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State to Close Downstate Correctional

*Fishkill prison one of six
to shutter next year*

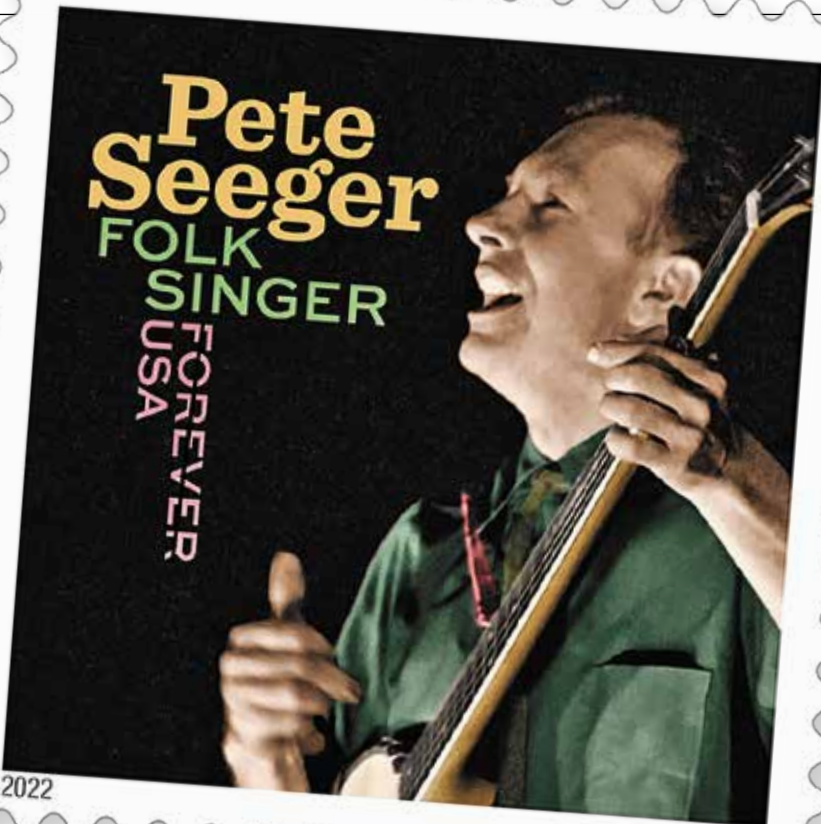
By Jeff Simms

The Downstate Correctional Facility near Beacon is one of six state prisons that will close in March as New York State evaluates the cost of keeping its facilities open while the number of inmates shrinks.

Downstate, a maximum-security facility in Fishkill with 690 prisoners — just over half of its capacity — is the largest of the six prisons that Gov. Kathy Hochul said on Monday (Nov. 8) would close. She said the moves will save taxpayers \$142 million annually.

More than 1,500 people work at the prisons, although the state said it would reassign them and had no plans for layoffs.

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SEEGER STAMP — The U.S. Postal Service announced this month that a photo of folk singer and longtime Beacon resident Pete Seeger will grace a first-class stamp to be issued next year. For the story, see Page 6.

Infrastructure Money Coming Our Way

*Includes funds for Stewart
Airport, bridge repair*

By Brian PJ Cronin

On Monday (Nov. 15), President Joe Biden is scheduled to sign a bipartisan infrastructure bill that will send \$1.2 trillion to the states over five years to repair and build roads, bridges, transit systems, water pipes, electric vehicle charging stations and airports.

But for Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat whose district includes the Highlands, it boils down to three things.

“Jobs, jobs, jobs,” Maloney said on Monday (Nov. 8) at the Newburgh waterfront during a news conference to mark the passing of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. “Good, well-paying jobs that you can raise a family on, thou-

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C&E Paint Supply opened in Cold Spring nearly 70 years ago.

File photo

End of an Era

*C&E Paint Supply scheduled
to close by end of year*

By Michael Turton and Alison Rooney

The end of the year will mark the end of an era as the iconic Cold Spring business, C&E Paint Supply, will close after nearly 70 years on Main Street.

Owner Susan Early said on Wednesday (Nov. 10) that she plans to retire.

The shop was opened in 1952 by Early's

parents, Jim and Sadie Early, who partnered with her aunt and uncle, Bonnie and Jake Cretelli (accounting for the C&E). It opened at 159 Main St. (now Cold Spring Florist) and moved to 158 Main St. in 1955. The families purchased the building in 1983, which has been a key to its survival, Early said.

The paint-and-hardware retailer is renowned for its personal service, including a low-tech approach at the cash register. There is no “self-checkout” lane, just a carbon-copy paper receipt handwritten by Early. If you forgot your wallet, chances are you'd be able to bring in payment the next day.

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Cold Spring Boat Club Gets New Lease

*Marathon zoning punted to
next Village Board*

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board on Nov. 4 unanimously authorized Mayor Dave Merandy to sign a new, 20-year lease with the Cold Spring Boat Club.

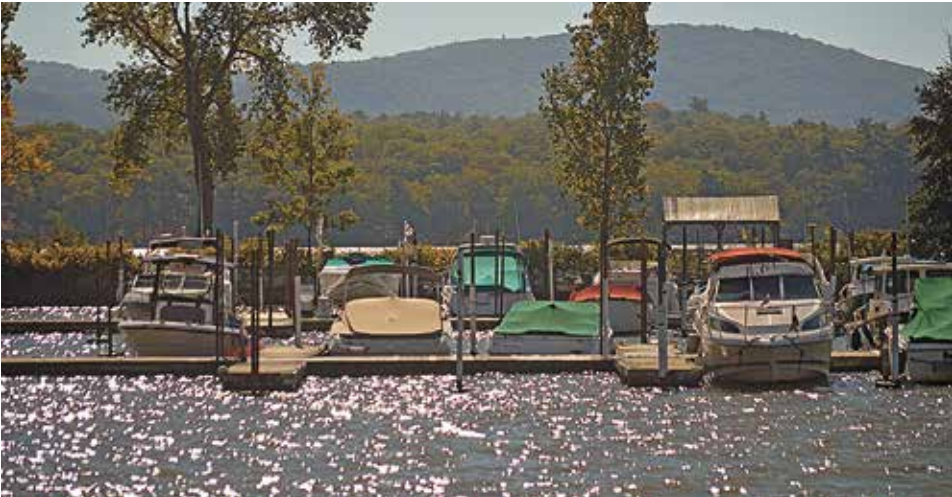
The agreement will take effect in June 2024, when the current lease expires. The club has leased the village-owned river-

front property since its founding in 1955.

Historically, the village has charged only a token fee for the use of the property. However, the renewal includes annual rent of \$12,000 during the first three years, followed by incremental increases until it reaches \$32,300 in 2043 and 2044.

The club will also be responsible for repairing or replacing the bulkhead, which was damaged earlier this year, as well as the cost of constructing a new clubhouse,

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The Cold Spring Village Board has approved a 20-year lease with the boat club that will begin in 2024.

File photo by M. Turton

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ANNA SULLIVAN

By Jeff Simms

Anna Sullivan is the board chair of the Foundation for Beacon Schools.

What is the foundation?

We are a nonprofit organization that was formed during the pandemic to support the six schools in the Beacon City School District. We came together at a time when the future of public education funding was very uncertain. We felt it was a good time to establish an organization that could connect the community more strongly to the public schools. Our mission is to fundraise and support innovative programming that enriches and extends the learning experience. We're in early conversations with the district around some ideas to enrich curriculum.

Was the foundation formed in response to the pandemic, or was the timing coincidental?

It was more like the stars aligned. There had been interest in reviving a foundation for the schools, so discussions were underway when the pandemic hit. But it put everyone into top gear. We formed the board a couple of months into the pandemic



and worked remotely throughout the year to get registered with the state and to be designated as a nonprofit. This has been the perfect time for us to build infrastructure. We're starting to do fundraising and we're planning some fun events for the next couple of academic years, including our inaugural gala, which will be at the end of this school year.

Are you independent of the school district?

We are, but a successful foundation has to partner closely with the district. The super-

intendent and a number of Board of Education members are on our advisory board, but our board of directors is independent. That's a strength in a lot of ways. We can apply for funding that the district might not be eligible to apply for. We can evaluate the projects that we fund from an impartial lens. As we grow, the hope is that what we're setting up is going to outlive all of us who are parents in the district now, and having control over the direction of the organization is going to help us do that.

How will the organization benefit students and teachers?

We're looking to fund pilot projects that teachers and/or teachers and students want to experiment with that may not be in the scope of the school budget — whether that's an opportunity to explore learning with different technologies or adding layers to curriculum. The goal would be for the district to adopt the most successful initiatives, so it can be a testing ground. Our mission is to allow students opportunities to discover and cultivate talents. We have an amazing district with incredible teachers and administrators, but we know that there are always opportunities to reach students who might not be able to identify their greatest strengths before they leave school.

What led you to get involved with the schools?

My son started pre-K in the school district eight years ago, during a time of upheaval. There had been a lot of turnover in district leadership and the community was concerned. I started attending Board of Education meetings to learn more and I joined my son's elementary school PTO. By getting involved and witnessing first-hand the challenges and opportunities public education faces in the 21st century, I saw how much impact community support and fundraising can have on students' learning experiences — from helping fund field trips and artistic performances to incredible programs like the Calico Ball and the Lightbulb Lab STEM initiative. That was my starting point.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What music would you hate to be stuck with on the proverbial desert island?

“Opera! Although some of it is good.”



Ann Marie Koestner, Beacon

“Tiny Tim. He was really bad.”



Bob Wade, Cold Spring

“Heavy metal. But I'd like classical or Peter Seeger!”



Miriam Wagner, Garrison

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Sheriff says thanks

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Putnam County for the past four years. We made great strides together — from reducing the crime rate to fewer opioid-related deaths to being named as one of the 20 safest counties in the U.S.

I am proud of the outstanding work all the men and women of the Sheriff's Office do every day. Your professionalism and experience reflect your outstanding commitment to community. I love Putnam County and am grateful to have served you for 40 years.

Best wishes to Kevin McConville and the men and women of the Putnam County Sheriff Department. Godspeed.

Robert Langley Jr., *Philipstown*

Beacon vs. Portland

I went to school in Portland but never connected it with Beacon ("Reporter's Notebook: Keep Beacon Weird," Nov. 5). Kat Merry gives me something to consider!

Deborah Bigelow, *via Instagram*

Every *Portlandia* viewer who lives or has lived in Beacon saw this unfolding.

Bryanne Figlia, *via Facebook*

Hopefully there will be an emphasis on keeping Beacon "real," too: a place of diversity, both cultural and economic; a place to raise kids, retire and enjoy life without going broke in the process.

Holly Bogdanffy-Kriegh, *via Facebook*

The column quoted the 2018 population stats, but we've added about 600 since then, including Kat. We'll see about the "weird" aspect shortly, when the members of the newly restructured City Council — who ran unopposed — take office.

Herbert Simon, *Beacon*

Does the reporter know that cellphone use is illegal/dangerous while driving in New York? It was a distracting (distracted driving) opening on an otherwise fun story. Main Street is so narrow and so filled with jaywalkers and cars stopping short to snag a parking space. I don't want to "shame" the writer, and I warmly welcome her to the Highlands, but she might want to edit that sentence about slowing down and taking a photo.

Marjorie Gage, *via Instagram*

Editor's note: It's also illegal in Portland! Merry noted that she stopped her car before taking the photo.

Thanks to board

As the Village of Cold Spring election season ends, the campaign signs come down and we transition from one administration to the next, I wanted to take the time to simply say thank you. Being an elected official in any community is not easy and, in a small village, the role has its own unique challenges. It's important to step back and recognize the hard work people do, no matter our political opinions.

Thank you, Fran Murphy! I only had the pleasure of meeting you firsthand for a long conversation recently, but I came away impressed. Your no-nonsense, thorough thought process is impressive. You gave a lot to the village and your reputation is well-earned.

Thank you, Marie Early! Details, details, details. A person after my own heart. If technology suddenly disappeared, we could count on Marie to sit down with a legal pad and pencil, recreating the village code and budget in no time. Your institutional knowledge of the village is important and I enjoy hearing you share your experience and insight.

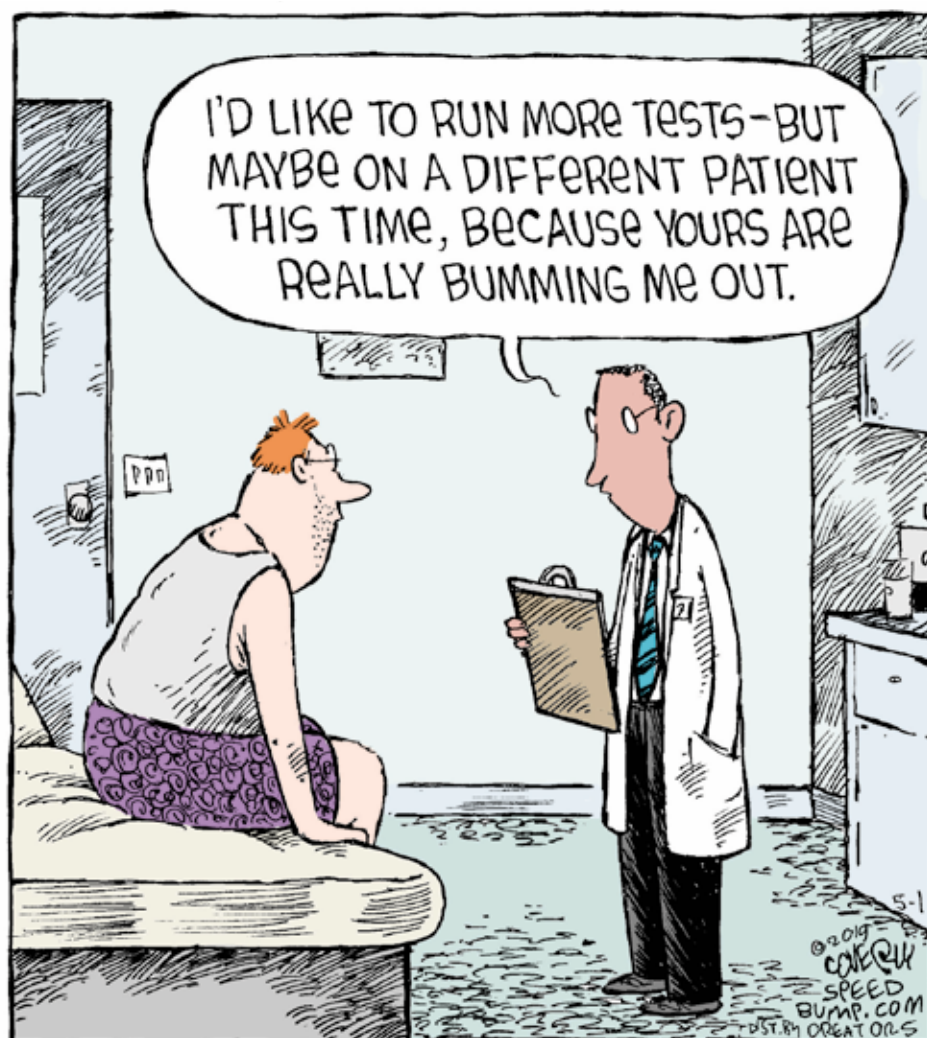
Thank you, Dave Merandy! OK, I'm going to just get it out there. You can, at times, be a handful and I'm sure you'd be the first to admit it. But there aren't many of us who have dedicated that much time and energy over so many years to our greater good.

We worked on a lot of projects together in many different venues which many aren't aware of. Our community has a great turf athletic field due to many people, but back in 2006 it all got started with the first Haldane Building & Grounds Committee. You were there to help cut through the politics and personalities, which allowed later groups to succeed. You screamed (literally) that it was unacceptable for Haldane to have leaky roofs and a blacktop area mimicking the Sahara desert when funds were available to fix them. It got done.

Many don't know it was your idea to start a Board of Education Haldane Fine Arts Committee to give our talented student artists the recognition and accolades they deserve. The concept now is a given; it wasn't always. I hope you get a break and spend some quality time with your family. It is beyond well-deserved.

As we transition forward, patience and practicality will be needed for the greater good. I thank our departing public servants and wish nothing but the best to our incoming team. The village has a lot of heart; that's always a great place to start.

Joe Curto, *Cold Spring*



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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Halloween contest

OMG! Best costumes ever ("Halloween Costume Contest," Nov. 5)! What a great way to show off Cold Spring's Halloween spirit, although I would hate to be a judge.

Kelly Maloney, *Cold Spring*

Restoration

In the Oct. 29 issue, you ran a photo of a 1959 snow thrower that had been restored over four years by employees at the Putnam County Highway Department (*Around Town*). I am curious: Was the project done on taxpayer time, or as a hobby?

Jeff Phillips, *via Facebook*

The editor replies: According to the county, the snow thrower, which was retired in 1998, is again functional, i.e., it wasn't meant to be a showpiece. The project took many hours, and the parts cost about \$5,000, but a municipal snow thrower alone, without the front-loader, retails for \$175,000, according to county officials.

Danskammer

I am beyond thrilled that the state Department of Environmental Conservation rejected the permit for the Danskammer power plant in Newburgh, stating that it would not comply with the state climate law passed in 2019 ("DEC Denies Danskammer Permit," Oct. 29).

But it's like playing whack-a-mole. Every time we defeat one fossil-fuel project, another pops up. This is insanity. It has to stop. We cannot end the climate crisis without ending the fossil-fuel era. There's no safe way to extract, transport or refine fossil fuels without harm to people or without fueling the climate emergency.

We don't want talk; we want action. A new and better world is possible, if we have the courage. Aren't we supposed to be the home of the brave?

Krystal Ford, *Garrison*

Beacon development

"No big deal," says the developer. I believe this is a big deal.

Everyone knows the City of Beacon is in the middle of rampant development facing today's overheated economy and housing market. City officials must act with seri-

ous consideration and hold out for the best projects that work for our community. The one proposed at 364 Main St., even with its current redesign, is not the one ("Beacon Planning Board Review," Nov. 5).

This week, the Planning Board and city planner discussed infilling Accessory Dwelling Units throughout the city on many half-acre parcels. Following that discussion, the board held a public hearing for this three-story, 31,616-square-foot "building program" wedged onto two merged lots that total less than 7/8ths of an acre. This proposal is too big, out of scale in context and foreshadowing our Main Street streetscape.

Beacon must be conscious and considerate of neighboring historical buildings and surrounding neighborhoods abutting the back end of this project. The developers argue that adding an extra 40 cars onto the adjacent one-way street is "no big deal." That's laughable; this will affect the quality of life for every resident and visitor in Beacon.

Our municipality needs to stop allowing applicants to get things approved by saying they'll do what the city requires, only to change plans midway, looking for variances at the next meeting to increase their profits.

Theresa Kraft, *Beacon*

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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.

Postal Service to Issue Pete Seeger Stamp

Folk musician, environmentalist was longtime Beacon resident

By Leonard Sparks

The folk-music singer and activist Pete Seeger, a longtime resident of Beacon, had agreed to perform in 1975 at a ceremony for the Balmville Tree, a 17th-century eastern cottonwood named for the Town of Newburgh community where it stood.

Then, Newburgh school district Superintendent Edwin Klotz found out.

In a letter to the Town Board, Klotz called Seeger a “left-wing extremist” who was “not the kind of ‘dignitary’ we want our students to look up to.”

“Mr. Seeger may be known for his advocacy of a cleaner Hudson River and other ecological projects, but he is also a veteran supporter of causes that are hardly exemplary for the young people of our community,” Klotz wrote.

Considered an icon for marrying his music to causes like civil and workers’ rights, anti-war efforts and environmentalism, Seeger (who died in 2014 at age 94) was hated by others for the same reason and once sentenced to a year in prison for refusing to answer questions before the House Un-American Activities Committee. (The sentence was thrown out on appeal.)

Now, he is now receiving one of the most-American of honors.

The U.S. Postal Service announced on Nov. 1 that Seeger’s image will grace a first-class stamp to be issued next year. It will be the tenth imprint of a Music Icons series that has included Johnny Cash, Ray Charles, Marvin Gaye and John Lennon.

The stamp is based on a photograph taken in the 1960s by his son, Dan Seeger.

In retrospectives published in *The Current* four days after Seeger’s death and



The U.S. Postal Service plans to issue 20 stamps in 2022, including one dedicated to Pete Seeger. USPS

to mark what would have been his 100th birthday, Highlands residents shared anecdotes of him serving strawberry shortcake at a riverfront festival, singing Christmas carols on Main Street, playing his banjo at local restaurants like BJ’s and founding the city’s Martin Luther King Jr. parade and a music group for local children.

Manna Jo Greene, an Ulster County legislator and environmental director for Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, the Beacon-based environmental organization Seeger founded in 1966 with his late wife, Toshi, said the singer and Martin Luther King Jr. were the “greatest influences” on her life.

She recalled once running into Seeger at Grand Central Station, where they both waited for a train to the Hudson Valley. She watched as he introduced himself to

a young man carrying a guitar and they continued talking on the ride north.

“I just thought, as world famous and renowned as he is, he’s so humble and approachable,” she said. “The fact that the Postal Service is celebrating Pete Seeger’s life is such a vindication — that the truth will out. He stood for so many just causes, and was persistent throughout his life and consistent, and he ended up, in this case, triumphing.”

Seeger’s accomplishments include iconic songs such as “Where Have All the Flowers Gone” and “If I Had a Hammer”; three Grammy Awards; and a book, *Hard Hitting Songs for Hard-Hit People*, written with Woody Guthrie about folk songs from the Depression and labor movements of the 1930s. Seeger was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in 1996.

More 2022 Stamps

In addition to Pete Seeger, the USPS announced stamps honoring:

- **Katherine Graham (1917-2001)**, the former owner and president of The Washington Post Co., and publisher of its flagship newspaper;
- **Eugenie Clark (1922-2015)**, a marine biologist who advocated the protection of sharks and marine environments;
- **Edmonia Lewis (1844-1907)**, considered the first Black and Native American sculptor to achieve worldwide fame; and
- **George Morrison (1919-2000)**, a founding figure in Native American modernist art.

Other new stamps will feature the Lunar New Year (Tiger), blueberries, butterfly garden flowers, sunflower bouquets, tulips, women’s rowing, national marine sanctuaries, pony cars, the Mississippi River, elephants, mountain flora and the 50th anniversary of Title IX.

Thirty years earlier, Pete and Toshi, who died in 2013, had founded Clearwater to fight for a cleanup of the estuary, a “foul sewer of a waterway” that was a dumping ground for industrial and municipal waste, Greene said.

The Seegers and the organization, which built a sloop named Clearwater in 1969, were at the forefront of a movement that led to the passage, in 1972, of the Clean Water Act.

Louis Weber Sentenced to 20 Years

Prosecutor says case about ‘greed’ and ‘revenge’

By Leonard Sparks

For most of Louis Weber’s court appearances over the last year, the rows of wooden benches inside the Putnam County courtroom in Carmel were largely empty.

Not so on Tuesday (Nov. 9), when Judge Joseph Spofford sentenced the 21-year-old Philipstown man to 20 years in prison for beating his father, Louis Weber III, to death with a hammer two years ago and setting fire to the elder Weber’s mobile home on Route 9. The younger Weber pleaded guilty in August.

Nearly 40 people filled the courtroom

to hear the judge pass sentence, which the prosecution and defense had agreed upon in a plea deal. It will be followed by five years of supervised release.

The sentencing ended an ordeal that began on Nov. 4, 2019, when Louis Weber III’s remains were found in the wreckage of his home at the Post Road Mobile Home Park, just south of Route 301.

“This case was about greed and it was about revenge,” said Larry Glasser, Putnam’s first assistant district attorney.

Glasser said the younger Weber stole \$4,000 from a box containing \$18,000 at his father’s home and was on a three-day,



Weber

cocaine-fueled bender in the days leading up to the attack.

Weber accused his father of “stockpiling money” meant for child support, said Glasser, and at 2 a.m. went to “confront him.” Weber repeatedly hit his father with a hammer as he slept on a couch and then poured gasoline over the body and started the fire that destroyed the home, said Glasser.

Weber’s attorney had said his client grew up in a home marred by abuse; Weber said on Tuesday that “my father was not the only victim.”

Courtney Bozsik, the younger Weber’s sister, read a written statement describing her twin shocks: the death of her elderly father and then, nearly nine months later, the arrest of her adopted brother.

“I feel so sad for everything he threw away,” she said. “I will never understand how someone could be filled with so much toxic hate.”

Weber, a 2018 Haldane High School graduate, was arrested on Aug. 23, 2020, and charged with second-degree murder, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison. He also was charged with arson and evidence tampering. On Aug. 24, he pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of first-degree manslaughter and arson. A three-to-nine-year sentence on the arson charge will run concurrent with the sentence for manslaughter.

The elder Weber was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a financial adviser for Ameri-prise Financial before his retirement, according to an obituary posted by Clinton Funeral Home. One of his brothers, William Weber, in a statement read by Glasser, said his nephew had been considered a “gift from God” when adopted from Russia as an infant. Weber said his brother was “happy and excited to have a little boy.”

Philipstown Opts Out of Pot Shops – for Now

Also restricts development at Upland Drive-Ridge Road

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Town Board voted 5-0 last week to prohibit cannabis establishments in Philipstown, at least at present.

“Philipstown opts out,” Supervisor Richard Shea announced at a Nov. 4 meeting at Town Hall after passage of the ban on retail sales and on-site consumption. However, he added, “I’m sure this is not the end of the discussion.”

The decision does not affect Philipstown’s two villages. Cold Spring put the issue on the Nov. 2 ballot; Nelsonville has not yet taken action.

Facing a Dec. 31 deadline, Shea and other board members said they lack sufficient time to revise town laws to regulate marijuana stores and lounges. When New York State legalized cannabis in March, it gave municipalities until the end of the year to decide whether to accept such establishments. Those that fail to opt out by Dec. 31 cannot reverse course, while those that opt

out now can opt back in later.

Philipstown residents also can petition to place the question on a future ballot.

The Cold Spring Village Board voted in July to opt out but also sent the question to the ballot. The vote was close enough that the result will be not be clear until absentee ballots are counted next week. Like Nelsonville, Beacon so far has not taken a position.

Intermittently, over several months, the Town Board considered the issue. At a public hearing on Oct. 7, some residents advocated opting in. Nonetheless, “I haven’t been swayed,” Shea said Nov. 4. He noted that the state is unlikely to issue retail licenses until at least 2023, giving Philipstown “plenty of time to consider this. By opting out, we keep our options open.”

Councilor Robert Flaherty said that if residents want the board to revisit the matter in the months ahead, “we’ll be open to that.”

Councilor Jason Angell, who was elected to a four-year term on Nov. 2 after filling a vacancy, described the issue as “complicated” and said he is open to having a retail store in Philipstown, but “don’t feel open to an on-site consumption spot.”

Angell added that the state allows cannabis use anywhere smoking tobacco is legal, a situation that raises doubts about the need for lounges. Regarding “liquor and cannabis — I personally have enjoyed both” and understand that “all these things are, in excess, dangerous,” he said. He recommended more intense public campaigns to spread awareness.

Councilor John Van Tassel, who said he was speaking as a father of two teens and who was elected on Nov. 2 as the next supervisor, took a harder line. “There’s no way I have the ability or the want to endorse sale and/or on-site consumption of cannabis,” he said. “I just don’t think smoking is a healthy thing to promote,” no matter what is smoked.

Councilor Judy Farrell also mentioned health concerns. “Our role is to look at the impact on our town. We’re already seeing the impact of substance abuse from alcohol and opioids,” she said.

Rocks and roads

In other business, the board voted 5-0 to restrict development in the area of Upland Drive and Ridge Road because of the moun-

tainous terrain and other natural features.

The board said it took action because of pressure for new homes and the potential sale by Putnam County of property it owns in the area. Shea said he has urged County Executive MaryEllen Odell not to sell its tracts for housing.

The measure affects Upland Drive, which runs between Winston Lane and Old Albany Post Road; Cliffside Court, a dead-end off Upland Drive; and Ridge Road between Aqueduct Road and Sky Lane.

Under the new rules, buildable lots must be at least 2 acres; impervious surfaces can’t cover more than 10 percent of a lot; and a project involving a slope of 30 percent or more will need a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

A second law, also approved unanimously, mandates that access routes to new developments in Philipstown with 10 or more lots comply with public road requirements unless the Planning Board exempts them. Access to developments with up to nine lots must include a 14-foot “travel-way,” with an 8-inch base of compacted gravel or crushed stone; enough drainage “to prevent water from crossing the surface”; and grades that safely accommodate cars, emergency vehicles and snow and ice removal.

C&E (from Page 1)

In a profile of the store published in *The Current* in 2015, Early said “people come in looking for that hardware-store smell.”

Early’s father and uncle were house painters, and they opened the store in part so they could get their supplies. In the early days, Jim and Jake would mix their paints on location, by hand, combining lead and linseed oil and squeezing tubes into that mixture. It all had to be matched “by eye.”

That changed with the arrival of the manual mixer decades ago, Susan Early said. It was replaced by a computerized version about 12 or 13 years ago, while “the old shaker, a Red Devil 1952, made it to 60 years,” Early said.

Hardware hasn’t changed as drastically (“There’s not that much new in hardware,” Early said in 2015), although the stock changed based on the philosophy of Early’s cousin Ed Cretelli, who explained in 2015 that “If two people ask for it, I’ll get it in.”

Cretelli (who died in 2017) and his wife Rose ran the store with Susan for many years, joining when he retired from IBM. Although sidelines in picture-framing and screen repair ended with the passing of the founders, much of that era still remains, starting with the scale — regularly inspected — that hangs at the back of the store, where the contents of bins and drawers (nails, screws, etc.) are sold by the pound.

Drawer after drawer is labeled in a kind of construction poetry: toggle bolts, hex lag screws, wedge anchors, flare nuts. Early said in 2015 they didn’t sell as many clothesline pulleys and line tighteners as they used to, but staples are staples, and much of what sold in 1952 still sells now, from twine to cable ties, nozzles, multiple varieties of pliers, lamp harps, rust dissolvers, wire, wire and more wire, glues and

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Early was basically born into the business, but she was “half-and-half about it in the beginning; I didn’t really want to work here,” she said in 2015. But “once I started, I stayed with it.”

“Service is what we have to offer, although you’d be surprised at how a lot of our prices compare to the big-box stores,” she said. “And here you can get in and out quickly, instead of searching for someone to help you. This is especially true for contractors.”

C&E also has many patrons who are new homeowners, she said. “Newcomers make a point of trying to shop local; they’re determined to. It’s part of the reason they moved to a small town; they make a point of telling me.”

New homeowners are often eager to alter the colors on their walls, as are those who simply want to make a change or fix up peeling surfaces. They all find their way to C&E — artists who “get very specific about what they want” and others who “can be very vague. It gets complicated because people typically come in with chips, sometimes from elsewhere, which is fine.

“I tell them I can give them that color, but once it’s on the wall, it will not match the chip exactly. But if they have the patience to try it out at home, on the wall, and then come back, we can remix it. I expect the difference to happen — that’s the nature of color, and they don’t need to apologize; I actually like fooling around with color.”

Beacon Main Street Paving Delayed

Had been scheduled for fall

The milling and paving of Main Street in Beacon scheduled for this fall is being postponed until spring. The region’s heavy rainfall delayed contractors until at least late November, when it may be too cold for re-striping to set properly, explained City Administrator Chris White. The city plans to complete the project in late April or early May.

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Boat Club (from Page 1)

if one is built. The former clubhouse was razed in 2015 during the cleanup of toxic coal tar by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

The village must approve any work on the bulkhead or plans for a building.

The negotiation of the lease was conducted in private, with Merandy and Trustee Fran Murphy representing the village, and discussed by the Village Board only in executive session, which is closed to the public. Its terms were not revealed until after it had been signed by Merandy and Mark Patinella, Boat Club commodore.

During the public comment period of the Nov. 4 meeting, which was held by Zoom, a number of residents of the lower village objected to the lease being approved without public input. Feedback was heard, but only after the board had concluded all its business, including approval of the lease, a practice followed at most Village Board meetings.

“It’s a little late to comment since you proceeded to vote without public input,” said Gaston Alonso. “Your legacy will be you rammed through the privatization of public space without any public input. I hope you reconsider and do it the right way, the democratic way.”

(Merandy and Trustee Marie Early dropped out of the race for reelection and will leave the five-member board next month, along with Murphy, who did not seek another term. Trustee Kathleen Foley will become mayor on Dec. 6 and Trustee Tweeps Phillips Woods will remain to complete the final year of a vacated seat.)

Another resident, Richard Dorritie, questioned why a new lease was approved “with no transparency” and with three years remaining on the existing agreement.

He also questioned how many club members are village residents. “We’re not gaining anything as a community when membership is controlled by a private organization,” he said. He hinted at legal action, saying: “Your community may take action based on this behavior.”

The new lease will give residents priority in the assignment of boat slips over non-residents who join the club in the same year.

Matt Francisco, who chairs the village Planning Board but said he was commenting only as a resident, pushed back on the

COVID-19 by the Numbers

PUTNAM COUNTY				
Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
12,764 <small>(+87)</small>	316,537 <small>(+3,526)</small>	4.0 <small>(-0.1)</small>	74.1	98 <small>(0)</small>
<small>Active Cases in Philipstown: ≤5</small>				
<small>Percent in 10516: 81.6 Percent in 10524: 77.4 Percent of hospital workers: 97.0</small>				
DUTCHESS COUNTY				
Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
36,613 <small>(+392)</small>	1,014,200 <small>(+11,402)</small>	3.6 <small>(0)</small>	69.1	505 <small>(+3)</small>
<small>Active Cases in Beacon: 31</small>				
<small>Percent in 12508: 62.9 Percent of hospital workers: 96.0</small>				
<small>Source: State and county health departments, as of Nov. 9, with change from previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose. The percentage for hospital workers reflects those fully vaccinated.</small>				

claim that the Village Board had acted improperly.

While residents can hold the board accountable regarding whether they should negotiate a lease at all, “it would be highly improper to involve the public in a lease negotiation,” he said. “Elected representatives negotiate on our behalf — that’s what they’re there for.”

But Stefan Ebaugh, a resident of West Street, said residents weren’t seeking involvement in the negotiations, only to see the draft before it was signed.

Ebaugh said he and other residents of the lower village, including Alonso, Dorritie and Young Lee, submitted a four-page letter to the Village Board on Oct. 3, outlining their concerns over the absence of public input. The letter was acknowledged, he said, but it wasn’t added to the public record until Nov. 4.

Ebaugh said he has requested an advisory opinion from the state Committee on Open Government, asking if the Village Board violated the Open Meetings Law by discussing the draft lease only in executive session.

The law states that in matters such as lease or sale of property, a municipal board can meet in executive session but “only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.” Ebaugh asserted that because the club pays little or no rent, the value of the new lease could not be adversely affected by making it public.

He also questioned whether the new lease

complies with recommendations in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan regarding the Boat Club.

“I believe we have definitely followed the Comprehensive Plan,” Merandy responded, pointing to revenue generation and continued access for visiting boaters as examples of the plan’s recommendations that are addressed in the lease.

During public comment at the Tuesday (Nov. 9) meeting of the Village Board, *The Current* asked Merandy if in the past, a public meeting or hearing has ever been held to discuss the lease agreement with the Boat Club.

“Not to my recollection; I doubt it,” he said.

Merandy stood firm on the lease renewal process, pointing out that the village attorney had advised that public involvement was not required. He also cited a number of negotiations he was involved in as a member of the Haldane School Board and Town of Philipstown Board.

“Every one of them was not held to public scrutiny until after they were done,” he said. “People are elected to do the work of the people and we should have trust in them; that’s democracy at its best.”

Merandy also said many of the concerns raised at the Nov. 4 meeting are addressed in the new lease.

“I’ll be interested in what [the residents’] thoughts are after they’ve read the lease,” he said. “It’s a very good lease.”

The lease is posted at highlandscurrent.org.

agreed. “We have an excellent framework to work with that [planner] Ted Fink and [attorney] John Furst have laid for us; we have good direction,” she said.

In other business ...

■ The Nov. 9 monthly meeting was the last for Merandy, Early and Murphy. Throughout the meeting, as department heads and committee chairs gave their reports, the mayor was effusive in his praise for their work during his tenure. He had special praise for the contributions of Early and Murphy, who have served with him since the three were elected in 2015.

■ The municipal parking lot on Fair Street will be free during Thanksgiving weekend.

■ The Highway Department collected 48.9 tons of trash and 23.6 tons of recyclables in October.

■ The Cold Spring Police Department answered 59 calls last month and officers issued 28 traffic and 78 parking tickets. There were no arrests.

■ Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke was involved in a crash on Nov. 1 when a driver going south on Route 9D failed to stop at the red light at Main Street and collided with Burke, who was headed west on Main. Burke was taken to NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital and released; the other driver received a summons. Burke’s dash camera confirmed he had the green light. The department’s 2016 Dodge Charger was totaled in the crash.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. responded to 10 calls in October, including four activated fire alarms, three motor vehicle crashes, a medical assist, a maritime incident and an incident at Breakneck Ridge.

■ Seastreak is considering adding Saturday cruises to Cold Spring through Dec. 18; the Friday, Saturday and Sunday cruises end Nov. 14. The Village Board said it supported additional dockings but the company is assessing demand before making a decision.

■ Merandy reported on Nov. 9 that the village has received only four applications for permits to operate short-term rentals. A law adopted in August allows up to 49 STRs.



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Dutchess Workers to Receive \$1K Bonus

Also, legislature passes tax exemption on clothing, shoes

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County employees who worked at least 80 hours between the start of the pandemic shutdown in March 2020 and the end of last year will receive a one-time \$1,000 bonus underwritten with federal funding.

The payment, approved unanimously by the Legislature on Monday (Nov. 8), will be sent to anyone who received a paycheck from the county, whether for hourly, per diem, part-time or full-time work, between March 27 and Dec. 31, 2020. Former employees who left last year on good terms and did not participate in an early retirement

program offered in 2020 are also eligible.

The program will cost \$1.8 million, with all but about \$100,000 coming from \$57 million the county will receive over two years from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) enacted in March. The \$1.9 trillion act provided funding to compensate state and local governments for pandemic-related costs and revenue shortfalls.

County Executive Marc Molinaro, speaking last week during a meeting of the Legislature’s Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, said that one-time cash bonuses were one of the spending categories counties had sought in the American Rescue Plan because many of them deferred compensation and benefits as they faced declines in revenue from taxes and other sources.

Dutchess is using an additional \$1.8

million in ARP funding to refill 22 positions that were eliminated or left vacant to cut costs in the 2021 budget, and another \$2.5 million to distribute grants to nonprofits.

Molinaro also announced in June that the county would invest \$12.5 million of its ARP allocation in renovations at Dutchess Stadium in Wappingers Falls, which is home of the New York Yankees’ High-A minor league team, the Hudson Valley Renegades.

The Legislature also on Monday:

- Passed a resolution exempting clothing and footwear costing less than \$110 from county sales taxes. The exemption takes effect on March 1 and will cost the county an estimated \$12 million in revenue in 2022 and \$14.3 million annually in subsequent years. Dutchess will also have to pay the

Metropolitan Transportation Authority for half of its loss of the sales tax revenue — an estimated \$595,000 in 2022 and \$715,000 annually going forward.

- Approved an agreement in which the county’s medical examiner will perform autopsies for Rensselaer County. Michael Sikirica, the Rensselaer medical examiner, was prohibited from performing autopsies at local hospitals because he refused a COVID-19 vaccination.
- Authorized the use of \$1.5 million in general-fund reserves to cover overtime for the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office, including \$1 million in overtime for the county jail.
- Set a public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget and five-year Capital Improvement Plan for Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Legislature’s chambers at 22 Market St. in Poughkeepsie.

Prison Closing *(from Page 1)*

Still, Hochul’s announcement was panned by elected officials in the Highlands, who said it was poorly planned.

The closure of Downstate, which opened in 1979, “will prove especially disruptive to the employees and the surrounding community,” said Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon.

The facility’s 644 employees “cannot simply pack up their lives and families to take another job farther upstate at another facility or move into another job down the road at comparable salaries,” he said. In addition, “the City of Beacon sells water and sewage capacity to the facility, which it counts on when determining its annual budget. Should this closure go through, I will be seeking impact aid relief for Beacon.”

Fishkill Supervisor Ozzy Albra said he fears how the closure will affect his town. Downstate employees “shop in our stores. Their kids go to school together. They’re pillars of our community.”

The prisons will close on March 10, with inmates moved to vacant cells at other institutions. The Willard Drug Treatment Campus will be relocated to Chautauqua County; the work release program at Rochester will move to Orleans County; and the Elmira Correctional Facility in Chemung County will absorb prisoners who would have gone to Downstate, which serves as a reception facility for inmates entering the state system.

The Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) said Monday that it will “work closely with the various bargaining units to provide staff with opportunities for priority placement via voluntary transfers, as well as priority employment at other facilities or other state agencies.”

In a statement, the DOCCS noted that the prison population in New York State has declined by nearly 30 percent since January 2020 and by 57 percent since 1999. The 31,469 people incarcerated by the state is the lowest number since 1984.

Beacon Prison Action, a group that advo-

Closing Time

Gov. Kathy Hochul announced this week that these six state prisons will be shut down on March 10.

cates prisoners’ rights, welcomed the news of the closures, saying the state’s incarcerated population for decades had been inflated by “racist and overly punitive sentencing.” Laurie Dick, the organization’s founder, urged legislators to go further by implementing “elder parole” reform, “which will allow those who are over 55 years of age and who have served at least 15 years of their sentence an opportunity to convince the parole board that they deserve a chance at liberty before they die.”

But state Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, questioned whether criminal justice reforms should be credited for the dramatic decrease in prisoners.

“New York’s prison populations are not dropping because our state has suddenly become safer, they are dropping because of misguided policies coming out of Albany like ‘bail reform’ that put criminals ahead of law-abiding citizens and back onto our streets,” she argued. “The proposed closures will hurt both our prison workforce and those incarcerated, who will likely be sent to more crowded facilities while the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a threat.”

The 2021-22 state budget authorizes the governor to close prisons as the incarcerated population declines as a way to save taxpayer dollars.

The DOCCS said it reviewed a number of factors — infrastructure; program offerings; security levels; medical and mental health services; the proximity of other facilities; potential re-uses; and areas of the state where prior closures have occurred — at its 50 correctional facilities before deciding on the six prisons it would close. It also factored in recently enacted parole-reform legislation.

PRISON	COUNTY	SECURITY LEVEL	STAFF	INMATES	CAPACITY
Downstate	Dutchess	Maximum	644	690	1,221
Willard	Seneca	Medium	329	173	664
Ogdensburg	St. Lawrence	Medium	268	155	557
Southport	Chemung	Maximum	405	290	441
Moriah	Essex	Minimum	107	74	300
Rochester	Monroe	Minimum	26	48	70

The state Office of General Services and Empire State Development, New York’s economic development agency, will weigh how to reuse the shuttered facilities.

In 2019, Empire State Development awarded development rights at the former Beacon Correctional Facility site to Urban Green Food, a New York City-based firm which plans to create a “bike farm” with a hotel and courtyard, an indoor track-and-field venue and an arena for indoor cycling known as a velodrome, along with dozens of acres of farmland and bike trails.

That project is expected to go to the Beacon Planning Board next year, said Eric Anderson, the founder of Urban Green Food.

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou said he’d like state and local communities to see the Downstate closure “as an opportunity to do

collaborative regional planning.” As far as potential uses for the site, the mayor said he believes a collaborative planning process “would show need for commercial space and affordable, denser housing, as opposed to single-family homes.”

But Serino said that any future uses should have been “coordinated well before the closures were announced without warning.”

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro was highly critical of Hochul’s decision. “There has been no coordination between the governor’s office and Dutchess County on the closure of this large facility, nor a coordinated plan for the future use of the parcel and the hundreds of workers who will be affected,” he said on Monday. “Today’s announcement only leaves Dutchess County with more questions than answers.”



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AROUND TOWN



▲ **SCHOOL NEWS** — Students at Haldane Middle School in Cold Spring launched a newspaper last month called *The Haldane Scoop*; the staff is shown with copies of the first issue. “Everyone in the team was very proud and happy, and (spoiler) we started working on a new one right away,” reported Editor Rita Edwards-Salas, a seventh-grader. *The Scoop* is available at bit.ly/haldane-scoop-1.



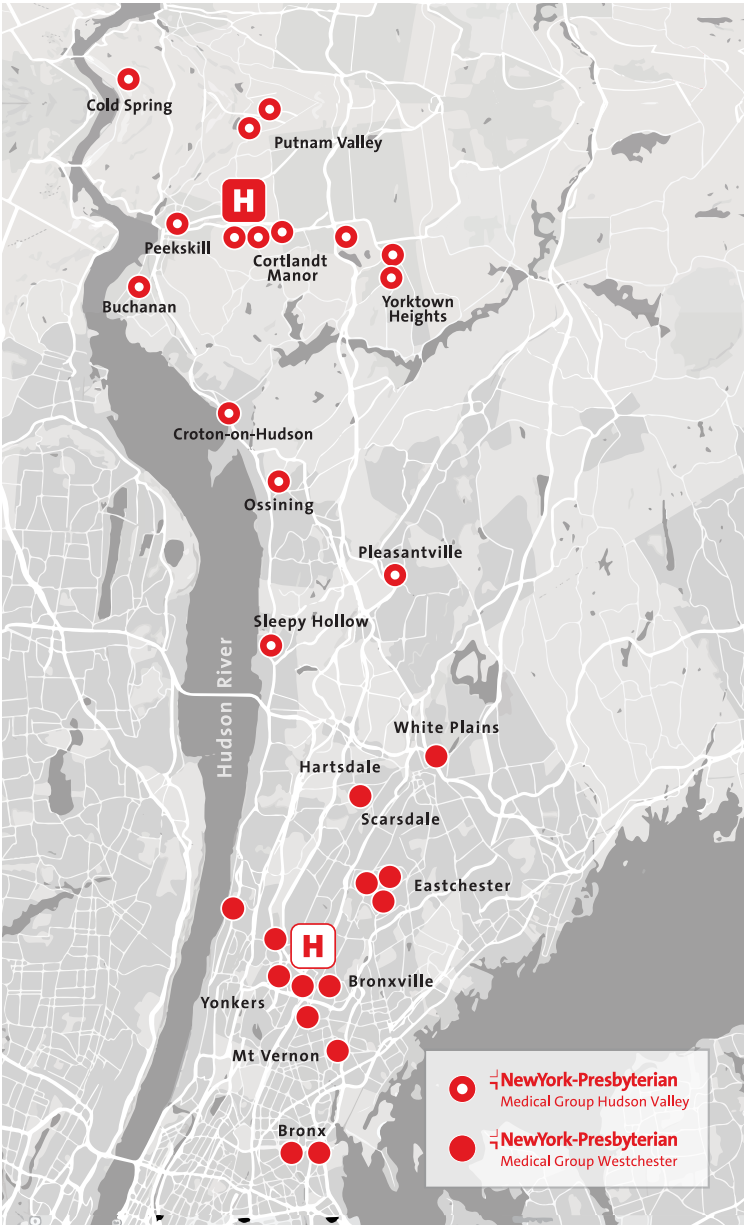
▲ **TACONIC MAKEOVER** — John Stowell, manager of the Taconic Outdoor Education Center at Fahnestock State Park in Philipstown, stands at the entrance to the facility, which has reopened following a two-year, \$6.2 million renovation of its lodge and nine cabins. Funding was provided by NY Works, along with a donation by State Council of Parks Chair Lucy Rockefeller Waletzky that paid for a new pavilion. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.
Photos provided



▲ **CLIMATE RALLY** — The PerSisters drum group and other activists held a Code Red Climate Rally on Nov. 5 at the corner of Main Street and Route 9D in Cold Spring.



◀ **SOARING SCULPTURE** — A cedar eagle carved with a chainsaw by Tyler Windheim and dedicated to all veterans was mounted in Beacon on Saturday (Nov. 6) in front of the Memorial Building on Main Street. Its base was constructed by Pete Windheim, Tyler’s dad, who is a veteran of the Korean War and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 666.



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The Calendar



Shina Ann Morris is shown wearing a "Legacy Robe" — a gift presented on opening night to the ensemble member with the most Broadway credits. Morris received hers at *Anastasia*.

By Alison Rooney

In the years since her 2008 graduation from the musical theater program at the University of Michigan, the longest Shina Ann Morris had been out of work on Broadway or on national tours was five months — and then only because she was recovering from a work-related injury.

In a field which is very much stop-start, her path was start-start — until the pandemic, which shut down theaters and ended the Newburgh resident's years of steady employment. Now, Morris is approaching two years without a Broadway job, and she's far from the exception in her field.

Morris and her husband rented an apartment in Beacon in August 2020, following good friends who had relocated before the pandemic. She says their small New York City space felt like it was closing in on them. A few weeks ago, they purchased a home in Newburgh, "eight minutes from our old apartment, still right near our friends," she says.

One bright spot for Morris during the shutdown has been teaching dance online to high school and college students. "I felt so much sympathy for them," she says. "They were about to go to college, but couldn't, or their high school musical got canceled, which caused a lot of sadness. Visiting Broadway choreography with them turned out to be a gift they gave to me, in letting me share their experience."

Privately, though, she says she felt her theatrical side shutting down. "I wasn't even trying with the singing and acting," she says. "I didn't sing again until we moved to Beacon. I was feeling rusty in dance, too."

Morris grew up in Wichita, Kansas; her parents were in the military. She got bitten by the dance bug early after watching *The Nutcracker* on television. She began ballet



Morris (center) in *Anastasia*

Photos provided

BACK TO WORK

*The pandemic has been especially tough on performers.
A Broadway singer and dancer shares her journey.*

and tap classes at age 3. Eventually, Music Theatre Wichita became a home away from home. "I started in their teen program, then became an intern, then guest-starred after college," she recalls. "It was there I realized I could do this for a profession."

During her senior year of high school, Morris took a class trip to New York City and was enthralled. "I thought, 'Oh, this is totally my city,'" she says. "The first Broadway show I saw was *Aida*, at the Palace Theater. I was in heaven."

She decided to attend school in Michigan rather than move to New York City to pursue musical theater because "I had so much to learn, and I wanted the community

of the program at Michigan — not just while I was there, but afterward, with so many graduates working on Broadway. To move after college with that giant pool of people was such a gift."

Morris arrived in New York in September 2008 and began auditioning. It was during her eighth time going in for a *West Side Story* revival that her fortunes changed.

"Someone had just left the show and they were looking for an immediate replacement," she recalls. "There were four of us going for that one track. We were at an audition space when someone told us to grab our things, because Arthur Laurents [who wrote *West Side Story*] was running late and they wanted to have us audition on the actual *West Side Story* stage, in the middle of



Morris in a promotional photo for *Holiday Inn*
Photo by Matthew Murphy/Broadway.com

the cast's rehearsal breaks.

"We sang and read in front of everyone, and I heard Arthur, who was about 92, yell out, 'Oh no, she didn't get it' at me. I was at my 'survival job' the following day when my agent called and told me I booked the job; I had misheard at the audition.

"On top of everything, it was at the Palace, the same theater where I had seen my first Broadway show. It took me 10 months, but I accomplished my goal" of landing a performing job within a year.

After that 2009 debut, Morris never had more than two or three months off between shows: *West Side Story* to *Anything Goes* to *Nice Work If You Can Get It* to *Annie*. When *Annie* closed, she went into *Cinderella* the next day.

A *Cinderella* tour followed, then a *Chicago* tour, then a regional gig, followed by a pre-Broadway run of *Anastasia* in Hartford, then *Holiday Inn*. After that she returned to Broadway with *Anastasia*. Whew!

Morris's most recent Broadway show, *Tootsie*, closed in January 2020, and the pandemic roared in soon after that, bringing with it the shift to Beacon. She and her husband have enjoyed it — "It's been a great change of pace, and we love the life up here, our little community."

Many theater actors and dancers have left the field as a result of the protracted period with no work, and Morris says she considered it herself. "So many people's lives have changed," she says. "Many friends are working in all kinds of new ways: in real estate, as a life coach. I concluded that I can't pivot because nothing else gives me joy."

As casting began again this summer in anticipation of Broadway reopening in September, Morris found herself in the running for four shows. Unfortunately, "none of them went my way," she says.

(Continued on Page 14)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 13

Bring the Kids Goes Outside

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Boscobel
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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 at 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) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on SAT 13. New toy donations will be accepted for families in need.

WED 17

Sock Puppets

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Materials will be provided for children ages 6 to 9 to make sock puppets.

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 13

The Mighty Hudson River Valley & Highlands in the 21st Century

BEACON

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com

Artwork by Russell Cusick will be on view through Dec. 5.

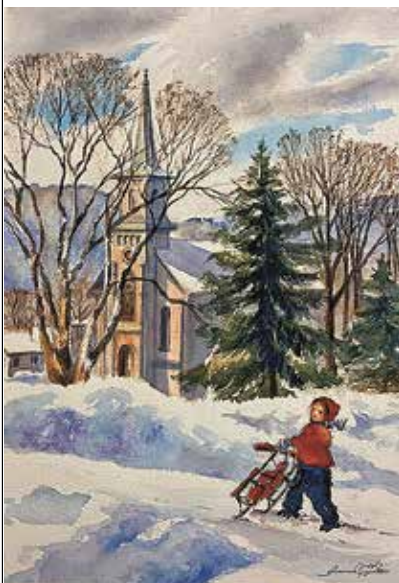
SAT 13

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 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.

COMMUNITY

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 | 80 Kemble Ave.
West Point Foundry Preserve
scenichudson.org/events

The archaeological site within the park has been deemed a national landmark. Join Scenic Hudson for tours and an event honoring the people involved in creating 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 learn about owning one.

SUN 14

3-D Model of Proposed HVSF Site

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | 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.



JB Smoove, Nov. 20

MON 15

Community Blood Drive

BEACON

2:30 – 7 p.m. St. John the Evangelist
31 Willow St.

nybloodcenter.org/donate-blood

Register for an appointment online or to see if you can walk in.

SAT 20

Open House

FISHKILL

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | 461 Route 9
Dutchess Community College
sunydutchess.edu/gofishkill

Learn about the programs offered at DCC's new remote campus and find out how to apply for financial aid.

SUN 21

Thanksgiving Candlelight Service

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
Via Zoom | putnamhistorymuseum.org

The 63rd holiday service will feature the readings of historic presidential proclamations with context added about Putnam County's history, as well as a performance by the Mapletones String Band. *Free*

STAGE & SCREEN

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

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

Charlie Chaplin directed and starred in this 1928 silent film that will be presented by the Butterfield Library with live musical accompaniment by Cary Brown. Register online. *Free*

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)*

SAT 13

The Price

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countypayers.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, SUN 14, FRI 19, SAT 20. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 seniors, military and ages 12 and under)*

THURS 18

The Birdcage

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Story Screen | 445 Main St.
biggayhudsonvalley.com

The Queer Film Series continues with Robin Williams and Nathan Lane starring as the gay parents of a soon-to-be-wed son in a 1996 remake of *La Cage aux Folles*. *Cost: \$12*

FRI 19

Don't Look Back

POUGHKEEPSIE

7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

D.A. Pennebaker directed this documentary that followed Bob Dylan during a 1965 U.K. tour, when the singer was 23. *Cost: \$6*

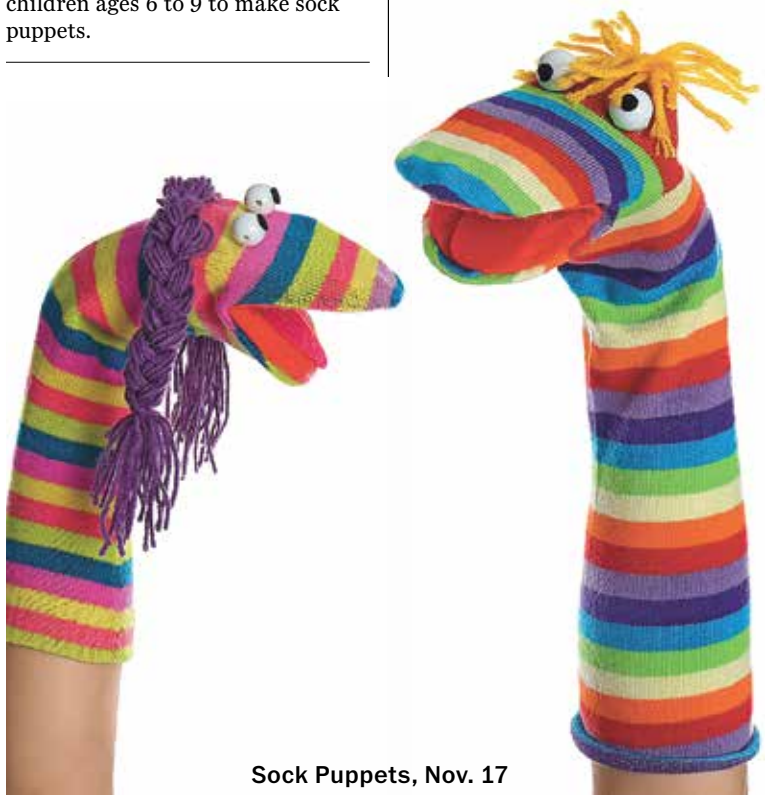
SAT 20

The Mysterious Mixup of Hanzel and Gretel

GARRISON

3 & 4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

The Youth Players — Charles Barreveld, Wyatt Chadwick, Ella Durette, Lilly Ford, Millie Hendrix, Murphy Hendrix, Phoebe Jenkins, Phoebe Krummel, Eleanor Moody, Suvi O'Shea, Zahara Porth, Louise Rauch, Mia Rose Russo, Clara Schimming, Juniper Sizemore and



Sock Puppets, Nov. 17

Luna Stracciwill — will perform Kalista Parish's play. *Cost: \$3*

SAT 20

JB Smoove

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The writer, comedian, actor (*Curb Your Enthusiasm*) and author (*The Book of Leon: Philosophy of a Fool*) will perform standup. *Cost: \$49.50 to \$69.50*

VISUAL ART

SUN 14

Open House

GARRISON

1 – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

View the *Art is Everywhere* exhibit and put in last-minute bids for the silent auction. Children are invited to make art.

FRI 19

Holiday Small Gift Show

BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

In this annual show, artisan and handmade crafts, prints, jewelry, ceramics, candles and toys will be available for purchase. Also SAT 20. Continues on weekends through Dec. 19.

SAT 20

Dear Young Artist

NEWBURGH

1 – 5 p.m. Boys and Girls Club
285 Liberty St.
dearyoungartist.eventbrite.com

Nigerian artist Modupeola Fadugba (below) created an art installation in the club's empty swimming pool that will be on view through Dec. 18. At 2, 3 and 4 p.m., the Newburgh Performing Arts Academy Dancers will perform Fadugba's work. Seating is limited. *Free*



TALKS & TOURS

SAT 13

Basics of Bird Feeding

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

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

SAT 13

History Hike

GARRISON

Noon. 332 Snake Hill Road
putnamhistorymuseum.org

The 3-mile hike presented by the Putnam History Museum will include the North and South Redoubts; a guide will explain their role in protecting the Hudson Valley during the Revolutionary War. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 members)*

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.



WED 17

Medicare Seminar

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Via Zoom | butterfieldlibrary.org

Learn in this webinar organized by the Butterfield Library about how to apply, make changes and explore your options.

WED 17

Work From Home While Traveling

GARRISON

7 p.m. Via Zoom | desmondfishlibrary.org

In this webinar presented by the Desmond-Fish Public Library, Rob Finnegan will be joined by Owen Pataki to talk about being a digital nomad.

SAT 20

Bird Walk

WAPPINGERS FALLS

7:30 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Look for migratory sparrows and other late-season species on this guided walk presented by the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 20

Wreath-Making Workshop

BREWSTER

10 a.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension
1 Geneva Road
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events

Use grapevines, evergreens and dried plants to make a holiday wreath. *Cost: \$25*

MUSIC

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.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon

Enjoy covers of songs originally performed by the Butthole Surfers.

SUN 14

The Cello Kid | Marianne Osiel

BEACON

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Farmers Market
223 Main St. | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Sponsored by *The Highlands Current*.

SUN 14

American Mosaics

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

Carl Gutowski (flute) and Ana Glig (piano) will perform three centuries of American music, including a premiere by Debra Kayes. Donations are welcome.

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 Quintet and the Kenny Barron Trio. *Free*

MON 15

Jessica Jones, Tony Jones and Friends

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon

The weekly jazz performances are back. *Free*



Dafna Naphtali, Nov. 20

FRI 19

A Night With Woodstock Festival Greats

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Lisa Polizzi will perform as Janis Joplin and Jingo, a seven-piece Latin rock band, will channel Santana in this tribute show. *Cost: \$22.50 to \$35*

FRI 19

Patty Larkin

BEACON

8 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | townecrier.com

The folk-urban singer and songwriter will perform music from her 13th album, *Silk Green*. The Costellos share the bill. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 20

Popa Chubby Band

BEACON

8 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | townecrier.com

The blues-and-rock guitarist is known for his energy and showmanship. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SAT 20

Ras Moshe Burnett & Dafna Naphtali

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

The multi-instrumentalists will perform music from their debut recording, *Fuse Box*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 21

Salvatore Pronesti

WEST POINT

2:30 p.m. Cadet Chapel | westpoint.edu

The concert organist and director of the International Music Festival of the Pantheon in Rome will direct a program that includes improvisations, transcriptions and symphonic marches. *Free*

SUN 21

Death & Transfiguration

PEEKSKILL

3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The newly formed Orchestra 914, with musical director Russell Ger, will perform its first concert with Schubert's *Death and the Maiden* and Schoenberg's *Transfigured Night*, and a reading by local performing artist Frank Shiner. *Cost: \$35 and \$50*

SUN 21

Alexander String Quartet

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandmusic.org

In this concert organized by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, violist Paul Yarbrough will join the quartet to perform works by Mozart and Beethoven and 21st-century composer Jesse Montgomery. *Cost: \$45 (\$15, students under age 25)*

CIVIC

MON 15

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 15

Village Board

NELSONVILLE

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 16

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 17

School Board

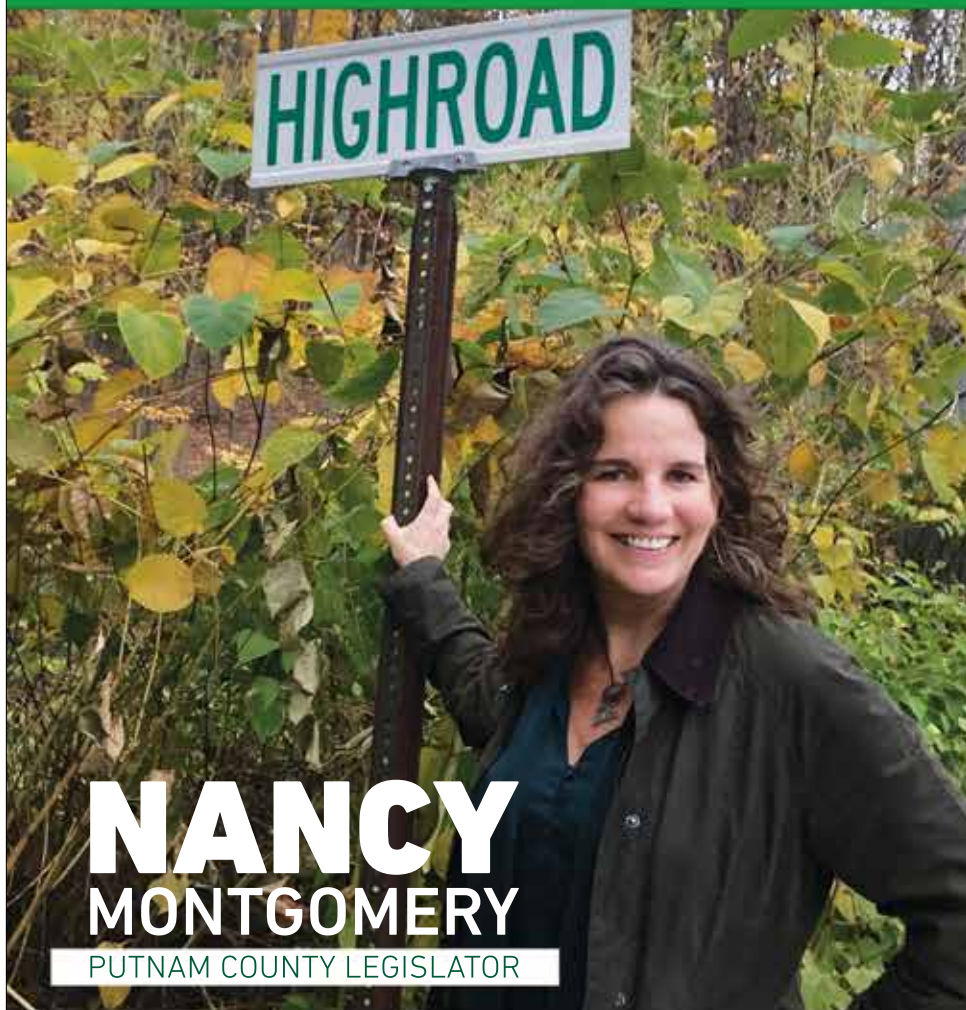
GARRISON

7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689
gufs.org



Alexander String Quartet, Nov. 21

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Back to Work *(from Page 11)*

"Normally, the sadness and disappointment [of not being hired] is stretched out over six months of auditions, but because everyone was rushing to start, this was compacted into one week. That was rough."

Her emotions were also raw because of two miscarriages she suffered in late 2020 and early 2021, something she shared on social media because "normalizing this has been helpful in this cloud of grief."

Moving last month from Beacon to Newburgh was filled with more than the usual mix of tension and excitement. In a classic example of "Wouldn't you know it?" three hours after the movers left, the phone rang. "Someone dropped out," her agent said. "Can you hop on a Zoom audition? Wear something a newscaster would wear. Get a COVID test tomorrow. The shoot is on Monday."

Not long after that she booked another job, this one in a workshop of a musical adaptation. Again, things moved quickly: "In a week you have to be in the city for two weeks." When Morris walked into the studio, she was nervous. "I had anxiety about being back in person," she says. "My sound is different, my body is different. I don't know how to rehearse anymore; my attention span is shot."

A few minutes later, those concerns drifted away. "Being back in a room with people was just thrilling. Everyone was so happy, so kind, so talented. When we all started to sing together it was beyond joyful."



GIRLS AND THEIR HORSES — Jim Dratfield, a Beacon photographer who specializes in animals, has published his 13th book, *Her Horse: A Celebration in Words and Pictures*, a collection of images of girls and women (ages 5 months to 90 years) and their horses, taken around the world. Dratfield's photos will be on display at Big Mouth Coffee, 387 Main St., beginning Saturday (Nov. 13).

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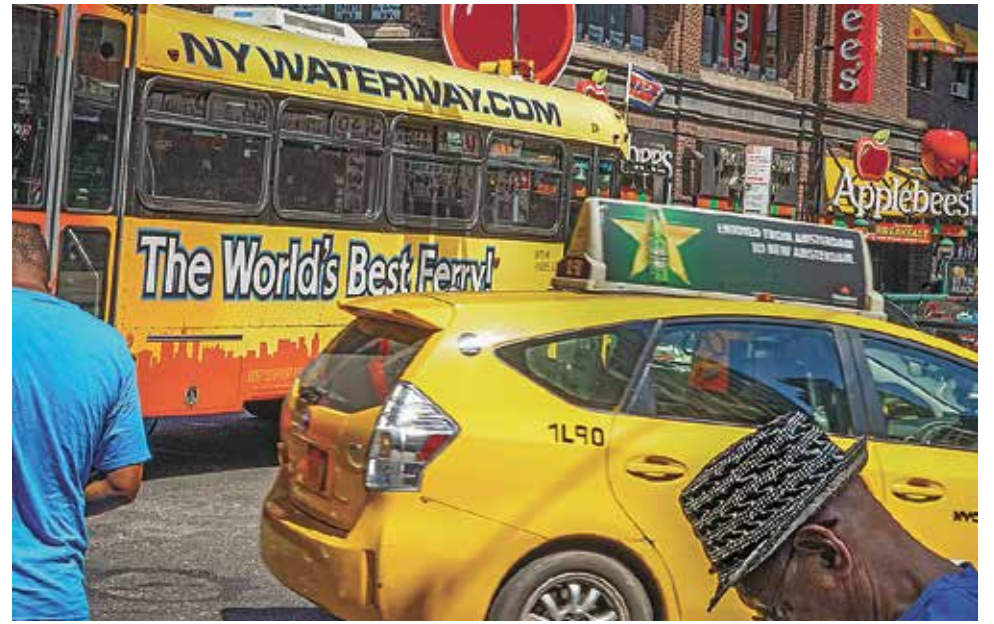
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GARRISON ART CENTER



"Bonita Springs, Florida, 2012"



"Manhattan, New York City, 2018"

Bringing Chaos to Order

Photographer tames 'onslaught' of visual cues

By Alison Rooney

Dennis Church says his photographs are not designed to elicit instantaneous responses. Instead, what appears at first glance to be a busy street corner, or a collision of bright colors, is "organized chaos."

Wading through "the onslaught of the complex visual confusion of the American social landscape" can create anxiety, says the artist, but the photos that result are meant to be "fun and satisfying. I hope the picture is more at peace than the scene it is built from."

"My quest," he has written, "is to make photographs that organize this chaos into pictures and photographic essays that demonstrate insight, clarity, irony and humor. Streets, open roads and public places, wherever I live and visit, offer infinite possibilities to observe and improvise on these unique moments."

A selection of Church's images will be exhibited, along with paintings by Stanford Kay, starting Saturday (Nov. 13) at the Garage Gallery in Beacon under the title *Color Forms*. An opening reception is scheduled for 3 to 6 p.m.

Church says he doesn't have a rigorous selection process for locations but simply shoots as he goes. "I like to make pictures out of nothing, and by that I mean pictures of things very few people would give even a first glance," he has said. "I make a lot of experimental pictures that change the way I see."

"I pretty much go for what's there at the moment," he explains. "It's about being aware that obviously it's going to change in a few seconds and you don't know how it's going to change. But being in the moment is what matters. The beauty of it is that there's always something out there, but you don't know when. It's about courting chance."

"When I first had those moments, I regretted not having them at other times; now I accept it," he says. "I look at it as everything out there is a building block, so there's a metaphor of constructing a picture. Everything is game. Though it sometimes turns into a social commentary, that's not always intended. I try to let it just flow. When I look at the pictures from that day sometimes I



Church

don't like them because they're different, unfamiliar and it takes a while to understand and accept them."

In 2006, after decades shooting on black-and-white film, Church picked up a digital camera. He found that it liberated him, including because he no longer had to buy or process film.

"The more I did it, the better I got at it," he recalls. "Eventually I realized this was a totally different medium. Some of the differences are technical and subtle. For instance, there are ways of making edges flatter. I'm interested in what things look like when space is flattened."

As for color, he says he likes to explore "complex, compressed forms in my field of vision, deciphering how they can be abstracted. I'm curious about how color messages, confuses and vibrates, and the ways this is expressed throughout America's chaotic, sociocultural landscape."

Church grew up on a farm in Iowa, where the landscape included vast open spaces, along with tractors and other agricultural equipment. His early work included documenting a Wisconsin farm factory. He divides his time between New York City and Florida and his images reflect the different pace of the two locations.

"In New York City, the density of visual information and amount of movement is always there, plus most of the time I'm walking, as opposed to Florida, where often

I'm the only person out there walking," he says. "If I'm walking along, even in Florida, so much visual information is coming in: straight ahead, to the side, it can be just as intense. It's easier in New York, in a sense, to achieve that energy."

Church is sometimes classified as a "street photographer," and at other times as a "documentary photographer." He sees both as foundational to his work.

"I take pictures of what is going on," he says. "And I'm also interpreting the way I depict things, the way I see things. In that way, I come straight out of that American documentary tradition. The idea of the abstract: I'm still contemplating what that is. Am I doing something new and different? I'm not sure where I fall on the continuum, but something evolving from that is new to me."

"I'm interested in the space between, also, especially when you make a sequence of pictures: Where does your mind go when you're between the two? You tend to second-guess yourself. You put up picture A, then picture B, then put the two together and there's a third picture being made."

Garage Gallery is on North Elm Street in Beacon, a half block north of Main. (The GPS address is 11 N. Elm; the gallery is across the street.) It is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, or by appointment. See garagegallery.com. Color Forms continues through Nov. 28.



Fall Fruit Salad

Mouths to Feed

Cool Cuts

By Celia Barbour

Recently, a friend heading home from college for October break stopped in to visit our youngest son, Dosi. As often happens with friends who haven't seen each other in a while, the two soon discovered that catching up required oceans more time than they'd initially allotted, and Theo delayed his departure through one train, then another, and then a third. It was supertime when the two finally came up for air, so I offered Theo some food for the train ride to NYC.

"I'm OK," he said.

"How about an apple or a pear, then?"

"Sure," he said. I removed a pear from the fridge, washed it, wrapped it in a paper towel and handed it over.

"Wait a minute," said Dosi, incredulous. "You're going to just *eat* a whole pear? Like that?"

"Uh, yeah?" said Theo.

Uh, oops? thought I.

You see, I began slicing up apples and pears for my kids when they were toddlers, and never stopped. It's not because I like to baby my children (Is it? Lord, I hope not), but because I find that there is something nearly sublime about biting into a slim, almost translucent wedge of crisp apple or succulent pear, and I like sharing life's pleasures with the people I love.

Of course, warm-hearted generosity wasn't my sole motivation. I also realized when the kids were little that a big part of my job as a mother was to promote healthful foods to them — to make it hard for them to tell the difference between what they were supposed to eat and what they wanted to eat. And I admit there were times when the line between promotion and propaganda turned so thin as to be nearly translucent.

I remember the day this particular campaign began: Standing at my kitchen counter overlooking Union Square, I decided for no particular reason to cut an apple into flat slices, parallel to the stem, rather than making spoke-like cuts through the stem. I ate the first piece, a little bulge with lots of skin, then held up one of the remaining pieces, which was flat and circular. "Look!" I said. "It's like a cookie!" The ensuing eureka moment was not, granted, as momentous as Newton's apple-induced discovery, or for that matter, Eve's, but held great significance in my household nonetheless. "Apple cookies" became a regular childhood snack.

These were followed by "banana cakes" — little, round banana slices arranged on a plate, which Dosi preferred to eat ceremoniously, with toothpicks. Indeed, it soon

became clear that all five of us enjoyed sharing cut-up fruit, because even when someone wasn't in the mood for a whole pear or apple, they would happily accept a few nice slices.

Several autumns ago, Peter and I went on a six-day hike through southern France for our anniversary. We stayed in a different hotel each night, and ate astonishing gourmet dinners and delightful breakfasts. But of all the foods we encountered, the ones that had the biggest impact on me were the fruit salads in the breakfast buffets. They were a revelation. All my life, I'd disliked apples in fruit salad because all my life, they'd been cut into big, obnoxious chunks that refused to mingle. But in one hotel after another, we came across lovely, small-dice apples, pears, grapes and berries. And morning after morning, I loaded up. In all my years of fruit-slicing trickery, how had I never stumbled upon this technique before?

Until Theo's visit, I hadn't occurred to me that a well-intentioned habit could snowball into a problematic rule, for Dosi at least. That afternoon, I felt like someone exposed in a white lie. "People do eat whole fruits, you realize," I said to Dosi, sheepishly. Yet to this day, I still place small dishes of apple slices beside him when he's reading or studying. And I start each fall morning with a bowl of small-diced apples, pears and grapes alongside my yogurt.



Serves 2

The combination of citrus zest and the merest drop of vanilla has a truly magical effect on the flavor of mixed fruits.

1 apple	Juice and zest of ½ lime
1 ripe-yet-firm pear	Squeeze of fresh orange juice, optional
1 cluster grapes (about 12 to 15)	1 teaspoon agave syrup or honey, optional
Dash pure vanilla	

Stand the apple on end and cut into parallel slices. Repeat with pear. Cut out core and seeds and discard. Stacking 3 or 4 slices at a time, cut crosswise into a small dice. Halve the grapes. Combine in a bowl with a tiny splash of vanilla (you don't want the vanilla flavor to be obvious), the lime juice and zest, and the orange juice and agave or honey, if using. Mix to blend flavors. Allow to sit 3 to 5 minutes for the flavors to develop. Serve at once.

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Now the real work begins. We want YOU at the table. Let's do this, Cold Spring!



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Wine Bar Opens on Lower Main

*Owner and Cold Spring
work out ramp access*

By Alison Rooney

After months of back-and-forth with the village about the placement of an access ramp, the Cro' Nest has opened at 15 Main St. in Cold Spring with wine, cider and beer on the menu.

Two years ago, when the property was empty and on the market, Laura Bergman says she passed by frequently.

"It was a derelict site — its last incarnation was a Pilates place," she recalls. "I lived around the corner, less than 30 seconds away, and every time I walked by I'd think, 'If I ever wanted to do something, this was the opportunity.'"

From the start, she wanted to create a wine bar, and she thought the location was ideal. The dispute over the Americans with Disabilities Act access ramp, which extended onto municipal property, was resolved (New York State allowed it to be slightly steeper), and on Oct. 16 the village gave Bergman the OK to open.

Since then, Bergman has been pulling together all the elements of her business, named "for the mountain across the river, which is 1.4 billion years old — it's the old spelling." She has done the interior design herself, aiming to create a "cozy, eclectic, atmosphere" serving its purpose as "a place to meet up, have wine and beer and snacks, and not be a coffeehouse."

Cro' Nest stocks four reds, four whites, a prosecco, a rosé, six beers and two ciders, one of which, Kopparberg, is the national drink of Sweden, according to one of the bar's managers, Chloe Lecash of Beacon. (The other is Bianca Moreno of Cold Spring.)

"We're not a place with a 100-page-long



Chloe Lecash, who manages Cro' Nest, at its bar

wine menu, with \$80,000 bottles — we're not that," Bergman says, adding that three weeks in, "no one has complained or made suggestions, amazingly enough." Most wines are \$12 per glass, or \$40 for a bottle, and most beers are \$8.

Because the bar does not have a kitchen, food is brought in. The selection varies, but mainstays include smoked-salmon sandwiches, curried-tuna sandwiches, a cheese plate and a hummus plate that includes Bergman's homemade bulgur salad, along with hot pretzels and rolls.

The customers have been a mix of locals, hikers and people coming off the Seastreak cruise boats — several of whom knocked on the door just before the noon opening on Sunday (Nov. 7), during my visit.

Neighbors familiar with the site from years past have shared tales of its previous life as a soda-and-candy shop, as well as a place where boat-building took place.

Lecash pronounces the first few weeks a success, saying "the community's been nice and positive; absolutely lovely." Ensconced on a throne chair, the Cro' Nest mascot, a long-haired dachshund named Lola, appeared to agree.



The Cro' Nest, at 15 Main St.



Lola, the Cro' Nest mascot, on her throne

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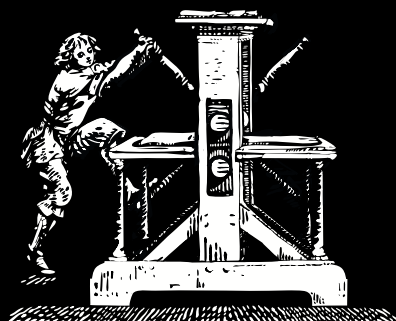
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Looking Back in Beacon

By Chip Rowe

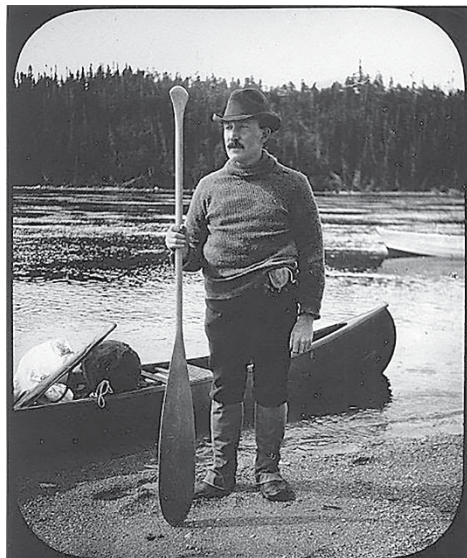
Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

150 Years Ago (November 1871)

William Titus, an elderly Quaker from Cornwall, strayed from Dr. Kittridge's private insane asylum at Fishkill, where he had been placed by his children. He spent 12 days without food in the mountains before a search party found him lying between two haystacks in Johnsville [Wiccopee], about 12 miles away. Weakened by his ordeal, Titus died two days later.

125 Years Ago (November 1896)

Asahel Bell, 88, known as the "Fishkill mountain hermit" and "the miser of the Hudson," and for his familiar blue overalls and felt-topped rubber boots, disappeared from Fishkill Landing. Bell was said to hold mortgages on more than \$100,000 worth of farmland in Peekskill and Dutchess County, acquired by what one newspaper described as "penury, hoarding and investment." His brother, Lewis Bell, who had been appointed guardian over his affairs, said he could not control Asahel, who lived as a hermit in caves on Mount Beacon, Storm King and Crow's Nest. Old-timers said Bell loathed mankind from the day decades earlier when, two



Dillon Wallace in Labrador in 1903

weeks before he was to marry a Cold Spring woman, she returned his ring with a note saying she had eloped to New York City with a wealthier man. [In March 1897, Bell's body was found floating in the Hudson with a bankroll of \$107.26 in his pocket. An inquest concluded he had drowned; his death greatly enriched his impoverished siblings.]

Dr. Francis Huntington Rankin, a native of Fishkill-on-the-Hudson and the personal physician of the family of the railroad and shipping magnate Cornelius Vanderbilt,

died in Newport, Rhode Island, where he had lived for 20 years.

The chair of the Fishkill Board of Supervisors said he had no comment on a report that a woman had dressed as her husband to vote in the most recent election.

The football team from Riverview Military Academy of Poughkeepsie defeated St. Luke's of Fishkill Landing, 32-0, on a muddy field that had been roped off to prevent the crowd from interfering with the players.

After negotiations with Italian authorities, three inmates at the Matteawan Staff for the Criminally Insane were deported to their native country.

100 Years Ago (November 1921)

A Beacon man was arrested for deserting his wife, who called the police after he had been gone for several days. The husband said that he had gone to Yonkers to look for a job but neglected to tell his family.

Three Beacon men were charged with stealing a Studebaker owned by John Hartney, an employee of the Standard Oil Co. He had left the car parked in front of the Holland Hotel; it was recovered on the road between Cold Spring and Nelsonville with its transmission wrecked.

Business owners in Beacon and Cold Spring lobbied New York State to survey a highway route from the Putnam County line to the city limits of Beacon.

Two cases of typhoid were reported, bringing the Beacon total to 14. State health officials banned milk from a specific farm from being sold in the city.

City officials said they would have to begin pumping and sterilizing water from Fishkill Creek unless the reservoir was replenished soon by rain.

A 10-year-old boy was arrested and charged with assault after he allegedly kicked a playmate "in a vital spot," putting him in Highland Hospital, where he needed surgery. The boys had scuffled while playing catch-as-catch-can.

A Scottish employee of the Central Hudson Steamboat Co. drowned in the Hudson River near Long Dock after falling from the steamboat Poughkeepsie.

The *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News* published a vague report that claimed "a good portion" of Beacon had been stirred up by "the sweeping condemnation of the general morals of the city made by a church in that city on Sunday."

The president of the Newfoundland Senate, Sir Patrick McGrath, traveled from Canada to Beacon to visit the explorer Dillon Wallace, who was believed to know "more of the interior of Labrador than any living white man." McGrath was looking for information on the disputed boundary between Newfoundland and Labrador; his next stop would be Washington, D.C. [McGrath had been assigned in 1920 by the Canadian prime minister to research Newfoundland's claim. His investigation formed the basis of a legal case brought to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in Britain, which in 1927 ruled for Newfoundland.]

A Dutchess County judge upheld the city's right to require drivers who took paying riders to obtain taxi licenses. However, he ruled that the city could not require drivers to live in Beacon for 12 months before



Mausoleum Restored

On Thursday (Nov. 11), the Robinson Mausoleum at the Newburgh Old Town Cemetery was rededicated following its restoration.

Built in 1853 for the family of Capt. Henry Robinson (1782-1866), the structure is the largest Egyptian Revival mausoleum in the country. Historians believe it was designed by Alexander Jackson Davis, the architect responsible for Federal Hall in New York City and the Hurst-Pierrepont estate in Garrison.

Capt. Robinson served alongside Commodore Stephen Decatur on the USS President during the War of 1812. He was captured by the British, but after his release made a fortune in farming and shipping. He is credited with introducing carp to the U.S. and helped popularize rowing and baseball in the Hudson Valley. His Newburgh land holdings in the 1830s included the area from South William Street to Quassaick Creek, and from Muchattoes Lake to the Hudson River.

The two-year mausoleum project was led by Andrew Benkard, a descendant of Robinson; overseen by Nancy Thomas of the Newburgh Preservation Association; and completed by Eddie Curtis of Columbus Memorials. It was funded with a grant from the Brooks Point Foundation.

they could apply.

Four men were charged with assault after a brawl. One of the men, Joseph Lacolla, an aspiring boxer, was apparently upset after being defeated by a Black opponent, Benny McCoy. He and his friends waited outside the Holland Hotel, where McCoy worked as a bellhop, to jump him. Lacolla was bailed out by his mother.

A thief using a diamond cut a circle in the display window of Knapp's meat market but it was only 4 inches wide so he could only steal two bottles of horseradish that were within reach. Police suspected the culprit was practicing for a bigger job.

75 Years Ago (November 1946)

The state police raided a dice game at

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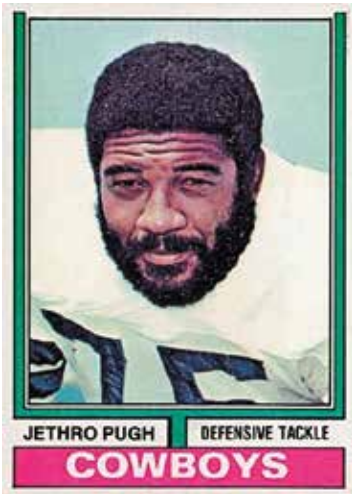
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South and Wolcott avenues on a Sunday afternoon at the request of the Dutchess County district attorney but neglected to inform the Beacon police. Officers said they learned of the raid only when the four men arrested were brought to the station to be booked as common gamblers. The DA said a resident had stopped him on the street and said that complaints to the Beacon police about the ongoing game had gone unheeded. All four men pleaded guilty and each was fined \$15.

A patrol officer who turned in his badge and gun following a dispute with a driver who made an illegal left turn during the Halloween parade was persuaded to return to work. The motorist apparently had been able to get the citation “quashed.”

Melio Bettina, at 191 pounds, won his fourth heavyweight boxing bout in four fights since his discharge from the Army with a victory at Buffalo over 210-pound Bill Weinberg.

50 Years Ago (November 1971)



Jethro Pugh, a defensive tackle for the Dallas Cowboys, was the first guest in a program launched by the Beacon High School Human Relations Committee “to promote understanding and communication between students, teachers and the

community.” (In its story, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* had a curious error, reporting that Pugh would “beat a diner” at Rombout School instead of “host a dinner.”) The Cowboys were in New York to play the Jets.

Residents packed a City Council meeting to protest a proposed 41 percent property tax increase, from \$46.17 per \$1,000 of assessed value to \$64.90 per \$1,000. A member of the Mount Beacon Park Homeowners Association argued that the city needed two garbage collections a week, more police, improved drainage, more money to fight narcotics abuse and more funding for the arts — and that the cost of a secondary sewage plant should be assumed by the state, since it was ordering the city to construct it.

The 11-member consistory of the Beacon Reformed Church voted 8-0, with three abstentions, to allow a delegation from Georgia to remove the remains of William Few, a signer of the Constitution from that state, from a vault in the churchyard. The body, interred in 1821, was to be moved to Atlanta, although scientists still needed to determine which remains belonged to the Revolutionary War lieutenant-colonel.

A \$750,000 expansion at the Dutchess Ski Area on Mount Beacon was expected to be completed by Dec. 1, said general manager Walter Foeger. The work included four new trails and slopes, bringing the total to 11, as well as a double chair lift with a capacity of 1,600 skiers per hour.

The Planning Board began its review of a proposal by the Urban Renewal Agency to build 30 condos on a vacant lot at Beekman and Ferry streets. The development would be known as Hammond Plaza, after the Hammond Paint building that was once on the site. Two-bedroom units were expected to sell for \$22,000 and three-bedrooms for \$24,000.

Ken Siebert of Beacon was named the outstanding high school player in Dutchess County by the Dutchess County Old Timers Baseball Association.

Negotiations between the Beacon Teachers Association and the school board entered their 10th month, with 13 points

still separating the two parties.

The state Department of Transportation said it would allow Penn Central to use a 12.6-mile spur between Beacon and Hopewell Junction for freight traffic, as long as the railroad installed more safety equipment. Built in 1868, the spur had seen little use until Penn Central decided to upgrade the line for at least four runs daily.

25 Years Ago (November 1996)

Bret Alan Frattellone, a 23-year-old disc jockey at WSPK (104.7) in Beacon who was known to listeners as Bret Alan, died of injuries suffered in a car crash.

Police arrested a 16-year-old boy who made a homemade chemical bomb that exploded after he threw it from a second-floor window.

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Roots and Shoots

From the Prairie to Your Yard

By Pamela Doan

Walking through a meadow at Little Stony Point recently, I was struck by how the angle of the sun in this daylight saving time/early-November moment makes native grasses glow and shimmer in the light. The silky-feeling seed heads rise up from the blade-like leaves and flutter in the breeze. It's a full sensory experience if you stop to enjoy it.

I consider grasses to be one of the winter interest plants in a landscape. I usually work with warm-season native grasses and they don't contribute much to the garden until later in summer when they reach their full size. Then, when other plants are settling down around them, grasses can stand out. Many of these grasses are prairie, meadow or grassland plants and tolerate a lot of conditions like clay or acidic soil, sun or part-sun, wet or dry soil, and they are deer-resistant. That said, carefully review the plant's needs before deciding where to put it.

Plant grasses in clusters or mounds, or intermingle in a perennial garden. These versatile plants can be a focal point, with three or more planted near each other in a



garden. They can be used as edging along a path, driveway or a landscape feature. Once I started noticing grasses at botanical gardens that weren't the usual exotic and ornamental choices, a lot of possibilities opened up. Another great feature of native grasses is strong and deep root systems. Consider them as erosion control by using them as a ground cover. They are much more effective than turf grass on a slope.

Here are some recommendations for favorite native grasses. All are perennial and, unless noted, should be planted in full or partial sun.

Little bluestem
Schizachyrium scoparium

This tolerant grass will be fine in wetter soils and very dry soils. I was warned when I started planting that it would spread aggressively but haven't found that to be the case at all. I wish it would spread! It's not just a smaller version of big bluestem, but the two have similar hues on the blades. It grows up to 3 feet tall and turns a bronze-orange color for winter.

Big bluestem
Andropogon gerardii

Reaching up to 8 feet tall with a blue-and-purple tint, this grass has a dramatic effect when mixed into a landscape. I love pairing it with Echinacea, mountain mint



Little bluestem seed heads mix with asters and ferns for a colorful fall tableau.
Photo by P. Doan

and yarrow. The foliage, colors and textures make it into a lovely blend with the purple coneflowers, silvery mountain mint and lacy yarrow leaves with white blooms. They complement each other nicely.

Pink muhlygrass
Muhlenbergia capillaris

When I started professionally making landscape plans with gardeners, this was one of the most-requested plants. Most people didn't know the name but it was referred to as that "pink grass from the Highline." As our growing zone has shifted to the warmer edge, the lower Hudson Valley has become more suitable for this Zone 6 to 10 plant. It is so striking, though, that most gardeners don't mind replacing it if a particularly cold spell in winter kills it. Pink muhlygrass can reach

4 feet in height and one plant can spread up to 2 feet.

Sedges
Carex spp.

This low-growing grass is found widely in forests and meadows, and covers a wide range of species. *Carex pensylvanica* is called "sedge" and makes a solid ground-cover for partial and full-shade conditions and will also tolerate sun. It can be found more easily in garden centers. Plantain sedge grows in moist soil in shade; palm sedge grows in wet conditions in sun to part-shade. There is a sedge for every space. If you want to take up a new and challenging hobby, try to identify all the sedges that you find. It can be difficult.

Sideoats grama
Bouteloua curtipendula

Growing up to 2 feet tall, this easy and tolerant grass will be fine in poor soils and is extremely drought-tolerant. Blue grama (*Bouteloua gracilis*) is a short-grass prairie plant that can withstand all of the other tough conditions and mowing.

Prairie dropseed
Sporobolus heterolepis

Like its name says, this is a native prairie plant. It looks just right in a garden, too. The blades of this grass are fine and slender, arching upward to 3 feet. Its seed heads arc over the glossy leaves. In the winter, it fades to gold and brown, still with a lovely mound.



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Putnam Budget Brings Higher Taxes — and Dissent

Philipstown legislator casts lone 'no' vote

By **Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong**

The Putnam County Legislature has approved a \$167.1 million budget for 2022, with Legislator Nancy Montgomery casting the sole “no” vote after failing to win support for restoring money for Sheriff’s Department Hudson River patrols and tourism-related garbage collection in Cold Spring.

The pleas by Montgomery, the lone Democrat on the nine-member panel, for \$10,000 in aid for the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, an anti-addiction resource center, and for reinstating a sergeant’s position at the Sheriff’s Department civil division also went nowhere.

Montgomery represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley. Five days after the Oct. 28 budget vote, she won a second, 3-year term by defeating Republican Barbara Scucimarra, a former legislator, in a replay of their 2018 contest.

Arguing Oct. 28 that the budget needed work, Montgomery protested that it “extends salary increases to already overpaid elected officials and upper management” and “takes

care of patronage hires” but “reduces funding for the essential services the county should be providing to residents.”

“The 2022 budget utterly fails taxpayers of Putnam County,” she said.

The budget’s property tax levy is \$46.7 million, up from \$45.5 million; taxes will increase by 2.3 percent, which County Executive MaryEllen Odell assured legislators fell below a state-mandated cap.

The budget increased the spending for the county executive’s office by 12 percent, or \$92,500, to \$841,806; spending for the Legislature remained flat, at \$1.18 million.

(In a meeting on Tuesday [Nov. 9], the Legislature’s Personnel Committee considered 2 percent increase for Odell, to \$170,070, county Clerk Michael Bartolotti, to \$139,462, and the legislators, to \$42,802.)

The Sheriff’s Department gets an increase of \$287,266, to \$20.6 million, while jail funding rises by \$40,523, to reach \$11.07 million.

The appropriation for the District Attorney’s Office fell by about \$54,000, to \$2.45 million, and funding for the Bureau of Emergency Services dropped \$312,000, to \$5.5 million.

Funding for Department of Social Services decreased by \$652,000, to just under \$29 million, and the Health Department budget fell by 31 percent, to \$6

million. However, the Health Department, DA’s office and Emergency Services Bureau received more money in 2021 than initially budgeted as legislators made adjustments during the year.

Among cultural institutions, the Legislature plans to award \$55,162 to the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring and \$10,000 to the Constitution Island Association.

Montgomery objected to the process used to accommodate the Constitution Island Association. Without any proposal or plan, she told her colleagues on Oct. 28, “you all approved a \$10,000 giveaway of taxpayer money,” and recognized the association as an “outside agency” of county government akin to the Cornell Cooperative Extension. She also reminded them that the group’s leaders include Vinny Tamagna, the county transportation manager (who lost his race for mayor of Cold Spring on Nov. 2) and Kevin McConville (the successful Republican candidate for county sheriff).

According to Montgomery, the budget also increases Tamagna’s salary to \$105,635, a 40 percent jump from his starting salary eight years ago. She accused fellow legislators of giving him a lifetime “gold-plated retirement based on this jacked-up salary,” while county employees paid by the hour

“retire with no pension plans at all.”

In addition, she blasted county cancellation of “the measly \$7,500” once provided to help collect trash generated by visitors to Cold Spring, the “largest tourism draw in Putnam County and a location our tourism director relentlessly markets. I’m astounded that you toy with a public health issue like garbage removal.”

County revenue exceeded expenses “by \$38 million this last year,” Montgomery asserted. “Why are we raising taxes? Sales tax alone is up by \$8 million. That’s public money that should be benefiting the public.”

In her Oct. 6 budget message, Odell said that “sales tax revenues have been fluctuating wildly during the pandemic,” causing uncertainty. On Oct. 28, Legislator Joseph Castellano of Brewster said the budget’s projected \$62 million from sales tax reflects a “very conservative” approach.

Other legislators castigated Montgomery. “It just seems Legislator Montgomery has a lot of political opinions,” said Carl Albano of Carmel. “No village or town has the county pick up their garbage, so I don’t know what makes Cold Spring so unique.” Cold Spring tourism “has to be managed better, and they wouldn’t have these financial problems.”

Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac concurred, dismissing Montgomery’s comments as “all very politically motivated” and “not accurate or fair.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Man Struck by Train at Breakneck

Suffers serious injury; airlifted to Westchester Medical Center

A man was seriously injured on Tuesday (Nov. 9) after he was apparently struck by a southbound Metro-North at the Breakneck Ridge stop.

Metro-North said it is investigating the incident, which took place at about 11:20 p.m. at the stop, which is closed for construction. Hudson Line service was suspended for about 50 minutes while first responders located the man, who was airlifted from Dutchess Manor to Westchester Medical Center.

According to a report in the *Mid Hudson News*, the 41-year-old man called 911 to say

his leg had been amputated by a passing train. He told the dispatcher that he had taken a taxi to the train stop.

Holiday Drives

Groups collecting food, coats

Salem Tabernacle, Key Food and I Am Beacon are holding a Thanksgiving food drive in Beacon through Friday (Nov. 19).

Key Food at 268 Main St. is accepting peanut butter jars, jelly jars, 10-pack hot chocolate mixes, canned yams, mac and cheese boxes, stuffing boxes, 1-pound rice bags, 14-ounce canned vegetables, 3-pound apple bags, baked pies and reusable grocery bags, as well as cash and credit card donations at checkout.

In Cold Spring, the Knights of Columbus

annual winter coat drive continues through Nov. 21. New or slightly worn coats for men, women and children, along with new socks, can be dropped off at Our Lady of Loretto on Fair Street or at St. Joseph’s Chapel in Garrison.

Highland Falls Will Not Disappear

Residents vote ‘no’ to dissolving village

In a referendum vote on Monday (Nov. 8), residents of Highland Falls rejected a proposal to dissolve their village.

The vote was 779 to 450, according to Village Clerk Regina Taylor. The village, established in 1906, has a population of 3,800.

A petition signed by 405 residents was certified on July 8, compelling the Village

Board to hold the vote. Had the referendum passed, Highlands Falls would have been absorbed by the Town of Highland, which includes Fort Montgomery, Bear Mountain State Park and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

“For me this vote was about moving forward and continuing our progress,” said Mayor Joe D’Onofrio. “Now we need to unite and work together and have accomplishments for all.”

Joe DeWitt, who was elected to the Town of Highland board in November and who supported the campaign to dissolve, said he thought the vote would be closer but wasn’t surprised by the outcome, in part because he said police officers campaigned “in and out of uniform” to preserve the village.

“Anything the police did was on their off time,” D’Onofrio responded.

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Todd Diorio of Laborers' Local 17 said "a lot of trades are going to benefit from this — we could use the work." Diorio praised Maloney and Congress for making sure the legislation specifies that projects must pay prevailing wages and use American materials.

While agencies in each state will decide how the funds are used, some provisions address specific projects. As a member of the House Infrastructure and Transportation Committee, Maloney said that he wrote large parts of the legislation, including the Bridge Investment Act, which will direct \$12 billion to repair bridges nationwide that have been classified by the Department of Transportation as structurally deficient.

"We've got 1,700 structurally deficient bridges here in New York — 170 bridges like that in my congressional district — and 40,000 of these bridges nationally," he said.

Michael Sweeton, supervisor of the Town of Warwick, noted at the news conference that there's a bridge in his municipality that needs \$5 million in repairs. "That's beyond the capacity of our residents to fund," he said. Because of the legislation, "we are going to get that bridge fixed."

The bill also directs \$12 million to Stewart International Airport in New Windsor and \$800,000 to the Hudson Valley Regional Airport in Dutchess County. The

Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which includes the Metro-North commuter line, will receive \$11 billion, and Amtrak's entire maintenance backlog will be funded.

Efforts to clean up contaminants that have plagued many communities' drinking water, including in Newburgh, will be funded with \$10 billion, while other money will jump-start the Gateway Tunnel, a long-delayed project to construct a rail tunnel between New York and New Jersey.

State Sen. James Skoufis, a Democrat whose district includes Newburgh and much of Orange County, said that he expected the Legislature would chip in.

"In March, we're going to be negotiating a five-year DOT capital plan," he said. "We're going to leverage this money to make sure that all the projects that Sean referenced get done with state and federal money. [But] it cannot happen without the federal money."

Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, and who said he began his political career campaigning to fix local roads, called the funding long overdue for the Hudson Valley.

"Here in the City of Newburgh, you don't try and figure out the quickest route, you try and figure out what route is not going to destroy your car," he said.

Maloney said the spending would not add to the federal deficit because of provisions in the Build Back Better bill, which is being finalized in Congress. "No one making under \$400,000 a year will see their taxes increase," he asserted.

Maloney said the infrastructure bill was one of three that Congress has written in the past year that constitute "the lion's share of

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President Biden's domestic agenda," beginning with the American Rescue Plan Act, which is sending \$1.9 billion in pandemic relief funds to communities. "That's why your cops, firefighters, your first responders and your health care workers didn't get laid off," he said.

The Build Back Better bill will be, according to Maloney, "the most important invest-

ments in our families" since the New Deal of the 1930s championed by then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a Dutchess County native. The bill includes, among other provisions, extending the monthly Child Tax Credit payments, investments in child and elder care, increasing health care coverage and helping the U.S. achieve Paris Climate Accord goals by creating incentives to increase renewable energy and a Civilian Climate Corps.

Maloney said that he expects Congress to vote on the Build Back Better bill before Thanksgiving.

"I'm very confident that it will get passed," he said. "I'm sure there will be some twists and turns, and there's going to be some things that go bump, but all you're seeing is democracy function."

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ACROSS

1. Greets the villain

5. Bummer

9. Wd. from Roget

12. Incite

13. Writer Rice

14. Scot's refusal

15. Time of youthful innocence

17. World Cup cheer

18. Jacket part

19. Cut wood

21. Hectic hosp. area

22. Sun block?

24. Satirist Mort

27. *Exodus* hero

28. Infatuated

31. Acapulco gold

32. Impose

33. "Delicious!"

34. Lugosi of film

36. Observe

37. Nick and Nora's pet

38. Cove

40. Room cooler, for short

41. Pal

43. Geronimo, for one

47. Mound stat

48. 1987 Woody Allen movie

51. Hobbyist's abbr.

52. Apple product

53. Pet-food brand

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38 39 40

41 42 43 44 45 46

47 48 49 50

51 52 53

54 55 56

54. Snake's warning

55. Mediocre grades

56. Part of A.D.

DOWN

1. Smooch

2. Spoken

3. Leer at

4. Sargasso wriggler

5. Florida county

6. Genetic letters

7. Whatever

8. Bas-relief medium

9. Winter "no school" times

10. Harvard rival

11. Grant basis, at times

16. TiVo, for example

20. Calendar abbr.

22. Vinegar bottle

23. Low-calorie

24. Weep

25. "Right you —!"

26. Work breaks

27. Church section

29. Belly

30. "I — Rock"

35. Moreover

37. National park in Maine

39. Ira Gershwin's contribution

40. GI's address

41. Hotel furniture

42. *Topaz* author

43. Helps

44. *Misery* star James

45. Church song

46. Old U.S. gas brand

49. Gorilla

50. Fawn's mom

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Answers for Nov. 5 Puzzles

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4	2	1	7	8	9	3	5	6
9	3	5	6	1	2	7	4	8
8	6	7	4	3	5	2	1	9

1. LIBRARIANS, 2. CLOSER, 3. FORGOT, 4. OFFICER, 5. SPIKE, 6. MINIMIZE, 7. ACCEPTING

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

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 bogged down (5)

2 spray paint with an atomizer (8)

3 drew back with embarrassment (7)

4 part of the French coast (7)

5 move to smaller quarters (8)

6 famed NHL defenseman Paul (6)

7 beautifies (10)

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Haldane High School boys' and girls' cross-country teams each won a Section I, Class D championship last weekend at Wappingers Falls.

The Blue Devils boys, who claimed their 13th consecutive sectional title, finished ahead of Laffell, Alexander Hamilton and Tuckahoe.

Luke Parrella won in 19:04, followed by John Kisslinger in 19:43.

The other boys' finishers were Oliver Petkus (6) in 20:26, Conrad White (7) in 20:49, Roy Smith (10) in 22:13, Jackson Twoguns (18) in 23:53 and Brandon Shanahan (23) in 26:22.

"These athletes have worked very hard this year, and I'm really looking forward to their performances at the state championships," said Coach Ryan Courtien.

The five members of the girls' team filled all five top spots: Eloise Pearsall won in 25:29, followed by Celia Drury (26:18), Helen Nicholls (26:54), Keira Shanahan (27:38) and Andreia Vasconcelos (27:44).

"Perfection," said Courtien. "I'm so proud of them, their work ethic and the results. I look forward to everyone hopefully running personal records at states, returning next year and growing our team for 2022."

Both teams advance to the Class D state championships on Saturday (Nov. 13) at Chenango Valley.

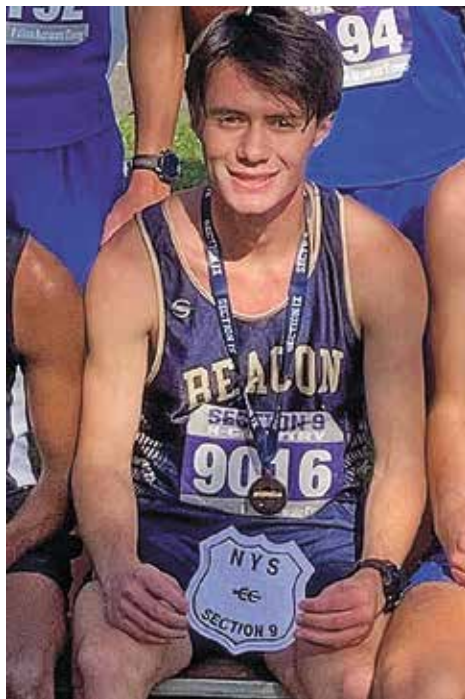
On Oct. 4, the Beacon High School boys' team finished fourth at the Section IX championships at Bear Mountain State Park.



At left, Haldane runners dominated the Section I, Class D race. At right, Section I champs Helen Nicholls, Celia Drury, Eloise Pearsall, Andreia Vasconcelos, Keira Shanahan and Coach Ryan Courtien



Photos by Derek Kisslinger



Beacon's Evan LaBelle qualified for the state championship.

Photos provided

Evan LaBelle finished fourth in 16:42, qualifying for the state tournament on Saturday at Chenango Valley.

Other finishers for Beacon were Henry Reinke (11) in 17:20; Joey Baffuto (16) in 17:53; Jack Cleary (22) in 18:11; Rubio Castagna (42) in 19:22; and August Wright (46) in 19:41.



Beacon's Rachel Thorne and Ella Cason finished fourth and fifth at the Section IX championships.

Beacon also had two girls — Rachel Thorne and Ella Cason — qualify for the state tournament. Thorne was fourth with a personal record of 20:57, and Cason was fifth in 21:12.

"I was extremely pleased to get three athletes into the state championships,"

Coach Jim Henry said. "They all ran smart and gutsy races." He noted that Thorne and Cason are the first Beacon girls to advance since Renee Blair in 2006, and that Cason ran nearly the entire race on a sore ankle.

FOOTBALL

Haldane travels to Arlington High School today (Nov. 12) to face Tuckahoe in the Section I, Class D title game. Kickoff is at 4 p.m. and the game will be broadcast at events.locallive.tv/school/haldane-hs.

Tuckahoe (7-1) was ranked No. 8 this week among Class D teams in the state by the New York State Sportswriters Association, while Haldane (6-2) received an honorable mention. As the only two Class D teams in the section, the Blue Devils and Tigers compete each year for the title.

HALLS OF FAME

The Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame, which recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of the high school's athletes and coaches, is accepting nominations for the Class of 2022. To review the bylaws and download a nomination form, see haldaneschool.org/athletics/hall-of-fame.

Because of the pandemic shutdown, the Beacon High School Hall of Fame committee has delayed the induction of its 2020 nominees until this winter.



WINNING WAYS —
The Philipstown Fusion travel soccer team for players ages 11 and younger celebrated on Oct. 31 after defeating Montgomery, 7-2. The Philipstown Thunder, for players 12 and younger, also won on Nov. 7, blanking Wappinger, 4-0.

Photo by Pamela Cook