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## Are Fishkill Voters Being Duped?

*Town Board candidates file, but are they running?*

By Jeff Simms

Democrats and Working Families Party officials say they believe two “ghost candidates” are running for the Fishkill Town Board in a scheme to aid Republicans seeking election to the five-member panel.

If true, it would be another example of a ploy that’s gained steam this year in which right-leaning candidates, after changing party affiliation, vie for office on the progressive Working Families Party (WFP) line to siphon votes from Democrats. In addition to Dutchess, similar scenarios have played out in Rockland, Rensselaer and Saratoga counties.

Sandy Oxford, the secretary of the New York State WFP, says the party has “seen a flurry” of candidates seeking “to dilute the vote and confuse voters” since New York State cut the Green, Libertarian and Independence parties from ballots when they failed to receive 130,000 votes, or 2 percent of those cast, in the most recent presidential election. That left just the Republican, Conservative, Democratic and Working Families lines. “It’s not an original move,” she said.

The Fishkill candidates, Justin Golon and Robert Brian Reynolds Jr., are running for Town Board seats held by Democrats Jacqueline Bardini and Kenya Gadsden, who are both seeking reelection. John Forman, a former Dutchess County legislator, and Carmine Istvan will appear on the Republican and Conservative lines on the Nov. 2 ballot.

(A third seat on the board was vacated by Ori Brachfeld earlier this year. Joseph Buono, a Democrat who was appointed to replace Brachfeld, is running to keep the seat against Brian Wrye, who appears on the Republican and Conservative lines. No candidate will appear on the WFP line for that seat.)

Golon and Reynolds earned their spots on the ballot by defeating Bardini and  
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**MUSICAL TREAT** — The Heritage Applefest at Boscobel in Garrison on Sunday (Oct. 10) included opportunities for younger visitors to pluck apples — and strings. See Page 15 for more photos.  
Photo by Ross Corsair



**YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY** — Following the implementation of cashless tolling, the New York State Bridge Authority last week tore down the tollbooths on the western side of the Bear Mountain Bridge overnight. Built in 1993, the booths were not original to the bridge, which opened in 1924.  
Photo by Jim Long/NYSBA

## Forum: Cold Spring Mayor

*Candidates discuss issues facing village*

By Chip Rowe

On Wednesday (Oct. 13), the two candidates to become the next mayor of Cold Spring, Kathleen Foley and Vinny Tamagna, appeared at a virtual forum moderated by *The Current*. A video of the discussion is posted at [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org). Below is a transcript, edited for brevity.



Foley



Tamagna

**Let’s start by having the candidates share their qualifications and why they want to be mayor.**

**FOLEY:** I want to be mayor because I deeply love this village. I came onto the Village Board in 2020 but am certainly not new to Village Hall. I have been on as a standing board and other boards in the village for 13 years. When my daughter was about a year old, I needed things to distract my mind from having a 1-year-old and I got involved with the Historic District Review Board and served on it as a member and then as vice chair. I’ve been involved with writing the tree ordinance. I was involved on the special board and one of the committees of the comprehensive plan. I volunteered with the Tots’ Park. I am a class parent at Haldane and a Girl Scout leader. I’m kind of all over the village because I need to be. I’m committed to this village because I’m raising my children here. We’re here for the long term. And I’m ready to do the work.

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: AKIKO SASAKI

By Chip Rowe

Last week the Howland Chamber Music Circle, which organizes performances at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon, introduced its new music director, pianist Akiko Sasaki. The second concert of its 2021-22 season is scheduled for Sunday (Oct. 17).

## How were you introduced to the Music Circle?

My husband and I — he's also a pianist — moved to Beacon in 2015. Our landlord in Brooklyn decided to sell the building and we couldn't find anything that fit our situation, which is that we own two grand pianos. We had finally found an apartment in Brooklyn which had a basement, after so many years of complaints from neighbors. When people learn that you play the piano, they don't realize that



you're going to be practicing the same thing over and over. A friend said: "You should check out Beacon." We bought the third house we saw. Being a classical musician, I was looking for concerts and the Howland Cultural Center was just down the road. I fell in love with the Music Circle and the venue. You could feel the energy; it was so welcoming. I asked if there was anything I can do to help and in 2017 I started the Classics for Kids series.

## How do you find musicians for the series?

I know a lot of classical artists, so that helps. I keep track of who won the latest competitions because we want to bring in emerging artists. A lot of times, managers will reach out because their acts will be coming to New York. There is also an annual chamber music conference in January that showcases artists.

## When you teach a young student, is there a common mistake you see them making?

Often they have learned method but not technique.

They get stuck in a position and don't produce tone through weight rather than pushing a button. You have to think about how your weight is transferring to the next keys.

## You also play the koto, a stringed instrument. How did you discover it?

Because I'm Japanese, I had known a lot about it since I was young but I didn't start playing until 2008. I needed a break from piano. Sometimes you drill these pieces for so long — not that I was done with a piece, but it's hard to feel fresh. I got into a bad headspace, so I thought I would do the koto for fun for a year or so. But I got hooked and, within two or three years, I was performing with my teachers.

## Do you have a favorite composer?

It depends if I'm playing or listening. Playing, I feel my style fits well with Rachmaninoff and Shostakovich, or Prokofiev, that kind of Russian [composer] where it's a heavier touch. I also love the drama of Beethoven. For listening, I love Debussy and Arvo Part and Messiaen. I love playing Bach, for myself, not for an audience because it's so complicated. There are so many voices. You have to focus because the moment you get a little off with Bach, it's hard to get back on.

# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Do you have a favorite moment from baseball this time of year?

“Yes! Joe Carter's home run for the Toronto Blue Jays to win the 1993 World Series.”



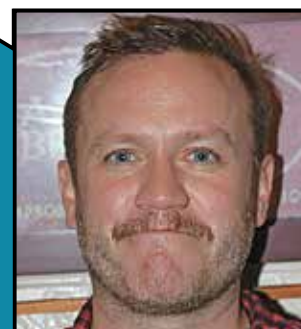
Brendan Barry, Beacon

“1986: Mookie Wilson's ground ball gets past Bill Buckner; Mets win the World Series!”



Barbara Rudolph, Cold Spring

“No. I really just don't care about baseball.”



Jack Morrison, Cold Spring

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## Candidates *(from Page 1)*

Gadsden in a Working Families Party primary in June.

According to Dutchess County records, Golon and Reynolds were among the 97 county voters (14 of them in Fishkill) who changed their affiliation to the Working Families Party between Jan. 1, 2020, and Feb. 14, 2021 — the deadline for doing so before the primary. Reynolds had previously been a Republican and Golon was unaffiliated.

The switch allowed them to collect the nominating signatures necessary (seven each) to force a WFP primary against Bardini and Gadsden. Golon and Reynolds prevailed, winning 23 and 22 votes to Gadsden's 10 and Bardini's 8.

The result is that two candidates, perhaps with questionable allegiance to the Working Families Party, will appear on the ballot, where they could conceivably “split the vote” by luring progressive voters away from Bardini and Gadsden, who are endorsed by the WFP.

“Everything [Golon and Reynolds] did was legal, but it was not the will of the Working Families Party,” Oxford said, noting that neither came for an endorsement interview or completed party questionnaires. “We’re very clear with who we vet and who we endorse. We don’t even know who the heck these people are.”

While the WFP may not be familiar with Golon and Reynolds, there’s evidence that local Republicans are.

The Golon and Reynolds nominat-

ing petitions were notarized by Andrew Forman, John Forman’s brother. Both candidates list Ronald Davis, the chair of the Fishkill Republican Committee, as a contact on their petitions. (Davis is running against Yvette Valdes Smith to fill the 16th District seat in the Dutchess Legislature, which includes Ward 4 in Beacon.)

According to his LinkedIn profile, Golon has also worked at Eastern View Landscape Management, a Wappingers Falls lawn and yard work firm, as a project director since 2009. The company’s CEO? Carmine Istvan.

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**~ Sandy Oxford, secretary of the New York State WFP**

Istvan and Forman did not respond to requests for comment. Nor did Golon. Reynolds did not list any contact information on his petition.

Greg Totino, the chair of the Fishkill Democratic Committee, says Golon and Reynolds are “placeholder,” rather than legitimate, candidates.

“It’s highly frustrating because our Democratic candidates are trying to run on a level playing field, abiding by the letter and the

spirit of the laws that govern elections,” he said, calling the shift to the WFP “premeditated. What our local Republicans did is exactly what you do when your intention is to subvert the principles of democracy.”

The residents who run a Facebook page called Keep Fishkill Beautiful have been sending questions about local issues to Town Board candidates over the last two months. Eileen McManus, one of the volunteers running the page, said they’ve been unable to locate Golon or Reynolds. Neither has any significant presence online, either personal or related to the election.

In addition, Republican candidates who had agreed to answer questions that would be posted on the page stopped responding after Keep Fishkill Beautiful asked if they have any connection to the WFP candidates. “All of the sudden, they’ve gotten very quiet,” McManus said.

Oxford, the Working Families secretary, said the party has pushed for reforms to New York State’s “antiquated” election laws.

For instance, candidates for New York’s Supreme Court are chosen indirectly through delegates. Voters elect party convention delegates in the primary election, and those delegates choose the Supreme Court candidates that will appear on the November ballot.

But other judges and non-judicial candidates are chosen through partisan primaries, which a candidate can force — in some cases, such as Fishkill — by collecting only a handful of signatures.

Oxford calls the delegate system a “much more orderly way” of earning a party’s

endorsement.

“It’s not easy getting consensus on these panels for endorsements,” she said. “There should be some respect for that, and there isn’t.”

Another issue is that the WFP in New York state does not have county committees, as Democrats and Republicans do, to challenge and remove a candidate from the party’s line “that is not in sympathy with the values of the political party,” Oxford said.

“This cannot be done summarily; there must be proof or evidence to remove a candidate from a line,” she said. “County committees have expanded power to exercise key party functions, like keeping recently enrolled imposters from stealing our line.”



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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Campaign finances

As the treasurer for the Forge Ahead team, I want to respond to "Missing Numbers" (Oct. 8), in which Vinny Tamagna, who is campaigning for mayor of Cold Spring, said he and the three trustee candidates running as the Better Together team each filed exemptions with the New York State Board of Elections so they do not need to file campaign finance reports. However, they do not meet the criteria.

First, a waiver is only available to a committee supporting a *single* candidate for office who is running in a town or village with a population of less than 10,000.

Second, the committee must spend less than \$1,000 to avoid filing. Mr. Tamagna is mistaken when he claims that *each* candidate on a ticket is entitled to a \$1,000 exemption.

I am keenly aware of the costs of print ads and campaign materials since I must report expenditures but also send copies of all campaign materials for the Forge Ahead team and its candidates to the Board of Elections. Each week I have been tracking campaign materials for Mr. Tamagna's team. My rough and conservative estimate is that it has spent in excess of \$2,500 on print ads alone in the *Putnam County News*

& Recorder, with the election still three weeks away.

Better Together has also printed lawn signs and held events. If Better Together is not accepting contributions, as it claims, where did that money come from?

I urge Mr. Tamagna to comply with state election laws and register his candidacy and his team's, and complete the campaign financial disclosure report due by Oct. 22. He has already missed two disclosure deadlines, on July 15 and Oct. 1.

Join me in tracking his compliance by checking the Board of Elections database at publicreporting.elections.ny.gov. And join me in voting for Kathleen Foley, Eliza Starbuck and Tweep Phillips Woods on Nov. 2 for honest and good government.

Carol Filmanski, *Cold Spring*  
*Editor's note: On its Instagram account, Better Together wrote: "In case anyone had any questions about our team filing with the NY Board of Elections, this was done by all our candidates. Our team filed the appropriate CF-05 [waiver] form when we began this exciting journey a few months back! We also have not asked for or received any donations in which we would be prompted to file any other documentation. We hope that all parties can stick to the issues of the campaign and not*

*confuse the public or our voters."*

To clarify, the state Board of Elections says that "candidates and authorized committees solely supporting one candidate for public office in towns, cities or villages having a population under 10,000, where the candidate and/or committee does not raise or spend in excess of \$1,000 in the aggregate for the campaign, are not required to file campaign financial disclosure reports. This threshold includes the personal funds of the candidate."

Thank you for digging into the campaign filings of candidates for local offices. Elected officials and candidates talk about accountability and transparency and declare their allegiance to law and order. Yet in this case, most haven't followed the most basic laws to ensure accountability and transparency in their campaigns.

Gretchen Dykstra, *Cold Spring*

### Sales tax

Don't be misled by misinformation that is fed to voters during an election period. Unethical candidates know that the electorate does not have the time to fact-check every piece of information disseminated by someone running for office, and it is important that voters cast their votes based on facts.

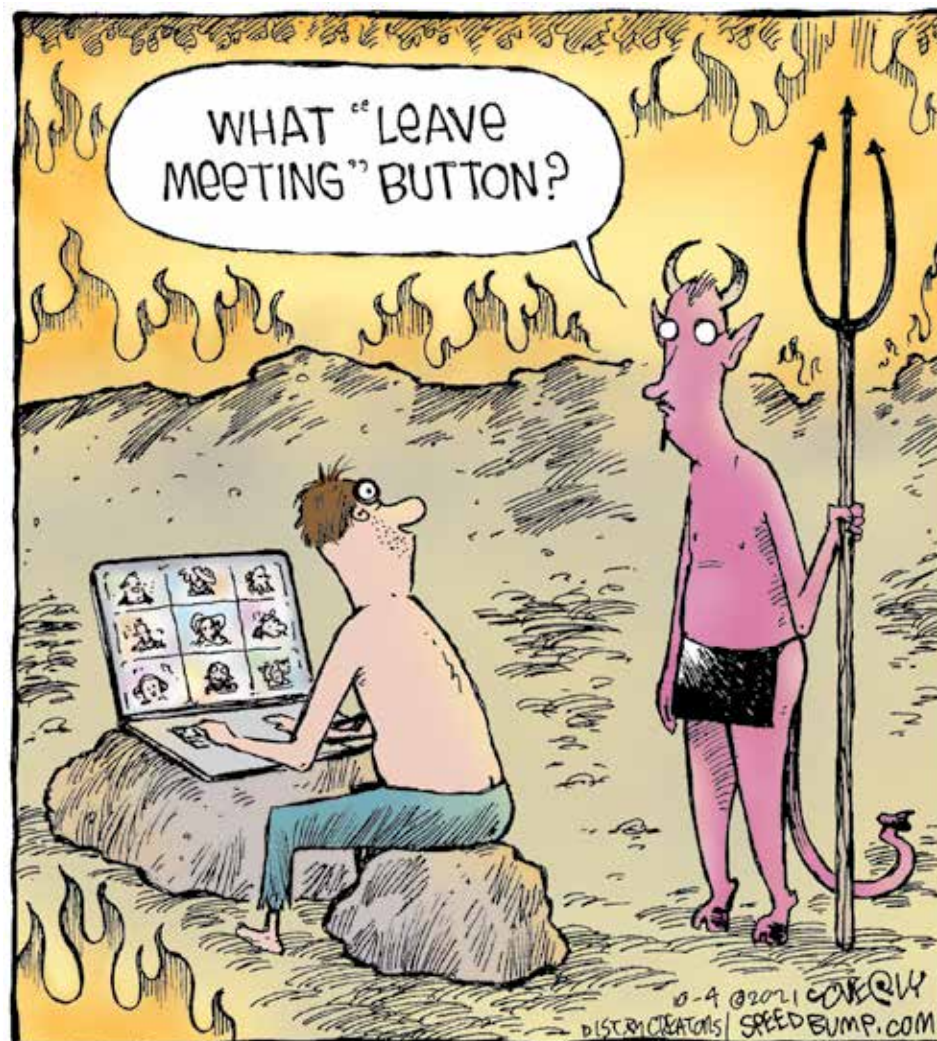
With the November elections at hand, the "get-more-sales-tax-back-from-Putnam County" issue is making the headlines again. Most people would agree it would be good to get more money from the county. However, the devil is in the details and the details have not been adequately or accurately explained by our representatives.

The Office of the New York State Comptroller publishes a report called *Understanding Local Government Sales Tax in New York State*. The most recent was updated in October 2020. It explains the mechanics of sales tax collection and redistribution. There are a few things in it that Philipstown residents should know.

Putnam is one of 11 counties in the state that do not have a tax-sharing agreement (TSA) with their municipalities. There's more to it than Putnam not being willing to "do the right thing" or "share the growth," which is lazy election-year rhetoric.

Adopting a TSA in Putnam will require a comprehensive assessment of the financial relationship between District 1 (which includes Philipstown) and the county. Any recalibration of this relationship would require the county to reconsider the existing scope of services made available to our district. That could result in changes which have a negative impact on our community, such as a reduction in services paid for by the county with that sales tax. The result

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might be losing services far more valuable than the return of a small portion of the tax.

If we do want a TSA in Putnam, we need to start by crunching numbers and developing relationships with other towns and districts. Our current representatives lack the professionalism, patience, experience and the sense of comity to make this happen. They blame Carmel and the Republicans, when the solution starts with them.

Cindy Trimble, *Cold Spring*

## Food insecurity

That there are neighbors with limited access to nutritious, affordable food is no surprise to us as farmers and service providers in Philipstown. When the pandemic hit last year, this social problem of food insecurity entered the national dialogue and more Americans became acutely aware of the weaknesses in our food system. But here in Philipstown, we are poised to build an equitable food system that reaches all residents and provides nutritious foods to sustain life. We were pleased to see that Jason Angell raised this important local issue at the Oct. 7 Philipstown Town Board meeting.

We were reminded that the town received generous donations in the hundreds of thousands in the spring of 2020, and a network of civic organizations and concerned residents helped distribute these funds to our neighbors in need to purchase food and essential medicine. We were reminded about the pounds and pounds of produce that our local farms grew, harvested and distributed to families and food pantries. And we were reminded that food insecurity remains a critical-care issue in our community, with our local Philipstown Food Pantry still experiencing a demand triple of what it saw pre-COVID.

We and others have met in recent months to identify how we might effectively address this issue in a sustainable manner, and we advocate that a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funding that the Town of Philipstown will receive be dedicated to do just that.

Martha Elder, *Carmel*

*Elder is the executive director of Second Chance Foods. The letter was also signed by Stacey Farley and Peter Davoren of Davoren Farm; Megan Larmer of the Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming; Jocelyn Apicello of Longhaul Farm; and Colin Wright, the manager of the Cold Spring Farmers' Market.*

## Beacon ambulance

At the Oct. 4 City Council meeting, Beacon officials noted that the city provides the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps with the building we operate from. Some memories need to be refreshed.

Not too long before 1975, BVAC approached Highland Hospital on Hasting Drive for property to build a headquarters because we were outgrowing the old two-bay garage donated for BVAC use with the help of the Beacon Engine Co. No. 1. While we tried to fundraise for the building, the donations

## Corrections

- In an article in the Oct. 8 issue, we said that the Town of Wappinger had its ambulance contract with Mobile Life Support Services. In fact, the town has a contract with Empire State Ambulance Corp.

- In an article in the Oct. 8 issue about the Cold Spring Village Board, we said that Peter Henderson had commented on the zoning of the former Marathon site on Kemble Avenue in an email to *The Current*. In fact, it was Paul Henderson.

were incrementally slow. There was a federal grant opportunity, but BVAC did not qualify. However, the City of Beacon qualified for the grant, and they called it Beacon Fire Station 4.

In 1975, construction on the BVAC building commenced. This was done primarily by volunteers, with heavy construction assistance from the local U.S. Navy Reserve Seabee Unit. Building materials were paid for by the grant, and BVAC took care of the Seabee volunteers, including honoring them at the end of the project.

After five years of construction, the BVAC headquarters was dedicated in May 1980. The city has not helped BVAC with any of the renovations that BVAC needed to continue growing. We have been left to pay for it, including repairs of the roof, major renovations to create offices and update crew quarters, replacement of parts to the backup generator, and a new boiler. We also pay for the utilities and cut the grass.

BVAC asked the City of Beacon to donate the building in recognition of many years of ambulance service and our investment in the building. That was rejected. It befuddles me how Beacon can continue to claim that it “provides” a building to BVAC when the city takes no interest in its upkeep or the needs of the tenants, and yet BVAC absorbs the investments without compensation.

Antony Tseng, *Beacon*

*Tseng is the assistant chief of BVAC.*

## Disappointed

Elected officials in Cold Spring also failed to acknowledge Gay Pride — even Putnam County did that — as well as the Juneteenth national holiday. And when the president of the U.S. ordered flags at half-staff to honor victims of anti-Asian American hate crimes, the village failed to lower the flag at the bandstand.

Yet none of this is referenced by the author of a letter to the editor in the Oct. 8 issue accusing village officials of ignoring Presidents Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, the killing of 13 American soldiers in Afghanistan, Columbus Day and Veterans Day. To love America, you have to love all of America, not just those parts that allow one to make an unrequited political point in a local paper.

Gaston Alonso, *via Facebook*

## Clergy Statement on Climate Change

Last week, seven clergy members in Philipstown released the following statement:

“For more than a year, we have all experienced the devastating effects of a global pandemic — all of us, whether poor or wealthy, weak or strong. Some were more protected than others, but the rapidly spreading infection meant that we have depended on each other in our efforts to stay safe. We realize that in this worldwide calamity, no one is safe until everyone is safe, that our actions really do affect one another, and that what we do today affects what happens tomorrow. May we not waste this moment! We must decide what kind of world we want to leave to future generations. God mandates, ‘Choose life, so that you and your children may live.’ (Deuteronomy 30:19). We must choose to live differently; we must choose life.”

~From *A Joint Message for the Protection of Creation*, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, Pope Francis, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin, Aug. 1

The fall season is celebrated by many as the Season of Creation, and an opportunity to pray and care for God's creation. As world leaders prepare to meet in November at Glasgow, Scotland, to deliberate on the future of our planet, we pray for them and consider what choices we must all make. Accordingly, as leaders of our faith communities in Philipstown, we call on everyone, whatever their belief or worldview, to endeavor to listen to the cry of the earth and of people who are poor, examining their behavior and pledging meaningful sacrifices for the sake of the earth which God has given us.

All of us — whatever and wherever we are — can play a part in changing our collective response to the unprecedented threat of climate change and environmental degradation. Caring for God's extraordinary creation requires our personal response, commitment and action. This is a critical moment. Our children's future and the future of our common earth depend on it.

We, the faith leaders of Philipstown, are proud to join the conversation with Philipstown community organizations to discuss how we can collectively address the climate crisis. And we invite all community members to pledge to take action to lower our collective greenhouse gas emissions by participating in the Philipstown Fights Dirty campaign at [philipstownfightsdirty.org](http://philipstownfightsdirty.org).

The Rev. Micah Coleman Campbell  
*United Methodist Church, Cold Spring*

The Rev. Brian Merritt  
*First Presbyterian Church, Cold Spring*

The Rev. Amanda Eiman  
*St. Philip's in the Highlands, Garrison*

The Rev. Steve Schunk  
*St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Cold Spring*

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*Philipstown Reform Synagogue, Cold Spring*

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## Mayor Race *(from Page 1)*

**TAMAGNA:** First of all, I love the village. I have great passion to do things to bring this village to the next level. We have so many things that we can do and I'm running for mayor because it's almost a legacy for me. I've dedicated my life to public service. I was your [Putnam County] legislator for 18 years. I have been on the administrative side of county government. I have done consulting. I've been in the private sector as a project manager. I go from experience in construction and facilities to county government and really think that we can make a difference. So I have a network in place. And I know that I can bring a lot of our infrastructure projects to where they need to be to improve the quality of life for all of our residents.

**The Parking Committee recently presented a plan to the Village Board to add metered parking on Main Street on weekends and holidays, create a residential permit program east of the Metro-North tracks and add reserved parking on The Boulevard and Kemble Avenue for business owners and employees. Can you share your thoughts on the plan? Is it fair? Will it work?**

**TAMAGNA:** First, I want to thank the volunteers who worked very hard on this plan. As I understand it, we're going to have a package — once the new mayor gets to Village Hall — that is ready to go. We need to try what we have, knowing that a lot probably needs to be adjusted. There are unintended consequences to everything that we do in government, so there will be tweaks. For instance, the Spring Brook apartments, down in that area, there's a real problem with residents' parking. Many of them have the one spot and much more is needed. So what is the permit program going to be? We need to put the residents first. Are we going to be moving people to streets where there aren't meters, for instance, such as Constitution Drive or some of the other areas? Certainly nothing is perfect, but hands on, I think we can make the adjustments that are needed.

**FOLEY:** The Parking Committee did work very hard. They met the deadlines and they came up with good solutions. It was a very democratic process. I was impressed with the way the committee responded to feedback and modified the application to improve it. We have to start somewhere. We live in a village that was designed before cars, and we don't have enough linear feet of street for all of the vehicles. And now some families have two and three cars. The real challenge is on lower Main Street, especially on crowded weekends. We have streets in the upper village that are empty while folks are looping and circling on lower Main, and that causes pedestrian hazards. We also have to think about the carbon footprint of cars turning and looping around. We must do something; we can't push it down the road any longer. And we must identify revenue sources for the village and this is low-hanging fruit. We've talked about metering for a long time; it's time to do it. I'm committed to implementing the recommendations.

**TAMAGNA:** I don't think residents should be paying for the tourists. Part of the law right now is that every resident has to get a resident permit, and there's a charge. We need to look at it. They already pay taxes here. Maybe we need a resident's sticker, but at no charge. I want to take a look closer at what the revenue means. But we're looking at pennies here and we need to raise thousands of dollars for our infrastructure.

**The geography of Putnam County sometimes makes it feel like there is a western and an eastern part divided by the Taconic. What might be done to strengthen the relationship between the village and the Legislature in Carmel?**

**FOLEY:** We first have to recognize the work of our legislator, Nancy Montgomery, who is tireless in her efforts. She is pulling back the curtain on what happens in Carmel, and we now know more about what actually happens with our tax dollars that don't get back and how they're wasted. It's tough because we are largely blue in a red county. That is an unfortunate and time-wasting element that separates us. But regardless of what the legislators do, and what the county executive does, the not-for-profit and private organizations are building ties organically, east to west, with things like Sustainable Putnam and efforts to support our police officers. With a sense of investment, people engage in government more. I am looking forward to this growing-from-the-bottom-up approach, which is healthy and needed. We need more people engaged at the county level, asking the hard questions, as our legislator does, and as our Village Board and Town Board have done.

**TAMAGNA:** I have 25 years-plus experience working with many, many great people in Carmel — county executives, legislators past and present, all kinds of nonprofits — and the state and federal realm. I don't see it as a divide; I think we need to build bridges. We need to stop going in with a bat and a club and trying to get what we want because we want it, and present a plan and develop coalitions. What I would suggest is a roundtable with the mayors and supervisors to bring western Putnam together, because we do have different needs, that's for sure. But I don't think it has to be adversarial. And I think you get a lot more when you present a firm plan. Last week, I went to a legislative meeting. We had a need for Constitution Island. Next year is going to be an exciting year for us, much like the Putnam History Museum and the Southeast Museum. I asked the county for some support and we got it. You have to ask; you have to present a plan that makes sense. It's not an open checkbook. And I've found that there are very reasonable people there, and I look forward to working with all of those relationships to bring much more to the Village of Cold Spring.

**FOLEY:** Folks who were here on the ground and actually doing the work on this side of the county know that the mayors and trustees work well together. We talk almost on a daily basis. So that is happening. That's not a new idea. The challenge of Putnam County is that unfortunately, it's who you



## Mark Your Calendar

*It's nearly election time*

### How to register

The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 2 election has passed. If you are not sure of your status, visit [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](http://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov).

### How to vote by absentee ballot

The deadline to request an application is Monday (Oct. 18); see [absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov](http://absenteeballot.elections.ny.gov). The ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day. The last day to apply in person for a ballot at the boards of elections in Carmel (for Putnam) or Poughkeepsie (for Dutchess) is Nov. 1.

### Early voting

Early voting will be available daily from Oct. 23 to Oct. 31. For Putnam, it will take place at the North Highlands Firehouse, 504 Fishkill Road, in Philipstown. For Dutchess, it will take place at Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52.

know. Part of getting things seems to involve the favors that come in return. On this side of the county, we like our government in the open, in public. We are not interested in patronage. We want to make sure our money is being spent wisely. I'm pleased for Constitution Island. I'd like to see more paratransit services on this side of the county. I'd like our seniors to get fresh meals cooked here in our senior center. I would like women's services. I'd like to see the DMV. Those were all things that were promised when the Butterfield development was coming. And here we are all these years later without the county services. Why is it that we have to beg? If that is something that Mr. Tamagna is dedicated to doing, why haven't you?

**In August, the Village Board adopted regulations for short-term rentals. The regulations limit the number of STRs allowed in the village through a permit system and also impose other restrictions. The vote was 3 to 2 and, Kathleen, you were in the negative. Passions have been high, with some residents saying they plan to defy the law. What is your view of the regulations? Do we need them?**

**TAMAGNA:** Well-established property rights are essential to the success of any economic

system, and in any community. I've been following this issue. Dutchess County did a wonderful job. Saratoga Springs has done great work. Overall, back in 1995 and 1996, when we started tourism in Putnam County, we said that Cold Spring is the gateway. Many people are going to come here for many, many years to come. It's a beautiful spot, probably the most beautiful place in the world. So we have to develop enforceable rules so we know who's here. We also have to protect and preserve the character of our community because they're businesses now, although a resident is different from somebody who's buying homes and developers. We have a good start and, again, we're going to be able to tweak and we're going to be able to listen to both sides of the issue. I don't think that there's a need to reinvent the wheel. And I think it's appropriate for us to develop a hospitality tax to be paid by the guests, so that we get revenue. If we're going to share this beauty, we should be collecting some of the dollars. Maybe we need to figure out something different from the lottery or maybe we need to make the number of allowed residents participating larger, but I we're going to learn a lot about that.

**FOLEY:** I would just point out that villages in New York are not enabled to collect taxes. That happens through the county, and the county does not share sales tax with us. I did propose a tourism impact fee for short-term rentals that would be part of each of the permits, but that was roundly rejected by my colleagues, alas. But I thought that was a direct way to create a revenue source for the village to help offset the infrastructure and quality-of-life impacts of tourism. I hope that we can return to that as we do tweak that law. I'd like to explain my vote. I support reasonable regulation of short-term rentals. However, the law in its current form is overly complicated, and it's going to be difficult to implement and difficult to enforce. We're going to do our best with that, but it's going to be a steep learning curve. I certainly would like people to be complying with the law and making applications. But I also want to work with people who are running short-term rentals to get feedback on how we can do a better job. The strength of this law is the protection of rental housing. I'm concerned about housing supply, and housing affordability, and that needs to be the basis of consideration going forward.

**TAMAGNA:** Kathleen was on the board through this whole discussion and dialogue. And I think there's an opportunity when you're working as a team to fix things. If there are issues, let's talk about them. Let's not wait till it passes as a law and surprise three other members of the board. When I've worked on boards, we do a lot of work to make sure there's something that everybody agrees to and that it's as solid as it could be. We have an excellent relationship — at least if I'm mayor — with the county. So I think whether it's a hospitality charge or whether we can collect it ourselves or whether we find out how Airbnb reports to the county, we will do what we need to do to get our fair share back here again.

**In July, the Village Board voted to opt**

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## ELECTION Q&amp;A

# Sheriff Robert Langley Jr.

*Putnam incumbent seeking second term*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Robert Langley Jr., a Democrat who lives in Philipstown, is seeking a second, 4-year term on Nov. 2 as Putnam County sheriff. He spoke to *The Current* on Wednesday (Oct. 13); his responses to our questions below have been edited for brevity.

We have reached out to his opponent, Kevin McConville, a Republican who also lives in Philipstown and is a former chief of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority police, to arrange a similar interview.

## Why do you want to be sheriff for another term?

I would like to continue implementing positive changes for the community, to make us safer, and to continue to keep Putnam safe, as the people's sheriff.

## Why should voters pick you over your opponent?

I've been a public servant for 40 years in emergency services; I started with the fire department and ambulance corps. In 1984, I started with the Sheriff's Office. I spent my entire career here, working every facet, patrolling every street throughout the county. I grew up in this county, I know this county, I know how the Sheriff's Office operates, I know how our jail operates. I'm uniquely qualified for the position. And I've run the Sheriff's Department.

## Should the Sheriff's Department patrol the Hudson River?

It should have a marine patrol on the Hudson River. We have marine officers who often work the shifts in this area. We also have marine officers who live right here in this area. Although the boat isn't always on the water, the response time is usually expeditious. In the interest of public safety, it is vital to have a law enforcement vessel within the jurisdiction that it serves, to enforce the laws of the state on the waterways. Without having that vessel out there, you're providing an open invitation for bad behavior, which is a recipe for disaster and possibly death.

Over the years, the Sheriff's Department has been embroiled in various incidents, including some involving alleged brutality or other conduct by deputies, resulting in costly litigation. What actions, if any, such as initiat-

## ing more training in de-escalation, did you take as sheriff and what else would you do if elected?

First, I want to correct something. There's no such thing as *brutality*. It could be a claim of "excessive force," but under the law, there is no such thing as a charge of "brutality." I'm quite sure you're referring to a specific incident that was investigated independently by the district attorney's office, which found no excessive force was used, commended the officers for showing great restraint and said that they should all be given a medal. We don't arrest people because we don't like them. We arrest people because we build cases and have cause for such an arrest. I don't take anything personally and target people. That's not why I'm here. I'm here to serve my community. It's not about me, it's about the community, and all the people, not a party. As far as steps: We have two officers who attended training to be instructors for de-escalation. We're going to be sending officers to [courses] to be crisis intervention training officers, so they'll be able to maintain a level for the training that our officers do get. We don't just get the minimum 20 hours that the state requires; we do the full 40-hour course.

## A while back, the Sheriff's Department acquired a light-armored vehicle that was sometimes referred to as a "tank." Have civilian law enforcement departments become too militarized? Is acquisition of military-grade equipment by sheriff's departments and police justified, even if it comes with little or no cost? Does it depend on what the item is?

Under the previous administration, there was an incident in Southeast where someone was actually discharging rounds from their firearm. That vehicle enabled the Sheriff's Office team to back up to the houses, allowing people to get into the vehicle safely, and then drive them out of there under the protection of the armored vehicle. It also enables us to bring members of the team into a hostile environment safely, so that they can address the aggressor. It's a vital piece of equipment. It's not militarized in any way. All military surplus equipment that law enforcement receives is demilitarized, meaning it doesn't have military-grade weapons on it. It may be armored but it's no different from a law enforcement agency going out and buying a \$500,000 Bear Cat. We can spend \$20,000 on a piece of military equipment that's armored that does the same job. Recently we did have an incident in Putnam Valley on Pudding Street where a man was armed. He had discharged his weapon toward my deputies. That armored vehicle was there; it provides protection for the officers. I think it's a vital program.

The Sheriff's Department polices Nelsonville and Philipstown outside of Cold Spring. Could it also provide — with sufficient resources — police protection in Cold Spring if the village abolished its Police Department? If the Sheriff's Department did take over and a charge were imposed, how would that amount be determined?



Robert Langley Jr.

## And could it set a precedent for charging Nelsonville, as well?

Years ago, the Village of Brewster contracted with the Sheriff's Office; it was a dedicated patrol. Nelsonville does not receive a dedicated patrol. They receive the same service as the Town of Philipstown. As far as Cold Spring: To abolish the village PD would be doing a disservice to this community. With the volume of pedestrian traffic that comes in here every weekend, you need to have dedicated policing. If you would contract through the Sheriff's Office, that would require us to hire additional personnel. That cost would be passed on to the village. I have a great working relationship with the village PD. And it's nice to have that diversity of a different agency. If you relied on the sheriff, with 1.5 cars for the entire Town of Philipstown, you would be creating an opportunity for more crime. The mere presence of policing is a deterrent. When you see that police car parked by the tennis courts, everybody slows down. And on weekends, when you see the police officer on Main Street, people are a bit more well-behaved.

## Who's to blame for the frequent clashes between the Sheriff's Department and the Putnam County Legislature and administration of County Executive MaryEllen Odell? Regardless of who's responsible, can the voters trust you to try to foster better relations going forward?

Who's to blame? I would say it's playing partisan politics, above public safety, that is to blame. If people would not take political sides, we wouldn't be where we are — if we would focus on what our true responsibilities are as elected officials, which

is to the community, to the taxpayers. Often, we hear "fiduciary responsibility." I understand what fiduciary responsibility is. It's not just about saving money. It's about investing in essential services: your 911 dispatch center, bureau of emergency services, sheriff's office, highway department, department of social services, health department. These are governmental responsibilities. When you're defunding law enforcement that's already understaffed, you're creating a substantial problem not only for the safety of the men and women in the Sheriff's Office but for the people in this community. I fight for the people, for what's needed.

## Census data show Putnam residents as 71 percent white, 16 percent Latino-Hispanic and 4 percent Black. Does the Sheriff's Department roster of deputies reflect that breakdown?

I also have correction officers who are part of the Sheriff's Office; I have civilian staff. So it's unfair to narrow it down to one specific group in the Sheriff's Office. We have a diverse staff. We have officers of color, both Black and Latinx. We have white officers, as well. I have a supervisor in the jail who's Black. I have a supervisor in patrol who's Puerto Rican. So there is a diversity. I have another deputy who I hired who's Latinx and another one in the process of being hired. I am restricted by guidance of the New York State civil service. I have to hire off the top three on a list. That could be three people or it could be 10 people or 20 people, depending on how people score on a civil service exam. I don't know what color someone is on a list; it is a name and a number, that's it. I called for a Spanish-speaking deputy sheriff/police officer civil service exam. That enabled us have officers who speak Spanish, but it doesn't necessarily guarantee that I am going to get a member of the Latinx community. I have no control on how someone does on a test. I'm a firm believer that the state civil service exam for police officers should be part of the process. It should be a pass-fail exam. People should not be restrained by their test score. A good test-taker does not essentially make a good police officer. Your interview should be part of grading you; your past work experience should be part of grading. It would open us up to reach a more diverse community if the state would go with a system like that.

## Is there anything else you want to tell voters?

I've done a great job for the Sheriff's Office. I've done a great job for this community. I don't play politics in what I do, because there are no politics in law enforcement; it's about serving. And I ask everybody to vote for me on Nov. 2.



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# Local Retailers Feel Supply Pinch

*Shortages expected as holiday spending ramps up*

By Leonard Sparks

In August, the Association of American Publishers announced that sales for consumer books were up 17 percent for the year, reflecting a strong demand.

Unfortunately, publishers and bookstores are wrestling with opposing forces: a pandemic-influenced paper shortage and the shipping bottlenecks delaying the transport of books from printers in China.

In better days, Split Rock Books in Cold Spring could expect to receive books in anywhere from a few days to two weeks, but deliveries now are sometimes taking six weeks, if that, said co-owner Heidi Bender. Publishers have also been delaying release dates, she noted.

Split Rock and other bookstores are warning customers: buy early for the holidays. "A lot of us thought it would be better this year, and it's probably going to be worse," Bender said.

Off the California coast, dozens of transport ships sit idle as they wait to unload containers filled with merchandise from Asia. There are fewer truck drivers to deliver them, and fewer warehouse workers to pack

## COVID-19 by the Numbers

### PUTNAM COUNTY

Number of cases:

**12,328** (+156)

Active Cases in Philipstown: ≤5

Tests administered:

**298,126**

(+4,316)

Percent positive:

**4.1** (0)

Percent vaccinated:

**72.3**

Percent in 10516: 78.5

Percent in 10524: 74.4

Percent of hospital workers: 88.0

Number of deaths:

**96** (0)

### DUTCHESS COUNTY

Number of cases:

**35,177** (+405)

Active Cases in Beacon: 15

Tests administered:

**955,807**

(+12,398)

Percent positive:

**3.7** (0)

Percent vaccinated:

**67.6**

Percent in 12508: 61.2

Percent of hospital workers: 90.0

Number of deaths:

**496** (+3)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 12, with change from previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 12 and older who have received at least one dose. The percentage for hospital workers reflects those fully vaccinated.

and ship orders. The combination is affecting the availability of a broad range of raw and finished products, including glass, wood and paper, and appliances, semiconductor chips and windshields, just as buyers begin opening their wallets for the holiday season.

Kelly Preusser, the owner of Grey Printing in Cold Spring, said she is bracing for tighter supplies for paper. Preusser said when she ordered paper two weeks ago, the salesperson was surprised it was available.

Toni Hacker, the owner of Beacon Mercantile, said she feels like a glass trader when

getting up at 4 a.m. to look for containers to hold the candles she makes and sells at her Main Street shop. She likes to buy containers from U.S. manufacturers but that has become more difficult since Libbey Glass, based in Toledo, Ohio, filed for bankruptcy in June 2020.

Now, even at 4 a.m., she is not the only retailer looking for glass. "If I don't order it right away, it's gone," she said.

At The Country Goose in Cold Spring, owner Leonora Burton is starting to see products arrive that she ordered months ago — if they

arrive at all. She said she just received \$600 worth of toys from a \$1,500 order. The hand cream she ordered in July just arrived. Getting kitchen supplies is also a "little wonky" for a time when people are planning big meals, and kitchen towels are back-ordered.

"A lot of the distributors are just not able to get the stuff manufactured," she said. "The toys are really problematic."

Last year, Karen Finnegan delivered 200 gift packages to children in Beacon. The "star" of each package was a plush toy. She hoped to give away 400 packages this year, but the distributor she used last year said only 60 were available, and at higher prices. She has been searching overseas, but "there's nothing."

Her Plan B — to replace the plush toys with copies of a children's book she wrote — has also been thwarted because of a shortage of paper. "My hands are tied," she said.

On Wednesday (Oct. 13), President Joe Biden announced several strategies to speed up deliveries. The Port of Los Angeles, where 28 container ships were anchored offshore and another 16 due to arrive as of Thursday (Oct. 14), is expanding to 24/7 operation. The Port of Long Beach in California began operating around-the-clock last month.

Biden said members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union agreed to work extra shifts, and that six companies, including Walmart, FedEx and UPS, agreed to move 3,500 containers from the ports at Los Angeles and Long Beach.

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## Scariest





AROUND TOWN



▲ **NEW RIVERKEEPER** — The environmental organization on Nov. 1 will welcome a new president, Tracy Brown, the first woman to lead the Ossining-based nonprofit. Brown was most recently with Save the Sound and previously spent seven years at Riverkeeper. She succeeds Paul Gallay, who stepped down after 11 years.  
*Photo provided*



▲ **WATCH OUT!** — Wesley Bishop, 2, warns his sister, Emma, 4, as she balances over the abyss — like the earth — at a Philipstown Fights Dirty gathering on Saturday (Oct. 9) at Garrison's Landing. The group was thanking residents who signed up for its campaign to slow climate change.



▲ **SPRUCING UP MEMORIAL** — The Cold Spring Recreation Commission recently added flowers and shrubs to the Patriot Garden at McConville Park, which honors the victims of 9/11. A twisted piece of metal near the plaque is from the Twin Towers.  
*Photo by Michael Turton*



◀ **SEEING THE LIGHT** — Gunnar Carlquist admires the handiwork at the Garrison Repair Cafe held on Oct. 2 at the Cold Spring Farmers' Market. Among the items repaired: a stuffed penguin toy, Apple power cord, several lamps and a cabinet lock. The cafe was co-sponsored by Boscobel and the Desmond-Fish Public Library.  
*Photos by Ross Corsair*

# Village Voter Info:

VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING RESIDENTS VOTE

PHILIPSTOWN RESIDENTS VOTE

Putnam County

This election season, voters in the Village of Cold Spring will cast ballots for three levels of local government: Village, Town and County.

Cold Spring VILLAGE	Philipstown TOWN	Putnam COUNTY
Mayor 2-YEAR TERM 2 Trustees 2-YEAR TERM 1 Trustee 2-YEAR TERM	Supervisor 2-YEAR TERM 2 Council Members 2-YEAR TERM	Sheriff Legislator

## WHERE THE VILLAGE OF COLD SPRING VOTES:

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**Vote Early October 23-30**  
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Schedule: putnamboe.com/early-voting/

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# The Calendar

## BARN RAISING

*New center connects food, art and agriculture*

By Brian PJ Cronin

One thing that Tara Dalbow learned while completing her MFA in poetry at Sarah Lawrence College is that the perfect ending is one that's both surprising and inevitable.

That description applies to her latest project, which isn't a poem. Dalbow is the curator of The Barns Center, a newly opened arts center that focuses on food, farming, ecology and sustainability. Considering the Hudson Valley's impressive cultural heritage, not to mention its rich agricultural history and role as one of the founding sites of the modern environmental movement, it seems inevitable that a place like The Barns Center would come to exist, and surprising that it hadn't already.

What's also surprising is the location of the center — at the 500-acre former IBM campus in Hopewell Junction where the company developed its iconic Deep Blue computer that in 1997 beat chess legend Gary Kasparov.

Six years ago, IBM closed the campus and essentially abandoned it. Massive cranes that were used to haul giant crates of microchips still hang inside some of the buildings. In 2018, National Resources, a Connecticut-based real estate developer that specializes in abandoned industrial sites, started turning parts of the campus into a food production facility. Today, 15 food and beverage companies have moved their production facilities there, including



The Barns Art Center is located at the former IBM campus in Hopewell Junction.

the beverage syrup company More Good, the CBD drink Recess, the Sloop Brewing Co. and Jane Bakes bakery.

Many of those companies don't have a retail space on the campus, so National Resources is building a food court. It also wanted some sort of visitor center.

Enter Dalbow, who was working in fashion journalism at *The New York Times*, and through a series of surprising developments ("I'm still not sure how it happened," she says) ended up pitching an idea to National Resources at the end of 2020. She spoke about the concept of an arts center that would honor the farmland that the IBM campus was built over. Suddenly, she found herself in charge of the project, with about seven months to pull it off.

What followed was a lot of phone calls.

"I did like 70 to 100 interviews in February, calling up arts and educational organizations throughout the Hudson Valley,"

she recalls. Some of her questions involved practical matters, such as how to create an arts institution from scratch in the amount of time it takes a head of garlic to grow. But most questions involved what was missing from the Hudson Valley cultural scene.

"I'm not interested in competition," she says. "We already have a robust cultural landscape here. So what is needed?" The consensus was: a community-oriented space that held high standards as to the quality of the work that was shown while still being accessible to local artists.

The center's first exhibit, *Tasting Menu*, opened in August and runs through Dec. 5. About half of the works are by Hudson Valley artists. Some pieces, including Newburgh artist Daniel Giordano's installation representing 500 clementines in various states of decay, were created for the show.

The center also built a second gallery that showcases the work of high school students



Mycologist John Michelotti with Dalbow

who studied with Poughkeepie's Art Effect. Taken as a whole, the exhibit reflects the moods and anxieties of teenagers living through a pandemic, as well as the effects of the climate emergency. "You can imagine what kids are feeling these days about the world we've brought them into," Dalbow says.

The teen show opened this past weekend as part of the center's Harvest Festival, which included flower-arranging workshops; a mushroom-foraging walk in the woods alongside the campus; and the premier of a 55-minute documentary commissioned by the Barns Center, *Lost Arts*, that focuses on the work of 10 farmers and food producers. Three projectors cast images that wrap around the audience for an immersive experience.

The center also kicked off a 3-year-long installation by the art collective Future-farmers that will culminate in the creation of a structure that functions as a bread oven, meeting space and music-creation chamber. Working with an 80-year-old carver in Maine, the group created millstones that, when eventually placed together, will play a piece composed by the group. For the Harvest Festival, the group planted wheat seeds from Wild Hive farms around the site where the structure will be and drew a chessboard in flour to recreate Kasparov's game with Deep Blue.

Initially, Dalbow worried that the center's focus would be too narrow. But she's already planned the next two years of shows, including a collaboration next summer with Bard College and the Smithsonian.

"The more you think about it, everything is connected to food and agriculture and the land," she said. "This is what people want to talk about and it's what people need to be talking about."

*The Barns Art Center, at 736 South Drive in Hopewell Junction, inside the iPark 84 campus, is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Admission is free. See [barnsartcenter.org](http://barnsartcenter.org).*



Visitors at the opening of The Barns Art Center

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## COMMUNITY

SAT 16

### Great Give Back

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Bandstand  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Public libraries across New York are organizing community service projects today and Butterfield Library patrons will help clean up the riverfront from Dockside Park to the West Point Foundry Preserve. Bring gloves and grabbers if you have them.

SUN 17

### 11th Annual Car Show

BEACON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street

In addition to a wide range of cars on display, there will be live music, awards, food and raffles.

SUN 17

### Warriors Memorial Car Show

WAPPINGERS FALLS

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dutchess Stadium  
1500 Route 9D  
jameswarriors.org/car-show

This second annual event, organized by the nonprofit that works to prevent suicides, will include entertainment, food, vendors and raffles. The rain date is SUN 24. *Cost: \$5*

SUN 17

### Sunday Mass

GARRISON

10:15 a.m. St. Joseph's Chapel  
74 Upper Station Road

The 130-year-old chapel will reopen for services after being closed for 20 months because of the pandemic.

SUN 17

### Pumpkin Festival

BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park  
2 Red Flynn Drive | beaconsloopclub.org

Organized by the Beacon Sloop Club, this annual event will include pumpkin pie, apple cider, chili and entertainment on two stages.

SAT 23

### Meadows and Trails 5K

CORNWALL

7:30 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
hnm.org

The race begins at 9 a.m. The first 100 children and teens younger than 18 can participate free. Register online until WED 20 or on-site day of race. *Cost: \$40*

SAT 23

### Harvest Festival

PUTNAM VALLEY

Noon – 4 p.m.  
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompkinscorners.org

The Arm-of-the-Sea Theatre will perform puppet theater and the musical acts will include Catahoula Cajun Band, Linda Thornton and Tim Pitt. Plus, there will be a farmer's market, artisans and a tag sale. *Cost: \$10 (12 and younger free)*

SAT 23

### Oktoberfest

BREWSTER

6:30 – 10 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm  
100 Route 312 | 845-808-1840  
tillystablerrestaurant.com

Fast Lane, an Eagles tribute band, will perform on SAT 23 and The Nerds on SUN 24. *Cost: \$30 (\$50 for both days)*

SUN 24

### Pumpkin Glow

GARRISON

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

Tour the library grounds lit up by jack-o'-lanterns for a slightly spooky and fun Halloween experience.

## TALKS & TOURS

SAT 16

### Bird Walk

COLD SPRING

7:30 a.m. Glynwood Center  
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Meet at the Big Woods Lot in Fahnestock on Route 301 for a walk around the farm's woods and meadows. Register online.

SAT 16

### Matteawan: People and Land Are One

BEACON

Noon. Water Ecology Center  
199 Dennings Ave.  
clarkson.edu/events-beacon-institute

Evan Pritchard, founder of the Center for Algonquin Culture, will discuss native New Yorkers' relationships with Dennings Point. An exhibit called *Mapping Native New York* also will be on view.

SUN 17

### Backyard Basketry

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Supplies for Creative Living  
143 Main St.  
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

Katie Grove will teach participants how to make a coiled basket using materials found in backyards in the fall. Participants ages 12 and older must be fully vaccinated. *Cost: \$95*

MON 18

### The Landscape Art Legacy

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

In this webinar presented by the Butterfield Library, Rena Tobey will discuss The Hudson River School painters and how they influenced conservation and the national parks.

## VISUAL ART

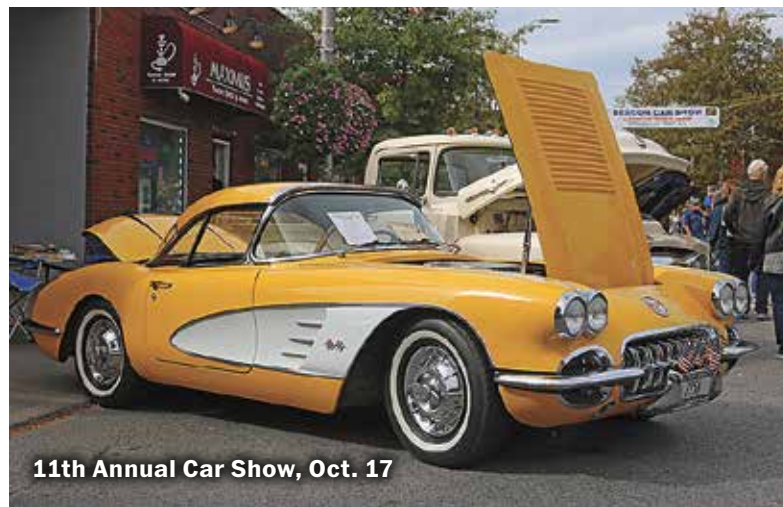
SAT 16

### Cristian Chironi: New York Drive

PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

For the community-based performance, the artist will be joined by volunteers as he drives his Fiat 127 to various parts of New



11th Annual Car Show, Oct. 17

York, concluding at Magazzino for a final performance and viewing of the vehicle. The piece is designed to evoke conversation about immigration, memory, the history of sites and our present moment.

## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 16

### Fairy Walk

BEACON

Polhill Park (Route 9D and Main)  
fairywalk.com

The Beacon Fairies — with help from anyone who wants to contribute a fairy house — will have a display. Also SUN 17. *Free*



SUN 17

### Costume Swap

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tots Park  
4 High St. | butterfieldlibrary.org

Come to find clean costumes of all shapes and sizes and bring costumes or accessories to pass on to the next vampire or Gryffindor. For those who can't attend, donations will be accepted at the Butterfield Library.

SUN 17

### Meet the Girl Scouts

COLD SPRING

1 – 3 p.m. Mayor's Park | 61 Fair St.

Find out what Girl Scouts are about and how to join.

TUES 19

### Middle School Book Club

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 5 and up will discuss Katherine Arden's *Small Spaces*.

THURS 21

### Halloween Slime Fest

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 1 to 5 are invited to make slime.

FRI 22

### Dracula

COLD SPRING

6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

The 1931 film with Bela Lugosi as the count will be screened outdoors for students in grades 6 to 12.

SAT 23

### Bring the Kids Goes Outside

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638  
boscobel.org

The focus this month is the apple orchard on the grounds of the historic estate. *Cost: \$15 (\$8 ages 5 to 18; 5 and younger free)*

SAT 23

### Outdoor Halloween Crafts

GARRISON

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

Help make decorations and dress up the library for the Pumpkin Glow.

SUN 24

### 4-H Outdoor Survival Skills

PATTERSON

10 a.m. Register for location.  
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

In this three-part series of workshops, students ages 11 to 18 will learn about orienteering, first aid, constructing shelters and fire building. Register online. Limited to 12 participants. *Cost: \$55*

SUN 24

### Creep, Crawl, Slither

CORNWALL

10 a.m. & 1 p.m.  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
hnm.org

Learn about animals and reptiles that move in ways that some people find unsettling. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 ages 3-12, members \$8/\$6)*



Dracula, Oct. 22



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 16  
**The Dark House**  
GARRISON  
6 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing  
nightmarenyc.com

Co-created by Cold Spring resident Timothy Haskell, this non-traditional haunted house is an immersive experience that relies on creative storytelling for its heart-racing moments. Through Oct. 31. *Cost: \$30*

SAT 16  
**David Sedaris**  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The humorist and satirist can make people laugh over life’s toughest moments. His latest collection of essays and stories is *The Best of Me*. *Cost: \$49*

SAT 23  
**Fire Shut Up In My Bones**  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

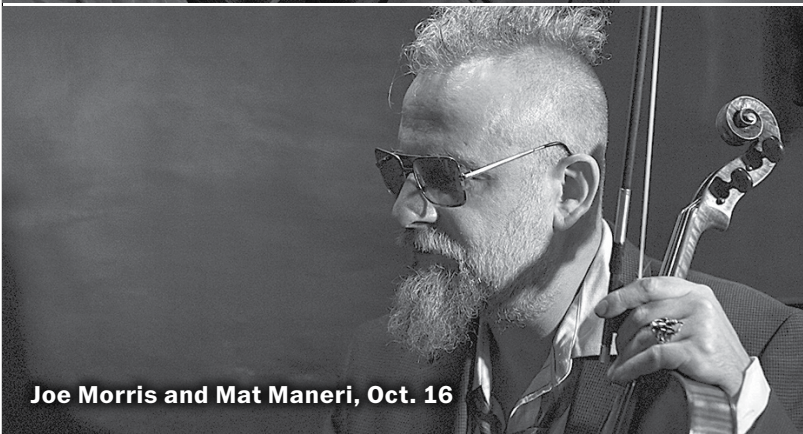
In this simulcast of the first performance of an opera by a Black composer at the Met, baritone Will Liverman will appear with sopranos Angel Blue and Latonia Moore in an adaptation of Charles M. Blow’s memoir. *Cost: \$28 (\$21 ages 12 and younger)*

MUSIC

SAT 16  
**Destination Motown**  
PEEKSKILL  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The 11-piece Sensational Soul Cruisers will perform hits by the Temptations, the Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye, The Four Tops and others in this multimedia show. *Cost: \$37.50 to \$57.50*

SAT 16  
**Joe Morris and Mat Maneri**  
BEACON  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
Presented by Elysium Furnace



Joe Morris and Mat Maneri, Oct. 16

Works. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 17  
**Angela Bruno**  
BEACON  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Farmers’ Market  
223 Main St.  
beaconfarmersmarket.org

The singer will perform a variety of popular American, Italian and Latino songs in a performance sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

SUN 17  
**Bridget Kibbey and João Luiz**  
BEACON  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandmusic.org

Kibbey has been called the “Yo-Yo Ma of the harp” and Luiz is a two-time Latin Grammy nominee. The performance is sponsored by the Howland Chamber Music Circle and will include works by Bach, D’Rivera, Albeniz, Torres and Britten. *Cost: \$45 (\$15 students)*

SUN 17  
**The Easy Street Band**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com  
The legendary Hudson Valley group has reunited. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

FRI 22  
**Almost Queen**  
PEEKSKILL  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
The tribute band uses costumes and signature harmonies to recreate the Queen experience. *Cost: \$37.50 to \$62.50*

SAT 23  
**Outdoor Music Pop-Up**  
BEACON  
Noon – 4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
Frenchy & the Punk, Guitarmy of One, David Henningsen and Peter

Kevra will perform in the Brick Pan Alley show. *Free*

SAT 23  
**No Quarter**  
PEEKSKILL  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The Led Zeppelin tribute band will portray the band members in their prime of life. *Cost: \$29 or \$39*

SAT 23  
**Joe Louis Walker**  
BEACON  
8 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com

The blues artist and Grammy winner will perform songs from his latest album. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

WED 20  
**Climate Solutions Symposium**  
POUGHKEEPSIE  
4 p.m. Locust Grove | 2683 South Road  
hvclimatesolutionsweek.org

Learn about the policies, programs and funding behind New York’s Climate Act and the Hudson Valley Regional Climate Action Strategy. The panel will feature Andy Revkin, a Nelsonville resident who is with the Earth Institute at Columbia University. See the Hudson Valley Climate Solutions Week website for a full schedule of virtual and in-person events that begin SUN 17.

THURS 21  
**Climate Solutions and You(th)**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. Via Zoom  
hvclimatesolutionsweek.org

This panel, organized by the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, will focus on the impacts of climate change on youth and their role in creating a sustainable future.

SAT 23  
**Soon is Now**  
BEACON  
1 – 4 p.m. Long Dock Park  
23 Long Dock Road  
hvclimatesolutionsweek.org  
Climate Change Theatre Action

will perform a selection of 5-minute plays; actors will read a portion of *Escapegoat*, by May Treuhaft-Ali; Edwin Torres and Tom King will read poetry; and Elizabeth Clark (*Seeds Under Nuclear Winter: An Earth Opera*) will perform music.

SUN 24  
**Concert for Climate Solutions**  
BEACON  
5 – 9 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The finale of the week will include performances by Bruce Molsky and the Vanaver Caravan Dance and Music Company. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC

MON 18  
**City Council**  
BEACON  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 18  
**Village Board**  
NELSONVILLE  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.  
845-265-2500 | nelsonvillenyny.gov

TUES 19  
**School Board**  
COLD SPRING  
7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigsides Drive  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 20  
**School Board**  
GARRISON  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org





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# Words of Recovery

*New book features work by men at Garrison treatment center*

By Leonard Sparks

*Sitting atop Serenity like Gulliver over Lilliput  
Intricate tiny temples of quartz, mica, and shale  
Surrounding well-worn footpaths  
Moss covered slopes; leaves constantly falling.*

It took treatment to bring those words out of Greg Gilligan.

He was forced into introspection when he entered, in September 2020, the three-month treatment program at St. Christopher's Inn, run by the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor, their headquarters in Garrison.

Without cellphone and internet access, Gilligan said he "had to deal with me" in his effort to overcome alcoholism. Along with daily visits to the facility's chapel, he found another tool for inner transformation: a relatively new creative writing program held on the weekends and led by an accountant-turned-psychologist.

Now, along with the men who have

confronted their addictions and traumas, and unleashed their hopes through poems, essays, plays and drawings, St. Christopher's Inn's creative writing program has found itself transformed. In August, Nova Science Publishers released a book based on the program, *Effective Use of Creative Writing in the Treatment of Addiction to Chemical Substances*.

The 540-page book, filled with poems, drawings, essays and short plays written by more than 70 men at St. Christopher's Inn, was edited by Eric Kreuter, an author and weekend counselor who brought the program to the facility in 2019 after years leading creative writing classes at state prisons.

Writing not only allows the men to explore their traumas, thoughts and emotions, but reading their work aloud in the group fosters self-confidence and cuts through the isolation that usually accompanies substance abuse, explained Kreuter, who is a board member for the National Association of Poetry Therapy and included some of his own poems in the book.

Kreuter believes the book will not just appeal to clinicians but also to recovering addicts, their families and academics. All proceeds benefit the nonprofit St. Christopher's Inn.

"It's all about giving them their sea legs back, so that when they leave, they've got a life to look forward to," he said. "They don't need substances to numb because they're too excited about life."

An accountant with a doctorate in clinical psychology, Kreuter first began leading



St. Christopher's Inn was founded by the friars in 1909.

Photos provided

*My shadow,  
Evidence of my existence.  
Like my shadow,  
I am dark and empty.  
Can I ever fill the void?*

Ryan F. McNamee

*A tall tree, an old soul,  
born into silence of the forest.  
Shelter for the ancients and their virtues.  
Many past lives I've witnessed;  
I am Earth's statue.*

Vito S.

creative writing groups at Bedford Correctional Facility, a state prison for women in Westchester County.

Contacting the facility after deciding to do something altruistic, Kreuter said he was invited to teach a class on "money addiction." He introduced writing exer-

cises to the eight-week program, beginning a yearslong teaching gig at Bedford and then the Taconic Correctional Facility, also in Westchester County.

Introduced to St. Christopher's Inn when



Kreuter

an accounting client wanted to donate property to the program, he proposed that he introduce creative writing to the residents. He supplies prompts to the men, who bring their writing to the following session. Sometimes, they will be asked to write about their dreams, said Kreuter. If someone is having writer's block, he suggests they take a blank piece of paper outside and note their observations of Graymoor's wooded, mountaintop campus.

"Getting these men with harsh lives to write about simple things like a bird, there's nothing more beautiful than that," said Kreuter.

Subjects range from the turmoil of addiction and the pain it inflicts on family members to the joys of being with spouses and children and pursuing sobriety. One man, whose writing Kreuter described as "dark," told the group he wanted to leave and use again.

"Thirty days later he walked into the room and said: 'I have an announcement. Because I've had this freedom to come into writing and announce the desire to leave and to use, is why I don't leave and why I don't use.'"

Greg Gilligan considers himself transformed. He helped Kreuter compile the book and launched a creative writing group for St. Christopher's alumni. He and Kreuter are planning a second book about long-term recovery.

"I don't see it as creative writing; I see it as inspirational writing," said Gilligan. "There are people in addiction who cannot express themselves standing up and saying, 'I am here.'"

For more poems from the book, see [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).

## For Philipstown Town Council Vote for

# MEGAN COTTER

## A LEADER WHO WORKS FOR EVERYONE

I've found that often residents approach me for guidance on local issues ranging from disability access to enhancing our village/school parking to expanding Philipstown athletic programs for girls.

**ACCESSIBILITY.** I want to work with the Highway Department and local trustees to make sure any person can use any sidewalk in our community. Building up local transportation that is handicap-accessible is also a key priority for me.

**AFFORDABILITY.** I want to make sure Philipstown is an affordable place to live and work. People who've lived here their whole lives shouldn't be displaced because they can't afford the taxes.

**AVAILABILITY.** I feel it's essential to develop our communal spaces like Mayors Park and the Recreation Department so seniors, visitors and the school district will benefit. I want to give my kids, and all our youth, a safe and healthy space "to just be kids."

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**Sat. Oct 16 – 8 pm**  
**IN CONCERT: JOE MORRIS & MAT MANERI**  
 Leading-edge jazz from Elysium Furnace Works  
 Tix: [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org) (Vax)

**Sun. Oct 17 – 4 pm**  
**IN CONCERT: BRIDGET KIBBEY & JOÃO LUIZ**  
 Harp & guitar duo presented by Howland Chamber Music Circle  
 \$10 Tix + Info: <http://HowlandMusic.org> (Vax)

**AND MORE**  
**Sat. Oct 23 – noon to 4**  
**Brick Pan Alley - Outdoor Music Pop-Up**  
 Frenchy and the Punk, Guitarmy of One  
 David Henningsen and Peter Kevra  
 Free – weather permitting

**Sun. Oct 31 – 5 pm**  
**The Halloweening! Spooky Soundscapes in the Howland courtyard**  
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# Applefest

On Sunday (Oct. 10), Boscobel House and Gardens hosted a Heritage Applefest to mark the historic site's 60th anniversary. Apples from its grounds were pressed, preserved and sampled. There were also live music, crafts, storytelling and toys and games from the 18th and 19th centuries.

*Photos by Ross Corsair*





# Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

## 150 Years Ago (October 1871)

The heirs of the Churchill estate in Matteawan, which was valued at more than \$200,000 [about \$4.2 million today], announced plans to bring their claims to the land to court. The *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* reported that the estate had “been cut up and sold to different parties who have built on and greatly improved the property. Parties who have deeds for sections of the same are in a very troubled state of mind concerning the issue of this suit,” including St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Charles Smith won a 2-mile boat race at Fishkill Landing in 16 minutes over Augustus Mosher, who finished in 17 minutes and 7 seconds.

## 125 Years Ago (October 1896)

Joseph Conklin Jr. of Matteawan was shot in the chest and seriously wounded by a gang of chicken thieves. Conklin, who lived at the foot of Mount Beacon, had gone to investigate a commotion in his hennery and found three men inside the coop. The doctors at Highland Hospital requested an X-ray machine from New York City to locate the bullet.

Orville Conklin of Matteawan, with a

handicap of 100 yards, won the 2-mile bicycle race at the Orange County Association’s Animal Show.

A 17-member company performing *In Old Maine* ran out of money in Matteawan. They also had run out of money a few days earlier in Hawley but received a \$10.88 advance from a boarding house manager to get to Newburgh. As collateral he kept a bass drum, cymbals, a property trunk and scenery. At Fishkill Landing, the company had to borrow more money to buy tickets for the trolley to Matteawan, where the manager of the opera house, fearing the company would not be able to perform, paid for supper. Unfortunately, the show only netted \$10, and the company had to sleep at the venue.

An Italian laborer from Matteawan who showed up at Highland Hospital with an injury to his tongue that required 16 stitches refused to explain what had happened.

A well-dressed man inquired at Peattie Brothers stables at Fishkill Landing about renting a bicycle. George Peattie, suspicious, said that none was available. But when George left for another part of the building, the stranger approached Peattie’s son, Charles, saying George had rented him a bike for two hours. The boy provided the wheels, and the man has not been seen since.

**100 Years Ago (October 1921)**

Under advice of counsel, the City Council



Elliott Roosevelt, a Dutchess County native, in 1946 declined to endorse a fellow Democrat for a state Senate seat.

U.S. Army

set aside a newly enacted ordinance that required beverage dealers to have licenses and banned them from putting shades or other obstructions in their windows. A similar law had been challenged in court in Buffalo, and council members wanted to see how it played out. According to the *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*, one unforeseen effect of the ordinance in Beacon was groups of children staring into tavern windows “like the audience at a sideshow.”

A judge granted a divorce to Ethel Carey after her husband, Amos, admitted he had registered at a Newburgh hotel in September 1920 as “Mr. and Mrs. A. Conroy, Stam-

ford, Conn.” with a woman who was not Ethel. He ordered Amos to pay alimony of \$15 per week. The couple had been married in Beacon in 1916.

The Beacon High School basketball team prepared to open the 1921-22 season against Philmont, which it had defeated the previous year, 103-0.

Federal health authorities declared Beacon’s water unfit for drinking, and state authorities said the city had not done enough to protect its watersheds from pollution. It ordered local officials to begin rigorous inspections of outhouses, summer camps, pig pens and chicken coops, and recommended that the reservoir be treated with chlorine gas.

A Poughkeepsie woman who had been detained for public intoxication by a Beacon motorcycle officer bit him on the arm, drawing blood.

James Nocerino, of the Hallock farm on Green Fly Road near Beacon, was killed by a bull when he went to the barn to milk the cows. It was not clear whether the bull escaped from its pen or if Nocerino opened the gate to feed it, but the victim was found crushed against a wall. He had moved to the area six weeks earlier from Brooklyn.

To reduce the budget, the City Council called for the dismissal of three of Beacon’s nine police officers and for the chief to assist with patrols.

**75 Years Ago (October 1946)**

Gen. Elliott Roosevelt, the son of the late president, said he could not endorse Robert

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REAL ESTATE MARKET UPDATE

HOME SALES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE LAST 30 DAYS

BEACON

PROPERTIES	BEDS	BATHS	SQ FT	SOLD!
24 Maple St.	3	1/0	1,500	\$429,000
2 Academy St.	3	1/0	1,620	\$442,000
218 Fishkill Ave.	4	2/0	2,004	\$442,000
26 S Cedar St.	3	2/0	1,364	\$450,000
17 Dewindt St.	3	2/0	1,750	\$472,500
20 Crescent Dr.	3	1/1	2,200	\$550,000
82 Dutchess Ter.	3	2/0	2,016	\$565,000
10 Schofield Pl.	5	3/2	3,950	\$750,000

PHILIPSTOWN

PROPERTIES	BEDS	BATHS	SQ FT	SOLD!
13 Boulder Road	2	2/0	1,100	\$59,000
801 Route 9D #2	4	2/1	1,970	\$1,500,000

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THE GATE HOUSE TEAM



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Pendell, a Democrat from Beacon who was running for a state Senate seat, because of Pendell's opposition to the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination law. [Gov. Thomas Dewey had enacted the statute in March 1945, making New York the first state to prohibit employment discrimination based on race, creed, color or national origin.] Pendell dismissed Roosevelt as an "extreme reactionary," saying he opposed Ives-Quinn because efforts to "regulate the attitude of the mind and heart of one segment of the population against another is beyond the capacity of man. Tolerance and lack of discrimination can be achieved only as we improve civilization."

A week later, when Roosevelt demanded that Pendell drop out of the race, the candidate responded by accusing Roosevelt, Dewey and other "little men" of turning the laudable principle of equal rights into "petty politics to cater to minorities who feel they have been discriminated against."

Speaking before the Beacon Democratic women's club, the party's candidate for the Assembly, W. Victor Ogley, said he supported Ives-Quinn. Relying "on a gradual program of education is insufficient," he said. Like theft, fraud and murder, he said, "racial discrimination is a crime against society and we should have laws against it."

A boxing match at Poughkeepsie between Paulie "Kid" Hawks of Beacon and Johnny Davis of Albany was stopped in the third round when Davis opened a cut above Hawks' eye. The Kid protested but the ring physician sided with the referee.

The Trinity council of the Knights of Columbus "burned its mortgage" during a celebratory dinner at the Elks Lodge.

The Beacon Recreation Commission announced it would host evening classes at the high school for typing, bookkeeping, shorthand, mathematics, shop work, Spanish and boxing. The commission also hosted its 12th annual Halloween parade, with a reviewing stand at Walette's gas station.

The late Paul Gordon, an archer who made bows and arrows at his Tioronda Avenue shop, willed 70 books on the sport to the New York Public Library, including one published in 1675.

A vandal who broke into the Lewitties and Sons furniture company on Fishkill Avenue overnight slashed 14 sofas and 17 upholstered chairs that were waiting to be loaded for delivery. Workers at the plant were on strike.

#### 50 Years Ago (October 1971)

Ahmed Volkswagen, led by Vic Wowaka's five touchdowns, scored a record 73 points in a Beacon Touch Football League game while blanking Wilson's of Fishkill. The team later defeated Gallagher's Raiders, 14-12, for the season title.

A delegation from the Georgia Historical Commission said it planned to fly into Stewart Field in Newburgh to obtain a court order to retrieve the remains of Col. William Few from the cemetery behind the Reformed Church. Few, who was among the signers of the Constitution in 1787 while serving as a senator from Georgia, had died in 1828 at his daughter's home in Fishkill



A portrait of William Few by John Ramage

Landing and was interred in the family vault of his son-in-law.

The City Council proposed a \$2.03 million budget [about \$13.7 million today] that included a 41 percent increase in property taxes. Mayor Robert Cahill noted that the city had lost \$105,000 in state aid and seen an increase of \$305,000 in the costs of constructing a state-mandated sewage treatment plant.

#### 25 Years Ago (October 1996)

The Rev. Donald Poulin, who had been pastor at St. Joachim's Church since 1985, died at age 68. He was survived by three brothers (two of whom were also priests, in Kenya and Micronesia) and a sister who was a nun.

The City Council passed a proposed

budget of \$8.76 million [about \$15.2 million today] that included a 2.85 percent increase in property taxes. City Administrator Joseph Braun said unionized city employees and firefighters were due a 3 percent raise and the city lost revenue when a private firm sold a rail line to tax-exempt Metro-North.

The Beacon High School boys' cross-country team began the season 8-0 behind Chris Eve, who won four of the meets, most recently in 16:35.

The 61-bed Craig House psychiatric hospital laid off 25 workers because of what it said was lower patient demand and falling reimbursements.

A new state law required teachers to teach the Great Irish Hunger of the 1840s as a human rights violation akin to slavery and the Holocaust. John Gauquie, who taught history at Beacon High School for 33 years, said he always covered the potato famine but that teachers "tended to get an English point of view of history."

A Beacon man pleaded guilty to attempted murder in exchange for a 15-year prison sentence. He admitted to choking a clerk at Rite-Aid with a telephone cord after taking \$4,227 from the safe.

Beacon sold its former City Hall at auction for \$200,000. The buyer was David Schwartz, a resident of Miami with ties to the Hudson Valley, who said he had no immediate plans for the two-story, 6,000-square-foot structure. Pauline Damia of Croton bought the former police station for \$70,000. A new municipal building was nearly complete at the foot of Main Street.

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Roots And Shoots

Matters of Texture and Shape

Beauty isn't only in blooms

By Pamela Doan

**T**he ferns in my landscape start to glow at this time of year, even as they are lying lower than they did in summer. As in many disturbed areas, I have swaths of fern monocultures where they dominate and suppress other plants from growing. The majority are hay-scented ferns, (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula*), that are not picky about where they grow. They are very adaptable — equally at home in sunny, shady, dry or wet locations. For most landscaping conditions there is a fern, and they can't be beat for adding interesting foliage and texture. This non-flowering division of plants, the pteridophyte, is one of the oldest groups of plants on earth, although the earliest species are extinct. Most of our contemporary ferns only date back to the past 70 million years or so. The plant division includes all plants that reproduce by spores instead of flowers and seeds. I first appreciated the peculiarities of ferns in the yard of a house I rented in the Pacific Northwest, where the rainfall patterns and cloud cover create perfect conditions for many ferns. I learned to cut back dried foliage in winter so that I



could witness the unfurling of new fronds in spring. Starting off as a fuzzy, brown clump, the fern would reveal itself as it unwound and became a dark-green stem, called a stipe, with delicate leaves, the pinna, branching off. Use ferns creatively in mixed perennial plantings; shade gardens; rock gardens; plantings adjacent to a stream, pond or lake; or woodland-style gardens. During a hike or forest walk, look around for inspiration. Ferns show off in contrast to the bark of trees and rocks, and cast cool-looking shadows. Combine different ferns together that have varying shades of green, structure, height and leaflet size for impact. The American Fern Society has detailed instructions on collecting and cultivating spores, something I don't yet have experience with. The AFS also maintains a Facebook group for identifying ferns; it has international participation and a spore exchange for members in case you're interested in cultivating ferns from other regions. Here is a list of native ferns that I've been able to find at some local garden centers.

**For part to full shade with soil that doesn't dry out:**

**Maidenhair fern** (*Adiantum pedatum*)

I especially appreciate how a grouping of maidenhair ferns looks like a swirling mass



Hay-scented fern gets its common name from the faint wafting of fresh hay that comes up as you walk through it. Photo by P. Doan

from above. This fern grows up to 20 inches high and has more of a circular form.

**Ostrich fern** (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)

These are hardy in zones 2 to 6 and some of the Highlands will be too warm for it to be happy. Ostrich fern is commonly found in forested wetlands and can grow up to 6 feet tall.

**For sun and shade with soil that doesn't dry out:**

The trick to this grouping of ferns is to find the sweet spot between more moisture in sunny spots and more dryness in shady spots.

**Lady fern** (*Athyrium filix-femina*)

I love the lacy, delicate leaf cuts of this fern. The texture and bright, green color

pop when I see it growing in the woods.

**Sensitive fern** (*Onoclea sensibilis*)

Reaching up to 3 feet in height, the sensitive fern has large segmented leaves and is pale green.

**Cinnamon fern** (*Osmunda cinnamomea*)

This fern can be found growing in high sediment areas of streams or on pond edges, but will also tolerate dryer soils as long as it is shady. Growing up to 6 feet tall, it has a striking presence.

**Christmas fern** (*Polystichum acrostichodes*)

This is an evergreen fern that grows up to 2 feet tall with large foliage and gets its common name from being identifiable in winter. With its height, it could stand in for woody evergreen plants in a garden.

**For sun to part shade with soil that doesn't dry out:**

**New York fern** (*Thelypteris noveboracensis*)

I have a difficult time distinguishing New York fern and hay-scented fern because they have a similar bright-green color, branching structure and height of 1 to 2 feet. They are similar enough that I wouldn't plant them in the same grouping, but if you can only find one of the two, use them interchangeably. As previously mentioned, for dry or wetter conditions in sun or shade, plant hay-scented fern. Be aware that over time, it can become the dominant plant in its location.

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## Mayor Race *(from Page 6)*

**out of a state law that would allow retail sales and on-site consumption of marijuana. Instead, a referendum will appear on the ballot. Marijuana, like alcohol, is now a legal product. Should retail sales and on-site consumption be allowed?**

**TAMAGNA:** We are unique in Cold Spring in that we have such a small geographic boundary from our school. Wouldn't it be something if there was a dispensary next to Cold Spring Pizza? There's a lot to still be fleshed out with regard to where [retail stores] belong. But having said that, it's up to the voters. I would encourage everybody to make sure that they find the box on the ballot. It's kind of a slippery slope. And likewise with the CBD sold in some of our institutions. There's a social risk. I like to be very careful as a leader to protect the health and the welfare of our youngest.

**FOLEY:** My colleague Tweeps Woods and I

**“The more people we have engaged in the village, the better it will be. ~Kathleen Foley**

pressed very hard for this to go to referendum because I felt that this decision is too important to be up to five people at a table. The regulatory details at the state level, both from a taxation and a distribution standpoint, have not been fully worked out. You can call the [state] comptroller's office and they're hard-pressed to explain to you how this seed-to-sale formulation works for tax. We can opt in later if the community would prefer that. I would like to see us hold on and let the state get its regulatory house in order before we consider sales. In terms of kids being able to access marijuana: Under this new law, it's legal to have 5 pounds of marijuana in your home. I think parents need to be making sure if they're having it at their home, their kids aren't getting it there. That to me seems like a bigger danger than a regulated shop on Main Street. We have regulated wine shops on Main Street that don't sell to children. Personally, I would prefer that we didn't have on-site consumption in the village. There are higher and better uses of our Main Street, but we live in a capitalist economy and the market will drive it.

**The Cold Spring Police Department costs the village about \$433,000 annually, or 17 percent of the \$2.5 million budget. Over the years, some people have argued that the police force is largely redundant. We have a sheriff's substation in Nelsonville. We have the New York State Police. What is your view on the need for a police agency in the village?**

**FOLEY:** I am deeply committed to having a local police force that is accountable to

our elected officials and residents. The Cold Spring Police Department knows our community and knows our children. We did a survey in the spring and our village is largely supportive of our police officers. There are things that can be done better, but people feel safe with a police force here. I don't want to be waiting for someone to drive from the other side of the county; I want officers here who can respond in a moment's notice and our officers do. It's easy to think of Cold Spring as Mayberry, but if you were at the Village Board last night [Oct. 12], you heard that we had an arrest following a check-cashing crime that resulted in the confiscation of crack cocaine. We are bisected by a state road. Because of tourism, we have traffic and crowds to manage. And we have the same real-life social issues that exist in other places. We have an officer-in-charge, Larry Burke, who is an incredibly ethical and good man. He hires good officers and he's committed to community participation.

**TAMAGNA:** I, of course, support our local police and Larry Burke does do a wonderful job. As the rector's warden at St. Mary's [Church], I can say that just at the corner there, with traffic such as when we have our Modern Maker's Market, it goes a long way. All budgets need to be reviewed. We have to look at overtime. We need to make sure they have the training and equipment they need. Look for the partnerships, too. Bring [Dutchess & Putnam] REACT in. It's a wonderful volunteer organization that helps with traffic control when we have Fourth of July parades or other events. Maybe what we can do with our Sheriff's Department, to partner and to let people know what's going on. Very often I don't think that everybody knows when there's going to be a big event. We can do that kind of outreach, maybe even a year or six months in advance, to get the help that that our local police force needs. There's a tremendous burden on them.

**FOLEY:** When you're mayor, you need to know the structure of village departments. We don't have overtime. We have all part-time officers. I will also congratulate REACT. Those were the folks who, if you were immunized at the Recreation Center, were moving crowds through traffic to get shots. They were here on Community Day, and they were fantastic. So a shoutout to them.

**Finally, we'd like to have each candidate provide a closing statement.**

**TAMAGNA:** You know, there's a great deal at stake here in this mayoral election. I want to be the mayor because I want to unite the community. I want to collaborate with our friends in county government and state government and federal government. I have the experience to do all that, and I have the network to do that. I've worked for you before for 18 years. I was your legislator, quite a successful run of things. And no, I didn't bring almost \$2 million in by myself. I did it with a team of people that believed in the same vision. And I'm going to bring that back again. I'm humbled as I go around talking to people and I know the support is there. People remember me and

know how hard I work. And I know that the Better Together team is going to work as a team. We want to make this a neighborly community, a community that's together and a community that can accomplish things. Let's use the talent that's out there. Let's build on it. I understand some of us have been here for generations; some of us had just found this is an awesome place

**“Let's make this the most vibrant community in the Hudson Valley.**

**~ Vinny Tamagna**

to live. Welcome to everybody. Let's get to work. We all want a village government that works for the people. It's a legacy for me. As I get ready to retire after 25 years, I'm going to do what I need to do to make sure that we address the riverfront, the water supply, the dam — that's a \$4 million project we didn't even talk about. But it's something that again, connections that I have with the Department of Public Works will go a long way in helping. I want to thank Mayor [Dave] Merandy and Trustees [Marie] Early and [Fran] Murphy for giving us a firm foundation on which to build. Let's make

this the most vibrant community in the Hudson River Valley.

**FOLEY:** I'm here tonight on Main Street, right across the street [from *The Current*] at Supplies for Creative Living and Now in Bloom, two of our women-owned businesses, and I'm here with supporters and happy to have them here with me and have their encouragement. One of the things about this village is you've got to be here. And Vinny, you were on our Legislature for a long time. I think most of us haven't seen you in the village since you last came to advocate for the Butterfield development. So it's nice to see you back in the village. But the Forge Ahead team has been here all along, people know us on the street, they know us on the sidewalks and we're engaged with the community in a real way, with sleeves rolled up, and we bring that love and dedication to the table. We look forward to working in a participatory way, welcoming people to the table, taking advantage of the expertise and the brilliance that is in this community. The best thing you can say as a leader is, "Teach me what you know, because you know more than I do." So let's get those folks at the table, have them engaged and listen to them and implement the smart recommendations that are being made. The more people we have engaged in the village, the better it will be. I'm ready to listen. And I'm ready to work hard. And I show up.

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DATED: October 13, 2021

TARA PERCACCILO, TOWN CLERK | TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN'



# Residents Urge Philipstown Town Board to Allow Cannabis Businesses

## Officials propose committee to tackle local hunger

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Residents last week urged the Philipstown Town Board to opt out of opting out and allow marijuana businesses to soon open.

They commented in an Oct. 7 public hearing on a proposed law declaring that Philipstown, at least for now, would prohibit pot businesses. Only one speaker endorsed that idea.

In other business during a lengthy session at Town Hall, the board discussed local hunger, a problem even in “a town as wealthy as Philipstown,” according to Supervisor Richard Shea.

Earlier this year, New York State legalized adults’ recreational use of cannabis. It plans to license marijuana shops and lounges, and has given towns and villages until Dec. 31 to opt out of allowing them. Municipalities that do nothing — thereby opting in — cannot subsequently reverse their position. But those that opt out in 2021 can opt in later. The state law returns 4 percent of taxes from cannabis to localities.

Anthony Lise, who lives and practices law in Garrison and hopes to start a cannabis business, told the board that “the community supports opting in,” which “will

promote small-business growth, support local farmers and increase tax revenues. Any increase in tax revenue is a good thing.” If Philipstown opts out this fall but then opts in at a future date, “we will have wasted so much time,” cannabis entrepreneurs will have looked to nearby communities instead, and, with the state limiting the number of licenses available, “none may be left” for pot shops in Philipstown, said Lise.

Colin Wright, a Philipstown farmer who serves on the Putnam County agricultural board and manages the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market, advised the board that “it would be unwise to opt out.”

Eric Arnold, who serves on the town Comprehensive Plan committee but spoke as an individual, noted that the draft law aims to safeguard the town, but “if we were truly concerned about public health, safety and well-being, we wouldn’t be opting out.” Refusing to accept licensed pot enterprises only encourages an illegal underground market, he said.

Cold Spring resident Tara Vamos argued that “we should absolutely go forward with allowing cannabis sales.” She and other opt-in supporters dismissed claims that the presence of cannabis establishments would lead to drug use by teens, decrease property values or spark social problems. Vamos said that to buy cannabis she occasionally drives to Great Barrington, Massachusetts,

“a beautiful, cute town” where “nothing hideous has happened” since cannabis businesses began operating.

Board members seemed skeptical.

“I have no support for any kind of smoking,” said Councilor John Van Tassel, who is running unopposed for town supervisor. (Shea is retiring.) “I’m certainly not going to say I’m here to support the use of cannabis in any form. It’ll take quite a bit of convincing to change my mind.”

Councilor Judy Farrell underscored the board’s need for input from the whole community, “not just a few who may have an interest in a cannabis business or the tax revenue that might come. We have to do our due diligence.”

The anticipated marijuana tax income “is not the tremendous amount of money” some might envision, said Councilor Robert Flaherty, who noted that even without pot shops in Philipstown, residents can indulge: “Nobody is going to stop you from smoking it on the street.”

Councilor Jason Angell said he’s “still listening, still thinking it through.” He recommended consideration of the possible impact of pot shops on shopping areas and roads, along with other concerns.

“What’s really driving” the board’s interest in opting out “is the fact we need to make a decision,” but lack the time, energy and resources to complete any necessary

zoning changes and similar revisions this fall, Shea explained. “It’s just not going to happen. We have too many other priorities,” such as infrastructure and “food insecurity. There are children going to bed hungry *in this town tonight*,” he emphasized. “That’s not hyperbole. That’s a fact. I’ve seen it. So if I’m going to spend time, and money, on something, it’s going to be those issues first.”

Angell proposed that the board set up a committee to address local hunger and said the latest U.S. Census found 120 households in Philipstown with incomes below the federal poverty line, homes “which you can assume are food-insecure, chronically.”

Shea termed the committee “a laudable ... achievable goal.” He also reported on efforts to assist residents left economically strapped during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Town officials collected donations ranging from small amounts to, in several cases, \$50,000 to \$100,000, and used the funds to purchase cards exchanged for groceries, pay for medical prescriptions and help in other ways. They assisted not only people in Philipstown, but residents of Beacon, Peekskill, Newburgh and elsewhere, he said, and distributed \$461,000 in aid.

“It’s beyond distressing to see things you just don’t expect to see in our own backyard,” said Shea. Even as the pandemic abates, “we’re going to make sure we don’t leave people behind,” he promised.



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# Woman Arrested in Alleged Bank Fraud

*Also, village mayor and trustee clash again*

By Michael Turton

Quick action by bank employees and local police recently thwarted attempts to fraudulently cash checks in Beacon and Cold Spring, according to Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge of the Cold Spring Police Department.

At the Tuesday (Oct. 12) meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Burke said a woman had walked into the M&T Bank in Beacon on Sept. 16 and attempted to cash a \$7,500 check but was turned away because she lacked the proper identification.

The bank manager alerted his counterpart in Cold Spring; an hour later, the woman entered the M&T Bank there with the same check. The bank called 911, and Cold Spring and Putnam County sheriff's officers responded.

Burke said the suspect left the bank, crossed Chestnut Street and tried to evade police by going through the Foodtown parking lot. After her arrest, Burke said officers confiscated a fake ID, a small amount of crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. The woman is wanted in Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and New Jersey, "all for the exact same thing," he said.

In his monthly report, Burke said officers had answered 62 calls for service in September and issued 20 traffic tickets (including 10 for speeding) and 108 parking tickets. There was one arrest for the unlicensed operation of a vehicle.

The board approved Burke's request to hire two new officers, Christopher Arroyo and Kelly Close; the department now has 16 part-time officers.

## Land sale

By a 3-2 vote, the board approved the sale of a small strip of village-owned land on the north and west sides of Riverview to the restaurant's owners, Jim and Lori Ely.

Mayor Dave Merandy called the sale a "no-brainer," describing the land as "totally useless" to the village. Trustee Kathleen Foley said she was not opposed to the sale in principle but asked for clarification as to why a small piece of village property at 15 Main St. could not be sold to Laura Bergman, who is opening a wine bar.

Merandy said there were zoning and nonconformity issues at that site but that the biggest concern had been encroachment on the pedestrian right of way.

Foley commented that a previous board indicated village property shouldn't be sold for the expansion of private enterprise.

Deputy Mayor Marie Early responded that the proposed sale would not expand Riverview's business but would allow the restaurant to make tie-downs for a dining tent that sits on village-owned land.

When Foley pressed for information on the location of the tie-downs, a Highway Department fuel tank and other details, Merandy objected.

"I find this discussion crazy," he said, noting that he, Early and Highway Crew Chief Robert Downey Jr. had visited the property.

"Where is the trust?" a clearly frustrated Merandy asked. "If you had gone there with [Trustee] Tweep [Woods] and looked at it and said this land is useless, I would have said fine, because I trust you."

"We're talking about the sale of village property," Foley said. "My questions haven't been answered." She asked Merandy why he was getting so emotional over the issue.

"This is a wasted discussion on a very

minor issue," Merandy said. "It's a waste of my time. That's why I'm emotional."

Merandy, Early and Trustee Fran Murphy voted in favor of the sale, and Foley and Woods against.

The vote was the same on a motion to sell the land for \$4 per square foot, the standard rate used in the sale of village-owned stoops and other small properties.

## In other business...

■ The board approved hiring Karen Herbert, a retired Westchester assistant district attorney, as a part-time secretary and assistant at a rate of \$20 per hour.

■ After the receipt of two additional applications, a seven-member Community Stakeholders Group was approved. The group will provide comments and recommendations for an ongoing review of the Police Department.

■ The Planning Board is reviewing an application for a change of use from office to senior housing condominium for the yet-to-be completed Building 1 at the Butterflied redevelopment project. A revised site plan must also be approved.

■ Planning Board Chair Matt Francisco reported that the owner of the 6,564-square-foot space at 40 Main St., formerly the Ellen Hayden Gallery, has been advised to meet with the Village Board. The site's proposed use would include two retail shops and office space for 29 people. That change would require 44 parking waivers, a number Francisco said is unprecedented. Because the number of off-street spaces required by the village code is seldom available, businesses can pay a one-time fee of \$250 per space.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. responded to

## Recent Deaths

### Beacon

Rocco Bianchi, 65  
Carl Fisher, 87  
Paula Hunt, 52  
Sandra Naimo, 65  
Shannon Papula, 41  
Latrell Sellers  
Elbert Sweat Sr., 87  
Justin Tomlins, 41  
Stella Thomas, 63  
Mercedes Vega, 69  
Angel Velazquez Jr., 36  
Charles Williams, 68  
John Wojcik, 63

### Philipstown

Virginia Dubatowka, 100  
Donald Graham, 85  
Barbara McConville, 75  
Catherine Patinella, 74  
Ginny Pidala, 66  
Joanne Schenck, 79  
Don Smith, 85

For obituaries,  
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27 calls in September, including 14 activated fire alarms, three incidents at Breakneck Ridge, two flooding conditions and two assists to emergency medical workers. Other calls included a motor vehicle crash, downed wire, carbon monoxide alarm, marine incident, propane leak and an elevator rescue.

■ The Recreation Commission is developing a job description for a planner to oversee ticketed events at village parks.

■ The Highway Department collected 64 tons of trash and 18 tons of recyclables in September.

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# SPORTS

## Roundup *(from Page 24)*

Haase was an absolute monster on both sides of the ball," Alzate said. "There are not many freshmen who can do what she can do."

Beacon will host Minisink Valley today (Oct. 15) at 4:15 p.m. before traveling to Cornwall on Monday. The team hosts Goshen at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Haldane tied Arlington, 1-1, in an Oct. 8 homecoming game, lost to Croton-Harmon on Tuesday, 7-0, and fell at home to Putnam Valley on Thursday, 3-2, to fall to 5-8-2. It will close the regular season at Pawling on Saturday.

## GIRLS' TENNIS

Beacon defeated Minisink Valley, 6-1, on Oct. 6, fell 7-0 to Washingtonville on Oct. 7 and swept a doubleheader from Cornwall (4-3, 4-3) on Oct. 8 to finish the season a 9-4 record. The Bulldogs tied Goshen for second place in the league, behind Washingtonville.

"The girls showed a ton of improvement, which was due to their great work ethic," Coach David Ryley said. "Our JV finished the season undefeated, so the future is looking bright."

On Tuesday (Oct. 12), Beacon entered two doubles teams in a Section IX qualifying tournament in Orange County. Maura Lane and Isabelle Ray will compete in the sectional tournament next week after reaching the quarterfinals (losing to the No. 1 seed from Monroe-Woodbury), while

Emma Sandison and Lindsay Darcy lost in the round of 16 and did not advance. They finished the season 11-2.

## GIRLS' SWIMMING

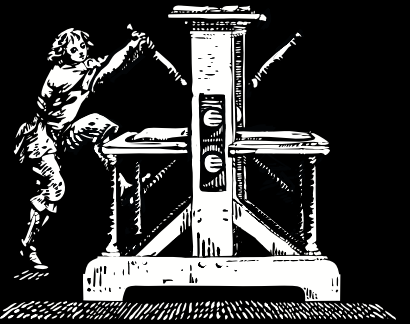
The Beacon girls' swim team was scheduled to conclude its season at Middletown on Thursday (Oct. 14). The Bulldogs were edged by Warwick on Tuesday, 91.5 to 85.5, to drop to 1-8. In that meet, Isabella Haydt won the 200-meter freestyle in 2:21.54, Meara Kumar won the 100 butterfly in 1:12.31 and the 200 medley and 200 free-style relay teams also won.

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**ACROSS**

1. Russian range

6. First lady before Michelle

11. Salem's state

12. Cancels

14. Mexican revolutionary

15. "Are you happy I'm back?"

16. Low digit

17. Omits

19. Soak (up)

20. 1492 vessel

22. Rock's Brian

23. Spanish ayes

24. Devour

26. Religious doctrines

28. — Moines

30. Actress Long

31. Fairly shared

35. Snares

39. "— Smile Be Your Umbrella"

40. Director Howard

42. Half a sextet

43. Egg (Pref.)

44. Pale purple

46. Club —

47. "New World Symphony" composer

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51. Bagel choice

52. Handsome guy

53. Hinder

54. Classical language

**DOWN**

1. Muse of astronomy

2. Show contrition

3. Khan title

4. Used-car sites

5. Plumber's tool

6. Spoof

7. Black birds

8. Young — (tots)

9. Putin's land

10. Nearly

11. Ultraviolet filter

13. Old photo tint

18. Ky. neighbor

21. Actress McDonald of *Private Practice*

23. Brainy

25. Pod dweller

27. "Shoo!"

29. Picket-line participant

31. Trudges

32. Gunned, as an engine

33. Idle

34. "You've got mail" co.

36. Designer Giorgio

37. Bakery pan

38. Fizzy drinks

41. Twangy

44. Hobbling

45. Musical finale

48. Squealer

50. "Kidding!"

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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 boor (4)

2 having a pleasant scent (7)

3 loquacious (10)

4 cure-alls (7)

5 dirty (8)

6 fell end over end (7)

7 they may be kids at heart (5)

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1. RIPS, 2. FENCING, 3. BILES, 4. ZOOMING, 5. RIVERBANK, 6. THIRSTY, 7. ACCOLADES

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## SPORTS



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# VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

### FOOTBALL

The Haldane football team got a big performance from wide receiver and free safety Ryan Irwin during its homecoming game under the lights on Oct. 8 on its way to a 28-15 victory over Croton-Harmon.

The senior came up with a pair of interceptions (returning one for a touchdown), caught a touchdown pass and ran for another score.

"Ryan Irwin came to play," said Coach Ryan McConville.

It was also a good night for the defense, which forced three turnovers and stifled the Tigers' offense for most of the game. "Jake Mason continues to be all over the place with tackles," the coach said.

McConville said he and the players were thrilled to play a night game on their home turf, which was illuminated by portable lights. "It took a village to get those light towers set up," he said. "We got a lot of support from the booster club and the administration. The atmosphere was unbelievable."

Haldane set the tone in the first quarter when a Soleil Gaines interception put the Blue Devils in business and quarterback Ryan Van Tassel connected with Irwin on a 43-yard touchdown pass. On Croton's next possession, Irwin grabbed his first interception and returned it 65 yards for a 12-0 Haldane lead.

The next scoring wouldn't come until the fourth quarter, when Croton put together its best drive of the game and scored on a 30-yard run. But Haldane answered quickly, with Irwin capping a drive with a 16-yard run, then running for the two-point conversion to make it 20-7.

Tommy Tucker widened the lead on a 64-yard pass from Van Tassel and caught another pass for the two-point conversion. Croton got a 38-yard touchdown from John Cerrone to close out the scoring.

Van Tassel completed 7 of 13 attempts for 192 yards and two touchdowns. He was picked off once. Evan Giachinta ran 14 times for 54 yards.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to host Valhalla on Saturday (Oct. 16) at 3 p.m. in the first of what McConville called "a tough stretch of three games" that will also see the team travel to Blind Brook and Dobbs Ferry. "I'm glad we have some momentum. We've made some major improvements since the start of the season."

Beacon hosted Walkill on Oct. 8 and put the first points of the game on the scoreboard.



Running back Evan Giachinta gets held up by a defender during the Blue Devils' win.



Beacon's Isaac Hansen (33) looks for room to run against Walkill.

Photos by S. Pearlman

But that was all the Bulldogs could muster, falling 28-3 in a performance that Coach Jim Phelan called "an embarrassment."

After Owen Lynch kicked a 34-yard field goal in the first quarter, not much went right for the Bulldogs, who trailed 14-3 at the half and 21-3 at the end of three quarters. After a scuffle broke out on the field halfway through the fourth, the officials ended the game early.

"We lost our mental focus during the game, and it cost us on many levels," Phelan said. "We lost our heads, and we lost the game. They made some big plays when they needed to, and we did not. We also turned the ball over, and those turnovers

got turned into points for them."

Quarterback Jason Komisar completed 6 of 15 attempts for 100 yards but was intercepted and fumbled. He also ran seven times for 70 yards. Isaac Hanson added 56 yards on 10 carries, and Ahmir Bell had 14 yards on five. Cody Shields had two receptions for 56 yards, and Tyler Haydt led the defense with four tackles.

Beacon had a touchdown called back on a penalty in the first quarter. "Essentially, that's how our entire night went," Phelan said. "Every time something good happened, we took two steps backward. We didn't respond to adversity the way I had hoped we would. After winning our

first three, it was heartbreaking to see. We didn't play well, or represent ourselves well on or off the field."

Phelan is hoping his team is ready to turn the page for the homecoming matchup tonight (Oct. 15) against 0-5 Monticello. Game time is 7 p.m. "It will be interesting to see how some of our young guys respond," Phelan said. "This will be a good test."

### BOYS' SOCCER

Beacon defeated Byram Hills, 2-0, on Monday (Oct. 11) in the Section I vs. Section IX Invitational at Lakeland High School. Andre Alzate scored both goals. On Tuesday the Bulldogs blanked Washingtonville, 2-0, behind scores by Tommy Franks and Dillon Kelly.

"That was a positive result against a traditional powerhouse," Coach Craig Seaman said of the Byram Hills win. "The Washingtonville win was a good result in a difficult setting against a physical team on the road, on a small field with a choppy playing surface. It's important that we're able to adapt to different playing styles and fields."

Seaman complimented his back line, anchored by Gavin Ladue, Franks, Kirk Dyer and keeper AJ Lucas.

Beacon (9-1-1, 6-0-1 in league) was ranked No. 6 in Class A this week by the New York State Sportswriters Association. The Bulldogs are scheduled to host Washingtonville on Saturday (Oct. 16) at 2 p.m. and travel to Cornwall on Tuesday.

Haldane, on a four-game winning streak, defeated North Salem, 2-0, on Oct. 9 for a homecoming victory. The goals came from Matt Silhavy and Max Westphal, and keeper Ronan Kiter had six saves.

The Blue Devils (6-7-1, 3-2-1 league) picked up a 5-2 victory last week over Croton-Harmon. Ryan Eng-Wong and Silhavy each had two goals, and Westphal had one. Kiter had six saves.

"These young men are playing with a lot of heart and intensity every game," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to host Putnam Valley at 4:30 p.m. today (Oct. 15) in their last game of the regular season.

### GIRLS' SOCCER

Beacon dropped a 2-0 decision on Monday (Oct. 11) at Millbrook. "We had a bad break in the first half when we had a penalty kick called against us, and that put us in a hole," said Coach Hugo Alzate. "We moved the ball well but couldn't finish."

On Wednesday, the Bulldogs (5-4-3, 4-2-3 league) tied Washingtonville, 1-1, after two overtimes. Gabby Kuka scored for Beacon in the 74th minute to tie it, and Devyn Kelly had seven saves in goal.

"We had outstanding efforts from Gabby and Maddie Bobnick on defense, and Noelle

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