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1,115 Acres

State to create additional parkland in Highlands

By Brian PJ Cronin

New York State plans to add 965 acres to the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve and 150 acres to Fahnestock State Park as part of a proposal to preserve 4,000 acres in the Hudson Valley.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo endorsed the move earlier this month, saying in a statement that “these investments will allow us to add ecologically significant lands and new trails to seven state parks across the region, further promoting tourism and building on our efforts to strengthen this world-class outdoor destination.”

Under the plan, the state would spend \$20.6 million of its Environmental Protection Fund to acquire the 4,000 acres. That will include \$11.4 million from the fund and Hudson Highlands Conservation Act grants to expand six parks that include Hudson Highlands and Fahnestock.

In Dutchess County, the plan would add the 945-acre Scofield Ridge, which
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She Packed a Punch

Cold Spring resident was top female boxer

By Michael Turton

When asked if it's hard to punch someone in the face, Denise Friedly has a ready answer: “No — it's hard *getting* punched in the face.”

Friedly, 52, who lives in Cold Spring, was a boxer for six years, first as an amateur (she went 14-1) and then as a professional (10-2). She retired from the ring in 2000 after a crushing loss in a title fight.

Over her career, it's safe to say Friedly punched opponents more often than they punched her. Her amateur wins included two New York Golden Gloves titles (she is a member of the *New York Daily News* Boxing Hall of Fame) and two national amateur championships.

Friedly attributes her pursuit of “the sweet science” to family squabbles. Her father gave her and her younger brothers boxing gloves. “If we had a big disagreement, we'd move the furniture and go at it,” she said. “I held my own.”

In 1995, the Golden Gloves added a

women's division. Friedly said she naively assumed she'd be facing “a bunch of barroom brawlers.”

She was wrong. The 60 women who registered included doctors, lawyers, nurses and teachers — “everyone under the sun,” Friedly recalls. (Friedly at the time was a 28-year-old teacher from Westchester County; she still teaches at a Westchester high school.)

Friedly says boxing provided her with a challenge after having already excelled in

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Denise Friedly posed in 1996 before a Golden Gloves fight at Madison Square Garden.

Photo by Richard Haro



LIFE IN MOROCCO — Adriana Curto of Cold Spring (second from right) recently returned from a two-year stint in the Peace Corps. She is shown with members of her host family. See Page 9 for story.

Photo provided

Lawsuit: Inmates Punished Unjustly

‘False positives’ may have affected 300 at Fishkill Correctional Facility

By Jeff Simms

Jermayne Timmons has been incarcerated since he was a teenager, with the last year-plus spent at the Fishkill Correctional Facility, which straddles Beacon. He was convicted in 2009 at age 15 of second-degree murder in the shooting of a bystander, 10-year-old Kathina Thomas, in Albany.

Now 27, he participates in the state's Family Reunion Program, which allows inmates who maintain good behavior to visit with family members in private for an extended period of time.

Beginning early last year, prison officials allowed Timmons' wife, Sandra, a Bronx resident who works on weekends in the hospitality industry, to visit him for 48 hours each month. Arriving on a Monday, Sandra stays on-site, where she's allowed to bring food from home — all inspected by corrections officers — to cook for her husband. She stays until Wednesday.

The privilege was revoked for three months last year when Timmons, along with hundreds of inmates statewide and up to 300 at the Fishkill facility, was punished because of what Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, an Albany-based nonprofit, alleges were botched drug tests.

According to a federal lawsuit filed by the organization in November, hundreds of prisoners were falsely accused of taking an opioid called buprenorphine. The group blames Microgenics, a California company hired in 2018 by the state Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) to ensure that urinalysis analyzers provide accurate results.

New York Public Radio also reported in November that a leaked DOCCS memo said that 2,000 inmates statewide, including about 300 at the Fishkill prison, had been unjustly punished because of test results provided by Microgenics.

Besides losing visitation, the lawsuit alleges inmates who falsely tested positive spent weeks or months in solitary confinement and were denied privileges such as recreation time, access to the commissary, mail

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ALEX PRIZGINTAS

By Brian PJ Cronin

Alex Prizgintas, a sophomore at Marist College, is president of the Hudson Valley Bottle Club, which meets each month in Marlboro.

Why bottles?

It's not necessarily the bottle but the history behind it. I love to hunt for who owned the bottles and how their business operated. It lends perspective to the amount of industry we had in the Hudson Valley, whether it was sodaworks or beerworks or even glass houses. There were many glassworks; Newburgh, Ellenville and Poughkeepsie were probably the biggest three [locations]. The industries here created a wide variety of bottles that have attracted national interest.

You restore bottles. How does that work?

I restore pyro-glazed milk bottles, which have ink-silk screening on them. The technique was invented in the 1930s but was used primarily from the '40s through the '70s. It's still fascinating to see the colors and advertisements. I use oil-based paint markers to create an example of a rare bottle that will do until I can find a nicer one.



How do you find bottles?

Mostly online, but also at bottle shows. Our club has a show every August in Poughkeepsie. The last few years we've set records in both the number of visitors and vendors. There are also shows throughout New England.

How often does someone who found a bottle contact you?

A few times each month. I'm on my way right now to meet a lady in Poughkeepsie who found a bottle she wants to know more about.

What else do you collect?

Bricks, local railroad memorabilia and items from the Borscht Belt hotels of Sullivan County, such as Grossinger's or The Concord. Bricks are the easiest things to find; they're often right on the side of the road. I found most of mine near my house in Central Valley, but I've also found them in antique stores, walking along old railroad beds and around abandoned and forlorn structures. Bricks can be anywhere because they were such a commodity in the Hudson Valley. I also have a section of a wooden mold from the Dennings Point brickyard in Beacon.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Is good radio dead?

“It is dead. They just keep throwing mainstream hip-hop onto stations where it doesn't belong.”



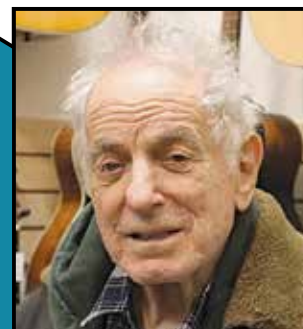
~ Zach Pappas, Garrison

“My aux cord broke so I have to listen to radio in my car, but I can't find anything I like!”



~ Tatiana Matkin, Garrison

“Yes, but you have to search for it, like everything in life.”



~ David Amram, Beacon

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ZBA Rules Against Rock-Crushing Firm

Also opens hearing on disputed home conversion

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday (Jan. 13) rejected a plea to revoke a stop-work order imposed on a rock-crushing enterprise that the town says has consistently violated local laws.

The ZBA also denied a request to declare rock-crushing and debris-processing a legitimate pursuit that merely fails to conform to more recent zoning laws.

Supervisor Richard Shea praised the decisions and said Wednesday that the town would enforce a temporary restraining order, if necessary, to prevent further crushing and processing as the property transitions to other activities.

The latest round in the lengthy dispute began in March, with a state appellate court ruling that Ricky and Mark Ventura had not demonstrated that their site plan, approved in 1983, or the zoning law in effect at the time, permitted their rock-crushing and debris-processing. Moreover, the court found that Philipstown had “established beyond a reasonable doubt” that the activity was illegal.

In April, the town code enforcement officer and building inspector, Greg Wunner, issued a stop-work order on the business, RNV Green Processing and Supply Corp., at the corner of Lane Gate Road and Route 9. The Ventura business is in a highway-commercial district, although Lane Gate Road contains historic estates and residences.

After their setback at the appellate court, which followed a series of lower-court defeats, and after receiving the stop-work order, the Venturas asked the ZBA to intervene. At a public hearing in September, neighbors objected to the Venturas’ operations. But the Venturas’ lawyer described their work on the site as both decades-old and legitimate.

When the ZBA considered the matter again on Monday during its meeting at the Philipstown Recreation Center, neither the Venturas nor their lawyer were present. The board voted unanimously that the rock-crushing and debris-processing operation was illegal.

“This has been a long and complicated case and the Venturas have been afforded every



At the Jan. 13 Philipstown ZBA meeting, Jose Romeu explains his objections to the house transformation underway on the property next to his on Route 9D in Garrison.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

opportunity that the law allows,” Shea said on Wednesday. RNV now must begin remediation of the site, which will probably involve the state Department of Environmental Conservation and an engineering plan detailing the amount of material to be removed and the process for doing so, Shea said.

“During this time they will be shut down,” Shea said. “We do have a temporary restraining order and will be enforcing it.”

The Venturas’ lawyer did not respond to a request for comment and Ricky Ventura, RNV’s executive, could not be reached.

Route 9D house

During its Jan. 13 meeting, the board also opened a public hearing on a contested house transformation on Route 9D in Garrison. The issue attracted a large audience and the ZBA extended the hearing into February.

The ZBA heard opposing views of the transformation by architect Timothy Rasic and his family of a small, circa-1960 ranch-style home at 529 Route 9D into a taller — or, critics contend, inappropriately larger — structure.

Sidney Babcock and Jose Romeu, who live next to the property, claimed that the demolition of the original house required not only the permit that the building inspector provided but a special-use permit from the ZBA because, according to Babcock, the planned house far exceeds the size allowed

by the town code in such conversions.

The pending Rasic house “is three stories of living space,” plus a lower-level porch, Romeu said. He and Babcock said attempts to talk to the building inspector were rebuffed so they hired a lawyer, Luke Hilpert, who filed a lawsuit.

ZBA Chairperson Robert Dee said that when he learned of the quarrel, he advised Babcock and Romeu of the process involved in challenging building-permit decisions. Once

the ZBA got involved, Hilpert withdrew the court case.

At the meeting, Wunner stated that “there’s no increase in floor area” in the Rasic house compared to its predecessor.

Frank Smith III, the Rasic family’s lawyer, agreed. “The footprint is exactly the same,” he said. “We do go up” in height, “but we do not go closer to the property line.” In essence, Smith said, the new house takes space from the previous home’s basement and adds it to the upper floor.

Further, the lower level of the pending Rasic home is not a finished basement, added Tom Ptacek, the contractor, but a “multi-purpose” space for the boiler and yard tools usually stored in a garage (which the Rasic property lacks). Likewise, he said, in the upper part of the house the ceiling height varies and the part that’s more than 7 feet is less than the minimum necessary for a room.

Smith, the Rasic lawyer, also argued that the neighbors did not formally challenge the project within 60 days, as the law demands, and so their appeal to the ZBA “should be summarily dismissed because of timeliness.”

Few audience members commented. One who did, Rachel Evans, of 522 Route 9D, termed the Rasic project “a beautiful home.”

Another attendee, Stephen Wallis, of Philipsebrook Road, said images of the old house and the Rasic design show “a one-story, average shack or cabin” compared to “a really nice house.” The Rasics “have the right to build this and are making the community better for what is going to be built,” he said.



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Hoops correction

I did more research on the history of Haldane versus Beacon boys' basketball, and the only game I could find where they played each other was on Jan. 25, 2012, when Beacon won at home, 68-50 ("Battle of the Tunnel," Jan. 10). Somehow I missed this one when looking back over the records from the past 50 years. So the match-up tonight (Jan. 17) will be the *second* Haldane-Beacon boys' game.

Joe Virgadamo, *Cold Spring*

Virgadamo coaches the Haldane boys' varsity team.

Bonus pay

At its reorganizational meeting on Jan. 9, the Putnam County Legislature voted to award a \$15,000 stipend to the Planning Department's full-time transportation program manager, who already earns upward of \$80,000. [See Page 6.] The stipend was for his "additional" work as a project manager for the Southeast/Danbury Rail Link Feasibility Study/Planning Study.

As I read the job description for the position, feasibility study project management is already required of the incumbent. I'm not aware that any other county employees are awarded stipends for attending evening meetings and working with project stake-

holders.

The potential for the Southeast/Danbury rail project is tremendous — reducing car trips and expanding access to public transportation are good things, both sorely needed in Putnam. Our current transportation manager is neither a planner nor an engineer and was given the position after term-limiting out of a legislative seat, a patronage hire. Our current commissioner of planning also is neither a planner nor an engineer. She practiced family and public health law before her appointment. How are either of them qualified to manage the scope of this important public project?

The awarding of this stipend comes on the heels of all but one legislator raking the sheriff over the coals for deputy overtime pay incurred after the Legislature refused to increase the budget for road patrol. We have too few deputies on our roads because of their choice, and that's not smart for the public or the deputies. Eight of the nine legislators, and the county executive, said they needed to scrutinize deputy pay for hours already worked to "protect the taxpayer." Now we're handing federal- and state-funded grant dollars to a patronage hire to do a job he's already paid handsomely to do? I guess patronage trumps public safety.

Let's just call this stipend what it is: A raise for a loyal member of Club Putnam. New year. Same waste, same corruption.

Kathleen Foley, *Philipstown*

Earthquake in PR

On Jan. 7, the south-central coast of Puerto Rico, around Ponce, suffered a 6.4-magnitude earthquake. One death was reported, along with massive property damage. The capital, San Juan, lost power for 36 hours, as did Rincón, where my husband and I have a vacation home.

Today there are still areas without electricity, especially in the south and central highlands. Many friends and family from the Hudson Valley have contacted us to inquire about our well-being, area and property, and we appreciate your concern. Contact your favorite charity to make a donation. Many islanders are only just recovering from Hurricane Maria in September 2017.

Wilma Feliciano, *Beacon*

Indian Point

I was interested to read the observations made by Tom McGuire in a letter to the editor in the Dec. 27 issue concerning the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear plant.

He is quite right that the closing is a result of scaremongering and politics. It's nuts for a community to throw away a facility capable of producing large amounts of steady power with a sterling safety record and place customers at the mercy of the general market, where power will have to be bought and transported from nobody-knows-where at costs that nobody can predict.

Indian Point provides more than 25 percent of the power for New York City. That is a heavy load to replace. In the future, this decision will be shown to be one of the dumbest decisions ever made in a state noted for dumb decisions. The closing was pushed hard for several years by a relatively small group of anti-nuclear activists and politicians. But when it came down to actually implementing the decommissioning, was there an open and transparent public discussion? Not a chance. Welcome to the People's Republic of New York.

Randy Will, *Garrison*

Promises, promises

Regarding local politicians taking their oaths of office in the new year ("Solemnly Sworn," Jan. 10): I hope these individuals, in particular the members of the Putnam County Legislature, reflect on their oath, which is to represent the constituents who elected them.

Before the holidays, the Legislature busied itself with presenting party over county, a shoddy facsimile of party over country that we see played out in Washington, D.C. Putnam is

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not D.C., so the Legislature should put away ill-focused aspirations and focus on service.

The Legislature concentrated on demeaning the budget requests and efforts of Sheriff Robert Langley Jr., who inherited a rehab necessity from the previous sheriff and has energized a first-rate Sheriff's Department despite not-so-subtle attempts to cloud his visions. Legislator Neal Sullivan barked: "The sheriff is using budget lines just to spend money." Legislator Paul Jonke belched about "runaway-train requests." And Legislator Amy Sayegh chirped: "There is a pattern here."

Indeed, there is a pattern. The pattern is to promote the idea that in Republican Putnam, a Democrat cannot do a good job. The pattern is to put party over public safety. Perhaps the Legislature would be satisfied with dictating to the sheriff that he instruct his deputies, upon pulling over a motorist, to ask: "Are you a Republican, or a Democrat?" The pattern is to mumble concern over taxpayer burdens, making quality law enforcement more difficult while mismanaging so many other aspects of county business.

Phil Bayer, *Carmel*

Bail reform

The new bail-reform law needs to be adjusted to exclude some crimes, but without a doubt this is a great step for thousands of people in New York who are punished while awaiting trial just because they can't afford bail ("Putnam Sheriff Releases Three Defendants Under Bail Law," Jan. 10).

Bail is a racket that for the most part only serves the well-off and well-connected and the private-prison and bail-bondsman industry. You're supposed to be innocent until proven guilty, but being put in jail for days, weeks or months because you can't afford bail is itself a crime.

Judges should have some say. I know because an overzealous, incompetent, vindictive assistant district attorney thought it funny to try and set a ridiculously high bail on me for a misdemeanor that caused the judge to ask me how many felonies I had been convicted of. (I was never arrested nor convicted of anything before in my life, and my case was thrown out.) The judge reduced it down to almost nothing. But this happens every day in New York and elsewhere, and thankfully it's being reformed.

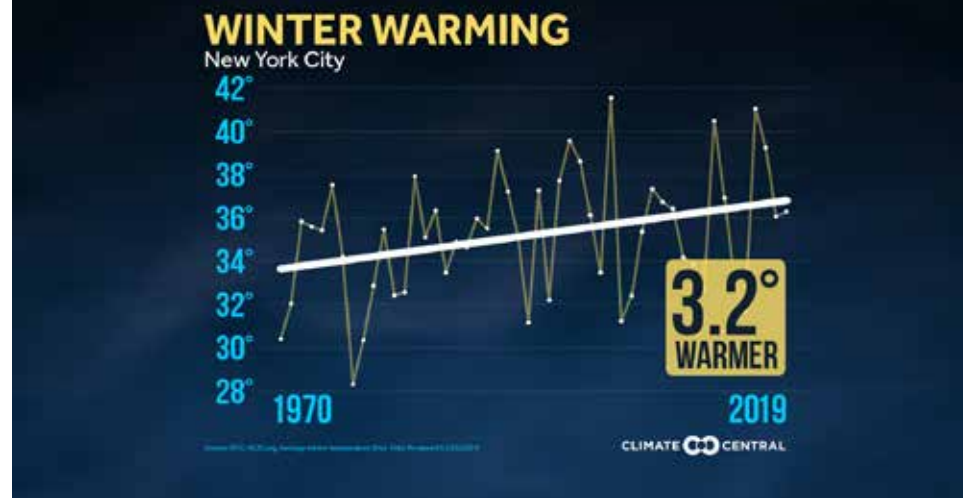
What does the law say about punishment for a person who is released and does not show up for his or her court date? I haven't seen or heard anything about that. If they don't show up, I'm sure after this reform, they'll be plenty of open beds available for them at the jail.

Dennis Moroney, *Beacon*

The editor responds: If the defendant fails

Feeling the Heat

Climate Central is a nonprofit organization of scientists and journalists who research and report the facts about the changing climate and its impact. As the decade comes to an end, here are some of the data the group has compiled about changes in the New York City metropolitan area, which includes the Highlands.



or reflective clothing from dusk to dawn.

Frank Haggerty, *Cold Spring*

Electric cars

The world must decarbonize, and installing charging stations on Main Street is a step in that direction ("Electric Cars in Cold Spring Could Get a Jolt," Jan. 10). But I would like to encourage Climate Smart Philipstown to consider the low-hanging fruit that can benefit almost everyone right now: There are easily more bicycles parked around the village at any given moment than there will be electric cars using the two spots.

I would suggest that by making biking more convenient and accepted, we could achieve a greater reduction of CO₂ output for the same or less cost, no new car needed. Climate Smart Philipstown could work with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the villages and the Haldane school district to install covered bike racks everywhere they are needed for about the same cost as this grant.

We should work to decarbonize cars but also make biking easier and practical for daily errands.

Aaron Wolfe, *Cold Spring*

I'm glad to see that Cold Spring will be installing public charging stations. I switched to an electric car last summer and could not be happier. More bicycles and better public transit would also have a big impact on our carbon output, but electric (and hopefully, eventually, fuel-cell) cars are a great step in the right direction, as well as being fun to drive, stylish and affordable. This is a welcome development.

David Limburg, *Nelsonville*

Chuck Hustis

I applaud *The Current's* handling of the Chuck Hustis case ("Former Cold Spring Trustee Arrested by FBI," Dec. 20). A local paper fulfills its mandate to public safety information by reporting on criminal activity — even alleged murders (e.g., the kayak case) — often before suspects have gone to trial or are convicted.

So far as I know from reading the complaint, neither the student nor the FBI agent who soon took over the Facebook account ever declined the advances. What if the first reply had been "Step off," and Hustis had immediately ceased his inquiries? Would we be calling him a predator? (In my book, an FBI agent posing as an interested participant is a clear case of entrapment.)

Chuck Hustis may be guilty of egregiously bad judgment — allegedly proposing illegal activity with a total stranger who might not even share his sexual orientation, a willingness to flout the law, etc. It would be a damn shame if he does 10 years for what appears to be a boneheaded move, since in many other spheres of activity he has acquitted himself as an extraordinarily decent guy.

Jacqueline Foertsch, *Cold Spring*

Cell tower

It seems like since this whole thing started, cell service has been getting worse in areas where it used to be good ("Cell Tower Settlement Draws Crowds," Jan. 10). I wonder if that's a ploy to get this pushed through.

I contacted Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney's office about this. They do not seem interested and never got back to us. It seems strange since the site is near his property. Too bad no one wants to help on the federal end. It seems like if you have a boatload of lawyers and funds you can do what you want.

Tony Bardes, *Cold Spring*

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Putnam Legislature Awards \$15,000 Bonus

Transportation director cited for extra work

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam County legislators on Jan. 7 voted to provide Transportation Director Vinny Tamagna with a \$15,000 bonus for his work on a feasibility study.

Tamagna, a former Republican county legislator who represented Philipstown, earns about \$80,000 annually overseeing four bus routes in Carmel, a commuter shuttle to the Croton Falls Metro-North station in Westchester County, and a summer trolley in Philipstown.

The funds, which came from a grant, had been earmarked to hire a secretary in the Planning Department but were moved by the Legislature to pay Tamagna. Only Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown on the Legislature and is its sole Democrat, voted against the move.

The Republican legislators said Tamagna deserved the bonus for his work as project manager for a study to determine the feasibility of a rail line connecting Southeast and Danbury, Connecticut.

"This is work that's well over and above what the normal course of work is," said Legislator Carl Albano. "This involves many meetings, and it's going to be going

on for a long time."

Montgomery expressed concern about paying a stipend for planning duties to an employee of the county Planning Department, which oversees transportation, and also questioned whether Tamagna had enough experience in planning.

In other business ...

At the Jan. 7 meeting, Legislator Joseph Castellano nominated Toni Addonizio, who represents Kent, to succeed him as chair. Addonizio has served as vice chair for the past two years.

"I have no doubt that Legislator Addonizio will be up for the challenge in 2020 and will make an outstanding chairwoman," he said.

The board voted unanimously to approve the nomination, although Montgomery said she wanted to "clarify" that the decision to elect Addonizio had been made by her eight Republican colleagues in caucus, without public input.

"I'm pointing out that these decisions are made amongst legislators behind closed doors," said Montgomery, who added, "I like working with Legislator Addonizio, and I look forward to voting for her."

Legislator Neal Sullivan was elected deputy chair.

Holly Crocco contributed reporting.

Drinking-Water Wells Still Under Repair in Beacon

Council to discuss extending building moratorium

By Jeff Simms

The six-month moratorium on new development in Beacon that expires on March 3 could be extended for at least three months while the city continues to make repairs to its drinking water wells and tests a new well.

Hydrogeologist Tom Cusack laid out a "bad news, good news" scenario for the City Council on Monday (Jan. 13) when he explained that pumps installed on two Beacon wells are not sufficient for a crowded underground intersection near Interstate 84, outside the city limit. That's where the wells, another owned by the Village of Fishkill, and the Cargill Reservoir all meet.

Beacon officials last year deactivated Well No. 2, which can provide up to 1.15 million gallons per day, after it began producing "cloudy" water following the installation of a new pump. That led the council in September to adopt a building freeze, its second in two years, while attempting a number of repairs to the well.

In addition to its two wells, which can provide up to 1.65 million gallons per day, Beacon draws water from three reservoirs, including Cargill, that combine for about 1.5 million gallons per day. The city also has an agreement to buy up to 1.2 million gallons per day from Fishkill.

The city's previous moratorium expired in March 2018 after Cusack's firm, WSP, projected that Beacon's water supply would be sufficient through at least 2035, even with the recent rapid growth in housing units from new development.

Cusack said Monday that the city could know by early next month what it will cost to install a new pump at Well No. 2. Once approved, it could be up and running within a few weeks, he said.

However, he added, Well No. 1 is also underperforming, producing 565 gallons per minute rather than its anticipated

Development Forums

The Beacon City Council has scheduled community forums on development for Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 29, at 10 a.m., at the Veterans' Building at 413 Main St.

Both forums will include informational sessions on development and planning followed by questions-and-answers and public comments. The city hopes to have the forums moderated by retiring Orange County Planning Commissioner David Church, who was executive director of the New York Planning Federation from 1993 to 2002.

yield of 800 per minute. It, too, could be deactivated for two to six weeks for WSP to determine whether its pump should be repaired or replaced, but only after Well No. 2 is back online.

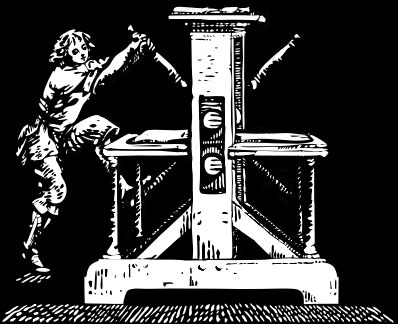
The good news is that WSP in 2017 discovered a third, previously untapped, drinking-water well that's now producing 235 gallons per minute. Once deepened and approved by the state for the municipal system, Cusack said it could yield 400 gallons per minute, or 576,000 gallons per day.

If Well No. 2 doesn't rebound as anticipated, the new well would likely make up that loss. If No. 2 is corrected, the new water would be surplus.

"Even with Well 2 out of service, there is a surplus of approximately 170,000 gallons a day for [every development project] that has been approved and is in front of the Planning Board," Cusack said. "So I look at [the new well] as being surplus on top of 170, or even higher if I bring Well 2 back."

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said he expects the council on Jan. 27 to discuss whether to extend the moratorium for at least three months to give the city time to complete all the water-related work.

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Murky Waters in Cold Spring

Also: Dockside festival still unresolved

By Michael Turton

Cold Spring has had its share of discolored drinking water but nothing recently like the murkiness of the weekend of Jan. 10.

At the Tuesday (Jan. 14) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy said the village had received as many as 40 complaints about water color.

Superintendent of Water and Waste Water Matt Kroog said sampling confirmed that the water does not pose a health risk.

The discoloration is caused by the village's aging delivery system, Merandy said, and there is no quick fix. Cold Spring's water lines were installed in 1895 and 1896, he noted, and they are cast iron, meaning they "deteriorate and flake." A system flush by the village of the lines is the typical remedy, but "we don't have a lot of capacity for flow," the mayor said.

The problem has been exacerbated by drought conditions. In August, the village reservoirs off Lake Surprise Road were at less than 80 percent capacity. Levels dropped another 11 percent in September after less than a quarter-inch of rain fell that month. Levels have improved since, but the reservoirs remain at less than capacity.

Merandy said since Kroog took over in late July, conditions have not permitted a flush. The options are few. The cost of replacing the water lines, which were installed on dirt roads but now are buried beneath asphalt and concrete, would be prohibitive, Merandy said.

Kroog said he'd like to do three system flushes each year, but Cold Spring has typically done only two. Adding a third, he said, would depend on an adequate water supply in the reservoirs. He said he is considering a chemical treatment to control corrosion, which would require approval from the Putnam County Health Department.

Merandy urged residents to contact Village Hall when they have concerns about



Water collected from the tap of a Cold Spring home on Jan. 10 Photo by L.S. Armstrong

the water, saying the information helps the water department deal with the problem. "Facebook is not the place to go," he said. "It's not the way to comment."

Crafts on Hudson?

John Scherer, the organizer of the Hops on the Hudson beer festival, appeared before the board to address a previous request to hold an arts-and-crafts fair at Dockside Park on May 30-31. Trustees voiced skepticism at last week's meeting, but Scherer was not present.

On Tuesday, Scherer provided a map of the event's proposed layout. Along with live music and food trucks, as many as 100 artisan and craft vendors would set up tents. Unlike the two beer festivals he will host at Mayor's Park this summer, the May event would include only a small number of alcohol vendors. The event would be ticketed with what he described as "a small entrance fee."

The mayor and trustees peppered Scherer with questions about the location of the music, food trucks and entrance. But it was the scope of the event that became

the sticking point, especially the number of vendors and tents, the effect on traffic, and adequate parking.

Scherer identified a number of potential parking areas that could be used, including churches, the village Highway Department yard, Haldane school and the Metro-North lot, but conceded none has been reserved.

"It looks like too much for us to take on," Merandy said. He suggested the event be held in Mayor's Park, which he said is more accessible and has more parking.

Scherer described Dockside as "a beautiful location for crafts," and pointed out that the July 4 fireworks draw a huge crowd to the park.

Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge for the Cold Spring Police Department, expressed concern about the size of the event at a location with limited access. He noted that lower Main Street is closed for the fireworks.

Scherer said he would return in two weeks with a revised plan with fewer vendors and alternate parking.

In other business ...

■ Trustee Lynn Miller noted that in 2019, Putnam County received \$4 million more than it had expected from retail sales tax. "If they shared 10 percent of that, we would get \$44,000," she said. "It would go a long way toward dealing with tourism challenges."

■ Burke reported that officers in December made three arrests, two for driving

155

Number of calls answered by Cold Spring firefighters in 2019

806

Number of calls answered by Cold Spring police officers

1,498

Number of tickets written

without a license and one for violating an order of protection. Officers also responded to 43 calls for service and wrote 26 traffic and 63 parking tickets.

■ Merandy will sign a memorandum of understanding in which the village will pay the Cold Spring Fire Co. \$121,718 for fire protection services in 2020. Part of that payment is funded by Philipstown and Nelsonville.

■ During the public comment period, a resident noted that the "walk" sign at Cold Spring's traffic light only illuminates when pedestrians push the button located on poles at the intersection. She said children often forget to push the button, creating a dangerous situation, especially when vehicles are turning. Merandy said he would contact the state Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction.

NOTICE

GARRISON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
GARRISON, NEW YORK 10524

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES SET IN GARRISON

Garrison Union Free School will hold its Kindergarten Registration for the 2020-2021 school year on **Tuesday, February 4** and **Wednesday, February 5** from **9 to 11 a.m.** and from **1 to 3 p.m.** on both days in the hallway outside of the Main Office. The child does not need to accompany the parent/guardian for registration.

Parents/guardians are required to bring the following:

- Original birth certificate - child must be age 5 by December 31, 2020
- Immunization records/Recent physical
- Proof of residency
 - Owners
 - Signed contract of sale or deed, **and**
 - Telephone, utility, cable bill, etc. (2 required)
 - Renters
 - Notarized affidavit of landlord, **and**
 - Rent receipt (within 30 days) indicating address, **and**
 - Telephone, utility, cable bill, etc. (2 required)

Information about the **Tuesday, April 28th** orientation for parents/guardians at **10:00 am** will be given out at registration.

For additional information, call 424-3689 ext. 221

NOTICE

KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Haldane Central School District is beginning the Kindergarten registration process for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have a child who will be turning five on or before December 31, 2020 and you live in the Haldane Central School District, please print and complete registration forms from our website www.haldaneschool.org.

Parents are invited to attend the Kindergarten orientation meeting on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in Ms. Cretara's room (room 116). A snow date is scheduled for Monday, February 3rd.

Registration will take place on Monday, February 3rd through Friday, February 7th. **Please contact Jodi Champlin in the Elementary Office to schedule your appointment, 845-265-9254 ext 122 or jchamplin@haldaneschool.org.** Please enter the building through the Main Entrance and you will be directed to the registration location. Parents who are registering incoming children must have all forms completed, bring a copy of the child's **birth certificate**, his/her **immunization record** which has been signed by a physician, and **Proof of Residency** indicating that the family resides in the Haldane School District.

Please call Ms. Champlin if you have any questions.

January 2020



▲ **HISTORY VISIT** — Don Wildman, host of the Travel Channel's *Mysteries at the Museum*, visited the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring to view its exhibit on the West Point Foundry. The Hudson Valley resident was in the village to meet Mary Jean Cerbini, a fifth-grade teacher in Mahopac, and Jennifer Cassidy of the Putnam County Historian's Office to review the museum's history collection with Executive Director Cassie Ward. Cerbini and Wildman are developing a project to incorporate Putnam County artifacts into local history lessons. Wildman and Ward are shown with the museum's 10-pounder Parrott rifle. *Photo provided*

Remembering FDR

Society looking for recollections

The Dutchess County Historical Society is looking for personal recollections, diary entries, letters or photos about the death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt in April 1945 to help with a talk scheduled for its annual meeting.

Any family photographs related to these events, such as crowds waiting for the funeral train, the train itself and local services, are also of interest, the society said. The items can be loaned to be photographed or copied.

The society's Michael Dolan will be speaking at the annual meeting, set for April 16, on local reactions to the passing of FDR, who lived in Hyde Park and is buried there. Contact Bill Jeffway at bill.jeffway@dchsny.org or 845-293-7711.

State Awards Hudson Grants

Highlands groups receive \$130K

The state Department of Environmental Conservation last month awarded \$957,000 in grants to communities along the Hudson River, including three to organizations in the Highlands. The grants were funded by the \$300 million Environmental Protection Fund administered by the agency's Hudson River Estuary Program.

Clarkson University received \$39,459 for river-ecology displays and equipment at its Beacon Institute and Hudson River Sloop Clearwater was given \$40,000 for an inter-

NEWS BRIEFS



President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is buried in Hyde Park.

active traveling exhibit called "The Mighty Hudson."

In Philipstown, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust received \$50,000 for its East Highlands Green Corridors Plan, through which it will partner with the town and Putnam Valley to build green corridors.

Summer in Winter

Weekend past brings record highs

A record high temperature for Jan. 11 was recorded in Poughkeepsie on Saturday when the mercury hit 68 degrees, according to the National Weather Service office in Albany. It broke the previous record of 63 set in 1975.

Another record was recorded on Sunday — 67 degrees — breaking a record of 62 set in 2018. Records for Poughkeepsie date to 1931.

Four Arrested for Graffiti

Men allegedly tagged Beacon buildings

Four men were arrested and charged with "tagging" buildings on Main Street in Beacon during the early morning hours of

Dec. 23, police said.

John Skivington, 24, Bryan Nava, 22, and Niko Beckles, 24, of New Windsor, and Carlos Reyes, 21, of Newburgh, were each charged with felony criminal mischief, misdemeanor making graffiti, and misdemeanor possession of graffiti instruments.

Surveillance cameras recorded four men spraying paint on property on and near Main Street. Beacon police announced the arrests on Jan. 10.

Maloney Endorses Biden

Candidate has 'leadership we need'

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat whose U.S. House district includes the Highlands, on Jan. 13 endorsed Joe Biden for president.

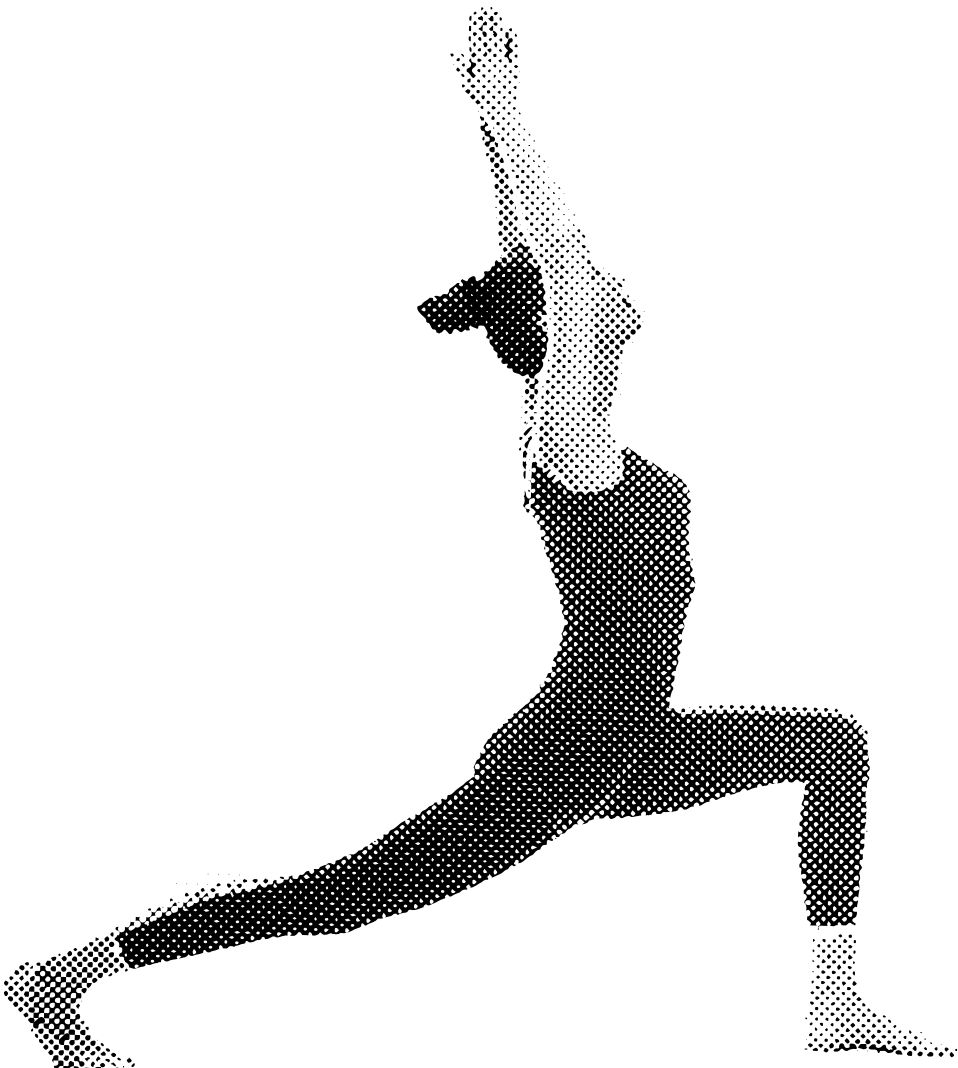
"We live in dangerous times, and Donald Trump's actions have made us less safe and more isolated," Maloney said in a statement. "Joe Biden's unmatched record, command of domestic and foreign affairs, and progressive vision for America's future is the leadership we need at this critical moment."

JILLIAN PRANSKY
DEEP LISTENING

Winter Wellness Workshop
Saturday, February 1, 2020, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Magazzino Italian Art Foundation
2700 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516

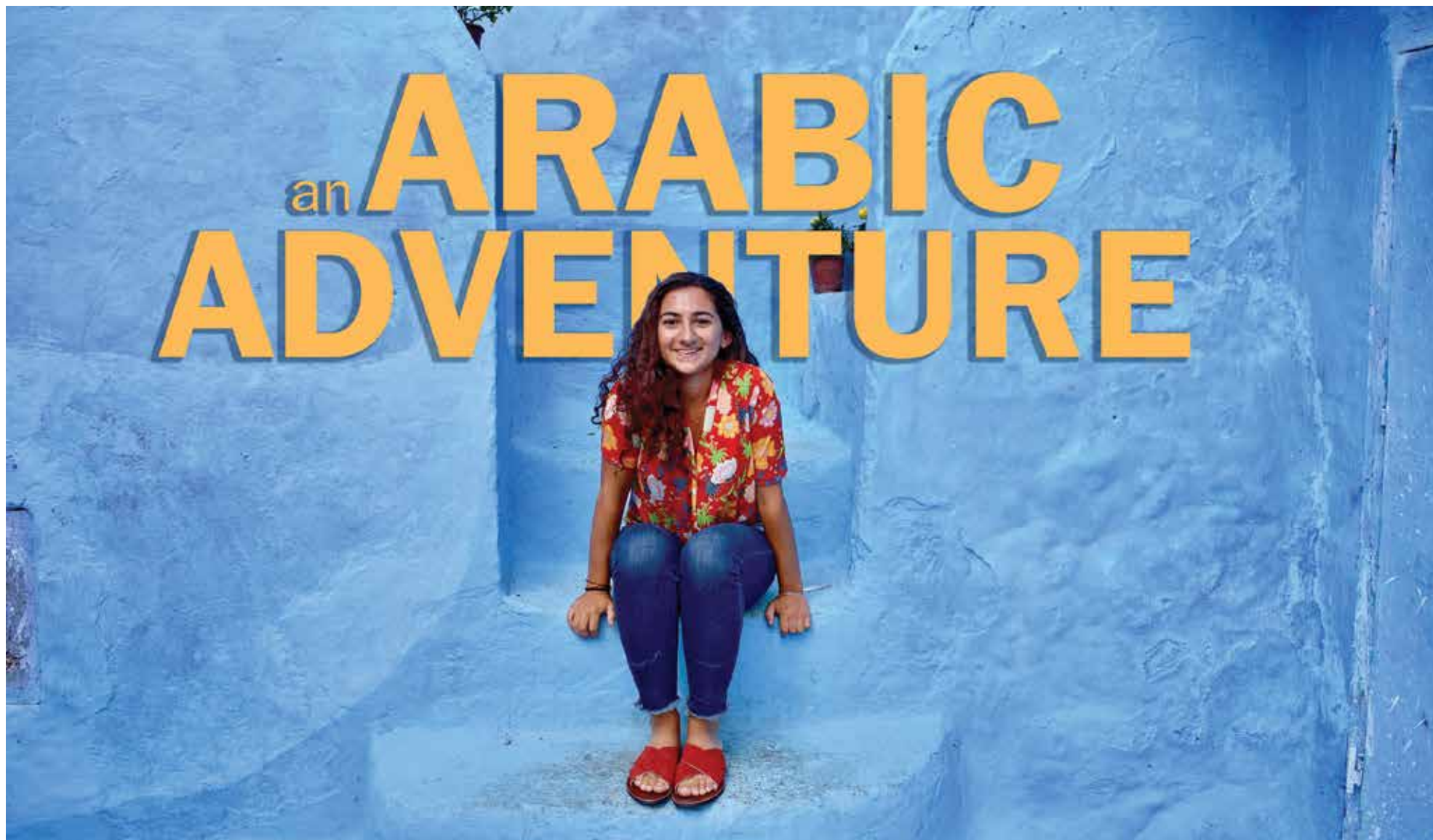
Tickets are available on Eventbrite



MAGAZZINO
ITALIAN ART



The Calendar



Adriana Curto at Chefchaouen, Morocco

Photos provided

By Alison Rooney

After taking an interest in the Middle East in college, Adriana Curto wanted to improve her shaky Arabic language skills. She thought a two-year assignment in the Peace Corps would help, but its programs in Jordan and Tunisia had been discontinued for security reasons. That left her with one Arabic-speaking option: Morocco.

"I clumped it in with the Middle East, not realizing how North African it is," says Curto, who was known as "AJ" while grow-

Cold Spring resident returns from Peace Corps assignment in Morocco

ing up in Cold Spring. "I don't think I'd ever met a Moroccan."

Curto's interest in the region was sparked during her freshman year at Syracuse University, where she lived in a "learning community" with a number of international students. She also took a class called Representations of the Middle East and, as a senior, spent a semester in Istanbul and later worked as a volunteer for five weeks

at a refugee camp in southern Lebanon.

"People were living at minimal standards," she recalls. "I became enraged and confused over the situation. You watch the news and so much is displayed as negative and traumatic and a place of war and sadness. I knew going forward I wanted to be an advocate."

After returning to Cold Spring, she applied for the Peace Corps, which sent her to Rabat, Morocco's capital, for training, which included

eight hours of daily lessons in Arabic.

"We had a Moroccan facilitator who helped with anything and everything — how to eat with our hands, or how to use a public bathhouse where you're scrubbed down for four hours by a group of women! It was incredibly structured, and exhausting. I never felt comfortable, but being comfortable in the Peace Corps doesn't exist," she says.

The next step was more challenging. Curto was assigned to Talmest, a town about an hour from the coastal city of Essaouira, where she moved in with a family with three children.

(Continued on Page 12)



Moroccan students locate Cold Spring on a map of the U.S.



When Curto's parents, Kathy and Joe Curto of Cold Spring (center), visited Morocco, Adriana's host family served rafissa, a traditional festive meal with chicken and lentils.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 18

Women's March

COLD SPRING

8 a.m. St. Mary's Lawn
1 Chestnut St.

A group will hold a rally and then walk to the Metro-North station to see off those who are attending the Women's March in New York City.

MON 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration & Parade

BEACON

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Springfield Baptist Church
8 Mattie Cooper Square
cityofbeacon.org

Following a free community breakfast at 8 a.m. and opening session at 9:30 a.m., the 42nd annual singing parade and civil rights march will begin at 9:45 a.m. A dinner and recognition ceremony starts at 11 a.m., and the celebration service led by Rev. Dr. Ronald O. Perry Sr. begins at 1 p.m. with the Southern Dutchess Coalition choir.

MON 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Family Celebration

GARRISON

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

The Gwen Laster Quartet will perform with Laster on violin, Art Labriola on keyboards, Damon Bank on bass and J. Marcus Brooks playing drums. *Free*

TUES 21

Declare a Climate Emergency

POUGHKEEPSIE

6 p.m. County Legislature Building
22 Market St. | facebook.com/midhudsonsunrise

Mid-Hudson Valley Sunrise



Gwen Laster Quartet, Jan. 25

is organizing people to attend the Dutchess County Legislature meeting and demand that lawmakers declare a climate emergency, ban new fossil fuel projects and get to zero emissions by 2030.

SAT 25

Sandy Galef Town Hall

GARRISON

10 a.m. – Noon. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Galef, whose district in the state Assembly includes Philipstown, will discuss newly passed election reforms and local issues, including the decommissioning plan for Indian Point Energy Center, education funding and the 2020 census.

SAT 25

A Walk in the Winter Woods

FORT MONTGOMERY

1 p.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site
690 Route 9W | 845-446-2134
nysparks.com

Take a virtual hike through local woods with educator Peter Cutul, whose slide lecture and

armchair ramble will scale icy mountains, cross frozen lakes, and make discoveries of natural interest. Find out who's active in the winter woods and some of the signs they leave behind. *Free*

SAT 25

Robert Burns Supper

GARRISON

7 p.m. Highlands Country Club
955 Route 9D | hhpb.org

The Hudson Highlands Pipe Band's annual event includes a Scottish dinner, whisky toasts and dancing to the T. McCann Band. *Cost: \$140*

SUN 26

Firefighter Memorial Service

BEACON

7:30 a.m. St. John's Church
31 Willow St. | 845-489-6130

This annual memorial service for late members of the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. No. 1 will be followed by breakfast at the firehouse.

SUN 26

Funeral March for Species Lost to Climate Change

BEACON

2 p.m. Beacon Post Office
369 Main St.
xrhudsonhighlands.wixsite.com/xrhh

Organized by Extinction Rebellion Hudson Highlands, the march will draw attention to the extinction of species due to climate change.

KIDS & FAMILY

MON 20

Community Skating

HYDE PARK

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Roller Magic
4178 Albany Post Road

Join Hudson Highlands Girl Scout Troops 2505 and 1405 for a morning of roller-skating. *Cost: \$8 (\$10 for scouts, includes patch)*

SAT 25

StarLab

CORNWALL

10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Outdoor Discovery Center
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506
hhnm.org

Kids ages 4 and older can step inside an inflatable planetarium and learn how to identify the major constellations and stars while hearing Native American and Greek stories of how they were created. Bring a pillow or blanket. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 members)*

VISUAL ART

SAT 18

Cell Phone App Workshop

BEACON

10:30 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St. | 845-838-2880
riverwindsgallery.com

Learn from Mary Ann Glass in this two-hour class how to use some of the most powerful phone apps to correct, enhance and transform your images. iPhones/iPads/Androids and all levels welcome. Registration required. *Cost: \$50 (\$35 returnees)*

SAT 18

Winter Weekend

NEW WINDSOR

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Storm King
1 Museum Road | 845-534-3115
stormking.org

Enjoy the art center's outdoor sculptures during limited weekend openings. *Cost: \$18 (\$15 seniors, \$8 children and teens, free under age 4 and members)*



SAT 18

Art is Elementary

BEACON

2 – 4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

This fourth annual exhibit of artwork by eight students from each of the Beacon district's elementary schools — J.V. Forrestal, Glenham, Sargent and South Avenue — was organized by teachers Sallie Farkas, Cathy Pezzo and Susan Wurtz. Through Feb. 1.

SUN 19

Curator Talk: Donald Alter

BEACON

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

Harald Plochberger and Tony Moore, curators of an exhibit of Alter's paintings, will discuss the late artist's work and life. The snow date is SUN 26.

SAT 25

Matt Frieburghaus & Doug Navarra

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

In *Divergent Boundaries*, Frieburghaus exhibits digital media, video and sound works recorded during trips to Iceland. In *Presence 2.0*, Navarra shows works on paper using reconstructed vintage documents as a starting point.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 18

Hauntings of the Hudson River Valley

COLD SPRING

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

Vincent Dacquino will discuss his book on the legends of Sybil Ludington, Chief Daniel Nimham and George Denny, and how they may have left behind spiritual residue. *Cost: \$10 (free for members)*

SUN 19

Deciding Together

GARRISON

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

As part of the library's annual celebration to mark Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mildred Solomon, president of the Garrison-based Hastings Center, will speak about the center's work to counter the effects of polarization in federal policies on science, health and civil rights. Bring a dish for a potluck that begins at 6 p.m.

SAT 25

Spring Street Reading Series

NEWBURGH

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

Mercedes Roffe, Pierre Joris and Charles Stein will read their writing and discuss their experiences translating other's work and having their work translated.



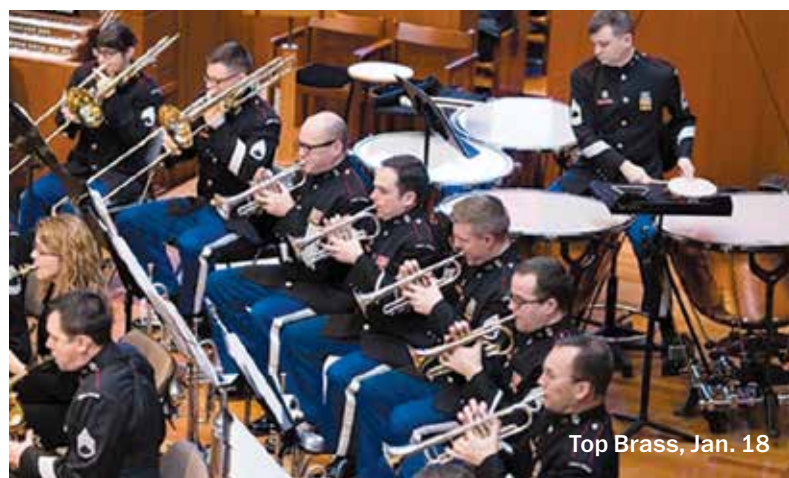
Doug Navarra, Jan. 25

MUSIC**SAT 18****Top Brass****WEST POINT**7 p.m. Cadet Chapel | 722 Derussy Road
845-938-2308 | westpoint.eduThe Concert Band Brass and Percussion, led by guest conductor Robert Ponto, will perform works by Bach, Brahms and Holst. *Free***SAT 18****R.J. Storm and Old School Bluegrass Band****BEACON**8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
rjstorm.bpt.meThe band is known for its energetic and engaging performances. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)***SAT 18****Back to the Garden 1969****BEACON**8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.comMusic from the Woodstock era. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)***SUN 19****From Senegal to Seeger****BEACON**7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Michael Miles will perform his one-man tribute to Pete Seeger with a narrative concert that includes

protest songs and banjo. Proceeds will benefit the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)***FRI 24****Buffalo Stack****BEACON**8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.comThe bluesy roots rockers are reminiscent of their heroes, The Band. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)***SAT 25****James Carney, Richard Bonnet & Melvin Bauer****BEACON**8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
jamescarney.bpt.meCarney, a Brooklyn-based pianist, keyboardist and composer, will be joined by French guitarist Richard Bonnet and Belgian drummer Melvin Bauer for a jazz program. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

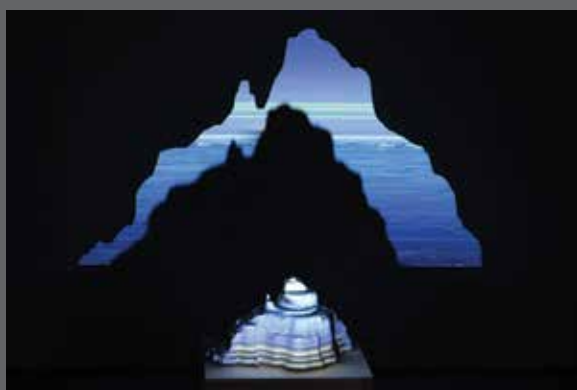
James Carney

SUN 26**Danny Driver****BEACON**4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.orgPart of the Howland Chamber Music Circle's Piano Festival, Driver's program will include Beethoven's *Hammerklavier*, along with works by Ravel, Deirdre McKay and Betsy Jolas. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)***STAGE & SCREEN****SAT 18****Disney's Frozen (Kids)****BEACON**7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-350-2722
beaconperformingartscenter.comThree casts of young performers will present an abridged version of the popular film about an ice princess. Also **SUN 19**. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 children)***SAT 18****Hudson Highlands Poetry****GARRISON**1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.orgThe latest installment of the series will feature Sean Singer reading from his collection, *Honey & Smoke*, and Iain Pollack from *Ghost, like a Place*. *Free*

Top Brass, Jan. 18

FRI 24**Blind Tiger Improv****BEACON**8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-431-4988
howlandculturalcenter.orgThe comedy troupe includes Brian Bagot, Jillian Kermani, Carrie Loveland, Elisabeth Preisinger, Jeff O'Leary, Tim Trewhella and Michael Short. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)***FRI 24****John Pizzi****PEEKSKILL**8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.comThe Friday Night Joker's series will feature Pizzi in a one-man show of comedy, magic and ventriloquism. *Cost: \$25***CIVIC****TUES 21****City Council****BEACON**7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org**TUES 21****School Board****COLD SPRING**7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211)
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org**TUES 21****School Board****GARRISON**7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689
gufts.orgTwo exhibitions
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Opening Reception January 25, 5–7pm

**Matt Frieburghaus**
Divergent Boundaries:
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video, and sound**Doug Navarra**
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Peace Corps *(from Page 9)*

"The dad was working in Mauritania and not in the house," she says. "My host mom was illiterate because she never got to go to school, and she worked hard. She took it as her mission to make me feel comfortable in her home. If you looked at her, you would think we had nothing in common, yet she's one of the most incredible people I've ever met."

Curto said her presence in the rural village initially caused a stir. "One day this 23-year-old American girl shows up," she says. "People were curious. You cannot jump right into work. People in that culture strongly emphasize their relationships. It was so important to become respected and trusted, and to explain why I was there. This meant going to houses six times a day, invite after invite."

During that first year, volunteers are instructed to "find out what the community needs, not what you think it needs." The second year is for a project. "I put pressure on myself, thinking 'I've been here six months and I'm not working,' but I learned that my concept of work was not the Moroccan way," Curto says. "It's more about sitting down at a family meal, eating couscous, telling them about America. That's work."

Curto says she fell into a funk at the start of her second year, when faced with finding a project. She found strength in an unusual place: an aerobics class at a local gym. She was able to build relationships with a different group of Moroccans and the male instruc-



The view from the rooftop of Curto's house overlooking Talkest, her home for two years

Photo provided

tor, a hiker and outdoorsman, had ideas for her. The project that resulted was an outdoor leadership program for men and women that included eight trips all over Morocco, including to the highest peak in North Africa.

During her time abroad, Curto was, natu-

rally, asked for her opinions on politics, although the Peace Corps suggests volunteers remain discreet. Curto says she never discussed Moroccan politics, and when U.S. politics came up, "I tried to steer the conversation to the diversity in America."

Attitudes toward gender were more challenging. "When I saw the responsibilities thrown on women, while men sat at cafes for hours talking, it bothered me," she says. "But at the end of the day I was a guest in the country and I couldn't come in and critique. It taught me to try and look at things through different lenses."

Religion was also a significant focus. "It's 99 percent Muslim, so that's rooted in so many aspects of daily life," she says. "I had to figure out how to comfortably respond to questions about my beliefs. I'd usually answer 'I'm just learning' [about Islam]." Curto says she participated in Ramadan and fasted from sunrise to sunset as a show of gratitude toward her host family.

Coming home after two years was difficult, she says, but "Moroccans say, 'We don't say goodbye, we say next time,' so I've gone with that."

Curto says she feels the Peace Corps, which was founded by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, "is so important to show that American people are kind and generous and intelligent. That's not being shown in the news, so now more than ever there's a need for person-to-person cultural exchanges, question-asking, and opening our minds and eyes to the rest of the world."

See highlandscurrent.org for videos that Curto created — and narrated in Arabic (with English subtitles) — during her assignment in Morocco.

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Women Helping Women

Group to hold clothing sale fundraiser

By Alison Rooney

The Highland Women's Collaborative is a loosely knit group that supports one another, learns from one another and tries to do some good in the community, according to Diana Polack of Garrison, who organized it in 2018.

From Jan. 31 to Feb. 2, it will host its second annual clothing swap and sale, with proceeds directed to a program in Malawi, Africa, through the nonprofit Women Together Global.

The sale, at Create Community in Nelsonville, will include clothing donated by members and their friends, including designer pieces, priced from \$5 to \$40. Bargain items will be \$20 for a bag.

Polack says she created the collaborative because, after moving to the area several years ago, with her children grown and her business having only a few employees, she felt isolated.

"Helping women connect is my thing," she explains. "When I lived in New Jersey for eight years, I facilitated a chapter of a

women's entrepreneurial group and I met so many amazing women. I loved being able to bounce ideas off them. I don't think women are always good at asking for things, but when it becomes collaborative, that's a different story."

In Garrison, Polack connected with Jen McCreery, director of the Desmond-Fish Public Library. While talking "about the idea" at Barber & Brew in Cold Spring, they realized they were sitting in a perfect spot to host the meetings. Co-owner Tara Carroll not only liked the idea but said she wanted to attend.

"Our space was relatively new, and it had turned out to be a great place for the community to gather," Carroll recalls. "It had started to feel like our living room! The group has become very special to me. Not only have I connected with many other women in our community in a professional way, but also on a personal level that provides a strong network of support in everyday life. Even when we are not gathered together, we are still together."

The group meets for two hours once a month, on a Monday night. There is often a speaker or activity, plus time for "networking, philanthropy and just having a safe space," Polack explains. (At the next meet-



A meet-up between the Highland Women's Collaborative and Hudson Valley Women in Business Photo provided

ing, at 6 p.m. on Feb. 3 at Barber & Brew, Gail Kreitzer will share practical ways to manage, prioritize and distill the relentless onslaught of tasks and demands.)

The women who attend the gatherings run the gamut. "We have store owners, nonprofit leaders, health and wellness coaches and other professionals, plus a retired woman and a divorced woman who comes with her daughter," says Polack.

"The age range is early 30s through 70s, and most of the women come from Beacon, Cold Spring and Garrison, with a few from Wappingers and some from across the river. This group is not about handing business cards to each other right away. Women like to do business with those they trust."

Dani Locastro of Cold Spring says she found the group invaluable as she transitioned from a New York City job as a textile designer into opening her own business, Heartful Yoga. "It is an amazing resource of intelligent, supportive women who want to empower other women," she says.

Philanthropy is a component, too. Women Together Global, which will benefit from the clothing sale, was founded by Dr. Natasha Anushri Anandaraja, a pediatrician at New York City's Mount Sinai Hospital, to aid girls and women in developing countries. The clothing sale last year raised \$1,000, Polack says, and this year the goal is \$5,000.

"One of the best medicines for me is to make a new connection — not a business one, but a human one," Polack says. "To be able to do this with the amazing women of Malawi, and to feel that we are able to help — with real and direct impact, has been deeply gratifying."

Create Community is located at 11 Peekskill Road in Nelsonville. The cash-only sale will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31; noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1; and noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2.

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Family Trails

Finding Thomas

By Valerie LaRobardier

Q: Many family historians believe my fifth great-grandfather, Thomas Gallo-way (born 1735, son of John), followed his older sister, Elizabeth (who married Henry Deyer of Fishkill), from Orange County to Philipstown around 1748. There is census and tax evidence of a Thomas Galway / Galloway living in Philipstown from 1799 to about 1810. There was also a George Galloway nearby. The last record I can find of a Thomas Galloway in Dutchess or Putnam County is the 1810 census, but George Gallo-way became a longtime resident of Philipstown. I am hoping to learn more about Thomas Galloway (born 1735), because family legend and an obscure entry in a long-lost family bible is the only evidence I have that he was the genesis of the Philipstown line.

~Glynn Galloway Jr., Las Vegas

A: The best way to approach this type of puzzle is step-by-step, and the easiest way to do that is to first formulate a single question to answer. “Who was Thomas Galloway?” isn’t specific enough, but “Was Thomas Galloway of Philipstown the grandson of John Galloway?” might work. (As I understand your search, establishing that Thomas and George Galloway were brothers is part of the puzzle but not the main objective.)

If you haven’t done so already, I would verify the dates and information you have with specific citations to census and tax records, especially since checking the cita-



The Galloway farmhouse in Garrison in 1934

Library of Congress



The farmhouse in 2019

Photo by Glynn Galloway

tions may reveal other clues. I also would learn as much as I could about the Elizabeth Galloway and Henry Deyer family.

Next, list the gaps in the narrative. The first item that stands out is that Thomas Galloway supposedly left his parents’ home at age 13 to live with his older sister. She did not move far away, and 13 was an age at that time that many children left home to go into apprenticeships. So this is not a startling development but also not quite what you would expect. We need to rule out candidates who may exist in other Galloway families, possibly by looking at John Galloway’s siblings to see if any of them had sons named Thomas or George. The two men in Philipstown could have been cousins, and not brothers, or they could even be unrelated.

The list of questions and challenges informs the next list — that of resources and repositories that might hold answers. Atop the list will be the Orange County Genealogical Society in Goshen. A quick online search of *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record* returned several hits for John Galloway and Thomas Galloway, such as the baptism, on Jan. 29, 1735, at the Reformed Dutch Church in New York, of Thomas, son of John Galloway and Annatje Lam.

Further, you will want to search land records for Dutchess, Putnam (which was formed out of Dutchess in 1812) and Orange counties, where you may find mention of names that strengthen the link between those Galloways who stayed in Orange County and those found in Dutchess and later Putnam. (Keep in mind that in 1806 the northwest corner of Philipstown became part of Fishkill.)

Elizabeth Galloway’s marriage is found in the register of the Reformed Dutch Church of Fishkill — May 30, 1748: Henry Deyer & Elizabeth Galloway — but adds a potential fly to the ointment: Elizabeth was said to be a resident of Haverstraw, and Henry a resident of the Highlands. Haverstraw is in Rockland County, so this detail needs to be resolved.

Among transcriptions made by the Robert Billard site (homepages.rootsweb.com/~rbillard/vital_statistics.htm), we find a baptism for Elizabet, daughter of John Galowaij & Annaatje Lamb, on Nov. 28, 1731, at the New Amsterdam Dutch Reformed Church in New York City. I would look there for more siblings.

As you go through the research process, you should assemble your data in family group-sheet format so it will be easy to see which individuals lack documentation.

Enlist a partner who shares your interest in solving the mystery as a helper and sounding board. As you get deep into your research, you will become so familiar with the people and places that it will not always be easy to see what needs more description.

The last step, writing up the findings, should be done with a fair amount of formality. Sometimes you will not be aware that you have skipped an important step in the narrative until you attempt to write. You should be able to clearly explain to your helper what you think you know.

Think about it through the eyes of the protagonist of a detective story. There is a difference between “We know he did it because we found x, y and z,” and “We’ve assembled a strong-enough collection of hard evidence for the district attorney.” The first option is too often where the genealogist stops, which creates the potential for major errors. Keep looking until you find enough to make a strong analysis-of-data argument, even if you do not locate a smoking gun.

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	4	-	<i>Feeding the Crisis</i>	Maggie Dickinson
	4	-	<i>The Testaments</i>	Margaret Atwood
	4	-	<i>How to Do Nothing</i>	Jenny Odell
CHILDREN	1	-	<i>Dog Man: Fetch-22</i>	Dav Pilkey
	2	2	<i>Guts</i>	Raina Telgemeier
	3	-	<i>Major Impossible (Hazardous Tales 9)</i>	Nathan Hale
	3	-	<i>The Crayons' Christmas</i>	Drew Daywalt
	5	-	<i>How the Grinch Stole Christmas</i>	Dr. Seuss
5	-	<i>River</i>	Elisha Cooper	

A New Bride's View of Cold Spring, 1906-1909

When Claire Goldstein and her husband, Abbey, purchased a home in Cold Spring about 10 years ago, she showed photos of their new house to her elderly father, Ralph Greenlaw Jr. That prompted him to recollect that after his parents, Ralph and Georgianna Greenlaw, were married in October 1907, they rented a home in the village, on Parsonage Street.

"This was a total coincidence, which I knew nothing about," Claire recalls.

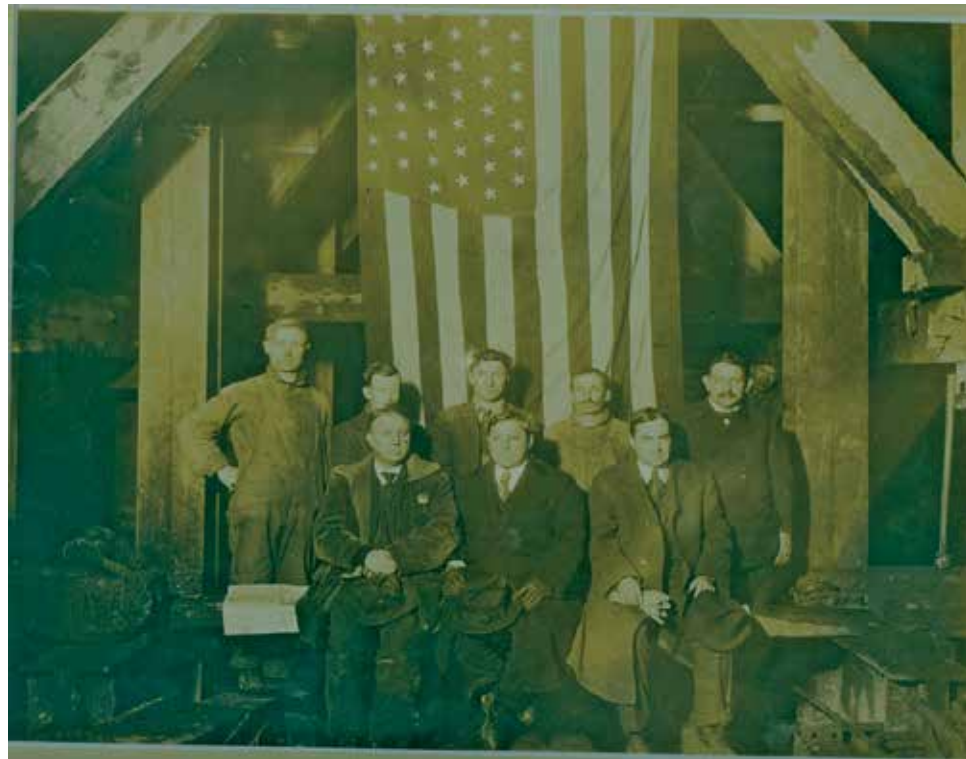
About a year before their marriage, Ralph, a Harvard-educated civil engineer, had relocated to Cold Spring from Manhattan to work on the New York City aqueduct, then being built through Garrison. He had met Georgianna Hallock, who grew up in Milton, in Ulster County, at Columbia University, where she was a librarian.

Their eldest child, Frances, was baptized at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in 1909, and Ralph contributed \$5 to help pay for a new boiler. In the early 1920s, the family — now including three children — moved to Teaneck, New Jersey, and Ralph commuted to his engineering jobs in Manhattan.

After her father's death, Claire inherited her grandmother's diaries, including some in which Georgianna recorded her impressions of Cold Spring. Below are excerpts. (There were no entries in 1908.)

May 6, 1906

Off with Ruth H. and Maude T. at 11:29 for Cold Spring, jolly trip and Ralph with a Mr. Stone met us. Went to R's house [where he rented a room] and after he had collected lunch started for our climb. Ate lunch by a lovely brook side and it was no



Ralph Greenlaw (second from right) and other contractors are shown during construction of the New York City aqueduct. According to Claire Goldstein, her father (Ralph Jr.) said that New York City bid out the work in sections, and the crews from two sections would eventually meet up and, in this case, memorialize the occasion with a photo.

end jolly.

About three we started up [Mount] Taurus [aka Bull Hill] and for two hours we climbed or walked for the road was excellent. Such beautiful sweeps of country — east up a lovely valley, west over Storm King and Crow's Nest, south and north the river twisted among the hills. It rained some, but it only softened the dainty greens, such exquisite greens they were. It helps to make life livable.

Back to such a merry supper in Ralph's room, which is so pleasant. 7:30 came all too soon and we turned our faces southward.

June 10, 1906

Another glorious day at Cold Spring! Ruth and I went up on the 7:54, arrive much earlier. We started without delay for Taurus and after a very warm climb arrived at the brook at 12:00. There we had lunch, the usual jolly affair.

We reached the top of the mountain about 1:00 and sat on the rocks and lay in

the grass until a thunderstorm drove us down. The view was as beautiful as ever and the storm looking north over a truly Storm King one of the grandest sights ever. Had a very romantic trip down the hill in the rain, lovely laurel. Dandy feed in R's house and back on the 7:30.

July 26, 1907

Such a glorious day and so delightfully spent! After my usual rush for the 12:34, Mother and I arrived in Cold Spring for "my first official visit." The house is a dear little place that will be so cozy when we get it furnished and the dilapidated garden though some of it is OK, has great possibilities.

Later went for such a beautiful drive — that Highland country is so lovely! There were one or two magnificent views of the river and mountains. Had a tiresome wait at N [Newburgh] for the [steamer Mary] Powell and then such a nice evening together.

Dec. 31, 1907

It's been such a joyful year and I am entering on a bigger and fuller life. Probably there will be just as hard places as in the old but I have Ralph to help me out now, and he does such a lot.

May 19, 1909

A grand day and in the afternoon I donned my best clothes and went over to call on Mrs. Haldane. She had gone to Fort Monroe so Mr. H entertained me. They certainly have a very pleasant house over there. Such a lovely walk through the Morris Estate, saw an indigo bird.

May 20, 1909

I smoked the upstairs good and proper [because of inadequate ventilation for the



Ralph Greenlaw as a young man

Photos courtesy Claire Goldstein

fireplace] so it took all the a.m. to clean up, it was about the worst mess I ever got into. In afternoon I went down to Constitution Island. It is perfectly beautiful down there and we got a lot of azaleas and lady slippers. It's a lovely walk down there.

Aug. 15, 1909

In a.m. walked with Dad and Ralph up the Bull Hill portal. Such a contrast to the time I was there in April — it's all torn up and looks awful.

Sept. 18, 1909

A grand day & I did have such a good time. The a.m. was busy as usual but in the afternoon Ralph and I went to the horse show down at Garrison. It was fine, such beautiful horses and so well ridden and driven — it was certainly enough to make me envious. Some of the beasts were perfect beauties. Always makes me wish to be rich when I see them. Lovely drive home in the gloaming [twilight].

Oct. 16, 1909

A beautiful day but I didn't enjoy it much for I was in such a temper with Ralph for flatly refusing to go to the dance tonight which was very selfish of him, I think. In the afternoon Eula and I went for a lovely drive by Lake Surprise and down Breakneck. The foliage was lovely and the whole drive great but such a hill. Sat home all p.m. and cursed my luck!

Nov. 4, 1909

Spent most of the a.m. mending... I settled down to sew but there seemed to be a lot of do. Anyhow, it was very late when I started downtown... Frances was with me and I had to push her up the [Main Street] hill alone, which was no fun.



Georgianna Hallock in 1901, soon after her graduation from Newburgh Academy

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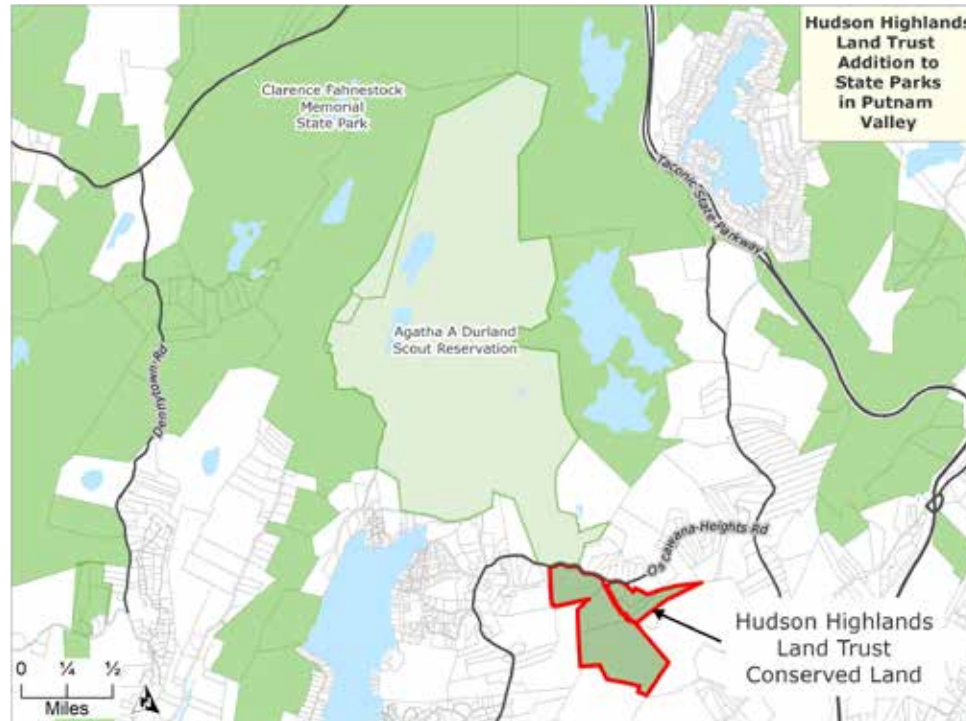
connects Breakneck Ridge to the south and Fishkill Ridge to the north, to the Hudson Highlands preserve.

The Notch, Breakneck Ridge and Wilkin-son Memorial trails pass through the parcel along the ridge, although the property is privately owned. By adding the 945 acres, “those trails will now be on park prop-erty,” said Evan Thompson, manager of the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. “It’s the last remaining big chunk of the Hudson Highlands that was missing. Now nobody will be able to come along and say, ‘Well, you can’t have those trails there anymore.’”

The preserve would also gain a 20-acre parcel on the old Glenclyffe property in Garrison to connect Arden Point to Route 9D and Castle Rock.

“If you enter the Garrison Institute/Philipstown Recreation Driveway, there’s a little pull-off to the right; that’s the begin-ning,” Thompson explained. “There’s a trail that goes through there called Marsh’s Mile, which has been there for a long time. That’ll probably remain, although it might be re-blazed.”

The 150 acres that would be added to Fahnestock don’t touch the current park but will increase access to it. The acreage covers two parcels that lie to the south of Oscawana Heights Road in Putnam Valley, across from the Durland Scout Reserva-tion. While the Scout reservation is private property that isn’t part of Fahnestock, there is a public access easement through it that allows hiking. That easement would connect the current park and the 150-acre addition, said Michelle Smith, executive



The 150 acres being added to the Fahnestock State Park in Putnam Valley are marked with red borders. A hiking easement through the Scout reservation will connect the parcels to the rest of Fahnestock.

director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, which is partnering with the state to buy the property.

Using maps and public data, the land trust graded undeveloped and lightly developed land throughout the Highlands to determine which parcels should be a priority in terms of preservation, taking into consideration things like water resources, scenic value, wildlife protec-tion, buffer zones, or areas that improve access to existing parkland. “This property had come up as a high priority, because

of where it’s located and its importance to natural resources,” Smith said.

The land trust had been negotiating to buy the property over the past few years when a state grant came through that would allow the group to put an easement on the land but not own it outright. Smith said the trust then went back to the state to see if additional state and federal funds could be found so that the state could buy it outright. That deal will be finalized this year.

Although a full inventory of the 150-acre site’s flora and fauna has not been conducted,

Other Planned Expansions

- Minnewaska State Park Preserve: 633 acres + 740 acres already purchased
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- Sterling Forest State Park: 112 acres
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bear and coyote scat has been found on the property, she said, and it’s hoped that the land would act as a wildlife corridor to connect Fahnestock and the trust’s Granite Mountain parcel in Putnam Valley.

Box turtles have also been found on the acreage, and the parcel’s vernal pools are an important habitat for marbled salamanders, she said. Other threatened species that could benefit include cerulean warblers and wood thrushes, who depend on mature deciduous forests for survival, and bats, which have been seen foraging there.

Human access to the 150 acres would be determined by the state, she said. There are no plans for trails or infrastructure, although she speculated that a small bit of work along the road could make a huge difference.

“That part of Oscawana Heights Road is kind of flat, and we could conceivably put [in] an access point, maybe a place to park,” she said. “All those roads are big hills and valleys and steep slopes. As soon as you pull off the road, it’s usually too steep, so it’s hard to find those good access points.”

Lawsuit *(from Page 1)*

packages and phone use. Some also lost time earned for good behavior and preferred work assignments.

In some cases, the lawsuit charges, indi-viduals had parole dates rescinded and were held for months beyond their scheduled release dates.

Sandra says her husband’s discipline came as a shock.

“I had just come home from a visit,” she recalled. “He called and said, ‘Guess what? I got a Tier 3 ticket [for the most serious offenses].’ I didn’t believe it.”

Confused, Sandra said the only informa-tion she could find on buprenorphine came from the internet. Prison officials wouldn’t speak to her on the phone, she said.

“I felt if my husband hadn’t told me about this [the discipline], I would be oblivious to the situation,” said Sandra, who married Timmons in January 2018. “We relied a lot on the program to bond.” She said her 12-year-old daughter had planned to visit her stepfather for the first time before his privileges were rescinded, and the couple also planned to celebrate Jermaine’s and her daughter’s birthdays together.

“The most I could do was talk to him on the phone,” she said. “By the sound of his voice I knew he was depressed because I couldn’t be there. It was hard to console him because we

didn’t know what was going to happen. To me it felt like they [DOCCS] didn’t care.”

A representative for the Department of Corrections would not comment on the lawsuit or leaked memo but said that “after being alerted to concerns regarding the accuracy of a new buprenorphine drug test, DOCCS suspended use of the test, and out of an abundance of caution, immedi-ately reversed any actions taken as a result of these tests, and restored privileges to any potentially affected inmates.

“The matter has been referred to both

the Inspector General’s Office and DOCCS Office of Special Investigations,” he said. “We are now preparing to pursue all legal remedies to the fullest possible extent under the law” against Microgenics.

Karen Murtagh, the executive director of Prisoners’ Legal Services, says that all prisoners, even those convicted of violent crimes, such as Timmons, deserve the chance to better themselves, and programs like Family Reunion are created for that reason.

“People make mistakes,” Murtagh said.



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Because of Microgenics’ “unlawful conduct,” the suit alleges, the affected inmates suffered “emotional distress, embarrassment [and] loss of liberty.” It asks the court to award “reasonable and just” damages.

“We need to treat them fairly,” Murtagh said, “even while we’re punishing them.”



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SPORTS

Friedly in the ring in 1999 against Sumya Anani.

Denise Friedly Pro Fights (10-2)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
9/17/98	Sue Killeen (0-0)	Biloxi, MS	TKO
12/3/98	Belinda Laracuenta (13-1-1)	Bay St. Louis, MS	UD
12/30/98	Vicki Woods (7-3-1)	Atlanta, GA	UD
2/27/99	Gwen Smith (3-6)	Augusta, GA	UD
3/12/99	Sumya Anani (12-0)	New York City	L-UD
4/29/99	Vicki Woods (8-5-1)	Bossier City, LA	UD
6/11/99	Glenda Watkins (4-5)	Bossier City, LA	UD
9/8/99	Jeanne Martinez (9-4-1)	Kenner, LA	UD
12/5/99	Maureen Henry (2-0)	Bay St. Louis, MS	UD
3/8/00	Snodene Blakeney (8-3)	Mount Pleasant, MI	PTS
4/7/00	Alicia Sparks (1-6)	Rising Sun, IN	KO
5/12/00	Kathy Collins (12-1-4)	Tulsa, OK	L-SD

Source: boxrec.com

Boxer (from Page 1)

basketball, soccer and volleyball. “I was looking for a way to shine,” she says.

In her first Golden Gloves bout, she defeated Taneasha Harris at Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx. “We went toe-to-toe,” recalls Friedly. She advanced to the final at Madison Square Garden, where, at 137 pounds, she became the junior welterweight champion.

People noticed. Susan Orlean profiled Friedly in a *New Yorker* article titled, “Girl, You Got Power.”

Friedly remembers how focused she and the other female boxers were that first year. “We wanted to learn the art of boxing,” she says. “It was not a novelty.”

She recalls being nervous as she watched the first women’s bout at Madison Square Garden. “I was fearful they’d stop the fight for all the wrong reasons, like a bloody nose,” she says. Both boxers got bloody noses, but the fight went on; women were being taken seriously. “The crowd was completely supportive — of boxing,” Friedly says.

As she got more deeply involved with the sport, managing her time became a challenge. She was teaching full-time, coaching varsity soccer and training.

In 1996 Friedly wanted to fight at 132 pounds in the Golden Gloves but weighed 137. On the day of the weigh-in, she donned long pants and two winter coats and ran up and down stairs until she lost 5 pounds. “I made my weight,” she says. “Luckily I didn’t also have to fight that night.” She reached the final but lost.

Friedly regained her championship form the following year, winning the 1997 title at 139 pounds. She was also the U.S. National Amateur Boxing Champion that year and

in 1998 before turning pro. Professional female boxers were paid little compared to their male counterparts. Friedly says her biggest payday was \$15,000.

Asked if being aggressive is always the best strategy in the ring, Friedly says: “Sometimes, but generally it’s more like a chess match — but a very fast one,” adding that missing when trying to land a punch “is more tiring than anything.”

Friedly says she often cried at the end of a bout, win or lose, from exhaustion. “I ran in seven marathons and I’m still not sure which was tougher,” she says. “When I fought, I left it all in the ring. I loved boxing, and my opponents.”

As a professional, Friedly says the toughest boxer she faced was Sumya Anani, who had defeated Christy Martin, who was managed by Don King and finished her pro career at 49-7-3, with 31 knockouts. “He didn’t want Christy to fight me,” Friedly says. “So, I wanted to fight the girl who had beaten Martin.”

Friedly, undefeated in four professional matches, and Anani, undefeated in 12, were the undercard at the Roseland Ballroom in New York City on March 12, 1999. After 10 rounds, Anani won a unanimous decision.

The lowest moment in the ring for Friedly

came in what would be her last fight, on May 12, 2000, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when she battled Kathy Collins for the women’s vacant International Boxing junior welterweight title. Friedly was confident, having defeated Collins in the 1995 Golden Gloves.

It was a black-tie event. “Everyone was there,” Friedly recalls, including former heavyweight champion Ken Norton and former middleweight champion Jake “Raging Bull” LaMotta. The bout, televised on ESPN, went the full 10 rounds.

Collins won, but the split decision (96-94, 94-96, 96-94) was not without controversy. The three judges had been hired by the fight promoter, but at the last minute the state boxing commission replaced two of them with twin brothers who were locals, Friedly recalls. The brothers gave the fight to Collins; Friedly says they had no experience judging at that level.

“I was devastated,” she says. “I never fought again.”



Denise Friedly

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Saturday

33/28

Cloudy with on-and-off snow in the afternoon, 1-3"

POP: 70%

S 4-8 mph

RealFeel 22/22

Sunday

38/20

Mostly cloudy

POP: 10%

W 8-16 mph

RealFeel 28/8

Monday

29/14

Partly sunny

POP: 10%

WNW 7-14 mph

RealFeel 21/13

Tuesday

27/6

Sun and some clouds

POP: 15%

WNW 8-16 mph

RealFeel 17/0

Wednesday

22/9

Sunshine, but cold

POP: 10%

NNW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 17/6

Thursday

36/19

Partly sunny and not as cold

POP: 0%

W 3-6 mph

RealFeel 44/16

Friday

37/27

Partly sunny

POP: 0%

N 4-8 mph

RealFeel 36/25

Snowfall

Past week0.0"

Month to dateTrace

Normal month to date5.6"

Season to date10.9"

Normal season to date12.8"

Last season to date5.4"

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VARSITY ROUND-UP

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Beacon picked up win No. 4 on Monday (Jan. 13) with a 61-57 decision over visiting Hendrick Hudson. Shane Green had 13 points and Quazir Hayes added 12, while Adrian Davis had 11 and Tristen Reid scored 10 to lead the Bulldogs (4-10).

"The game was a total battle," said Coach Scott Timpano. "Every time we play them, it's back and forth. We made enough plays in the fourth to overcome some early mistakes, and we didn't have any turnovers in the fourth. That ended up being the difference."

The team's scheduled game on Jan. 15 against Lourdes was postponed; tonight (Jan. 17) the Bulldogs travel to Haldane for the Battle of the Tunnel. The schools, who last played during the 2011-12 season, with Beacon posting a 68-50 win, hope to make it an annual event. Tipoff is set for 6:15 p.m.

Haldane improved its season mark to 8-2 on Tuesday (Jan. 14) with a 73-40 road win over Pawling. Sophomore Soren Holmbo led the way with 22 points, senior Mame Diba added 14 and freshman Matteo Cervone had 11.

"It was great to have Soren and Matteo play the way they did off the bench," Coach Joe Virgadamo said. "That was Soren's best game and he took it over as soon as he came in. He was 7-for-7 from the field, with three 3s."

After playing Beacon, the Blue Devils will host Yonkers Montessori Academy on Tuesday (Jan. 21) at 5 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Beacon (6-6), which had a 10-day break, will travel to Hendrick Hudson tonight (Jan. 17) and host Kennedy on Wednesday (Jan. 22).

BOYS' SWIMMING

Beacon improved to 8-1 with a victory over Nyack (94-72) but fell to 8-3 with losses to Yorktown-Somers (95-81) and Pelham, 96-74. It travels to Lourdes today (Jan. 17) and finishes the season hosting Mount Vernon on Jan. 21.

BOWLING

The Beacon boys' team fell to Arlington, 5-2, while the girls' team defeated Arlington, 7-10, behind a strong performance by Allison Bierce.



Beacon senior Javon Dortch (left) took a close loss to Hendrick Hudson junior Kerann Belvu at 160 pounds.



Beacon senior Angel Feliz (right) competes at 220 pounds.

Photos by S. Pearlman

Beacon Wrestlers Slowed by Injuries

Short-handed squad falls to Hendrick Hudson

By Skip Pearlman

Beacon High School's wrestlers hit the road on Tuesday (Jan. 14), traveling to Montrose to take on Hendrick Hudson. The Bulldogs, who were missing some grapplers due to illness, had to forfeit a number of weight classes and dropped a 59-18 decision.

Beacon (2-5) did pick up three victories, all by pins. Aaron Pegues won at 170 pounds, Lou DelBianco won at 285 and Chris Crawford won at 106.

Crawford, a freshman who has already earned All-Section recognition, improved his season record to 23-3.

Beacon senior captain Javon Dortch, another All-Section wrestler, took a close loss in a tough bout at 160, falling to Hendrick Hudson's junior captain, Kerann Belvu.

"We're dealing with some injuries right now, so we had to put some guys out there," said Coach Ron Tompkins. "I didn't expect to win the match, but we wrestled OK. We had a couple of close matches that we could have won."

Tompkins liked what he saw from DelBianco, a sophomore. "Lou is my 220-pounder, and I pushed him up to super heavyweight

since my super is coming back from an injury this week," the coach said. "He wrestled one of our best matches. He got his points and stayed in control to improve to 10-2."

Dortch fell to 9-3 but also wrestled up from his usual weight. "He had a great second and third period, but he gave up too many points in the first," Tompkins said. "We'll work on that."

Crawford, coming off the Eastern States Tournament weekend, continues to improve. "He's in an extremely tough weight class, state-wise," Tompkins said.

Shianne Canada recorded her first varsity win last week against another female wrestler, who attends Sleepy Hollow.

Beacon will host its own tournament today (Jan. 17) and Saturday before traveling to Somers on Tuesday (Jan. 21).



Sophomore Maddie Chiera scored 18 points against Panas.

Haldane Girls Lose Two to Fall to 6-5

Coach: 'Even down 20, they kept fighting'

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane High School girls' basketball team took a couple of body blows at home last week, losing 61-49 on Friday (Jan. 10) to Ardsley and 59-56 to Walter Panas on Monday (Jan. 13).

The Blue Devils (6-5) played well against Panas but were missing senior captain Bela Monteleone, who was out with the flu.

"Bela is one of our biggest contributors offensively and defensively, but all of the girls stepped up," said Coach Jessica Perrone. "They kept coming back" from deficits.

Sophomore guard Maddie Chiera had her best game of the season with 18 points, four rebounds and three assists. Liv Monteleone added 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds, and Molly Siegel came up with 12 points to go with five boards.

"A sophomore stepping up in a game like that is impressive," Perrone said of Chiera. "She's hitting big shots when we need them. And Liv was a defensive force, did great rebounding, and does a lot to motivate the girls."

Against Ardsley (4-7), Liv Monteleone led the way with 17 points, seven rebounds and three steals, and her sister added nine points and three assists. Shianne Twoguns had five points and four assists, and Chiera scored nine points.

"We played awesome again," Perrone said. "We came out ready, and we're getting good offensive looks and meshing well. But we dug ourselves a hole in the first half, then we had foul trouble. Overall, we fought until the end. Even down 20, they kept fighting."

Haldane was set to play today (Jan. 17) in a tournament at Peekskill against White Plains. The winner will advance to the championship game on Saturday at 4 p.m., and the loser to the consolation game at 11 a.m.