spofford is
Putnam judge*

By Jeff Simms and
Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Beacon Democrats broke out the brooms for the second election in a row, and this time the sweep included the mayor's seat.

Lee Kyriacou, a longtime City Council member who challenged two-term Mayor Randy Casale, won the job on Nov. 5 with 57 percent of the vote. Democrats prevailed in council races across the city, as well.

Kyriacou is an at-large member of the council who gave up his seat to challenge Casale, an Independence Party member elected in 2011 to the first of two, 4-year terms.

At the end of the night on Tuesday, Kyriacou was surrounded on the stage at the Dogwood restaurant, the traditional Democratic election-night hub, by six newly

elected City Council members, four of them repeat winners from two years ago.

Much of the discussion before the election for the mayoral and council races centered on development in Beacon. On Wednesday, Kyriacou said he believed his stance on controlling it and focusing on "quality-of-life issues" swayed voters.

"The key issue that we heard over and over again was development. My view was that we need stronger control and we need to deal with it proactively," he said. "I think that resonated."

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Kyriacou

**For full election results,
see Page 7.**

Brothers in Arms

*How war brought together
two Putnam soldiers from
vastly different worlds*

By Michael Turton

Before the U.S. entered World War I in 1917, Hamilton Fish III and Clinton Peterson had little in common besides the fact both lived in Putnam County.

The "war to end all wars," which killed 8.5 million people, brought them together on the battlefield.

Peterson was born in Kent in 1891. By the time he was 9 years old, eight of his 10 siblings had died and the family was living in the county poorhouse, now the site of Veteran's Memorial Park. They were the only black family in Kent.

Peterson's formal education ended in the sixth grade. He worked as a chauffeur and handyman and, at age 25, joined the newly formed 15th New York Infantry National Guard (Colored). The unit became part of the U.S. Army's 369th Regiment (Colored), known as the Harlem Hell Fighters.

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Clinton Peterson and Hamilton Fish III

Desmond-Fish Library/East Fishkill H.S.



FIVE QUESTIONS: GEORGE PATAKI

By Chip Rowe

Twenty-five years ago today (Nov. 8), George Pataki of Garrison was elected governor of New York.

In 1994, when you were a first-term state senator, you challenged Mario Cuomo, the three-term Democratic incumbent. Can you admit now to any doubts that you had a chance?

The only time I had doubts was after Rudy Giuliani, the newly elected mayor of New York City, endorsed Cuomo. To have a Republican mayor in his honeymoon period say this other Republican whom you don't know is a horrible guy, we took a huge nosedive.

You remained in Garrison rather than move to the governor's mansion. Why was that?

We had four kids — one was at O'Neill High School and three at the Garrison School — and Libby and I thought if we moved to Albany they would be known as “the governor's kids” instead of the boy who played second base or the girl who was into Odyssey of the Mind. It was tough for Libby and me but the right decision for us as a family.

You served three terms. Does one accomplishment stand out? One disappointment?

Emotionally, what means the most was the creation of NYS-Cares, which I doubt that 10 of your readers have heard of. Growing up, I remember a couple that we used to see at the [family] farm [in Peekskill] whose child was developmentally disabled. I remember thinking, what's going to happen when his parents are too old to care for him? We worked with advocates to create independent housing for developmentally disabled children when they turn 18 or 19. With their parents' consent, they get their own room [in a group home] and can live independently, with help. It is what government should do, which is care for the most vulnerable.

For a disappointment, I am furious every time I take Amtrak out of Penn, which is probably the worst train station in America, because during my last two years as governor we had the funding in place and everyone signed off to move it to

the magnificent post office building and create a gateway to the city. It was blocked by [Democratic Assembly Speaker] Sheldon Silver because he had a corrupt deal with one of the major property owners who didn't want the station moved.

When you ran for president in 2016, you had harsh words for Donald Trump, saying you thought he would “drive the Republicans off a cliff,” although you later said you hoped he was successful. Where are you now, psychologically?

I hope every American president is successful, from Jimmy Carter to Donald Trump, because I want the country to do well. On the other hand, character matters as an individual and a leader, so those reservations still are quite present.

Had you become president, what chief issue would you have approached differently than President Trump?

The environment. I find it distressing that the administration is rolling back protections. With climate change, in 2005 we created a regional greenhouse gas initiative and eight states signed on. I thought it could have been a model. I'm still optimistic because of the technology. I was just reading about an artificial leaf that takes carbon dioxide out

of the atmosphere and converts it to fuel. We can change the way we do agriculture so it releases less CO₂. We can develop far more advanced battery storage so that wind and solar aren't intermittent power sources. But we have to do it in way that creates opportunity and a global solution instead of just something we can pat ourselves on the back about.

George Pataki
Brian Snyder/
Reuters



ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

How do you feel about having to turn the clocks back?

“

I hate it. The older I get, the more it messes me up. I'll take daylight at the end of the day.

”



~Justin Fowler, Beacon

“

I like the earlier a.m. light, but I'm more tired than I was before.

”



~Melanie Alejandro, Beacon

“

I don't like the early evening darkness and having to turn back my nine battery-powered clocks.

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~Cathy Houtman, Cold Spring

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Philipstown Proposes \$11.5 Million in Spending

Supervisor: 'No wild swings' in numbers for 2020

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board on Wednesday (Nov. 6) presented a draft 2020 budget of nearly \$11.5 million, with some \$8.1 million expected to come from taxes; \$2 million from fees and other revenue sources; and the remainder from reserves, or savings.

The tentative budget is a 2 percent increase over 2019.

"In general terms, there are no wild swings in the budget," Supervisor Richard Shea said during the meeting, held at the Philipstown Recreation Center in Garrison while Town Hall undergoes renovations.

Under the draft, board member salaries would remain at \$27,000 annually for Shea and \$18,000 for each of the four councilors. Newly elected town clerk Tara Percacciolo would earn \$65,750, the same amount paid to her predecessor, Tina Merando.

Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda would receive a 1 percent raise, to \$91,200, and Amber Stickle, the recreation and parks director, would receive 2 percent, to \$69,360.

The draft budget earmarks \$60,000 for attorney services, the same as in 2019, while the Highway Department budget would

increase by 1 percent to \$3.78 million. That includes \$368,000 for snow removal, up 1 percent.

Fire protection costs would be nearly \$2 million. Of the total, \$279,600 would go to the Continental Village Fire Department, up 2 percent; \$796,882 to Garrison, a 1 percent increase; \$789,823 to North Highlands, also up 1 percent; and \$62,970 to Cold Spring, which covers parts of Philipstown, a decrease of 3 percent. Shea and Councilor John Van Tassel attributed the decrease to lower workers' compensation and/or insurance costs.

Coverage by Philipstown's two ambulance services would cost \$603,466, an increase of 2 percent.

The budget also includes \$15,000 to fight drug abuse. The town's anti-addiction resources coordinator, Danielle Pack McCarthy, works conjunctively with the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, a nonprofit that opened in Cold Spring in October to provide information and resources.

Although few residents attended the budget meeting, those who did praised the efforts of Pack McCarthy and the Hub.

Shea said the board wants to increase its contribution to those initiatives and to the coordination of Climate Smart Communities activities, although it also must deal with the Town Hall restoration and other urgent infrastructure needs. "There's many worthy programs we'd love to be able to fund more," he said. "And then there's reality."



FOUR STORIES — The Beacon Planning Board will begin its review on Nov. 13 of a proposal to demolish this warehouse on West Main Street and replace it with a four-story, 62-unit apartment building. (Projects can be reviewed but not approved during the city's building moratorium.) The 1.3-acre parcel is in the city's Linkage Zone, which allows higher density. The Current will have updates on this and 10 other Beacon projects in its Nov. 15 issue.

Mobile-Home Fire *(from Page 1)*

an autopsy is pending to determine the cause of death and the Putnam County Fire Investigation Team is looking into the origin of the fire.

Weber was born on Aug. 5, 1947, the son of Louis and Fortunata (Coppola) Weber and was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and

a financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial before his retirement, according to an obituary posted by Clinton Funeral Home.

He is survived by his children, Courtney Bozsik (Frank Jr.) of Wappingers Falls and Louis J. Weber III of Cold Spring; his grandchildren Kyler, Noah and Frankie; and his siblings, Robert Weber, William Weber (Gigi) and Dolores DiFiore (Mario).

NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District shall hold a public hearing on the 12th day of November, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, for the purpose of discussion of the 2019 Proposed Smart Schools Investment Plan.

Kelly Pologe, District Clerk

Dated November 1, 2019

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Beacon building

We do not need any more cluster housing in Beacon! ("248 Tioronda Back on Track," Nov. 1). The amount of new construction of housing is already excessive and overwhelming and is sure to overburden the city's needs and services. As a real-estate broker in Beacon and a 61-year resident, I foresee the glut of unrented apartments as an open invitation to Beacon's 1970s de-vitalization and downfall.

Kevin Vacirca, *Beacon*

We already have put a strain on our resources such as water and our services, such as police, fire and garbage removal. There should be an indefinite building moratorium, except for single individual homes. We do not owe builders and developers the opportunity to make money at the expense of our beautiful community.

Carmela Walden-Lail, *Beacon*

Force of history

In "Bits of Beacon History" (Oct. 25), Robert Murphy reported that Charles Stover hung a sign at University Settlement Camp that read: "One's Self Must Garden and Gardener Be." Who wrote that sign — Yoda?

Joe Carr, *via Facebook*

Microplastics

As if we need one more reason to stop buying plastic bottles, your report about microplastics goes much further ("Small Pieces, Big Problems," Nov. 1). Cosmetics, toothpaste, drinking cups, the clothes on our backs — it's not enough to recycle plastic garbage. Considering how little is actually being recycled, we must stop producing it!

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

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Excellent article; it was comprehensive and factual. Most plastics articles are understandably about the ocean, rather than rivers. Congrats to Brian PJ Cronin for writing one of the best articles I've read on the impacts of plastic on fresh water.

Judith Enck, *Bennington, Vermont*
Enck, a former regional EPA administrator, is the founder of Beyond Plastics.

Short-term rentals

As we discuss in the Highlands whether we should regulate and tax Airbnb rentals, let us keep an open mind.

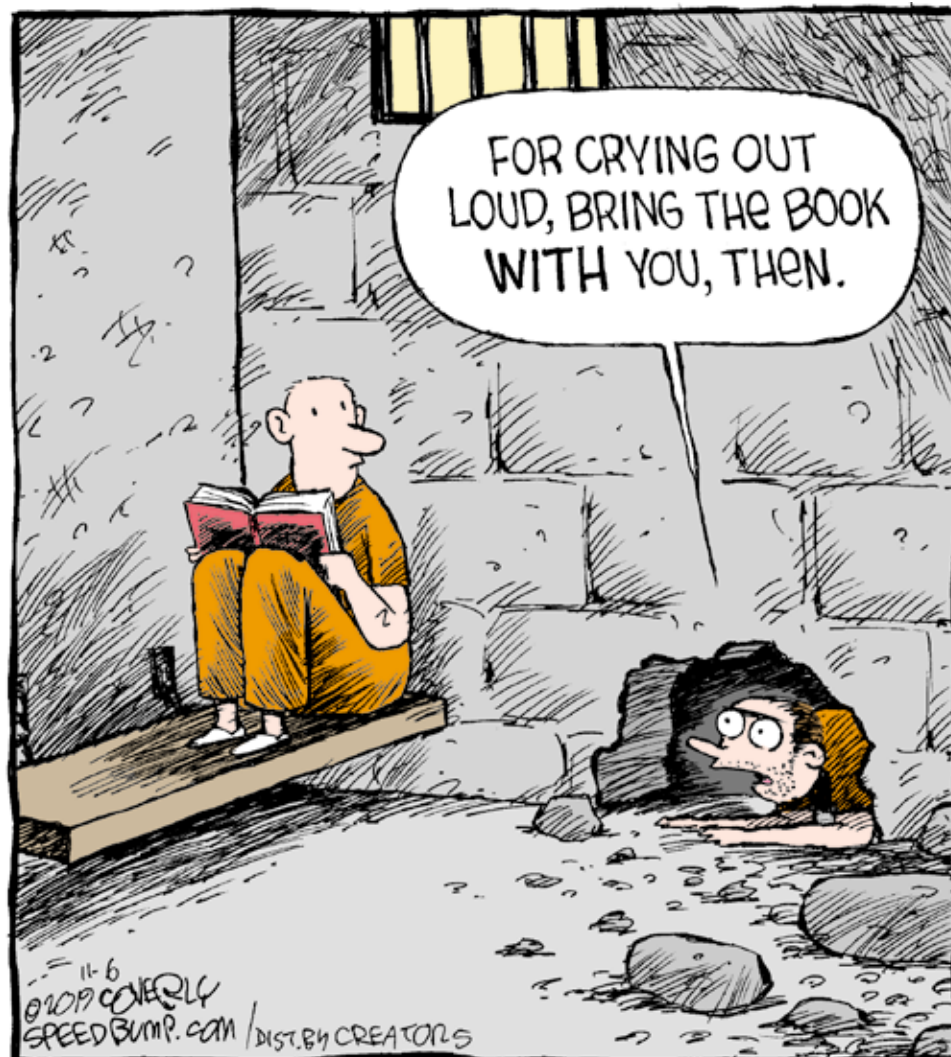
- According to *Forbes*, the Hudson Valley and Catskills are the second-most popular Airbnb destination in the U.S. Some places spend millions trying to attract visitors; we should welcome the fact that people from all over the world are discovering the beauty of where we live.
- Airbnb has been the biggest economic engine in our area for at least a decade. Guests typically arrive on Friday and leave

on Sunday. They shop at Foodtown, The Main Course and Yannitelli's, and they eat at Jimmy's, Hillary's and Cathryn's. So far we haven't had any real problems except occasional complaints about noise or parking, which can always happen.

- Charging a "room tax" will quickly hit the point of diminishing returns. It will likely grow as it has in Narragansett (where it is now nearly 10 percent) and New York City (20 percent). I know firsthand how it can deter visitors because I have stopped going to Narragansett.
- Airbnb'ing is not a cash cow. It's a supplement. If both my Airbnb properties rented every single weekend, it would still not pay much more than half my taxes and expenses.
- There is a suggestion that investor money is or could buy multitudes of properties for Airbnb'ing, but I am not aware of a single instance of this in Philipstown.
- Airbnb properties may have temporarily taken some rental properties off the market, but market forces are correcting the imbalance. Many hosts are realizing that annual rentals may be more profitable considering utility costs, wear and tear and the fact that Airbnb guests only come on weekends and are absent at least a quarter of the year.
- Finally, this type of regulation and taxation borders on infringing on property owners' long-established rights. Airbnb is essentially boarding, an implicit privilege when you pay your property taxes. Everyone who has seen *It's a Wonderful Life* knows that if George Bailey hadn't been born, his mother would be running a boarding house. And there's nothing wrong with that.

This is not a new "racket" that a swarm can form around to hunt for a piece of the action. Please weigh all aspects of the issue so that together we can do what is right for our community and this beautiful Hudson Valley.

Mahmoud Shahbodaghi, *Garrison*



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Election Results *(from Page 1)*

Kyriacou works for a New York City payments network and said he will keep that job but work more remotely once sworn in as mayor. He said he expects to see immediate changes in establishing “more shared and collaborative” procedures for setting agendas and sharing information when the all-Democratic City Council is seated in January.

Casale said he was thankful for the opportunity to lead the city and pledged to help with the transition to the new administration.

“I believe Beacon is in better condition than it was eight years ago,” he said. As for his future, “I’ll be around town, like I always am.”

Philipstown

Tina Merando, a Republican who was elected town clerk in 2003 (and was deputy clerk for a decade before that), lost her bid for a fifth, 4-year term to Democrat Tara Percacciolo, who won 53 percent of the vote.



Percacciolo

That amounted to 162 votes of 2,904 cast. Although absentee ballots have not been counted, Merando would have to win at least 86 percent of the 190 ballots requested if all were returned. The Board of Elections said by Monday it had received 128.



Democrats swept the Beacon council elections on Nov. 5. From left: Mansfield, McCredo, mayor-elect Kyriacou, Rhodes, Grant, Nelson and Aymar-Blair

Photo by Jeff Simms

Percacciolo said she was “very excited” about her win and hoped to make improvements such as upgrading the town website. “That’s my biggest thing — bringing the office into the 21st century” and “making it a welcoming place” for the public, she said.

On Wednesday (Nov. 6) Merando declined to comment, other than to say that “it’s no big story. It is what it is.”

Judy Farrell, a Democrat, was elected to the Town Board with 34 percent of the vote after being appointed to fill a vacancy in December, and another Democrat, Robert

Flaherty, was re-elected to his second, 4-year term with 44 percent. Republican challenger Corey Lyons received 21 percent.

Supervisor Richard Shea and Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda, both Democrats, and Justice Stephen Tomann, a Republican, ran unopposed.

Cold Spring

Mayor Dave Merandy was elected to his third, 2-year term, defeating Chuck Hustis with 59 percent of the vote, and incumbent Trustees Marie Early and Frances Murphy

were re-elected to their third, 2-year terms.

A challenger, Margaret Parr, who suspended her campaign after announcing she planned to move out of the village, received 21 percent of the vote.

Putnam County

Camille Linson, a Philipstown resident and town justice, fell short in her bid to succeed James Reitz, who died earlier this year. Joseph Spofford Jr., a Carmel town justice, received 58 percent of the vote.



Spofford

District Attorney Robert Tendy and Legislators Paul Jonke of District 6 and Neal Sullivan of District 9, all Republicans, ran unopposed. In District 5, Carl Albano defeated Democratic challenger Rebecca Swan with 63 percent of the vote.

Beacon Council

Incumbent Terry Nelson in Ward 1 and newcomer Air Rhodes in Ward 2 ran unopposed. Rhodes will succeed Amber Grant, who was elected to one of two at-large seats; the other went to incumbent George Mansfield, who earned his sixth term. Jodi McCredo kept her Ward 3 seat with 68 percent of the vote and Dan Aymar-Blair won the Ward 4 seat with 67 percent over Independence Party challenger Kelly Ellenwood.

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Bob Flaherty

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City of Newburgh

Ali Muhammad, a former Beacon council member, lost his Independence Party bid to unseat Democratic incumbent Torrance Harvey as mayor, winning just 25 percent of the vote.

Dutchess County

Both Democratic legislators whose districts include parts of Beacon won second terms. Nick Page, who represents Wards 2, 3 and 4, had 72 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Michael Justice, and Frits Zernike tallied 54 percent against Theoni Salotto, likewise a Republican.

County Executive Marc Molinaro, a Republican, was re-elected with 59 percent, and clerk Bradford Kendall, a fellow Republican, defeated former Beacon school board member Kenya Gadsden of Fishkill with 55 percent.

Sheriff Butch Anderson ran unopposed and William Grady kept his job as district attorney by defeating Democratic challenger Richard Berube by 814 votes of 66,560 counted, according to the unofficial results.

State Supreme Court, 9th District

The ninth is one of 13 districts in New York State, which has 324 Supreme Court justices. It includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties. Each judge serves a 14-year term.

There were five candidates for four seats; those who received the most votes were Gina Capone, a Putnam Valley justice; Nancy Quinn Koba, an Ossining judge; Lewis Lubell, a Westchester County judge and incumbent; and Steven Milligram, a Monroe judge. Robert Freehill, an Orange County judge and the only candidate not to appear on the Democratic line, was not elected.

Putnam Valley

Clement VanRoss, the former counsel for the Putnam Legislature who was dismissed in 2017 after 30 years with the county, was elected as one of the two town justices, succeeding Capone. The Republican defeated Terry Raskyn with 53 percent of the vote.

There were five candidates for two open positions on the four-person Putnam Valley town board. Incumbent Louis Luongo (R) kept his job with 28 percent of the vote, and newcomer Ralph Smith (D) won the other seat with 25 percent. Incumbent Steven Mackay (R) and challengers Anthony Williams (D) and Patty Villanova (L) fell short.

Supervisor Sam Oliverio Jr. and Town Clerk Sherry Howard, both Democrats, ran unopposed and Highway Superintendent Larry Cobb, a Republican, defeated Shawn Keller with 63 percent of the vote.



Molinaro



Capone



Koba

ELECTION Results						PARTY KEY				
						BTB = Back to Basics C = Conservative				
						D = Democratic G = Green I = Independence				
						L = Libertarian OCS = One Cold Spring				
						PP = People's Party R = Republican				
						SAM = Serve America Movement				
						TP = Team Philipstown WF = Working Families				
★	PUTNAM		VOTES	%		DUTCHESS		VOTES	%	
	Cold Spring Mayor					Beacon Mayor				
★	Charles E. Hustis III (OCS)		286	40		Randy J. Casale (R,I)		1,474	39	
	DAVID E. MERANDY (PP)		421	59		LEE KYRIACOU (D,WF,G)		2,161	57	
★	Cold Spring Trustee (2)					Write-ins		155	4	
	MARIE E. EARLY (PP)		434	36		Beacon Council, Ward 1				
★	FRANCES MURPHY (BTB)		510	43		TERRY NELSON (D,WF,G)		735	99	
	Margaret P. Parr (OCS)		247	21		Beacon Council, Ward 2				
★	Philipstown Supervisor					AIR RHODES (D,WF,G)		684	99	
	RICHARD SHEA (D,TP)		2,101	99		Beacon Council, Ward 3				
★	Philipstown Trustee (2)					Andrew E. Gauzza IV (R,C,I)		276	32	
	JUDITH A. FARRELL (D,TP)		1,786	34		JODI MCCREDO (D,WF)		592	68	
★	ROBERT FLAHERTY (D,C)		2,329	44		Beacon Council, Ward 4				
	Corey Lyons (R,C,I)		1,117	21		DAN AYMAR-BLAIR (D,WF,G)		651	67	
★	Philipstown Highway					Kelly A. Ellenwood (I)		314	33	
	CARL FRISENDA (D,TP)		2,306	100		Beacon Council, At-Large (2)				
★	Philipstown Clerk					AMBER GRANT (D,WF)		2,769	44	
	Tina M. Merando (R,C,I)		1,370	47		GEORGE MANSFIELD (D,WF)		2,689	43	
★	TARA K. PERCACCILO (D,TP)		1,532	53		Estefano Rendon (R)		812	13	
	Philipstown Justice					Dutchess Legislature 16 (Ward 1)				
★	STEPHEN G. TOMANN (R,C,I)		1,750	99		Theoni S. Salotto (R,C,I)		1,418	46	
	Putnam District Attorney					FRITS ZERNIKE (D,WF)		1,676	54	
★	ROBERT V. TENDY (R,C,I,L)		13,523	99		Dutchess Legislature 18 (Wards 2, 3, 4)				
	Putnam Judge					NICK PAGE (D,WF,G)		1,950	72	
★	Camille S. Linson (D, L, SAM)		7,838	42		Michael B. Justice (R,C)		657	24	
	JOSEPH J. SPOFFORD JR. (R,C,I)		10,649	58		Sandra Moneymaker (I)		97	4	
★	Putnam Legislator (District 5)					Dutchess Executive				
	Rebecca C. Swan (D)		730	37		MARCUS J. MOLINARO (R,C,I)		39,871	59	
★	CARL L. ALBANO (R)		1,222	63		Joe Ruggiero (D,WF)		28,235	41	
	Putnam Legislator (District 6)					Dutchess Clerk				
★	PAUL E. JONKE (R)		1,765	100		Kenya Gadsden (D,WF)		29,936	45	
	Putnam Legislator (District 9)					BRADFORD KENDALL (R,C,I)		36,260	55	
★	NEAL L. SULLIVAN (R)		1,344	99		Dutchess Sheriff				
	Putnam Valley Council (2)					BUTCH ANDERSON (R,C,I)		45,526	99	
★	RALPH E. SMITH (D,C,WF)		1,344	25		Dutchess District Attorney				
	Steven M. Mackay (R,I)		994	19		Richard Berube (D,WF)		32,873	49	
★	Patricia A. Villanova (L)		379	7		WILLIAM V. GRADY (R,C,I)		33,687	51	
	Anthony M. Williams (D,WF)		1,097	21		NEWBURGH		VOTES	%	
★	LOUIS N. LUONGO (R,C,I)		1,493	28		City of Newburgh Mayor				
	Putnam Valley Justice					TORRANCE R. HARVEY (D,WF,L)		1,569	75	
★	CLEMENT VANROSS (R,C,I)		1,429	54		Ali T. Muhammad (I)		529	25	
	Terry Raskyn (D,WF,SAM)		1,224	46						
★			Putnam	Dutchess	Total	%		TURNOUT		
	State Supreme Court Justice, Ninth District (4 seats)								Philipstown	
★	* Gina C. Capone (D,R,C,I)		16,639	59,452	320,707	21		Cold Spring		56
	* Lewis J. Lubell (D,R,C,I,SAM)		16,030	58,665	320,469	21		Putnam		30
★	* Steven L. Milligram (D,R,C,I)		15,797	58,712	315,381	20		Beacon		44
	* Nancy Quinn Koba (D,SAM)		7,561	31,331	202,816	13		Dutchess		38
★	Robert H. Freehill (R,C,I)		9,490	31,379	146,075	9				

Montgomery is Lone Vote Against County Budget

Philipstown lawmaker notes few changes from proposed spending

By Holly Crocco

Eight of the nine Putnam County legislators approved the county executive's proposed 2020 budget on Oct. 29, with Nancy Montgomery (D-Philipstown) casting the lone "no" vote.

Big Bucks

The highest-paid municipal employee in the Hudson Valley, and the state, is Brad Weidel, the police chief of the Town of Ramapo (pop. 138,000), in Rockland County, who earned \$403,650 in 2018-19, according to the Empire Center for Public Policy. That included a base salary of \$225,000 plus overtime, a longevity bonus and payment for accrued hours such as compensatory time, vacation time and family emergency time.

"It's my understanding that the people who put us in this office did so anticipating that we would be good stewards in our roles as legislators," she said before the vote. "People have given us the responsibility of spending their hard-earned tax dollars in the best way possible."

The \$165.3 million budget represents a 3.7 percent spending increase from 2019 and uses \$3.1 million of the county's savings. A resident who owns a home valued at \$302,000 — the county average — will pay about \$1,082 in property taxes.

Montgomery criticized how requests for funding were discussed and "for the most part, moved into the proposed budget with very few changes."

She said her questions on certain matters were left unanswered. "My questions were met with resistance by this Legislature; I found this to be incredibly curious," she said.

Specifically, she criticized salary increases, noting that the commissioner of health earns more (\$185,966 annually) than his counterparts in Rockland (\$177,056) and Orange (\$144,200) counties, each of which has more than three times the population of Putnam, as well as Westchester (\$173,860), which has 10 times the population.

Average Salaries

	General	Police	Fire
Beacon	\$59,457	\$91,654	\$77,714
Philipstown	\$48,976		
Cold Spring	\$30,037	\$25,301	

Source: Empire Center for Public Policy

She said there are usually three reasons to hand out raises: inflation, competition in the marketplace, and merit or an increase in responsibility.

"However, because we have eliminated certain programs and employees, the [health] commissioner actually has fewer responsibilities than before," said Montgomery. "Yet, in this budget, we're giving that position a raise. How is this responsible decision-making?"

At a meeting of the Legislature's Personnel Committee on Oct. 15, Montgomery said: "I represent people whose median household income is \$99,000 a year, and whose personal income is \$44,000 a year, and I will get comments from my constituents about some of the salaries that are being offered." She added that "this is no way a personal issue" with whomever holds the job(s).

She also pointed out that the county executive will be receiving a 2.5 percent raise, to \$162,271, even though that position pays more than it does in each of three surrounding counties that are larger in population and geographic area. In Rockland, the

county executive earns \$155,087, in Dutchess, \$144,065, and in Westchester, \$160,144.

Legislators did not receive raises; each earns \$40,839 annually except for chair Joseph Castellano, who earns \$49,798.

Montgomery's comments on the budget were in stark opposition to those of her Republican colleagues.

Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac) pointed out that Moody's Investors Service last month upgraded the county's bond rating to Aa1. "Few counties in the state have achieved this excellent rating," he said.

Sullivan said the county has managed to keep taxes low while providing critical and mandated services.

"We have diligently reviewed the budget for cost savings wherever possible while continuing to invest in and support our employees, our outside agencies and our residents, all while improving our county facilities and roads and bridges, to name just a few items," he said. "There's no fluff, there's no malarkey in this year's budget."

Legislator Carl Albano (R-Carmel) said he was also proud of the 2020 budget.

"I'm glad that eight legislators believe it's a good budget," he said. "I'm kind of saddened by the fact that after this budget process is finished we have negative things to say, and other things that should have been addressed."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) said the reason few changes were made to the county executive's proposed spending is because it was a "barebones budget" from

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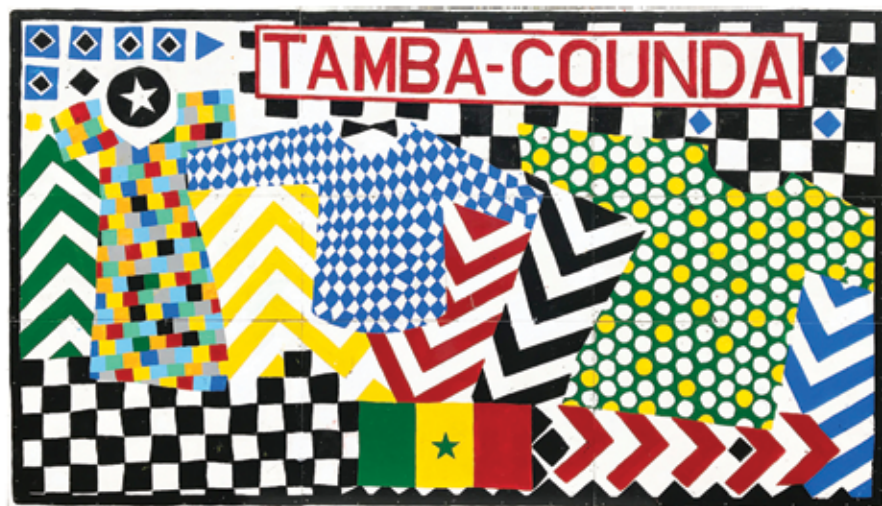
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the start. “We were handed a good budget to begin with,” she said.

Castellano (R-Brewster) called the budget “outstanding,” while recognizing that county employees are still working without contracts. “Hopefully [that] will be settled in the very near future,” he said.

The Legislature put four items in the budget on temporary hold, including \$15,000 for maintenance in Parks and Recreation; \$30,000 for special services in the District Attorney’s office; \$15,000 for license plate readers requested by the Sheriff’s Department; and nearly \$18,000 for the promotion of a sheriff’s deputy to sergeant.

“We want to have clear policies and procedures around the use of data in the license plate readers,” Sullivan said in a statement. “We want to know how long they are going to keep it and who is going to be able to see it. There are a lot of questions regarding the use of data and we want to know we have the correct policies in place.”

The Personnel Committee said it has asked the Sheriff’s Department to clarify whether the promotion involves a patrol officer or a school resource officer, whose salary is partly paid by the school district.

The board also permitted the Sheriff’s Department a 2 percent increase in overtime, to \$520,000 annually, which is \$12,000 more than 2019 but \$242,000 less than what the department requested.

	Putnam	Dutchess	Rockland	Orange	Westchester
Population	99,000	296,000	329,000	382,000	980,000
Average Pay	\$65,804	\$62,246	\$69,091	\$56,393	\$85,623
Legislator	\$40,839	\$15,914	\$32,587	\$29,811	\$52,000
County Executive	\$162,271	\$144,065	\$155,087	\$182,177	\$160,144
Deputy Executive	vacant	\$156,791	\$156,029	\$146,477	\$156,767
District Attorney	\$202,800	\$207,937	\$200,400	\$208,000	
Health Commissioner	\$185,966	\$247,148	\$177,056	\$144,200	\$173,860
Sheriff	\$152,862	\$129,434	\$143,322	\$158,392	\$234,012
Legislative Clerk	\$99,988	\$119,462	\$134,452	\$92,391	
Finance Chief	\$147,634	\$142,222	\$93,195	\$133,900	\$156,875
Comptroller	\$123,000	\$102,935	\$176,410	\$120,220	
County Clerk	\$133,067	\$109,205	\$138,640	\$107,650	\$152,518
County Attorney	\$146,370	\$175,833	\$156,319	\$161,683	\$154,650
Personnel Chief	\$138,487	\$138,525	\$156,078	\$146,477	
Election Commissioner	\$93,730	\$104,180	\$98,407	\$88,170	\$157,375
Highway / Public Works	\$136,089	\$166,557	\$162,666	\$145,230	
Corrections Chief	\$121,535	\$131,957	\$180,990	\$120,220	
Emergency Services	\$54,889	\$132,675	\$113,990	\$140,278	
Social Services	\$120,651	\$163,038	\$177,656	\$161,683	
Veteran Services	\$64,588	\$75,090	\$91,293	\$85,490	
Senior Resources	\$98,875	\$107,499	\$108,703	\$102,091	
Planning Commissioner	\$122,493	\$143,914	vacant	\$138,325	\$159,775
Information Tech	\$99,541	\$146,584	\$117,345	\$138,312	\$195,373

Sources: Proposed 2020 budgets for Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Rockland; Westchester’s proposed budget will be released on Nov. 8. Westchester’s budget does not include individual salaries; those here were taken from a database compiled by the Empire Center for Public Policy.

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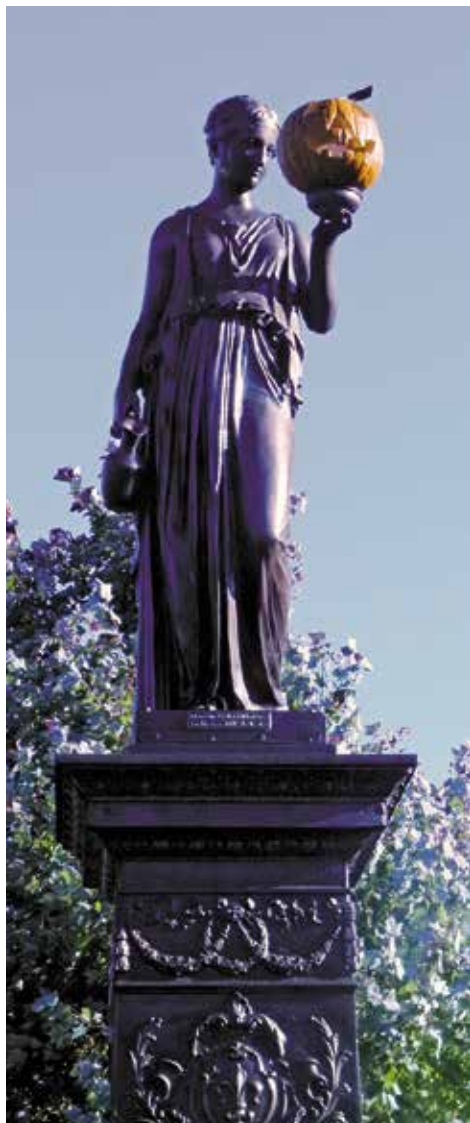
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AROUND TOWN



◀ An adventurous soul managed to deposit a jack-o-lantern on Halloween atop a Beacon monument marking the 1909 Hudson-Fulton tricentennial. It was still there on Nov. 7 and may be for a while.

Photo by Jeff Simms



▲ Oscar Cheah, a fourth-grader at Haldane Elementary, was spotted on Morris Avenue waiting for more pumpkins.

Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ Haldane seventh-graders Christian Ferreira and Ethan Hall addressed the Cold Spring Village Board on Oct. 22 about a fundraiser they are spearheading to add bike racks in the village. See bit.ly/cs-bike-rack.

Photo by Michael Turton



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The Calendar



Branching Out

Jewelry designer mounts first show of paintings

By Alison Rooney

“For me, it’s always color combinations,” says Alejandra Awad of the jewelry she designs and, more recently, her resin paintings. Whether it’s the combination of hues in the gems she fashions into necklaces or the bold swirls on wood panels, color leads the way.

Awad, who lives in Garrison and has a studio at Garrison’s Landing, ran a jewelry store in SoHo for 10 years before closing it to raise her young children. She still makes and

sells her jewelry lines but has more recently been recharging her creative energies with painting. The results can be viewed in *Art Is Where the Heart Is*, which runs through Nov. 26 at the Field Library gallery in Peekskill. It is her first solo show and the first time she’s shown her paintings in public.

Born and raised in Santiago, Chile, Awad says she was always creating something as a child. She studied fashion design and, at age 21, came to New York City for an adventurous vacation. Thirty years later, she’s still here.

“I didn’t know I was moving,” she recalls. “It was an exploration, but I loved New York so much and started working right away. In Chile, art is seen more like a hobby, especially compared to New York City, where I felt like



Alejandra Awad at her exhibit, and one of her paintings (left)

Photo by Sheila Williams

people appreciated craft and effort. That made me feel supported and comfortable, although even after 31 years, coming from somewhere else, you never feel certain if you belong. The difference is now I feel that in both places.”

Awad started selling her jewelry at city holiday markets and soon was working with top-tier retailers. “My first big break was Saks,” she says. “I quickly wound up having my jewelry sold nationwide, with a team of people helping. Soon I was doing trunk shows.

“I started with wholesale, adding Neiman-Marcus, Bloomingdales, Barneys and boutiques,” she says. “I was so young that I was unafraid, with nothing to lose. I was never intimidated — maybe now it would not work out for me.”

In 2001 she ventured into retail, opening her Manhattan store, Vitraux by Alejandra. “I absolutely adored my store, but my lifestyle changed,” she says. She met the man

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Music from Ancient Times: The '80s

Beacon Players to present 'Rock of Ages'

By Alison Rooney

If you’re over a certain age, you’ll recognize each and every song in *Rock of Ages* within seconds. Even if the title has faded from memory, the tune is embedded somewhere in the depths of your cranium: “Don’t Stop Believin’” or “Hit Me With Your Best Shot,” which elicits the immediate rejoinder: “Fire away, fire away.”

Beacon High School’s fall musical will take you back, even if the performers weren’t born when the songs were hits. *Rock of Ages*, which ran on Broadway for six years and 2,328 performances before closing in 2015, will be performed on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at the school’s Seeger Theater. Be forewarned: Audience participation is likely to happen.

It’s the ’80s, there’s a Sunset Strip nightclub, a megarocker, a small-town girl, an aspiring rock star working as a busboy, an impresario, a strip club, developers threatening to develop, tears, protests and a narrator tearing down the fourth wall. And lots of guitar, bass and percussion.



Anna Cenicola, Eliza Principe and Kaljay Brown, who plays Stacey Jaxx

Photo provided

The storyline is derived from the songs, and the result is more rock concert than musical theater. The songs are solid gold

radio rock: Bon Jovi, Styx, Pat Benatar, Poison, Twisted Sister and Whitesnake, (Continued on Page 14)

Cast

Lonny Barnett: **Joshua Espinosa**

Drew Boley: **Nathaniel Ramos**

Dennis Dupree: **Caleb Ullian**

Sherrie Christian: **Lindsay Fister**

Sherrie’s Father: **Shepard Rodgers**

Sherrie’s Mother: **Jordan Zinserling**

The Mayor: **Ila Harvey**

Anita Bath: **Analuz Rivera**

Hilda Klinemann: **Amanda Montaldo**

Franz Klinemann: **Jonah Mensch**

Stacey Jaxx: **Kaljay Brown**

Justice Charlier: **Brooke Bennett**

Constance Sack: **Eliza Principe**

Ja’Keith Gill: **Roswell Pasqua Wendel**

Joey Primo: **Jake Robillard**

Waitress 1: **Anna Cenicola**

Waitress 2: **Sophie Mercado**

Waitress 3: **Amatullah Muhammad**

Ensemble: **Esther Clair, Liam Byrne, Ruby Rodgers, Margot Burke, Lila Quinn, Henry Quinn**

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 9

Christmas Vendor, Craft and Yard Sale

BEACON

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Reformed Church
1113 Wolcott Ave. | 845-831-8153
rcbeacon.org

Find gifts and decorations and support local craftspeople at this benefit sale. Tours also will be offered of the church, which was built in 1859.

TUES 12

Chamber Breakfast

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Riverview | 45 Fair St.
coldspringnychamber.com

At its monthly meeting, the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will discuss the impacts, benefits and challenges of the Seastreak tourist boats. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 with RSVP; members \$5 or free with RSVP)*

WED 13

Climate Change Forum

CORTLANDT MANOR

7 p.m. Cortlandt Town Hall
1 Heady St. | 914-941-1111
nyassembly.gov/mem/Sandy-Galef

Sandy Galef, whose district in the state Assembly includes Philipstown, and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust will host this “community conversation” on mitigating the effects of global warming with representatives from the state Office of Climate Change, Environmental Advocates of NY, the clean energy company Utopus Insights and the state Energy Research and Development Authority. *Free*

SAT 16

Community Parade

COLD SPRING

12:30 p.m. Cold Spring
Main Street | magazzino.art

In a street performance organized by Magazzino Italian Art, Marinella Senatore will lead a procession down Main Street toward the waterfront with a finale at the bandstand. An information session for volunteers will be held at 5 p.m. on THURS 14 at Magazzino, 2700 Route 9.

SAT 16

Zombie Outbreak

BEACON

2 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | bit.ly/beacon-zombie

Have your makeup done free at Dogwood in preparation for a 4 p.m. parade down Main Street to Tito Santana, where prizes will be awarded. This will be followed by a screening of *Night of the Living Dead* at the Beacon Theater and costume parties with live music at



Community Parade, Nov. 16

Quinn's, Dogwood and the Beacon Hotel. Register online for discounts at participating retailers.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 9

Wheels on the Bus

BEACON

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
wheelsbus.bpt.me

The Hudson Valley Theatre Initiative will present this musical for younger children and their families. *Cost: \$10 (children 8 and younger free)*

THURS 14

Parents of Children on the Autism Spectrum

BEACON

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Parents can find information and support at this new monthly meeting.

FRI 15

Knock Down the House

GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Screened as part of the Reel Life Film Club for middle school students, this 2019 documentary presents the stories of four women — Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Amy Vilela, Cori Bush and Paula Jean Swearengen — who ran for Congress in 2018 as progressive Democrats. Pizza will be served. RSVP requested. *Free*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 9

Civil Resistance 101

GARRISON

2:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
facebook.com/XRHudsonHighlands

This discussion, led by Hudson Highlands Extinction Rebellion, will focus on various types of civil disobedience and provide an overview of the Extinction Rebellion social justice movement, which advocates nonviolent techniques to address the climate emergency, ecosystem collapse and mass extinction.

SAT 9

Narco Farm

BEACON

3 p.m. Beahive | 291 Main St.

Maceo Whitaker will read from his first collection of poems, and Ken Holland will also share his work.

SAT 9

The Star-Spangled Mystery

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Marc Ferris, the author of *Star-Spangled Banner: The Unlikely Story of America's National Anthem*, will discuss the song and its origins. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*



SUN 10

eBird Workshop

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – Noon. Hubbard Lodge
2880 Route 9
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Birdwatchers of any experience level can learn how to participate in the statewide conservation program by entering data in eBird. Bring an electronic device such as a tablet or smartphone with the eBird app, along with binoculars.

SUN 10

An Encyclopedia of Political Record Labels

BEACON

6 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/beaconprisonrides

Josh MacPhee will discuss his book and share some of the music it highlights in this fundraiser for the newly launched Beacon Prison Book Project.

WED 13

The Midnight Call

BEACON

2 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Attorney Jodie Millman will read from her latest courtroom thriller. She is also the co-host of the podcast *Backstage at the Bardavon*.

THURS 14

My Year in France

GARRISON

6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Richard Sears Walling will discuss his book based on the journals of Sgt. Clinton Peterson and letters written by Capt. Hamilton Fish III. See Page 1.

SUN 17

Byzantium in Bits and Pieces

GARRISON

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

Vincent O'Reilly, the author of *Byzantium In Bits and Pieces*, will discuss the later Roman Empire of the East. Byzantine cake and wine will be served.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 9

The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
artichoke.brownpapertickets.com

This bimonthly series hosted by Drew Prochaska features performers who have appeared on television and radio storytelling programs such as *The Moth* and *Risk!* *Cost: \$17.50 (\$20 door)*

SUN 10

Hope on the Hudson

GARRISON

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

Environmentalist Jon Bowermaster will screen two short films he made as part of his ongoing Hudson River Stories project: *A Living River* and *Undamming the Hudson River*. A panel discussion will follow with Bowermaster, George Jackman of Riverkeeper and Scott Silver of Constitution Marsh Audubon Sanctuary. *Free*

SUN 10

On the Exhale

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Gun violence is the topic of this play by Martin Zimmerman presented by the Rhinebeck Theatre Society. Maria Elena Maurin portrays a liberal college professor impacted by an act of violence who discovers the feeling of power from holding a gun herself. *Cost: \$15 donation*

WED 13

Foster Parents Speak

BEACON

7 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.
607-272-0034 | affcn.org

This 30-minute video, newly updated from the original produced in 2004, will be followed by a discussion. The screening will be hosted by the Adoptive and Foster Family Coalition of New York.

THURS 14
A Day Without a Mexican
BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The 2004 film, directed by Sergio Arau, is a satirical take on what would happen to California's systems if every Mexican suddenly disappeared. *Free*

THURS 14
Young Frankenstein
GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

This 2007 Broadway musical version of the 1974 Mel Brooks film is directed by Nancy Swann. The SAT 9 and SUN 10 shows are sold out. Also FRI 15, SAT 16, SUN 17. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 Thursdays, \$22 seniors, students)*

FRI 15
Ashes of Time Redux
BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | beaconlibrary.org

This 2008 martial arts flick, made in Hong Kong and Taiwan, will be shown as part of the library's ongoing International Film Series. *Free*

FRI 15
Rock of Ages
BEACON

7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900 x3001
beaconplayers.com

The high school's Beacon Players will present this rock 'n roll fairy tale, set on Sunset Strip in the 1980s as two aspiring talents battle to keep the music alive. Also SAT 16, SUN 17. See Page 11. *Cost: \$12 (\$5 seniors, students)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 9
Arts & Crafted
BEACON

Noon – 8 p.m. Telephone Building
291 Main St. | alittlebeaconblog.com

Anna West will display her paintings, Caiming Cheung her metal works, Kat Stoughtenborough her fiber art and Virginia Piazza her pottery at this pop-up market. Also SUN 10.

SAT 9
Eustatia

BEACON
4 – 6 p.m. 12 Monell Place
845-309-9247

Although the show — with works by Yibai Liao, Joseph Ayers, Michael Zelehoski, Emil Alzamora and Matt Kinney — continues through Nov. 19, this is the closing reception. It is hosted by Global Art Museum, a new nonprofit created for dialogue between artists and designers.

SAT 9
Holiday Show
BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

Along with an exhibition of photos of Bannerman Island, browse ceramics, glass and mixed media art for gifts.

SAT 9
Jebah Baum / Ilse Schreiber-Noll

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Baum's *The Tragic Plot* will include sculpture, painting and bas reliefs. Schreiber-Noll's *With and Against the Grain*, has woodcuts (below) and artist books. A selection of photography by Vassar students curated by Ella Baum will be in the Beacon Room.

SAT 9
Air Mail: Postcards From Oz

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St. | 845-838-2880
riverwindsgallery.com

This show features postcards created by artists from the Hudson Valley and New Victoria, Australia. More than 30 other works will also be on display.

SAT 9
15th Anniversary Show

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505
cluttermagazine.com

Plus, toys and figures by Klav9 and Michael Skattum.



Young Frankenstein, Nov. 14

SAT 9
Ryan Cronin: 30 Days in Senegal

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6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com

SAT 9
Wish You Were Here

BEACON
7 – 9 p.m. Oak Vino Wine Bar
389 Main St. | 845-765-2400
oakvino.com

Sean Fryxell will share his landscape photography from the past decade.

VISUAL ARTS

THURS 14
Discordinary

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery | 137 Main St.
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

This group show features works by Chris Janks, Cotter Luppi, Neal Hollinger and Kieran Kinsella. Through Dec 1.

MUSIC

SAT 9
Contrapunctus Amongst Us

BEACON
4 p.m. Beacon Music Factory
333 Fishkill Ave. | 845-765-0472
beaconmusicfactory.com

Saxophonist Brad Hubbard and friends will explore their relationship with Bach.

SAT 9
Dar Williams

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St.
philipstownhub.org/events

The singer and songwriter will perform to benefit the newly opened Philipstown Hub in Cold Spring, which offers mental-health and addiction support services. *Cost: \$50*

SUN 10
Amythyst Kiah

BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com

The vocalist, who plays banjo and guitar, recently collaborated on an album called *Songs of Our Native Daughters* in which she wrote the

opening track, “Black Myself.” Alexa Rose will also perform songs from her debut, *Medicine for Living*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 10
New Zion Trio

BEACON
9 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon

Jamie Saft (electronics and keyboard), Brad Jones (bass) and Oscar Debe (drums) will play “forward-roots reggae meets spiritual jazz, soul and doom dub.” *Cost: \$10 donation*



FRI 15
Lonestar

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

This country band, which includes Richie McDonald (vocals), Michael Britt (guitar), Keech Rainwater (drums) and Dean Sams (keyboards), has scored hits with “No News” and “Amazed.” *Cost: \$49.50 to \$72.50*

SAT 16
Almost Queen

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

The tribute band returns after a sold-out show last year. *Cost: \$35 to \$60*

SAT 16
Jason Kao Hwang

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Hwang (composer/violin/viola) will perform with Andrew Drury (drums), Hill Greene (string bass), Chris Forbes (piano) and Kalun Leung (trombone). *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 16
The Subdudes

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com

The New Orleans band, led by Tommy Malone, will bring songs from their home. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*

SUN 17
Hudson Valley Ukulele Invitational

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The Edukated Fleas will host this third annual gathering of enthusiasts of all experience levels. Bring your uke and play along.

SUN 17
Jasper String Quartet

BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org

Hosted by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, the quartet will present a program of music by Mozart, Debussy, Beethoven, Kuhlau and Tian. It will be joined by flutist Mimi Stillman. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

SUN 17
Rare Treasures of the High Baroque

COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537
chapelrestoration.org

In this final performance of the 2019 Sunday Music Series, Jörg-Michael Schwarz and Karen Marie Marmer (baroque violins), Donsok Shin (harpsichord) and Arnie Tanimoto (viola da gamba) will perform works by Reincken, Couperin, Buxtehude, Forqueray and Rebel. *Free*

SUN 17
Joe McPhee 80th Birthday Celebration

BEACON
8 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon

Quinn's will celebrate the man known as the Colossus of Poughkeepsie who has recorded with many jazz greats. Joining him will be Joe Giardullo on soprano sax, Jamie Saft on keyboards, Michael Bisio on bass, James Keepnews on guitar, and Jay Rosen and Dave.

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Wish You Were Here, Nov. 9

Rock of Ages *(from Page 11)*

to name a few. The musicians — students Dayman Angelo on guitar and Caleb Herrera on percussion — are not in the orchestra pit but onstage and in costume. The costumes are spandex, leather and lots of hair.

Three actors took a few minutes before a run-through to talk about the show. Kaljay Brown, a senior, plays the rock god, Stacey Jaxx; junior Lindsay Fister is Sherri, the good girl gone metal; and Joshua Espinosa, also a junior, is Lonny, the narrator.

“The energy is high,” said Espinosa, and Fister added: “Half the show is a concert: sing the songs, clap along, hold up a flash-light. The more you sing rock music, the more you get into it. Rock is insane. You want it to sound like you’re screaming, but not really. It’s about leaving your inhibitions across the ocean.”

“I’ve never sung anything like this before,

but I’m in theater so I know how to act my character,” Brown says. “I listened to as much Bon Jovi as possible to find my ’80s voice.”

Espinosa jumped in. “I listened to Journey and Phil Collins — all of them share a similar trait, an energy; it’s upbeat and the lyrics are empowering.”

Director Anthony Scarrone, who personally experienced the ’80s, said that the students initially weren’t sure what to make of the selection for the fall musical. But he said watching rehearsal videos from the Broadway show, as well as videos from the ’80s brought in by choreographer David Bethards, including jazzercise tapes, changed their tune.

Rock of Ages will be performed on Friday, Nov. 15, and Saturday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 (\$5 for students and seniors) at beacon-players.com or at the box office, which opens two hours before each show.



Cast members, including Lindsay Fister (center), rehearse a scene from *Rock of Ages*.

Photo provided



Branching Out *(from Page 11)*

who became her husband, Ralph Moran (whose parents are Chilean), at a party. The couple and their two children moved to Garrison in 2011.

“I decided I wanted to be home with the kids,” Awad says. “It wasn’t an easy decision, going from two incomes to one — and I’m very aware that I have the privilege to have that option.” Once her children became more self-sufficient, Awad rented

the Garrison’s Landing studio.

“I always kept working, maintaining a website, selling to my loyal customers working from home, using space in my husband’s office,” she says. “But for me to be able to do something, I need to be alone, with nobody interrupting me.”

For her paintings, Awad primes a wood panel with black or white, then picks the colors to mix with resin. “I wait for the resin to set, then I apply crystals or hearts,” she says, such as in “Stepping Stones,” at left. “That’s

the signature. It’s always about textures and metals. I torch it both before and after the application of the crystals. I like it opaque. It’s fun. I’m the opposite of a tortured artist.”

She has no plans to abandon her jewelry. “First of all, it’s paying the studio rent,” she says, laughing. “But the paintings make me super happy.”

The Field Library, at 4 Nelson Ave. in Peekskill, is open daily. Awad’s jewelry can be seen at vitrauxbyalejandra.com.

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Day of the Dead

Manitou students celebrate traditional Mexican holiday

By Alison Rooney

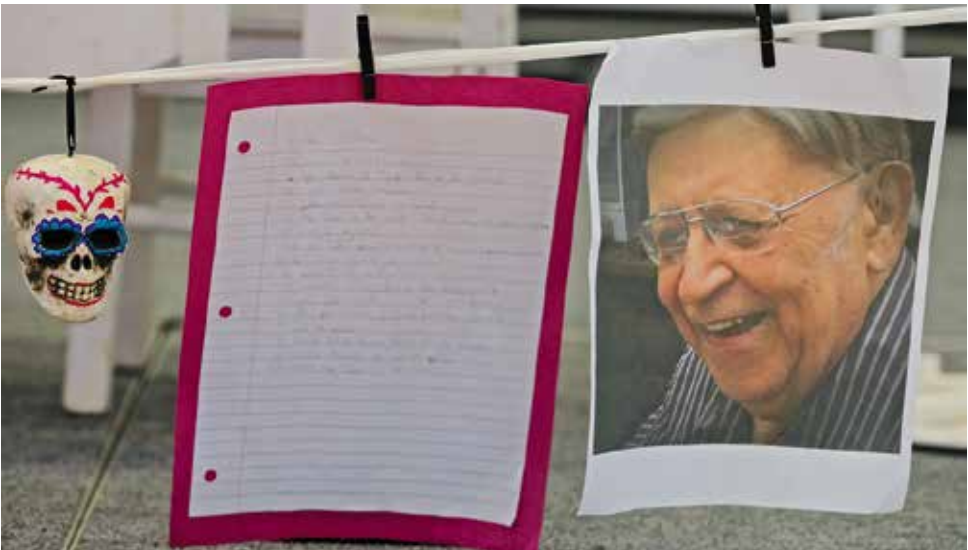
The celebration of Dia de Los Muertos is a highlight of the fall calendar at Manitou School in Philipstown. To prepare, students create *papel picado*, or pierced paper decorations, to honor people who have died.

“They symbolize that everybody will die eventually and that you shouldn’t be scared that they’re dead,” explained an elementary student named Gabriel. “You should be sad, but not very sad or scared.”

“It’s the day that the dead come back — to celebrate,” added a middle-schooler, Arjun. “You put out the dead person’s favorite foods.”

The children also created altars to “reflect what their dead relative enjoyed,” explained another middle-school student, Fia. “They have flowers and candles and food that the relative loved in their life. Sometimes cigarettes and alcohol, too.”

There’s a misconception that Dia de los Muertos is the Mexican version of Halloween, but that would be Noche de Bruja, or Witches’ Night. For more, see highlandscurrent.org.



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Out There

How Safe is Too Safe?

By Brian PJ Cronin



For my own sanity, I spend my time online in the quietest corners of the internet, such as groups in which people share photos of fat, happy bears gorging on salmon or discuss the weather patterns over mountains.

It's calm, everyone is respectful, and there's not a lot of controversy unless you're defending salmon. But every paradise has its snakes. And this one came in the form of a ladder, or a series of metal rungs drilled into a rock face that make it easier and safer for climbers.

They are common on some trails, but not in the Catskills. One day this past August, hikers ascending the 3,640-foot peak of Twin Mountain there via Devil's Path were surprised to find a ladder installed by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

They snapped a photo and put it online. Anyone who has ever posted a Facebook comment about development in Beacon can guess what happened next.

Some hikers favored the ladder; others called it a desecration of the mountain and an insult to those who hike it. Shortly after, someone climbed Twin with cordless power tools and removed most of the rungs. The DEC, citing the vandalism, promptly closed that section of the path for "repairs." (On Nov. 7 the agency announced it had reopened the path but rerouted it to avoid the need for a ladder.)

I was conflicted by all of this. As someone raised Catholic, my first reaction was: This is my fault, isn't it?

The regular readers of this column, by which I mean my mom, will recall that in July I wrote about bruising a rib coming down a rock face on Twin Mountain. This was the same rock face where the ladder was installed shortly thereafter.

I contacted the DEC to make sure the rungs were not known inside the agency as Brian's Ladder. They are not, I was assured, although I learned that the rock face I found so difficult wasn't always so. For years, hikers had been using an exposed tree root to pull themselves up and lower themselves down. But this past spring, the

root disappeared. So the ladder was installed to avoid injuries and potential lawsuits by injured hikers who could claim the agency knew the section was dangerous but did nothing.

Certainly as someone who *was* injured on that rock face, I support adding a ladder, right? Nope. When I slammed into the rock in June, my reaction was not, "They need a ladder here," but, "Boy, I need to get better at this." Scrambling and bouldering are not well-developed skills in my tool kit, which that hill made painfully clear.

People don't climb mountains because it's easy. The rootless rock face was climbable, especially since a climber of limited skill managed to do it (I fell coming down). Plus, you're climbing a trail called the Devil's Path — what do you expect? A ski pull? I'm not a masochist but nothing sharpens the mind like failure.

I'm thankful I was able to struggle on the Devil's Path before the rungs and the reroute. But it's hard not to feel disappointed for those who won't know what they're missing.

When he's not writing for The Current or teaching journalism at Marist College, Brian PJ Cronin can usually be found outside doing something questionable. You can reach him at bcronin@highlandscurrent.org.



The DEC installed metal rungs on Twin Mountain to make the climb easier.

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Sweet STREET

We have heard the accusations that *The Current* publishes photos of adorable children solely to boost readership. Who can blame us? The shots here were taken during Spookytown, an annual Halloween event during which children ages 5 and younger descend on the senior complex at Chestnut Ridge. For more, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photos by Ross Corsair

HVSF Announces Season



Kurt Rhoads, seen here in a production of *The Book of Will*, will play Richard III in 2020.

Photo by T. Charles Erickson/HVSF

Includes *Richard III*, *Love's Labor's Lost*

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival on Oct. 28 announced that its 2020 summer, its 34th, will include productions of *Richard III* and *Love's Labor's Lost*, as well an adaptation of *The Venetian Twins* by Carlo Goldoni. The company will also present a touring.

90-minute production of *Much Ado About Nothing* directed by Kholoud Sawaf.

Davis McCallum, the HVSF's artistic director, will direct *Richard III* with Kurt Rhoads in the title role, and Amanda Dehnert will direct *Love's Labor's Lost*. *The Venetian Twins* will be a new adaptation by Steven Epp and Christopher Bayes of the 1747 play. Bayes will direct. The season will begin on June 10 and tickets go on sale March 9.

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An early map of Cold Spring

HISTORY OF EARLY COLD SPRING

1725: Thomas Davenport was the first settler.

1730: David Hustis built a home in North Highlands.

1730: The central street was a dirt road from the area of modern-day Philipstown Town Hall to behind the present Butterfield Library, continuing westward toward a brook near what is now The Endless Skein at 126 Main St., then turned north toward the south of Sandy Beach.

1805: Elijah Davenport built a store on what would become Market Street.

1817: Fredrick Phillipse sold the land for the West Point Foundry.

1823: The road to Breakneck was laid out.

1826: The multi-denominational Union Church was built on Market Street. It was later the Presbyterian Church and a pickle factory.

1830: The Pear Tree School was built on Secor Street.

1831: The Baptist church was dedicated.

1833: The first Methodist church was built.

1834: The Church of Our Lady (now Chapel Restoration) was dedicated.

1836: The Cold Spring basin was filled in.

1838: Main Street was straightened.

1846: Cold Spring was incorporated.

1848: The railroad was built through Cold Spring.

1855: The Reformed Church was built on the site that is now the library.

1867: St. Mary's Episcopal Church was built on Chestnut Street on land donated by Robert Parrott.

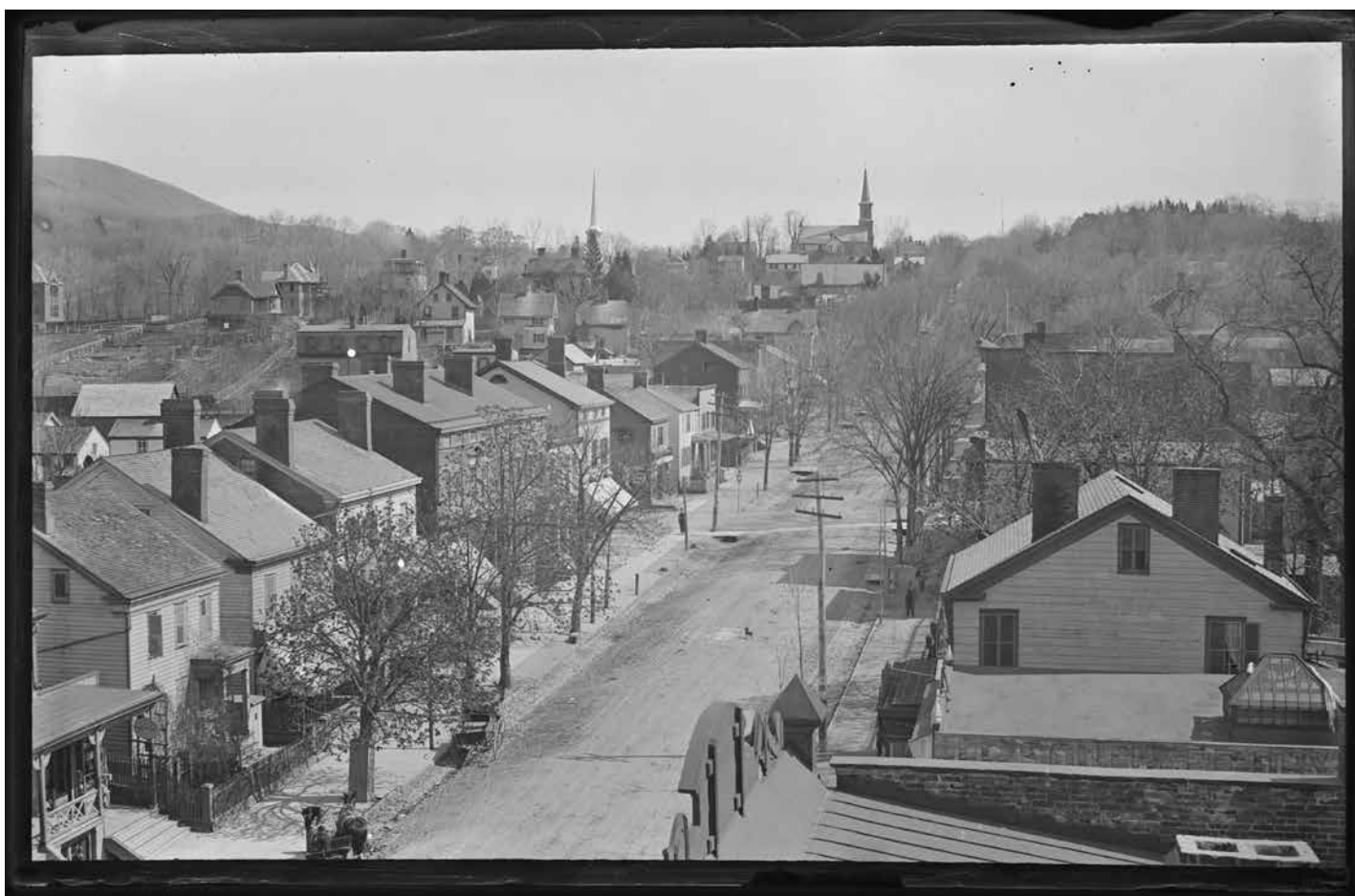
1867: Philipstown Town Hall was built.

1868: Cold Spring Methodist Church was built.

1889: Construction began on a central school building on what is now the Tot Park. It was funded with an endowment from James Haldane. (It was replaced by the current school building in 1936.)

1895: Haldane had its first graduating class.

Adapted from a timeline created in 1988 by Frank Milkovich



A view of Main Street in 1893, looking east from 75 Main

Putnam History Museum

Back in the Day

200 years ago, a teenager arrived in Cold Spring for a new life

Two hundred years ago, in 1819, a 15-year-old boy named Marvin Wilson moved from Southeast to Cold Spring to become an apprentice at a tanning and currying business. As he recalled in a memoir published 70 years later, in 1886, the village at the time was “not much more than a wilderness.”

Below are excerpts from *Thirty Years of Early History of Cold Spring and Vicinity, With Incidents*. A scan of the booklet provided by the Putnam History Museum can be downloaded at bit.ly/cold-spring-1819. The photographs on this and the next page were scanned from glass negatives in the museum's collection.

One or two sloops made regular weekly trips from Cold Spring to New York, carrying wood and some country produce, which came over this model road [toll road] from the east. No steamers touched here regularly.... Persons going to New York had to go on a sloop. The writer has been twice to New York in this way; once with his boss to witness the famous race between the horses Sir Henry and Eclipse. Those trips by sloop usually took a week.

Starting from Southeast at 8 a.m. with a two-horse wagon load of household goods, with roads bad until we reached the turn-

pike [a toll road from Patterson to Cold Spring], we did not get here until 9 p.m. Here we quartered in a log house, the only building that my boss Crosby had on 6 acres of land at the fork of the roads of the turnpike and the Lobdell road. Near the center of this plot the Margaret Brook, as it was called, went through. On the opposite side of the road stood the only schoolhouse in this part of the town and school for the three school districts: Nelsonville, Foundry and Cold Spring....

At that time the Longfield Hotel was building and nearly finished.... [Along with about eight homes and the schoolhouse], those were all the buildings from Griffin Corners to what is now the village of Cold Spring in the year 1819.

I will now take the reader to the West Point foundry. A cluster of houses, called Rascal Hill, was built, and occupied by the families of the workmen.... At that time the large molding house, the enormous chimney and furnaces and the large water wheel (perhaps the largest in America) was in full operation. It was called a cannon foundry, and there was no other like it in America.

Churches and schools

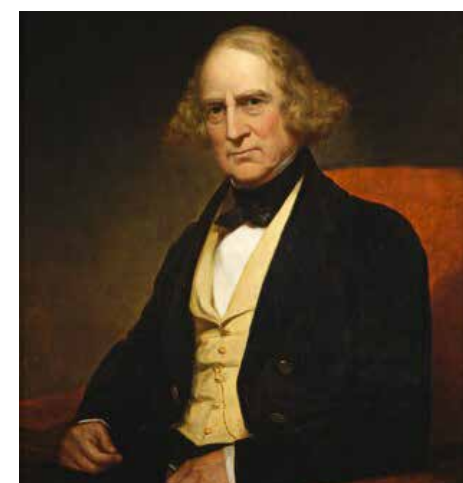
Next I will describe, as best I can, the denominations of Christians that were rising up, and touch on the public schools that were then in existence.

Above the boring mill connected with the foundry was a large room used as a pattern shop. This room was cleared out and swept, and boards arranged for seats. This made a spacious hall for church or other gatherings. All denominations were invited to hold their meetings in it. There were but very few of each denomination then. The Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Baptists accepted the invitation. The

Methodists chose to use a private house or the schoolhouse...

William Young was the superintendent of the West Point foundry, and being a north of Ireland man, was liberal in all his religious views, although a Presbyterian; so the pattern shop was made free for all. His desire was that we should not be heathens....

About 1826 a few wise heads conceived the idea of building a Union church. Meetings were held, and a committee was appointed, composed of Gouv. Kemble on the part of the Episcopalians, William Davenport on the part of the Baptists, Elisha Nelson on the part of the Methodists, and William Young on the part of the Presbyterians. This committee went to work with a will and a site was selected, funds raised, the building commenced, and in 18 months a famous church edifice was built of stone, with a cedar roof.... [It was decided that] the Presbyterians were to occupy the house the fore part of the Sabbath and other denominations to use the church in the after part of the day.



Gouverneur Kemble National Gallery of Art

(Continued on Page 20)



The Haldane Central School was constructed in the 1880s on the site of what is now the Tot Park.



Philipstown Town Hall, which was built in 1867, in a photo taken by John Riggs in the 1880s
Putnam History Museum (3)

Cold Spring History

(from Page 19)

Exploring the river

In the fall and winter before I came to Cold Spring, the Swift boy gave me lots of incidents and information about Cold Spring... One [incident] was very shocking. The sloop Neptune carried wood and produce and some passengers, mostly ladies. When on the up trip, nearing home and this side of West Point, the ladies sitting in chairs on the deck, near sunset, were very joyous, when a sudden flaw of wind struck the sloop without warning and upset her, throwing them all into the river, and seven of the number, nearly all, were drowned....

The Swift boy told of what fun we could have on the water, the wild ducks we could kill, etc. But I had such a charge from my mother before leaving home to not go near the water, it put such a check on me that I never joined my old school-mate in the fun he had anticipated for me.

Everyday life

The reader will wonder where the people got their shoes and their garments. In this way: A shoemaker would go from house to house with his tools, or "kit," and make up the family shoes, and the tailor would do the same. The circuit would be made about twice a year. This was a joyous time with the boys and girls, for a pair of new shoes was a godsend to them. This mode of shoeing and clothing families was prevalent and universal the country over in 1820.

A horn [at the Foundry] would blow for the men to go to work at six o'clock, and at half-past six for breakfast; then again at seven to go to work. It would blow at twelve for dinner and at one to work. At six it would sound for the men to leave work. A store was built... It was called a store, and some groceries were kept, but it was not much more than a drink shop for the men. This was continued three or four years. The superintendent seeing his men were not benefited by the drink, the work was neglected, and families suffered, the drink was abolished. This was about 1825.

Rapid development

I will now return to the growth of Cold Spring. Large accessions were made to its inhabitants, say from 1826 to 1830, and they scarcely knew where to lay their heads. Houses must be built, and carpenters were in great demand. Houses rose up mushroom-like. Building materials were very cheap in those days... Wood was then the only fuel used; I do not recollect the price. Coal was unknown in those days, except what was brought from the Cumberland Mountains in Maryland, to melt the iron at the foundry....

The houses being put up, a lull in building followed. In the years before 1830 some began to settle down on business. Benjamin Dykman was the first butcher. Shoemakers and tailors came in soon after 1826. A blacksmith was located at Nelson Mill. William Davenport was the milk pedlar in 1820, and for some time after.

I have already told of the flood of inhabitants that poured into the place about 1830. Every available house in the vicinity was doubly occupied, I might say. The work had increased at the Foundry, and they had spread out their works. The demand for work for Cuba increased.... [At the foundry], most

of the castings for machinery were rough cast and sent to New York by water in summer and by land in winter. They then conceived the idea of moving the finishing and smithing works to Cold Spring.... But where could they get houses for their men to live in? Houses must be provided. Mr. Gouverneur [Kemble, founder of the West Point Foundry Association] was consulted and was assured that if he would put up a number of houses they would be rented at a profit by the foundry.

Accordingly, about 1837, a contract was made to build 24 double houses; some to be built at Nelsonville, but mostly at Cold Spring.... Two hotels were established – one was kept by George W. Travis, the Cold Spring House; the other by Walter Simonson, the Pacific Hotel, and were located on or near the new dock. A new hotel was opened in Nelsonville called the Alhambra House. Dr. Burke had before started a saloon in what was called the barracks....

The 24 houses built by Mr. Gouverneur were soon occupied, and others came and built houses for themselves. The price of building lots at this time was as low as \$4 per foot. In a few years the price went up from \$12 to \$15 per foot....

The railroad

About 1848 the Hudson River Railroad worked its way up to Cold Spring, and at the time set for cars to reach here a mob had gathered to stop it. The cause, as was understood at the time, was that a subcontractor had failed to pay his men, and they had combined to stop the train. But by an unavoidable delay miles below, it did not come as was expected on that day. This delay put a stop to any resistance by the mob.

About August of this year, a notice appeared in the local papers of the county calling a public meeting at Carmel. Only two persons from Philipstown attended, the writer being one. The object of the meeting was to form an agricultural society for the county of Putnam. I remember meeting Reuben D. Barnum there. He observed to me: "Why, they are building a railroad along the river." I answered they were. He said, "We are building the Harlem road up through Southeast to Albany. Oh well, if they have a mind to throw away their money like that, let them do it, I don't care. They don't need a railroad along the river more than a dog needs two tails."

The Hudson River Railroad was built notwithstanding, and your humble servant rode to the City of New York for 50 cents, the regular fare. It remained at that price for a while, then the regular fare was increased to 62½ cents, and continued at that for a long time, and finally went up to \$1.04 in summer and \$1.30 in winter. At this time by commuting the fare can be had for 85 cents....

The charter

About 1844, a Village Charter was drawn up by William I. Blake, for the future government of Cold Spring Village, and submitted to the Legislature of the State. It passed that body, and was returned to be submitted to the people for sanction or rejection. It was passed. It worked quite smoothly for a time and then became partisan and still continues so. For several years past the management has been in the hands of a very limited number. There is a strong feeling for the substitution of a new charter, making it less political. I think this will be done in the near future....



The Champlin Blacksmith shop at the corner of Main and Spring streets, with a view of the Pear Tree School in the background.

Putnam Soldiers *(from Page 1)*

Peterson went to war in December 1917 aboard the USS Pocahontas, arriving in France after 18 days at sea. By then he was a sergeant in K Company.

K Company happened to be commanded by Hamilton Fish, who that month turned 29, having been born in Garrison in 1888. His father served in the U.S. Congress; his grandfather had been New York’s governor and the secretary of State under President Ulysses Grant. A captain, Hamilton Fish III was a Harvard graduate and member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

The two men would serve together for 191 days on the front lines, the longest any American regiment spent there. It was the first to advance to the Rhine River.

Both men documented their war experiences in memoirs. Richard Sears Walling, who edited Peterson’s recollections into a book, *My Year in France*, appending letters by Fish, will speak at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison, on Thursday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Based on Fish’s recommendation, Peterson was awarded the French Croix du Guerre for bravery during a battle at Sechault, France. The citation described Peterson, under heavy machine gun fire, attending to the wounded despite “the cautions of all to seek cover.”

The two sometimes experienced the

worst of the war shoulder to shoulder. During a German artillery attack, they witnessed the deaths of several soldiers who were caring for the wounded.

“Four men carried the stretchers and another put the wounded man on his back,” Peterson wrote. “Everyone was in the dug-out except Capt. Fish and myself” on a nearby hilltop. A shell came in low and exploded, producing a cloud of smoke. “When it blew away, all that could be seen was a mangled mass of what had but a moment before been men.”

Beyond artillery, aerial, gas and bayonet attacks, disease and unfathomable mud, the soldiers also dealt with hunger. During one six-day trek, Peterson’s company was exhausted and down to its emergency rations.

“Capt. Fish came up with two loaves of bread,” Peterson recalled. “Before he could take the bread from under his arm, it was taken and eaten by the half-starved men.” (It turned out the captain had 100 more.)

Even the rare lighter moments were inevitably spoiled. Peterson recalled his delight at meeting a young woman from New York City who worked in a shop 2 miles from the frontline. Happy to have a conversation in English, he quickly learned that her French husband had been killed in action.

Fish had great respect for Peterson and the other black soldiers under his command, although his praise was qualified at times. In one of his frequent letters

Veterans Day Ceremonies

On Monday, Nov. 11, at 11 a.m., veterans in **Beacon** will hold a ceremony at the Memorial Building (413 Main St.) and in **Cold Spring** at the war memorial on Main Street at Chestnut. A ceremony at Broad and Main in **Fishkill** will be followed by a tribute, ceremony and luncheon at All Sport, 17 Old Main St.

to his father, he referred to the 369th as the “most envied” U.S. regiment in France.

“I am a great believer in the fighting quality of the educated American Negro, provided he is well led,” he wrote. “If the regiment does not make a splendid record, it will be the fault of the [white] officers.”

The moment of the cease-fire that ended the war at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918, remained etched in both men’s memories.

“It seems almost a dream,” Fish wrote. “I am glad the killing of human beings is over and hope that it will be a lost art in

the future.”

Peterson recalled cautious jubilation. “Germans began climbing out of their trenches yelling like mad, giving our boys cigarettes, cigars and souvenirs,” he wrote. “Our men remained at their posts until they were sure the Germans had no weapons.”

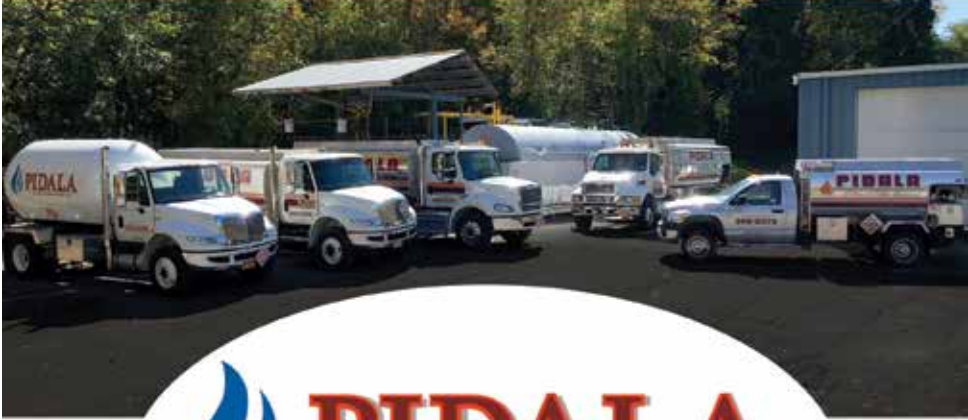
Fish and Peterson stayed connected after the war. Peterson worked as a foreman on Hamilton Fish Sr.’s farm in Garrison and lived with his mother on the Fish estate.


In his autobiography, Fish wrote about his squad’s bravery and noted that while they had been equals on the battlefield, the black soldiers were not treated that way back home. “I told my men, ‘You have fought and died for freedom and democracy,’” he recalled. “‘You should continue to fight for your own freedom and democracy.’”

Fish received the Silver Star and Croix de Guerre for his service and, along with his sister, Janet, who served as a nurse near the front, was inducted into the French Legion of Honor. He served in Congress from 1920 to 1944 and as a rookie congressman introduced legislation that created the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. He died in 1991 at age 102 and is buried in the St. Philip’s churchyard in Garrison.

Peterson died on July 4, 1945, at age 57 and is buried in the Long Island National Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

Carmine Civitello (1928-2019)

Carmine J. Civitello, 90, a longtime Beacon resident, died at his home on Oct. 26, 2019.

He was born Dec. 20, 1928, in Schenectady, the son of Italian immigrants, Stephano and Yolanda (Mazzo) Civitello, and served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954 during the Korean conflict. On Aug. 28, 1954, in Schenectady, he married E. Eileen Marotta, who survives at home.

Carmine worked as a switchman for more than 35 years at the telephone company in Beacon from when it was Ma Bell through to Verizon, before retiring.

He was one of the founding members of the Sons of Italy: St. Francis of Assisi Lodge 2629 of Beacon when it was chartered in 1989. He was also a former member of the Knights of Columbus and an active volunteer at the Howland Public Library and the Elant Fishkill Health Center. He enjoyed walking and gardening and always carried a tune to sing; he also loved to travel with his wife, having visited Italy 14 times as well as Australia.

Along with his wife of 65 years, Carmine is survived by his son Stephen Civitello (Faith) of Fishkill. There was a private entombment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery with military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the Animal Rescue Foundation, 54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508 (arfbeacon.org) or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (stjude.org).

family members in Italy.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Nov. 2 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, with entombment following at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, P.O. Box 54, Beacon, NY 12508.

David Eylers (1940-2019)

The Rev. David Edward Eylers, 79, died Oct. 19, 2019, at his home in Harwinton, Connecticut. He was the rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Beacon for 25 years until his retirement in 2006.

The Rev. Eylers was born in Poughkeepsie on June 12, 1940, the son of Dirk and Emily Jane (Webb) Eylers. He graduated from Marietta College in Ohio in 1962 with a degree in philosophy and from the General Theological Seminary in New York City in 1965. He married Carla Helene Peterson.

He was ordained in December 1965 and served as curate of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Simsbury, Connecticut from 1965 to 1967. Upon retiring to Harwinton, he and his wife became members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington.

Besides his wife of 52 years, his survivors include his son, David Per Emanuel Eylers of Newburgh; his daughter, Mary Alyson Eylers of Kingston; and two grandchildren, Soren



Narcisse Noto and William Per Edward Eylers.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church in Torrington. Memorial donations may be made to the Trinity Episcopal Church Book of Remembrance, 220 Prospect St., Torrington, CT 06790, or the Harwinton Ambulance Association, 166 Burlington Road, Harwinton, CT 06791.

Margaret Giachinta (1931-2019)

Margaret Ann Giachinta, 88, a lifelong resident of Cold Spring, died Oct. 28, 2019, in Leesburg, Virginia.

Born May 29, 1931, in Cold Spring, she was the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Muschock) Scoba and the last surviving of nine children. She married Antonio Giachinta, who died in 1987.

Before Margaret became a homemaker and mother, she was employed by IBM in Poughkeepsie and in 1963 was awarded \$5,000 for an idea that saved time in the assembly of computers. After IBM, she raised three boys and attended many football games and wrestling matches. Her family said watching her sons on the football field was her joy, just as she used to watch her brother Mike on the same field.

Margaret had the chance to attend the wedding of her first grandchild, Matthew Giachinta (Bre) over Memorial Day weekend.

She is survived by her children: Anthony Giachinta (Una) of Leesburg; Michael

Giachinta (Noelle) of Cold Spring; and Peter Giachinta (Kim) of Cold Spring; and her grandchildren Matthew, Tyler, Samuel, Evan, Anthony, Erin, Gillian and Rachel Giachinta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held today (Nov. 8) at Our Lady of Loretto in Cold Spring, with interment to follow at Cold Spring Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Capital Caring, 24419 Millstream Drive, Aldie, VA 20105.

Other Recent Deaths**Beacon**

Roy Bohack, 64
Ann Marie Brunelli, 57
Friar Sylvester Catallo, 90
Cheryl Ciano, 69
Rita Cuti, 101
Theresa Guarino, 87
Katie Halvey, 67
Harold Holmes, 79
Robert Johnson, 90
Mary Mericle, 81
Mary Natoli, 75
Rolando Santovenia, 93
Anna Marie Sokol, 65
Gerald Wright, 86

Philipstown

Jeff Castle, 65
Sal Giglio, 89
Joseph Tamagna, 81
Sharon Vahos, 89

For more obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org/obits.

Carmine DeAngelis (1925-2019)

Carmine DeAngelis, 94, a longtime local resident, died Oct. 28, 2019, at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.

Carmine was born Oct. 12, 1925, in Avelino, Italy, the son of Mario and Annuziata DeAngelis. On Oct. 24, 1954, at St. Joachim Church in Beacon, he married Lucy Pietragalla, who survives.

Carmine was a certified life underwriter for Metropolitan Life in Poughkeepsie until his retirement. He was a parishioner of St. Mary, Mother of the Church in Fishkill.

In addition to his wife, Carmine is survived by his sons, Mario DeAngelis (Betsy) and John DeAngelis; and his sisters, Rosa and Tolinda, in Italy, as well as other



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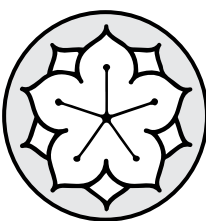
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SSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 40/24

Sunday

52/36

Considerable cloudiness

POP: 5%

SSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 49/33

Monday

50/34

Rain and drizzle in the morning, then a shower

POP: 55%

N 6-12 mph

RealFeel 45/22

Tuesday

40/18

Colder with intervals of clouds and sun

POP: 25%

N 6-12 mph

RealFeel 25/14

Wednesday

32/15

Partly sunny and cold

POP: 25%

NNW 7-14 mph

RealFeel 27/19

Thursday

37/27

Cloudy and cold

POP: 10%

SSE 3-6 mph

RealFeel 38/27

Friday

42/30

Mostly cloudy, chance of a little rain

POP: 30%

SW 3-6 mph

RealFeel 47/20

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6. "Nonsense!"

11. In one's dotage

12. Keyless

14. Squirm

15. Multitask, maybe

16. Before

17. Clio nominee, maybe

19. Antiquated

20. Dutch export

22. Customizable computer character

23. Diver Louganis

24. Doughnut, geometrically

26. Tell the tale

28. Scale member

30. Witness

31. Curve cutter

35. Diamond corners

39. Photog's choice

40. Fish eggs

42. Tick follower

43. Singer DiFranco

44. *Ivanhoe* author

46. "— on parle francais"

47. Word-finding game

49. Seek a bargain

51. Ape

52. Kitchen gadget

53. Having great scope

54. Monica of tennis

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3. Understand

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5. Unwanted plants

6. Sleepwear

7. Dazzle

8. Use unduly

9. Wool variety

10. Billfold

11. Saccharine

13. Sill

18. Hr. fraction

21. Indispensables

23. Wonderful

25. "Mayday!"

27. Civil War soldier

29. Theft

31. Dieters' targets

32. Film director whose father was a painter

33. Baffler

34. Wine and dine, maybe

36. Elegantly maintained

37. Bk. after Prov.

38. Vacationer at Vail, probably

41. Group character

44. Metal refuse

45. Recording

48. Martini ingredient

50. Solidify

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Answers for Nov. 1 Puzzles

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Essie Florke fires a shot against Leffell. Photos by S. Pearlman



Olivia Monteleone (11) and Maria Barry (8) attempt a block against Keio.

Haldane Girls Advance

Soccer and volleyball still alive in state tournament

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane High School girls' soccer and volleyball teams advanced last week in each team's quest for a state title.

The soccer squad won its ninth consecutive Section 1, Class C championship as well as the regional title to qualify for the state-wide final four. The volleyball team won the Section 1, Class D trophy and advanced to the regional finals.

Soccer

In the sectional title game at Arlington High School, The Leffell School (formerly Solomon Schechter) from Hartsdale had a 1-0 lead at halftime, but the Blue Devils scored three goals in the second half to put it away.

That sent the Blue Devils to the regional final against S.S. Seward (12-2) of Florida, New York, on Nov. 5, where after two 10-minute overtimes and two five-minute "golden goal" periods in which the first score ends the game, the score was still knotted at 0-0. Five players from each team then shot penalty kicks. With each team having missed one shot, Seward's final shot was high, and Haldane advanced.

Haldane (11-5-3) will play in the state semifinals on Nov. 16 at Cortland High School against Little Falls (18-2) or Unatego (17-0-2), who meet on Nov. 9.

Haldane has advanced to the state final four three times, losing in the 2013 finals and in the semifinal last year. The team won a state championship in 2014, beating Lansing, 1-0.

"We had a bunch of chances" to score against Seward, said Coach Steve Schweikhart. "We just couldn't get one past

(keeper Katie) Mulhare."

In the penalty kick shootout, Haldane got scores from Liv Villella, Jade Villella, Bela Monteleone and Sara Ferriera. "They showed a lot of poise and mental toughness," Schweikhart said. "They had just exhausted themselves for 110 minutes, and were facing incredible pressure knowing the entire season was on the line." Haldane keeper Abigail Platt had six saves and also blocked Seward's fourth penalty kick.

The coach also credited the defense of Mazzie Maxwell, Ella Ashburn, Jade Villella and Bianca Harmincin against a team that had scored 84 goals during the season.

In Haldane's sectional final win over The Leffell School, Chloe Rowe delivered the game-tying score less than two minutes into the second half, finishing a Monteleone corner kick. She also delivered the game-winner with 10:11 remaining, gaining control of a ball the keeper couldn't reach. Liv Villella added an insurance goal five minutes later, assisted by Monteleone.

"The quick goal in the second got us going," Schweikhart said. "We became more assertive."

Volleyball

Blue Devils coach Kelsey Flaherty sensed trouble early in the Section 1, Class D title match against Keio Academy at Pace University.

Haldane had defeated the Unicorns in three games a few weeks earlier, and it looked like Flaherty's team might be overconfident. The team won the first game, 25-18, but lost the second, 25-19.

"We came out a little slow," Flaherty said. "It was a learning experience. We can't take anything for granted."

Haldane went on to pummel the Unicorns, 25-9, in the third and rolled to a 25-17 win in the fourth to earn their second title in three

years — it won the Class C trophy in 2017.

Grace Tomann and Melissa Rodino each had 12 kills for Haldane, and Olivia Monteleone added 10.

The Blue Devils didn't take anything for granted in the regional semifinal on Wednesday (Nov. 6) against Shelter Island on Long Island, taking the Section 11 championship in three sets, 25-9, 25-14, 25-10.

"This was Haldane volleyball," Flaherty said. "They played every point like it was the last of the game."

Tomann had seven aces, four kills and eight digs, Rodino had four aces, 13 kills and 10 assists, Monteleone handed out 17 assists and had six kills, and Ashley Hotaling added five kills and nine digs. "Both of our setters — Monteleone and Rodino — were able to move the ball on offense," Flaherty said. "That got us big-time kills. And our serve was on-point."

Haldane (19-2) advances to take on the winner of a match between Mount Academy and Pine Plains in the regional final on Friday, Nov. 15, at O'Neill High School in Highland Falls. That winner advances to the state final four.

Haldane's last state championship was in 2011, when Flaherty was a senior on the team.

VARSITY ROUNDUP

Football

A fourth-quarter touchdown by Darrin Santos and two-point conversion by Soleil Gaines gave Haldane a 16-14 lead at Edgemont on Nov. 1, but the Panthers came back with a score to win, 22-16.

The Blue Devils, who had benefited from a forfeit by Blind Brook the week before, fell to 3-5.

Santos had a one-yard touchdown run and two-point conversion in the first to give Haldane an 8-0 lead. Santos rushed for 168 yards and the two TDs on 16 touches. Quarterback Dan Santos added 52 yards on 21 tries.

The Blue Devils will face Tuckahoe (7-1) today (Nov. 8) in the Section 1, Class D title game at Mahopac High School. The Tigers beat Haldane, 40-16, earlier in the season.

Cross-Country

Zachary Cader led the Beacon boys at the Section 1 Northern County championships on Oct. 26, finishing 11th in 16:55.7. Walter Hoess (18:04.3) and Everett Campanile (18:05.2) paced Haldane, finishing 35th and 36th.

Among the girls, Haldane's Shannon Ferri was the seventh runner to cross the line in 19:56.40, and Lauren Shanahan (23:23) led Beacon at No. 38.

Both teams will compete in the Section 1 championships on Saturday, Nov. 9, in Wappingers Falls.

Coach to Take Leave of Absence

Tyrone Searight, the coach of the Haldane girls' varsity basketball team, will take a leave of absence while he faces accusations that he defrauded the state worker's compensation system, Athletic Director Chris Salumn wrote on Wednesday (Nov. 6) in a letter to parents.

Searight is scheduled to appear in court on Nov. 26 to answer three felony charges that he received \$11,000 in worker's compensation for a knee injury

suffered in late 2016 while working as an MTA bus driver while also being paid by Haldane to coach the girls' varsity. Searight, who lives in Peekskill, has been the Blue Devils coach for 11 seasons.

His status with the team will be evaluated when the legal matter is resolved, Salumn wrote. In the meantime, Jessica Perrone, who is entering her third season as the junior varsity coach, will coach both teams until a new J.V. coach is hired.