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# Sheriff's Deputy Slashed in Putnam Valley

*Suspect charged with attempted murder*

By Chip Rowe

Putnam County sheriff's deputy was slashed on Monday (Jan. 20) while responding to a report of a domestic dispute in Putnam Valley. The deputy suffered a severed artery on his left forearm and underwent two surgeries, according to the Sheriff's Department and a police report, but was released from the hospital on Wednesday. The injured officer, a seven-year veteran, had been rushed to the emergency room in a police car. Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. said the department believes it is the first time in its history a Putnam deputy had suffered a life-threatening attack. "The damage was more extensive than originally thought but the skilled surgeons at New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital were able to repair the damage," said Langley in a statement. "His prognosis for a full recovery is good." The Sheriff's Department identified the suspect as Timothy Redmond, 25. He was

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**SHE PERSISTED** — A group of Philipstown residents, including a number of mothers and daughters, gathered on the great lawn at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring early on Saturday (Jan. 18) in frigid weather before walking to the train to send off a contingent to the annual Women's March in New York City.

Photo by Ross Corsair

# Beacon's Greenhouse-Gas Emissions Fall 25 Percent

*Municipal pollution down from 2012 levels*

By Brian PJ Cronin

After reviewing four previous inventories of local greenhouse gas emissions conducted between 2012 and 2018, as well as estimates for 2019, the City of Beacon calculated that its municipal operations have reduced its emissions of greenhouse gases, which contribute to global warming, by 25 percent since 2012. "Fighting climate change is critical for a strong economy and a healthy future," said Mayor Lee Kyriacou. "We are pleased to

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# Whistling Willie's Closes Its Doors



Whistling Willie's had operated in Cold Spring since 2007.

Photo by M. Turton

*Lease holder: 'Uber and Beacon killed us'*

By Michael Turton

Whistling Willie's American Grill, the tavern and restaurant at the intersection of Cold Spring's only traffic light, served its last burger and beer on Wednesday (Jan. 22)

Willie's has been owned since Jan. 1, 2013 by Frank Ciafardini. He purchased it from founder Bill Sohan, who sold the business due to poor health. As part of the transaction, Sohan stipulated that the restaurant's name, which honored his grandfather, would not change. (Sohan died eight days after the sale at age 65.)

Ray DiFrancesco, Ciafardini's stepfa-

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# Nelsonville Approves Cell-Tower Settlement

*Despite protests, vote is unanimous to end federal lawsuit*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Nelsonville Village Board on Tuesday unanimously approved a settlement of the federal lawsuit filed by telecommunications giants against the tiny municipality for rejecting a plan to build a cell tower on a hill overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery. The Jan. 21 vote followed last-ditch pleas by opponents and clears the way for a 95-foot tower that is 15 feet shorter than one proposed in 2017 by Homeland Towers

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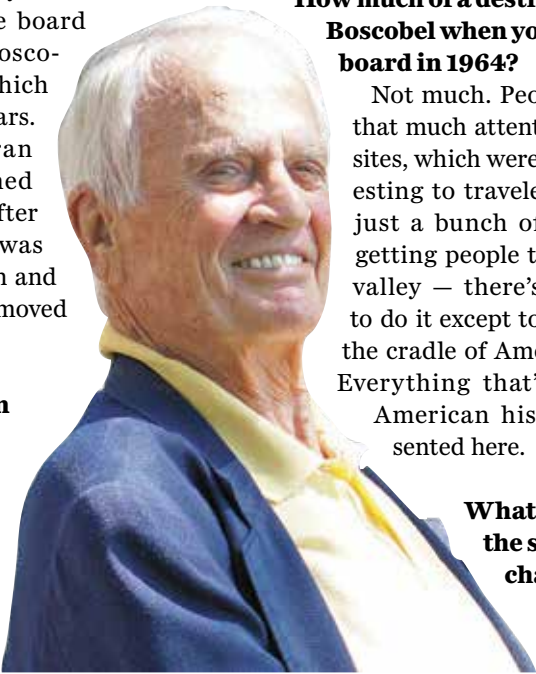
FIVE QUESTIONS: **BARNABAS MCHENRY**

By Leonard Sparks

**B**arnabas McHenry retired on Dec. 31 from the board of trustees of Boscobel in Garrison, on which he had served for 55 years. A Korean War veteran and attorney, he joined the board nine years after the historic mansion was rescued from demolition and three years after it was moved to its present location.

**What would have been lost if Boscobel had been destroyed in 1955?**

A treasure of a house — its beauty, that's what would have been lost. It's in a wonderful place now, and it has



a view to die for.

**How much of a destination was Boscobel when you joined the board in 1964?**

Not much. People didn't pay that much attention to historic sites, which were not that interesting to travelers. They were just a bunch of houses. And getting people to come up the valley — there's no easy way to do it except to drive. But it's the cradle of American history. Everything that's good about American history is represented here.

**What have been the significant changes?**

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festi-

val [which began performances on the Boscobel lawn in 1988] played a large part in having people come there. The difficulty with a historic site is, once you go once, there's no need to go back. Shakespeare brings them back every summer.

**You have been a trustee for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the New York City Ballet, Lincoln Center, the New York Zoological Society, the American Museum of Natural History and many others. What drew you to them?**

Two words: Hudson River. I'm interested in nonprofits along the Hudson from New York City to Albany. It started with Boscobel and the Hudson River Valley Institute. The Hudson River is it, for me.

**What do you get from being out in nature?**

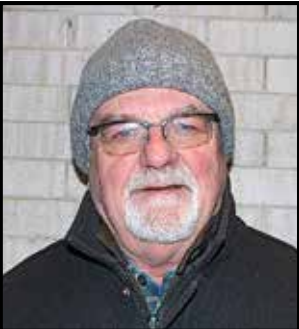
Fresh air and exercise. It's what your mother told you that you were supposed to do.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What will help you make it through the 55 winter days left?

“ Staying active outdoors. It's just beautiful, and it toughens you up. ”



~ Phil Heffernan, Cold Spring

“ Snowboarding. For me, a day of snowboarding is like a summer's day at the beach. ”



~ Taylor Del Villar, Beacon

“ The fact that I'll celebrate my 15th birthday on Feb. 29! ”



~ Sandy Endres, Garrison

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# Hustis Case Delayed

*Public defender negotiating plea deal*

By Chip Rowe

The prosecution of Charles E. “Chuck” Hustis III, who was arrested by the FBI in Cold Spring on Dec. 16 and

accused of soliciting a minor for sex, has been continued until Feb. 12 while his federal public defender attempts to negotiate a plea deal.

According to documents filed in federal court on Wednesday (Jan. 15), Benjamin Gold, who represents the former Cold Spring Village trustee and mayoral candidate, is talking with federal prosecutors about “possible disposition of the case without trial.”

The government asked a judge to delay the case for 28 days, which she did.

Hustis, 36, faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the charge. According to

the criminal complaint, he was arrested in the Foodtown parking lot after allegedly arranging to meet and have sex with a 16-year-boy with whom he had been corresponding on Facebook Messenger. In fact, the boy had alerted authorities and an FBI agent posing as the teen continued the interaction with Hustis, the complaint said. (The age of consent in New York State is 17.)

Following his arrest, the judge released Hustis on \$150,000 bond but placed him under home detention with a monitoring device, allowing only visits to his job (although Foodtown, which employed Hustis as a manager,

said it had fired him), religious services, medical treatment or court appearances.

Hustis also was ordered to continue psychiatric treatment; surrender any firearms; not drink alcohol; submit to random drug testing; turn in any devices capable of internet access, including his phone; and “refrain from any internet access or computer use of any kind,” including on his mother’s iPad, which the judge ordered secured with a password.

At the request of his attorney, Hustis was allowed to visit his grandmother’s home on Christmas Day for a family celebration, according to court documents.

## Clothing Store, Cafe Coming to Cold Spring

*New retailer to occupy space vacated by Tightrope*

By Michael Turton

A women’s clothing store and cafe plans to open in the spring at 114 Main St., filling a space that will be vacated in March when the current tenant, the marketing technology firm Tightrope Interactive, relocates to Beacon.

Jacqueline Azria, a Brewster resident who works as a fashion and creative consultant in Manhattan, said she will open Paulette’s on May 1. “I love Cold Spring and have wanted to open my own shop for a long time,” she said.

The rear two-thirds of the shop will be devoted to women’s clothing, most of it new and including French brands, she said. The store will be named for her mother. The front will be a cafe with coffee and pastries.

Her plans are before the Cold Spring Planning Board because of the change of use from office to retail and cafe.

In his report to the Village Board on Jan. 14, Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco said as many as 11 parking waivers will be required for the shop and cafe. The village code requires new businesses to provide off-street parking based on their square footage and, with eateries, number of seats. Because that is almost never possible, stores can

instead buy one-time, \$250 “waivers” from the village for each required spot.

The system was introduced by the village in 2010 with the idea that the revenue generated would offset the cost of parking enforcement and maintenance of the municipal parking lot on Fair Street. If her plan is approved, Azria would pay \$2,750 for the 11 waivers.

At last week’s Village Board meeting, Deputy Mayor Marie Early suggested that trustees might want to reexamine parking waivers. As part of the ongoing village code update, all fees were removed from the code and placed in a master schedule, a move which would no longer require the board to hold a public hearing each time a fee is changed.



A women's clothing store and cafe is planned for the space now occupied by Tightrope Interactive. Photo by M. Turton

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Bail reform

State Sen. Sue Serino is correct when she acknowledges that the veritable end to cash bail in New Jersey has not jeopardized public safety ("Putnam Sheriff Releases Three Defendants Under Bail Law," Jan. 10). A report put out this year by the New Jersey courts shows that bail reform has not led to an increase in recidivism or a decrease in court appearances, despite requiring that judges use release as the default in all cases.

Where the senator gets it wrong is the need for New York to add a "dangerousness" analysis in order to be comparable to New Jersey. In fact, the bail reform already takes into account public safety while still protecting against the economic and racial disparities endemic to the old system. It allows judges to consider the primary factors that the New Jersey public-safety assessment relies upon, including the nature of the charge and any pending charges.

Under the new law, judges in New York are still allowed to set bail on the vast majority of violent felonies, as well as sex crimes, witness-tampering and any violations of family orders of protection. New York judges are also allowed to set bail on any felony when there is good evidence the person committed a new felony while awaiting trial.

New Jersey has shown that a more just

criminal justice system is possible without jeopardizing public safety. Don't let Sen. Serino get in the way of proving New York can do the same.

Laurie Dick, *Beacon*

### Zoning dispute

As Garrison residents for 39 years, we felt it our duty to alert our neighbors to the flouting of clear zoning regulations relating to a home on Route 9D, as you reported in your Jan. 17 issue.

The code states that with the expansion of a previous non-conforming structure, a special permit must be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. It also states that the expansion cannot exceed the previous footprint by more than 25 percent. In this case, the expansion would triple the footprint living area.

We performed due diligence last summer: four visits to the building department, five emails to the building inspector, numerous requests for access to the plans and multiple requests for the paperwork to file a petition for review by the Zoning Board of Appeals. All these efforts were thwarted and denied. The ZBA was not given the current plans for their evaluation. In addition, we were also denied a viewing of the original certificate of occupancy for the

1963 cottage, which finally surfaced after the ZBA meeting and clearly shows the cottage had only an unfinished basement.

We were left with no recourse other than to appeal to the court. We have paused that appeal pending resolution at a lower level.

We must not allow our community to be hemmed in by developments that do not follow the code and by the lack of enforcement by the building department. This type of violation would establish an undesirable precedent.

This is not personal. This is not about aesthetics. It is about zoning regulations. Good zoning regulations make good neighbors.

José Roméu and Sidney Babcock, *Garrison*

### Battle of the Tunnel

I happened to be at the Yankee Clipper this morning (Jan. 21) when the Beacon boys' basketball squad came in for a team breakfast. What a great bunch of kids and great coaches. Lovely to see them!

Janet Goodman, *via Facebook*

### Early diaries

I loved the cheeriness of Georgianna Greenlaw's diary entries ("A New Bride's View of Cold Spring, 1906-1909," Jan. 17) and her resentment toward her husband for not

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## Clarifications & Corrections

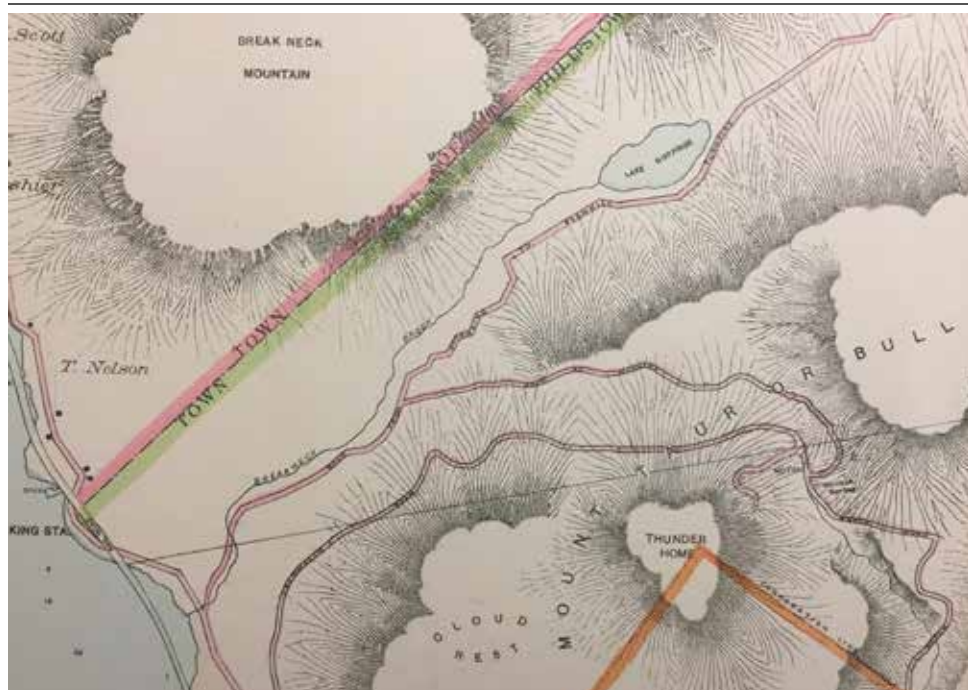
In the Jan. 17 issue, we reported that Lynn Miller, a trustee on the Cold Spring Village Board, noted at a meeting that if Putnam County shared 10 percent of the \$4 million it had received in sales tax revenue in 2019 over its projections, Cold Spring would receive \$44,000. In fact, she said that if the county shared the 10 percent among its nine legislative districts, the equal share given to District 1 (which includes Cold Spring and Philipstown) would be \$44,444.

The City of Beacon has changed the date of its first forum on development from Feb. 6, as we reported in the Jan. 17 issue, to Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7 p.m. The second forum will be held on 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, as announced.

In a story on the proposed expansion of state parks in the Highlands ("1,115 Acres," Jan. 17), we referred to a trail near the Garrison Institute as Marsh's Mile. In fact, it is Marcia's Mile, named in memory of Marcia Favrot, who died in 2002.



## LETTERS AND COMMENTS



In this map from 1891, the "road" (now a trail) taken by Georgianna Greenlaw is shown in pink passing to the south of Lake Surprise before continuing along Breakneck Brook to the present-day Route 9D.

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taking her to a dance! She mentioned a drive to Lake Surprise and then down a steep hill to Breakneck. I wonder if that's the old road from Route 9 up to the Cornish Estate and on to Lake Surprise. Does anyone have an old map or remember old-timers talking about that?

Melanie Longpre, via Facebook

Editor's note: As Robert Polastre noted online, the road, now gone, went from Lake

Surprise Road all the way to Route 9D and is roughly the present hiking trail (see above).

### Rock crushing

In regard to the rock-crushing business on Route 9, if you listen to the attorney for RNV Green Processing and Supply Corp., you'll hear him try to establish that processing construction debris was also part of the appeal to the Zoning Board of

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## Current Hires Senior Editor

The Highlands Current has hired a full-time senior editor who will assist with the week-to-week operations of the newspaper and website.

Leonard Sparks, who lives in Peekskill, is a former reporter for the *Times Herald-Record* in Middletown, where he covered Sullivan County and later Newburgh. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Morgan State University and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland.



"It was the generous support of our readers and members over the past few months that allowed us to add Leonard to the staff," said Editor Chip Rowe. "He joins a pretty amazing team of reporters."

In addition, Rowe named Brian PJ Cronin as the paper's environmental reporter. Cronin, who has been writing for *The Current* since 2014, will focus on environment issues in the Highlands, including the effects of climate change.

## Note to Readers

As *The Highlands Current* enters its 10th year, the board of directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Managing Editor Chip Rowe to the new position of editor of the paper and its website, highlandscurrent.org.

Chip assumed the job of managing editor in September 2016, when Putnam County legislators approved leasing 6,000 square feet at the Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring, plans were announced for a new art space in Philipstown called Magazzino and the U.S. Justice Department ended its years-long investigation of the Beacon Police Department.

Since becoming managing editor, Chip has led the paper in creating in-depth special projects on national topics with local impact. These have included the multi-part reports *Fighting Back: The Opioid Crisis*, *How Hot? How Soon? Climate Change in the Highlands*, *A Growing Chal-*

*lenge: Farms and Food in the Hudson Valley* plus a report in May, "Hate in the Highlands: The Extremist Next Door."

During Chip's tenure as managing editor, these and other stories and photos have won numerous awards from the New York Press Association, the National Newspaper Association and the New York News Publishers Association.

The news enterprise now known as *The Highlands Current* was founded by Gordon Stewart in June 2010 as the website Philipstown.info. Two years later, he added the print edition, then called *The Paper*. Chip has been with the enterprise since taking over as calendar editor in January 2013. We are pleased that he is at the helm now to guide *The Current* into its second decade of service to our communities of Philipstown and Beacon.

Chris Bockelmann, Chair and board members Jason Angell, Wendy Bounds, Susan Brune, David Duffy, Irv Flinn, Kyle Good, Nick Groombridge, Mel Laytner, Bevis Longstreth, Joe Plummer and Ru Rauch

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Appeals (“ZBA Rules Against Rock-Crushing Firm,” Jan. 17). Now they will try to build their 30,000-square-foot, “state-of-the-art” processing facility, but this is probably nothing more than a transfer station for refuse.

Do we need this in Philipstown? Why do we need refuse from Westchester or elsewhere here? The congestion on Route 9 will probably be horrible, not to mention the quality of life in the area, including the noise, air and (more than likely) groundwa-

ter pollution of the bordering wetlands that are already being encroached upon.

Bringing the property back to its original state would mean the removal of more than 100,000 yards of fill or much more, most of which came from Westchester. We do not know what it is, or what it contains. This is not the only property which has done this, but it’s the biggest offender.

Jeffrey Phillips, *Cold Spring*

### Beacon water

Not only do new development projects in

Fishkill and East Fishkill that tap into the aquifers that feed the wells continue to be approved, many of the new buildings are right above the aquifers (“Drinking-Water Wells Still Under Repair in Beacon,” Jan. 17). How long before there’s insufficient water to draw and the water itself is polluted?

Ralph Pettorossi, *Fishkill*

### Arabic adventure

Congratulations, Adriana Curto (“An Arabic Adventure,” Jan. 17). So amazing! Your photos and videos brought so much

of my experience back to me, as a fellow returned Peace Corps volunteer. You have done a beautiful job sharing it so that we can feel like we experienced some of it with you. Your examples of cross-cultural understanding and the true sentiments of how warm and welcoming people in other cultures are to American visitors should be front-page news every day. So happy you got to experience it all, and I hope that those feelings of hope and belonging stay with you wherever you land next.

Danielle Pack McCarthy, *Nelsonville*

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Addiction Topic of Galef Show

*Interviews Philipstown coordinator*

Sandy Galef, whose state Assembly district includes Philipstown, interviewed Danielle Pack McCarthy, Philipstown’s addiction resource coordinator, for an episode of the legislator’s program, *Speak Out*, that will air through February.

McCarthy, who is also executive director of the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub in Cold Spring, discussed a multi-pronged approach to preventing and treating addiction grounded in compassion and public education.

Galef’s public-access show airs each

Friday at 8:30 p.m. and each Saturday at 1 p.m. on Channel 15 in Garrison and south Philipstown, and on Channel 21 in Cold Spring and north Philipstown. She also has a channel on YouTube.

## Liquor Authority Approves Extended Hours

*Stores in Dutchess can stay open until 9 p.m., and on holidays*

The state Liquor Authority on Jan. 15 approved a two-hour extension that allows liquor and wine stores in Dutchess County to remain open until 9 p.m. daily.

A law dating to 1983 had allowed liquor

stores to remain open only until 7 p.m., and on holidays for only one hour (from 9 to 10 a.m.). Stores can now be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. They also can remain open for up to 12 hours on holidays.

The Dutchess County Legislature passed a resolution, 18-6, in April to extend the hours, but it was vetoed by County Executive Marc Molinaro. The Legislature then voted 19-5 on May 13 to override the veto and request that the Liquor Authority approve the extended hours.

Frits Zernike, a Democrat whose district includes part of Beacon, wrote the bill and was its primary sponsor. Nick Page, another Democrat whose district includes parts of Beacon, also supported the change.

## Putnam Symphony Seeks Musicians

*Preparing for April 26 concert*

The Putnam Symphony Orchestra has openings for musicians in cello, violin, bassoon, bass clarinet, trombone, baritone and percussion, as well as other sections.

Rehearsals for its April 26 concert begin Jan. 29 and continue weekly on Wednesday evenings at Brewster High School. The repertoire will be developed around the theme of “The Road to Tokyo — Music of the Olympics.” Contact conductor Christine Smith at putnamsymphony@verizon.net or 845-228-4167.

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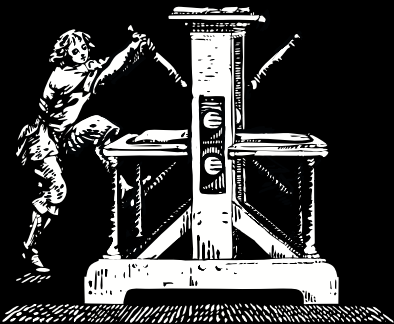
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# Beacon High: Grad Rates on the Rise

## Jump 3 percent over previous year

By Jeff Simms

Statistics released this month by the state Education Department show Beacon High School students graduating at a higher rate than average in nearly all major demographic groups.

Overall, the numbers, which were released on Jan. 16, show an 87 percent Beacon graduation rate for 2019, an increase of 3 percent over the previous year. The statistics are measured over four-year “cohorts,” which show, using last year as an example, how many students who entered the high school in 2015 had graduated by August 2019.

Statewide, 83 percent of the students in the 2015 cohort had graduated by August.

Beacon High School Principal Elisa Soto credited the school’s teachers.

“I quickly learned that our teachers care and want to connect and engage our students,” said Soto, who was hired by the district in June 2018. “They want to increase curiosity, and they do this by meeting as teams to discuss how to improve course material, which improves academic success and achievement. Each department has a chair that serves as an academic leader and mentor for teachers.”

Ninety-one percent of both black and white students in Beacon graduated in 2019 — significantly higher than the state average for black students, which was 75 percent, and about the same for white students, which was 90 percent.

Soto said the district has focused on creating “equitable” curriculum plans to address the needs of its diverse student body, which is 55 percent non-white.

In Beacon, 80 percent of Hispanic students, 82 percent of economically disadvantaged students, and 73 percent of students with disabilities graduated — all higher rates than the state average.

Although Beacon High School is split almost exactly between male and female students, it saw 92 percent of its female seniors graduate in 2019, compared to 83 percent for males. New York State showed a similar disparity, with 87 percent of females graduating versus 80 percent of male students.

## Haldane and Garrison School Notes

### Garrison School Board

#### Jan. 8 meeting

- The May 19 school vote could cost \$6,000 to \$10,000 more because the district has to rent voting machines. The county will not be able to provide machines because theirs will be sequestered after the April 28 presidential primary.
- Lillian Moser, a school monitor and afternoon crossing guard, was named Cold Spring Fire Co.’s Firefighter of the Year for 2019.
- The board renewed Jennifer Chagoya’s appointment as long-term substitute Spanish teacher while the district continues to search for a permanent replacement.

#### Dec. 11 meeting

- The board approved an agreement with Putnam County under which the school building can be used as an emergency public shelter or comfort station.
- The Garrison Children’s Education Fund announced that its fall appeal raised more than \$20,000.

### Haldane School Board

#### Jan. 21 meeting

- Erin Ledwith was recognized as a BOCES Student of Distinction.

#### Jan. 7 meeting

- The board heard details of a proposal to buy a 65-passenger school bus for \$120,000 and a 25-passenger bus for \$55,000.
- The board accepted the retirements of three teachers, effective June 30: Thomas Locascio (art); Carolyn McLaughlin (special education); and Eric Richter (English).

# Greener Together

## Local nonprofits form coalition

By Brian PJ Cronin

This spring, the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Bird Sanctuary in Garrison will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The planning began this past fall when the center organized a gathering of environmental and other nonprofits in the Highlands to meet the center’s new director, Scott Silver.

But there was something else on the agenda, says Bill Burback, co-chair of the center’s advisory board: how the groups could “mutually promote our various programs and perspectives on the environment to get more impact.”

Burback said that one of the coalition’s goals is to serve as a clearinghouse for speakers so that educational groups have an easy way to find local experts. It also hopes to help groups add environmental elements to their programming.

One example that arose was the garden walks held at Boscobel in Garrison. “There’s no reason why they couldn’t also do a bird-watching walk, and we could supply them with a volunteer who knows birds,” said Silver.

Economies of scale also came up, with the idea that members of the coalition



Bill Burback and Scott Silver of the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary

Photo by B. Cronin

could save money through bulk purchases and save time through pooling volunteers. “If we share our limited resources, it could lead to stimulating ideas,” said Burback.

There’s still a lot that’s up in the air. For one thing, the group doesn’t yet have a name. “At some point, we’ll need to start referring to it as something other than ‘the coalition,’” said Silver.

While the initial meeting included representatives from more than a dozen nonprofits, Burback and Silver would like to add more. Email Silver at [scott.silver@audubon.org](mailto:scott.silver@audubon.org).

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# NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Nelsonville at the Village office, 258 Main Street, on:

## Thursday January 30, 2020 at 7:30PM

to hear the appeal of Jacqueline Snyder from the denial of approval from the Building Inspector for a Shed in a HR (Hillside Residential) Zone requiring 25 FT setback from a side property line, per section 188.26, schedule B. A 10ft X 16ft existing shed located on the easterly portion of the property requires a building permit, but is located within approximately 13' 3" of the property line contrary to the above section. A variance from the required setback is necessary from 25 ft to 13 ft.

All interested persons will be heard at the above time and place.

A copy of the application is on file at the Nelsonville Village office and is available for public review, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

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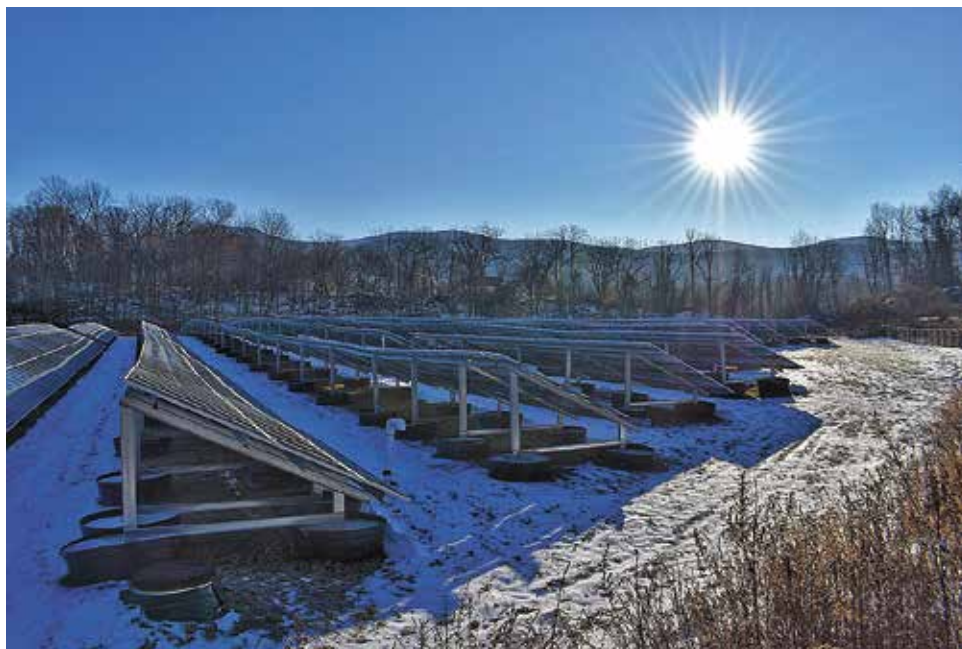
## Emissions *(from Page 1)*

show a significant decline, but this inventory also shows us the work we have left to do.”

The majority of the cuts are the result of two recent projects. In 2016, the city converted its traffic signals and streetlights to more energy-efficient LEDs. And in 2018, the city installed a network of solar panels atop the former Dennings Point landfill. City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero estimated that, in addition to reducing emissions, the two projects have so far saved the city \$300,000.

In 2019, its first full year in operation, the solar farm generated 3.32 million kilowatts of electricity and saved 445 metric tons of carbon dioxide from being generated. According to estimates by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, that's enough energy to power 319 homes for a year, while the carbon dioxide savings is the equivalent of taking 97 cars off the road for a year.

“The greenhouse-gas inventory is the first step toward creating a climate action plan where we're going to be stating how much we hope to reduce our greenhouse gasses by and our plan for getting there,” explained Eleanor Peck, who was hired



The City of Beacon's solar farm at the former Denning's Point landfill

Photo by B. Cronin

in September as the city's Climate Smart Coordinator.

The state Climate Smart Communities program is one way that New York is planning, at the local level, to reach an ambitious goal

of 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2040 and a “net-zero” carbon economy by 2050.

The city soon plans to purchase its first municipal electric vehicle and install two more electric-vehicle charging stations,

probably near the Building Department.

That would bring the total public charging stations to eight, with two installed by the city across from City Hall, two by Dutchess County in the parking lot of the Department of Motor Vehicles building on Main Street, and two by Metro-North at the train station.

Other suggestions in the report were to make the city friendlier to bicyclists and improve its water and wastewater facilities. Energy efficiency upgrades in both residential and commercial buildings are also seen as a significant way to lower emissions, as well as adding renewable energy sources and the conversion of building heating to air source or geothermal heat pumps.

The city won't be going it alone. Peck said that Beacon will be taking part in a carbon-action planning institute along with the Hudson Valley Regional Council and other municipalities.

The City Council also recently voted to join Climate Mayors, a bipartisan national group with 435 members. The group has committed to following through on the Paris Climate Agreement at a local level after the Trump administration withdrew the U.S. from the international accord.

## Deputy *(from Page 1)*

charged with attempted murder, attempted assault, assault and aggravated assault of a police officer.

The deputy, whom the sheriff did not identify, was released “amongst great fanfare with members of his department, local law enforcement—including a helicopter flyover from the Westchester County Police—K9s, first responders and hospital staff lining the lobby,” Langley said. “He is now resting comfortably at home.” He said the deputy “extends his gratitude to everyone who sent their good thoughts and prayers and for their good wishes.”

The officer is the second Putnam deputy to be seriously injured in as many months. On Dec. 14, a deputy suffered two broken ankles when he was struck by an SUV while directing traffic on Route 6 in Mahopac.

Langley said that in the Jan. 20 incident the officer responded with another deputy at 10 a.m. to a call about a domestic dispute at a home on Peekskill Hollow Road. When



Law enforcement officials wait outside the Hudson Valley Hospital on Wednesday (Jan. 23) for the release of a deputy who was slashed.

Putnam County Sheriff

they arrived, they were confronted by a male suspect with a knife. The officers attempted to Taser the suspect but he slashed the officer during the struggle and was subsequently taken into custody.

Before officers arrived, the suspect also stabbed his father multiple times in the chest and stomach with a kitchen knife, according to a police report. Despite “substantial injuries,” the father refused medical treatment,

the sheriff said.

Tom Corless, a senior investigator with the Sheriff's Department, said Tuesday night that poor radio service nearly increased the seriousness of the attack.

The injured deputy was trying to use his radio, Corless said, but it wasn't connecting. “He was lucky; people got there” in time, he said, noting that he was among those who responded to the call. “But how long was that? We don't really know.”

Corless, a former Nelsonville mayor, suggested that the installation of emergency services equipment on a cell tower planned for Rockledge Road could help prevent such delays. “If it was critical thing of a second, that makes a big difference to us, to all of us,” he said.

Langley said the officers' radios need to be upgraded. With the current models, “sometimes it's static, and sometimes it's nothing at all.”

*Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong and Leonard Sparks contributed reporting.*

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# Nelsonville Considers 5G Regulations

## *Philipstown board also hears claims of health risks*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

**H**ot on the heels of a vote to settle a lawsuit over a cell tower, the Nelsonville Village Board intends to take up another potentially fraught topic: Controlling 5G technology installations, the smaller successors to massive towers.

The board distributed copies of a draft law in early January and this week scheduled a public hearing for Feb. 18.

On Jan. 9, the Philipstown Town Board likewise signaled its interest in 5G by hearing a presentation from an environmental health activist who warned of dangers from the burgeoning technology.

(In Beacon, the City Council in 2018 adopted a law requiring a special-use permit to install

small-cell wireless units on poles more than 50 feet high, within 20 feet of a home, or with equipment less than 15 feet from the ground.)

Under Nelsonville's draft law, installers of small wireless telecommunications facilities (SWTF), including 5G, would need a permit from the Planning Board and the Village Board would have to authorize installations on village-owned sites. The Planning Board could require camouflaging of the unit to reduce intrusiveness. In some cases, as with distributed-antenna systems, the law would require a more rigorous special-use permit and building permit.

The draft also states that applicants would be required to provide evidence that demonstrates the need for the antennas and structures and justify their heights. In residential areas, the installations would be banned within 30 feet of a residence.

The installations also could not have "a

significant adverse impact on scenic or historic resources."

Mayor Mike Bowman said on Jan. 8 that "we're incorporating a lot of things we learned from the last round" of dealing with telecommunications issues.

## Philipstown

In a briefing for the Philipstown Town Board on Jan. 9, Ellen Weininger of Grassroots Environmental Education, based in Port Washington, New York, explained that 5G technology relies on hundreds of closely spaced wireless antennas, often placed on streetlamps and utility poles in residential areas. This brings "24/7 exposure" that, unlike an individual's cell phone, cannot be turned off, she said. "We've seen them in people's front yards and back yards" and near schools.

On its website, her organization claims that the "small, but powerful transmitters" in personal devices, routers, smart meters, direct antenna systems and other wireless innovations "all combine to increase our

exposure to wireless radiation," or radio-frequency radiation.

"Long considered harmless, low-level exposures to this type of radiation are now recognized as capable of damaging DNA, interfering with normal brain development and increasing the risk of certain cancers," it adds.

Weininger said that 5G is not necessary for connectivity or public safety but is for games, wireless appliances, driverless cars and "layers and layers of applications."

Federal law restricts municipalities from regulating the technology based on health concerns, and, according to the American Cancer Society, there is no scientific evidence that low-level radio-frequency radiation increases the risk of cancer. The Federal Communications Commission also states on its website that claims of "harmful biological effects" from low-level radio-frequency radiation are "ambiguous and unproven."

## Cell Tower *(from Page 1)*

and its partner, Verizon Wireless. Mimicking a fir tree, the "monopine" structure would be built at 15 Rockledge Road.

Homeland and Verizon sued in June 2018, alleging the Zoning Board of Appeals had violated federal law by denying a permit to build the tower. The zoning board decision followed months of review. AT&T Mobility, which wants to use the Verizon facility, also sued.

Negotiations led to the agreement. John Diaconis, a village lawyer, said the judge and municipal insurers favored ending the dispute and that "it's not easy to get these settlements."

The eight-page document forbids any future increase in the tower height and bans development elsewhere on the 9.6-acre site, which is in an area of suburban-rural homes and old farms.

It also provides that the structure's lighting will project downward, noise pollution will be minimized, the village can help design the layout of the tower driveway, vegetative screening will help shield the tower, the tower will comply with zoning laws, and tower sponsors will create a \$30,000 fund to help neighbors with landscaping, although anyone accepting that money must agree not to sue.

The Rockledge site owner, Doug Logan, plans to sell the parcel to Homeland, rather than lease it. He said his alternative plan for the site would be three to five homes, "which would make a real mess, right up against the cemetery."

Logan, who also manages the Cold Spring Cemetery, said he has often heard

from opponents that they want to "save the cemetery" from the tower. "I don't know what the hell the tower is going to do," he remarked. "It's not going to walk down there at night and tear the place apart."

Logan and several other audience members at the Jan. 21 meeting argued that the cell tower is essential to emergency communications. The agreement allows local emergency services to use the tower at no charge. "You need the tower. You need the communication. You need it quickly. You need it accurately," Logan said.

Tom Corless, a former Nelsonville mayor who is a Putnam County Sheriff's Department senior investigator, concurred. He noted that after a sheriff's deputy was slashed on Monday (Jan. 20), the wounded deputy was "calling for help and calling for help" but his radio wasn't connecting.

Corless said calls often cycle through a tower in Orange County and then back across the Hudson River. "This tower is critical," he said.

However, another former Nelsonville mayor, Bill O'Neill, advocated further court action because "you have to fight for things you believe in." O'Neill observed that 5G telecommunications systems, which require more but smaller poles, "may alter the need for cell towers." He also predicted that the village will now face lawsuits from residents.

One resident who has campaigned against the Rockledge location, Eliza Nagel, said that in the preceding week \$30,000 had been raised for further litigation. "I urge you to refuse" the settlement and to work with the opponents "to find a way to continue this fight," she told the board. "We need to stand up for our own decision."



A rendering from a consultant's report of what a 95-foot monopine would look like overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

But Mayor Mike Bowman said village officials had "exhausted every possible alternative" to a settlement.

Moreover, Maria Dickey, a Nelsonville resident who is a lawyer with the state appellate court system, warned that \$30,000 wouldn't go far. The expense of continued litigation probably "is enough to

crush this little village," she said.

Trustee Dove Pedlosky assured cell-tower opponents that she had "immense respect for your passion. I share it." Nonetheless, she cited "the forces we are up against and the particular fragility of our teeny village," which has 600 residents and \$132,000 in savings.

"We are in no position to deplete the village's small savings, sell our open space, or impose an assessment on those struggling [economically] to fund a legal battle with such odds," she said. Even paying outstanding legal bills will require money provided by the settlement, she noted. (The companies will pay \$35,758 toward the costs the village incurred in months of reviewing the tower application.)

"I told myself I would keep fighting [the tower] until such efforts might jeopardize our village," Pedlosky said. "I believe this settlement is the least atrocious of the outcomes."

Her colleagues agreed. "Sometimes," Bowman concluded, "the most courageous thing is to make the decision that is not popular."

Nelsonville's settlement resembles one approved by the Philipstown Town Board in July to end a federal lawsuit filed by Homeland Towers and Verizon after the town refused to issue a permit for a tower on Vineyard Road near the intersection of Routes 9 and 301.

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## AROUND TOWN



▲ **TOP WRITERS** — Six Beacon City School District students were named winners of the annual Martin Luther King Jr. essay-writing contest. Pictured above, from left to right, are Kayla Gerades, Lyriss Pennock, Richard Johnson, Fiona Burke-Smith and Savannah Brace, along with Beacon Superintendent Matt Landahl and contest organizers. Gavin Troiano, the sixth winner, is not pictured.

*Photo provided*



▲ **MAP MAKERS** — Leonora Burton, owner of The Country Goose in Cold Spring, stands amid the 34 Haldane students who, last year as first graders, mapped Main Street as a part of the Discover, Create and Innovate Program. Burton (back row, center) presented a check for \$800, a portion of her sales of 140 tote bags and 146 postcards that feature the student map, to teacher Jennifer Quick. Diane Landtroop of The Country Goose and teacher Lauren Hocker are behind the students at right. The donation will benefit the first-grade art program. Burton said the tote bags have proven popular and, with just a handful left, she will order more. C&E Paints assisted with postcard sales.

*Photo by Michael Turton*

◀ **WHAT DO YOU THINK?** — Kevin Slimp, center, a consultant known as the “news guru,” visited the Highlands from Knoxville, Tennessee, on Jan. 17 and 18 to conduct focus groups in Philipstown and Beacon to find out what people think of *The Current* and how it might be improved. His visit was funded in part by a grant from the Community Foundation of Putnam County.

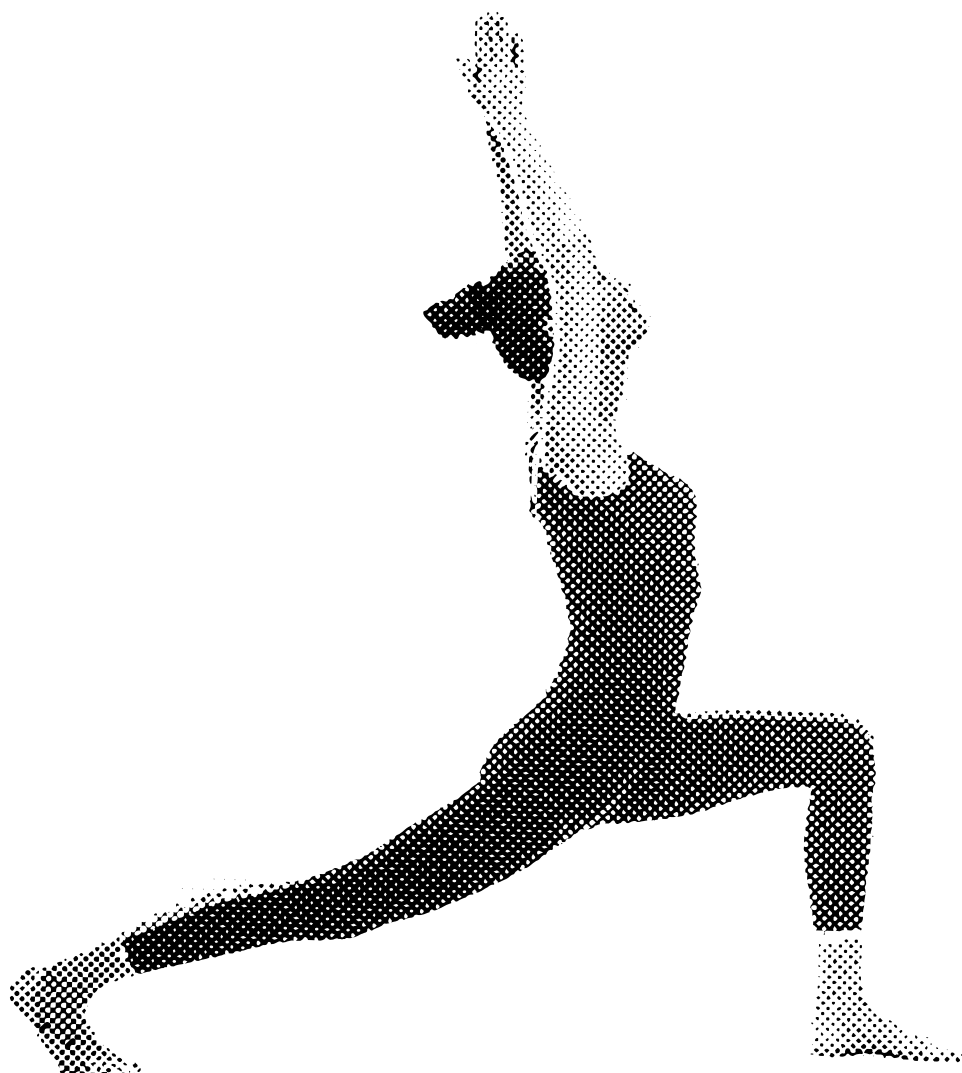
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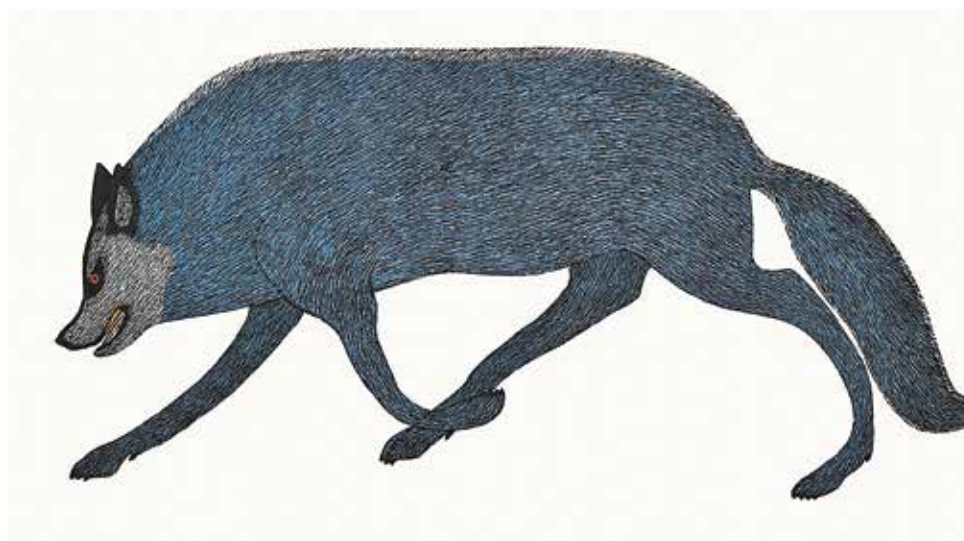




# The Calendar



"Bird of Mallikm," by Lucy Qinnuayyak



"Tundra Wolf," by Quvianaqtuk Pudlat



"Aerial Courtship," by Quvianaqtuk Pudlat

## Prints from the Far North

### *Inuit artwork on display in Beacon*

By Alison Rooney

Cape Dorset lies 1,573 miles due north of the Highlands. Or, to put it in more picturesque terms, Cape Dorset is an Inuit hamlet located on Dorset Island near Foxe Peninsula at the southern tip of Baffin Island in the Qikiqtaaluk Region of Nunavut, Canada.

It's a special place. Since the 1950s, prints, drawings and sculpture created at its Kinngait Studios (formerly the West Baffin Eskimo Co-operative) have drawn an international following. For the past several years, the TheoGanz Studio in Beacon has represented the cooperative, initially at a Main Street storefront and now in a print room at 4 DeWindt St.

On Friday, Jan. 31, from 4 to 7 p.m. and again on Friday, Feb. 14, the studio will present a selection of stonecuts, lithographs and etchings.

According to the cooperative, print-making was introduced to Cape Dorset by James Houston, a Toronto artist sent to the region by the Canadian government in 1956 to develop an arts-and-crafts program.

The Inuit were already making incised ornaments and tools, as well as applied garments and bags, but few works were done on paper before 1957, when Houston and a few Inuit men began working on experimental prints. Seeing potential in the

results, Houston traveled to Japan to study Ukiyo-e, a traditional woodblock practice in which an artist's drawing is given to a master printer.

"Historically they were producing drawings on walrus tusks, thousands of years ago," says Eleni Smolen, who owns the TheoGanz Studio. "Stonecut is what they're known for — a substitute for cutting it into a woodblock print — as there are no trees, no wood up there."

In the stonecut process, which is unique to the Canadian Arctic, the first step is to trace the drawing and apply it to the smooth surface of the prepared stone,

according to a book published by the cooperative, *Art of Cape Dorset*. "Using India ink, the stonecutter delineates the drawing on the stone, then cuts away the areas that are not to appear in print, leaving the uncut areas raised."

Once that is completed, "the raised area is inked using rollers, and a thin sheet of fine paper is placed over the inked surface. The paper is pressed gently against the stone by hand with a small, padded disk, one at a time."

Stenciling, copper engraving, etching and lithography are all techniques now employed by Inuit artists, along with drawing and carving done on a metamorphic rock called serpentinite, quarried from a

(Continued on Page 14)

## Turning Things Upside Down

### *Depot's Flipside series begins with dance*

By Alison Rooney

Jamel Gaines believes performing artists should be placed on stages, but not pedestals. Even as a student at SUNY Purchase's dance program decades ago, Gaines says he never let himself get too lofty. "I've always seen myself as a regular person, connecting art to people," he says.

Gaines, a Garrison resident, is the founder and artistic director of Creative Outlet Dance Theater, a Brooklyn-based company that recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. On Saturday, Feb. 1, he will lead a community workshop at 4 p.m. and a performance at 7 p.m. at the Philipstown Depot Theatre. *Urban Roots: Dance!* will be the first event

in a Depot series called Flipside that is designed to bring art forms and productions to its stage that aren't usually seen there.

Gaines says his company mixes rigorous classical and modern technique with African American soul and spirit, often incorporating spoken word, live music, videos and photographic art.

The workshop, he says, will be an open class for the community. "I'll put music on and we'll just explore," he says. "It's fun and it's all about physical movement, nothing technical."

The later performance will consist of malleable pieces, he says, in part to accommodate the Depot's relatively small stage. One, called *Cutting Edge*, is full of "personal solos, lots of line and square shapes," he explains, while another, *Tribal Truth*, is a "combination of modern, ballet and African

(Continued on Page 14)



Dancers in a Creative Outlet performance last year at the Brooklyn Academy of Music



# THE WEEK AHEAD

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

## COMMUNITY

SAT 25

### Sandy Galef Town Hall

GARRISON

10 a.m. – Noon. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://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  
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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](http://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](http://xrhudsonhighlands.wixsite.com/xrhh)

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



Drag Queen Story Hour, Feb. 1

WED 29

### BeaconArts Annual Meeting

BEACON

6:30 p.m. Industrial Arts Brewing Co.  
511 Fishkill Ave. | [beaconarts.org](http://beaconarts.org)

A vote will be taken for new board members; the slate of six includes three incumbents.

## TALKS & TOURS

SAT 25

### Spring Street Reading Series

NEWBURGH

7 p.m. Atlas Studios | 11 Spring St.  
845-391-8855 | [atlasnewburgh.com](http://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.

MON 27

### Collect, Cling & Covet

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Cheerful Strength  
3182 Route 9, No. 111  
[cheerfulstrength.net](http://cheerfulstrength.net)

Madeline De Nitto will lead a workshop about our relationship with objects.

FRI 31

### The Eating Instinct / The Anti-Diet

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.  
845-265-2080 | [splitrockbks.com](http://splitrockbks.com)

Virginia Sole-Smith and Christy Harrison will discuss their recent books.

SAT 1

### Winter Wellness Workshop

COLD SPRING

3 – 5 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | 845-666-7202  
[magazzino.art/events/upcoming](http://magazzino.art/events/upcoming)

Jillian Pransky will lead a mindfulness and slow-flow vinyasa workshop for deep relaxation. *Cost: \$60 (\$100 with props)*

## KIDS & FAMILY

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  
[hnm.org](http://hnm.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)*

SAT 25

### Student Showcase

BEACON

3 p.m. Rombout School Gym  
88 Matteawan Road | 917-648-4454  
[compassarts.org](http://compassarts.org)

The theater and music students in Imagination Playhouse, Theater Crafters, the Rompatom Ensemble and Rompatom Prep will perform. *Cost: \$8 (\$10 door, children free with adult)*

THURS 30

### Kindergarten Parent Orientation

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane School (Room 116)  
15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254  
[haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org)

Student registration will take place Feb. 3 to 5. To schedule an appointment, contact Jodi Champlin at 845-265-9254, ext. 122, or [jchamplin@haldaneschool.org](mailto:jchamplin@haldaneschool.org).

SAT 1

### Drag Queen Story Hour

PUTNAM VALLEY

11:30 a.m. Putnam Valley Library  
30 Oscawana Lake Road  
845-528-3242 | [putnamvalleylibrary.org](http://putnamvalleylibrary.org)

Angel Elektra will sing her favorite songs and read for children and teens up to age 13 who are accompanied by an adult. Kids can enjoy a glamorous, positive and

queer role model and “imagine a world where dress up is real.”

SAT 1

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

COLD SPRING

Noon – 2 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Enjoy Lego fun, crafts and snacks.

SUN 2

### Storytime with Vern Kousky

COLD SPRING

10:15 a.m. Split Rock Books  
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080  
[splitrockbks.com](http://splitrockbks.com)

Kousky will read from his latest picture book, *Lawrence: The Bunny Who Wanted to Be Naked*.



Storytime with Vern Kousky, Feb. 2





MUSIC

**SAT 25**  
**James Carney, Richard Bonnet & Melvin Bauer**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
jmescarney.bpt.me  
Carney, 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)*

**SUN 26**  
**Danny Driver**  
**BEACON**  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org  
Driver's program, which is part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle's Piano Festival, will include Beethoven's *Hammerklavier*, along with works by Ravel, Deirdre McKay and Betsy Jolas. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

**THURS 30**  
**Francesca Beghe**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com  
The singer, known for crossing and blending genres, will be accompanied by Jerry Marotta, Marc Shulman, Zev Katz, Daniel A. Weiss, Diane Garisto and Emily Bindiger. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



**THURS 30**  
**Modfest**  
**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
7 p.m. Vassar College  
124 Raymond Ave. | music.vassar.edu/concerts/2020-modfest.html  
The opening concert and reception for Modfest 2020 will be a performance by the Vassar Chamber Singers, Choir, and Women's Chorus at Skinner Hall of Music, with a reception to follow in the Bridge for Laboratory Sciences. The annual festival runs through Feb. 9 with talks, exhibitions, film screenings and performances.

**SAT 1**  
**Concert of Concertos**  
**NEWBURGH**  
4 p.m. Aquinas Hall  
Mount Saint Mary College  
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org  
The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform works by Mozart, Beethoven and Prokofiev with three sopranos. *Cost: \$25 (students free)*



Danny Driver, Jan. 26

**SAT 1**  
**Joshua Bell**  
**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
8 p.m. Bardavon  
35 Market St. | 845-473-2072  
bardavon.org  
The violinist will be accompanied by Alessio Bax on piano in a program that includes Schubert, Franck and Bach. Proceeds benefit the Hudson Valley Philharmonic. *Cost: \$100 to \$150*

**SAT 1**  
**The Dark Horses**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com  
Nine Orange County musicians will pay tribute to George Harrison, from his Cavern Club days with the Beatles through his solo career, including collaborations with Eric Clapton, Jeff Lynne and The Traveling Wilburys. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

STAGE & SCREEN

**TUES 28**  
**My Big Fat Greek Wedding**  
**GARRISON**  
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org  
Bring a food or beverage for a shared Greek-inspired meal



Concert of Concertos, Feb. 1

as part of the library's Edible Flicks Series with this 2002 independent romantic comedy.

**TUES 28**  
**Wild**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Story Screen Beacon  
445 Main St. | storyscreenbeacon.com  
Shown as part of the Philosophia Series, this 2014 film starring Reese Witherspoon is based on Cheryl Strayed's memoir about her journey along the Pacific Coast Trail as she pieces her life back together.

**WED 29**  
**Butterfly Tales**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7:30 p.m. Create Community  
11 Peekskill Road  
facebook.com/expansive-theater-workshop  
The Expansive Theatre Workshop presents short, personal stories told by Adam Auslander, Debbie Broshi, Laura Danilov, Suzanne Johnson, Karen Kapoor, Lourdes Laifer, Ellen O'Neil, Michael Reisman, Mona Smith, Rachel Thompson and Tara Vamos.

**SAT 1**  
**Urban Roots: Dance!**  
**GARRISON**  
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.org  
The Flipside Series will launch

with a performance by the Jamel Gaines Creative Outlet honoring jazz artists through ballet, modern, African and hip-hop dance. See Page 11. The group will also hold a workshop at 4 p.m. *Cost: \$20 (\$10 workshop)*

VISUAL ART

**SAT 25**  
**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. The event was rescheduled from Jan. 18.

**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 will exhibit digital media, video and sound works recorded during trips to Iceland. In *Presence 2.0*, Navarra

will show works on paper using reconstructed vintage documents as a starting point.

**FRI 31**  
**Stonecuts from Cape Dorset**  
**BEACON**  
4 – 7 p.m. TheoGanz Studio  
4 DeWindt St. | 917-318-2239  
www.theoganzstudio.com  
This exhibit will feature prints from the Canadian Arctic made with techniques borrowed from the Japanese practice of woodblock printing. See Page 11.

**SAT 1**  
**African American Artists of the Hudson Valley**  
**BEACON**  
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
The 26th annual African-American History Month exhibit will include work by Jean Benoit, Ronald E. Brown, Rhonda Green-Phillips, Arnold Hayes, Ondie Thomas James, Richard Outlaw, Symantha Outlaw, Olivier Spearman, Gina Waters, Donald Whitely and Rochleigh Wholfe. Through Feb. 29.

CIVIC

**SAT 25**  
**Ward 1 Office Hours**  
**BEACON**  
Noon – 2 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-838-5010  
cityofbeacon.org  
Councilmember Terry Nelson will meet with constituents.

**MON 27**  
**City Council**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

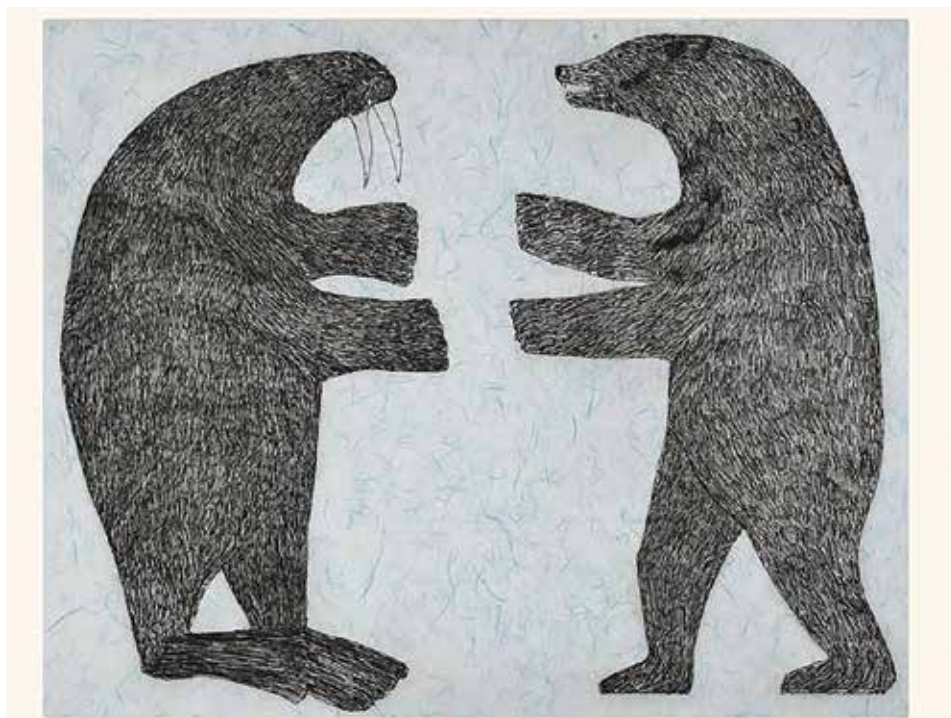
**MON 27**  
**School Board**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road  
845-838-6900 | beaonk12.org

**WED 28**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611  
coldspringny.gov



Wild, Jan. 28





"Confrontation," by Nuna Parr

## Inuit Art *(from Page 11)*

region about 200 miles away.

For the past 60 years Kinngait Studios, the printmaking branch of the cooperative, has released an annual collection of 30 to 60 images.

Smolen, who grew up in Canada, notes that Inuit art is "part of the culture there. There are lots of knock-offs so you have to be sure you're buying something original and authentic. There are over 21 art cooperatives across the Arctic; Cape Dorset is the most prestigious and widely known."

The prestige comes, in part, she says, because "it's consistent in its release every year and the artists are generational — children pick the techniques up from their grandparents and learn to draw."

Smolen didn't start handling Inuit art until she opened TheoGanz. "I'm probably their smallest little dealer, but they make you feel so good, so valuable," she says. "I can send them a query, like 'How do I get some creases out of a print?' and I receive an elaborate response,

step-by-step. I've asked them to go into their archives to hunt out drawings that I can't find, and they're always helpful."

To obtain the art, she travels to Dorset Fine Arts in Toronto, which was established in 1978 to act as a liaison between the cooperative and dealers. Smolen first visited the far-off community in 2018. "I realized that if I was going to keep doing this, I needed to see it," she says.

Smolen finds the animal imagery compelling, though she notes many people relate to the humorous and whimsical prints, especially those with colorful animals. "For the most part my personal favorites are the darker ones," she says. What surprises people the most, she says, is "the scale. You really do need to see them in person."

*Except for the two scheduled receptions, the TheoGanz Studio is open by appointment. Email [theoganzstudio@tds.net](mailto:theoganzstudio@tds.net) or call 917-318-2239. To browse the most recent annual collection, visit [dorsetfinearts.com/2019-annual-print-collection](http://dorsetfinearts.com/2019-annual-print-collection).*

**“There are over 21 art cooperatives across the Arctic; Cape Dorset is the most prestigious and widely known. ~ Eleni Smolen**

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Dancers at the Creative Outlet studio in Brooklyn

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## Flipside *(from Page 11)*

dance and has an African folklore feel; it's unstructured and almost like coming to a family picnic; there's lots of clapping and participating."

Gaines, who moved to Garrison to be near his teenage son, will be bringing some of his students from Brooklyn to perform.

Growing up, he says he "got bit by the arts thing at my local school, where there was a wonderful program, run by an amazing teacher, Diane Brown. She had the ability to get guys involved, and doing that naturally, so there was no time to think of any macho excuse.

"That skill set was passed along to me. It was the late 1970s and she was able to take us to see a lot of original Broadway productions, shows like *The Wiz*, *Grease*, *Purlie*. I loved it, and part of that was I just always saw myself as a regular kid who was in the performing and cultural arts. I have a different build — I was always a football guy. I'm the oldest of six — four boys, two girls — from an athletic family. Swimming, running, biking: We were very competitive with each other."

By the time Gaines graduated from high school, he had carved out a niche as a dancer, particularly in modern, jazz and African dance. He says he loved the diversity of the dance program at SUNY Purchase. "Both ballet and modern were equally important," he recalls. "The way the structure was I thought after graduating I would be dancing and setting other people's works."

He danced with a company called Jubilation!, but by the late 1980s the group had lost many members to AIDS at a time when many companies were already struggling to stay afloat. "I asked myself, do I want to sit around and wait for news of auditions or get a studio and friends and create some work?" That led to teaching and partnerships with schools, churches and other places "which had spaces which could be used as dance studios. These were often going unused."

## Flipside Schedule

Flipside was scheduled for the Philipstown Depot Theatre by a committee of parents, supporters and volunteers who "reached out to artists who'd never performed at the Depot and thinking about performances that had never — or rarely — been tried here," explains Ned Rauch, the Depot's marketing associate.

The series will continue with a staged reading of a new musical (*The Count*, on Feb. 29), a one-woman show (*My Story, My Voice*, on March 7), a film about bees (*The Pollinators*, on March 8), a storytellers' night (*Night Train*, on March 13) and a show featuring photographs taken by visually impaired people (*Blind Visionaries*, March 21).

Tickets are available through [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org) for each event, or all six can be purchased as a package for \$96 at [brownpapertickets.com/event/4495033](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/4495033).

At its height, Creative Outlet Dance Theater had about 350 students in 40 schools, Gaines says. The numbers decreased after he decided to take a "life break," helping raise his son and leaving Brooklyn for Garrison.

"Now that my son is older, I'm transitioning back to building the organization," he says. "It's been my life's spiritual work. Dance is good for people. It's a holistic, healing practice, great for coordination and for functionality of life movements, and it strengthens our health, as well."

*The Philipstown Depot Theatre is located at 10 Garrison's Landing. Tickets are \$10 for the workshop and \$20 for the performance at [brownpapertickets.com/event/4493747](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/4493747).*





Tom Ptacek, Tamara Reynolds and Melissa Ptacek

Photo by A. Rooney

# Two Stores in One

*Furniture and home retailers co-habitate in Beacon*

By Alison Rooney

Two new shops in Beacon are cohabitating, sharing a storefront and displaying their products in ways that complement each other.

Ptacek Home fills two-thirds of the space at 146 Main St., while LLTO (for Live Light Travel Often) has the rest. To a visitor who browses furniture from Ptacek used as perches for objects from LLTO, it seems a productive and seductive match.

“We’re sorting out who and what goes where, but the good part is that we bring in separate clients that may end up buying each of our products,” explains Tom Ptacek, who runs Ptacek Home with his wife, Melissa. “The whole store has a much more serious combination of craft.”

He says the couple planned on opening a pop-up shop but changed course when the space became available.

Tamara Reynolds, who owns LLTO, says the partnership formed quickly. “I’d been traveling and received a welcome home text from Tom — we had worked on various residential projects together for about five years — and I had to make an immediate decision,” she recalls. “Because I already had this line [of products] in my mind for some time, I was ready.”

Tom, as much artist as furniture crafter (and homebuilder), makes sustainable furniture, including bookshelves, day beds, tables and stools, from downed trees. Recently he had about 50 logs on-site at his Garrison workshop, some felled by “line guys re-doing holes on my road,” he says, and others taken out during renovations at Dolly’s Restaurant on Garrison’s Landing.

Like many woodworkers, Ptacek takes his cues from the wood — the ridges,



LLTO sells a Nambu Tetsu cast-iron kettle designed by Makoto Koizumi and crafted using a 17th-century Japanese technique.

Photo provided

graphic patterns and coloration.

“Most furniture is about price and convenience,” he says. “So much gets discarded as junk shortly after purchase. Take a teak-veneered piece of chipboard that gets steamed across the ocean, trucked across the land, hauled into a big box store. People use it for a while, it has a short life span — and of course the suppliers will sell you another gladly. There are many trees harvested here, taken to Asia, then returned here. That’s not good. This furniture will last a long time.”

The store is the couple’s “bricks-and-mortar portal to our online activity,” says Melissa, a textile designer and museum educator who met her husband in art school. “We just have a sampling of our work here.” Adds Tom: “We’re selling them in a price range that makes them practical. I view it as a piece of sculpture in your home, and you might never sit on it — or you might.”

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## El Coyote to Open Soon?

A representative for El Coyote, the dining chain that for the past year has been remodeling the former Stadium Restaurant at 1308 Route 9 in Garrison, said the Mexican restaurant plans to open in three weeks. The brothers Rolando and Carlos Axilote opened the first El Coyote in Queens in 1998 and now have two outlets in Queens and three in Connecticut. Residents interested in employment can call 203-546-7355.

*Photo by Michael Turton*

## Ptacek Home *(from Page 15)*

LLTO focuses on home and travel essentials, Reynolds says. "This is about having just the pieces you need, made by hand with masterful craftsmanship, often employing centuries-old techniques," she explains. "We want each piece to be both beautiful and useful, sophisticated and streamlined, but not opulent."

Reynolds says in selecting products she avoids newness for newness' sake with each new season. "That effectualizes markdown and more unwanted product," she says. "I believe there is a shift toward responsible business models emerging that do not generate this level of waste and overproduction. We want the purchases you make here to be with you for a very long time — maybe a lifetime."

The stock includes many textiles, plus works in cast-iron and ceramics. Most items are tagged with cards that provide their background, with makers from all over the world, including the Republic of Guinea and Japan.

Reynolds has a background in fashion, much of it in indigo design. After graduating from Pratt Institute, she freelanced for companies like Tommy Hilfiger and GAP and was a design director at American Eagle Outfitters and Aeropostale. After moving to Garrison, Reynolds shifted to interior design.

"I wanted to bring my fashion and textiles background into the home," Reynolds explains. "I had this concept percolating for about five years before launching



A handmade, tin-plated crane grater designed by Ooya Seisakusho and available at LLTO

*Photo provided*

the line. It's heavily influenced by traveling to Japan four times a year, where I've been exposed to the philosophy of having relationships to things you have. I wanted every object to be very tactile — so you can feel the maker in them.

"A lot of the work in the store happens at night, but it's a labor of love," she says. "It was at a point where I couldn't not do this, so I'm carrying this crazy load and my kids see how inspired I am and feel inspired, too. In fact, my son just asked for a loom!"

*Ptacek Home and LLTO are open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday to Monday. See [ptacekhome.com](http://ptacekhome.com) (845-424-6112) and [live-lighttraveloften.com](http://live-lighttraveloften.com) (845-765-1885).*

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Ray DiFrancesco

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### Whistling Willie's *(from Page 1)*

ther and grantor of the business's lease, was active in the restaurant's operation, along with his son, Ray, and daughter, Brianna.

"Uber and Beacon killed us," said DiFrancesco, explaining that groups typically stopped at Willie's only briefly before taking Uber to Beacon, where opportunities to barhop are more plentiful.

An altercation with a customer alleged to have occurred in the early morning of Jan. 1, 2014, that led to DiFrancesco's arrest on charges of assault and reckless endangerment also hurt the restaurant's reputation. (The Putnam County district attorney eventually dropped the charges.)

"It cost us business," DiFrancesco conceded. Events booked by groups from Haldane High School and other organizations were canceled, "but they came back 19 months later," he said, adding that even during his lengthy legal proceedings, organizations had no trouble asking the restaurant for donations.

The franchise appeared to be on the upswing by 2016 when the family opened Whistling Willie's II in Fishkill, which thrived but then closed in August, another victim of Uber and Beacon, DiFrancesco said.

DiFrancesco said both of his sons have moved on and are no longer working in the restaurant business. All but one of Whistling Willie's employees, including his daughter, have already found new jobs, he said.

Asked if he would consider getting back into the hospitality business, DiFrancesco said: "Yes, but not here and probably not in this state."

For now, he said he may simply spend some time at a small farm he owns in the Catskills.

The future of the building that has welcomed customers for more than 170 years is uncertain. DiFrancesco said much of the building's infrastructure, grandfathered as acceptable when he and his family took over Willie's, will have to be upgraded at great expense before a new business can open there.

Most of Cold Spring's commercial buildings have seen widely varied uses over the years, but 184 Main St.'s history has always centered on hospitality, first as the Diamond Hotel, which opened in 1849. The upper floors served as a veterans' hospital during and for a short period after the Civil War, with a ground-floor saloon.

After its use as a hospital, the building was remodeled and reopened as the Hotel Manteo, a name that lasted until 1978.

In 1986, the restaurant became Henry's-on-the-Hudson. After two more ownership and name changes, Sohan established Whistling Willie's in 2007.

The south end of the bar at Whistling Willies featured the remnants of a wooden Hotel Manteo sign that the DiFrancesco family discovered in the basement. Much of the present-day mahogany bar is believed to date to the Diamond Hotel era.



The Hotel Manteo, at right, around 1912

Putnam History Museum (2)



The Hotel Manteo in the 1970s

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The Beverly Robinson House got a new roof in 1870.

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A painting by Andrew Fisher Bunner shows an ice harvest on a lake in Rockland County around 1890.

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# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (January 1870)

The ferryman, Thomas Lipsey, and some of his passengers, hearing a cry at 5 p.m. in heavy fog that sounded like “O-o-o-o!,” rowed back across the river after landing at Cold Spring. They found a young woman, Anna Rose, on the rocks on the western shore, drenched from the rain and exhausted, having become disoriented while making her way over the mountain to visit a friend.

A jury awarded Mr. Flood \$20 damages for defects in a cow he purchased from Mr. Bean.

As the funeral procession of Elijah McKeel slowed while it proceeded down Pear Tree Hill in Nelsonville, the pole of the mourners’ wagon broke the rear window of the hearse.

Nora McCarty, who a year earlier had slipped on the stairs at Town Hall and broken her leg, slipped on ice on Rock Street near the schoolhouse and broke her arm.

The Rev. Francis Russell gave a reading as part of the Lecture Association series, mostly from the writings of Charles Dickens.

Bailey of Breakneck made a seam blast with two and a half kegs of powder, sending enough rock down the mountain to supply the stonemasons for a good while.

A reader wrote to the editor of the *Cold Spring Recorder* to note that he had been coming up Main Street when he saw “a crowd of these nuisances [boys] in front of Schoenfeld’s, encouraging some other boys to fight and swear. Some grown men were there too, doing nothing to preserve the peace and order of our village.”

The Beverly Robinson House in Garri-son, where Benedict Arnold spent his last night before fleeing to a British warship on the Hudson, got a new roof and “will now last the remainder of the century if not destroyed by fire or in some other extraordinary manner,” noted the *Recorder*. [The house burned down in 1892.]

A young man named Wyant was arrested

for stealing two picks from Patrick O’Donnell on Church Street and selling one to O.M. Baxter for 50 cents.

The four horses pulling a load of cough drops produced by Smith Brothers of Poughkeepsie took off down Main Street without



their driver until the wagon overturned.

Joseph Caux of Nelsonville was blinded in his right eye while chipping a piece of iron.

The “lightning calculators” of School District No. 3 challenged the pupils of No. 10 and No. 13 to an adding competition at the Rock Street school on any afternoon.

Sylvanus McKeel reported he had plowed his corn field as if it were April. “We never heard of such a feat in Philipstown until this year of funny weather,” the *Recorder* noted.

## 125 Years Ago (January 1895)

The New York Central Railroad enacted a policy that baby carriages and bikes must be checked as luggage. It also announced the end of reduced fares for clergy. Although the papers reported this was due to ministers reselling their tickets, the railroad insisted the fare had been introduced only for the 1893 World’s Fair.

After sending tramps, idlers and drunkards to the county jail in 1894 cost Philipstown \$4,387, the board of supervisors voted to board convicted vagrants at the King’s County penitentiary for \$2.25 per week each.

The town clerk reported 11 more births than deaths in the previous year.

Mahlon Coe launched a campaign to get stores to close at 8 p.m., except Monday and Saturday, so merchants could spend more time with their families. However, farmers

complained they rarely had time before 8 p.m. to get to the village.

A West Point cadet attempting to cross the river on the ice became stuck on a large cake that floated to near the Foundry dock, where he was rescued by a steamer.

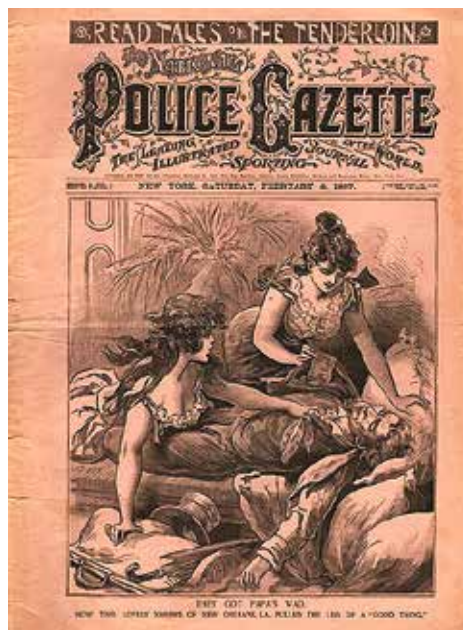
Hamilton Fish of Philipstown was elected speaker of the state Assembly.

The champion walker Fred Miller and his dog Guess passed through Cold Spring on a return trip from New Orleans. Miller had begun his walk in New York City a year earlier and returned by way of Cincinnati and Buffalo with a promise from the *Police Gazette* [below] to pay him \$5,000 for the stunt.

The truant officer, Quinlan, reported he had warned several children that they must attend school.

The *Recorder* reported that the “onion social” had become the rage. Six young women stood in a row and one of them bit an onion. The young men paid 10 cents each to guess who it was, with those who chose correctly getting to kiss the other five.

The paper also made note of several laws that it suggested weren’t being enforced: news dealers displaying titillating publications such as the *National Police Gazette* in their windows; residents throwing ashes in the street, which looked especially bad after a snowfall; sleds using brakes that tore up the roads; and wagon drivers not having a bell.



A theatrical troupe booked for a week at Town Hall left on Wednesday morning after playing to empty benches on Monday and Tuesday.

An oil lamp exploded inside the post office.

Thieves stole a flock of Plymouth Rocks — 25 birds — from the hennery of John Wise at Breakneck, killed them, plucked them, and left the feathers and heads in the coop. A week later, thieves took 45 chickens from Charles Emerson.

A number of residents were suffering from the grippe [flu].

An explosion at the Orange County Powder Works about 3 miles west of Newburgh was loud enough to be heard in the village, but the cause is unknown as the only man in the building was killed.

“The ice crop, which is most important in the Hudson Valley, and which is as susceptible to being ruined as the orange crop of Florida, seems to be all right,” the *Recorder* reported. “There will be plenty of good ice next summer, and it ought to be cheap.”

The *Recorder* noted that the use of slates was being discouraged at school in favor of paper and lead pencils, which were thought to be easier on the eyesight.

The Musical and Literary Circle held a contest at its weekly meeting in which each young woman handed a partly-completed apron to each young man, along with thread and a needle. The men had 30 minutes to complete the most artful hem.

David Haight, of the North Highlands, owned the oldest farm team in the county and perhaps the state, Harry Clay, 29, and Lady Clay, 30, until the death this month of Harry. Haight had the team for 25 years.

The owners of trotting horses waited impatiently for the river to freeze so they could enjoy their annual ice trot.

## 100 Years Ago (January 1920)

Five Democrats — Frederick Osborn, Henry deRham, Otis Montrose, Thomas Murray and Charles Selleck — asked a state Supreme Court judge to examine the campaign expense reports of Putnam County Judge Bennett Southard. They

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alleged he violated the Corrupt Practices Act by spending more than \$500 on his campaign. Southard filed a report for \$499.45 but the men said the Republican and Prohibition candidate had not reported \$20 he spent on Election Day to rent two automobiles in Cold Spring.

The American Children's Dress Co. in Cold Spring donated 15 articles of clothing to the Philipstown branch of the American Red Cross for distribution in Europe.

A state assemblyman proposed that a new state be created called Greater New York that would consist of New York City, Long Island and Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Greene and Sullivan counties.

### 75 Years Ago (January 1945)

Corp. Wesley Daniels, 23, of Furnace Street, came home on a 30-day furlough from a hospital in Texas where he was recovering from machine-gun wounds inflicted during fighting in France. Only one of the three bullets could be removed.

Staff Sgt. Robert Faulds, formerly of Cold Spring, was awarded the Bronze Star for his actions in France in August 1944, when he volunteered to accompany a medical officer into heavy artillery fire to rescue a wounded soldier. Sgt. Malcolm Stevenson of Cold Spring, a tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator, was awarded the Air Medal for Meritorious Achievement.

Word arrived that Private First Class Thomas Lutze, 19, of Main Street in Cold Spring, died of combat wounds suffered in Belgium. The 1942 Haldane grad, who had been overseas for a month, was survived by his parents and four sisters.

Four Philipstown men — Charles Macher, William Fischer and Dominick Bocchino of Cold Spring, and Jack McIntyre of Garrison — were reported missing in action. McIntyre was the first man from Putnam County to be inducted, on Nov. 24, 1940.

### 50 Years Ago (January 1970)

Olive Adams, the Philipstown historian and a lifelong Nelsonville resident, died at age 83, and Alfred Zeliph, the retired superintendent of the Stuveysant Fish Farm (later Continental Village), died at age 80.

The Village Board hired the Pure Waters Authority to build, maintain, service and operate a sewage-treatment facility.

The Philipstown board restored the Democratic supervisor's annual salary to \$4,600 after the then all-Republican panel, in its last meeting of 1969, cut it by 35 percent. The change was made after a number of residents protested.

Herb Tauss, a magazine illustrator who lived in Garrison and whose most recent



A pulp illustration by Herb Tauss, and Tauss in his home studio in Garrison around 1990  
Wikipedia

work appeared in the December 1969 issue of *Argosy*, spoke at the Friends of the Butterfield Library's annual meeting.

A couple from Newburgh was killed when their 1966 Grand Prix Pontiac collided head-on with a truck on Route 9 in Philipstown, and a couple from New York City died when their car slid on the ice into another vehicle on Route 9D just south of Breakneck Lodge and burst into flames.

The Bijou on Main Street in Cold Spring showed *Battle of Britain*, starring Laurence Olivier.

Helena Livingston Forester, the daughter of Hamilton Fish who served as a nurse in France during World War I and was active in the suffrage movement in Putnam County, died at age 76. During World War II, she founded the Philipstown chapter of the British War Relief Society. She and her husband, Henry, lived on the old Hopper farm on Travis Corners Road for 50 years.



About 85 boys were on hand for the first session of the Cold Spring Lions' Saturday morning basketball program at the Haldane gym.

John Benjamin of Garrison, newly relocated to Crested Butte, Colorado, purchased and remodeled an office building at the center of town that was renamed The Country Store and included a bar called The Tailings.

The Haldane school board heard a



as the legislative clerk for \$53,550 annually.

After a three-month investigation, state police troopers arrested three Philipstown residents — a 41-year-old man and his wife and brother — on allegations they ran a sports-gambling operation that grossed \$1 million annually.

With help from their teacher, third graders at the Garrison School corresponded by electronic mail with students in Australia.

Metro-North announced plans to pave the Cold Spring train station parking lot, institute a permit system and add 30 meters.

Voters in the Garrison school district voted down a plan, 323-206, that would have created more classrooms and funded other improvements.

Putnam County sheriff's deputies arrested a 29-year-old man after he threw a hatchet across a barroom on Route 9. The suspect was leaving with a large knife when officers disarmed him.

The Open Space Institute, the new owner of the Malcolm Gordon School property in Garrison, offered Philipstown Recreation the use of its athletic fields.

*The Putnam County News & Recorder* received a number of angry letters after reporting in an unsigned story that during an 84-80 loss by the boys' basketball team, the Blue Devils' star guard "spent a good deal of time complaining to the referees" and that Coach Sniffen, "dressed in a Bobby Knight red sweater, took on the famed coach's antics."

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## SPORTS

Tunnel *(from Page 24)*

"That was a total blast," Beacon Coach Scott Timpano said after the game. "The atmosphere was amazing, and winning certainly helped everything. There were so many people in that little gym."

Hoping to continue the game as an annual tradition, the schools purchased a Battle of the Tunnel trophy for the winner to keep at its school until the next contest.

After trailing for the entire game, Haldane tied it in the fourth, and held a tenuous 54-53 lead with just under a minute to play, much to the delight of the home fans.

Tristen Reid scored with 36 seconds to put Beacon back on top, but freshman Matteo Cervone hit a free throw to tie the game at 55-55.

Quazir Hayes' bucket with 23 seconds left put the Bulldogs in front for good, 57-55, and Ian Bautista's two free throws gave Beacon a 59-55 lead with 15. Haldane captain Alex Kubik scored a quick layup to make it 59-57 before Adrian Davis missed one of two free throws to leave the door open for the Blue Devils.

At the other end, with time expiring, Kubik, on the right elbow, took a pass from Matt Champlin for his last-second 3-pointer.

"This was a special night," said Haldane Coach Joe Virgadamo. "We had opportunities. They played a strong first half, and we had a strong second half, that's why we were in the game. Give Beacon credit — they played good defense and capitalized on turnovers."

Hayes finished with 19 points and Shane Green added 13 and six rebounds to lead Beacon (5-10). Mame Diba had a career-high 27 points to pace the Blue Devils. Beacon also prevailed in the junior varsity game, 62-49.

Beacon didn't allow Haldane to make a single 3-pointer in the game, a first for the Blue Devils this season. "We also only hit 11-of-20 free throws, and we still had a chance to tie it at the end — I'm pretty happy with that," said Virgadamo.

Timpano said he was pleased with his team's defensive effort.

"Our guys gave an excellent effort to get out and cover their guys and contest shots," the coach said. "Tre Smith [five rebounds, six assists, three steals, no turnovers] did a great job on Champlin, Tristen Reid [eight points, five assists, six rebounds, three steals] played a good game, while Quazir, Shane and Adrian all gave us big baskets."

According to Virgadamo, who attempted to research the history of the two boys' teams matching up, the only previous game in perhaps the past 50 years was a 68-50 Beacon win at home on Jan. 25, 2012.

Haldane also picked up a 72-47 victory over Yonkers Montessori Academy on Tuesday (Jan. 21), with Champlin leading the way with 24 points and Cervone adding 16. The Blue Devils improved with the win to 9-3.



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AMY KUBIK (4)





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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

**ACROSS**

1. Venomous viper

4. Incense

8. Pop

12. Ball-bearing item

13. Beelzebub's doings

14. From square one

15. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood —

17. Calm before the storm

18. Comedian Rivers

19. Refuge

20. Downright

22. Road's shoulder

24. Hard to find

25. Almond confection

29. "— Got a Secret"

30. Left-hand page

31. Ostrich's cousin

32. Union

34. Valhalla VIP

35. Loathe

36. Loses traction

37. Drive away

40. "Wozzeck" composer

41. Summertime treats

42. — Thatcher

46. Commandment starter

47. Birthright barterer

48. Historic period

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49. Huge amount of sausage

50-Across 9. Burden

51. See 49-Across 10. Place to buy

51. Tarzan's creator's 8-Down

28. Sisters

30. Test tube

33. Variety of macaque

34. Gumbo base

36. Music transition

37. Ceremony

38. Canyon phenomenon

39. Lowly worker

40. Author Stoker

42. Encountered

43. "— was saying ..."

44. Mess up

45. Bill

**DOWN**

1. \$ dispenser

2. Vast expense

3. Storyteller in court

4. Detox center

5. Terrible guy?

6. "— Abner"

7. Right angle

8. Sandwich

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**CLUES**

1 completely change (9)

2 short pause in the action (7)

3 strongly encouraging (6)

4 city in western Canada (9)

5 Aesop's tales (6)

6 foot treatments (9)

7 cooking outside (8)

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Answers for Jan. 17 Puzzles

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Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive versions.



## SPORTS



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The Bulldogs and Blue Devils faced off on Jan. 17.

Photo by Amy Kubik

## Beacon Wins Battle of the Tunnel in a Thriller

*Last-second Haldane shot bounces off rim*

By Skip Pearlman

The gym at Haldane High School was packed and rocking on Friday night (Jan. 17) as the Blue Devils boys took on Beacon for just the second time in decades.

The two teams gave the crowd, which filled every seat along with every available place to stand, an electric performance. Beacon led by as many as 14 but had to withstand a furious late rally by Haldane, which took the lead briefly before falling, 60-57, when a 3-pointer by senior Alex Kubik bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

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## Bela Monteleone Scores 38 in Win

*Haldane girls improve to 7-6*

By Skip Pearlman

The Haldane High School girls' basketball team defeated East Ramapo, 68-51, on Saturday (Jan. 19) behind a career-high 38 points from senior Bela Monteleone, who also grabbed five rebounds and had seven steals. Shianne Twoguns added nine points, Essie Florke had eight, and Maddie Chiera contributed seven points and five rebounds.

The match-up was the consolation game in a tournament held at Peekskill High School. In the first game on Jan. 17, Haldane fell to White Plains, 55-28. The Blue Devils (7-6) are scheduled to host Keio on Saturday (Jan. 25) at 11 a.m., and travel to Putnam Valley on Thursday (Jan. 30).

The Beacon girls, meanwhile, suffered two straight losses — to Hendrick Hudson, 41-22, on Jan. 17, and to Kennedy, 58-53, on Wednesday (Jan. 22), to fall to 6-7. "It was a tight game, and our girls played well," Coach Christina Dahl said of the Kennedy game. Enita Rodriguez scored 14, Grace



Senior Bela Monteleone scored a career-high 38 points against East Ramapo.

Photo by Scott Warren

Affeldt had 12 and Analiese Compagnone and Skyler Kurtz each added 10.

The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Hendrick Hudson on Wednesday (Jan. 29) at 4:30 p.m. and visit Poughkeepsie on Jan. 31.



Beacon senior captain David Paschal

Photo by S. Pearlman

## Beacon Boys in Fast Lane

*Swimming for league and conference titles*

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School boys' swim team has been performing well this winter, with the Bulldogs at 9-4 overall and 9-2 in the league, although the last two weeks have been rough.

After a 6-1 start, the team split its most recent six meets. "We swim against three tough teams, and we are not at full strength with only about 75 percent of our team" due to injuries, said Coach Larry Collins.

Senior David Paschal and junior James

Patino, the captains, have been performing well. "Those are our top two contributors," he said. "They've set some team records in relays."

In addition, junior Stephen Quintero is also excelling ("We're hoping he can make it to states") and sophomore Lucas Vermeulen, in his fourth year on the varsity, "had a great turnaround and has been competitive in every meet," Collins said.

Eighth grader Bryce Manning, in his second year with the team, is also showing potential. "He's improved a lot," Collins said. "I'm looking for him to do well in the conference championships, hopefully in the top two or three."

The Bulldogs won their most recent meet on Tuesday (Jan. 21), defeating Mount Vernon, 79-25. Beacon will host the 11-team conference championships on Saturday (Jan. 25) starting at 9 a.m. Sectionals are scheduled to begin Feb. 10 in New City.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Ready for Districts

Seven boys and girls won their age groups at the annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship at the Capuchin gym in Garrison on Jan. 10 and will compete at the district level on Feb. 21 in Fishkill. They were Parker Larsen (age 10), Zackary Fox (12), Xavier Fox (9), Marisa Peters (11), Camilla McDaniel (13), Devyn Kelly (14) and Drew Kelly (10). Zackary Fox made 14 of his 15 shots.

### Learn to Fish

Registration is open for a fishing lesson on Saturday, June 6, at Veterans Memorial Park in Carmel. It will be open to Putnam County residents ages 7 to 14.

Each participant will receive a free rod, reel, tackle box, fishing directory and hat.

Space is limited to 150, and online registration is required. The event is co-sponsored by the Oasis Sportsmen Club and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County, and participants in past 4-H fishing clinics are not eligible. See [putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events](http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events).

### Flag Football

The Beacon Bears are organizing a spring flag football league for boys and girls ages 5 to 13, with games scheduled for Saturdays in May and June.

You do not need to be a Beacon resident to participate. Practice takes place two nights a week, with one mandatory for eligibility. To register, see [clubs.bluesombrero.com/beaconbears](http://clubs.bluesombrero.com/beaconbears). The deadline is April 1. For an early bird discount until Feb. 12, enter code 2971. The cost is \$80.