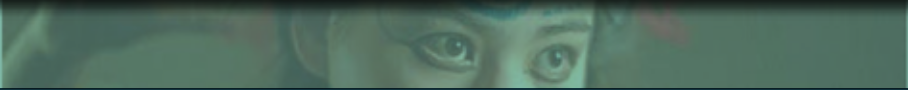

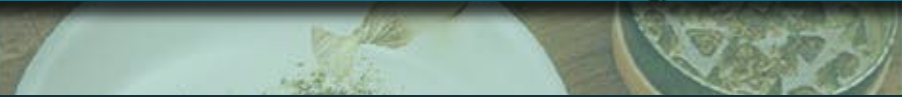

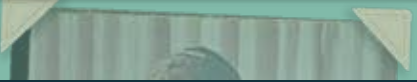
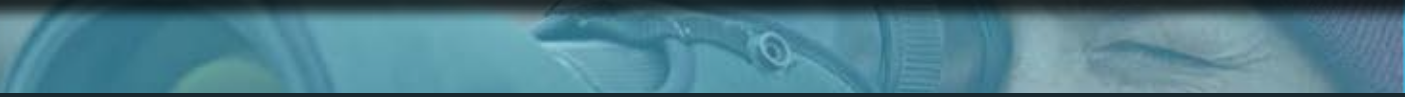





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McConville is New Putnam Sheriff

In Legislature, Montgomery easily wins reelection

By Chip Rowe

Kevin McConville unseated Robert Langley Jr. as the sheriff of Putnam County, according to unofficial results released by the Board of Elections on Tuesday (Nov. 2).



McConville

McConville, a former chief of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority police force, defeated Langley with 57 percent of the vote. Although absentee ballots have not yet been counted, McConville's 3,148-vote lead was more than could be surmounted by the 1,853 mail-in ballots distributed by the BOE.

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| ☆ | McConville (R) 12,222 | 57% |
| ☆ | Langley (D) 9,074 | 43% |

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

The turnout was 31 percent among 69,709 registered voters. The results are unofficial until the BOE tallies the absentees starting Nov. 16 and certifies the vote.

Langley, a Democrat, was attacked by both McConville, a Republican who asserted the sheriff had broken the law by discussing campaign politics while on duty and on his county-issued cellphone, and County Executive MaryEllen Odell, a Republican who endorsed McConville and accused Langley during the last week of the campaign of

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HONORING VETERANS — Sabrina Crowley earlier this week put the finishing touches on a mural on the Dutchess County Government Building at 223 Main St. in Beacon in anticipation of Veterans Day on Thursday (Nov. 11). The project was funded by Libby Funeral Home.

Photo by Meredith Heuer

Foley Elected Cold Spring Mayor

Starbuck, Woods win seats; third seat undecided

By Chip Rowe

Kathleen Foley will be the next mayor of Cold Spring, according to unofficial results posted on Tuesday (Nov. 2) by the Putnam County Board of Elections.



Foley

Foley defeated former Putnam County Legislator Vinny Tamagna with 66 percent of the vote to win a 2-year term. She will be sworn in Dec. 6 to succeed Dave Merandy, who is in his third term but dropped out of the race over the summer.

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| ☆ | Kathleen Foley 584 | 66% |
| ☆ | Vinny Tamagna 294 | 33% |

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

Turnout was 62 percent among the 1,549 registered voters.

Foley, who was elected last year to a seat on the Village Board, will appoint her successor to finish her 2-year trustee term.

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Beacon, Police Appear Close to Deal

Council wants feedback from citizen committee

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council appears ready to approve a four-year contract with the police officers' union but wants first to hear from a citizen committee charged with overseeing law enforcement reform.

That discussion is expected to happen during the council's workshop on Monday (Nov. 8), which would make the following week the earliest the agreement could be ratified.

Two sides are seemingly at odds. Some activists and residents have called for sweeping reforms in the department and in how Beacon envisions public safety, while other residents and city officials feel the police have performed admirably since

being released from U.S. Department of Justice oversight in 2016.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou in June appointed a nine-member committee to develop recommendations based on the city's Police Reform and Modernization Collaborative Plan, which was released in March. It is led by the co-chairs of the group that drafted the plan: the Rev. John Perez of Faith Temple Church and Mark Ungar, a political science and criminal justice professor at City University of New York.

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: LAURA LENGNICK

By Brian PJ Cronin

Laura Lengnick is the newly hired director of agriculture at the Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming in Philipstown and the author of *Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for a Changing Climate*.

What is “resilient agriculture” and how is it different from “sustainable agriculture?”

The idea of “sustainable” agriculture is that it sustains land, people and community. But the piece missing is intentional design and management, specifically through the lens of: How do we adapt for climate change? We need principles and practices when preparing, designing and managing farming and food systems that recognize change and the potential for disturbance and shock. Resilience is much broader than sustainability because we can apply it to any kind of disturbance and shock.

What are some of the shocks and disturbances?

The big shock that’s still in our face is the global pandemic. But the last hundred years of American agriculture has been shock after shock. Our changes in policy in



the first half of the last century transformed agriculture from more of a regional and diversified farming to what we have now, which is more industrial. That’s a shock! We’ve had market shock; we’ve had price-of-land shock. Here in the Hudson Valley, there’s been shock after shock to the dairy industry and that’s driven so many dairy farmers out of business.

Disturbances are not as severe as those

cataclysmic, headline-generating shock events. They’re within our capacity to respond. Maybe it’s something we’ve encountered before, and we’ve learned and changed practices on the farm to make it easier to respond. It’s the learning piece that’s missing in agriculture. Agriculture policy for the last 50 years has been about paying disaster aid after a disturbance, instead of learning from it and changing. Then the next disturbance hits, and we’re paying disaster aid again. Our farming system is fragile, and the costs are exploding.

Let’s say you’re in charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a week. What do you do first?

Get all the department heads in a room and ask: “How can we remove barriers for farmers who are ready to adopt more resilient practices?” We need to identify what programs and practices are putting up barriers, such as the subsidized crop insurance program. If you adopt many of the best resiliency practices, you become ineligible for subsidized crop insurance. Imagine if by putting up smoke detectors in your house you were no longer eligible for homeowner’s insurance. It’s crazy.

Can a large-scale farm be resilient and productive?

Yes. Resilient practices can be applied at any scale. My book describes many resilient farms and ranches that are farming at scale or larger than what’s typical for their region. But we can’t have large-scale farms in California growing 90 percent or 100 percent of our fruits and vegetables and sending them across the country. That kind of scale doesn’t work. Our national food system needs to shift where we’re growing food and how we’re growing food.

An updated version of your book will be published in May. What will be different?

A scientist wrote the first edition and an activist wrote the second edition.

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By Michael Turton

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No, I’d stay here and make money for my great-grandkids’ education.

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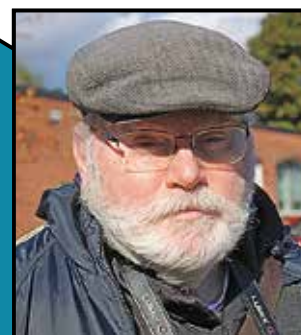


Barbara Sims, Beacon

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I’ll wait until I can fly coach.

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Peter McGivney, Beacon

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I’m afraid of heights and I’m claustrophobic; there’s better things to spend money on.

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Mary Supino, Cold Spring

Beacon Planning Board Preview

Public hearings and greenway discussion on the agenda

By Jeff Simms

A handful of public hearings will be on the agenda for the Beacon Planning Board on Tuesday (Nov. 9).

364 Main St.

A hearing on a proposal to construct a three-story residential and commercial building will focus on potential environmental impacts of the project, including on schools and roads.

The developer announced in August that the proposal had been reduced from a four-story to three-story building, which means it no longer requires a special-use permit from the City Council.

According to documents submitted to the board last month, the developer also plans to eliminate the former bank drive-thru lane on the west side of the property, replacing it with a one-story addition that expands the commercial space to about 9,500 square feet and incorporates new landscaping features. Access to the site will be via Main Street — on the east side of the building — with the exit at Eliza Street.

Private terraces would be constructed above the one-story addition for four apart-

ments on the second floor. The first floor would be commercial space and 1,500 square feet of common area for residents. There will be 20 apartments on the second and third floors. Forty-two off-street parking spaces — three more than required — will be provided.

Ferry Landing

The board will hold a second public hearing on minor amendments to the six-townhouse development being built at the former site of the “Welcome to Beacon” sign on Beekman Street, across from the Metro-North station.

The project was approved in 2018, but the developer is proposing changes to the site plan as part of a request to subdivide the townhomes into individual townhouse lots. The remainder of the land, nearly 19,000 square feet, will be a common lot owned by a homeowners’ association.

248 Tioronda Ave.

The Planning Board will continue another review of a request by the developer to amend the approved site plan. Much of that discussion has focused on the Fishkill Creek Greenway and Heritage Trail, which will run through the property and up to Route 9D/Wolcott Avenue, where it will connect on the other side of the street with the 23-28 Creek Drive development.

The 248 project developer is proposing a foot path heading up to and leveling off at 9D, where trail users will use the crosswalk to get across the street. On the 23-28 side, the developer has withdrawn plans to connect to the trail underneath the 9D bridge, using a Metropolitan Transportation Authority right of way. Instead, the project will revert to the original greenway proposal — a metal staircase leading to 9D.

NEWS BRIEFS

Beacon Schools Capital Timeline Projected

Voters approved \$26 million construction package

The Beacon school district plans to begin work on a \$26 million capital project next summer with boiler replacements in three elementary school buildings, roof work at Beacon High School and Rombout Middle School, and some of the hallway

“corridor ceiling” replacements, Superintendent Matt Landahl told the school board on Oct. 27. The spending was approved by district voters last month.

Building committees at all six schools will begin meeting again in January and will help design outdoor play spaces, new science and art facilities, and a new library at Sargent Elementary. Construction on those projects will begin in the summer of 2023. Minor HVAC and electrical work will take place at night and on weekends in the

fall of 2022 and 2023, Landahl said.

Putnam Man Pleads Guilty in Capital Riot

Will be sentenced in January

A Mahopac man charged in connection with the Jan. 6 breach of the U.S. Capitol has pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor that has a maximum sentence of six months in prison and \$5,000 fine.

Robert Ballesteros, 27, pleaded guilty on Oct. 28 to “parading, demonstrating or picketing” inside the Capitol. He will be sentenced in January and was ordered to pay \$500 in restitution.

According to a statement by an FBI agent, Ballesteros posted a video on Instagram the day after the riot and later confirmed that he had entered the building. The FBI said he posted the message: “Put my foot in that door. Made my stand.”



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Scary politics

Around this time of year, I'm never sure what I find more hair-raising: Halloween goblins or local politics. I've been gratified to see how *The Current* has been covering both.

I've come to count on this paper to illuminate the ins and outs of how our local government functions and how our candidates think. I'm particularly appreciative of the thoroughness of their reporting, which at times includes players from "both sides of the aisle" being held up for scrutiny.

While there are many gravely alarming aspects of our local, state and national politics, one of our most significant concerns should be any of us being locked in some self-validating echo chamber. If any news source routinely idealizes one side and diminishes or demonizes another, at some point, I'm going to ask: What's being left out? But when I hear balanced reporting and even-handed analysis of the strengths and foibles of *all* the candidates, I have greater assurance that nothing is being left out, or that at least the publishers and reporters are striving for that mark. And it's only on the basis of this unvarnished information that we can make our best decisions at the ballot box.

As I write this on Oct. 31, I have no idea

who our next elected officials will be, but I'd like to state my gratitude to any and all who would sincerely offer to be voted into public service. I'm humbled by their work and the work of all of their teams of volunteers. And I am greatly appreciative for the work of this publication, for guiding my thinking and understanding of the many issues I care about, and for their pursuit of that most elusive of election-season spirits: truth.

Christine Foertsch, *Garrison*

Post-election

How about comparing those non-disclosures with demonstrable proof of campaign expenditures — ads, signs, palm cards, events ("Update: Campaign Finance," Oct. 29)? *The Current* has done an extremely poor job this campaign season: publishing hearsay and opposing candidate accusations with no counterpoints or research into wild and unfounded accusations. The campaign expenses issue is by far the easiest to prove questionable, if not patently false. Do a better job, *Current*. Please.

Susan Kenny, *Cold Spring*

Putnam Legislature candidate Barbara Scuccimarra's refusal to disclose her fund-

raising throughout this campaign is just another example of the Republican Party's disdain for the public. What an insult. The last thing our county needs is more of what she calls "sloppy bookkeeping."

Sean Conway, *Cold Spring*

Scuccimarra knows, after "six successful years on the Legislature," when her campaign spending disclosures are due. To delay filing them for the entire election season is straight out of Trump's playbook. This is how we end up with "big government" and too many laws, and too many traffic lights.

Norah Hart, *Cold Spring*

Petitions

Just as it is any human's right to sign a petition of their choosing, it is any human's right to carry and solicit the signing of any petition of their choosing ("Merandy Endorses Tamagna for Cold Spring Mayor," Oct. 22). It would be an even better practice for advocates of democracy to carry all viable petitions before an election and have each individual be able to decide which petition he or she might sign, without social pressure.

That being said, can we all please cut out the ad hominem attacks and focus on the various issues of vital importance to the twin villages?

Ethan Timm, *Cold Spring*

Closing Matteawan

Matteawan Road was never accessible before Beacon High School opened in September 2002, and everyone survived for eight or nine years with only one way in or out ("Access Denied," Oct. 29).

The biggest problem is when cars try to turn onto Route 52 off Prospect Street. That's a tough intersection — and it's in the Town of Fishkill. Maybe during the morning and afternoon the school and city could get some help with traffic control at the major intersections to keep traffic moving.

Charlie Symon, *Beacon*

Beacon judge

It is disappointing to see Judge Tim Pagones double down on something that is simply untrue (*Letters and Comments*, Oct. 29). Pagones claims that his interrogating defendants about their citizenship status is a "lie spread by the Beacon Democratic Committee" and that Greg Johnston, as judge, would have "to inquire as to the immigration status of defendants and advise them of their rights."

As Johnston explained recently on the *Beaconites* podcast, he would not interrogate defendants, nor do countless other judges:

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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"One of the elephants in the room is the fact that my opponent continually asks everyone who comes into his courtroom whether they're a U.S. citizen or not," he said. "I want to be very clear in what's going on. What he's doing is not required by the law and is not handled this way in all the hundreds of courts I've appeared in front of, so by asking this question, he's running into several issues:

"First, there's a Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. Second, there's a tendency to get involved in the client-attorney relationship. Most importantly, it creates a chilling effect. So people who are here without status — or even lawful permanent residents or green card holders — they hear that question being asked and become scared and may not want to come back to court. And that's exactly what we don't want. We want a court system that can handle cases and that can adjudicate cases, and when people are afraid to come to court, it can get in the way of justice.

"What the Supreme Court has said is: 'It's ineffective assistance, which means bad lawyering, and can be reversed if a lawyer doesn't advise their client before they plead guilty that there could be immigration consequences.'

"Only when my client decides that they're going to plead guilty does the judge say: 'I am not asking you if you are a U.S. citizen, I am only telling you that if you are not, this plea could result in your deportation.' That's all you say. I've heard it hundreds of times from hundreds of judges. I don't know why my opponent refuses to do the correct thing."

Lisa Jessup, Beacon

Jessup is the chair of Beacon Democrats.

Holding party-organized elections for local judges strikes me as an incredibly bad idea — it pushes communities to view judges as strictly political positions, and creates incentives for these elections to be run on political lines beholden to local parties (whether the candidates want this), rather than on professional merits.

Over time, and especially in the current climate, the upshot will not be judges who are responsive to community values in the application of commonly agreed-upon law. It will be further political polarization, deepening differentiation in how the law is applied depending on the locality, and a general sense of the law as solely another partisan weapon.

We should have a system that rewards judges who strive — however imperfectly — for nonpartisan, professional application of the law, independently of party, with latitude for individual judgment but also a commitment to the parameters of accepted legal practice. To that end, judges should run for regular terms but on a strictly non-party basis, and be subject to recall elections with a high bar, as a democratic way to check instances of clear ethical or political overreach.

No independent judiciary has ever, in fact, been fully independent from the political views of its judges, of course, and this is not insignificant. But the only thing worse than this is a fully and openly politicized

judiciary. The lesser of two evils is a wiser choice by far.

Rafi Youatt, *Beacon*

Short-term rentals

Today [Oct. 25] I said farewell to my last short-term guests, a couple from North Carolina visiting their freshman son, a cadet at West Point.

I want to announce that I will not be hosting any more Airbnb or other short-term rental guests. As a senior citizen, born and raised in Cold Spring, and with roots to the Philipstown founder Thomas Davenport, I feel forced into this decision by the draconian measures that the three members of the outgoing Village Board passed into law.

I agree that some regulations and some recompense be made to the town for me, a senior on a very limited income, trying to make ends meet to pay my taxes, hosting guests for two nights at a time in our town. However, the lottery, the giving up of my rights as a homeowner and being subject to random and unannounced control visits by the police are unacceptable. Fines of \$2,000 and \$5,000, and a loss of license are unreasonable.

I hope the incoming board can make some revisions in the regulations. Overhandling a community is an abuse of power, something citizens need to stand up against and something that should prick the conscience of all citizens. I might hope for a revised law, but most probably my age will prevent me from benefiting from it.

Nanci Sobier-Maier, *Cold Spring*

Beacon parking

Whenever progressive thinkers come up with another pie-in-the-sky plan, always ask them: "Then what?" In this case, the "what" is just where — assuming most new residents will have vehicles — will they park ("Beacon Council Stuck on Affordability," Oct. 22)? Parking needs to be addressed before attracting more residents into the city.

Ralph Pettorossi, *Fishkill*

Odell 'letter'

It's interesting that Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell, who last week issued a "letter to the editor" criticizing Democratic Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. ("County Executive Takes Last Shot at Sheriff," Oct. 29), didn't seem to have such concerns when Don Smith was sheriff and an inmate died at the county jail, or when Smith's department tried to hide the beating of a handcuffed and shackled suspect, or framed an innocent man in order to attack a political enemy.

Somehow Dan Stephens is still on the county payroll, despite his role in the botched conviction of Jeff Deskovic, even though his actions resulted in a \$40 million verdict against the county. Maybe, just maybe, this is about power and politics, not ethics.

Michelle Verna, *via Facebook*

Bird feeders

Up here in the North Highlands, the birdfeeder-seeking bears are still a threat ("A Green Light for Bird Feeders," Oct. 29). We're going to wait a couple of weeks to put them back out.

Jon Kiphart, *via Facebook*

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Mr. Sang Won Park, musician, is a master of the Kayagum, a Korean 12 stringed zither from the 5th century. Mr. Park's repertoire ranges from traditional music to contemporary and improvisational music.

Mr. Park, a native of Seoul, attended the Seoul National University where he earned his B.A. and M.A. in musicology.

He made his western debut at Carnegie Recital Hall, in 1979. His open attitude to making music has reached the dance concerts, films, and prestigious concert halls of North America, South America, Europe and Asia.

Mr. Park has formed an improvisational music group, Far Eastside Band, has produced two albums, made a documentary for BBC-TV, film for Ch.4 in U.K. and has appeared in movies and documentary films.

Mr. Park lives in Cold Spring and is a real estate broker with his firm Cold Spring on Hudson Realty.

How They Voted

Governor signs round of bills passed by state legislators

By Chip Rowe

Through this week, Govs. Andrew Cuomo and Kathy Hochul had signed 546 bills passed during the 2021-22 legislative session, which began in January. Another 60 await Hochul's signature. Fourteen have been vetoed.

Below are summaries of select laws and the votes cast by Republican Sue Serino (whose Senate district includes the Highlands), Democrat Sandy Galef (whose Assembly district includes Philipstown) and Democrat Jonathan Jacobson (whose Assembly district includes Beacon).

Ballot names

On Oct. 22, Hochul enacted legislation that allows candidates to use nicknames on their nominating petitions or for the ballot. The bill was prompted by the removal of the names of two Muslim women, Mary Jobaida and Moumita Ahmed, from a ballot in Queens because the names on their petitions did not match their voter registrations. The bill's sponsors noted that "many people with ethnically traditional names unfamiliar to the general population adopt an alternate or Anglicized name" because it is easier to remember or pronounce. "Candidates should be able to run for office using the nick-



Serino, Jacobson, Galef

name they are commonly known by in their communities, as long as they do not intend to mislead or confuse voters. This legislation helps candidates of color and immigrant candidates have equal access to the ballot as men with nicknames like Marty, Tony or Bill."

Passed by Senate, 62-1

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 105-44

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Extortion threats

On Oct. 9, Hochul enacted legislation that makes it illegal to attempt to extort or coerce someone by threatening to report their immigration status. These types of threats were already illegal when related to labor or sex trafficking.

Passed by Senate, 48-15

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 106-41

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Opioid crisis

On Oct. 7, Hochul signed a series of bills related to the opioid abuse epidemic. The first prohibits police or prosecutors from citing the possession of opioid antagonists — drugs such as naloxone (Narcan) and naltrexone that block opioids by attaching to opioid receptors without activating them — to justify an arrest or as evidence of illegal drug use.

Passed by Senate, 49-14

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 133-16

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

A second law requires the state correctional agency to create a medication-assisted treatment program for inmates at its prisons and local jails.

Passed by Senate, 48-15

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 98-51

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

A third law expands the number of felonies (e.g., auto stripping, identity theft) committed by a person with a substance-use disorder that may qualify him or her for diversion to treatment.

Passed by Senate, 48-15

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 100-49

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Second chances

On Oct. 22, Hochul enacted a series of laws that affect former inmates. The first allows a person who has been convicted of a felony and completed his or her sentence to be named the executor of a family estate, although a court can restrict the person's powers if he or she has a conviction for fraud or embezzlement.

Passed by Senate, 43-20

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 146-1

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

A second law allows former inmates to perform overtime or shifts during curfew without violating their parole or supervised release.

Passed by Senate, 52-11

Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 138-9

Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

A third law speeds up the process of obtaining a certificate from the state that certifies a former inmate has not committed.

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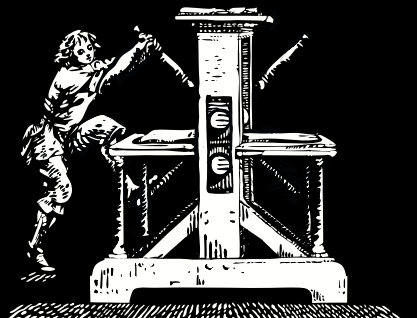
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ted any crimes since being released and reestablishes the right to vote. Under the old law, the wait could be three to five years.

Passed by Senate, 44-19
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 102-47
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Private savings

On Oct. 21, Hochul enacted a law that requires private companies that do not provide retirement plans to automatically enroll their employees in the state’s Secure Choice Savings Plan, which is a payroll-deduction IRA. Once enrolled, employees can opt out.

Passed by Senate, 44-19
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 125-22
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Photo abuse

On Oct. 20, Hochul signed legislation that expands the definition of the crime of coercion to include the production or distribution of nude photos. “Many of the victims of ‘sextortion’ — disproportionately young women — are targeted online and coerced into creating and sending sexual images, which can be the start of a long, harmful cycle of abuse,” said Jennifer Becker, an attorney for Legal Momentum.

Passed by Senate, 63-0
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 149-0
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Family Leave Act

On Oct. 30, Hochul signed legislation introduced by Galef in the Assembly that expands the Paid Family Leave Act to include care for biological siblings, adopted siblings, step-siblings and half-siblings. It takes effect on Jan. 1, 2023.

Passed by Senate, 43-20
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 113-35
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Shared work

On Oct. 23, Hochul enacted a law that allows a majority of employees facing layoffs to petition their employer to create a shared work program in which the employer reduces everyone’s hours but no one is dismissed. The state then provides unemployment assistance to cover the lost wages.

Passed by Senate, 50-12
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 147-2
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Gun restrictions

On Oct. 28, Hochul signed legislation related to guns. The first law bans the possession by anyone other than a licensed gunsmith or dealer of “unfinished receivers,” which can be combined with other pieces to make a semi-automatic weapon. “For too long, the unfinished receiver loophole let anyone get their hands on all the parts needed to build an untraceable, unregistered AR-15 without ever going through a back-

ground check,” said Sen. Anna Kaplan, who introduced the legislation.

Passed by Senate, 43-20
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 107-42
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒



New York has banned altering firearms to resemble toys, such as this handgun cover sold by a Utah company for Glocks.
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The second law bans the manufacture and sale of firearms modified to look like toys. In March, deputies in North Carolina seized a Glock with a 50-round magazine that resembled a Nerf gun, and in July, a company in Utah introduced a kit to encase a Glock in Legos.

Passed by Senate, 47-16
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 116-33
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

The third law prohibits the sale of “ghost guns,” which are unregistered and do not have serial numbers, making them difficult for law enforcement to trace.

Passed by Senate, 48-15
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 106-43
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Renter lawsuits

On Oct. 22, Hochul signed a law that allows tenants to sue in small-claims court for the return of their security deposits or other claims near where their rental unit is located. Under the old law, a tenant was required to file in the jurisdiction where the landlord’s business is located. The bill stems from a lawsuit in which a tenant in Binghamton wanted to sue to recover a \$450 deposit but her landlords lived in California.

Passed by Senate, 51-12
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 104-44
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Whistleblowers

On Oct. 28, Hochul enacted a law that expands protections for whistleblowers in the private sector. The bill’s sponsors say that the former law said “that an employee is only protected if they disclose to a supervisor or public body an unlawful activity, policy or practice of the employer that creates and presents a substantial danger to the public health or safety, or that which constitutes health care fraud.” The new law adds protection for former employees; expands the definition of “retaliation”; extends the statute of limitations to two years; and states that employees need only prove that they reasonably believe there was a violation of the law or a danger,

rather than provide evidence one occurred.

Passed by Senate, 44-19
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 110-38
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Animal welfare

On Oct. 30, Hochul enacted laws related to animal welfare. The first prohibits pet insurers from basing policies or premiums solely on the breed of dog.

Passed by Senate, 49-14
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 112-37
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

The second requires veterinarians to report suspected animal cruelty.

Passed by Senate, 62-1
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 143-6
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Symbol of Hate

On Nov. 2, Hochul banned fire districts, volunteer fire departments, police departments and school districts “from selling or displaying symbols of hate.” The bill was introduced after incidents on Long Island in 2020 in which a Confederate battle flag was displayed on a firetruck during a parade and in the window of a fire department. A state law enacted last year bans symbols of hate, including Confederate

flags and swastikas, on state property.

Passed by Senate, 56-7
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 138-10
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Youthful offender

On Nov. 2, Hochul signed legislation that allows individuals who were younger than 19 when convicted of a crime but did not receive “youthful offender” status to reapply. The designation allows the conviction to be replaced by a confidential, non-criminal adjudication and comes with a reduced sentence. To be considered, a person must not have been convicted of a crime for at least five years since his or her sentencing.

Passed by Senate, 56-7
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 147-1
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒

Noisy mufflers

On Oct. 29, Hochul signed legislation that raised the maximum fine from \$150 to \$1,000 for motorists and repair shops that illegally modify mufflers and exhaust systems to make them noisier. It also requires state inspection facilities to report if mufflers and exhausts have been illegally modified.

Passed by Senate, 48-15
Serino ☒

Passed by Assembly, 143-6
Galef ☒ Jacobson ☒



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Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Against Nelsonville

Rules neighbors' claims not enough to stop project

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A judge on Monday (Nov. 1) dismissed a federal lawsuit brought by Nelsonville residents who oppose construction of a 95-foot cell tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

In a 15-page ruling, Judge Vincent Briccetti of U.S. District Court in White Plains said that some of the residents' claims belong in state court, not federal court, and that others were too weak — and, in one instance, “frivolous” — to warrant the cancellation of a settlement reached by the village and cell tower companies in January 2020.

Briccetti presided over that settlement, which ended litigation initiated by the companies in 2018 when the village denied their tower application. The agreement reduced the tower's height and the village granted a building permit in June 2020.

Four months later, in the case now terminated by Briccetti, 18 residents sued the village and the companies: Verizon Wireless, AT&T and Homeland Towers.

On Wednesday (Nov. 3) David Eisenbach, a leader of the group, said members are considering an appeal to a higher court but also “remain confident that we will win in the New York State court and stop the cell tower.”

Among other contentions, the lawsuit by Eisenbach and others asserted that

the village and companies violated the national Endangered Species Act by failing to consider possible adverse impacts of the tower on endangered or threatened bats and acted in an “arbitrary and capricious” manner in reaching the 2020 settlement, thus engaging in an “abuse of discretion.” They also argued that issuing the building permit ran afoul of state environmental law and the village zoning code.

The residents sought revocation of the permit, termination of the settlement and a ban on tower construction.

Quoting in part from a previous ruling, Briccetti noted that regulations implementing federal environmental law only “impose ‘rather modest obligations’ upon wireless providers” and that “the Federal Communica-

tions Commission has categorically excluded ‘the construction of wireless facilities’ from environmental processing in most cases.”

He also called the complaint alleging “arbitrary, capricious” behavior “frivolous” because the procedural law the residents invoked “applies only to federal agencies, not municipalities, private corporations or individuals.”

Further, he wrote that the residents “do not state any recognized ground, such as fraud, accident or mistake,” as justification for overturning the settlement but instead simply “disagree with the court's decision” to ratify it. He added that the plaintiffs “have not sufficiently alleged [that] relief from the [settlement] order will ‘prevent a grave miscarriage of justice’ ” as defined by other federal judicial decisions.

Finally, he wrote, allegations involving state environmental law and local zoning are issues for a state judge to consider.

Beacon Police *(from Page 1)*

On the table

City Administrator Chris White briefed the council on the proposed agreement during its Oct. 25 workshop. The deal would run through 2025 and includes 2 percent cost-of-living salary increases for patrol officers and 3 percent for lieutenants, along with \$1,000 annual stipends for bilingual officers.

He said the document also clarifies that, at minimum, a sergeant and three patrol officers must be on duty at all times; along with a proposal in the city's 2022 budget, expands the use of civilian dispatchers to all shifts, freeing officers for patrol duty; and extends health benefits for immediate family members of any officer killed on duty.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the proposed contract would be realized early next year, White said, when Dutchess County releases its new civil service list from which municipalities can hire new officers. It is based on an exam offered in September for the first time since 2017 — one that's expected to generate one of the most diverse candidate pools ever.

To encourage people to take the exam, Dutchess waived a \$25 fee and recruited applicants on social media, at Hudson Valley Renegades games and at housing complexes. The county also gave applicants up to five years after they are hired to complete the 60 college credits required for the exam.

Although applicants were not required to report race or gender, of those who did, 119 identified as Black, more than double the number in 2017; 249 as Latino, more than triple; 218 as women, nearly double; and 17 as Asian, compared to 9 in 2017.

Overall, there were 1,380 applications, a 57 percent increase. In contrast, Beacon's Police Department has four Latino, two Black and two female employees among its 30 officers and detectives, while the city's population is nearly 20 percent Latino and 14 percent Black.

There are five vacancies in the Beacon department, with a sixth coming soon when an officer retires, which means “you can really change the future of the department through those five or six hires,” White told the council.

On Monday (Nov. 1), however, more than a dozen residents, including Justice McCray and Paloma Wake, who were both elected the

COVID-19 by the Numbers

| PUTNAM COUNTY | | | | |
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| Number of cases: | Tests administered: | Percent positive: | Percent vaccinated: | Number of deaths: |
| 12,677 (+77) <small>Active Cases in Philipstown: 6-10</small> | 313,011 (+4,364) | 4.1 (0) | 73.7 <small>Percent in 10516: 80.5 Percent in 10524: 76.4 Percent of hospital workers: 97.0</small> | 98 (0) |

| DUTCHESS COUNTY | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|---|-------------------|
| Number of cases: | Tests administered: | Percent positive: | Percent vaccinated: | Number of deaths: |
| 36,221 (+292) <small>Active Cases in Beacon: 12</small> | 1,002,798 (+15,226) | 3.6 (0) | 68.7 <small>Percent in 12508: 62.4 Percent of hospital workers: 96.0</small> | 502 (+2) |

Source: State and county health departments, as of Nov. 3, 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.

next day to the City Council, urged the council to delay approving the agreement. As one resident who called in to the meeting noted, approving the agreement before the end of the year “would make it close to impossible for the next City Council to make many crucial decisions about public safety in the city budget.”

Along with McCray and Wake, Wren Longno and Molly Rhodes were elected, as were incumbents Dan Aymar-Blair and George Mansfield. The new council will be seated in January.

The resolution

Wake pointed out what she called “inconsistency” between a resolution approved last year by the council and “what this contract would commit the city to.”

That resolution, an addition to the state-required police reform plan ordered of municipalities by then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo in the wake of George Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer, called for the police chief to conduct “a thorough review of police training, culminating in a data-driven set of recommendations for improving” the department's training and measuring its benefits.

The resolution also directed the chief and/or city administrator to produce numerous other reports, including on use-of-force, weapons, alternative responders in nonviolent situations and the city's policy on psychological

supportive care for officers. It also called for a multi-year schedule for implicit bias training for all city staff, including police officers.

Wake said the proposed union contract fails to provide data backing up the department's personnel needs, nor does it delineate “multi-year budget implications of any police reform, with the intention to redirect cost savings into community investment,” as the resolution requires.

“The city needs to hold itself accountable to the resolution it made last year,” she said.

Perez called in to the meeting, saying: “As a man who is of Puerto Rican descent, we need more people who are bilingual on [the police] staff.” As far as the elements of the contract proposal, “none of these really contradict what we've been doing on the committee,” he said. “Our biggest focus has been mental health [services, as an alternative to traditional policing] and recruitment [of more diverse officers].”

But “there's more to it than that,” countered Aymar-Blair. “There's a discussion to be had by the council,” which has the responsibility of supervising the citizen committee's work and accepting its recommendations.

White, speaking later during Monday's meeting, after the council candidates and other commenters had departed, warned there would be significant “real-world consequences” if the proposed contract is not

approved before the county releases its next civil service list, which is expected in January.

The last two contracts with Beacon officers were three years each, but four-year or longer agreements are typical for the region, White said. Having an agreement in place creates a “competitive advantage when you're trying to retain and attract your talent,” while delaying the contract would “make it less attractive to come here to Beacon.”

“We've heard a lot about either/or,” he said, referring to the city embracing mental health workers and other policing alternatives, but “we're not doing [the contract] at the cost of everything else. We want all these public safety things to advance,” White explained, noting that the city has grown enough that it can afford to allocate \$200,000 for the first time ever to ambulance services.

Mike Confield, a sergeant and the vice president of the Beacon officers' union, addressed the council at the end of the meeting. “My phone's been blowing up,” he said. “My membership is a little disappointed with pushing the vote back” two more weeks.

Officers in the department are waiting on the outcome of the contract negotiations before considering possible career moves, Confield added. “My officers are looking for some job stability. I don't know how many more we can lose and still run smoothly.”



Reporter's Notebook

Keep Beacon Weird

By Kat Merry

“It feels like I’m back in Portland!”

I was on the phone with my old Oregon roommate, gushing in a fit of nostalgia as I drove down Beacon’s bustling Main Street for the first time. I slowed to a stop and snapped a photo of Mount Beacon, triumphantly poking out at the end of the street as the city’s backdrop.

I’d spent years living in Portland before moving back east (I am originally from Massachusetts) to New York City to move in with my long-distance boyfriend, whom I married in 2019. Living in the city for 2½ years became its own great adventure, but I couldn’t deny how much I was missing my West Coast home.

My husband and I were on the hunt for the perfect Hudson Valley spot to settle in, during the peak of the pandemic, no less. We were looking for a place that married our individual preferences, setting the stage for our life together. He wanted access to the city and I wanted outdoor adventure. We both were unflinching in our need for a buzzing food and drink scene — and, of course, a community of dog lovers. Deep down, I was simply in search of an East Coast version of my old stomping grounds in Portland (population 652,503).

Driving through Beacon (population 13,769), I found it.

It’s not just the topography that elicits a similarity — Beacon nestled equidistant between the Hudson River and Fishkill Ridge; Portland between the Willamette River and Mount Hood. Both have a distinct quirkiness that defines the cities’ cultures and arouses affection from residents and visitors alike.

Most folks, even from the East Coast, recognize Portland’s famous “Keep Portland Weird” tag. Adopted from Austin, Texas, the slogan was used in the early 2000s to promote the city’s small businesses. It was a timely fit for Portland, whose popularity only increased after a television series fatu-

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ously entitled *Portlandia* leaned into the city’s “weirdness,” highlighting its residents, food scene and ’90s hipster culture.

Portland is now a major West Coast hub, and with Beacon’s uncanny similarities, this small Hudson Valley city may not be far behind.

Both cities boast small businesses which

have mastered an unapologetic, unconventional charm, pouring creativity into their novel storefronts. Canned booze bars and dueling artisanal doughnut shops are packed with flannel-clad customers who brave the long lines to get a taste of authenticity on a Saturday morning, not to mention pairing

the baked treat with a piece of customized merch or a free homemade dog treat, plucked from a cashier-side cookie jar.

PDX (Portland’s airport code, now a catch-all ID used by locals) and Beacon seem to capitalize on upgrading the little joys in life. Things like being able to pet a cat while enjoying an oat milk latte at Beans Cat Cafe in Beacon goes ditto for Portland’s Purrington Cat Lounge. Or sipping an IPA while hitting a high score on a Ms. Pac-Man machine at Ground Kontrol Arcade Bar in downtown PDX. Now you can add vegan nuggets to your pixelated, animated afternoon at Beacon’s Happy Valley Arcade Bar.

Choosing from four alternative milks for your latte is typical and brunch can quickly turn into a hike, with a trailhead steps from both city centers. Taking your dog to a Beacon Barks Dog Parade or the PDX Pug Crawl are highly anticipated events for Beaconites and Portlandians.

But there’s more to these cities than what you sip, bite or climb. Portland and Beacon’s streets are vivid eye candy, punctuated with brightly painted murals that hint at robust arts communities and culminate in museums and galleries.

Sidewalk strolling evokes a playground-like excitement for adults interested in music and fashion, too. Consignment stores churn out all kinds of treasures and shops feature only local creations, so the business owners have more than just a product to sell — they have a story to go with it.

A leave-one-take-one sidewalk bookstore and tiny gallery are among the other novel details sprinkled throughout the cities’ streets. Details like this, a rarity in other places, promote engagement in their communities, connecting readers and creatives in town.

As we settled into Beacon, I realized that these two cities are leaving matching marks on opposite ends of the country.

Sure, some may dub the Portland and Beacon scenes too eccentric, or silly even. Beacon is not a perfect match for my beloved Portland, but as it continues to grow, so do the similarities.

The consistent sameness has been both cities’ devotion to lifting up local businesses and shaping their communities around creativity and novelty.

Not everyone is willing to wait in line for a vegan doughnut, a turn at Mortal Kombat or a lip-smacking sour beer. But those who do — who visit and indulge in the quirkiness, delight in the unconventional and embrace the weird — usually end up staying.

That’s exactly what I did.

Cold Spring: Marijuana Vote Up in Air

Results could change with absentee count

By Chip Rowe

Residents in the Village of Cold Spring were asked on Tuesday (Nov. 2) to decide, in separate proposals, whether to allow licensed businesses where people can buy or smoke marijuana.

Proposal 6 asked residents: “Should the Village of Cold Spring prohibit state-licensed establishments that permit the on-site consumption of cannabis?” The vote was 457 (52 percent) in favor of a ban and 420 (48 percent) opposed.

Proposal 7 read: “Should the Village of Cold Spring prohibit state-licensed retail cannabis dispensaries?” The vote was 405 (48 percent) in favor of a ban and 441 (52 percent) opposed.

The votes were close enough that, because of up to 109 outstanding absentee ballots, the results won’t be known until mid-November. But if the results stand, sales will be allowed in the village but not on-site consumption, such as at smoking lounges.

Under state law, villages, towns and cities can “opt out” of allowing sales or consumption if they act by Dec. 31. While Cold Spring sent the issue to the Nov. 2 ballot, officials in

Beacon and Nelsonville are still considering what to do; Philipstown’s Town Board had a vote scheduled for Thursday (Nov. 4).

If sales are allowed, Cold Spring would receive 75 percent of a 4 percent sales tax, with the rest going to Putnam County. (If the Philipstown Town Board votes to opt-in, the village would split its share with the town.)

The county Board of Elections said on Monday that on Nov. 16 it would begin counting absentee ballots received by Nov. 9. The results are unofficial until the BOE tallies them and certifies the count.

Cold Spring (from Page 1)

Late in the race, Merandy endorsed Tamagna, who is the county transportation manager, an unexpected move that the mayor said was due in part to the fact he felt betrayed by Foley, who gathered signatures to get him on the ballot but said she decided he could not win and entered the race herself.

Merandy dropped out soon after nominating petitions were filed, as did Marie Early, who had planned to run for her fourth, 2-year term, and Matt Francisco, the Planning Board chair who was to compete for the seat held by Trustee Fran Murphy, who did not run for a fourth term.

One of those two seats will be filled by Eliza Starbuck, a former Chamber of Commerce president who owns Flower-

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| ☆ | Eliza Starbuck 586 | 47% |
| ☆ | Cathryn Fadde 353 | 28% |
| ☆ | Jeff Phillips 300 | 24% |

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

cup Wine. Among three candidates, she received 586 votes, or 47 percent of the vote.

Cathryn Fadde, who served on the board from 2014 to 2016 and owns Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill, and Jeff Phillips, a construction manager, ran on the Better Together banner with Tamagna. Fadde received 353 votes (28 percent) and Phillips had 300 (24 percent) but the margin is small enough that the winner of the second seat was not imme-

diately known. The BOE says it distributed 109 absentee ballots, which must be postmarked before or on Election Day and reach the BOE by Nov. 9.

In a second trustee race, Tweep Phillips Woods won 66 percent of the vote against Yaslyn Daniels and will complete the second and final year of the term of Heidi Bender, who resigned in April. Woods had been appointed by Merandy to fill the seat until the election. It will be on the ballot again in 2022.



Starbuck



Woods

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| ☆ | Tweep Phillips Woods 586 | 66% |
| ☆ | Yaslyn Daniels 284 | 34% |

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

Starbuck and Woods ran with Foley under the Forge Ahead banner. According to state election records, as of Oct. 22, they had raised \$21,321 and spent \$16,826 on their joint campaign.

Tamagna told state officials he would not raise or spend more than \$1,000 and so was exempt from filing. Daniels, Fadde and Phillips also each filed exemptions.

In the final village race on the ballot, Justice Thomas Costello, who ran unopposed, was reelected.

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Angell, Cotter Win Town Board Seats

Van Tassel, running unopposed, is new supervisor

By Chip Rowe

Jason Angell and Megan Cotter, both Democrats, won two open seats on the Philipstown Town Board, according to unofficial results posted on Tuesday (Nov. 2) by the Putnam County Board of Elections.

They defeated Sarina Tamagna and Neal Tomann, who ran on the Republican and Conservative lines.

Turnout was 49 percent among the 7,528 registered voters in Philipstown. The BOE said on Monday it had distributed 324 absentee ballots to the town and will count those starting Nov. 16. The results are unofficial until the BOE tallies mail-in ballots and certifies the count.

Angell was appointed to the board in June to complete the last four months of a term vacated by Michael Leonard, who moved out of the area. Angell and Cotter will serve 4-year terms.

Cotter will take the seat held by John Van Tassel, a Democrat, who ran unopposed to succeed Richard Shea as supervisor. Shea



Angell, Cotter

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|---|--------------------|-------|-----|
| ☆ | Jason Angell (D) | 2,226 | 32% |
| ☆ | Megan Cotter (D) | 2,186 | 31% |
| ☆ | Neal Tomann (R) | 1,326 | 19% |
| ☆ | Sarina Tamagna (R) | 1,232 | 18% |

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

had held that position since 2010 but did not run for a seventh, 2-year term.

The Town Board has five members, including the supervisor. The seats held by Judy Farrell and Robert Flaherty will be on the ballot in 2023.



Putnam *(from Page 1)*

poor leadership because of two legal actions involving deputies. The eight Republican members of the Legislature also spent months grilling Langley about overtime spending and COVID-19 policies.

In 2018, Langley defeated Republican incumbent Don Smith by 324 votes of nearly 25,000 cast. Smith had been embroiled in a defamation lawsuit filed against him by a former Putnam County district attorney, Adam Levy.

McConville had run unsuccessfully for sheriff twice before, in 2009 as a Democrat and in 2013 as a Republican. He began his career in law enforcement as a Cold Spring police officer.

Montgomery wins second term

Nancy Montgomery, a Democrat who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley in the county Legislature, easily won a second, 3-year term by defeating Republican challenger Barbara Scuccimarra. Montgomery unseated Scuccimarra in 2018 with 58 percent of the vote and won reelection on Tuesday with 61 percent.



Montgomery

☆ **Montgomery (D)** 2,438 61%

☆ **Scuccimarra (R)** 1,534 39%

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

In other Putnam legislative races, Republican Ginny Nacerino kept her seat representing Patterson by defeating Stacy Dumont with 63 percent of the vote and Republican Joseph Castellano defeated challenger Scott Reing to represent Mahopac/Brewster with 62 percent of the vote.

Dutchess Voters Reject Smaller Legislature

Statewide voting reform, redistricting proposals voted down

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County voters overwhelmingly rejected on Tuesday (Nov. 2) a Republican-led bid to reduce the Legislature's size to 21 seats from 25.

A majority of Dutchess and Putnam County residents also joined voters statewide in defeating ballot proposals designed to make voting easier, freeze state Senate seats at 63 and amend rules governing the commission created to redraw districts for the state Legislature and House of Representative seats.

Two-thirds of people casting ballots in Dutchess (37,095 to 17,724) endorsed maintaining the size of the county Legislature. The county's 15 Republican legislators had voted unanimously in July to put the proposal on the ballot, arguing that the number of representatives was too large for the county's population.

Democrats, who control 10 seats in the Legislature, voted against the proposal, with some citing fears that a smaller number of seats would dilute Democrat majorities in party strongholds like Beacon. But they also said they suspected the referendum was tied to Republicans' disbanding of an independent commission that had been assigned to redraw district boundaries based on 2020 census data.

The Republican majority voted to disband the commission, citing a technical error by Democrats who selected a member who was a school board member (commission members cannot be elected officials). The Republicans argued that he could not be replaced and that the entire selection process had to be redone.

On Oct. 29, County Executive Molinaro

announced that Dutchess has reopened the application process for the new commission; residents can apply at dutchessny.gov/drawthelines. Democratic and Republican leaders in the Legislature will each appoint two members, and those four members will appoint the other three from a list of candidates.

Elsewhere on the back of the ballot, the results were not good for Democrats.

While voters statewide, and in Dutchess and Putnam counties, approved a referendum that amends the state Constitution to "establish the right of each person to clean air and water and a healthy environment," Democrat-favored proposals to allow same-day voting and no-excuse voting by absentee ballot failed.

Proposal 3, which would have eliminated a requirement that people register to vote at least 10 days in advance, was rejected by 51 percent of voters statewide. In Dutchess the vote was 59 percent against, and in Putnam, 61 percent.

Proposal 4, if approved, would have eliminated a requirement that absentee ballots only be allowed when voters will be away from their home county or they have an illness or physical disability that prevents them from in-person voting. Fifty percent of voters statewide voted against the change, along with 58 percent in Dutchess and 61 percent in Putnam.

Voters also defeated a Democratic proposal to freeze the number of state senators at 63; allow the members of the state Independent Redistricting Commission to appoint its co-executive directors by majority vote; and eliminate the requirement that the directors be from different political parties.

The proposal would also have required that state Senate and Assembly districts be based on total population, including non-citizens and Native Americans; prohibit the division of census blocks in cities like Beacon from being divided into more than

one district; and require that inmates be counted, for redistricting purposes, as residents of their place of last residence, not their place of incarceration.

Forty-eight percent of New York state voters cast ballots against the proposal, including 57 percent in Dutchess County and 60 percent in Putnam.

A fifth statewide proposal, to increase the New York City Civil Court's jurisdiction by allowing it to hear and decide claims for up to \$50,000 instead of the current limit of \$25,000, passed, including in Dutchess and Putnam counties.

9th Judicial

The 9th district of the state Supreme Court includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties. There were nine candidates for five seats.

According to unofficial results released this week that do not include absentee ballots, the five candidates leading the tally are Robert Berliner, an incumbent since 2008 from Rockland County; Thomas Davis, a private attorney for 29 years from Dutchess; Christie D'Alessio, the town justice in Greenburgh, Westchester; Thomas Quinones, a city court judge from Yonkers; and James Hyer, a private attorney for 15 years from Westchester. All ran on the Democratic line.

The Dutchess results mirrored the state results; in Putnam, Robert Guertin, a city court judge in Middletown who ran on the Republican line, finished third.

Beacon: Johnston Wins City Judge Race

Democrat leads in race for Legislature seat

By Chip Rowe

Greg Johnston was elected on Tuesday (Nov. 2) as Beacon city judge, defeating incumbent Tim Pagones to win a 10-year term, according to unofficial results released on Tuesday (Nov. 2) by the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

Johnston defeated Pagones with 62 percent of the vote. While there are as many as 343 absentee ballots outstanding, Johnston had a margin of 750 votes.



Johnston

Johnston appeared on the Democratic

line and Pagones on the Republican, Conservative and Working Families Party lines. Pagones had challenged Johnston in both Democratic and Working Families primaries.

During the campaign, Pagones touted his experience as a judge against Johnston, who is a public defender.

The turnout was 32 percent among the 10,184 registered voters in Beacon. The results are unofficial until the BOE tallies absentee ballots starting Nov. 9 and certifies the count.

City Council

Six candidates for the City Council, all Democrats, ran unopposed.

Four members of the council — Terry Nelson (Ward 1), Air Rhodes (Ward 2), Jodi McCredo (Ward 3) and Amber Grant (at-large) — did not seek reelection. Nelson, McCredo and Grant have all been on the council since

☆ **Greg Johnston (D)** 1,974 62%

☆ **Tim Pagones (R)** 1,224 38%

Unofficial tally as of Nov. 2; does not include absentee ballots

2018; Rhodes won a two-year term in 2019.

Two incumbents, Dan Aymar-Blair (Ward 4), who was first elected in 2019, and long-time at-large member George Mansfield, kept their seats. They will be joined by newcomers Molly Rhodes (Ward 1), Justice McCray (Ward 2), Wren Longno (Ward 3) and Paloma Wake (at-large).

Dutchess County

Yvette Valdes Smith, a Democrat who serves as secretary on the board of the Stony Kill Foundation, held an election-night lead over Ron Davis, who chairs the Fishkill

Republican Committee, to represent District 16 in the Dutchess County Legislature. The district includes Ward 4 and part of Ward 3 in Beacon.

With up to 238 absentee votes still to be counted, Smith led by 117 votes, 1,385 (52 percent) to 1,268 (48 percent). The winner will succeed Frits Zernike, a Democrat who did not seek reelection to a third, 2-year term.

District 18, which includes Wards 1, 2 and part of 3, will continue to be represented by Nick Page, a Democrat who ran unopposed.

Beacon resident Rachel Saunders, a Democrat who challenged incumbent Denise Watson for Dutchess Family Court judge, was trailing by 3,517 votes with as many as 6,404 absentee ballots to be counted. Family Court judges, who serve 10-year terms, preside over cases involving custody, divorce, child support, abuse and guardianship.

Robin Lois, a Democrat who is the incumbent comptroller, led Republican challenger Ola Nesheiwat Hawatmeh by 1,546 votes with up to 6,404 absentee ballots outstanding.

Wedding Announcement

Felzani-Prentice

Lauren Danielle Felzani and Goodwyn Rhett Prentice were married on Sept. 17 in Beverly, Massachusetts, at a ceremony officiated by the groom’s father. The bride is the daughter of Donna and Joseph Felzani Jr. of Revere, Massachusetts. Her father is an administrative assistant for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue. Her mother is retired after 31 years of teaching in the Boston and Revere public school systems and now is the administrator of faith formation at St. Anthony of Padua Parish.

Lauren is a senior physical therapist in the neonatal and pediatric intensive care units in Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. She graduated from Merrimack College in Andover, Massachusetts, with a degree in health science in 2011, received her doctoral degree from Long Island University in 2014 and became pediatric board-certified in 2021.

Rhett is the son of Nathaniel and Anita Prentice of Garrison; his paternal grandparents, Anne Osborn and Ezra P. Prentice, resided in Garrison and Cold Spring. The groom’s father is the principal of Prentice Investment Management; a board member of the Community Foundations of



the Hudson Valley, the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival; and a Garrison fire commissioner. The groom’s mother, also a retired teacher, is the board president of the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison.

Rhett is a graduate of St. Paul’s School and Trinity College, where he majored in art history. He is vice-president/client strategy manager at Christie’s Auction House in New York City. The couple reside in Manhattan.

Start Reading

November book club selections

Helen Savoit Book Club
TUES 9 1:30 P.M.
Life With Father, by Clarence Day
Howland Public Library, Beacon

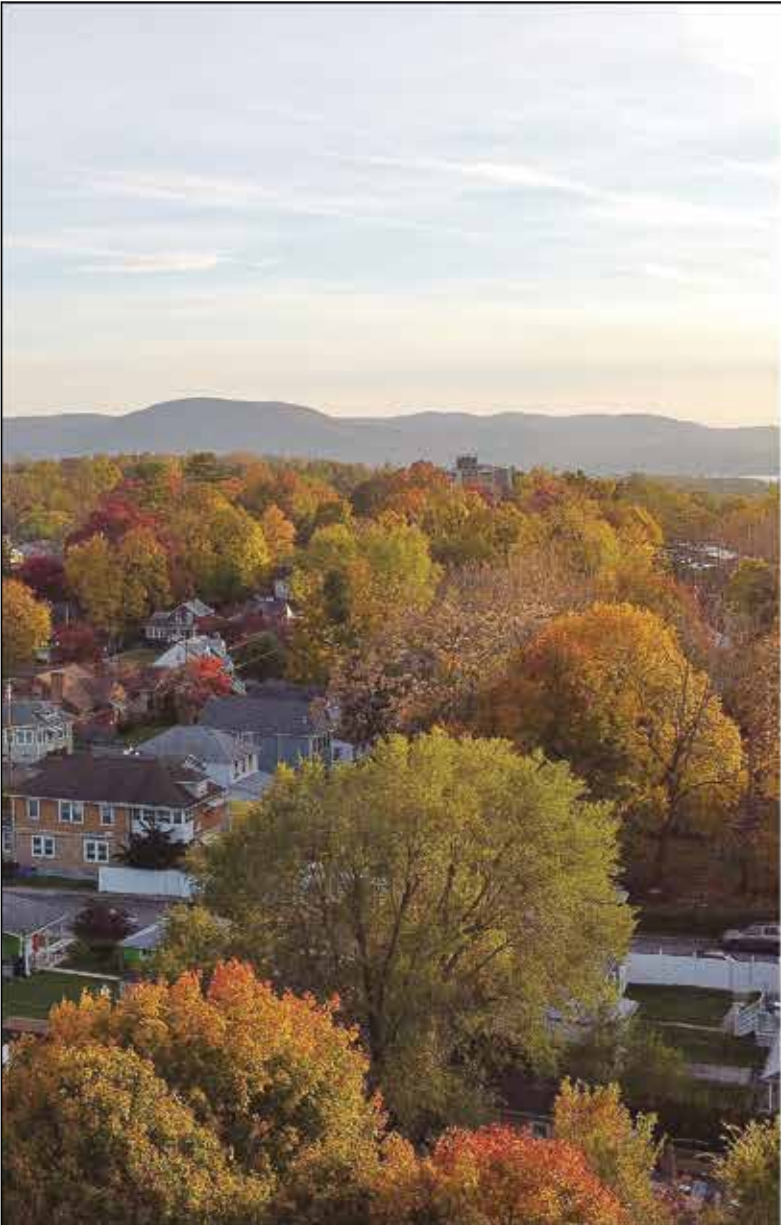
Middle School Book Club
TUES 16, 4 P.M.
The Lightning Queen, by Laura Resau
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

History Book Club
THURS 18, 7 P.M.
Killers of the Flower Moon, by David Grann
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring (via Zoom)
Register at splitrockbks.com.

Beacon Book Club
THURS 18, 7:30 P.M.
Klara and the Sun, by Kazuo Ishiguru
Register at meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub.

Butterfield Book Club
MON 29, 7 P.M.
The Midnight Library, by Matt Haig
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

Magic Tree House Book Club (Grades 1-3)
TUES 30, 4 P.M.
Twister on Tuesday, by Mary Pope Osborne
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
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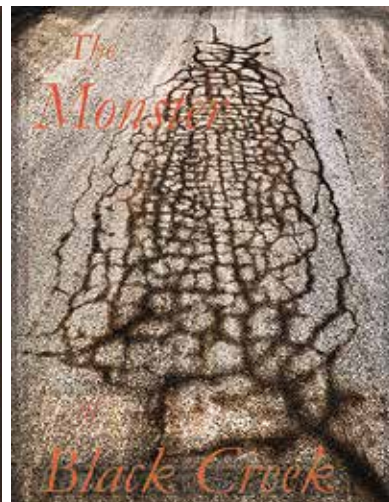
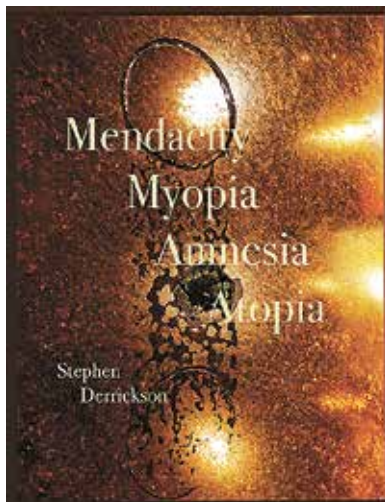
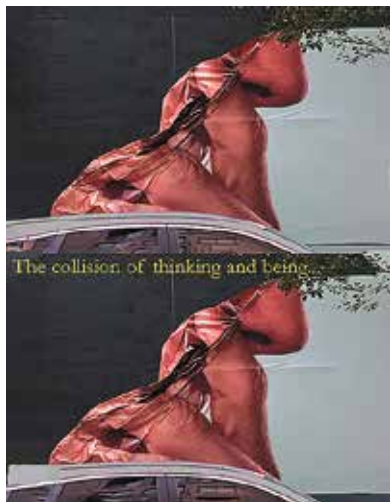
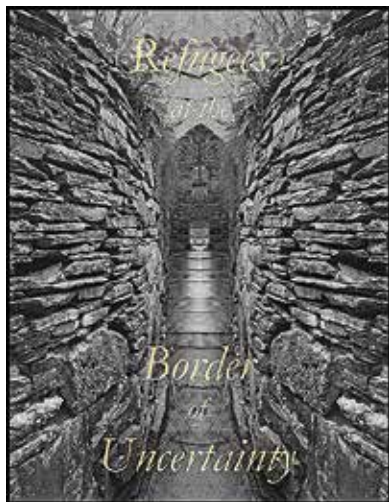
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The Calendar



Judge This Book By Its Cover

Beacon Artist Union mounts 200th show

By Alison Rooney

The honor of showing work at the 200th exhibit hosted by the Beacon Artist Union (BAU) goes to Stephen Derrickson, one of the collective's more recent members. *Mendacity, Myopia, Amnesia, Atopia* opens at the Main Street gallery on Nov. 13.

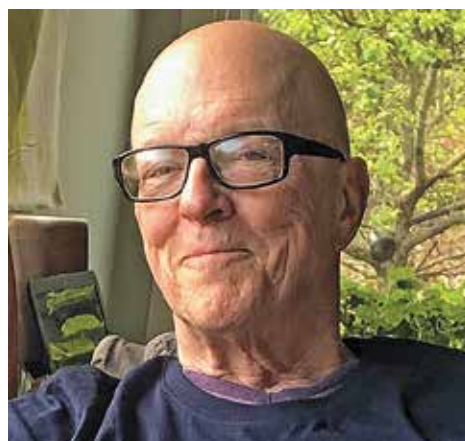
Derrickson's work typically combines digital images with text. Accompanying the exhibit will be a book containing what he describes as a "dialogue between the word and the images that runs through my work."

The artist arrived at college to study photography but shifted to painting and drawing. "I was cavalier — it was my youth — and as the photography program had lots of competition to get in, I figured I'd try something else," he recalls. He later

earned a graduate degree in painting from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia and spent seven years as an assistant professor at the University of Texas in Austin, where he taught painting, drawing and 20th-century art history.

From the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s, he lived in New York City, often working with "large-scale pastel and charcoal drawings that referenced cinema, particularly film stills," he says. "I was an image scavenger, which I continue to be, although once I had a digital camera I started taking many pictures instead — so many that I have an image bank."

Derrickson says he lost interest in showing in galleries and left the city for the Hudson Valley (he lives in Woodstock). "At one point the book form took over," he says. "At first the images were collage-like, because they were meant to support the work I was show-



Derrickson

Photo by Eileen Power

ing. Now the books are front and center."

Derrickson became a BAU member not long before receiving an out-of-the-blue diagnosis of esophageal cancer. He is undergoing chemotherapy and has found the process taking more of a toll on his stamina than he expected.

Still, he has continued to work.

"I have been a Buddhist for all the 21st

century, so that gives me a perspective," he says. "But when you have your mortality flash before your eyes, it changes you — if you let it. My book segues between politically charged critiques and meditative images and text that have to do with deep appreciation of the natural world and impermanence. They're philosophical and reflective, both in the essays and photography.

"Cancer became a writing prompt for me. I had an epiphany when I was diagnosed: I was going to be honest, reflective and open about it — my best self. In the book, this is intermingled with the politics of America."

His latest book includes a 90-page chronicle: "Pandemic Cancer Insurrection." In it, Derrickson says, are "reflections of being in lockdown with the pandemic but also in lockdown in a virtual paradise, overlooking the Catskills, with lots of time for meditative walks, hiking and swimming. It doesn't focus only on the cancer."

The book's second piece "chronicles how I came to this place, as a student, teacher,

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Thoughts on BAU

By Alison Rooney

The Beacon Artist Union was founded by Gary Jacketti in a small space on the west end of Main Street; it has been at 506 Main for nine years.

After moving to the area to take a job at West Point, Jacketti opened Bulldog Studios in the former Beacon High School building. It "never quite took flight," he says, but he met many local artists and decided to create BAU "to promote art and the arts and to have a place for members to experiment and grow."

It began with six members and today has 11. A majority must approve new applications. Once accepted, each member is given the gallery space for a month.

When those months are allocated, each artist suddenly has a deadline, Jacketti notes, which can be "conducive to creativity, and daunting."

We asked a few BAU members, past and present, for their thoughts about the collective. Here are excerpts:



Jacketti

Ilse Schreiber-Noll: "BAU is a place where I can show my work even if still in the experimental stage. I also like the fact that we are members of all ages. This leads to a wonderful and fresh exchange of ideas and thoughts."

Carla Goldberg: "I'm an experimenter at heart, which is what BAU is about. The task of taking on themed shows gave me permission to try one-off ideas, push boundaries and hear honesty from our visitors. The growth in my art and the materials I use today are a direct result of 13 years of once-a-year solos."

Jebah Baum: "The process of making art is generally a

rather solitary experience. For artists, presentation can sometimes be an afterthought, but it is in fact a vital part of supporting our studio practices. It is inspiring to witness this group of artists work together to run and maintain a successful gallery."

Pamela Zaremba: "Each year you are given space for a solo show that takes me a year to complete. Without this deadline, I doubt I would complete anything. We are like a big family — dysfunctional at times, but still a family!"

Stephen Derrickson: "While it is a bit more work, and we rent our space, the artist collective is closer to

controlling the means of distribution, thus stepping away from the dealer model, with its potential for control, indifference and even fraud. It calls upon artists to step away from ego and toward emotionally intelligent communication."

Lukas Milanek: "Building a career as an artist is never easy, but being surrounded by others on a similar path motivates us to continue. Together, we help shape each other's practice through exchanging ideas, opportunities and constructive critique. We're grateful for the way the community has supported us, too."

The HIGHLANDS Current's HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Continuing the tradition we started last year, we asked readers to submit photos of themselves or their children and pets in costume — and we corralled others before the Cold Spring parade on Oct. 30 — for a costume contest. Here we share some of the most memorable efforts, and there are many more shots at highlandscurrent.org. (You'll also find a gallery of photos taken by Michael Turton at the Cold Spring parade.)

We selected winners in six categories who will receive gift cards and other treats from our sponsors. Thank you to everyone who entered, and to our judges: Maureen McGrath, head of youth services at Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, and Kristen Salierno, director at the Howland Public Library in Beacon.

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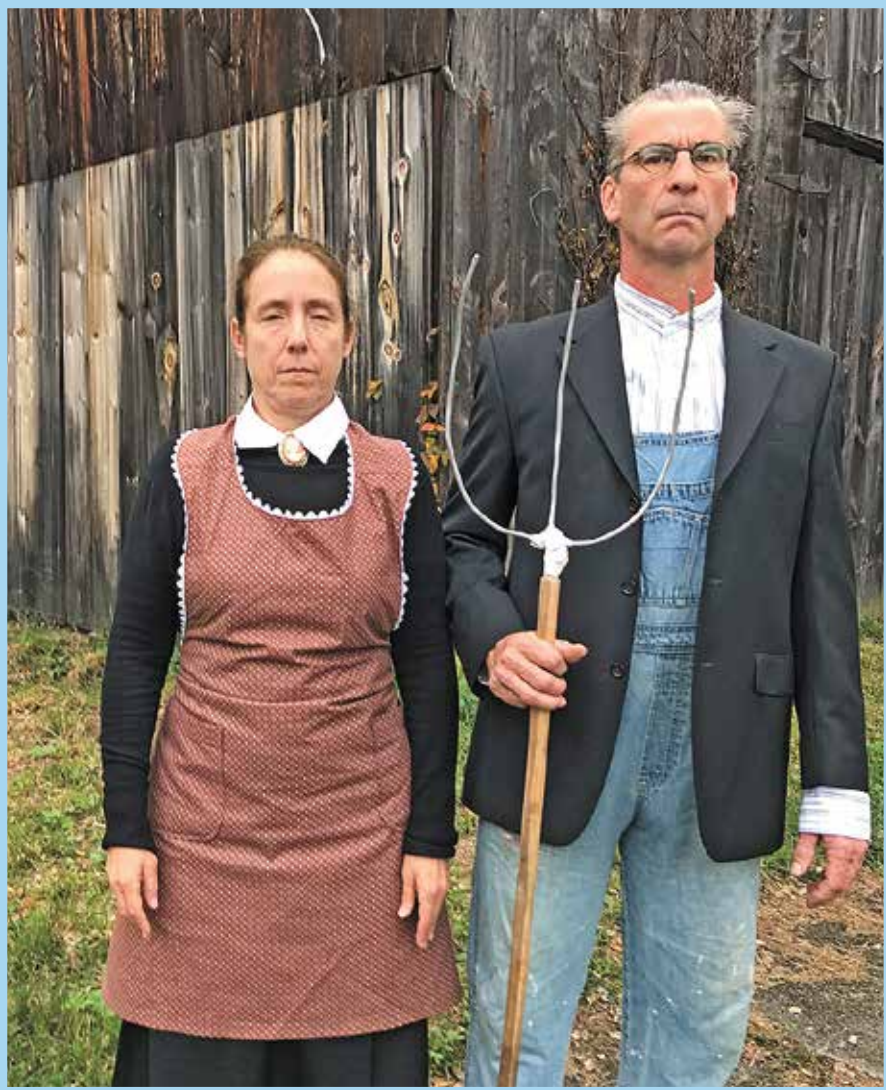
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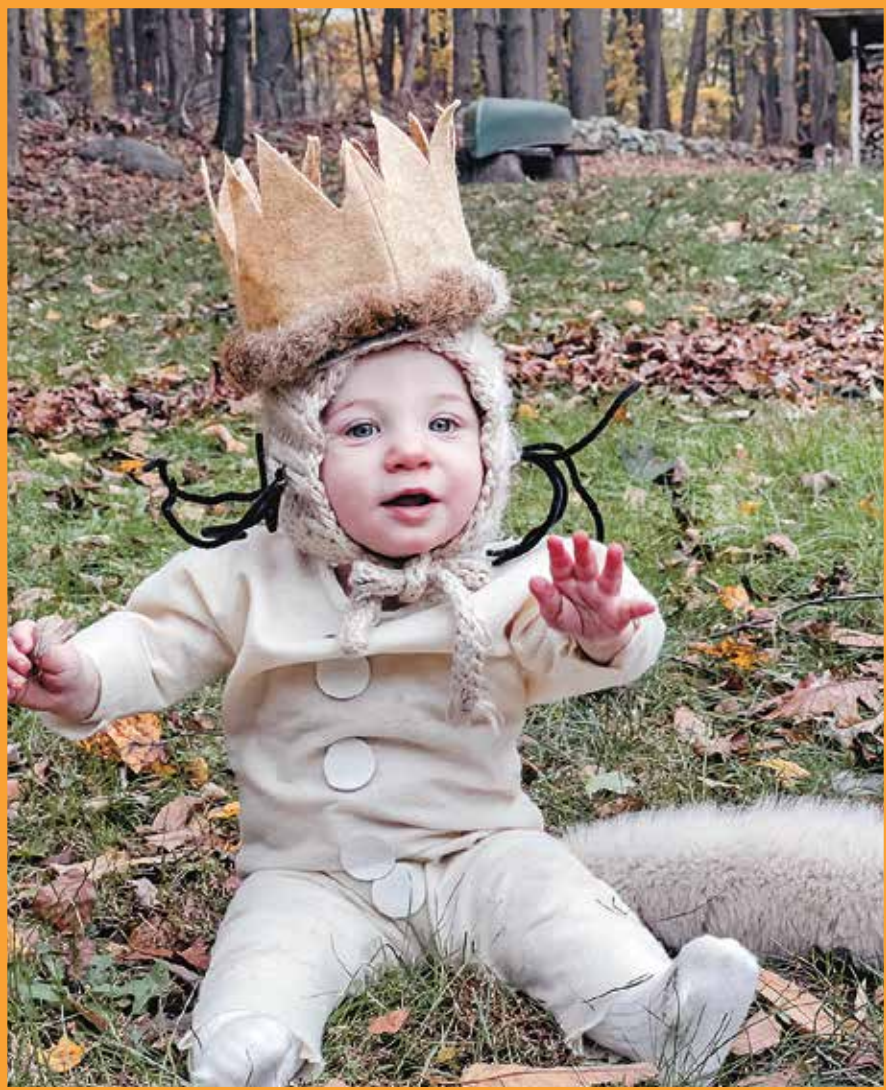
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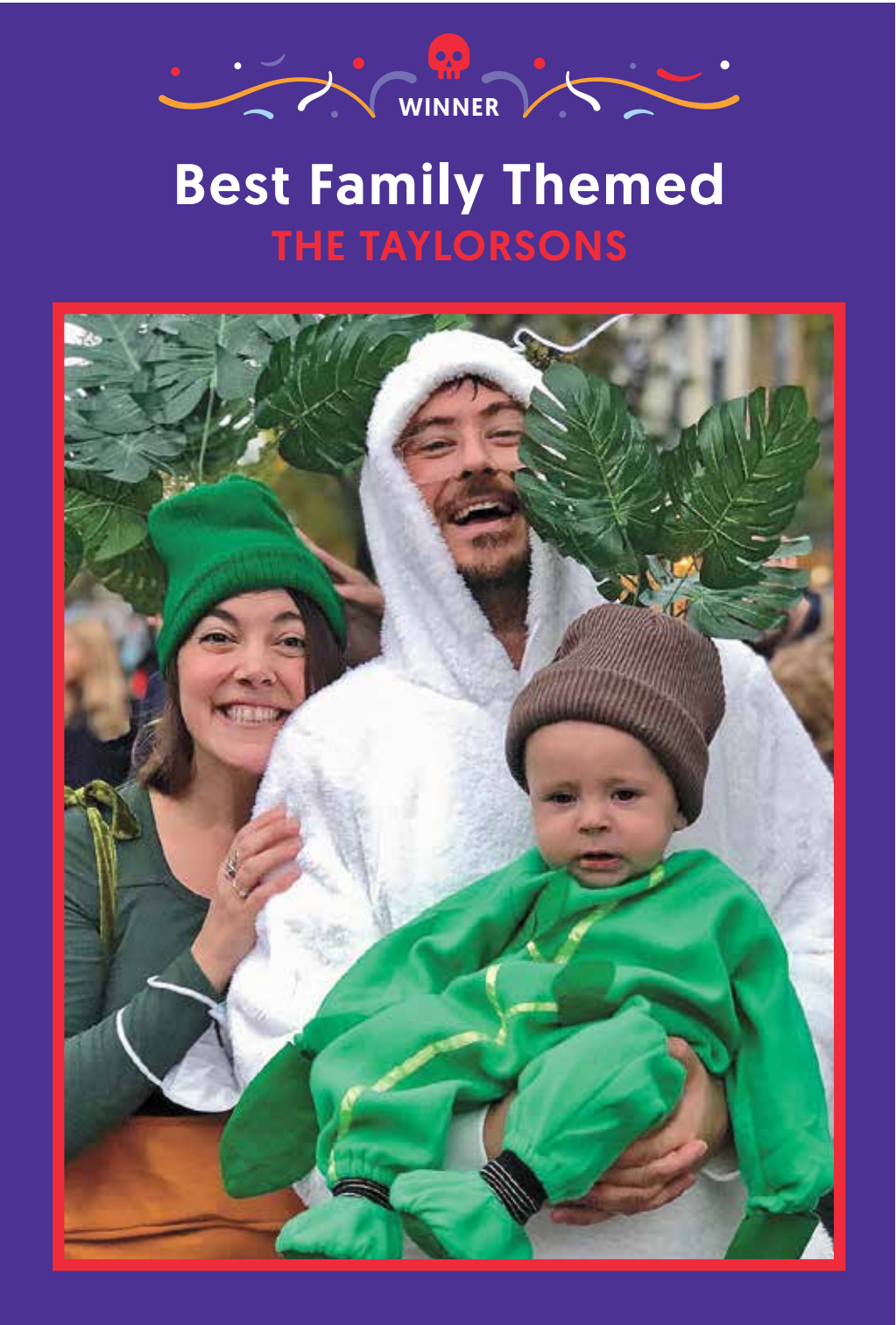
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THE WEEK AHEAD

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For a complete listing of events, see
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VETERANS DAY

THURS 11 Ceremony

BEACON
11 a.m. Memorial Building
413 Main St.

THURS 11 Ceremony

COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Memorial
Main and Chestnut Streets

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 13 Dia:Beacon Studio on the Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS
10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | diaart.org

Children ages 5 and older can make art with a practicing artist outdoors in this workshop offered with Common Ground Farm.

SUN 14 Holiday Toy Swap

COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Give a toy; get a toy. Drop-off gently used toys, puzzles, stuffies, games and books (1 bag limit) on FRI 12 and SAT 13 during library hours. New toy donations will be accepted for families in need.

COMMUNITY

SAT 6 Pet Rabies Vaccine Clinic

CARMEL
10 a.m. – Noon. Memorial Park
201 Gipsy Trail Road
845-808-1390 x43160
putnamcountyny.com/health

Dogs, cats and ferrets should be properly caged or leashed. Bring proof of Putnam County residency and a prior rabies vaccination certificate. *Free*

SAT 6 3-D Model of Proposed HVSF Site

GARRISON
1 – 4 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
hvshakespeare.org

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will share a model of the changes it hopes to make on property donated to the company. Register at hvshakespeare.org/production/3dmodel. Also THURS 11 at Winter Hill in Garrison.

SAT 13 Fall Craft Fair

WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D

There will be a diverse group of businesses offering crafts, products and food. Parking is \$7. *Free*

SAT 13 Celebration and Guided Tour

COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – Noon.
West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave.
scenicudson.org/events

The archeological site within the park has been deemed a national landmark. Join Scenic Hudson for tours and an event honoring the people involved in making the preserve. Masks required.

SAT 13 Electric Car Show

GARRISON
2 – 3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | bit.ly/garrison-car

Meet locals who drive electric cars, take a look at the variety of cars and get information about owning one.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 6 Czechoslovak Tales with Strings

COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

The Czechoslovak-American Marionette Theatre will perform with storyteller/puppeteer Vít Horejs and musical accompaniment by Tine Kindermann and Frank London. *Free*

SAT 6 The Price

WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

Jeff Battersby, Michael Frohnhoefer, Janet Nurre and Douglas Woolley star in Arthur Miller's play, which is ostensibly about the price of furniture. Also, FRI 12, SAT 13, SUN 14. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 seniors, military and ages 12 and under)*

THURS 11 November Moon

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

Tara O'Grady and Rik Mercaldi will perform stories and songs from her memoir, *Migrating Toward Happiness*. COVID-19 vaccination required. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

FRI 12 Men of Bronze

GARRISON
7 p.m. Via Zoom
desmondfishlibrary.org

Presented by the Desmond-Fish Public Library, this 1977 film chronicles the experiences and heroism of Black soldiers from New York who became known as the Harlem Hellfighters and were honored in both the U.S. and France. Hamilton Fish, the grandson of a captain in the regiment, will join a discussion after the showing. Register online.



Czechoslovak Tales with Strings, Nov. 6

SAT 13 All Together Now!

GARRISON
2:30 & 4 p.m.
Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

This musical revue, which is part of a global event celebrating local theater, will feature Edie Coleman, James Llewellyn, Tyler Powers, Madison Flagler, Aya Hull, Max Julian, Sadie Macinnes, Elsa Minkin and Emmett Timmer. *Cost: \$5*

SAT 13 The Circus (1928)

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Via Zoom
butterfieldlibrary.org

Charlie Chaplin directed and starred in this silent film that will be presented by the Butterfield Library with live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown. Register online.



SAT 13 All Together Now!

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
beaconplayers.com

Current and alumni performers from the Beacon Players will sing music from Broadway shows to celebrate local theater. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 students, seniors)*

SAT 13 The Artichoke

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

The storytellers this month are

Brad Lawrence, Anita Flores, Carla Katz, David Lawson, Andy Christie and Cyndi Freeman. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 livestream)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 13 Winter Holiday Exhibition

BEACON
3 – 5 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

Work by more than 25 artists will be on view through Jan. 30.

SAT 13 Mendacity, Myopia, Amnesia, Atopia

BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Stephen Derrickson's work combines text and images (See Page 13) while Eileen Sackman's ceramics will be in the second gallery and Ilse Schreiber-Noll's paintings and prints in the Beacon Room.

SAT 13 Mar2ina | David Bishop | BogxSquad | Lab Monkeys

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

The gallery will feature multiples and prints in four solo shows.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 6 Indigo Dyeing + Clay Resist

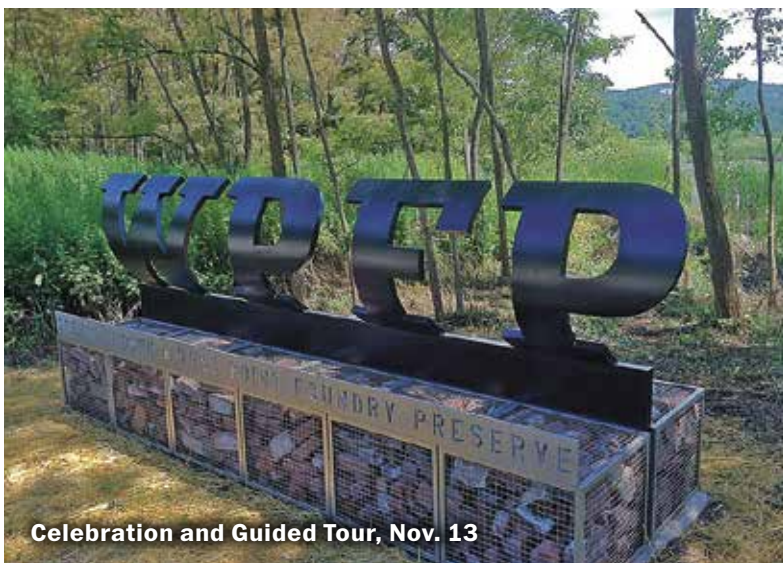
COLD SPRING
1 – 5 p.m. Supplies for Creative Living
143 Main St. | 845-809-5500
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

Gail Cunningham O'Donnell will lead a hands-on workshop on using indigo, a natural dye, on fabric and how to use clay to compose designs. *Cost: \$100*

TUES 9 Social Security Explained

GARRISON
6 p.m. Via Zoom
desmondfishlibrary.org

Mark Lange from the Society for Financial Awareness will discuss the federal benefit as part of a series on personal finance in this webinar hosted by the Desmond-Fish Public Library.



Celebration and Guided Tour, Nov. 13

TUES 9**Genetic Counseling and Testing for Breast and Ovarian Cancer****CORTLANDT**

8 p.m. Via Zoom | supportconnection.org

Learn about your options during this webinar sponsored by Support Connection. Registration required.

WED 10**Women Soldiers in the Civil War****COLD SPRING**7 p.m. Via Zoom
putnamhistorymuseum.org

In this webinar organized by the Putnam History Museum, Tracey McIntire and Audrey Scanlan-Teller will discuss women who disguised themselves as men in order to join the fight. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

**THURS 11****Human Rights and the Common Good****GARRISON**

2 p.m. Via Zoom | garrisoninstitute.org

In this Pathways to Planetary Health Forum from the Garrison Institute, Kerry Kennedy will discuss the strains on our social and political structures from the accelerating impacts of climate change. Register online.

THURS 11**Wolf Conservation****COLD SPRING**

2 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

In this program organized by the Butterfield Library, learn more about the history, biology and ecology of wolves and meet Sephyr, Alawa and Nikai.

THURS 11**Forest Carbon Offsets****MILLBROOK**

7 p.m. Via Zoom | bit.ly/cary-forest

In this webinar, Charles Canham, an ecologist with the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, will discuss the

flaws and drawbacks of the programs, as well as the limits on how much carbon our forests can sequester.

SAT 13**Basics of Bird Feeding****COLD SPRING**9 a.m. Little Story Point | 3011 Route 9D
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Learn how to give birds a safe and healthy experience at your backyard bird feeder.

SUN 14**Bill McKibben****GARRISON**4 p.m. Via Crowdcast
desmondfishlibrary.org

In this program organized by the Desmond-Fish Public Library, David Gelber, co-creator of the *Years of Living Dangerously* series, will interview the climate activist who sounded the earliest alarms about global warming. McKibben's latest book, *Falter*, addresses the issues preventing us from moving ahead in the time we have left to stave off the worst impacts.

MUSIC**SAT 6****Titans of '80s Rock****PEEKSKILL**8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Three tribute bands — Wanted DOA, Shot of Poison and Rock of Ages — will perform the hits of Bon Jovi, Poison and Def Leppard in an “arena-style” event. *Cost: \$29 to \$59*

SAT 6**Jay Ungar and Molly Mason****BEACON**8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The Grammy winners will perform on violin, piano and guitar as they share their passion for folk heritage and storytelling. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 6**Ate Bit****BEACON**9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon

The punk band will be joined by Social Standards. *Cost: \$10*

**SUN 7****Andrew Jordan****BEACON**12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market
223 Main St. | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Jordan is a guitarist and singer based in New Paltz. Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

SUN 7**The Psychedelic Furs****TARRYTOWN**7 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St. | 877-840-0457
tarrytownmusichall.org

Lead singer and co-founder Richard Butler, a Beacon resident, brings the Furs back on the road to promote their first album in 30 years. COVID-19 vaccination required. *Cost: \$38 to \$78*

SUN 7**The Joni Project****BEACON**7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Katie Pearlman and her band will perform a tribute to Joni Mitchell, covering her music from its folk beginnings to funk, rock and modern jazz. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

MON 8**Joe Giardullo****BEACON**8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
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The weekly jazz performances are back. *Free*

WED 10**Carlos Pavan****COLD SPRING**

7 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

In this classical guitar concert organized by the Butterfield Library, Pavan will perform Argentine, tango and folk music. *Free*

FRI 12**U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band****POUGHKEEPSIE**7 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The concert will feature patriotic and inspiring music. *Free*

SAT 13**Doansburg Chamber Ensemble****COLD SPRING**7 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | 845-228-4167
doansburgchamberensemble.org

Christine Smith (flute), Christine Johannsen (piano) and Alexander Negruta (clarinet) will perform works by Shostakovich, Arnold, Ewazen and Webster. Watch in person or online. *Free*

SAT 13**The Best of The Eagles****PEEKSKILL**8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The tribute band will perform all of

the Eagles' hits. *Cost: \$29.50 to \$42.50*

SAT 13**KYO Surfers****BEACON**9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
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Enjoy covers of songs originally performed by the Butthole Surfers.

SUN 14**Jazz in the Park****PEEKSKILL**1 – 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

This concert will include performances by CCC Pro Am Ensemble, Tony Jefferson 2 Guitar Quartet, Ray Blue Septet and the Kenny Barron Trio. *Free*

CIVIC**MON 8****City Council****BEACON**7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov**MON 8****School Board****BEACON**7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900
beaconk12.org**MON 8****Dutchess Legislature****POUGHKEEPSIE**7 p.m. 22 Market St. | 845-486-2100
dutchessny.gov**TUES 9****Dutchess Budget Town Hall****EAST FISHKILL**6 p.m. East Fishkill Town Hall
330 Route 376 | dutchessny.gov**TUES 9****Board of Trustees****COLD SPRING**7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov**WED 10****Village Board****NELSONVILLE**7p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov**NOTICE**

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on
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NOTICE

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Monday, November 15th, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. virtually via Zoom.

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Listening to Shells

Artist finds inspiration in surfaces, patterns, shapes

By Alison Rooney

Throughout his years of studying fine art at college (Ramapo) and in graduate school (Hunter), Bill Kooistra says the goal was “to see who I really was.”

“In college, I was into drawing rock stars and the teacher said: ‘This is junk,’ ” recalls Kooistra, a founding member of the Buster Levi Gallery in Cold Spring. “Then I got into [Edward] Hopper, then [Arshile] Gorky, and then I moved into abstractions.”

Kooistra took inspiration from plants, then shells. “One day, on a beach, I picked up a shell and thought: ‘Oh my God, I can work from the surface, not the whole.’ In a sense, I look at something and it generates a thought. I think, ‘This is perfect for improvising.’ Shells are so varied, like snowflakes.”

Kooistra’s recent work has focused on creating abstract works that originate with the surface of shells or shell fragments. The series in his new exhibit at Buster Levi, aptly called *Shells*, began with small watercolor studies. It opens Saturday (Nov. 6) with a reception from 1 to 5 p.m.

Earlier paintings, made from 2016 to



“Gray Oyster”



Bill Kooistra



“Red Scallop”

Photos provided

2018, examined shells using geometry as the structural organization, he says. “In some ways, the ideas remain unchanged, but in the recent works the focus has been to explore individual surfaces, patterns, colors and shapes. While certain shells retain characteristics, others are barely recognizable.”

It’s important to Kooistra that his work not be perceived as derivative of geometry. “One of my friends told me I’m kind of formalist, but I also want these paintings to have feelings, because I have feelings,” he says. “They’re not cold and calculated; I want them read on a more emotional level.”

Kooistra, who lives in Goshen and taught art at Mahwah High School in New Jersey for 34 years, worked on his art in a small home studio and in the classroom. He points out that “working on art” doesn’t

always mean creating a finished work. It might involve sensing what color to use — he says he chooses color based on how it expresses the experience he is trying to convey, rather than to recreate the shell.

Sometimes working means “just staring and taking notes. I lay five or six watercolors out and every time I go in, I do something to one of them. I have to digest the idea, live with it for a while, and then the paintings come. You get an idea, but doing the idea is not as easy as coming up with the idea. I shouldn’t have it ‘down’; it shouldn’t be easy.”

Kooistra came upon what became the Buster Levi Gallery accidentally. Years ago, his family rented a house in Garrison. He and his father went into C&E Paints, when they noticed a group of people who

appeared to be hanging art across the street at what was then the Marina Gallery. He went over to investigate and a year later was invited to join the collective, which evolved into Buster Levi in 2014.

As a member, “knowing you’re working, and then showing that work, ups your game,” he says. “I have to resolve the issues in my paintings and can’t just let things sit. Looking at other artists, seeing how they worked things out, a piece of that may be absorbed. When you’re around people, it’s naturally instructive.”

The Buster Levi Gallery, located at 121 Main St. in Cold Spring, is open from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. See busterlevigallery.com. “Shells” continues through Nov. 28.

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Voices of Veterans

Garrison filmmaker, Beacon vet part of new PBS series

By Leonard Sparks

Less than 90 seconds into the first episode of a new PBS series, *American Veteran*, a petite septuagenarian nurse from Beacon with a pronounced Midwestern accent appears on screen.

More than five decades have passed since Edie Meeks returned from Vietnam, her body intact but her psyche scarred in ways it would take years to recognize.

"Being a veteran is like speaking a different language," she said in an interview. "And when you're around these people who have served, you feel understood."

The veterans themselves may change that. *American Veteran*, which debuted on Oct. 26, two weeks before Veterans Day, is giving Meeks and other former members of the Armed Forces a platform to tell their stories to the nation — from enlistment and boot camp to deployment and the often-difficult readjustment when returning home.

The series was created by GBH, the public television station in Boston, and Insignia Films, which is co-owned by Stephen Ives, a Garrison resident and board president of the Philipstown Depot Theatre. He co-wrote each episode and directed two; installments 1 and 2 can be seen on PBS or at pbs.org/show/american-veteran, along with a podcast. The final episodes will air on PBS on Tuesday (Nov. 9) and Nov. 16.

The hourlong segments present a diversity of voices: male and female, Black, white, Latino, Native American and gay. The narrators include comedian and TV host Drew Carey, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves, and Sen. Tammy Duckworth of Illinois, a former Army Reservist who lost both legs when her helicopter was attacked in Iraq.

The stories touch on the horrors of combat in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, and off-the-field battles within the service branches, where women, minorities and gays have fought for acceptance. Some vets talk about the remorse they experienced after killing and others about segregation and sexual assaults by colleagues.

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practicing artist over a 50-year period," he says. "It namechecks a lot of people I've learned from. It's an essay that tells a story, a fragmented, suggestive, story about the particular moment I'm coming from. I try to manifest in a way that's visually pleasing."

The third piece, slightly longer, is "an homage to all the French theory and cinema that I've grown up with. I had a little love affair with the French. I took my photographs and blackened the page like cinema projections. Underneath text there are subtitles, which 'read' like silent film captions."

In much of Derrickson's work, there is what he describes as "a dialogue between



Beacon resident Edie Meeks worked as a nurse in Salson and Pleiku, Vietnam, from 1968 to 1969.

Photos provided

Ives hopes the series "sparks a conversation about the veteran experience."

"If we are going to ask our men and women to go into harm's way — and certainly we will keep doing that — we as a nation ought to pay attention to what that means and what we are asking people to do in our names," he said.

Military service "changed my life 100 percent because of the things that I saw," said Meeks, who was on the board of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., when the producers contacted the organization in a search for veterans to interview.

While working in February 1968 as an emergency room nurse in Minnesota, Meeks decided to join the Army Nurse Corps after her brother, Tom, volunteered for the Marines. She became one of about 11,000 women who served in Vietnam. "Midwesterners wanted the United States to be right," said Meeks during an interview for the series. "When I joined, it was not a negative thing at all."

Her viewpoint would change.

Her first stop in Vietnam was a field hospital in Saigon. She arrived during the Tet Offensive, a monthslong series of coordinated attacks by the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese People's Army against U.S. and South Vietnamese forces.

Meeks recalled working 12-hour days in an intensive care unit, witnessing the most traumatic injuries caused by bullets, landmines and homemade explosives. She later transferred to a hospital in Pleiku. Sometimes she read letters from family to wounded soldiers, some on the verge of dying.

work I do to put on a wall, for public display, and work in a book form. I don't necessarily beautify the world, but reflect on it, what it means to be human, an observer. I'm an artist involved in inquiry, critique and reflection, rather than in beauty or style. I am an American dissident — but the minute you think you have me pinned down, I'll surprise you."

The BAU Gallery, at 506 Main St., in Beacon, is open from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call 845-222-0177 or see baugallery.org. Derrickson's exhibit runs through Dec. 5. Two shows, Pamela Zarenba's "Overcome" and Ilse Schreiber-Noll's "I Don't Know What I Am Doing" continue through Sunday (Nov. 7).

scooter and threw a bomb," she said. "It could be anywhere, at any time."

After returning to the U.S., and convinced that America was wasting lives in the war, Meeks spent the final six months of her enlistment at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington (now Joint Base Lewis McChord).

She returned to Minneapolis, married and moved to New York City. In 1972, she and her husband moved to Garrison, and Meeks worked in the operating room for Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring until it closed. She left nursing to work for a company making implants for spinal fusions, then returned to nursing in 2009, taking a job at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. She still works there part-time.

About 25 years after leaving Vietnam, her scars emerged: flashbacks and depression. She said it was a fight to have the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs recognize the level of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) she had, which determines the amount of benefits vets receive.

"My big thing is, if you're going to ask these people to go to war for you, you should give them what you promised them, and there shouldn't be any questions asked," she said. "To me, that is twice the injury to these people."



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Out There

Unearthing the Cornish Estate

By Brian PJ Cronin

Fifty years ago, Thom Johnson took a trip to the Hudson Highlands that changed his life.

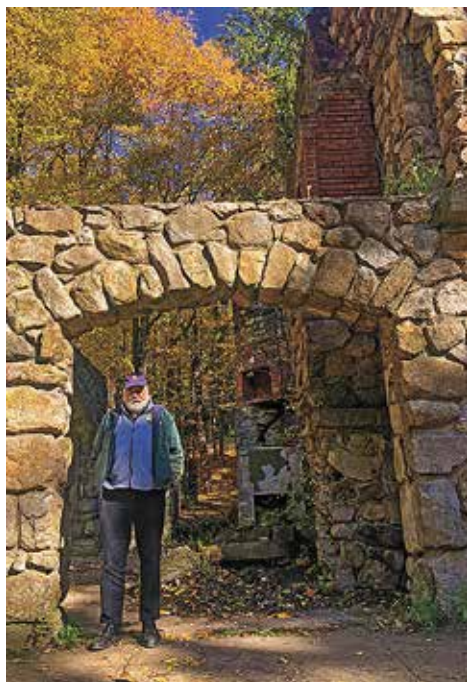


He was a high school student in Dobbs Ferry when a friend showed him a photo of Bannerman Castle. Intrigued, they drove north, stared at the ruins and wondered what the story behind them was. After returning to the car, they noticed an ungated road. Curious, they made the turn and found a clump of ruined stone buildings.

"It was a similar experience as what we had just had at Bannerman," he recalled. "We stood there and said 'What the...?'"

The friends drove into Cold Spring. "People said, 'Oh that's the old Cornish Estate.' I said, 'What can you tell me about them?' And they said, 'We just told you everything we know.'"

Johnson became a high school art teacher and musician but maintained his interest in the Highlands. He would co-write a book about Bannerman Island but information about the Cornish Estate was harder



Thom Johnson at the site Photo by B. Cronin

to find. He ended up kindling an interest in the estate in one of his students, Rob Yasinsac, who went on to co-author *Hudson Valley Ruins*. Neither man, however, could find a photo of the estate from before it fell into disrepair.

Yasinsac's book caught the attention of the descendants of the two families who had lived at the site: The Sterns, who bought the property and built a farm around 1904, and the Cornishes, who took over in 1916. The families were able to supply photos and more information.



The Cornish Estate before its demise

Photo provided

Johnson, now retired, spoke to the New York State parks department, which owns the land, about organizing volunteers to clear the brush that had consumed the ruins and put up informational kiosks showing what the buildings looked like before a 1958 fire destroyed most of the woodwork.

New York State had been offered the site in 1938 as parkland but declined because it said the property was too rocky. Instead, it was sold to Central Hudson, which contemplated a power plant between Breakneck Ridge and Mount Taurus; the utility abandoned the plan after seeing the fierce resistance that Con Edison faced when it proposed a plant on the river at Storm King. The state eventually took the property and in the late 1960s folded it into the Hudson Highlands State Park.

The site is rocky, which makes it difficult to imagine that many small farms once flourished in what has been called "Breakneck Valley." But Johnson points out that the ample water flowing from springs, brooks and cascades was a big draw. Goats were enlisted to keep the grass in check. Many of the towering trees weren't there; Thomas Cole's 1826 painting *Storm King on Hudson*, painted from the site, shows a clear view across the river.

Ten years ago, Johnson and a band of volunteers began clearing away the vines and poison ivy that nearly hid the ruins. Then they cleared the grounds. A grant

from the nonprofit Parks & Trails New York paid for 16 kiosks that have been installed over the past few months, with more on the way. They are placed on spots where historic photos supplied by the families were taken.

Those photos show what once was: A beguiling mixture of rustic stonework that resembled a French chateau, topped off with English Tudor sections, nods to the prairie architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright, and a roof that was contoured to mimic the ridge line at Breakneck. "It's almost too weird for words, but that's what makes it interesting," Johnson said.

He adds: "This is a work of art. I consider this sculpture."

A ribbon-cutting is planned for the spring when a second batch of kiosks is installed, but in the meantime, there's still more work to be done, and Johnson is always looking for volunteers and new photos or information. (The next cleanup of the site is Nov. 13; email Johnson at thomjohnson1@verizon.net.)

Johnson said he would like visitors to take away from the site not only a sense of what the estate once was, but what the site could be. On a more mundane level, if they could take away some of the garbage that has accumulated as more hikers have discovered the site, that would be great.

"It's strange to think about this," he said as we watched group after group of hikers amble by, "but I used to come up here to get away from people."

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After almost 7 years it's time for me to step aside. My campaigns have always been simple. My husband, Ed, and I walked the village and knocked on doors to ask for you signatures and to ask for your vote. You accepted me, wished me well, and always expressed your thanks. I promised to work hard. I hope you feel that I have done something to make the village a little better.

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Anne T. Champlin (1938-2021)

Anne T. Champlin, 83, passed away at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, NY on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Anne was born in Beacon on October 2, 1938 to James Hopper and Lilian McGrath. She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years Raymond on November 4, 2020.

Anne graduated from Beacon High School and began her nursing career at Vassar College. Always excelling she enjoyed learning new things while working at Vassar Brothers Medical Center and doing home visits in the community. Anne's quest to share her passion for nursing lead her to become a professor of nursing at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh where she formed life-long friendships with her colleagues.

Never satisfied with her quest for knowledge she continued her education at Columbia University's Teacher's College amazing her family on how she was able to balance the roles of wife, mother, professor and student all at the same time.

Seeking new opportunities Anne took a management position at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Montrose where she enjoyed getting back into the "hands on" aspect of nursing. During this time, she was able to complete her doctorate in nursing from Columbia to the surprise of no one who knew her drive. The urge to share her knowledge was too much and she finished her career as a nursing professor at SUNY New Paltz touching many more young nurses.

Anne was a dedicated member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic church and had a strong lifelong religious connection.

In addition to her husband Ray, Anne was predeceased by her sister Mary, brother Tom and his wife Barbara, sisters-in-law Claudia and Cathy Hopper, brother-in-law Norman Champlin Jr and his wife Rose and niece Karen (Champlin) Chiappini.

Anne is survived by her son Jonathan and her pride and joy — her two grandsons Michael and Matthew Champlin. She is also survived by her brothers Jim and John Hopper and sisters Betty Hopper and Tricia (Dave) Burke along with many nieces and nephews and loving friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto Church, Cold Spring. Interment will follow in Cold Spring Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations to be made in her name to Our Lady of Loretto church, 24 Fair St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

PAID NOTICE



Penelope Smith (1945-2021)

Penelope Marie Smith, née Wood, of Garrison, NY peacefully passed away on October 31, 2021.

Born on January 18, 1945 in London, England, Penelope came to the States at age 2 with her family aboard the Queen Elizabeth. She was raised in Ocean Grove, NJ by Dennis and Norma "Peaches" Wood (nee Westervelt). She attended Neptune High School and continued her studies at Newark School of the Arts, Kutztown State College and Parsons School of Fashion. Penelope spent her 20s in the Lower East Side of NYC as an aspiring designer and illustrator.

She married Allen Jay Smith in 1971. They moved to Brooklyn and Tarrytown before eventually settling in Garrison in 1976, where they raised their children, Jocelyn, Wyatt and Caroline.

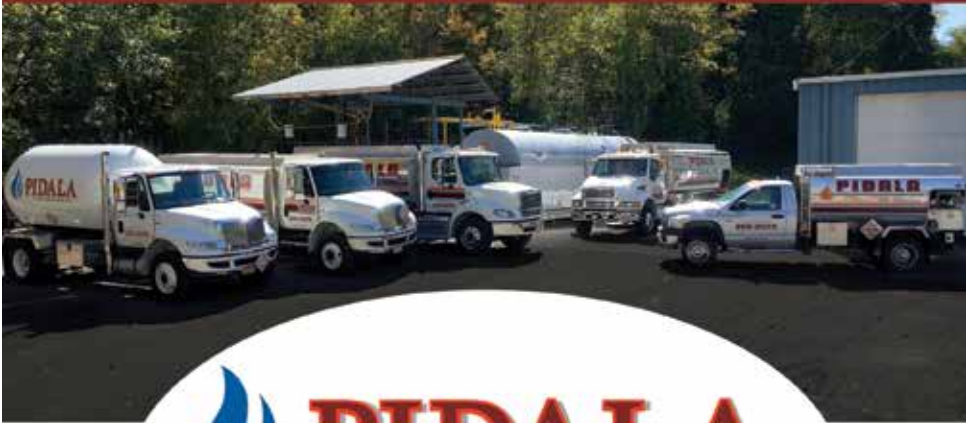
Self-taught, Penelope was a skilled dressmaker specializing in heirloom bridal gowns. She was an active and passionate member of the Philipstown Garden Club. She is affectionately remembered as a lunch yard monitor at Garrison Union Free School in the '80s, tireless hostess of legendary Fourth of July parties and proprietor of Knittingsmith in Cold Spring. Penelope embraced an unshakeable and joyful love of God.

She is survived by her husband Allen, children Wyatt, Jocelyn and Caroline and grandchildren Wiley, Maveric, Dodi and Scarlett. She was deeply loved, and will be dearly missed by her brothers and many adoring nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Friends may call on Saturday November 6, 2021 from 1 - 4pm at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott Street, Cold Spring.

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14 Cedar Street (49.5-2-34)
 10 Locust Ridge (49.5-2-26)
 41-51 Chestnut Street (49.9-1-14)
 27 Marion Avenue (49.9-1-38)
 3 Benedict Road (49.9-1-37.1)
 5 Benedict Road (49.9-1-37.2)
 7 Benedict Road (49.9-1-37.3)
 50 Kemble Avenue (49.9-1-9)
 West Point Foundry Park Preserve (49.9-1-10)

Application materials are available to view on the Village website:
<https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/public-hearings>.

Hard copies of the application materials are available for review in **Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516**. Please call the Village Clerk at **845-265-3611** to make an appointment to review the materials in person.

Written comment on the proposal can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the Village Clerk, vcclerk@coldspringny.gov. Written comment must be received by **Tuesday, November 9th** to be included in the record.

The Videoconference can be accessed as follows:

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LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on September 8, 2021, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was duly approved by a majority of the qualified voters of said School District voting at the Special City School District Meeting duly called, held and conducted on October 26, 2021.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: November 3, 2021

Beacon, New York
 /s/ Kelly Pologe
 School District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2021.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES IN AND FOR THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$26,000,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF \$600,000 SURPLUS FUNDS, \$1,000,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$24,400,000 BONDS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Objects or purposes: Reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various

School District facilities, including site improvements, as well as equipment, furnishings, machinery and apparatus

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1. Landed

5. Gearwheel tooth

8. Slightly

12. Sultry Horne

13. “— you serious?”

14. Barn roof spinner

15. Strict disciplinarian

17. Noble Italian family

18. Swift

19. Sculpted trunks

21. Old Olds

22. Doctor Zhivago

23. Wye follower

26. Moreover

28. On edge

31. Sciences’ partner

33. Observe

35. Campus VIP

36. “Hogwash!”

38. Finale

40. Water tester

41. Love god

43. Inherited

45. Painter’s motion

47. Reduces

51. Nashville’s st.

52. Instrument in a Dixieland band

54. Couturier Cassini

55. Stannum

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56. Pinta’s companion

57. Favorites

58. Norm (Abbr.)

59. Vortex

DOWN

1. Charitable gift

2. Bound

3. Concerning

4. Spud

5. Big gorges

6. Mine yield

7. Oil tycoon J. Paul —

8. Declared

9. Baby’s bed

10. Division word

11. Casual tops

16. Notion

20. Ump’s call

23. Hit with a ray gun

24. Triage ctrs.

25. System for linking computers

27. Ruby of films

29. — Paulo, Brazil

30. Away from WSW

32. Island wraps

34. Queen’s domain

37. Stir-fry pan

39. Entryway

42. Factions

44. Packing string

45. Halt

46. Far (Pref.)

48. Author Bagnold

49. Tear

50. Remain

53. Torched

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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 reference desk staff (10)

2 ninth-inning pitcher (6)

3 couldn’t remember (6)

4 secretary-treasurer, for one (7)

5 film director Lee (5)

6 downplay (8)

7 regarding as true (9)

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1. UNSULLIED, 2. LENIN, 3. SEWER, 4. EONS, 5. VEGANS, 6. AUBERGINE, 7. COMPLIMENT

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BOYS' SOCCER

Two of the top-ranked Class A teams in New York state faced off in the first round of regionals Wednesday at Hendrick Hudson High School, and true to form it was No. 3 Somers who managed to score the game's only goal, ending No. 4 Beacon's season with a 1-0 loss.

Bulldogs keeper AJ Lucas was the star of the game, making more than a few brilliant saves (he finished with seven) to keep his team in the game, as Somers got the better of possession and scoring opportunities. Somers scored with just under 15 minutes to play.

"AJ was just brilliant in goal," said Coach Craig Seaman, adding that "Tommy Franks, Alex Wyant and Dillon Kelly were all fantastic."

Beacon reached the game by winning the program's first sectional championship on Oct. 28, dominating Roosevelt High School, 5-1, at Middletown in the Section IX title game. (Somers was the Section I champ.) Kelly, Wyant, Chase Green, Kirk Dyer and Owen Lynch each had a goal for Beacon.

With a light rain falling throughout the game, the ball just wasn't bouncing the right way for Haldane on Oct. 30 at Lakeland High School, where the Blue Devils dropped a 1-0 decision to Alexander Hamilton in the Section I, Class C title game.

Hamilton (17-1), ranked this week by the New York State Sportswriters Association (NYSSWA) as the top Class C team in the state, scored with 5:05 remaining on a throw-in. Keeper Ronan Kiter had four saves in net, and Haldane managed five shots on goal.

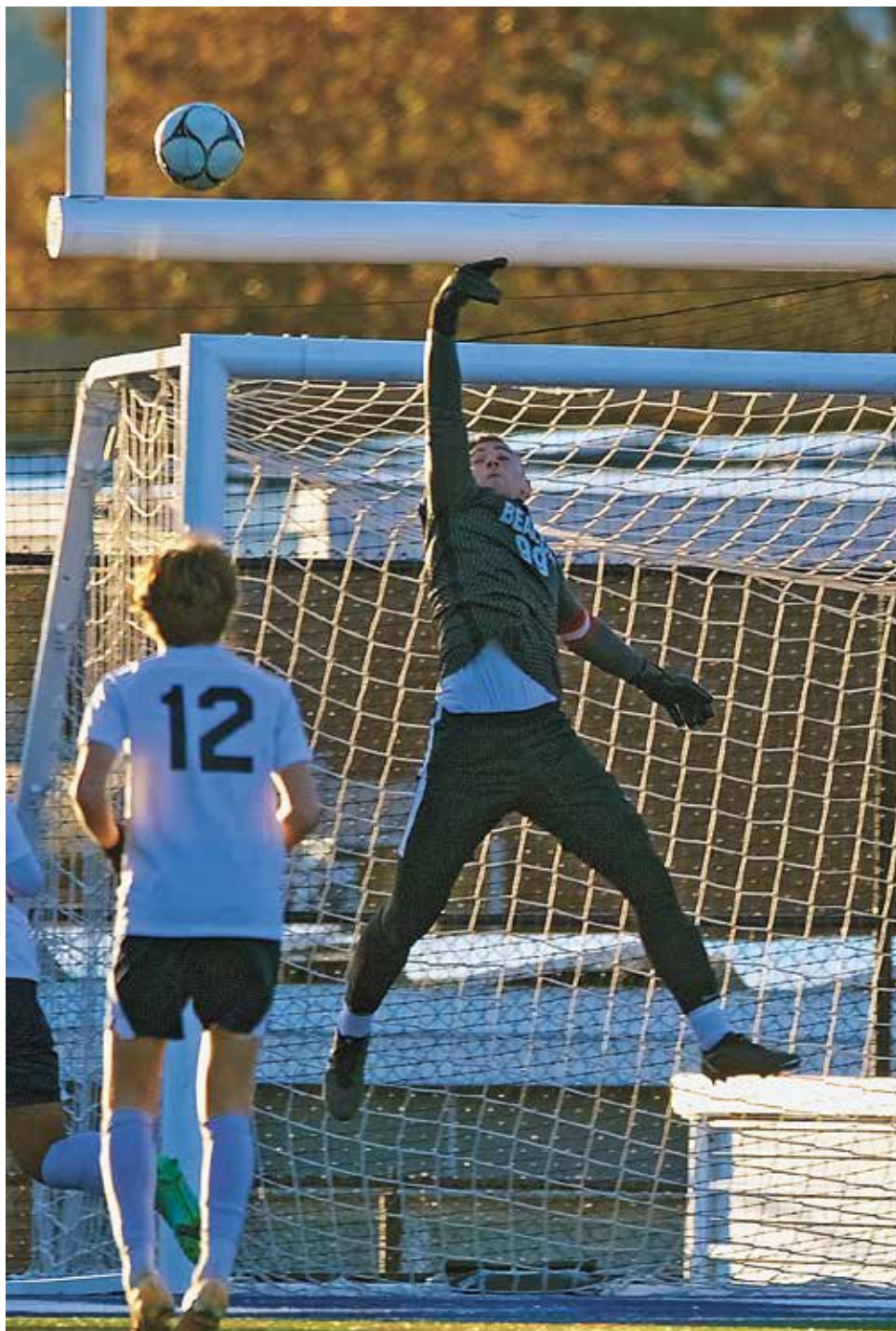
"We fell asleep on a throw-in, and they got off a quick shot," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar. "It was our first trip to the sectional finals, and I think it was kind of nerve-racking for our players."

"Their keeper was phenomenal, but I don't think we played our best game. The rain played a factor on the turf, and our inexperience was also a factor. But we watched their celebration and will use it for motivation for next year."

The Blue Devils finished 9-8-1, including seven wins in a row before the Saturday loss.

FOOTBALL

Beacon never found a rhythm or consistency in its offensive game on Oct. 29 in its opening Section IX, Class A playoff game



Beacon keeper AJ Lucas makes one of several acrobatic saves that kept the Bulldogs in the game against Somers.

Photo by S. Pearlman

against Washingtonville at home.

After a scoreless first half, Washingtonville scored on a running touchdown in the third quarter and added another TD on the ground in the fourth to go up 14-0, before the Bulldogs got on the board with a 52-yard pass from quarterback Jason Komisar to Dan Urbanak.

"That was a tough loss because I've had this group from freshman year," said Coach Jim Phelan. "They gave everything they had all year."

Komisar finished 8 of 13 for 137 yards but was intercepted twice. He also ran seven times for 42 yards and picked off a pass on defense. Running back Isaac Hansen was injured in the first half and left the game, and the Bulldogs were never able to estab-

lish the run.

On defense, Tyler Haydt and Sam Lunsford each had two quarterback sacks, and Louis Del Bianco had one.

The team ended the season with a 5-3 record. The Bulldogs typically would play another game but will not, due to a shortage of players.

Haldane traveled to Dobbs Ferry on Oct. 30 and dropped a 57-12 decision to the 8-0 Eagles. It was not the way the Blue Devils hoped to end the regular season.

"We didn't execute on offense, and we didn't play well on defense," said Coach Ryan McConville. "Two early turnovers put us behind quick, and we were down 20-0 after the first quarter."

Haldane scored twice in the second quar-

ter on passes from Ryan Van Tassel to Ryan Irwin but trailed 42-12 at halftime.

The Blue Devils (6-2) will play Tuckahoe (7-1) for the Section I, Class D championship game at 4 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 12) at Arlington High School. Tuckahoe was ranked No. 9 in Class D by the NYSSWA, while Haldane received an honorable mention.

GIRLS' SOCCER

After knocking off top-seeded Tuckahoe, 3-1, in the Section I, Class C semifinals, No. 4 Haldane fell to No. 2 Yonkers Montessori Academy, 4-0, in the title game on Oct. 31 in Nyack.

"We controlled the game early and played well in the first 20 minutes," said Coach Mike Lentini of his team, which finished the season 6-10-2. "After we went into the half down 1-0, we were still in it. But we gave up a quick goal in the second half, and then we were playing catch-up."

"We looked a bit flat after they scored that second goal," he said. "Chloe Rowe played her heart out for us, and Katie Shields also played well in back."

Keeper Betsy Cates made eight saves in net, while the Blue Devils had five shots on goal.

On Oct. 28, the Blue Devils upset No. 1 Tuckahoe, 3-1, behind a hat-trick from Rowe; Sara Ferreira and Bianca Harmancin each had an assist and Cates had eight saves.

VOLLEYBALL

Haldane got past North Salem on Oct. 30 in the first round of the Section I, Class C tournament but fell in Monday's quarterfinals, 3-0, to top-seeded Dobbs Ferry. The Blue Devils, the No. 8 seed, finished the season at 9-11.

Emily Tomann had seven kills, and Megan Tomann had 14 assists and two aces in the loss. "That was a hard matchup for us," said Coach Kristina Roling. "Dobbs Ferry is No. 1 for a reason. They have strong hitters and a tough defense."

In the first round, Haldane defeated North Salem, 3-2, with Megan Tomann handing out 17 assists. Kate Jordan had six aces, Megan Farrell had 15 digs and Jill Weinpahl added 13.

"The girls had a positive and fierce mindset going in," Roling said. "They battled through five intense sets. We had great serving accuracy, and our defense was consistent."

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Beacon finished 10th among 13 teams at the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association meet held Oct. 20 and 23 at Washingtonville High School.

Meara Kumar finished ninth in the 100-yard butterfly in 1:07.98 and Isabella Haydt was 10th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:19.28. They were also part of the 200 medley relay team (with Saniyah Wiltshire and Kalyn Sheffield) that finished 10th in 2:06.49.

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Q&A: THE FUTURE OF LOCAL JOURNALISM

On Oct. 24, *Current* Editor Chip Rowe spoke with *Washington Post* media columnist Margaret Sullivan during a virtual event for our members about the state of local news. Sullivan is the author of *Ghosting the News: Local Journalism and the Crisis of American Democracy*. Their conversation has been edited for brevity and clarity.



Margaret Sullivan

When we talk about ghosting the news, what does that mean?

“Ghosting the news” means abandoning the news. Although news organizations and reporters and editors don’t mean to be abandoning the news, the business model these days is such that there’s much less revenue and a much less healthy environment for newspapers. So, if not abandoned, they’re moving away from full coverage. The Pew Research Institute documented a few years ago that most citizens thought that newspapers were doing great. I thought it was important to sound the alarm with *Ghosting the News* so that these valuable institutions can get the kind of attention that could help them thrive, or at least stay in business. In places all over the country there actually are *no* news organizations. They are news deserts. There’s an increasing number of them: more than 2,000 papers went out of business between 2004 and 2019. Then, of course, when the pandemic hit, papers took another hit. So it’s a bad situation.

What does it mean to be a good paper?

A good paper is one that holds public officials accountable, that has reporters attending local meetings and is the eyes and ears of the public. And that tells the truth, to the extent possible, and seeks the truth — not just tells it but actually seeks it, whether it’s through Freedom of Information Law requests or pounding on doors, or whatever it may be, to actively seek out what’s happening and report it fairly and accurately. We don’t do a perfect job of that; sometimes we make big mistakes. I can tell you that I have made big mistakes in my career, and I’m just happy that I’ve survived some of them.

I feel like sometimes we’re chasing Facebook. Is that good or bad?

Facebook can serve a purpose. As Mark Zuckerberg will tell you night and day, it’s there to connect people. It does that. But it also does a lot of other things that aren’t so good, like spread misinformation and play to people’s

worst instincts. There’s no question that news stories will sometimes surface on Facebook, and I’ve found it a way to do research at times. So it’s a double-edged sword.

Do you think social media affects how people view local newspapers, that maybe people don’t think they are as necessary? This comes up more with younger people perhaps. How do we get them to read their local newspaper?

The idea of getting young people to read a printed newspaper is a heavy lift. But that’s not the only way newspapers get news out. We have an online presence, and we use social media. What we’re doing is trying to present things with some sense of priority, with fact-checking, with reporting. We try to get to the closest approximation of the truth that we can. And that’s worth supporting. When local news goes away, [studies have shown] some bad stuff happens in communities: People become more polarized. They vote more strictly according to party line. They’re much less civically engaged. They don’t join community organizations as much. And municipal costs go up. Why do municipal costs go up? Because there’s no one watching the store. It’s a hard argument to make to people who have found that they think they don’t need it. What they don’t know sometimes is that some of the news they’re getting [online] is coming from the newspaper or the public TV or radio station. That’s where it’s been generated. It’s like, “Oh, the news is on my phone.” Well, it doesn’t happen by fairies!

We have a question from a viewer here: How does a paper cultivate young readers?

That’s a good question. The most important way is not to treat them as some sort of bizarre subset who need a special section for their cool, weird interests. Treat them as the citizens that they are. Most importantly, come to them where they are. Where are they? Well, they’re on their phones, right? How are we reaching people in that way? Do we have a good social media team? Are we doing

good headlines? Are we updating the website on a regular basis? Or are we stuck in our old ways where we were able to say, “No, this is how we do it, and you need to come to us.” It has to be much more of a two-way street.

What happens in the future — who’s going to fund these local papers? As a nonprofit, we have great members who support us, but is that the model that will prevent another 2,000 papers from dying?

It’s a combination of things. It’s asking for support from readers and asking them to subscribe or join. Sometimes it’s philanthropy. There is an effort in Congress [the Local Journalism Sustainability Act] to give people tax credits for donating and/or subscribing to local papers, or to give small businesses incentives to advertise in local papers. Newer efforts are coming up all over the place — nonprofits, digital-only. What it isn’t is the old thing, which is two-thirds of your revenue coming from print advertising and a third coming from people subscribing.

I know you support the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. I’m more skeptical because I feel like newspapers shouldn’t have ties to the government they cover.

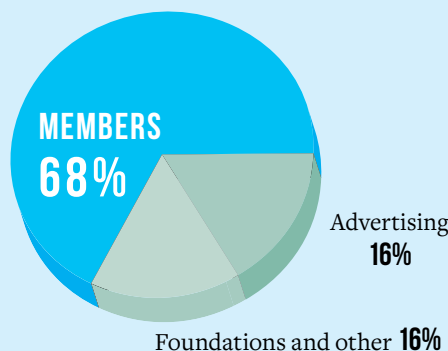
It would be set up so that you either qualify as a news organization, or you don’t. A particular politician, whether it’s the president or a congressman or county executive, can’t come along and undo that. So I think it has guardrails built into it. There’s another effort to give publishers the ability to get together and bypass antitrust legislation so that they can bargain against Facebook and Google to get an even playing field. But, meanwhile, newspapers continue to go out of business. There ought to be a sense of urgency about it. Your members, people out there listening, who say, “What can I do?” I would say to care about it, be engaged in whatever way you can with this news product. And that could mean telling their congressman that he or she should care about the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. Be actively engaged if you value local news.

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