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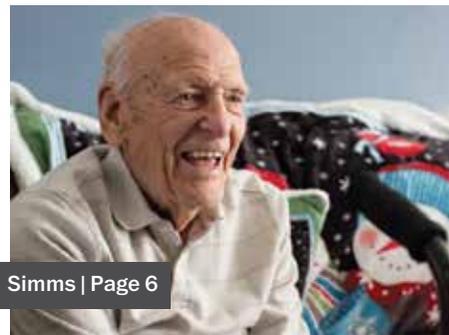
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2019 Year IN REVIEW

Reporters' Picks

In this, our first edition of the new year, *The Current's* reporters look in the rear-view mirror and reflect upon what they wrote in 2019, making their "top picks." The selections are not limited to a top 10 of traditional "breaking news" stories. Nor is this a week-by-week summary of the year's coverage. Instead, what follows are reporters' personal choices — the stories, subjects and columns that struck them as particularly noteworthy — sometimes as journalists, sometimes as people, and always as citizens of the Hudson Valley. All reporters were asked to summarize their choices in their own words — which are as varied as the beats they cover. The full stories can be found at highlandscurrent.org.

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'To Me, This Is Sculpture'

Historian celebrates 50 years of preservation in the Highlands

By Jeff Simms

Thom Johnson isn't sure whether it was 1969 or 1970, but one eventful drive between Beacon and Cold Spring led him to a pair of historic Highlands sites he would spend the next five decades exploring and working to protect.

His story begins a few years before that day, however, in Dobbs Ferry, where Johnson, 66, and now a Peekskill resident, says he spent his childhood "wandering around in the woods."

He was in his mid-teens, he recalls, when a friend showed him a picture of a 20th Century Limited, at the time the New York Central Railroad's premier passenger train, passing Bannerman's Castle on what's now the Metro-North Hudson Line. "I'm looking at the picture going, 'What is that thing?'" Johnson remembers.

Intrigued, he drove with another friend to the shores of the Hudson River to get a closer look at Bannerman's. On the way back, the duo passed the gate for a narrow, paved trail that leads to the Cornish (also known as Northgate) Estate, just outside of Cold Spring.

"At that time, the gate was open and we're 16- or 17-year-old guys," he continues. "So, what do you do? You drive up it." There, they discovered the ruins of the 650-acre estate, which, unbeknownst to the teens, had become part of the newly formed Hudson Highlands State Park a year or two earlier.

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Nelsonville Has Draft Cell Tower Settlement

Village forum scheduled for Monday

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Nelsonville greeted 2020 by considering a proposed settlement of the lawsuit filed by Homeland Towers and Verizon Wireless against the village after it rejected a 110-foot cell tower on a wooded hillside.

Drafted after months of negotiations, the settlement would allow a 95-foot-tall tower on private land on Rockledge Road, above the Cold Spring Cemetery.

The Village Board scheduled a public forum for Monday, Jan. 6, to discuss the proposal, which, if adopted, would end the legal fight.

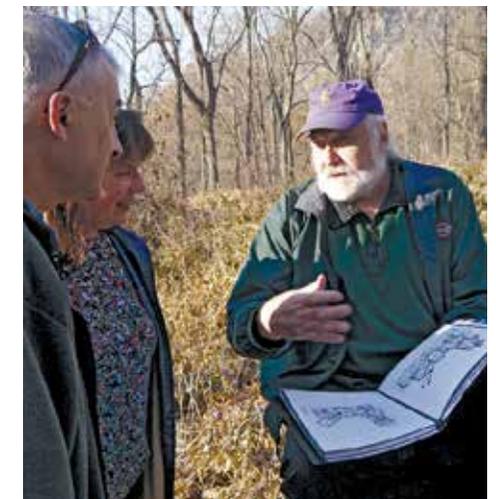
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NEW PHILIPSTOWN CLERK — Tara Percacciolo, Philipstown's newly elected town clerk, took the oath of office on New Year's Day assisted by her father, Joseph Percacciolo III. Philipstown Town Board Member Judy Farrell and Highway Supervisor Carl Frisenda were also sworn in.

Photo by Liz Schevtchuk

Armstrong



Thom Johnson shares historic photos with hikers at the Cornish Estate.

Photo by J. Simms

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: PETER BUNTEN

By Arvind Dilawar

Peter Buntен is chair of the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project, a nonprofit based in Dutchess County and founded in 2006 that promotes research on the movement in the region, including the Underground Railroad.

Was there slavery in the Highlands?

Enslavement existed in all 13 colonies. Colonial New York — and later, New York state — at one time had more enslaved people than anywhere north of Maryland. New York didn't abolish slavery until 1827. In the Mid-Hudson Valley, the growth of markets in the southern colonies and the West Indies for wheat flour, flax and other goods drove the demand for labor. Most enslaved men worked planting, harvesting, clearing fields, building stone walls and the like. There were fewer enslaved women because they were less valuable. They would perform domestic chores. Skilled trades, such as milling, coopering and smithing, also involved enslaved men.

Are there any physical testaments to slavery?

The largest testament is probably the agricultural contours of the counties — cleared fields, stone walls. Most slave sales here took place in one-to-one negotiations because the average number of enslaved people



held by owners was one or two. There were slave markets in the South because plantations might have from 50 to several hundred enslaved men, women and children. There were rich landowners here but no plantations.

How did slavery end in New York?

The most important factor was self-emancipation. We have historical evidence of hundreds of enslaved people in the Mid-Hudson running away from their owners. In other words, they were "abolishing" their own enslavement. The second factor was the growth of antislavery and abolitionist

sentiment. From slavery's inception in the 1600s, many Americans were opposed to it. However, after the Revolution, that sentiment grew quickly, deeply and broadly across the north. Just about every town in Dutchess had an anti-slavery society, and Quakers and other religious groups all played a part.

Are there any local abolitionist heroes?

Most people will immediately think of Sojourner Truth, who was enslaved in Ulster County. In Dutchess County, David Irish of the Oblong Quaker Meeting in Pawling was the most prominent, along with Samuel Ringgold Ward in Poughkeepsie and Lucretia Mott.

Is there a way to tell if a home was a stop on the Underground Railroad?

Part of the mythology of the Underground Railroad is that runaways were kept in secret rooms. In reality, "secret" rooms and closets were relatively common at the time in homes for storage or to hide smuggled goods. The first step is to determine the date the house was built; of course, it has to be before 1865. Next is to determine who lived there during the period and whether they had an affinity for antislavery. These two steps eliminate most houses. Documents, including deeds, bills of sales, letters and court records, are essential evidence, although most people [hiding runaway slaves] didn't publicly note their participation.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Would you rather live in the 2020s or the Roaring Twenties?

“ The Roaring Twenties. No social media; it was so classy, with much more attention to detail. ”



~ Lena Jamal, Beacon

“ I'd go with the Roaring Twenties. Things were simpler; more reality, less nonsense. ”



~ Jay McVey, Cold Spring

“ If it was Paris, I'd take the Roaring Twenties! ”



~ Rachel Klein, Cold Spring

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"Bright at the End of the Tunnel," Nov. 8

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**Michael Turton's
Picks**

Life in the Hudson Highlands is multi-faceted, so it makes sense that my highlighted stories are eclectic — from tragic to uplifting, troubling to joyful.



For the full story, go to highlandscurrent.org and enter the headline in the search box.

■ Cold Spring's Riverfront Puzzle

The village now manages Docksides Park and is renegotiating its lease with the Boat Club. The 2012 Comprehensive Plan provides ideas for making the most of the riverfront but sits on a shelf gathering dust. Perhaps village and Boat Club leadership, and the community, ought to revisit that plan.

■ First Graders Map Main Street / Bright at the End of the Tunnel

Education at its best. Both stories chronicled Haldane's Discover, Create and Innovate program, which teaches practical skills, using the community as a classroom. First-graders mapped Main Street, interviewed merchants and produced videos. Middle schoolers researched, planned and painted the pedestrian tunnel, a project long overdue.

■ Recycling More Expensive Than Trash

A few years ago, recycling produced revenue for municipalities. Now, recyclables are costlier to dispose of than trash. Dual stream, or separating recyclables into two groups, could save tax dollars but would require extensive public education and diligence by residents.

■ Are Food Trucks Unfair Competition?

Food trucks have burgeoned nationwide. In Cold Spring, not so much. Restaurant owners, fearful of losing business, adamantly opposed allowing them on village-owned properties. Yet during peak

tourist periods, local eateries sometimes can't keep up with demand. Readers haven't heard the last of this issue.

■ Reporter's Notebook: Would You Survive a Mass Shooting?

What a comment on our times. The Putnam County Sheriff's Office offers training for civilians on how to survive an active shooter event — how to think in advance about the unthinkable. I took the training; it affected me. It was supposed to.

■ Woodstock 1969

It was a joy to gather local residents' stories about the mother of all music festivals. Each marveled at how 400,000 people cooperated and got along. Apparently, the music wasn't bad, either.

■ No Vacancy at Airbnb Meeting

Most who attended the packed public forum agreed short-term rentals are fine — to a point. But unregulated, they can have detrimental effects, including reducing the number of rental properties available to full-time residents. The Cold Spring Village Board will no doubt address the issue in 2020.

■ Philipstown Man Dies in Mobile Home Fire

Some readers objected to my photo of the fire's aftermath; the image was startling. But if it prompted anyone to check their smoke detectors it was worth the criticism. The story is incomplete; the investigation into the fire's cause and Louis Weber's death is ongoing.

■ Brothers In Arms

My most fascinating story of 2019. "The war to end all wars" put two Putnam County soldiers shoulder-to-shoulder on the front lines. Kent resident Clinton Peterson was black and poor; Garrison's Hamilton Fish III was white and wealthy. They shared a bond that endured after the war, even though they were from vastly different worlds.

■ Has the Trolley Turned a Corner?

Putnam County Transportation's Cold Spring trolley began operations in 2007, with more than 8,000 riders visiting area attractions. Usage steadily declined to a 2017 low of 792 passengers. By 2019, aided by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Magazzino Italian Art Foundation, ridership increased to 1,883. Will the trolley ever regain the popularity it enjoyed 13 years ago?



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Mapmaker

Having been across the table for most of my 15 years on the Philipstown Planning Board, I have been extremely impressed with surveyor Glenn Watson's professionalism, knowledge and, often, good humor ("5 Questions: Glenn Watson," Dec. 27). Even though working for his clients, I felt he always had Philipstown's best interests at heart.

When his experience was on display, he could and did teach newbies on the board good information not gained from outside professional seminars. In concert with the board's advisers, the time spent on the Planning Board facing Glenn across the table was an impressive experience.

Anthony Merante, *Philipstown*

Beacon parking

We don't need more stinkin' parking lots in Beacon! ("More Parking," Dec. 20). Beaconites benefit from increasing pedestrian, not petrol, connectivity. For starters, shift local, county, state and federal funds from spending mostly on asphalt and vehicle crutches to investments in a straight-shot, old-school, red-brick mall (not the shopping center stuff) laid out between the new train station (replacing the non-station in place) and Main Street for thousands of people daily to walk.

Gregg Zuman, *Beacon*

Impeachment vote

I am so proud to call Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney my congressman ("Maloney: Impeachment 'Necessary' But 'Heartbreaking,'" Dec. 20).

Lisa Sabin, *Cold Spring*

I want to express my appreciation to Rep. Maloney for being thoughtful and careful in his decision-making process regarding

impeachment. He came to the right decision.
Margaret Yonco-Haines, *via Facebook*

No laws were broken [by President Trump], so how did Maloney come to his decision? He did what he was told by Nancy Pelosi!

Eric Munkelt, *via Facebook*

Thank you, Rep. Maloney, for defending the Constitution and American democracy. We all wish impeachment wasn't necessary, but President Trump does not seem to understand that he cannot do anything he wants while in office. I wish your colleagues on the other side of the aisle showed your courage.

MJ Martin, *via Facebook*

What happened to Maloney's "high bar" for impeachment? Bribery was not included in the final cut because there was no proof and it did not poll well. Maloney is supposed to represent us in the Hudson Valley, not Pelosi, but chose to vote to impeach on two fake charges. What did she promise him? Something for the district, or a chairman-

ship? Sad. I had great hopes.

John Vreeland, *via Facebook*

Maloney clearly didn't take the decision lightly. When faced with a president who thinks he's a king and who acts with impunity, he did the only thing he could. Good for Maloney for being so eloquent about why impeachment is the only recourse the House has against this maniac.

Ivy Meeropol, *via Facebook*

Mayor Randy

Randy Casale, thanks for your good service, deeply rooted community spirit, and for being a hometown local champion ("Beacon's Mayor Reflects," Dec. 27).

Kathleen Laucius, *via Facebook*

Little Stony Point water

Isn't the Cold Spring Village Board against the Village of Nelsonville tying into its sewer, but it's willing to consider thousands of hikers who don't live here? ("State Park Wants Cold Spring's Water," Dec. 27).

Joe Hyatt, *via Facebook*

They built things up to attract and support a lot of people coming in but they didn't consider water? Or did they just set up the situation so the village is pressured to say "Yes"? Is this government planning? Beacon is in a similar situation. They built up a ton of housing, then they will tell everyone who didn't want said housing that they must sacrifice.

Chris Ungaro, *via Facebook*

Puzzle problem?

I believe there is a typo in the "Find Any One's Name" puzzle from 1894 ("Looking Back in Philipstown," Dec. 20). The letter Z appears twice in the B (value=2) column. One of them should have been a W. When solving for W it returns a U (1+4+16), instead of (1+2+4+16). Thanks for the puzzle!

Richard Carlson

FBI Arrest

This letter is not being written to decide whether Chuck Hustis is guilty or innocent of the deeds that he has allegedly committed ("Former Cold Spring Trustee Arrested by FBI," Dec. 20). That is the job of the court of law.

I am simply wondering if any of the people who wrote letters that rallied against *The Current's* reporting of those deeds are parents of a teenager. I would suspect not.

Richard Cogliandro, *Garrison*



Cell Tower *(from Page 1)*

Homeland Towers and Verizon sued Nelsonville 18 months ago after its Zoning Board of Appeals denied a permit for the proposed tower. AT&T sued the village separately. The companies argued that the village had violated federal telecommunications law by denying the permit for the tower.

The Zoning Board of Appeals maintained that the companies failed to demonstrate a significant need for the tower. It also concluded the structure would violate zoning law by detracting from the area's scenic and historic attributes.

Under the draft settlement, the tower will

be 15 feet shorter than first envisioned and the companies cannot later increase its height.

Camouflaged to resemble a fir tree, the tower, like the surrounding security fence and screening vegetation, would be compatible with the natural landscape, according to the draft settlement, which directs the companies to pay the village \$35,758 for expenses incurred during the tower review.

In addition, if federal Judge Vincent Briccetti approves the settlement, Homeland and Verizon would have 60 days to submit a building application, which must include a calculation of the "worst-case maximum permissible" exposure to humans from tower radio frequency emissions. The village then

would have 15 days to issue a building permit.

Noting that Homeland Towers intends to buy the parcel on which the tower will stand, the draft proposal states that if no sale occurs, "the village shall have no obligation to issue a building permit."

The draft also provides that:

- The village and local emergency services can place three antennas on the tower at no charge.
- Tower lighting will project downward to reduce intrusiveness.
- Tower noise pollution will be minimized.
- Exercising "reasonable approval," the village can help design the layout of the

tower driveway.

- The tower companies will create a \$30,000 fund to help neighbors landscape their properties, but those neighbors tapping into it must agree to not bring future claims against the tower.

The draft Nelsonville settlement resembles the one approved by Philipstown's Town Board last summer to end a separate lawsuit filed by Homeland Towers and Verizon in February 2018 against the town after it declined to allow a cell tower on Vineyard Road.

Concerns about the handling of the litigation contributed to the ousting of the incumbent mayor and a trustee in village elections last March.

Johnson *(from Page 1)*

"It had a similar effect," Johnson says. "We said, 'What is this?'" But little information was forthcoming.

"You'd ask the locals and they'd say, 'Oh that's the old Cornish Estate.' OK, we'd say, 'What can you tell me about it?' They'd say, 'It's the old Cornish Estate.'"

Still, he sensed that there must be rich histories beneath the ruins. He was right.

Bannerman's Castle, a former military surplus warehouse, was built on an island about 1,000 feet off-shore between Beacon and Cold Spring in 1901. Almost 50 years after the death of Frank Bannerman, the island's owner, New York State purchased the island and castle. Two years later, in 1969, fire nearly destroyed the site.

The Cornish Estate was assembled in the early 20th century by diamond merchant Sigmund Stern, who purchased eight to 10 small farms in the hills of Putnam County overlooking the Hudson. The Cornish family acquired the estate in 1917 as a summer home. A fire also destroyed much of the mansion and accompanying buildings in 1958 — about 10 years before the state acquired the lands.

"Over the years it was one of my favorite places to hike when I wanted to get away from people," Johnson says about the Cornish lands, which connect with a network of hiking trails, including the Breakneck Ridge loop. "I would never bump into anybody then. It was a good place to come up and air out your brain."

In time, Johnson began teaching art and photography at Irvington High School, where, early in his 33-year career, he taught a photography student named Rob Yasinsac who was interested in historic ruins.

"Eventually I sent him [to Cornish]," Johnson says. "He was looking for places to photograph and I was kind of a Rolodex of locations."

Slowly, the mysteries that Johnson had "discovered" in his teens would begin to be explained.

In 1993, he and Beacon resident Neil Caplan founded the Bannerman Castle Trust.

"This is a site that's unique in all of the U.S.," Caplan says. "You don't have anything else like it, and we've managed to open it up and do some amazing things."

Last year 12,000 people visited Bannerman's for tours, concerts, plays and other programs; up to 15,000 are expected in 2020. Caplan adds: "It's given people an opportunity to see an incredible piece of architectural history."

In 2006, Yasinsac would co-author



The Cornish Estate circa 1913

Photo provided by Robin Huntington

Hudson Valley Ruins, a book which caught the attention of descendants of Edward Cornish and Sigmund Stern, who volunteered never-before-seen photographs and new historical information.

A couple of years after that, Johnson says, smiling, "Breakneck [Ridge] hits. All of the sudden, I can't come up here to find peace and solitude on a Saturday anymore."

These days, he's still active with both sites. He's recently helped design a series of interpretive signs that, through a New York State grant, will be installed at Cornish in the spring.

Johnson is also active with the Catskill Mountain Railroad, now a tourist railway based in Kingston, and River of Words, a program of the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, Clarkson University and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust that brings ecological education to public school students in the region.

If that's not enough, he continues to play drums with live musical acts, as well.

But Bannerman's and Cornish, it seems, stand out, perhaps for their proximity, or maybe for the mystery initially surrounding both.

"I don't think there's anything as fascinating as these two sites," Johnson says. "To me, this is sculpture. I think we need to start seriously looking at stuff like this not as ruins but as art, and to come up with ways to protect it."

As 2020 begins, with more than 50 years under his belt traipsing through the hills and ruins of the Highlands, it would make sense that Johnson slow down a bit.

But, as he says his foster sister describes him, "I have two speeds: overdrive and dead."

"Being in this kind of environment feels very natural to me," he continues. "I think this is one of the underutilized cures for what ails us. If you get out and realize you're part of all this [nature], it's therapy for everybody."

"That's how you live."

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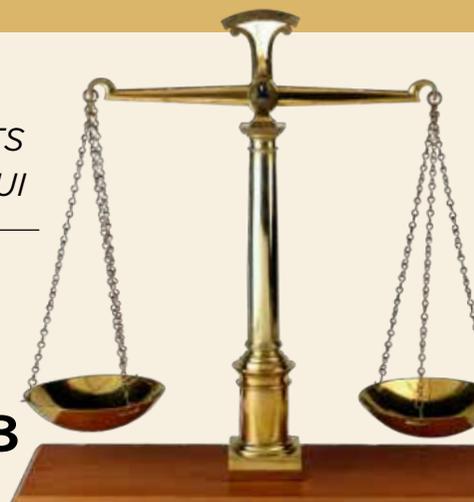
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Jeff Simms's Picks

These are not necessarily the "biggest" or most-read stories I wrote in 2019, but I decided instead to pick a handful that were important to me for one reason or another. In no particular order, these were articles I enjoyed writing.



Reporter's Notebook: When Finishing Isn't Enough

I've written only two columns in the four-plus years I've been with *The Current*, both

of which were departures from my normal areas of coverage but were personally important. This one covered a weeklong biking trip I take each summer, and how 2019's journey made me feel terrible about myself. It was an endeavor I'd planned for almost two years, but one that left me sad and unfulfilled in the end. Writing about it helped me process some of those feelings while motivating me to continue getting back out there.

New Member for Centenarian Club

This profile of a full-of-life Highlands man celebrating his 100th birthday was fun in every way. I also don't consider myself a very good feature (versus "news") writer, so it's a good challenge to take these stories on sometimes.

For Some, Vaccination Law Stings

After a state law invalidated thousands of vaccination exemptions across New York, this article profiled some of the families affected locally. But the real work on this took place before I began writing, as I had to earn the trust of the parents who were



"Minister Finds New Home in Beacon,"

Nov. 29

Photo by Meredith Heuer

generous enough to allow me to interview them. I tried to tell their stories honestly, allowing the reader to reach his or her own conclusion on the issue.

Minister Finds New Home in Beacon

Sometimes you get lucky and interviews cease being interviews and just become conversations. The Rev. Daniel Blackburn

came across to me as a humble, pleasant guy who seemed excited to be in Beacon. Perhaps most rewarding, however, was another local clergy member emailing me after reading the article to ask for the new Star of Bethlehem minister's contact information. The emailer wanted to welcome the new minister to the city — reminding me that behind the complex communities we cover are lots of good, caring people.

Living on the Edge / With Housing, What is 'Affordable'? / New Law Allows Rent Limits / Study: Hudson Valley "Out of Alignment"

Can I cram four semi-related picks into one here? So much has been said over the past few years about development in Beacon, but there's more to that conversation than buildings alone. The first part of this pick, my contributions to our *Living on the Edge* series, studied the complexity of job creation and sustainability, topics I'd wanted to write about for a long time. I'm also including locally and state-focused pieces on affordable housing, another critical piece of the puzzle. Finally, I was impressed with the *Out of Alignment* study issued by Pattern for Progress in October, which collected a wealth of data on many of these intersecting issues, almost creating a handbook for "What's next?" when thinking about the economic health of our region and the well-being of its residents.

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Alison Rooney's Picks

My “beat” is usually described as “arts/people”, but, “community,” a force in many of my stories this year, is also an important part of the mix.



■ Assembly Required

Writing about the arts in Beacon and Philipstown often means writing about visual artists. Beacon, especially, continues to be a magnet for painters, ceramicists, print-makers, photographers, multi-media practitioners, sculptors and others. Many cite “a thriving arts community” as the reason for moving to the area. Some are just starting out, many are mid-career, and then there is Joan Phares, who, though she doesn’t actually live in Beacon, is a member of the BAU collective there, and likes being part of that community.

Phares is another type of artist: someone born in a more restrictive time, discouraged from attempting a career as an artist, and pushed to earn a degree in home economics. Yet she kept studying art on the side, eventually earned a master’s, then taught art for decades in a public school.

What liberated Phares to finally become a full-time artist? Retirement. As an assem-



“Assembly Required,” March 15

blage artist, she’s always noticing things. “Every time I dug a hole in the ground, some object would pop up that someone had buried. I pulled out an inner tube from a tractor, a pair of coveralls, abandoned logs and barn wood, faded from the sun, and it spoke to me.”

Phares is flourishing now because she has the time to. “It’s mainly about finding a quiet space in your brain,” she says. “When I retired I took my watch off for six months. Then I realized how much time I was wasting. It’s wonderful to have a creative energy. I’m enjoying this age! I get to do what I want to do!”

■ Social Activist Reflects on Decades of Advocacy

Perhaps when Phares reaches Connie Hogarth’s age, she’ll really get cracking!

Hogarth, the Beacon social activist, was 92 when I spoke with her at length last summer. In describing her life’s work, it’s almost easier to list what she hasn’t been involved in, because the causes and issues she is associated with include “working to ban the nuclear bomb, stop the Vietnam War, end racism, abolish the death penalty, impeach a president (Nixon), end apartheid in South Africa, close Indian Point, create a Palestinian state, defend the Bill of Rights and slow global warming as a founding member — 15 years ago — of the Climate Crisis Coalition.”

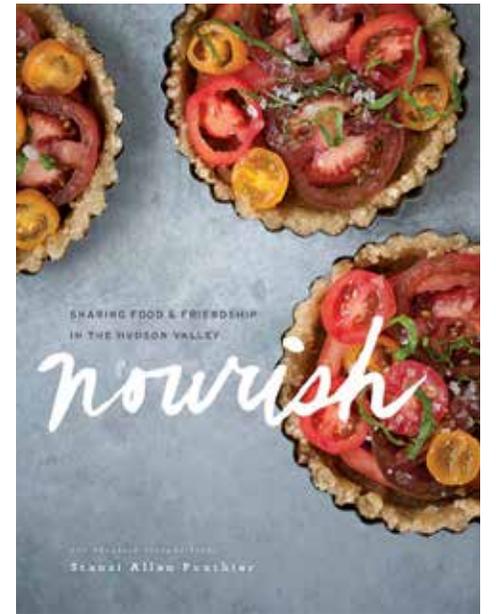
Phew! And was she cynical or overtly exhausted or anything but cheerful and dynamic during our interview? Not at all. My hands-down winner for “most inspiring interviewee” (the runners-up are the impassioned Haldane High School student actors who spoke so eloquently and clearly about why their production of *The Laramie Project* was important to them and essential viewing for the community), these words of Hogarth’s can be extended to everyone, regardless of political leanings:

“People often ask me, ‘How could you be involved, not knowing if you would ever see it happen?’ You should know that you probably won’t succeed right away. You have to take a long-range view even if you don’t live to see it.”

Let’s see what Hogarth has up her sleeve for 2020!

■ Nourished by a Friend

A too-early death, particularly of someone with children at home, ripples through our



“Nourished by a Friend,” May 31

close-knit communities. Fortunately, sometimes friends and family honor the person they lost, and a greater community discovers the essence and talents of a person they may have never met. Case in point: *Nourish*, a beautifully designed and photographed cookbook produced by the Philipstown friends of Stanzi Allen Pouthier, a young Garrison woman who passed away from ovarian cancer in 2013, leaving two small sons. Pouthier’s delicious recipes are the heart of the book, which is both a labor of love and a polished compendium of ideas for Hudson Valley foodies.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 4

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

PUTNAM COUNTY

All Day

Various locations | 845-270-2979

Part of an international effort, the Putnam County count takes place for its 65th year. Any level of experience and interest is welcome. Contact organizer Charlie Roberto at chasrob26@gmail.com to participate. *Donations are welcome.*

WED 8

Community Narcan Training

COLD SPRING

7 - 8:30 p.m.

Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub
5 Stone St. | philipstownhub.org

Learn how to save a person from overdosing by giving a safe medication.

SAT 11

Clearwater Sloop Open Boat

BEACON

3 - 6 p.m. Beacon Riverfront

2 Red Flynn Drive | facebook.com/events

Tour the boat and learn about what happens to it in winter. Enjoy music, hot beverages and bring something to share for a potluck.

SUN 12

Putnam Service Dogs Info Session

COLD SPRING

Noon - 1:30 p.m. Hudson Hill's

129 Main St. | putnamservicedogs.org

During this free informational lunch, learn about raising a puppy that will become a service dog for someone with physical and hearing disabilities.

KIDS & FAMILY

FRI 10

Putnam County Talent Night

PATTERSON

6 p.m. Patterson Library

1167 Route 311 | 845-878-6121
butterfieldlibrary.org

All Putnam County youth ages 8 and up are invited to participate. Younger children will perform first. Registration is required. Call or visit pattersonlibrary.org to register.

SAT 11

Fei-Fei

BEACON

Noon. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-763-3012

howlandmusic.org

The Classics for Kids series



Fei-Fei, Jan. 11 & 12

will feature the internationally recognized pianist in a family-friendly program. *Cost: \$10 adults (children free)*

SAT 11

Middle School Night with Lazer Tag

GARRISON

7 - 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation

107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618

philipstownrecreation.com

TALKS & TOURS

FRI 10

Full Moon Walk

CORNWALL

5:30 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center

Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 | hnm.org

Take a guided hike through the fields and forest under the "Wolf Moon." Dress appropriately for weather conditions. Register in advance. *Cost: \$8 adults/\$6 children (non-members \$10 and \$8)*

SAT 11

Marketing Seminar for Artists

BEACON

10 a.m. - Noon. Catalyst Gallery

137 Main St. | 845-204-3844

theresagooby.com/the-blank-project.html

Theresa Gooby, an artist and career consultant, will teach artists how to get exposure for their work. *Cost: \$125*

SAT 11

Winter Gardening

GARRISON

10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-278-6738

desmondfishlibrary.org

Master Gardeners will discuss seasonal projects like growing microgreens and pollinator-friendly plants from seeds, and how to support wildlife in your yard. *Cost: \$15 (\$5 children with adult)*

SAT 11

Bird Identification Workshop

COLD SPRING

1 - 3 p.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040

butterfieldlibrary.org

Pete Salmansohn will teach families and beginners how to recognize the birds in their backyard. Best for ages 7 and up. *Free*

VISUAL ART

SAT 4

The Sympathetic Eye

BEACON

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

The portrait photography of Jo Ann Chaus, Janet Holmes, Susan Rosenberg Jones and Paul Kessel will be displayed in this show curated by Susan Keiser.

SAT 11

Donald Alter

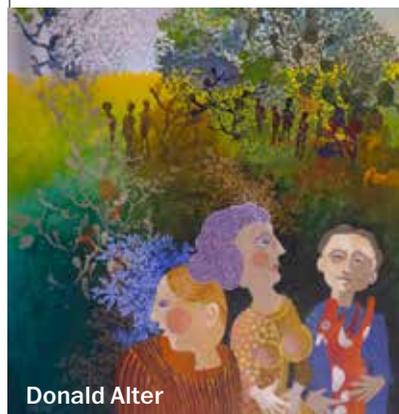
BEACON

5 - 8 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass

162 Main St. | 845-440-0068

hudsonbeachglass.com

Co-curators Harald Plochberger and Tony Moore have created this exhibit of the late artist's work in memoriam, including more than 50 paintings, drawings and prints created in his final years.



Donald Alter

SUN 12

The Shape-Shifters

PEEKSKILL

3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA

1701 Main St. | 914-788-0100

hudsonvalleymoca.org

Artist and art historian Marcy B. Freedman begins a three-part series, Art History with a Twist, that will explore how art confronts human behavior. *Cost: \$20 (\$10 members)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 4

Life is Amazing

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

brownpapertickets.com/event/4476264

Abby Feldman's one-woman stand-up show includes original songs about her trials and failures. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 11

Met in HD: Wozzeck

POUGHKEEPSIE

1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.

845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Watch the Metropolitan Opera House's live broadcast of Berg's 20th century opera with baritone Peter Mattei in the title role. *Cost: \$28 (members \$26, children \$12)*

SAT 11

Artichoke Storytelling Series

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

Storytellers Elna Baker (*This American Life*), Micaela Blei (*The Moth Radio Hour*), Erin Barker (*The Story Collider*), Sandi Marx (*Stories From the Stage*), Mike Cho (*Risk!*) and Beacon's own Mike Burdge (*Story Screen*) will perform. *Cost: \$17.50 (\$20 door)*

MUSIC

SUN 5

Open Mic Finals

BEACON

6 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.

845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This invitational round will bring together some of the best from the open-mic community. *Cost: \$8*

FRI 10

Molsky's Mountain Drifters

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier

379 Main St. | 845-855-1300

townecrier.com

Bruce Molsky (fiddle), Stash Wyslouch (guitar) and Allison de

Groot (clawhammer banjo) will play roots music. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 12

Fei-Fei

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org

The Piano Festival begins with Fei-Fei performing a program that will include Beethoven's *Sonata in E-Flat Major, Op. 31, No. 3*; Schumann's *Kinderszenen Op.15*; Debussy's *Joyeuse Isle*, and Rachmaninoff's *Moments Musicaux, Op. 16*. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

CIVIC

MON 6

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza

845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 6

Special Meeting: Cell Tower

NELSONVILLE

7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.

845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

To discuss potential settlement agreement for a cell tower at 15 Rockledge Road. Draft settlement and site plans are at bit.ly/34M13sl.

TUES 7

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211)

15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254

haldaneschool.org

TUES 7

County Legislature

CARMEL

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse

44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800

putnamcountyny.com

TUES 7

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.

845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 8

School Board

GARRISON

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D

845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURS 9

Philipstown Town Board

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Community Center

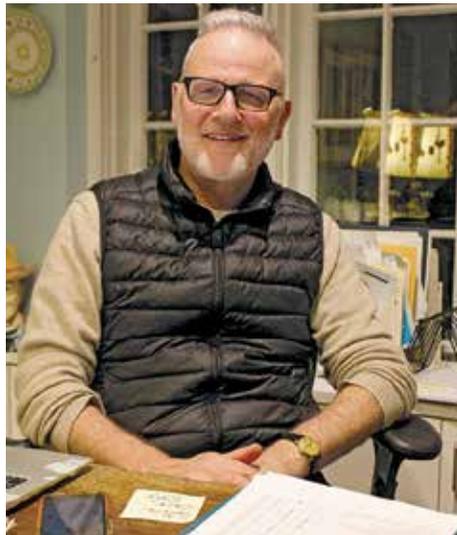
107 Glenclyffe Dr. | 845-265-5200

philipstown.com

Rooney's Picks (from Page 7)

■ **A Growing Business**

At the other end of the life cycle, there are babies being born, toddlers melting down, and teenagers getting annoyed over everything. Dr. Peter Gergely has seen it all in his nearly 30 years as a Philipstown pediatrician. For once, the good doctor had to sit down and answer the questions, which revealed much about his background, including his time in the Army, talents as a painter, and his description of what the "true art of medicine" means: "It's patients getting a call back. If you make that call, that follow-up, that reassurance, the parents will trust you forever. 'We'll get you through that anxious night.'"



"A Growing Business," April 26

■ **A Celebration and Farewell**

Painter, sculptor and jewelry designer Marnie Hillsley also passed away from cancer young, in 2015, leaving a teenage son and good friends in many different sectors of the community. As her widower, Simon Draper, lovingly described: "They knew her as a great neighbor, someone who loved singing in the St. Philip's choir, as a person who helped set up a community garden, as someone they'd see, always smiling, as Aidan's mom, or just as a good friend." Just before selling their Cold Spring home, on the heels of their son's departure for grad school, Draper mounted an exhibit of Hillsley's life and work, with photos and artwork, at Nelsonville's perfectly named space, Create Community.

■ **When Grandma is Mom and Dad**

Tragedies and traumas cut through communities, and reverberate beyond the individual affected. The children at the heart of the Relatives as Parents program (RAPP) receive the benefits of activities and camp scholarships, but it's their caregivers — most frequently, but not always, grandparents — whom RAPP truly supports. The key component of that support is meeting others facing the same challenges in a facilitated group setting, usually with a speaker addressing ways of coping with the hurdles. Most of all, though, it's a sharing, openly and without any judgment, for a population that often feels isolated and overwhelmed.



"Racing Circles Around Racism," Aug. 9

2019
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IN REVIEW

Brian PJ Cronin's
Picks

■ **Out There:**
Racing Circles
Around Racism

Race Directors are slaves to even numbers. With the exception of the



marathon (26.2 miles, with the extra two-tenths added at the 1908 London Olympics to ensure the finish line was in front of the royal viewing box) race lengths are almost always multiples of five. Run enough races and you'll soon run into one featuring a ridiculous loop added to make sure the distance ends up being exactly 10K or 50 miles or whatever.

More races should honor and illuminate the land they're run on, no matter the distance, like the Catskill's Escarpment Trail Run, which simply covers the 18.5 miles of its namesake trail, or the new "5k-ish" Run The Redline in Poughkeepsie, a course that traces the outlines of the "redlines" set by real estate evaluators in the 1930s that led to increased racial segregation and influenced what Poughkeepsie neighborhoods prospered and which declined.

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Adam Barta, a dad and volunteer starter, eyeballed the cars in March for a heat in the annual Pinewood Derby held by Philipstown Cub Scout Pack 137.



The Fat Boi Brass Band, featuring vocalist Linda Garzia, celebrated Mardi Gras at Denning's Point Distillery in Beacon.

2019

PHOTOS OF THE

Year

A look back at memorable moments — and good shots

Photos by Ross Corsair



In an April afterschool class at the Manitou School in Philipstown, Nancy Bayer instructed Sadie MacInness, Suri Stuart and Amalie Bagaria on how to prepare grain bowls.



Trombonist Alaina Alster performed during a March concert in Beacon by Collective Brass, a chamber group formed in 2016 by members of the West Point Band.



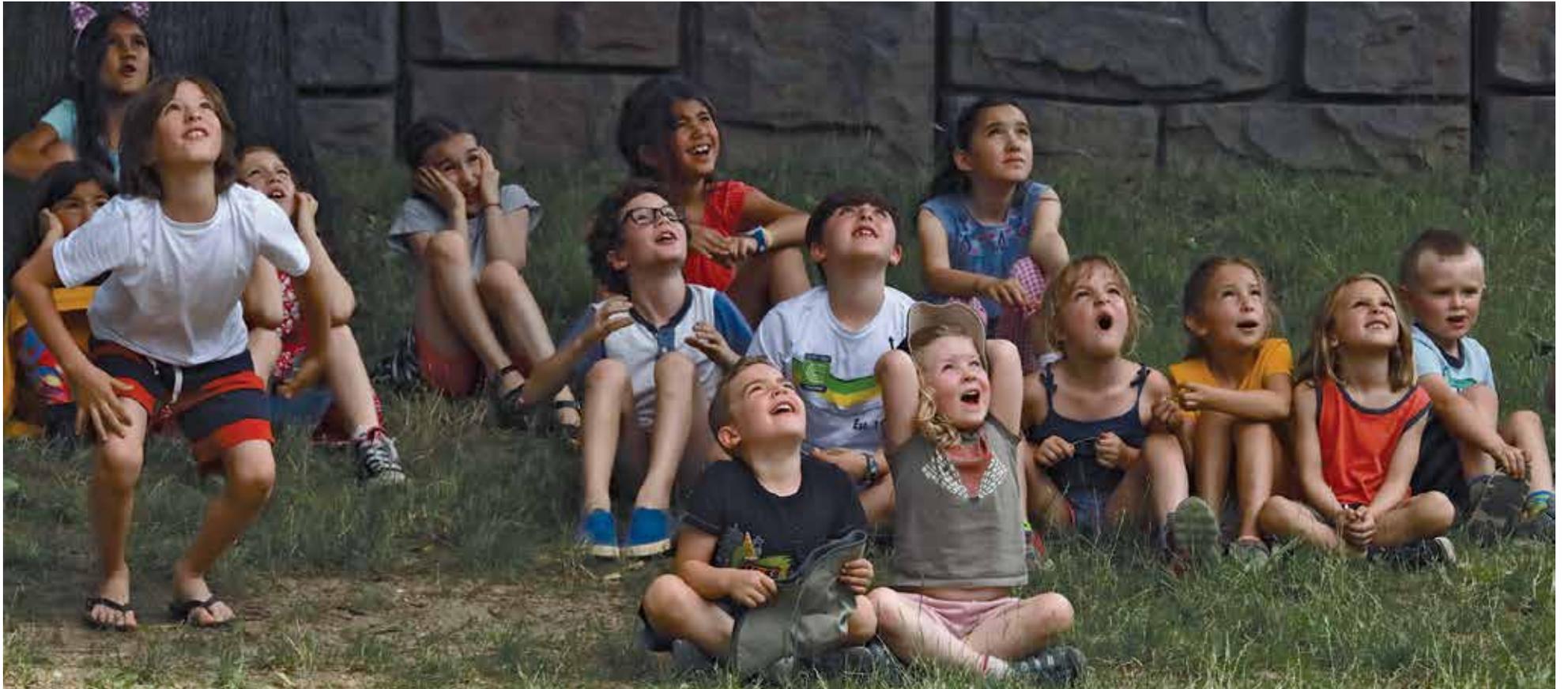
Francesca Ricapito was lifted into the air as part of a performance parade in Cold Spring organized in November by Magazzino.



Juanita Rincon of Juanita's Kitchen in Nelsonville and her family visited Glynwood in August to prepare a sold-out farm dinner.



The Desmond-Fish Public Library organized a volunteer-staffed "repair cafe" in June at the Cold Spring Farmers' Market.



A scientist discussed the technology behind rockets at the Butterfield Library in June before launching a few into the Cold Spring sky.



Preschoolers descended on the senior complex at Chestnut Ridge in Cold Spring on Halloween afternoon for the annual Spookytown festivities.



A visitor zoomed in during the annual ice cream social hosted in July by Boscobel in Garrison.

2019 Year IN REVIEW

10 Most-Viewed Stories at *highlandscurrent.org*

1.

The Extremist Next Door
(May 17)

2.

Huge Fishkill Development
Looms Over Beacon
(Sept. 20)

3.

Garrison Man Dies in Crash
(Sept. 20)

4.

Former Cold Spring Trustee
Arrested by FBI (Dec. 20)

5.

Cold Spring Resident Says
He Foiled Robbery (April 12)

6.

Philipstown Man Dies in
Mobile Home Fire (Nov. 8)

7.

Beacon's Lost Bridge
(Feb. 8)

8.

2019 Beacon Grad Sues
School District (Dec. 27)

9.

Judge Reitz Dies at 57
(June 21)

10.

Booming Beacon (Nov. 15)

For links, see *highlandscurrent.org*

Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong's Picks

Top Philipstown-related political news in 2019 ranged from the micro-local (as in the quirky aftermath of a Nelsonville election) to the national (a resident's role in President Donald Trump's impeachment) and from one end of Putnam County to the other (in clashes over myriad matters), while cell tower lawsuits, white supremacy in the Highlands' backyard, and other issues stirred additional controversy.



■ Putnam County

Conflict between the Republican-led county government and Philipstown, where Democrats dominate, began soon after the arrival in Carmel of District 1 Legislator Nancy Montgomery as the sole Democrat on the nine-member Putnam County Legislature. Montgomery disagreed repeatedly with her fellow legislators over such actions as passage of an inflammatory anti-abortion resolution ("Anti-Abortion Draft Ignites Debate at Putnam Legislature" and "Putnam Approves Anti-Abortion Resolution") to the renewed appointment of such officials as the legislative attorney without review or discussion ("Putnam Legislator Questions Contracts") to county finances, and, as the year wound down, attacks by Republican legislators and County Executive MaryEllen Odell, also a Republican, of budget transfers in the Sheriff's Department under Sheriff Robert Langley, who, like Montgomery, is a Democrat and Philipstown resident ("Putnam Legislators Deny Request from Sheriff to Shift Funds").

Continued retention of a constituent services representative who doubles as Odell's bodyguard ("Odell Looking for New Bodyguard ... Sort Of") also raised eyebrows, while the enactment of a county secrecy law, presented as an innocuous amendment to the county ethics code, touched off more friction between Philipstown, skeptical residents of other towns, and Carmel. Philipstown Town Board members threatened to sue over the secrecy and criticized the county barrage against Langley as the 2020 election year loomed ("Putnam Passes



"Putnam Approves Anti-Abortion Resolution," April 5



"Odell Looking for New Bodyguard ... Sort Of," March 1

Secrecy Law"; "Putnam Legislators Deny Request From Sheriff to Shift Funds").

■ Elections

Nelsonville got the honors for quirky political developments, with three mayors holding office in three months: In a non-partisan election, voters chose Village Board challengers and ousted incumbent Bill O'Neill in mid-March, only to see the new mayor, Chris Caccamise, resign within weeks, compelling the Village Board to fill the vacancy by picking Trustee Michael Bowman as mayor ("Challengers Sweep in Nelsonville — Updated," "New Nelsonville Mayor Says He Will Resign" and "Nelsonville Trustees Choose Bowman as Mayor")

In November, Philipstown's electorate

replaced the town clerk, Tina Merando, a Republican, with Tara Percacciolo, a town government secretary, who took up her new office on New Year's Day. Incumbent Supervisor Richard Shea, Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda, and Town Board Members Robert Flaherty and Judy Farrell, all Democrats, also won office in November ("Beacon Has New Mayor; Philipstown, New Clerk").

■ Cell towers

The long-running battle over construction of cell towers continued with negotiations by both Philipstown and Nelsonville with Homeland Towers LLC and its partner, Verizon. The companies sued both municipalities in 2018 over their rejection of cell towers on Vineyard Road and Rockledge Road, respectively. Despite opposition from immediate neighbors of the tower site, the Philipstown Town Board reluctantly approved a settlement in August, allowing construction of a tower on Vineyard Road. At the end of December, Nelsonville residents got a look at a draft settlement of the lawsuit against their village and village officials scheduled a public forum for Monday (Jan. 6) on the matter ("Philipstown Approves Cell Tower Settlement").

■ Maloney

After initially expressing willingness to remove Trump if necessary but preferring to defeat him at the polls, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney in December voted for impeach-

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Liz's Picks (from Page 12)

ment ("Maloney Says He Would Back Impeachment, But Prefers Ballots" and "Maloney: Impeachment 'Necessary' But 'Heartbreaking'").

The vote followed months of investigations by the House Intelligence Committee, on which Maloney serves, and other panels into Trump's conduct, including attempts to use Ukraine to smear his rival, former Vice President Joe Biden, and withholding aid, approved by Congress, until Ukraine complied. Maloney, a lawyer, played a notable role in questioning witnesses and became a source for the national news media and TV pundits and a target of the Trump re-election campaign. He and his family live in Philipstown. Besides dealing with Trump, he continued to draft legislation and hold forums with constituents in the Highlands ("Maloney Proposes Replacing MTA").

■ **Extremism**

The existence of extremism close to home became apparent with the identification of a Garrison-raised man as a leading figure in the national white supremacist movement ("The Extremist Next Door") and the charging of a young Philipstown man in an incident involving the painting of an anti-Semitic slur and swastika on a Jewish resident's Nelsonville property ("Philipstown Resident Charged with Hate Crimes").

Brian's Picks (from Page 9)

■ **Bracing For Impact**

In last three years, so many environmental regulations have been rolled back, that, before you get a chance to examine the long-term impacts, three more regulations have been dismantled. I thought it would be interesting to wait until one such change was announced and then forgotten about – in this case, the rolling back of a regulation that would have led to improved brake controls on the so-called "bomb trains" carrying explosive fracked oil along the west side of the Hudson River – and then examine the rule change more closely to see if anything had been missed. Sure enough, combing through the report that was released to justify the rule change revealed that the estimate of the death toll that such a change would bring was severely underestimated.

■ **Out There: No Limits (Except All Of Them)**

Last year I ran two 50-mile races, two trail marathons, and qualified for the Vermont 100 Mile race this summer. But the year started with me collapsing on a mountain in the Pacific Northwest while trying to run 31 miles after getting over the flu. I don't recommend that. But I don't think I would have had the success that I had throughout the year if I hadn't crashed and burned so badly attempting the Orcas Island 50K. It was a wake-up call that I



"No Limits (Except All of Them)," Feb. 8

couldn't coast on past successes if I wanted to accomplish bigger goals.

■ **Small Pieces, Big Problems**

A great question you can ask at the end of an interview is: "Whom else do you think I should talk to?" (If I interview you in the future and ask this at the end, try and act surprised.) I started the research for this deep dive into microplastics and the Hudson River with just one contact. That source suggested others, which led to more sources, all laying out a bread crumb as activists, researchers

and politicians throughout the Northeast examine this issue. Many of those I would never have found on my own.

Of all the pieces I wrote this year, this is the one that made me rethink my own life and my daily choices the most. If you got a reusable filtering water bottle from me for Christmas this year, this is why.

■ **Still Electric / Outside Voice**

The Golden Age of any city is, of course, whenever you arrived. It's always about a year or two after that when things change. "Man, you should have been here when it was cool." I try to avoid this trap in my own thinking, but nevertheless, it was fun to pay homage to that Beacon of 2008 to 2012 energy when two things happened that made me reflect on what the city was like when I moved here.

The first was the closing of the Open Space Gallery on Main Street, which was the creative force behind such projects as the Electric Projected murals on 1 East Main – a building that back then was an abandoned factory and now is the home to million-dollar condos, high-end boutiques and a great coffee shop. The second was the return of Stephen Clair's "In The Pines" concert series at the University Settlement Camp. Nowadays, the site hosts a thriving summer camp, a packed swimming pool, frisbee golf and weddings seemingly every weekend. But back then, the camp had a distinctly "Friday the 13th" vibe. You know it's a good show when your fellow concert-goers are asking you, "Are we allowed to be here?" or "Are we about to die?"

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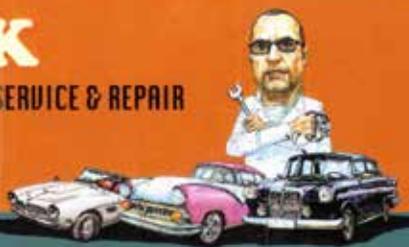
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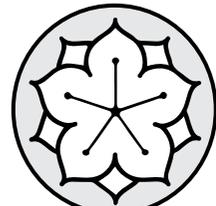
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Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
45/32	39/28	40/25	41/25	36/16	35/24	41/39
Cloudy and mild with a touch of rain	Breezy, colder; cloudy, then clouds and sun	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Periods of clouds and sunshine	Colder; snow and sleet possible in the morning	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Partly sunny and milder
POP: 65%	POP: 50%	POP: 5%	POP: 15%	POP: 30%	POP: 0%	POP: 0%
E 3-6 mph	WNW 10-20 mph	W 7-14 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	WNW 7-14 mph	WNW 10-20 mph	S 4-8 mph
RealFeel 45/16	RealFeel 28/22	RealFeel 36/22	RealFeel 38/18	RealFeel 27/4	RealFeel 23/19	RealFeel 37/33

Snowfall

Past week	Trace
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.3"
Season to date	10.9"
Normal season to date	7.5"
Last season to date	5.2"
Record for 1/3	0.0" (0)

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 1/4	7:22 AM
Sunset Sat. night, 1/4	4:39 PM
Moonrise Sat., 1/4	12:37 PM
Moonset Sat., 1/4	12:59 AM

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 10	Jan 17	Jan 24	Feb 1

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

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By King Features

ACROSS

- Big fish story?
- Chart
- Chow —
- Reverberate
- Commotion
- Loosen
- Sense
- Result of canonization
- Liberty
- Supermarket section
- Fellow
- Former M&Ms color
- O. Henry's specialty
- Realm
- Distant
- Compete
- Rage
- Hollywood hope
- 140-character message
- Conger, e.g.
- Prohibit
- Islamic decree
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- Haphazardly
- Church section
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| 3. Roller coaster outcry | 23. Conditions | 39. Layered ice cream treat |
| 4. Grave | 24. Snitch | 40. Crazes |
| 5. Lawyer played by Burr | 25. Man-mouse link | 41. On |
| 6. First 21-Across | 26. Basinger or Catrall | 42. Genealogy display |
| 7. Luau dish | 27. Conk out | 43. Match in the ring |
| 8. Cutting the volume | 28. Raw rock | 44. "Over hill, over — ..." |
| 9. Tackles' teammates | 29. Bumped into | 45. Ellipse |
| 10. "American —" | 31. Encyc. component | 46. Fix |
| 11. Alaskan city | 34. Finder's fee | 48. CSI evidence |
| 17. Flatbread of India | 35. Campus VIP | |
| 19. Rotation duration | 36. Pitch | |

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Answers for Dec. 27 Puzzles

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DOWN

- Comic Foxworthy



Jason Komisar tries to control a loose ball in a win over Marlboro. Photos by S. Pearlman

Beacon High School Basketball

Beacon Boys Pick Up Victory in Holiday Tourney

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School boys' basketball team secured its second win of the season on Dec. 26, topping Marlboro Central, 69-63, in the Bulldogs' first game of the 31st annual Dutchess County Basketball Coaches Association Duane Davis Holiday Memorial Tournament.

Senior forward Quazir Hayes dropped 18 points on the Dukes (5-3) and Shane Green added 13 in the tournament win, which took place at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls. Sophomore Jason Komisar came up with a strong effort as well, delivering eight points and nine rebounds.

"We got off to a great start," said Beacon Coach Scott Timpano. "Marlboro fought back, and it was tight in the fourth, but we never let them take the lead. We played well down the stretch; it was definitely one of our better performances.

"Jason Komisar gave us eight points and nine rebounds; he had a really good game," Timpano added. "He was a monster all-

around."

Beacon (2-8) took on Arlington in game two on Saturday (Dec. 28) but came up on the short end of a 69-54 decision. Green and Tre Smith each had 12 points for the Bulldogs, and Hayes added 11.

Beacon closed out the tournament on Monday (Dec. 30) with a 72-59 loss to John Jay of East Fishkill. Hayes led the Bulldogs with 18 and Smith added 11 points.

"We actually played a great game," Timpano said. "We were up one at halftime, and in was close in the fourth. But we had a series of bad possessions, and Jay hit 3 three-pointers and took the lead. That put us out of it.

"Quazir had a good game for us," the coach continued. "He can score in a lot of different ways for us. And Tre is always aggressive; he played his butt off."

Beacon was set to visit Roosevelt today (Jan. 3) at 4:30 p.m., and then host Peekskill on Monday (Jan. 6) at 6:15 p.m. and travel to Poughkeepsie for a 4:15 p.m. game on Tuesday (Jan. 7).

Haldane – Beacon Clash

Haldane Girls Grab Pair of Gift-Wrapped Holiday Wins

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane Blue Devils girls' basketball team received a belated gift last week by way of a pair of stress-free victories in the Varsity Girls' Basketball Holiday Classic, played at Highland and Spackenkill High Schools.

Haldane (4-3) opened the tournament on Dec. 27 with a 56-16 win over Spackenkill at Highland High School, and on Saturday (Dec. 28) beat Beacon, 36-25, at Spackenkill High.

In Haldane's win over Beacon, Shianne Twoguns led the Blue Devils with 10 points and four rebounds, Olivia Monteleone came up with nine points and grabbed nine boards, while Bela Monteleone had seven points, six rebounds and four assists.

"We played really well defensively and offensively," Haldane Coach Jessica Perrone said. "We were meshing on the fast-break. Liv and Abigail Platt did a great job shutting their tall players down by boxing out. Bela was slightly injured, but she played hard and had a good game, and Shianne did a great job for us."

Dior Gillins led the Bulldogs (5-5) with seven points.

Olivia Monteleone had a strong all-around game — 18 points, nine rebounds, three assists and three steals — to lead Haldane past Spackenkill. Marisa Scanga had 11 points and four rebounds, Bela Monteleone notched 11 points, and Molly Siegel grabbed five rebounds to go with four points.

"I've seen improvement in each game," Perrone said. "We're passing well, getting better ball movement, and we're reading the defense and finding the open look.

"Scanga was great moving around and getting open shots," Perrone added. "Olivia did a lot for us aside from scoring, and Molly was consistent on defense and played aggressive. Every player has improved. Overall, I think a winning record is a confidence-booster for the girls, and I'm excited to see what good things may come in 2020."



Haldane's Olivia Monteleone (5) had nine points and nine rebounds in a win over Beacon last weekend.

Perrone, who had been coaching both the junior varsity and varsity squads, said the school has added a junior varsity coach, Will Charkowski, a 2009 Haldane grad. "He knows basketball, and it's been a really smooth transition. It's such a big help to have him," she said.

Beacon Coach Christina Dahl said her team was searching for points at the tournament. "We struggled scoring in both games," she said. "Enita Rodriguez led us with 17 points in the first game (New Paltz), but we fell short, couldn't finish our shots. Against Haldane, we missed 13 foul shots. Devyn Kelly and Dior Gillins played hard — rebounding, pushing the ball and creating opportunities. We got some good minutes from our bench, as well."

Kelly was named All-Tournament for Beacon while Olivia Monteleone earned the honor for Haldane. Haldane was set to host Valhalla on Saturday (Jan. 4) at 11 a.m., and visit Rye Neck on Wednesday (Jan. 8) at 4:30 p.m. Beacon travels to face Peekskill on Monday (Jan. 6) at 6 p.m. and hosts Poughkeepsie a day later at 6:15 p.m.



Can You Make the Same Shot Over and Over?

Knights of Columbus to hold free-throw contest

The Knights of Columbus Loretto Council No. 536 will host its annual free-throw contest next Friday (Jan. 10) at 6:30 p.m. at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries gym, 781 Route 9D, in Garrison. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. (The snow date is Monday, Jan. 13.)

Boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in their respective age division. Age eligibility is determined by the age of

the contestant as of Jan. 1, 2020. There is no cost. Proof of age, such as a birth certificate, is required, along with written parental consent on the entry form.

The winners of the local competition will advance to the district finals, and from there to the regional and state competitions. For more information, call Dan Dillon at 845-265-3802 or Bob Flaherty at 845-265-3191.