Galef Says She Plans to Retire from Assembly

Representative has held seat for nearly 30 years

By Leonard Sparks

Sandy Galef, Philipstown’s longtime representative in the state Assembly, announced on Monday (Jan. 10) that she plans to retire at the end of the year and will not seek re-election to her seat, which she has held for nearly 30 years.

Galef, a Democrat whose 95th Assembly district also includes northern Westchester County and the Town of Kent in Putnam County, said she had made her decision after “much careful thought.”

A former teacher in the Scarsdale school district, Galef was a Westchester County legislator when she won election to the Assembly in 1992, defeating Republican Lawrence Gomez in November of that year to represent what...
By Michael Turton


Why do people write memoirs?
The motivation is the same as for other kinds of art, except memoirs are more directly personal. Some people are interested in the writing process; others want to share it with the world, just as some people enjoy painting for themselves and others want it to be exhibited. Many memoirs are books, but they don’t have to be. It can be an essay. You can even write multiple memoirs about the same period, if you present the material differently. Or you might change your mind about what a period in your life meant.

Who takes your course?
My student base might be skewed because I’m a woman and I tend to get more women. It’s also possible more women want to write memoirs. Men do, as well, but I think there’s pressure on them to not get so personal about emotional things. More-educated people may feel they have a right to write memoirs. More-educated people might not have grown up thinking they’re allowed to be a writer. In my experience, every type of person wants to write but they don’t always feel justified doing it. But no one lacks material.

What advice do you offer students?
Writing skills make a difference. Also, incorporating the senses, which makes writing richer, more vivid because they are deeply tied to memory. If you get specific, describing the temperature of a person’s hand, it can evoke feelings in the reader. Write about your emotions. It’s great when people write about being angry. You can combine senses and emotion. When you experience something physically, you often have feelings about it. Almost every writer I’ve met needs more confidence; that’s certainly true of my students. It’s hard to be a writer in this culture. People are constantly being told too many people are trying to publish. I say let 100 flowers bloom. There’s no problem with too much being written.

What was the most challenging part of writing Golem?
Taking some particularly painful experiences I had been through and writing about them in a way that would draw others in, instead of pushing them away. I found playfulness was the way to go.

Does the passage of time affect the accuracy of a memoir?
Our memories are not particularly accurate. Neuroscience has shown that every time we remember an experience, our brain changes it a little. That’s why a witness to a crime gets the color of a jacket wrong. Memoir writers should aim for emotional truth, not verbatim, chronological accuracy. That would be boring. A memoir has to be shaped. Life doesn’t automatically happen in the form of a story. In a memoir, you pick and choose what you emphasize. Much of it is unearthed along the way. The poet Adrienne Rich wrote: “If you know how the story ends, why tell it?” As you write about your experience, you learn more and more about it; you come to understand it on a deeper level. The best memoirs usually involve how a person changes. They start at a certain place, end up in a different place. Maybe they grew and life became better. Maybe they did the opposite, ending up in a terrible place. Both situations can make a compelling memoir.
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Public comment

Regarding “Catching Up with Philipstown School Boards” (Jan. 7), I’d like to draw the public’s attention to the Haldane Board of Education policy on public comment.

In contrast to practices at meetings held three or more years ago, the policy does not allow the board to reply to any questions or concerns raised during public comment. Only after the meeting do members respond privately by email or phone. Further, the policy allows the public to write letters to the board, which members respond to via email. But these letters are no longer scanned and added to the meeting minutes, even when the writer requests that the letter be made public. The board’s response to such letters is also not made public at meetings.

Like most folks who volunteer in our community, I appreciate the time and effort our elected, unpaid board members dedicate to the school. They are friends and neighbors. It is not easy to field questions from the public, but I don’t believe the policy on public comment serves the interests of the community or the board’s goals. State law requires boards of education to follow many rules and regulations, but they can determine how to run their meetings.

The board has informed me that it will address the public comment policy at its Tuesday (Jan. 18) meeting. I urge the public to attend to hear its reasons and share their thoughts. My questions include: (1) Is a board’s communication with the community truly “public” if only half of that communication is shared? (2) Does a board encourage input from the community if such tight control is kept over the manner in which the public can communicate with the board? (3) When a resident or a group of teachers takes the time to speak before the board, are they not entitled to some in-person response, rather than silence?

It is the slow, small diminishing of rights we take for granted which whittles away at our democracy. Unless we take the time, as citizens, to sit up and notice.

Kory Riesterer, Cold Spring

Developer lawsuits

These lawsuits by the developer of Continental Commons on Route 9 in Fishkill are right out of Donald Trump’s playbook (“In Latest Lawsuit, Develop Claims Rights Violations,” Jan. 7). If a developer’s “investment expectations” are in any way infringed upon or rejected, sue! Then sue some more, until the town or city faces bankruptcy.

These lawsuits are all about how the towns or cities won’t change the laws for them. To the new members of the Town Board: There will not be great-paying jobs created.

Dennis Moroney, Fishkill

Mandates

Putnam County has recorded more than 20,000 cases of COVID-19, which means that with the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, 1 of every 5 residents has contracted the virus — yet our elected county officials disregard that we are in the midst of a Category 5 public-health hurricane. In the Dec. 17 issue, The Current reported that County Executive MaryEllen Odell had decided not to enforce Gov. Kathy Hochul’s mask mandate, and on Dec. 31 it reported that the Legislature (except for the voice of Nancy Montgomery) had voted to oppose vaccination mandates.

A year ago, we didn’t have the tools needed to combat COVID. Today, our toolbox is full, with highly effective mRNA vaccines and N95 masks. It is frightening and embarrassing that our county executive and eight of our nine legislators are using their leadership to oppose these lifesaving measures.

We need a unified, bipartisan voice to win what should be a winnable battle against this virus. After all, the vaccines were developed in unprecedented speed under a Republican president and now we are attempting to close the deal under a Democratic president — what’s the problem?

By this blatant political grandstanding (malpractice), Odell and eight legislators have violated their duty to represent the health and well-being of their constituents. They should be replaced by Democrats or Republicans who are committed to working together to protect the health and lives of Putnam residents in the middle of a pandemic.

The recent letters to The Current on this topic overwhelmingly reflect a deep community concern about the irresponsible actions of the Putnam executive and legislators.

Alan Brownstein, Cold Spring

Central Hudson

The situation was aggravating but Central Hudson did make an effort to correct it for us and reached out through social media and also called us (“Problems Plague New Central Hudson System,” Jan. 7). It was finally corrected. I paid the amount I usually owe every month over the phone so I wouldn’t be behind. Central Hudson usually provides top-notch customer service, so this seems like a bump in the road for them.

Jason Verzi, via Facebook

I had one rather small bill after months

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of no bills. Now I’m waiting for the other shoe to drop.  

Mary Fetherolf, via Facebook

I owed more than $700 after not receiving a bill for months. They changed my account number in September; discovered this today.

Francesca Robledo, via Facebook

Just paid $900. They need to sort it out.  

Sheryl Kirschenbaum, via Facebook

Compare your meter reading to the stated reading on your next bill. In Central Hudson’s efforts to clean up the mess created by this system update/transfer, it adjusted the meter reading, producing an erroneous number on the invoice. Per customer service, Central Hudson is working to clean up this further-compounding error.  

Gina Klein, via Facebook

Remembering Scout  

This hurts horribly (“Scout” Killed in Christmas Day Stabbing,” Jan. 7). I met Scout (Rene Vivo) when he jumped in front of a fast-turning car that was oblivious to my 5-year-old daughter fallen in the road. She remembers turning car that was oblivious to my 5-year-old daughter fallen in the road. She remembers it as well as I do, nearly eight years later. He

Louise Darhansoff, via Instagram

Correction

In “Two Beacon Projects on Agenda” (Jan. 7), we reported that a proposal to redevelop the former Reformed Church of Beacon included an event space with a capacity of 500 people. In fact, the proposed capacity has been reduced to 350.

New sheriff  

What a great team of law enforcement officers with years of experience (“New Putnam Sheriff Names Command Team,” Jan. 7). Congratulations to all.

Renee Finn, via Facebook

Six men appointed captains. I guess there were no qualified women?  

Ann Borthwick, via Facebook

Or any people of color?  

Erin Giunta, via Facebook

What a diverse team!  

Sean Conway, Cold Spring Hospitalizations  

Are hospitals seeing patients “with” or “because” of COVID-19 (“Hospitals See Influx of COVID-19 Patients,” Jan. 7)?

Rampant confusion.  

Ann Panizzi, via Facebook

Senior Editor Leonard Sparks responds: “The answer is both. The state is now asking hospitals to report two totals: patients admitted ‘due to COVID-19 or complications of COVID’ and patients admitted ‘where COVID was not included as one of the reasons for admission.’ As of Jan. 12, 58 percent of the COVID patients hospitalized statewide were admitted due to the disease and 42 percent for non-COVID reasons. In the Mid-Hudson Region, which includes Dutchess and Putnam counties, 64 percent of COVID patients were admitted due to the disease and 36 percent for other reasons.”

NEWS

KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING  

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION  

The Haldane Central School District is beginning the Kindergarten registration process for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have a child who will be turning five on or before December 1, 2022 and you live in the Haldane Central School District, please fill out the registration forms on our website: www.haldaneschool.org. Click on Quick Parent Links, Registration and Kindergarten Registration to fill out and submit the required forms along with the supporting documentation. Then call Sue Hylka @ 845-265-9254 ext. 122 to set up an appointment Feb 7th-11th, 2022 from 8:15am-2:00pm to complete the registration process. Parents registering children in person should enter Haldane Middle School through the Main Entrance and will be directed to the registration location. Registrants must have all forms completed and must bring or upload a copy of the child’s birth certificate, his/her immunization record which has been signed by a physician, and all Proof of Residency forms indicating that the family resides in the Haldane School District.

If your child’s fifth birthday falls between December 1 and December 31 and you would like to discuss your enrollment options please contact Christine Jamin, Elementary Principal 845-265-9254 ext 122. Parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten Orientation Meeting on Thursday, January 17th, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Event details will be released on our website as we get closer to the date. Please call Mrs. Hylka directly if you have any questions.

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – January 27th, 2022

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing regarding review under the State Environment Quality Review Act of the below described project on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 and virtually via Zoom to consider the following application:

Garrison Golf Club PDD/Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, 2015 Route 9 Garrison, NY 10524 TM# 60.-1-59.2 & 59.3

SEQRA review of: Major Site Plan & 3-lot Subdivision; Modifications to the GGC PDD to permit relocation of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to the site, new theaters, outdoor pavilion and housing for artist and visitors (existing banquet/restaurant facility to remain). At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202. If you would like to attend the meeting virtually via Zoom, see information below to register, or email crockett@philipstown.com to request login information before 7:00 pm on January 27th, 2022. Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_l_C_foYURI2ML5u4GrtStQ  

Webinar ID: 879 2248 6749 Passcode: 507942

Please note if you plan to attend this meeting in person masks will be required. Also be aware that due to ongoing COVID changes and restrictions this Public Hearing may be rescheduled or moved entirely to Zoom. Please check the town website at philipstown.com for any scheduling updates. If you are unable to attend and would like your comments to be heard please email, mail or drop off your comments to Cheryl Rockett no later than January, 20th, 2022 to allow the Board time to receive and read your comments; or you may have your written comments submitted at the Public Hearing.

EMAIL: crockett@philipstown.com

MAIL: Town of Philipstown Planning Board, 238 Main St., PO Box 155, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Drop off: Town of Philipstown Building Department, 2 Cedar St. Cold Spring, NY 10516

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 16th day of December, 2021.

Neal Zuckerman, Chair
Beacon Planning Board Pushes Back

Members say two development plans must improve
By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Planning Board pushed back on Tuesday (Jan. 11) on the design of a three-story building proposed for Main Street and asked where all the cars would go if a former church becomes a performance venue.

The board took issue with the revised design of 364 Main St., the former Citizens Bank site, saying its reduced frontage looks “dingy” and wouldn’t fit well with adjacent buildings.

The developer is proposing retail on the ground floor and 20 apartments on the higher stories. Cars would enter the site through a narrow driveway on its east side and exit through a parking lot in the rear. An addition to the building would be set back on the west side with benches and landscaping in front of the building.

On Tuesday, however, Planning Board members called the design uninspired. “It’s actually going backward,” said Kevin Byrne. “It doesn’t seem to be improving.”

While the landscaping in the proposal meets the city’s minimum requirement of covering 30 percent of the site, “there’s nothing beautiful about this application,” said Chair John Gunn. With the historic Salvation Army building to the east and the 1937 U.S. Post Office across the street, Gunn said the developer should feel an obligation to improve that section of Main.

“They’re meeting the letter of the law, but they’re not doing anything to enhance their community,” he said.

The board adopted a “negative declaration,” on Tuesday, which means that the project will not adversely impact the environment. A public hearing on the site and subdivision plans remains open for the next meeting.

Planning Board members also questioned a development group’s plans to convert the former Reformed Church of Beacon building on Route 9D into an event space with restaurant and bar but less than a third of the required parking spaces.

The developers said they are waiting on a final determination by the building inspector but the uses proposed for the site could require as many as 119 spaces. The plans provide for 31. The rest, they said, would come from a combination of nearby public lots, the Metro-North station and perhaps an as-of-yet unapproved proposal to the City Council to rezone and add spaces to sections of Wolcott Avenue.

In addition, the 30-room hotel planned for what had been the church’s parsonage and the event/restaurant space will not require parking at the same time of day, eliminating some of the need, said project attorney Taylor Palmer.

Gunn was skeptical of the patchwork strategy. “All best-laid plans can have unintended consequences,” he said.

The project will likely end up before the Zoning Board of Appeals, where the developers will have to meet at least some of the parking requirements.

Board members also expressed concern about the proposed uses, including as a music venue, and potential impacts on neighbors. “That’s not the [level of] intensity that property has been used for” in decades, said Karen Quiana.

Gunn said the developers must “narrow and focus” their application before the Planning Board can schedule public hearings.

Beacon Tenant Protection Could Begin Soon

Good-cause eviction law may follow
By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is expected on Monday (Jan. 17) — two days after the state’s moratorium on pandemic-related evictions expires — to approve a contract to provide free legal aid to renters, but a “good-cause” eviction law championed by several of its members is farther away.

The city set aside $25,000 in its 2022 budget for the tenant advocacy initiative. The funding will pay for a paralegal from Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, an organization that provides free counsel to people with lower incomes, to address tenant issues in Beacon for 10 hours each week.

Rachel Saunders, the attorney-in-charge of LSHV’s Poughkeepsie office, told the council during its Jan. 10 meeting that the person will help Beacon residents faced with eviction organize and mount a legal defense. Beacon’s two city court judges, Greg Johnstone and Rebecca Mensch, preside over eviction proceedings, and they will be able to refer tenants to the program, as well.

Together, the tenant advocacy initiative and good-cause eviction legislation, if it’s adopted, make up a renters’ protection package that the previous City Council and newly installed members Wren Longno, Justice McCray, Molly Rhodes and Paloma Wake have advocated for months.

Good-cause laws, all more or less modeled after a stalled 2020 state bill, were adopted in Albany, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie last year. In Hudson, Mayor Kamal Johnson vetoed a good-cause law adopted by the Common Council in October. A second version of the measure failed to pass last month.

The Village of New Paltz postponed voting on measures addressing unfair evictions and predatory rent increases on Wednesday; Kingston’s City Council passed a good-cause law during a meeting on Thursday.

The laws regulate rent increases and restrict landlords from arbitrarily deciding not to renew leases. With the Emergency Tenant Protection Act’s rent stabilization unlikely to apply to most Beacon apartments, good-cause legislation emerged last year as the city’s primary means of protecting renters.

The Beacon council began its discussion of a law in earnest on Monday night, deliberating for more than an hour.

One question is whether to exempt landlords who depend on rent from a handful of tenants as their income or who live on-site. The council seemed willing to exclude landlords renting four or fewer units, although McCray asked: “The idea is to require good cause for eviction. Why should anyone be exempt?”

Beacon’s current draft would prevent “ unconscionable” rent increases of more than 5 percent. On Monday, the council debated whether higher increases should be allowed under certain circumstances, such as when a landlord makes improvements to a building or if the rental market changes significantly.

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said he believes a 2019 state tenant protection measure checks those boxes. “Is there tenant protection in this [good-cause law] that doesn’t already exist?” he asked. “I don’t see anything other than rent control and permanent leases. What does this add?”

The difference, City Attorney Drew Gamills explained, is that the law being considered requires landlords to prove “good cause” before removing a tenant.

City Administrator Chris White also asked the council to consider including a sunset provision allowing the law to expire after a given amount of time, likely between one and two years, so the city can evaluate its effectiveness. Landlords unhappy with the legislation may be less likely to file lawsuit, he said, if they see that clause.

“I’m trying to find a way to minimize the possibility of litigation, which is costly to the city,” White said.

After several months of nearly constant calls from advocates to adopt good-cause legislation, the council has heard increasingly from property owners who believe the law would be unfair. Jon Miller, a business and apartment owner, said during the Jan. 3 meeting that he would have no other choice but to raise rents on his tenants before a law goes into effect.

“Investors will stop investing in our city if they are not permitted to get the rents” that their costs justify, he said. “Our real-estate market will plummet. Beacon has come a long way, and we don’t want to go back to the way things were.”

The council will review its draft at least once more in a workshop before holding a public hearing. With no meeting on Jan. 24 (The council skips the fourth Monday during months with five Mondays), the earliest a law could be adopted would be mid-to-late February.

Although the state evictions moratorium expires on Saturday (Jan. 15), Saunders said she doesn’t expect a deluge of tenants being forced from their homes. Not immediately, at least. “There going to be a lag,” she said. “It’s not like on the 30th there’s going to be this floodgate of cases, it’s going to ramp up very quickly.”

Philhoptown Discusses Testing, Gets New Deputy Supervisor

Behavioral Health Hub reports on efforts amid pandemic
By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

In back-to-back meetings on Jan. 6 at Town Hall, the Philpottown Town Board covered topics ranging from appointment of a new deputy supervisor to the (literally) surprising debut of Putnam County’s local COVID-19 testing, the pandemic’s effect on the Philpottown Behavioral Health Hub and the new supervisor’s hopes for town civility in 2022 and reflections on events in Washington, D.C., a year earlier.

During the annual reorganization meeting, the evening’s first order of business, Supervisor John Van Tassel tapped Counselor Robert Flaherty as deputy supervisor. “I have to apologize for the lack of communication,” Montgomery told the Town Board. “I was just as surprised as you were that this was happening at the Rec Center.” Fortunately, the town government quickly pulled things together, she said.

“It was a bit of a surprise we were hosting the testing center,” Van Tassel concurred. “We found out after it was announced” by county officials. “But we’re happy to have it.” He encouraged residents to get tested if they suspect they harbor the virus. “The more people that use the facility, the more likely we’re going to continue to have it,” he said. “I’m concerned we’re going to lose this if we don’t utilize it.”

The meeting came on the otherwise all-Republican, nine-person county Legislature, Montgomery said the breakdown in communication points to an ongoing problem. “You weren’t aware” of what Putnam intended, she said. “That’s what needs to change.”

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Power Lines (from Page 1)

Hudson and other utilities to bury power and telecommunications lines and produce a report within 18 months. The legislation was introduced in the Assembly by Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon.

The measure passed the Senate, 61-2, with support from Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, and the Assembly, 145-2, with support from Jacobson and Sandy Galef, whose district includes Philipstown.

“Even though it’s going to be expensive, in the long run we’re going to save money,” said Jacobson of his proposal. “How much money is lost every time we have an outage? Businesses have to close, schools have to close, people lose goods in their home. Our whole society is based on electricity.”

Central Hudson, which has about 5,200 customers in Philipstown and 6,500 in Beacon, came up with a price tag for burying its 7,900 miles of lines based on a study completed about a decade ago, said Joe Jenkins, a representative of the company: $18 billion.

The utility also calculated the savings: $18 million a year from reduced tree-trimming and storm-related costs, and $10 million from not having to maintain overhead lines. But even with those savings, each customer could see an annual bill increase of $10,000, according to the study.

“It was so much that it would have such a tremendous impact on customer bills,” said Jenkins.

Burying lines, he said, would present other challenges: finding root-free pathways; crossing streams and wetlands; and reconnecting homes and businesses to underground lines rather than overhead ones. Parts of the City of Poughkeepsie, the City of Newburgh and Kingston have underground systems, he noted.

“While the frequency of outages would probably be a little bit less, duration of outages would probably be longer because it would take a little longer to identify the problem — find it, dig it up, fix it,” said Jenkins. He added that Central Hudson is on board with the study “as long as it takes the proper costs” into account.

In addition to the costs for companies, the Public Service Commission is required to calculate the monthly cost to each utility customer based on the statewide price tag, not just the expense for the company in their service area. The idea is to have each customer share the total cost, said Jacobson.

For people living in rural parts of the state, where populations are small and spread out, “the cost per-person would be prohibitive,” he said.

Galef (from Page 1)

was then the 90th district. Philipstown and Kent were not initially part of the district but were added, along with Putnam Valley, after state legislative boundaries were redrawn using data from the 2000 census.

Galef, whose seat became the 90th district and lost Putnam Valley after lines were drawn again following the 2010 census, declared their campaigns to succeed her:

Andre Rainey

The Democrat served on the Peekskill City Council before he won election as mayor in 2017 and re-election in 2019. He did not run in 2021 for a third term. During his time as mayor, Rainey helped secure a $10 million state Downtown Revitalization Initiative grant for the city.

Dana Levenberg

Before being elected as the Ossining town supervisor in 2015, Levenberg was Galef’s chief of staff. The Democrat also served on the Ossining school board for nine years and is a founding member of the Ossining Micro Fund and Ossining for Refugees.

said, “It was hard to say I’m not going to do that anymore, but I have a whole year and there are a lot of things I want to get done.”

Asked to name pieces of her legislation that became law, Galef highlighted two amendments to the state constitution that she initiated: one replaced masculine language with gender-neutral wording; the other changed a requirement that legislators receive only printed bills.

Galef also introduced 2003 legislation that established a residential parking system west of the Metro-North tracks in Cold Spring; a 2004 bill that allowed Putnam County to begin taxing state-owned properties; and a law enacted in 2017 that mandates rear-facing car seats for children younger than 2 years old.

In March 2021, then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law legislation Galef introduced that expands the access of military veterans charged with crimes to specialized veteran treatment courts. In November, a bill she introduced to allow employees who care for siblings to be eligible for the state’s paid family leave law was enacted by Gov. Kathy Hochul.

Galef has also been active in the shutdown of the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan, which is part of her district and undergoing decommissioning. During the current Legislature session, she said she hopes to pass a bill expanding the definition of property to include Indian Point’s spent fuel rods, so they can be taxed by local municipalities.

Galef’s wish list for her final session also includes reforming property assessments so that municipalities reassess more often and expanding the list of people and organizations required to report suspected child abuse to include the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

“How successful I will be, I don’t know,” she said. “But I’m going to try.”
PUTNAM COUNTY
Number of cases: 20,671 (+2,515)
Active Cases in Philipstown: 252
Tests administered: 380,300 (+11,910)
Percent positive: 5.4 (+0.3)
Percent vaccinated: 80.3
Percent in 10524: 93.9
Percent in 10516: 87.2
Number of deaths: 110 (+4)

DUTCHESS COUNTY
Number of cases: 55,009 (+6,580)
Active Cases in Beacon: 305
Tests administered: 1,178,771 (+29,031)
Percent positive: 4.7 (+0.5)
Percent vaccinated: 74.7
Percent in 12508: 69.9
Number of deaths: 556 (+15)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Jan. 12, with change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose.

**Coronavirus Update**

- U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney said on Tuesday (Jan. 11) that he tested positive for COVID-19. Maloney, who said he is fully vaccinated, said he was experiencing “minor cold-like symptoms.” The Democrat from Philipstown said he is isolating and working remotely. “I’m grateful to be fully vaccinated and boosted, which is protecting me from more-severe illness,” he said.

- Dutchess County will begin offering free rapid tests at the former JCPenney in Poughkeepsie Galleria on Tuesday (Jan. 18). The county had already been offering PCR testing there. The hours are 1 to 7 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Walk-ins are accepted, but registration is available at bit.ly/dutchess-test-register. Dutchess is also offering vaccinations at the site; see dutchessny.gov/coronavirustesting.

- Dutchess residents who test positive using an at-home test can report the results to the Health Department at dutchessny.gov. Putnam County health officials noted that residents who use the BinaxNOW test made by Abbott should check the instructions for reporting a positive result. Those who test positive are asked to isolate and notify anyone who was exposed.

- There were 571 minors admitted to hospitals in the state who tested positive for COVID-19 between Dec. 26 and Jan. 1, compared to 70 during the week of Dec. 5, according to a report by the state Department of Health. About 59 percent of the patients admitted during the week after Christmas were hospitalized primarily for COVID-19; the rest tested positive after being admitted for other reasons. Hospitalization rates were five times higher in unvaccinated children than vaccinated.

- There were 112 pediatric patients in the Mid-Hudson Valley and Long Island admitted during the week of Dec. 26 who tested positive for COVID-19, compared to 12 during the week of Dec. 5, according to the state. In Dutchess and Putnam, only two hospitals, Northern Dutchess in Rhinebeck and Mid-Hudson Regional in Poughkeepsie, reported having pediatric patients with COVID-19. Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh reported one patient on Monday (Jan. 10), but none during the earlier report periods.

- Private insurance companies will be required to cover the costs of eight at-home tests a month beginning on Saturday (Jan. 15), the administration of President Joe Biden said on Monday (Jan. 10). People with coverage will be able to obtain the tests from pharmacies or stores for free or be eligible for reimbursement from their insurer, said the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in announcing the program. The monthly limit does not apply if the tests are “ordered or administered by a health care provider following an individualized clinical assessment, including for those who may need them due to underlying medical conditions,” it said.

- Dutchess County’s Democratic lawmakers said on Monday (Jan. 10) that they had asked County Executive Marc Molinaro and Health Commissioner Livia Santiago-Rosado to enforce mask-wearing in the legislative chambers. During the reorganization meeting on Jan. 4, Democrats criticized Chair Greg Pulver for allowing fellow Republicans Mike Polasek and Will Truitt to attend unmasked. Pulver compared the unmasked lawmakers to diners eating at a restaurant while a county representative said they didn’t need them because the meeting was livestreamed and there is an exception for film and television productions.

- Philipstown and the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville are allowing residents to pick up free at-home rapid tests in the foyer of Town Hall, 238 Main St., on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Residents are being asked to abide by the honor system and take one box per household (each box contains two tests) and to assist anyone who needs a test but cannot travel to Town Hall.

- The state reported 1,102 new cases among Dutchess residents on Jan. 6, a pandemic high for a single day.

- Health care workers will be required to get booster shots, Gov. Kathy Hochul said on Jan. 7. Staff at hospitals, nursing and long-term care facilities had already been ordered to complete their initial shots by Sept. 27 or risk being fired.

- Visitors to nursing homes must provide proof of a negative test from within the previous 24 hours and wear a “surgical” mask, Hochul said on Jan. 7. The state is in the process of shipping 952,000 tests and 12 million masks to nursing homes.

**Where to Get Tested**

**PUTNAM COUNTY**

Philipstown Recreation Center
Route 9D, Garrison
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily
6 a.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays, children only
No appointment required.

**Drug World**

55 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
Schedule at myrx.io.

**Paladin Center**

39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily
6 a.m. – 9 a.m. weekdays, children only
No appointment required.

**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

Sun River Health
6 Henry St., Beacon
845-831-0400
8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday
8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday

**Excel Urgent Care**

992 Main St., Fishkill
845-765-2240
8 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. weekends

**CareMount**

60 Merritt Blvd., Fishkill
845-765-4990
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Pulse-MD**

900 Route 376, Suite H, Wappingers Falls
845-204-9260

**Dutchess County Health Department**

Poughkeepsie Galleria
2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie
Former JCPenney store on 2nd floor

**CareMount**

30 Columbia St., Poughkeepsie
845-231-5600
9 a.m. – 6:45 p.m. weekdays
8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. weekends

**CareMount**

2507 South Road, Poughkeepsie
845-471-3111
8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. weekdays

**Pulse-MD**

696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie
845-243-710

**SCHOOL POSITIVES, 2021-22**

**BEACON HIGH SCHOOL**

Students 57
Teachers 4
Staff 10

**ROMBOUT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Students 29
Teachers 3
Staff 2

**GLENNAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students 19
Teachers 5
Staff 2

**JVI FORRESTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students 12
Teachers 0
Staff 5

**SARGENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students 9
Teachers 2
Staff 2

**SOUTH AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students 7
Teachers 2
Staff 3

**HALDANE HIGH SCHOOL**

Students 32
Teachers 0
Staff 3

**HALDANE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Students 24
Teachers 0
Staff 5

**HALDANE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Students 47
Teachers 1
Staff 8

**GARRISON SCHOOL**

Students 31
Teachers 4
Staff 2

Haldane Responds to Teachers

District and union at impasse over contract
By Chip Rowe

A fter a group of Haldane teachers attended the Jan. 4 school board meeting wearing red T-shirts and a representative said during public comment that months-long negotiations over a new contract were "an insult," the superintendent and board president pushed back with a statement on Wednesday (Jan. 12).

The most recent, three-year contract with the Haldane Faculty Association expired in 2020 but was extended through June 30, 2021, with a 1 percent salary increase for teachers, a 2 percent increase for teaching assistants and a 1½ percent increase in health insurance premiums.

"The district has acknowledged the hard work of administrators during this time with thanks and stipends, yet has failed to respect the professionalism and dedication of Haldane teachers," Nancy Marti- nez, who teaches English at Haldane High School, told the board. "While we know we are supported by the community at large, we are now at an impasse for the second year in a row. We are professionals who deserve a swiftly negotiated contract with appropriate wage increases and no reduc tion in benefits. ... Not settling a contract is an insult to us."

Two parents also criticized the board for its policy of not responding to the meeting to those making public comments. (See Page 4.)

In their statement, Superintendent Philip Benante and Board President Jen Daly wrote that while negotiations are typically a process that happens quietly and confidentially, "the discussions had "been brought into a public forum and the district feels a responsibility to provide a clarifying update."

HVSF (from Page 1)

The Planning Board has been considering HVSF's concept of a theater and cultural campus on donated land at Route 9 and Snake Hill Road. Its plans include an indoor theater and housing for staff, as well as a tent, restaurant, inn and other facilities.

In proceedings separate from the Planning Board review, HVSF has asked the Town Board for a special-event permit so it can erect its existing tent, previously used at Boscobel, on former tennis courts at the new location.

On Jan. 6, at the Town Board's formal monthly meeting in Town Hall, Van Tassel said that he had consulted his Town Board colleagues and now awaits confirmation from Garrison's emergency services that they can handle calls at the new site. When it arrives, "I will be issuing a special-event permit to the Shakespeare Festival to operate at The Garrison" in 2022, he said.

Councillor Robert Flaherty added that HVSF wanted a two-year permit, but that Town Board members "all decided we would give them one year." Flaherty, Van Tassel and Stephen Gaba, the town attorney, each observed that HVSF obtained one-year permits annually for more than three decades at Boscobel.

Gaba also explained that by law the town supervisor grants special-event permits, also known as parade permits. If an applicant qualifies, the supervisor “really has to issue the permit,” he said.

For HVSF to turn its long-range hopes into reality, the site must be rezoned, so the troupe submitted paperwork to that end. "But I don’t think it’s quite ready for action at face value," the supervisor said.

The supervisor described HVSF as "a wonderful cultural" organization, which provides economic benefits as well, "and I wouldn’t want to lose it."

At the December meeting of the Planning Board, HVSF outlined its plan to construct a bridge near Snake Hill Road and provided data on projected traffic and headcounts when its performances occur on the same days as weddings and restaurant and hotel bookings. The Planning Board and its consultant had expressed concerns about traffic if multiple events took place simultaneously.

"HVSF has committed to not having Saturday afternoon matinees at the indoor theater where there are also afternoon weddings," John Canning of Kilmy Horn, an HVSF consultant, wrote in a Dec. 13 memo. Consequently, the maximum number of people on-site in the middle of the afternoon — the busiest time for traffic on Route 9 — would drop from 1,100 to 920, and the maximum number of “vehicle trips” to 77.

"The Garrison has never [scheduled] and will never schedule more than one wedding on a single day," Canning told the Planning Board.

The Planning Board scheduled the Jan. 27 public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, with a Zoom link for those who cannot attend in person.

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SALARY: $21.04/hour
LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on January 10, 2022, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which said School District is not authorized to expend money as provided by law, which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

DATED: Beacon, New York
January 10, 2022
/\Kelly Polsgrove
School District Clerk

SUMMARY OF REFUNDING BOND RESOLUTION DATED January 10, 2022.

SUMMARY OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 90.00 OF THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW OF REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO BE DESIGNATED SUBSTANTIALLY "SCHOOL DISTRICT REFUNDING (SERIAL) BONDS"; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN RELATION THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter, the "School District") heretofore issued School District Refunding (Serial) Bonds, 2012 (the "2012 Bonds"); and

WHEREAS, it would be in the public interest to refund all or a portion of the outstanding $2,105,000 principal balance of the 2012 Bonds maturing in 2023 and thereafter (the "Refunded Bonds"), by the issuance of refunding bonds pursuant to Section 90.00 of the Local Finance Law; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. For the object or purpose of refunding the $2,105,000 outstanding aggregate principal balance of the Refunded Bonds, including providing moneys which, together with the interest earned from the investment of certain of the proceeds of the refunding bonds herein authorized, shall be sufficient to pay (i) the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds, (ii) the aggregate amount of unamortized interest payable on the Refunded Bonds to and including the date on which the Refunded Bonds which are callable are to be called prior to their respective maturities in accordance with the refunding financial plan, as hereinafter defined; (iii) the costs and expenses incidental to the issuance of the refunding bonds herein authorized; (iv) the redemption premium payable on the Refunded Bonds, and (v) the premium or premiums for a policy or policies of municipal bond insurance or cost of insurance or other credit enhancement facility or facilities, for the refunding bonds herein authorized, or any portion thereof, there are hereby authorized to be issued refunding serial bonds of the School District pursuant to the provisions of Section 90.00 of the Local Finance Law (the "School District Refunding Bonds" or the "Refunding Bonds"), it being anticipated that the amount of Refunding Bonds actually to be issued will be approximately $2,100,000, as provided in Section 4 hereof.

Section 2. The Refunding Bonds may be subject to redemption prior to maturity upon such terms as the President of the Board of Education shall designate, which terms shall be in compliance with the requirements of Section 53.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that:

(a) the maximum amount of the Refunding Bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to this resolution does not exceed the limitation imposed by subdivision 1 of paragraph b of Section 90.00 of the Local Finance Law;
(b) the maximum period of probable usefulness permitted by law at the time of the issuance of the Refunded Bonds, for the object or purpose financed therein is as provided in the Bond Determinations Certificate referenced in the full resolution (the "Complete Resolution");
(c) the last installment of the Refunding Bonds will mature not later than the expiration of the period of probable usefulness of the object or purpose for which said Refunded Bonds were issued in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 1 of paragraph a of Section 90.00 of the Local Finance Law; and
(d) the estimated present value of the total debt service savings anticipated as a result of the issuance of the Refunding Bonds, if any, computed in accordance with the provisions of subdivision 2 of paragraph a of Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law, with regard to the Refunded Bonds, is $79,268.70 as shown in the Refunding Financial Plan described in Section 4 hereof.

Section 4. The financial plan for the refunding authorized by this resolution (the "Refunding Financial Plan"), showing the sources and amounts of all moneys required to accomplish such refunding are as provided in Exhibit A attached to the Complete Resolution. The Refunding Financial Plan has been prepared based upon the assumption that the Refunding Bonds will be issued, in one series to refund all of the Refunded Bonds in the principal amount of $2,100,000, and that the Refunding Bonds will mature, be of such terms, and bear interest as set forth in said Exhibit A.

Section 5. The President of the Board of Education hereby authorized and directed to enter into an escrow contract or contracts (collectively the "Escrow Contract") with a bank or trust company, located and authorized to do business in this State as said President of the Board of Education shall designate (collectively the "Escrow Holder") for the purpose of having the Escrow Holder collect and hold moneys, which moneys shall be used for the specific purposes set forth in the escrow contract or contracts (collectively the "Escrow Contract") with a bank or trust company, located and authorized to do business in this State as said President of the Board of Education shall designate, or in accordance with the Refunding Financial Plan, as described in Section 4 hereof.

Section 6. The faith and credit of said City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunding Bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each

Town Board (from Page 6)

She has consistently clashed with her legislative counterparts and County Executive MaryEllen Odell, but told the Town Board that as her second, three-year term begins, “I’m hoping to work with the county executive, with the county Legislature. We’ve got a lot of repairing to do. We need to share information.”

Similarly, The Hub worries about teachers and staff members “as they juggle so many different issues that come up with the pandemic.” Through it all, she concluded, “we just keep plugging away.”

The complaint states that when Mauro asked Henriot to stop blocking access to his property, she replied by letter that her “driveway is recorded as a two-car driveway with an estate at 155 Main St. I have no documentation of an easement with 153 Main St.,” adding that she will continue to park her car “within my property line.”

Finally, the law requires that when a driveway is shared at an STR, those with rights to the driveway must agree to sharing. Mauro said he has not agreed to share the easement with guests at Henriot’s STR.

The village code also requires an STR owner to provide one off-street parking spot; the suit claims Henriot’s operation violates that provision because the space used for guest parking is less than the 16-by-9-foot legal standard.

The lawsuit next to 3 Furnace Street

Photo by M. Turton
In an ideal world, a home should be a respite, a place that provides comfort. During the pandemic, it has taken on even greater importance. But it also can be a place of isolation. Samantha Rosenwald addresses this dilemma in a series of drawings with colored pencil that will be exhibited beginning Saturday (Jan. 22) at JDJ/The Ice House in Garrison. Images in Cellar Door are of apartments and were drawn during the pandemic, soon after Rosenwald, ended a troubled relationship.

“They revolve around ideas of isolation, entrapment, danger,” she explains. “When you move into a new place, especially with a newish person, you have honeymoon-like ideas of possibility, a new chapter. We moved in together before the whole idea of the pandemic was on our minds, and gradually it became something else. Once you have to be locked somewhere, it has a whole new set of connotations, and previous ideas get thrown out the window.”

The apartment building, in downtown Los Angeles, where Rosenwald is based, is not the building in which she lives but one she can see from her place. “It's semi-Corinthian, architecturally, at the top, and then super-basic, very modern throughout,” she says. “Each window takes up the entire wall; it’s a classic downtown loft building.”

With the exterior acting as a frame, most of the panels depict what Rosenwald envisioned going on within each unit. A narrative, which can be followed in any direction, highlights the residents and their fears. “The apartment is a way of paying attention to people’s ways of being alone with themselves; feeling trapped within oneself, being surrounded by things like a rat in a cage; how horrible and dark it is to be alive,” she says. “It's definitely a catharsis. The premise behind therapy is to acknowledge the pain you've been through. It's a way of wading through the bad, to an awareness.

“I hope people looking at it will say, ‘Yup, this has been a hard time,’ but through sharing we can all realize we’ve been going through the same thing,” she says. “Plus, seeing the absurdity of it all can be healing. In acknowledging the bad, we're able to come at it from a vantage point of absurdity or comedy or, at the very least, self-awareness, all of which are better than being mired in despair.”

Rosenwald says the series is more specific than much of her work. “There are more references to cultural vernaculars and to people in my life,” she says. “I love the idea that it can be read as a real-life comic strip. There is a loose narrative people can interpret; it can be pieced together with all the little Easter eggs I placed. It has a monochromatic, film noir/horror story color palette, which is a shift but also links to my earlier themes and motifs, so it feels like a different chapter of the same book.”

Growing up in Los Angeles, Rosenwald, who is 27, didn’t plan on becoming a professional artist. But she always loved art and especially colored pencils. “They can make a frenzied mark or a textured mark and can be a subtle way of pointing to anxieties,” she explains.

She came east to attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, where she majored in art history. She then earned an MFA at the California College of the Arts in San Francisco. She has had recent solo shows in London, Brussels and New York City. “It’s been a pretty good period for my career, but it is also a little strange experiencing success at a low point of world history,” she says.

 Asked to describe the differences in the L.A. and New York art scenes, she says: “New York City has a way more serious vibe. In L.A., it’s more color, more sarcasm, more irony, a lighter disposition — but that’s a sweeping generalization!”

JDJ/The Ice House, at 17 Mandalay Drive in Garrison, is open by appointment at jdj.world or text 518-339-6913. Cellar Door runs through April 18.
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

KIDS AND FAMILY

TUES 18
Middle School Book Club
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Via Zoom butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar
The Butterfield Library will host this discussion for students in grades 5 and up about Drizzle, by Kathleen Van Cleve. Register online.

WED 19
The Discovery of a Masterpiece
BEACON
3 p.m. Howland Public Library beaconlibrary.org
In this Zoom presentation hosted by the Howland Public Library, curator Mallory Mortiliaro of Drew University will discuss her identification of a 1910 sculpture by Rodin that had been hiding in plain sight. Email adults@beaconlibrary.org to register.

SAT 15
Wintering Eagles
CROTON-ON-HUDSON
10 a.m. Croton Point Park
parks.westchestergov.com
Meet at the RV entrance for a moderately difficult, guided hike to viewing areas along the Hudson River. For ages 6 and older.

WED 19
Health Equity Summit
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Via Zoom
thehastingscenter.org
Speakers at this two-day virtual event hosted by The Hastings Center will include Isabel Wilkerson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Caste, and social scientist David Williams. Also THURS 20. Register online.

THURS 20
Alexander Hamilton & The Art of Political Combat
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Via Zoom putnamhistorymuseum.org
In this presentation organized by the Putnam History Museum, David Head will discuss the tactics used by the Founding Fathers to advance their visions of the republic. Register online. Cost: $80 (members free)

SAT 22
Owl Prowl
CORNWALL
7 p.m.
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum
25 Boulevard | hhnm.org
Meet a live owl at the Wildlife Education Center, and take a guided hike to look for a nocturnal raptor in the woods. For ages 7 and older. Registration required. Cost: $15 ($10 members)

TALKS AND TOURS

SAT 15
MEDICATION IN OUR DIVIDED SOCIETY
GARRISON
4 p.m. Via Crowdcast
bit.ly/mlkjan16
In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Tajaé Gaynor, author of On Mediation: Creating Bonds of Tranquility in a World That Often Thrives on Calamity, will discuss mediation as a path to peaceful resolutions and civil rights. The event is being hosted by the Desmond-Fish Public Library, and trustee Erik Brown will lead the discussion. Register online.

STAGE AND SCREEN

SAT 15
MET Live: Cinderella
POUGHKEEPSIE
1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org
Watch Laurent Pelly’s staging of Massenet’s Cendrillon in a new English translation with mezzo-soprano Isabel Leonard in the title role. Cost: $29 ($26 members, ages 12 and younger free)

SAT 22
Westchester Fight Night 7
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Local amateur Muy Thai fighters and kickboxers will compete. Cost: $55 to $75

SAT 22
Wrestlefest 26
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 p.m. MJN Convention Center
14 Civic Center Plaza midhudsonciviccenter.org
The Lucha Bros., Thunder Rosa, Nzo and The Godfather are some of the performers scheduled to appear. Cost: $40 to $100

SUN 16
Mediation in Our Divided Society
GARRISON
4 p.m. Via Crowdcast bit.ly/mlkjan16
This discussion will center on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Historical Perspective, which can be streamed free at kanopy.com by entering your Butterfield or Desmond-Fish library card number. Register online.

MON 17
Documentary Discussion
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Via Zoom butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar
This discussion will center on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: A Historical Perspective, which can be streamed free at kanopy.com by entering your Butterfield or Desmond-Fish library card number. Register online.

MON 17
Family Concert
GARRISON
7 p.m. Via Crowdcast
bit.ly/mlkconcertJan17
Goldie Greene and Tom McCoy will perform songs of harmony, strife and spirit by Stevie Wonder, Bessie Smith, Eubie Blake, George Frederick Handel and others in this celebration of Dr. King hosted by the Desmond-Fish Public Library. Register online.

REAL ESTATE MARKET
HOME SALES IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOD IN THE LAST 30 DAYS

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VISUAL ART
SAT 15
Member Exhibition
GARRISON
10 a.m.—5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
This show will feature work in all mediums by GAC members. Through Jan. 23.

MUSIC
SAT 15
Christopher Brown and Friends
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band, known for its storytelling style, will perform originals and some classics. Proof of vaccination required. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

SAT 15
Hey Baby
BEACON
8 p.m. District Social | 511 Fishkill Ave.
845-579-2709 | districtsocial.com
The six-piece band, led by Jimmy Ezkian, will perform rock, funk and soul. Free

SAT 15
Pontoon
BEACON
9 p.m. Quinn’s
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447
facebook.com/QuinnsBeacon
The band will perform a farewell show with video projections by Chubby Flea. Proof of vaccination required. Cost: $10

SUN 16
Bruce Molsky and Maeve Gilchrist
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Grammy-nominated banjo player, fiddler and guitarist will perform with Gilchrist, a Scottish harpist and composer. Proof of vaccination required. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

FRI 21
StrangeMagicNY
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The 9-piece band will perform a tribute to ELO, complete with a light show. Proof of vaccination required. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SAT 22
The Joni Project
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Katie Pearman and her band will perform a tribute to Joni Mitchell. Proof of vaccination required. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

SUN 23
Roman Rabinovich
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org
The Howland Chamber Music Circle will present the second concert in its piano series. The program will include Rameau, Schubert, Walker and Chopin. Cost: $40 (students $10)

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

CIVIC
TUES 18
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

CIVIC
TUES 18
School Board
NELSONVILLE
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

WED 19
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

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For the relish
(can be made ahead)
- ¼ large red onion, stem end intact, to slice into thin slivers (mandolin preferred)
- ¼ cup roasted red and/or yellow peppers, diced large
- 1 to 2 teaspoons minced hot pickled peppers (pepperoncini, peppadews or Calabrian hot cherry peppers)
- 1 tablespoon capers rinsed
- ¼ to ½ cup scallions (green only) or parsley, minced
- From the pantry: 1 tablespoon (or more) minced garlic; 1 tablespoon (or more) thyme leaves; ¼ cup olive oil; 1 to 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar (Optional: ¼ to ½ preserved lemon, rind only, diced small; and/or pitted black or green olives, roughly chopped)

For the cauliflower cutlets
- 1 head cauliflower
- ½ cup panko
- (unseasoned Japanese bread crumbs)
- From the pantry: 1 teaspoon thyme
- ½ cup Dijon; 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon chopped thyme; season to taste with salt and pepper; reserve.

For the dressing
(can be made ahead)
- 1 cup tahini
- 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup (or sweetener of your choice)
- From the pantry: 2 to 3 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lemon juice; 1 teaspoon minced garlic; water to thin

**For the relish**

1. For the relish: In a small bowl, combine all relish ingredients; stir gently to mix; season to taste with salt and pepper; reserve.

2. For the dressing: In another small bowl, whisk together dressing ingredients, adding enough water to achieve a creamy liquid consistency; season to taste with salt and pepper; reserve.

3. For the cutlets: Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Place a small-rimmed roasting pan in the oven to preheat. (This will assist in even cooking.) Trim tough green leaves from the stem of the cauliflower, keeping stem and head intact. Trim stem enough that the head sits flat. Flip cauliflower over and, measuring about ½ to ¼ inch on either side of the stem, slice straight down, creating one large, thick cross-sectional slab of cauliflower. (Reserve the trimmings for another use. You might incorporate ¼ to ½ cup of small florets into the relish.) Slice the remaining large piece once more down the center of the stem, creating two cutlets.

4. In a small skillet over medium heat, warm 1 tablespoon olive oil and add panko, stirring constantly, to toast until just barely golden. Remove from heat and reserve on a dinner plate.

5. In another small bowl, whisk together ½ cup Dijon, 1 tablespoon olive oil and 1 teaspoon chopped thyme; season to taste with salt and pepper. Using your fingers, gently massage the mixture into the cutlets. Press individual cutlets into the bread crumbs, flipping to coat both sides and pressing as much of the remaining crumbs into the edges and top. Place the cutlets on the preheated pan; bake on the middle rack for 20 minutes, checking occasionally to ensure the bread crumbs don’t burn. (You may need to bake them a bit longer to achieve a golden-brown crust.)

6. While the cutlets bake, toss two healthy handfuls of arugula in a large utility bowl with a squeeze of lemon, a light drizzle of olive oil and a pinch of salt and freshly ground pepper. Divide greens on two dinner plates. To serve, lay warm cutlets on top of the greens; spoon relish over cutlets and drizzle tahini dressing over all. Garnish with toasted pine nuts, additional thyme leaves and scallions or parsley if available.

### Small, Good Things

**This Is Not That**

**By Joe Dizney**

Can we just agree to call it cauliflower and leave it there? What’s so wrong with that? Does it have to become some sort of trend or justifiable and documented “thing”? The vegetable itself has certainly become more ubiquitous, what with cauliflower rice, pizza crusts and the like now available in most run-of-the-mill supermarkets.

It’s the continuation of a trend that’s been going on for a while: Cauliflower has overtaken kale as the hero vegetable of the brassica family. A veritable Marvel Universe of pan-Mediterranean relish of red onions and garlic, smoky, roasted sweet red or yellow peppers and spicy pickled hot peppers adds more than color, heat and brightness, and the creamy tahini-lemon dressing smooths it all out, amplified by the crunch of toasted pine nuts which themselves echo the subtle nuttiness of the cauliflower.

Cauliflower does stand apart from the group if only for its coloring. Although most are identified by a large, dense creamy white head, there are of course those lime green and butty yellow variations and that odd fractal Romanesco cousin. All share the same densely nutritious heritage and this subfamily, in particular, features a subtle, slightly nutty/sweet flavor. This is true particularly when cooked fast and hot, and helps to avoid the strong sulphurous smells common to the rest of the family.

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A few moments of delight in the age of Omicron: Children and adults alike enjoyed the first snow of the season at Winter Hill in Garrison on Jan. 8.

Photos by Ross Corsair
Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (January 1872)

Johnny Spellman was accused of stealing $62 from his widowed mother while she was out. Discovering the theft, Mrs. Spellman ran to the Cold Spring depot with a lantern to look for the teenager. Frank Murphy, who saw her weeping there, took the lantern and hopped on the milk train headed to Garrison, keeping his eye on the east track. He spotted Johnny in the tunnel and jumped from the slow-moving train to grab him and take him home.

Henry Champlain, known in Nelsonville as “Champ,” killed two foxes.

Two wagons, both belonging to Dr. F.D. Lente, collided on Main Street nearly opposite the Cold Spring House. His son and mother were thrown out but not seriously injured; it wasn’t clear if they were together or each driving a wagon.

The Nicholls News Depot, next door to the post office, was the local agent for a forthcoming work by Mark Twain called Roughing It.

Gotlieb Schneck, who was employed at the West Point Foundry as a job site in New York City, apparently abandoned his family living on Garden Street. The Recorder reported: “That there is a woman in the case is morally sure — a married woman.”

A newly published book, Pillars in the Temple; or Sketches of Deceased Laymen of the Methodist Episcopal Church Distinquished as Examples of Piety and Usefulness, by the Rev. William C. Smith, a former pastor of the Cold Spring church, included profiles of residents Alfred LaDue and Samuel Davenport.

125 Years Ago (January 1897)

A traveling exhibit organized by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution included artifacts on loan from residents of Cold Spring, such as a Farmers’ Almanac with notes in George Washington’s handwriting given to the late James K. Paulding by Mrs. J. Washington of Mount Vernon; a copy of the Salmagundi, a short-lived newspaper founded by Paulding and Washington Irving in 1807; a broken thermometer said to have hung in Washington’s tent during the war, given to Paulding by a granddaughter of Martha Washington; and a July 1690 military order signed by Jacob Leisler, then governor of New York, who was executed in 1691 by the British for treason.

Carolyn P. Ross (1935-2022)

Carolyn P. Ross of Garrison passed away peacefully on January 6, 2022 at NYP Hudson Valley Hospital. She was 86.

She was born on November 26, 1935 in Burlington, NC, to the late Wayne and Lucy Bivins Patterson.

Carolyn grew up in Boston and became a fashion model in New York. She studied at the Art Students League under Mario Cooper.

In the late 1960s she made one-of-a-kind handpainted silk evening gowns that were sold in Sacks 5th Ave and Neiman Marcus.

She was known as a very generous person who donated to various charities during the year.

In 1967 she married Arthur Ross in Mexico.

Carolyn is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Arthur Ross of Garrison, along with a host of many dear friends.

At Carolyn’s request funeral services will be private, under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home - Cold Spring.
Colwell of Phillipstown, two Republicans and an independent.

John Schillerman moved his "handy store"— selling cigars, candy, school supplies, etc.— to a building on Main Street opposite the Old Homestead Club. He said he planned to also open a pool hall there.

Edward L. Post & Son suggested in an advertisement to "start the new year right" by having your house wired for electric light.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. No. 1 asked the Village Board to purchase a motor-driven firetruck. It noted that there were more than 500 buildings in the village and that, without the fire company, premiums for fire insurance would certainly be much more than what it would cost to buy a truck. It noted that its old cart was straining to carry 350 feet of hose while hitched behind an automobile.

The DuBois Foundry Co. received a contract to manufacture can openers.

After a storm, Cold Spring had the snow plowed by 6 a.m., easing the way for commuters and workers at the button factory and textile corporation. The overnight work was done with assistance from the Electric Lighting Co.

Representatives of the Kinetic Engineering Co. installed an electric organ blower at the Methodist Church. "The human power of the 'blow boy' is now superseded by the electric power of a half-horse power," The Recorder noted. (A blow boy would position himself inside the organ and move a handle to force air into the pipes.)

In November 1921, John Reid, Sr., a farmer in Connecticut, deeded his land and earthly possessions to the Friars of the Union at Garrison. He kept only enough cash to sustain him for six months because, he reasoned, "by that time I will be dead." Reid was right: He lived for two months. His gift was valued at $56,000 (about $930,000 today).

Sylvanus Ferris presented the Rev. E. Floyd Jones with a print of Lord Londoun to use in a book the pastor was writing on milestones. Londoun was the British commander who in 1754 improved a Native American trail for use by his troops; it later became the Albany Post Road.

75 Years Ago (January 1947)
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Sunny Redmond, formerly of Garrison was a covergirl in 1971.

Cold Spring Mayor Ray LeFever said he counted eight dogs illegally running loose during a drive around the village and suggested that fines might be doubled.

LeFever also noted that Cold Spring, for the first time, had 24-hour police protection.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Rundle Gilbert of Garrison participated in the Fifth Annual Mixed Foursome Golf Tournament in Bermuda against 80 other teams.

25 Years Ago (January 1997)
A state police sergeant appeared before the Philipstown Town Board to explain why the agency had opened a satellite office with two troopers at the Butterfield Hospital.

The Town Board received a petition from residents of Continental Village Road asking that its name be changed to Sproot Brook Road. Because it was otherwise, the Town Board passed a resolution to agree to the name change.

The board considered a project in Continental Village to clean and line with cement about 4 miles of 50-year-old, corroding, cast-iron water pipes.

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Gloria K. DesMarais (1933-2022)
On January 9th, 2022, Gloria K. DesMarais (Sanchirico) passed away peacefully and has gone to meet our Lord. Gloria was born on December 20th, 1933, in Carbondale, PA. At a young age, her family moved to Yonkers, NY, where she graduated from Roosevelt HS in 1950.

In 1958 she married Frederick J. DesMarais, and in 1968 they moved to Irvington, NY, where she raised her four children, Thomas, Frederick, Christopher, and Melissa. She worked for Lord and Burnham Corp. in Irvington and then went on to work for Westchester Medical Center as a secretary in the Bio Lab Department until her retirement.

Gloria enjoyed gardening, reading books, and doing crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed watching old movies. She loved animals and, when she lived in Irvington, she could be seen every day walking her yellow lab, Buck, on the Aqueduct, and watching softball games at the park.

She had many fond memories of annual family picnics and spending the holidays with her family. She was known for her tight hugs that made everyone feel loved.

Gloria was a dedicated member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church and had a lifelong religious connection.

She is predeceased by her husband Frederick J. DesMarais, sisters Dolores and Mary, and her grandson Damian DesMarais.

Gloria leaves her cherished memories to her three sons, Thomas (Jessie), Frederick P, Christopher, and loving daughter Melissa; eight grandchildren, Sidney, Katelyn (Devan), Taylor (Stephen), Thomas, Victoria, Kristen, Jacqueline, Alexis, and her great-grandson, Benjamin. She is also survived by her sisters Carmie (Tony), Joanne, and brother Alfred (Agnes). Along with her many nieces, nephews, and loving friends.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair Street, Cold Spring, NY. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home.
Living Green

**What Gives Me Hope for the New Year**

By Krystal Ford

It's 2022. We've lived through another year of climate disasters, record-breaking temperatures and another disappointing international climate negotiation. It's hard not to get pulled into a funk or scroll past stories about climate change. I often have to remind myself that the future so many of us are working hard to build is going to be exciting and better: cleaner air, cleaner water, less noise pollution and healthier people. To bring out that future, we have to start close to home. How can we reduce our emissions and help our neighbors, as well?

For Jocelyn Apicello and Jason Angell, co-founders of the Ecological Citizen's Project in Garrison, a nonprofit partnering with the Philipstown Climate Smart Community Task Force to launch the Philipstown Climate Fund Award Program, the inspiration for the program was the Finger Lakes Climate Fund, a carbon-offset program run by the nonprofit Sustainable Tompkins.

After creating a “valid offset” calculator and raising thousands of offset dollars (explained below), the Finger Lakes fund has so far helped more than 50 households take measurable actions to reduce their carbon footprint through home weatherization efforts. The model relies on building relationships between the nonprofit, contractors and the households that apply for funding.

Jocelyn and Jason wanted to set up the Philipstown fund in a similar way to create a local carbon-offset market in which individuals and businesses take measurable actions to reduce emissions and/or, for those emissions they can’t or won’t avoid, pay to offset them.

For example, if my commute creates 30 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO2e) over the year, and I can’t practically switch to public transportation or buy an electric vehicle, I can instead purchase offsets. To do that, we need to put a price on carbon; the current market price for an offset ton ranges from $1 to $150.

The challenge is that “a framework for measuring relationships between the nonprofit, contractors and the households that apply for funding, the more neighbors it can help and the more emissions it can reduce. That is what gives me hope for 2022: Neighbors helping neighbors take climate action together.

How to Apply

The application to receive funds from the Philipstown Climate Fund is available at the Butterfield library in Cold Spring, the Desmond-Fish library in Garrison, the Philipstown Food Pantry or at bit.ly/PCFAwardApplication. The deadline is Feb. 15 and the winner or winners will be selected by lottery on March 1.

Both homeowners and renters who are Philipstown residents can apply. Applicants must have an annual household income of $113,000 or less (2020 median household income for Philipstown); and must apply to replace residential, fossil fuel-based equipment with electric equipment, e.g., gas stove with induction stove, propane hot-water heater with electric, a zone of fossil fuel-based heating with electric heat pump.

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For Jocelyn Apicello and Jason Angell, co-founders of the Ecological Citizen's Project in Garrison, that meant partnering with the Philipstown Climate Smart Community Task Force to launch the Philipstown Climate Fund Award Program. (Full disclosure: I am on the task force and now also serve on the climate fund committee, so you can say I'm a fan.) The goal is to help Philipstown residents with low or moderate household incomes transition from fossil fuels toward cleaner, cheaper alternatives.

The fund is designed as a response to local, state, national and global efforts to reach carbon neutrality. “We have two broad goals,” Jocelyn explains. “First, to establish carbon pricing doesn’t exist at the local level,” says Jason. “What’s a fair price for pollution avoided? How is it measured and who verifies if action is actually taken? We thought starting the climate fund would be a piece of building toward that future.”

They worked with the Climate Smart Community Task Force to create a transparent way to get the more than $7,000 raised through a Philipstown Fights Dirty campaign into the hands of residents to take actions such as installing an electric heat pump, an induction oven, an electric hot-water heater or a smart thermostat. Each will result in measurable carbon reductions because of the reduction in fossil fuel usage — and that’s the key.

The Philipstown Climate Fund hopes to continue raising money from households that know they won’t be able to become carbon neutral so the funds can be redistributed to those who can’t afford to try. The more people who contribute to the fund, the more neighbors it can help and the more emissions it can reduce.

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**Puzzles**

**CROSSCURRENT**

### ACROSS
1. Even
5. Apply cream
8. *The Good Earth* heroine
12. “Please go ahead”
14. Fork prong
15. The National Pastime
16. Circus structure
17. Cacophony
18. Scalawags
20. Basilica areas
23. Diving duck
24. Soccer legend
25. Brewing gizmo
29. Not — out of place
30. Scull need
32. Kook
34. Ordered
35. Skin breakout
36. Notorious
37. Port city of Poland
40. Former Mideast org.
41. Pealed
42. Pitcher’s tactic
47. “American —”
48. Consume too little
49. Lion’s pride?
50. Meadow
51. Sciences’ partner

### DOWN
1. Bar bill
2. “— a tree falls ...”
3. UFO crew
4. One of the Ramones
5. Cannon of film
6. MSN rival
7. Reduced-rate postal delivery
8. Canada’s capital
9. Actor Schreiber
10. Green Gables girl
11. Tennis barriers
13. Baseball stats
19. Cornhusker’s st.
20. iPhone download
21. Mexican money
22. Lost traction
23. Black Panthers leader Bobby
24. Rich soil
25. Appreciative
26. Rich soil
27. Stow cargo
28. Grade-school basics
31. Flushed
32. Kook
33. Hang loose?
34. Diva Streisand
36. Kismet
37. Bleak
38. Baby’s father
39. Unsinged (Abbr.)
40. Fed. food inspector
43. Chemical suffix
44. — Lingus
45. Back muscle, briefly
46. USN officers

**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. posh (7)
2. fell apart (9)
3. tome from the travel section (9)
4. children’s author Beverly (6)
5. Phanatic mascot’s city (6)
6. star U.S. sprinter Allyson (5)
7. meddlesome quality (8)

### SOLUTIONS

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**SUDOCURRENT**

Answers for Jan. 7 Puzzles

1. BUBBLIER, 2. PALMETTOS, 3. PRIORITIZED, 4. DIALS, 5. IMPATIENTLY, 6. FUSTY, 7. DOCS

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

By Skip Pearlman

BOYS' BASKETBALL

After going 1-1 in their first two games of the 2021-22 season, the Blue Devils of Haldane High School dared to dream big: They decided their lofty goal would be to finish the season at 19-1.

Halfway through the season, the dream is alive.

Haldane (9-1) won its eighth straight game Wednesday (Jan. 12), dominating Palisade Prep, 70-52, on the road, including a 21-8 run in the fourth quarter. The Blue Devils also cruised in a 73-52 victory on Tuesday at home against Putnam Valley.

Haldane was tested on Jan. 8, hosting Chester, but ended the Hambletonians’ 17-game win streak with a 68-60 victory. Haldane opened last week with a 73-39 win.

Haldane had a pair of dominant wins in the past week, rolling past Croton-Harmon, 73-52, on the road, and blue Devils were humbled on Tuesday at home against Putnam Valley, 75-41.

The Beacon boys’ team lost to Monroe-Woodbury, 75-41, on the road, handling Palisade Prep, 70-52, on Monday (Jan. 10). But the Blue Devils were humbled on Tuesday at league rival Putnam Valley, 75-41.

Putnam Valley, Maddie Chiera led Haldane with 14 points and Camilla Perrone added six. Eva DeChent led Putnam Valley with 39 points, including her 1,000th career point.

“We started out slow, but the second half was better,” said Haldane Coach Jessica Perrone. “We couldn’t contain Eva at all.”

Against Palisade Prep, Chiera scored 17, Molly Siegel added 15 points and nine rebounds, and Marisa Scanga had nine points. The Blue Devils honored their seniors: Chiera, Scanga, Siegel, Jenna Irwin and Ella Ashburn.

Against Croton-Harmon, McDaniel led the scoring with 15 points, Chiera had 12 and Ruby Poses, Siegel and Amanda Johannson each contributed six.

“We lost to Croton by 11 in December, we felt like we played a bad first half,” Perrone said. “So we came out and made sure we didn’t do that again. Our spacing and ball movement was great.”

Haldane (4-6) is scheduled to visit Rye Neck on Tuesday (Jan. 18).

The Beacon team recorded a 47-37 victory at Monticello on Wednesday (Jan. 12) behind 22 points from Reilly Landisi and 14 from Devyn Kelly.

“We played a tremendous defensive game,” said Coach Christina Dahl. “Although we played a flat third quarter, we picked up the intensity.”

On Jan. 6, the Bulldogs dropped a 36-31 decision to visiting Goshen. In that game, Landisi had 19.

“Holding them to 36 points was fantastic,” said Dahl. “Offensively, as a team, it wasn’t our night.”

Beacon is scheduled to visit Newburgh Free Academy today (Jan. 14) and host Port Jervis on Tuesday.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Beacon’s 4x800 relay team of Rubio Castagna, Sai Migliore, Jack Cleary and Evan LaBell placed eighth in 8:36 at the Millrose Games Trials at the Armory in Manhattan on Wednesday (Jan. 12), and second among Section IX teams, behind Monroe-Woodbury.

“Evan ran an excellent anchor leg,” said Coach Jim Henry. “His time [2:02.49] was his fastest indoor to date and should allow him to break 2:00 on his next attempt in the 1,000.”

Kyla Richardson also made the finals in the 55-meter run, posting a personal record of 7.9 seconds, the second-best time in the section.

“I think she’ll continue to drop that time down and show up on the radar of Section IX sprinters from now on,” said Henry.

At the Ocean Breeze Freedom Games in Staten Island on Jan. 8, Rachel Thorne and Ella Cason finished fifth and sixth in the 3,000-meter run: Migliore was sixth in the 600 meters at 1:26, the best time for that event this season in Section IX, and Damani DeLoatch was fifth in the triple jump at 40-3.

BOWLING

The Beacon boys’ team lost to Monroe-Woodbury, 5-2, before defeating Middletown by the same score and Washingtonville, 7-0. They are now 5-4. The girls defeated Monroe-Woodbury, 7-0; lost to Middletown, 5-2; and defeated Washingtonville, 7-0, to improve to 4-5.

For more sports, see highlandscurrent.org