Two Assembly Candidates Each Hope to Succeed Galef

Competing to represent district that includes Philipstown
By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong
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n discussing the issues facing the state and Assembly District 95, which includes Philipstown, two candidates hoping to succeed the retiring, longtime legislator Sandy Galef mention some of the same challenges.

But when it comes to solutions, Republican Stacy Halper and Democrat Dana Levenberg have differences.

Should Schools Change Columbus Day?
Beacon district seeks input from residents
By Jeff Simms
The Beacon school board is considering renaming Columbus Day on the district's calendar to Indigenous Peoples' Day, a movement that has gained traction nationally as a means of honoring Native American tribes who predated Christopher Columbus.

The board is asking district residents to provide input on the proposal at its meetings on Nov. 7, Nov. 21 or Dec. 12. Public comment, which is limited to four minutes per speaker, is always the first item on the agenda at meetings, which are held at 7 p.m. at Beacon High School. Input can also be submitted to bcsdboe@beaconk12.org.

Jamie Mulligan, who is the husband of City Council Member Molly Rhodes, asked the board during a public-comment session last month to consider the change. While Mulligan didn't give a reason, other

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Dutchess Sheriff Candidates on Bail Reform, Diversity
Acting sheriff and retired deputy face off
By Joey Asher
In the Dutchess County sheriff's race, voters have a choice between candidates who worked together for many years: acting Sheriff Kirk Imperati, a Republican, and his Democratic challenger, Jillian Hanlon. Both are experienced law enforcement officers who said in interviews they want to attack crime and its underlying mental health issues.

It will be the first contested race for sheriff in Dutchess County in 23 years. The winner

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Maryam Wootan, a nurse and acupuncturist who lives and works in Beacon, is a native of Iran. On Nov. 13, she will lead a dance performance at the Farmers’ Market and a musical performance at Polhill Park to bring awareness to widespread protests in the country triggered by the death of a 22-year-old woman while in custody of the morality police.

When did you leave Iran?
I knew I had to leave when I finished high school in 1997. I was filled with so much rage at the regime that the meditation that saved me was lying down on the floor of my room and imagining myself running. When I went on hikes with my girlfriends, we would be searched by the morality guards. One time they broke a cassette tape of classical music I had in my Walkman, to humiliate us. Their name, komiteh, has given me chills since I was 8 or 9 years old.

I was born a year after the revolution against the shah and the thousands of years of monarchies. Monarchy was so deeply embedded that although we revolted, my heart and my anger: Why do I have to change my path because of someone else’s bullying?

What do you remember about school?
The curriculum changed to incorporate Islamic themes. We had classes dedicated to the Quran, the Arabic language and religious studies. We had to participate in the noon prayer to get a good grade in moral-studies. We had to participate in the Quran, the Arabic language and religious studies. We had classes dedicated to the Quran, the Arabic language and religious studies. We had to participate in the noon prayer to get a good grade in moral-studies. We had classes dedicated to the Quran, the Arabic language and religious studies. We had to participate in the noon prayer to get a good grade in moral-studies.

How did this affect you?
The environment of fear surrounded us. As a teenager, if we had a party and the morality police showed up, we made sure to have cash to bribe them. Sometimes more than one group would show up in the course of a night. There were many incidents of people being jailed and receiving lashes for throwing a mixed party or serving alcohol. I remember sitting in a car with my boyfriend and having to lower my head every time a suspicious car drove by so we wouldn’t get arrested. I was covering my head with a scarf, covering my mind, my hair, my body, my identity, having half the rights of a man at any moment.

This was a country I care for so much, with such an amazing history, poetry, architecture, food, jewelry, handcrafts and scenery, and such clear-hearted and generous people. But I couldn’t stand living there. My father was a filmmaker but said that making movies in Iran was like walking a tightrope. Many of his movies were banned or heavily censored. My mom was an architect but most projects went to men and government organizations.

Have you stayed in touch with childhood friends?
More than 90 percent of my classmates live abroad: artists separated from their roots, female performers exiled. Music was the art that the mullahs could not tolerate. We used to have an amazing philharmonic concert before the revolution, we had performers and artists and creators who were ready to blossom. That’s not to mention the doctors, engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs who could have made my country a heaven to live in. They are contributing, but in other countries.

Are you hopeful about the protests taking place?
In the 23 years since I came to New York, Iran has been in the news constantly. But this movement for freedom seems to be the most global. Millions of Iranians in exile are connecting to one another. The youth, the teenagers, the ones with ticking bombs in their hearts, instead of changing their path, are walking straight toward the morality guards, with their scarves in their hands and shouting “Women! Life! Freedom!”

For the first time in my life, I am imagining what Iran would look like as part of the free world, with women enjoying the same rights as men, both enjoying respect and the wealth of a nation. Women and men hand-in-hand, songs and laughter in the streets. Artists, journalists, social activists, athletes and others working, living, creating. Foreigners visiting my country with curiosity. I have hope.
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Village endorsements

Election Day is Nov. 8, which, I realize, might be hard to miss given the contents of our mailboxes and the signs on every street corner.

Did you know that the Village of Cold Spring has candidates? Village elections are typically lively and eventful, but this season you’d be hard-pressed to know who is on the ballot and for what.

Though she is running unopposed, I encourage you to vote for Tweeps Phillips Woods in her re-election campaign. I served with Tweeps on the Village Board for four-plus months and found her to be a keen listener, smart, undramatic and sound in her thinking. She’s a strategic thinker who was extremely helpful finalizing our garbage contracts with Royal Carting and crafting a budget which didn’t dump the burden on the taxpayer. She understands the need for revenue and a long-term vision for infrastructure repairs.

Though it may be easy to glance over the village portion of the ballot, I encourage you to vote for Tweeps.

Joe Curto, Cold Spring

Trustee Woods has been a steady hand in local politics during challenging times for villagers. She has shown in her work that she is committed to making Village Hall a place that gets business done.

Her clear explanations during meetings and genuine curiosity to search for results that are best for all residents has been the type of work that every villager can appreciate and admire.

Woods’ approach to problems is both direct and results-oriented. She is not afraid to tackle tough issues head-on. When you speak to her about a concern, her answers are no-nonsense and her solutions common sense.

That’s the type of quality leadership our village needs and deserves. I look forward to casting my vote for Trustee Woods and encourage anyone who values our village and community to do the same.

Travis Pycke, Cold Spring

Transition team

In response to Michael Barr’s letter in the Oct. 21 issue, Moms for Liberty is quite the misnomer. They are actually Moms for Censorship/Book Bans. What’s puzzling is that so many conservatives, who spend much of their time these days railing about “cancel culture” and censorship, are so supportive of them.

And let’s be real — Kevin Byrne, who is running unopposed for Putnam County executive, did not choose the best people for the job for this transition team — he appointed his friends. “Many” residents of Putnam may share Byrne’s views, as Barr claims, but many don’t, and that number is growing. Any politician would be well advised to listen.

Eileen McDermott, Brewster

Looking back

The item in “Looking Back in Philipstown” (Oct. 14) about the train wreck south of Garrison in 1897 that killed 19 people — including eight Chinese workers — reflected a larger part of history. Between 1863 and 1869, about 15,000 Chinese workers completed the transcontinental railroad — 700 miles of tracks between Sacramento, California, and Promontory, Utah. More than 2.5 million Chinese citizens had come to the U.S. in 1864 after a labor shortage threatened its completion, and were paid less than American workers.

Violence toward Chinese increased in the 1870s and many sought safety by making their way to New York to find work in laundries and restaurants, and as laborers. Today’s anti-Asian racism is deeply rooted in this history. This tragic story from 125 years ago tells us so much.

Christina Moon, via Instagram

Pride flag

The recent decision by the Philipstown Town Board to decline raising Pride flags on municipal property during Pride month in June is extremely misguided and obviously rooted in fear of standing up to bigots (“Philipstown Votes to Limit Flags,” Oct. 14).

We are in the midst of a fight in our schools across the county and the country about whether we give in to bullies who are attempting to paint LGBTQ+ and BIPOC [Black, Indigenous and people of color] history and experience as inappropriate for curriculums and libraries. What the board’s recent decision has done is to bolster those bullies’ arguments tenfold.

The board members, like the members of the Cold Spring Village Board, have caved to hate groups by implicitly suggesting that the LGBTQ+ Pride flag — which is flown on federal government property and symbolizes Pride Month, recognized via an official presidential proclamation in 2022 — is somehow on par with flags that represent private groups.

The board members have admitted that their motivation for refusing to fly any flags outside of the POW/MIA, U.S. and relevant town or village flags is to avoid controversy. One resident who commented during
Beacon Budget Hearing Set
Proposal balances inflation with modest tax increase

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council has scheduled a public hearing for Nov. 7 on the proposed 2023 budget, a $33.7 million spending plan that could include a modest property tax increase for homeowners.

The budget proposes a decrease of about 11 percent in the tax rate for residential properties. However, because assessed values are up nearly 18 percent for residences, the city estimates that the average home (assessed at $400,000) will see a 2.9 percent tax bill increase, which amounts to about $80 annually. With a 10 percent tax rate decrease proposed for commercial properties, those tax bills will likely decrease by about 10 percent.

The addition of $26 million in new or improved properties to the rolls, as well as a renegotiated sales tax-sharing agreement with Dutchess County, will ease the impact on residents. The tax-sharing agreement, brokered by Mayor Lee Kyriacou, will bring more than $1 million in added revenue next year.

“The sales tax brought us a number of things,” said City Administrator Chris White. “One, we’re reducing our reliance on the fund balance. Second we’re able to continue investing in a few new positions and some initiatives. Thirdly, we’re absorbing hits from inflation, particularly in insurance and energy costs, and we were also able to mitigate the tax hike. If we didn’t have the sales tax, that would be a lot higher.”

As always, the budget is broken up into three funds: a $24.6 million general operating fund, a $4 million water fund and a $5.1 million sewer fund. The proposal includes 3 percent increases in water and sewer fees to cover inflation and fund ongoing infrastructure investments.

The city is proposing a $12.5 million tax levy, which is the total amount of property taxes it would take in. The proposal is about $400,000 less than what the state’s tax cap allows.

If approved, the budget will add two full-time positions to the city workforce — a firefighter and a water/sewer maintenance helper — as well as a part-time civilian dispatcher in the Police Department. Initiatives that would receive continued or added funding include a full-time mental health care manager in the Police Department, ambulance service, park bathroom cleaning, the continuation of the municipal compost program and expanded swimming pool hours.

Notably, the budget proposes drawing only $200,000 from the city’s fund balance, or savings. Last year the budget required $585,000 to offset the tax levy. The year before, with sales tax and other revenues lost to the pandemic shutdown, the city spent $2.3 million of its savings.

The City Council must adopt the 2023 budget before the end of the year.

LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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the meeting, and who is also a member of the Cold Spring board, went so far as to suggest it would be too problematic to have to choose between flying the Juneteenth and Pride flags, as if the option of flying both didn’t exist.

Hundreds of municipalities around the country fly Pride flags without a problem and there is a clear legal path to do so, which Putnam Pride will be sharing with all local governments in the county as a guideline for future rulings.

These recent decisions on Pride flags by the two most progressive local governments in Putnam County are a true loss for LGBTQ+ constituents and residents. Businesses and citizens can still fly Pride flags, and we hope to see more of them in response to this decision, but that does not make up for our representatives drawing a false equivalence between an internationally recognized, affirming symbol and private organizations, or attempting to pit the LGBTQ+ and BIPOC communities against one another.

Gaston Alonso, Cold Spring
This letter was assigned by Lloyd DesBrisay, Brad Gilley, Young Lee, Marko Wurm, Leonora Burton and Eileen McDermott.

Teacher burnout
As a teacher for 15 years, I was dismayed by your characterization of the solution for teacher burnout as resting upon individual teachers and their habits, rather than systemic educational issues and administrative oversight ("Are the Kids Alright?" Part 3, Oct. 21).

When Haldane Superintendent Philip Benante states that teachers need to eat right and exercise to support work-life balance, he is ignoring the greater issues that place stress upon teachers. Teachers need more prep and planning time, not extra fruit in the staff lounge. Teachers need increased autonomy to teach the way they know children know best and reduced focus on high-stakes testing.

Teachers need space to let children engage in free play indoors and outdoors, which studies show increase children’s focus, improve mood and reduce behavior issues in class — not new curricular initiatives designed to make up for “lost time” during the pandemic.

Wellness is not a day off here or there, but long-term, wraparound supports that address the daily struggles teachers face, which have only increased since the pandemic. Schools and school districts need to engage teachers in conversations about what kind of support would benefit them and their students.

Please stop perpetuating the idea that teacher burnout is a personal issue and discuss the larger institutional issues causing teachers to feel this way.

Katie Kunin, Wappingers Falls

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Here Are Your Choices

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order. In the general election, you can vote for any candidate you wish, regardless of party registration.

BALLOT INITIATIVE
Proposal No. 1
A Proposition
To address and combat the impact of climate change and damage to the environment, the Clean Water, Clean Air and Green Jobs Environmental Act of 2022 authorizes the sale of state bonds up to $4.2 billion to fund restoration, resiliency and clean-energy environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency and clean-energy projects. Shall the Environmental Bond Act of 2022 be approved?

FEDERAL
U.S. Senate
Joe Finno (R, C)
Charles E. Schumer (D)
Diane Sare (LaRouche)

U.S. House (District 17)
Kirk Imperati (R)
Colin Schmitt (D, C)
Tweeps Woods (Good Neighbors)
Michael Nesheiwat (R, C)
Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors)
Adam Hotaling (D)

U.S. House (District 18)
Jonathan Jacobson (D, WF)
Pat Ryan (R, C)
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U.S. House (District 19)
John Sarcone III (R, C)
Amy Puerto (R, C)
Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors)

State Senate (District 39)
Rob Rolison (R, D)
Julie Shiroishi (D, WF)

State Supreme Court, 9th District (Vote for 7)
The 9th District (of 13) covers Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties. Judges serve a 14-year term.

John Ciampoli (R, C)
- Private practice

Robert Cypher Jr. (R)
- Private practice, former Rye judge

Sherri Eisenpress (D, C)
- Rockland Family Court

Joseph Farea (R)
- Private practice

Keri Flore (D)
- Support magistrate, Cortland Manor

Elena Goldberg-Velazquez (D, C)
- Yonkers City Court

Michael Grace (R)
- Former Yorktown supervisor

Richard Guertin (R)
- Middletown City Court

Anne Minihan (D, C)
- Westchester County Court

Linda Murray (R)
- Court attorney, Poughkeepsie

Amy Puerto (D)
- Court attorney, Westchester

John Sarcone III (R, C)
- Private practice, Croton

David Squirrell (D)
- Putnam Legal Aid Society

David Zuckerman (D, C)
- Westchester Supreme Court

FOR VOTERS IN PHILIPSTOWN
U.S. House (District 17)
Mike Lawler (R, C)
Sean Patrick Maloney (D, WF)

State Assembly (District 95)
Stacy Halper (R, C)
Dana Levenberg (D, WF)

Putnam County Executive
Kevin M. Byrne (R, C)

Putnam County Clerk
Michael C. Bartolotti (R, C)

Putnam County Coroner (Vote for 2)
John Bourges (R, C)
Michael Nesheiwat (R, C)

Highway Superintendent
Adam Hotaling (D)

FOR VOTERS IN COLD SPRING
Trustees (Vote for 2)
Linda Murray (R)
Robert Cypher Jr. (R, C)
Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors)
Jillian Hanlon (R, C)
Kerry Maloney (R, C)

FOR VOTERS IN BEACON
U.S. House (District 18)
Pat Ryan (D, WF)
Colin Schmitt (R, C)

State Assembly (District 104)
Jonathan Jacobson (D, WF)

Dutchess County Sheriff
Jillian Hanlon (D, WF)
Kirk Imperati (R, C)

PARTY KEY: DEM = Democratic | REP = Republican | CON = Conservative | WF = Working Families

Early Voting
For Beacon
Fishkill Town Hall
807 Route 52

For Philipstown
North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Road

SAT 29: 9a – 5p
SUN 30: 9a – 5p
MON 31: 8a – 4p (Beacon)
MON 31: 9a – 5p (Philipstown)
TUE 1: Noon – 8p
WED 2: 9a – 5p
THURS 3: Noon – 8p
FRI 4: 9a – 5p
SAT 5: 9a – 5p
SUN 6: 9a – 5p

Registration
The deadline to register to vote in the 2022 general election has passed. To verify you are registered and locate your polling place, visit voterlookup.elections.ny.gov.

Results
Check highlandcurrent.org after 9 p.m. on Nov. 8 for unofficial results.

Absentee Voting
The deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail or other means has passed, although you can apply in person at the county Board of Elections through Nov. 7. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 8.

Election Results

Note: Voters who have been issued an absentee ballot may no longer vote in person on a machine, regardless of whether the ballot was submitted. However, a voter who requested an absentee ballot but did not return it can complete an affidavit ballot at the polls.

Assembly District 104 (Beacon)
Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat who represents District 104, which includes Beacon, is running unopposed for his third, 2-year term. In 2020, he defeated Republican challenger Andrew Gauzza IV, with 55 percent of the vote, including 71 percent of the vote in Beacon.

Economy
On her website, Levenberg recommends additional protections to those affected by the closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plant and “smart re-utilization” of the site to avert “an economic crisis from the loss of revenue and jobs.”

She added on Monday: “I’m working for clean air, clean water and green jobs, to bring us into a future where we are no longer dependent on fossil fuels that imperil our planet and our security. I want an economic recovery that extends to everyone, not just the ultra-rich.”

She also said that she’s “on a mission to build healthy communities in every sense of the word — environmentally, physically and mentally,” as well as economically, “all through the lens of equity.”

On her website, Halper calls New York tax rates “outrageous”; blasts the use of state funds for a new stadium in Buffalo; asserts that state Attorney General Letitia James “wants to not only fund low-income women’s abortions but wants to also fund abortions from out-of-state women”; and claims that Sen. Chuck Schumer, “whose pandering knows no bounds, gave $2 million to a religious group to build a fertility clinic,” a claim on which she did not elaborate.

Education
Levenberg said that “strong public schools are central to our communities” and that she wants “to fix the Foundation Aid formula and ensure that school districts in the 95th can be fully funded without breaking the backs of our local taxpayers” and that in overseeing town budgets, as a supervisor, and school budgets, as a school board member, she has “always found ways to stay within the tax cap” imposed by Albany on increases in property taxes.

Halper advocates that schools “prepare

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Party Lines

Assembly 95
(80,668 registered)

26% = Democrat/Working Families
48% = Republican/Conservative
22% = Various smaller parties
5% = Independents

Assembly 104
(78,431 registered)

25% = Democrat/Working Families
47% = Republican/Conservative
24% = Various smaller parties
5% = Independents

Source: NYS Board of Elections, for active voters, as of Feb. 21

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our children in math, English, languages, history and science. We cannot turn our art classes into courses in politics; or our music classes into negating all of Western music," she said. She also alleges that "as young as kindergarten our children are being indoctrinated into questioning their gender, their value as a person based on race and religion" and proposes that "all instruction that mentions gender indoctrination be banned from our schools."

Elections

Emphasizing that "we must ensure our electoral process is beyond reproach," Halper endorses requiring that every voter present identification at the polls and that absentee ballots be restricted to the elderly, disabled, military, college students and people who are out of state or country. She supports a ban on ballot drop boxes and people who are out of state or country. She argues that ballots "must be followed at all times until the final count, by officials of each party. Only in this way can we begin to have confidence again in our elections."

Levenberg accused Halper of believing "people should only be allowed to vote in person on Election Day" and accused the Republican Party of "using conspiracy theories, misinformation, voter suppression and scare-tactics to push through unpopular policies that benefit very few people." She described the GOP as having "been taken over by an extreme right-wing faction, the MAGA movement [Donald Trump's Make America Great Again] that wants to turn back the clock to a time when most people — women, the LGBTQ community and people of color in particular — had fewer rights."

On her website, Halper writes that "Sandy Gafel has occupied this seat for 30 years, admirably. However, this is not the Democratic party of 30 years ago. The new Democrats are very far left and do not speak to the everyday working people."

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Former Trustees Launch Write-In Campaign

Early and Murphy ask for Cold Spring votes

By Chip Rowe

T wo former Cold Spring trustees this week announced write-in campaigns to return to the Village Board.

Fran Murphy and Marie Early will ask voters to add their names to the Nov. 8 ballot.

There are two open seats on the five-member Village Board, held by Laura Bozzi and Tweep Woods. Both incumbents filed nominating petitions with the Putnam County Board of Elections by the May deadline and will appear on the ballot.

On Wednesday (Oct. 26) Early and Murphy issued a statement, which read, in part:

"During our seven years on the Village Board, we shared a strong work ethic and, with the rest of the board, accomplished much. Our hope was that the new administration would carry on the work we were so close to finishing.

"Unfortunately, this hasn't happened. This is incredibly disappointing. The year off has re-energized us and we need to complete what we started. Village residents will now have a choice."

The former trustees are being assisted by former Mayor Dave Merandy, who, in June 2021, dropped out of what would have been a three-way mayoral race. Early also dropped out, and Murphy did not seek re-election.

The other three seats on the Village Board, held by Mayor Kathleen Foley and Trustees Cathryn Fadde and Eliza Starbuck, will be on the ballot in 2023.

Wood's was elected in November 2021 to complete the final year of the 2-year term of Heidi Bender, who was elected in 2020 but resigned. Woods had earlier been appointed by Merandy to complete the first year of Bender's term.

Bozzi was appointed in May to replace Joe Curto, who resigned, citing health reasons. He had been appointed to fill Foley's trustee seat after she was elected mayor.

The two seats on the Nov. 8 ballot are for full, 2-year terms. To assist voters, The Current plans to ask each of the four candidates for responses to three questions and will publish their answers next week.

Michael Turton contributed reporting.
Democrats Move Rally After Security Concerns

Opponents groused online event would attract ‘Marxists’

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Democrats hosted a rally in Garrison on Sunday (Oct. 23) rather than Cold Spring after security concerns arose.

Critics online objected to the use of a village park for the event and claimed it would attract “Marxists,” “socialists” and “outside agitators.” The Democrats described it in posters and advertisements as a “rally for our rights” and push to get out the vote for the Nov. 8 election.

Citing “last-minute security concerns raised by village officials,” organizers moved the rally from McConville Park (“Tot Park”) to a private farm farther south on Route 9D, where Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, state Assembly candidate Dana Levenzvy, Putnam County Executive Janice Hogan, who chairs the Philipstown Democrats, said social media sniping was intended to support “climate action, civic action, abortion rights, voting rights and more.”

Other naysayers predicted the rally would draw non-residents intent on transforming the way of life in Philipstown. “Activists not from the area are going to try to change the school district and community,” one person wrote. “Stand up against their propaganda or they will succeed.”

Someone else cautioned that McConville Park, which includes a 9/11 memorial, “seems to be the wrong place” for a political rally.

Janice Hogan, who chairs the Philipstown Democrats, said social media sniping usually is dismissed as “just people talking.” But when the committee learned of police recommendations about the location, she said, “we don’t always know how riled up people are and what they may feel that they should do.”

She said a suggestion online that the event would “destroy” the park was “pretty out-there. And it’s exactly the kind of out-there thing that might cause people to do something really stupid. Officer Burke’s concerns were legitimate, and the concerns for the village are legitimate. And it made sense for us to not burden the village in that way.”

So they rallied down the road.

Foley said on Wednesday (Oct. 26) that the Village Board approved a permit for the group to use McConville Park, and that village officials, including Burke, “made no recommendations about the location.” She added that “officers were fully prepared to manage” security.

When the event attracted negative attention on social media, Burke scheduled additional officers “to ensure it could proceed safely,” the mayor said.

However, the mayor said she asked organizers to pay for the extra officers. Moreover, the event changed from its permitted use when political candidates were invited to speak, she said. “Village taxpayers should not be asked to subsidize the costs of security for a campaign event.”

An image that appeared in promotions for the event apparently sparked the animosity. It featured a bright blue fist, which some Philipstown Neighbors members interpreted as a reference to Communism or socialism. According to the poster, the rally was intended to support “climate action, civic action, abortion rights, voting rights and more.”

IN FOCUS: JANNIS KOUNELIS AS MENTOR

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Source: State and county health departments, as of Oct. 26, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those who have received at least one dose as of Oct. 21.
Sheriff (from Page 1)

Hanlon, who lives in Millbrook, is a Marist College graduate who became a sheriff’s deputy in 1999 after two years as corrections officer. “I’ve worked diligently to increase diversity within our agency to be more representative of the communities we serve,” Imperati said in March at the graduation of the Dutchess County Police Academy, calling the class “the most diverse group of graduates” in the history of the academy.

That class included two full-time deputies, both men, one of whom is “multiracial,” according to the sheriff’s office. The class also included seven part-time officers: two Black men, two white men, one Black woman, one Latino woman and one Latino man.

Backgrounds

Both candidates have long careers in public service and law enforcement.

“I’m everyone’s sheriff,” Imperati said. “I’m not a political person. This is a calling for me. I’ve wanted to be in law enforcement since I was in high school.”

In his 29 years with the department, Imperati has held a series of positions, including road patrol officer, detective and supervisor of crime prevention programs in local schools and organizations. Most recently, he was undersheriff, overseeing day-to-day operations at the sheriff’s office, including the corrections, civil and road patrol divisions.

Hanlon’s career included stints as a corrections officer, deputy and paramedic. “I have decades of real world experience,” she said. “I’ve talked multiple people off the ledge.”

She said they ran a school that decided to be a paramedic because of the television drama Emergency. She was hired as an ambulance driver in Hudson in 1984 and became a paramedic in Poughkeepsie in 1988. After working as a union organizer, she joined the sheriff’s office in 1996 as a correction officer and became a deputy in 1999.

Key issues

Imperati said that lobbying to reverse bail reforms tops his agenda. He expressed frustration at how quickly, under a law that took effect in January 2020 that eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies, defendants are released after being arrested.

“We call the judge, they tell us to issue an appearance ticket and our people are processing paperwork while that person is back on the street committing the same crime,” Imperati said. “It snowballs out of control where you have people committing these offenses six and seven times in one week or more and putting our community at risk.”

(According to data compiled by the state, the effects of bail reform are far less conclusive. Generally, defendants are returning to court and not being arrested again while their cases are pending at the same levels as before bail reform. However, the figures do not include town or village courts.)

Imperati also emphasized the need to fight the abuse of opioids and heroin. He said his office is putting together a response team with deputies and mental health workers to provide both policing and counseling to help people under the influence of drugs.

Hanlon agreed the department should address mental health issues. “The one thing that absolutely separates us is who is better qualified to address the mental health needs of the incarcerated, the staff and the public at large,” she said.

Imperati pointed to her own role in 2002 in helping to create the county’s Critical Incident Response Team, peer volunteers who help first responders deal with job-related stress.

Finally, Imperati said he hopes to build public confidence in law enforcement with body cameras for deputy sheriffs and correction officers.

Hanlon said she is running on an anti-crime platform that, for her, means attacking “poverty, desperation and trauma, particularly childhood trauma,” she said. “The heart of my campaign is compassion.”

In particular, Hanlon points to the need to improve management of the Dutchess County Jail, which is operated by the sheriff’s office.

“If we want to get a handle on street violence, the way to do that is to address what is going on at the jail,” she said. “We keep graduating worse criminals from our jail. If our jails have become de facto psychiatric hospitals, we need to start treating them as such.”

Hanlon says the jail is understaffed and asks its correction officers to put in too much overtime. (The jail spent $5.1 million on overtime in 2021 and budgeted $4 million in 2022, by comparison, the Sheriff’s Department spent $2.1 million on overtime in 2021 and budgeted $1.8 million for 2022.) The result, Hanlon says, is a failure to address the mental health needs of the inmates as well as the overworked correction officers.

“I intend to address the mental health needs of both the criminals and the staff,” she said.

Imperati agrees the jail is understaffed. “We have a lot of mandated overtime,” he said. While he has hired 38 full-time and 25 part-time correction officers this year, he admits that it’s hard to retain them. “It’s a revolving door,” he said.

Imperati says staffing should improve once the county replaces the jail with its Justice and Transition Center, due to open in 2024. He said the facility — which will have 328 beds in 297,000 square feet — will allow the department to improve its inmate-to-correctional-officer ratio. Currently, because the jail population has been dropping, the ratio is 1.3 inmates for every officer, he said.

Because of its more efficient design, the new facility will improve the staff ratio to 3 inmates for every officer.

Hanlon said the new facility alone will not fix the problem. “It boils down to an absence of leadership,” she alleged. “If you have the exact same toxic organization moving into a new facility, it’s like having the same hermit crab in a new shell.”

Call for entries

Pandemic Passion Projects

Dabbler and dilettantes, professionals and amateurs encouraged to participate.

This group exhibition welcomes any visual project work that kept you sane in the midst of the pandemic. Open to drawing, painting, sculpture, written word, photography, textile and crafts. Artists can show 1-3 pieces of a similar style or technique.

Submission Deadline

November 7, 2022

Open to Philistown, Beacon, and surrounding community residents. Entry is completely free to artists and they can keep 100% of their sales. This is a curated show. Not all entries will be accepted due to exhibit space size, quality of work and appropriateness for display in an all ages community space.
FALL TRADITIONS —
Youngsters at the Harvest Fest at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley on Oct. 22 found contentment in a pile of leaves. They were also entertained by storyteller Lou Del Bianco, shown at left during Monsters I Have Known, and by music from Tim Pitt, the Kitchen Table Band and the Catahoula Cajun Band.

Photos by Ross Corsae
From Fire to Festival

Pop-up pit evolves into event

By Alison Rooney

There are many explanations of the origin of the word bonfire. Most early references associate it with “bone fires,” or ossiculum. In later centuries, and in many languages, the prevailing sentiment was more akin to feu de joie, or “fire of joy.” Whichever meaning one ascribes to, nowadays most bonfires offer a communion, convivial and warm. For Christian and America Olivo Campbell, fire pits, the bonfire’s junior cousin, were a way of making it through the pandemic. Twenty people attended the first pop-up they organized, in March 2021, and they grew from there, taking place every few months in different locations.

Soon, the Beacon couple, who are producers, actors and singers and also renovating a Victorian mansion, added entertainment. More recently, they decided to throw a bonfire, music and art festival. It will take place Nov. 4 and 5, rain or shine, with 18 hours of programming at venues throughout the city such as Dogwood, the Howland Cultural Center and the Masonic Temple, as well as outdoors.

It was at a bonfire that the plan was hatched, of course, when the Campbells joined forces with Kelly Ellenwood and her husband, Tim Parsaca, and Jeremy Schonfeld, who is overseeing the music. “As a composer and pianist, he’s dialed into the extensive community of top-shelf musicians in Beacon,” Campbell says. “Kelly is our driving force and get-it-done person,” while Parsaca, who worked for Madison Square Garden for decades, is handling logistics, crew and project management.

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Playing with Tradition

Ethiopian band to perform at Howland

By Alison Rooney

A decade after its founding, Qwanqwa, a band that improvises on traditional African instruments, is finally bringing its music from Ethiopia to the U.S. After a two-year-delay because of the pandemic, the four Ethiopians and one American who comprise the group are in the middle of a 23-state, 48-date tour, which includes a performance at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon at 8 p.m. on Nov. 5 that’s sponsored by Fridman Gallery.

Qwanqwa translates as “language” in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia; its members chose the name because of their goal of “creating musical dialogues between cultures.” Their instruments include masinko (a one-string fiddle), the lyre-like bass kkrar boom and kebero (a goat-skin drum).

The repertoire that we draw from are public domain melodies and chants from ceremonies,“ she explains. “We pull them apart, extend them. We’ll start with the melody and it becomes a noisy solo, without any notes. We innovate using tech pedals. We are playful onstage. We latch onto benchmarks in our songs. We have arrangements, but no one reads music. We know the next song on the set list but it can start in many unplanned ways.”

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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

COMMUNITY

SUN 30 Castle to River Run
GARRISON
8 a.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenside Dr. | 845-424-4618
ultrasignup.com/register.
asp?sid=9747
Registration opens at 8 a.m. and the half-marathon ($80) and off at 9 a.m., a 5K at 9:30 a.m. ($35) and a children’s costume 1 mile (free) at 10:30 a.m.

SUN 30 Dedication of Northcutt Hall
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Florence Northcutt, a volunteer and board member since 1994, will be honored with the renaming of a hall at the center.

TUES 1 Community Conversation
GARRISON
8 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 90 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Join a discussion about what the community needs and how the Desmond-Fish Public Library can help. Also 7 p.m. THURS 3 via Zoom.

FRI 4 Veterans Day Ceremony
GARRISON
10 a.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 90 | 845-424-3689 | jgsufi.org
Veterans and community members are invited to celebrate together in the gym, after which the PTA will host a breakfast for veterans in the Learning Commons.

FRI 4 Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival
BEACON
5 – 11 p.m. Various | beaconbonfire.com
More than 100 performers and artists will stage acts at venues and galleries. There will also be activities on Main Street. See Page 11. The website has a schedule. Also SAT 5. Cost: $20, $39 or $129

SAT 5 Rabies Vaccine Clinic
CARMEL
10 a.m. – Noon. Veterans Park
201 Gipsy Trail | 845-808-1390 x43160
putnamcynv.com/health
Bring a dog, cat or ferret for a free rabies vaccine. Proof of residency and prior rabies shot required.

THURS 3 Ice Cream Social & Volleyball
COLD SPRING
5:30 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive | haldaneschool.org
Following an ice-cream social in the cafeteria, students will take on faculty members in a friendly volleyball game at 6:30 p.m. in the gym to benefit the Class of 2024. Cost: $2 each ($8 bulb)

THURS 3 Sustainable Craft Night
GARRISON
6 p.m. DesmonDFish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Turn plastic bags into “plarn” for a weaving project. Registration required.

FRI 4 Young Writers’ Workshop
COLD SPRING
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Students in grades 5 and up are invited to receive guidance and feedback on any writing project from a published author. Registration required.

SAT 8 Andrea Davis Pinkney & Brain Pinkney
GARRISON
2 p.m. DesmonDFish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
The author and artist will receive the Alice Curtis Desmond Award for Excellence in Children’s Literature in recognition of their more than 20 books, including a biography of Duke Ellington and Let it Shine: Stories of Black Women Freedom Fighters. Andrea will read and Brian will demonstrate his technique.

TALKS & TOURS
SAT 29 All About Bulbs
PHILIPSTOWN
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Stonecrop
11 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org
Find out everything you need to know to grow plants from bulbs in your yard, garden and indoors. Cost: $60 ($40 members)

FRI 4 Caroline Clowes
POUGHEEPSIE
1 – 5 p.m. Locust Grove Estate
2683 South Road | igny.org/calendar
Twenty-five paintings of animals, along with dozens of sketches, by one of the first professional women artists will be on display in Fertile Ground, an exhibit organized by the Dutchess County Historical Society. Through Dec. 30. Cost: Free
**SAT 5**  
**BeaconArts Member Exhibition**  
**Beacon**  
4 – 6 p.m. Ethan Cohen Fine Arts  
211 Fishkill Ave. | beaconarts.org  
This multimedia exhibition will include work by more than 60 artists. At the opening reception, Donna Mikkelson will perform a live drawing and Donna Minkowitz will read from her work.

**MUSIC**

**SAT 29**  
**Jacob Aviner**  
**Beacon**  
7:30 p.m. Reserve Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | reservewinebar.com  
The singer and songwriter will play his original music.

**SAT 29**  
**Acoustic Alchemy**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The contemporary jazz band is a three-time Grammy nominee. Cost: $45 ($50 door)

**MON 31**  
**Jazz Session**  
**Beacon**  
8:30 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.  
facebook.com/quinnsbeacon  
Nico Soffiatto, Josh Deutsch and other musicians will perform as part of Quinn’s weekly jazz series.

**THURS 3**  
**Le Vent du Nord**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The Quebec band will perform francophone folk with a global twist. Cost: $30 ($35 door)

**FRI 4**  
**Chris Pierce**  
**Cold Spring**  
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org  
The singer and songwriter will play music from his latest release, 40 Jukebox. Cost: $25

**FRI 4**  
**The Gibson Brothers**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
Leigh and Eric Gibson will play music from their latest release, Mockingbird, a mix of country and soul. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

**SAT 5**  
**Maeve Gilchrist**  
**Putnam Valley**  
7:30 p.m.  
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
845-528-7280  
tompkincorners.org  
The harpist, singer and composer will perform music from her most recent recording, Harpweaver, based on a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay. Cost: $20

**SAT 5**  
**Qwanga**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
The five-piece Ethiopian string band will perform traditional music. See Page 11. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

**SAT 5**  
**Rhett Miller**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
Best known as the lead singer of the alternative country band, Old 97’s, Miller will play music from his latest solo album, The Messenger. Cost: $30 ($35 door)

**SAT 5**  
**The Association**  
**Peekskill**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
This “sunshine pop” band, which had hits in the late 1960s with “Cherish,” “Windy” and “Never My Love,” will perform. Cost: $35 to $50

**SAT 5**  
**Dead Unicorn**  
**Beacon**  
9 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.  
facebook.com/quinnsbeacon  
The band will play music from its latest release, Overboard. Black Mesa will open.

**SUN 6**  
**The Joni Project**  
**Beacon**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
Katie Pearlman and her band will perform the music of Joni Mitchell. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

**SAT 29**  
**Hocus Pocus Parade**  
**Beacon**  
2 p.m. Main Street  
Line up at the Welcome Center for a walk to the Roundhouse, where there will be drinks, treats and music waiting. The rain date is SUN 30.

**SAT 29**  
**28th Annual Parade**  
**Cold Spring**  
4:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Church  
facebook.com/coldspringhalloweenparade  
Line up on the church lawn in costume. Pets welcome. The parade will proceed west on Main Street to the bandstand at the riverfront.

**SAT 29**  
**Undead Bazaar: Carnival of Terror**  
**Beacon**  
6 p.m. – 1 a.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane  
This adult event will include live music, a DJ, costume contest and an oddities exhibit, sideshow and funhouse.

**SAT 29**  
**The Wolfman**  
**Cold Spring**  
7 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org  
At this screening of the 1941 film, Cold Spring resident Timothy Haskell and his production company, PsychoClan, will provide an immersive experience with organic music and appearances by a Wolfman. Also SUN 30. Cost: $20

**SAT 29**  
**Green With Hunger**  
**Beacon**  
7:30 p.m. High School  
101 Matteawan Road  
beaconplayers.com  
The Beacon Players will perform a play about the Wicked Witch of the West adapted by a local horror writer, Meghan Arcuri, from her short story of the same name. Also SUN 30. Cost: $5

**SAT 29**  
**Boo at the Zoo**  
**Bear Mountain**  
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo  
3006 Seven Lakes Drive  
trailsidezoo.org  
There will be activities throughout the day, including pumpkin decorating, crafts, games and face-painting. Children are welcome to come in costume.

**SAT 29**  
**I Spy Seavenger Hunt**  
**Cornwall**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive | hhm.org  
845-534-5506 x204  
Register to enjoy this hunt on the trails. Cost: $10 (free ages 2 and younger)

**SAT 29**  
**An Evening of the Macabre**  
**Beacon**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org  
Annalyn McCoy, Twinkle Burke, Dimitri Archip, Elizabeth Murphy, Gail Winford, Ryan Dunn and Frits Zernike will read parts of “The Tell-Tale Heart,” “The Raven” and other tales by Edgar Allan Poe. Cost: $15 ($20 door)

**SAT 29**  
**Rocky Horror Picture Show**  
**Peekskill**  
8:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
The Apoca-Lips Cast will lead the audience engagement during this 1975 cult classic starring Susan Sarandon, Tim Curry and Meat Loaf. Cost: $12

**SUN 30**  
**Kids’ Dance Party**  
**Beacon**  
11 a.m. – Noon. Farmers’ Market  
223 Main St. | beaconfarmersmarket.org  
Costumes encouraged.

**SUN 30**  
**Boo at the Zoo**  
**Cold Spring**  
4 – 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Ridge  
There will be activities for the kids’ trick or treating as a fundraiser for senior class events. Cost: $5 per child

**MON 31**  
**Trunk or Treat**  
**Cold Spring**  
3:15 – 4:15 p.m. Haldane High School  
halldaneschool.org  
Members of the Class of 2023 will decorate the trunks of their cars for trick or treating as a fundraiser for senior class events. Cost: $5 per child

**MON 31**  
**Spookytown**  
**Cold Spring**  
4 – 5:30 p.m. Chestnut Ridge  
Children ages 5 and younger are invited to trick or treat.
Bonfire (from Page 11)

“If it needs to be built or unbuilt, he’s the man,” Campbell says.

The organizers hope to spark “conversation, curiosity and collaboration.” They chose the name “in a nod to the revolutionary fire that burned on top of our mountain and gave the city its name, a beacon that celebrates the need we have as humans to come together, to tell our stories and to be inspired. Come gather around our fire and be in Beacon.”

The Campbells moved to Beacon in 2016 from Hell’s Kitchen — “skipped Brooklyn,” says Campbell — and were quickly converted. “We were taken, taken, taken with Beacon,” he says. “Since then, we’ve had about 10 friends move here.

“My dream eventually is that people embrace the idea of setting up their homes as venues,” he adds. “That would be an opportunity to get visitors off Main Street to see the other sides of Beacon.”

The Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday (Nov. 4) and begin at noon on Saturday (Nov. 5). Admission varies by venue, or a two-day pass is available for $39 ($19 for students and seniors, or $129 with swag) at beaconbonfire.com.
Top Tuber
By Celia Barbour

This week’s recipe has become such a familiar part of my autumn and winter days that I hardly think of it as a recipe at all — any more than you would think of adding butter and jam to toast as a “recipe.” However, when I served it as part of a simple lunch spread not long ago, my guests were so delighted with and curious about it that I thought it might be worth sharing.

I first encountered Japanese sweet potatoes at the Union Square Greenmarket more than 20 years ago. A brilliant, Korean-born farmer named Nevia No grew them at her New Jersey farm, now called Bodhitree. Everything she brought to the market was a delectable revelation, each vegetable so lovingly tended and raised that it completely humbled me regarding my own overwrought contributions to the success of my recipes. (I am not alone in my admiration; New York Magazine dubbed her “Greenmarket Goddess” in 2010; Medium compared her farming to an aria.) Nevia introduced many new vegetables to New York’s chefs, and thus to American dining.

It was Nevia who first urged me to try the unfamiliar, deep-purple-red tubers she’d begun to grow. She described the flesh of Japanese sweet potatoes as firm, mild and dry; more like chestnuts than like the cloying sweetness. To the aforementioned smoked paprika, I’ll sometimes add a faint sprinkling of cinnamon. I’ve also tried spice mixes, like Ras el Hanout, Indian garam masala and Chinese five-spice powder. Ditto for some people glaze their Japanese sweet potatoes in honey or maple syrup, but to me that drowns out their natural, gentle sweetness. To the aforementioned smoked paprika, I’ll sometimes add a faint sprinkling of cinnamon. I’ve also tried spice mixes, like curry powder or za’atar. But my new favorite way to eat them is dipped in a sauce of yogurt mixed with orange zest and cardamom and pumpkin-heads out there.

Roast Japanese Sweet Potatoes with Spiced Yogurt Dipping Sauce

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Gently scrub the potatoes. Cut into ½-inch slices and toss with the olive oil, salt and pepper. (They will oxidize and start to turn gray as you slice them; it’s a harmless reaction and will disappear once they’re cooked.) Arrange on a baking sheet lined with parchment or a Silpat, and cook until golden on the bottom, 20 to 25 minutes; if using the paprika, sprinkle it over the slices about 5 minutes before they are done. Serve warm or room temperature with cardamom-orange-yogurt dipping sauce.

Cardamom Orange Yogurt Sauce

Combine all ingredients in a small bowl.
Crowds Cause Chaos
Cold Spring bombarded on Saturday (Oct. 22)
By Michael Turton

The weekend was “way beyond what we’ve seen before,” resident Dan Valentine said during the public comment period. “All these people coming in, leaving garbage for us to clean up, and we’re not seeing any benefits to the village.”

Valentine, who served on Cold Spring’s Parking Committee, urged the board to implement Main Street metered parking and the residential parking program the committee developed last year.

“And at least this time of year it may be beneficial to bring back a Highway Department worker or seasonal employee to help bag up garbage on weekends,” Valentine said.

Foley said the previous administration didn’t take into account spacing near crosswalks required by the state for pedestrian safety.

“That changes the calculation of the number of metered parking spaces,” Foley said, an issue Trustee Eliza Starbuck is working to correct.

She said increased parking revenue is essential, especially since Seastreak cruises haven’t visited Cold Spring as often as planned this year, which will reduce the docking fees paid to the village.

She added that in place of the occupancy tax being added to short-term rentals in the village will improve tourism revenue. The mayor said she hopes progress can be made on the Parking Committee’s recommendations by springtime.

Lloyd DesBrasay, a resident of the lower village, said trash is a problem most of the year there and advocated more bins.

Foley said putrid cans at the far end of the dock have clustered at the most problematic area, next to the boardwalk. A compacting trash bin is being donated but she said it will not be in place until next season.

Foley said the owner of Moo Moo’s ice cream shop has not responded about having the shop assist with emptying trash bins, a practice that has been adopted by some Main Street shopkeepers. Moo Moo’s produces large amounts of trash but has only one small bin on the premises, she said.

For more news from the Village Board’s Oct. 26 meeting, see highlandscurrent.org.

Columbus Day (from Page 1)

than to say he believes “it is wise for us to consider it,” many school districts have weighed similar requests. In some cases, the debates have become highly charged.

In the Hudson Valley, the New Paltz and Onteora (Ulster County) and Nyack (Rockland County) districts have changed their calendars to recognize Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Last year, public schools in New York City announced the same change but, after pushback, renamed the holiday “Italian Heritage Day/Indigenous Peoples’ Day.”

The school board in Randolph Township, New Jersey, last year voted unanimously to rechristen Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples’ Day but, after hearing from angry parents, agreed a month later to remove the names of all holidays from school calendars, instead referring to each of them as a “day off.”

Parents in the district then circulated a petition demanding that the superintendent and members of the school board resign. If the Beacon board decides to make the change, its decision would only apply to the district calendar, New York State and the federal government recognize the holiday, observed on the second Monday in October, as Columbus Day.

Beacon Superintendent Matt Landahl said during the board’s Sept. 27 meeting that studying the history of Indigenous people who lived in the Highlands could also be integrated into schools’ curriculums. That’s “the point of all this” discussion, he said. “We do some things already, but there’s more to be done, for sure.”

The holiday commemorates the landing of Columbus, an Italian explorer, on Oct. 12, 1492, in the “New World.” However, Native American tribes have lived in what is now the U.S. for thousands of years before his voyage.

Their subsequent displacement makes it difficult to trace territorial lines, but Mohican, Wappinger, Munsee Lenape and Schaghticoke people were believed to be living in the Highlands before European colonization.

In 1683, Francis Rombout and Gulian Verplanck purchased 85,000 acres of Wappinger land in what is now Dutchess County for about $1,200 worth of trade goods, including wampum, guns, gunpowder, cloth, shirts, rum, tobacco and beer.

According to the Mount Gulian Historic Site, it’s unknown whether the Wappinger people understood that they were giving up the land permanently. Twenty-two Native American leaders made marks on the deed, but they didn’t know how to write in English.

Around 1730, Gulian Verplanck, a grandson, built a home on the land that is now part of the historic site. The Madam Brett homestead in Beacon was also built on former Wappinger land.

NEWS BRIEFS

Garrison Adds Putnam Valley as Option
Graduates in 2023 will have three choices

The eighth-grade graduates at the Garrison School will have three choices for high school in the fall of 2023: Haldane in Cold Spring, O’Neill in Highland Falls or Putnam Valley.

At its meeting on Wednesday (Oct. 26), the Garrison school board approved adding Putnam Valley in what board member Kent Schacht called “a foundational change for our school.”

Garrison educates students through the eighth grade, after which it pays tuition for those who attend a public high school. The board recently reached a one-year agreement to pay Putnam Valley $16,500 per student, said Superintendent Carl Albano. The board could put a referendum on the May ballot to allow the districts to agree to longer-term deals.

After voters this year approved a proposal that allows Garrison to make a longer-term deal with O’Neill, the districts agreed on a price of $16,500 per student that can increase by 2 percent per year or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Haldane, which would like to increase the amount it charges Garrison to the maximum allowed under a state formula, agreed to accept $16,500 per student for the Class of 2023 so the districts can continue negotiations.

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Cold Spring Musical Chairs

Shops shift on Main Street

By Marc Ferris

Property owners and store proprietors have always moved the chess pieces around, but as the fog of COVID-19 lifts, significant changes are coming to Main Street in Cold Spring.

Two of the tenants displaced by the recent sale of 81 Main St. — the building adjacent to Village Hall that housed the Knights of Columbus Hall, Cape Cod Leather, Cold Spring Sweets and Vintage Guitars of Cold Spring — will bring a dry goods retail store west of the railroad tracks.

Down and across the street, in the block between Depot Square and Doug’s Pretzel Pub, the jeweler Lewis & Pine opened in September at 38 Main St. and Cold Spring Apothecary opened this month at 40 Main after making the move from 75 Main at Rock Street. It occupies nearly half of the 6,564 square feet that has been empty since the story brick home built in 1845 and renovated in 2009 as office space, was in turn-key condition, said Laikin. One nice touch is a stained glass panel above the doorway.

They wanted to keep everything under one roof, just as they had at 81 Main. When properties in Beacon failed to pan out, the odds seemed slim that they would find anything with retail space as well as a kitchen and space for refrigerators that Ginsberg requires with earthy aromas; the candy shop occupies the ground floor devoted to goods made by women.

But things gelled when a friend, Angie Laikin, a real-estate entrepreneur who lives in Newburgh, began looking for an investment property in the village. Mary’s husband, Elliott Zaslansky, who died last year, sold Ginsberg his first guitar in 1975.

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The new owners of 81 Main, which was listed for $689,000, are a professional couple who plan extensive renovations to return the 2,856-square-foot space to its former grandeur, said Jonathan Miller, a broker at JonCar Realty in Beacon who handled the sale. The upper floor will become an apartment with exposed brick and a soaring ceiling. New retail will occupy the ground floor, he said.

Mary Zaslansky, who owns Cape Cod Leather, and Bobby Ginsberg, who runs Cold Spring Sweets and Vintage Guitars of Cold Spring, which had to leave 81 Main, have been friends and business partners for years. Mary’s husband, Elliott Zaslansky, who died last year, sold Ginsberg his first guitar in 1975.

Property owners and store proprietors have always moved the chess pieces around, but as the fog of COVID-19 lifts, significant changes are coming to Main Street in Cold Spring.

Two of the tenants displaced by the recent sale of 81 Main St. — the building adjacent to Village Hall that housed the Knights of Columbus Hall, Cape Cod Leather, Cold Spring Sweets and Vintage Guitars of Cold Spring — will bring a dry goods retail store west of the railroad tracks.

Down and across the street, in the block between Depot Square and Doug’s Pretzel Pub, the jeweler Lewis & Pine opened in September at 38 Main St. and Cold Spring Apothecary opened this month at 40 Main after making the move from 75 Main at Rock Street. It occupies nearly half of the 6,564 square feet that has been empty since the story brick home built in 1845 and renovated in 2009 as office space, was in turn-key condition, said Laikin. One nice touch is a stained glass panel above the doorway.

They wanted to keep everything under one roof, just as they had at 81 Main. When properties in Beacon failed to pan out, the odds seemed slim that they would find anything with retail space as well as a kitchen and space for refrigerators that Ginsberg requires with earthy aromas; the candy shop occupies the ground floor devoted to goods made by women.

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Something You Don’t Know About Me

Dinky Romilly

By Peter Stevenson

Constancea “Dinky” Romilly’s story is typical, perhaps, in only one way: When the pandemic erupted in early 2020, she and her husband, Terry Weber, fled Manhattan to take up residence in the mountain top retreat in Philipstown they have owned for more than 20 years.

The rest of her story is unusual. She grew up with five aristocratic aunts and a famous mother: Jessica Mitford, best known for her books such as the memoir Hons and Rebels (1960) and The American Way of Death (1963), an expose of the funeral industry.

Dinky’s mother and aunts, known as the Mitford girls, were raised as well-born wildlings in the English countryside outside Oxford and over the decades have been the subjects of a groaning shelf of documentaries and biographies. Besides Jessica, the best-known was Nancy Mitford, author of the novels The Pursuit of Love and Love in a Cold Climate. The most infamous were Unity Mitford, who became a close friend of Adolf Hitler, and Diana Mitford, who married fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley.

As a girl, Dinky says, her mother (known as “Decca”) was close to Unity. “Unity decided she was a fascist, so my mother decided that she was going to be a communist. They had these little competitions as girls where they would take their diamond rings and engrave hammers and sickles and swastikas in the windows” of Swinburne, the family home.

Dinky, 81, shares the progressive politics of her mother, who died in 1996. “Right now, I’m involved in building a new chapter of the NAACP for Putnam County,” she says. “We just got chartered. You’ll be hearing more about us to deal with some of the issues that are already going on in some of our schools, for example teaching the real history of the U.S., not the fake history.”

Dinky was not close to her maternal aunts or cousins, in large part because her mother, as a teenager, distanced herself. Decca eloped at 18 with her second cousin, a left-wing journalist and nephew of Winston Churchill named Esmond Romilly. After traveling to Spain in the late 1930s to fight with anti-fascist forces there, the newlyweds moved to the U.S., floating between Greenwich Village, Miami and Washington, D.C. While pregnant with Dinky, Decca attended the 1940 Democratic national convention in Chicago with a friend, Virginia Durr, a civil rights activist whose husband, Clifford Durr, would represent Rosa Parks.

They sat with the Texas delegation, Dinky says. “My mother had morning sickness, and they would joke that the Democratic donkey was kicking up a fuss. So, they called me the ‘Dinky Donkey.’ That’s where my nickname came from, from drum Texas at the 1940 Democratic convention.”

Dinky never knew her father. A navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he died in 1941 at age 23 when his bomber went down over the English Channel. A navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he died in 1941 at age 23 when his bomber went down over the English Channel. A navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he died in 1941 at age 23 when his bomber went down over the English Channel. A navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he died in 1941 at age 23 when his bomber went down over the English Channel. A navigator with the Royal Canadian Air Force, he died in 1941 at age 23 when his bomber went down over the English Channel. Dinky relocated from D.C. to San Francisco, where she worked for the Civil Rights Congress and remarried. Dinky’s stepfather, Bob Treuhaft, was a lawyer who fought against police brutality against Black people and represented union members. Dinky graduated from Oakland Technical High School.

As for her mother’s notorious sisters and their gilded world, “they were storybook people to me,” she recalls. “I knew some of the vague outlines. But I wasn’t raised that way. I was raised in this lower middle-class neighborhood with these parents who were radical activists who were threatened with jail, deportation and so on.

“We couldn’t travel,” she says. “First of all, my parents couldn’t get passports because they were communists. And we could never have afforded to; there was no money. The vacations we took were driving. We would drive to New Mexico, to some sort of a wilderness camp, or we would drive down to Mexico, to Cuernavaca.”

Dinky came east to attend Sarah Lawrence College but found herself miserable (she had never visited and thought the school was in New York City, not small-town Bronxville). She dropped out to become a fundraiser and coordinator for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in Atlanta, which was fighting racial discrimination. She wrote news releases and worked the phones to drum up coverage.

“As a white person in a Black organization, one does whatever one’s asked to do,” she recalls. “Our office was open 20 hours a day, with the time difference on the West Coast and even going over to Europe. It was all to attract the attention of the news media; that’s what life was all about in those days.”

While at SNCC, Dinky fell in love with its executive secretary, Jim Forman, who would become a prominent figure in the civil rights movement; they had two sons: James Forman Jr. is a professor at Yale Law School and Chaka Forman is an actor in Los Angeles. Jim Forman died in 2005.

When Dinky was in her early 20s, Decca decided it was time for her daughter to meet the extended Mitford family. Decca’s sister, Deborah “Debo” Mitford, had become the Duchess of Devonshire and lived in a 300-room castle in Derbyshire, where her daughter Emma — Dinky’s cousin — was to be married.

Decca refused to go to the wedding because Diana Mitford would be there — the sister who in 1933 married the fascist leader; that wedding took place in Berlin at the home of Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels, with Hitler as a guest of honor.

Decca, however, was fond of her sister Debo. She told Dinky she could not be rude to Diana, although she didn’t have to be nice.

Was there a moment in the castle when Dinky wished her mother hadn’t turned her back on her aristocratic upbringing? Not at all, she says. “For me, what I was doing in civil rights was the logical thing that one does with one’s life. We lived then, and we live now, in a situation of gross inequity and inequality and starvation and oppression.

“If you believe in dialectical materialism, you know that history goes in a spiral. So, at any particular moment, you might be in a more elevated situation than you were before, but you’re passing over the same problems you passed over before.”

“We used to sing about how freedom is a constant struggle. Equality is a constant struggle. There were moments of terror: If you’re about to be beaten or arrested, it’s very scary. But if you know you’re right, and you know this is what one must do in life, then you just carry on.”

In a new episode of The Current podcast, Peter Stevenson speaks with Dinky Romilly about her famous mother and the fight for Black civil rights in the 1960s. See highlandscurrent.org/podcast.

NOTICE

Applications for Short Term Rentals in the Village of Nelsonville are now available.

Applications can be found on the Village website at https://www.nelsonvilleny.gov/short-term-rentals and are available at Village Hall, 255 Main Street.

Applications for Class A permits are due by November 7, 2022 for the January 1, 2023 start date, however applications will be accepted on a rolling basis as permits are available. There is no limit on the number of Class B permits but applications must be submitted at least 2 months prior to expected rental.

Please contact the Village Clerk at (845) 265-2500 or villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov with any questions.

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EMAIL: villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 8th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in person at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516

This meeting will also be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Conservation Board Meeting November 2022.
Fourth-Grade Artist Creates Bestseller

Zines by Haldane student sell out at Split Rock

By Violeta Edwards Salas

Zephyr Wayland began taking art classes at Supplies for Creative Living in Cold Spring and found one of her passions in a course for bookmaking. Now Zephyr, a fourth-grader at Haldane Elementary, is the author of two bestselling zines at Split Rock Books.

First popularized by sci-fi fans in the 1930s, zines (pronounced zeens) proceed with the bookstore. Zine artists are exhibiting at festivals and being carried at libraries and bookstores. Zine artists are exhibiting at places like the annual NY Art Book Fair and July is celebrated as International Zine Month.

She writes poems, mostly about animals, with drawings that fit her theme and vision. She colors in the drawings and adds finishing touches before making copies and folding. She sold out the 40 copies she made of Cat and Dog.

“In my free time, all I do is draw and sketch.” Zephyr said. “I really want to be an artist,” Zephyr said. “I really want to be an artist.”

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First popularized by sci-fi fans in the 1930s, zines (pronounced zeens, from fanzines) are self-made and self-published booklets that typically contain art and writing. Often made using copiers and printers, and stapled together or folded, they can touch on anything, such as activism and poetry to music and cats.

Grace Lo, the owner of Supplies for Creative Living, suggested Zephyr sell her zines at Split Rock. On July 29, Cut reached second place on the bestseller list for children’s books compiled every other month by The Current from sales at Split Rock and Binnacle Books in Beacon. Her zine Dog topped the list on Sept. 30.

Each zine sold for $1 and Zephyr split the proceeds with the bookstore.

“I thought it was a joke,” she said about her response when asked about selling her zines at Split Rock. “But they said it was serious, so I tried it.” Zephyr’s zines are made using a single piece of paper that is folded into a booklet.

Zephyr Wayland, a fourth grader at Haldane Elementary, with her zines

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Life Under the Leaves

By Pamela Doan

I was an early adopter of the “leave-the-leaves” approach to the fall landscape, easily convinced that gas-powered leaf blowers were polluting and unnecessary and that the time-consuming task of managing leaves on a heavily wooded property was damaging and futile.

As I’ve created more habitats for insects, birds and wildlife, I’ve become more curious about what and who is around and why they show up.

There’s a lot going on in what looks and sounds like a quiet yard out there. Beneath the leaves, in the soil, in the crevices of decomposing logs, invertebrates are finding their places to survive the winter.

By now, if you’re still insisting on a clean-swept lawn while all the evidence points to the necessity of leaf cover, this column probably won’t change any minds. For others who are simply following the pervasive culture of 40 million acres tended by American lawn owners, maybe understanding what’s at stake will help shift your practices.

First, understand that a layer of leaves doesn’t kill the grass underneath unless it’s thick, like more than 2 inches. A thick, matted layer of more than 2 inches left on the lawn is a significant barrier to moisture movement and can kill the grass underneath unless it’s removed frequently.

One of the largest steps to helping the environment is to allow leaves to stay on the lawn. These leaves can provide energy for pollinators, birds and many other plants.

Many of which provide pollination for the flower stalks to the ground and maintain a 6- to 8-inch border, instead. The dead seed heads also make a great food source for birds.

I love watching finches feasting on the globe thistle (Echinops spp.) seeds. While not native to our area, this thistle is a great source for pollinators and birds, and not invasive. Stalks from Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Joe-pye weed and many other plants will suffice, too.

Finally, here is a rundown of what else to do with your leaves while you’re leaving them alone.

• Mulch into the lawn while mowing to add organic matter to the soil and prevent moisture loss.

• Allow landscaped beds to be covered in leaves. The plants will find their way through the spring.

• Let leaves be mulch around trees and shrubs to add organic matter to the soil, retain water and suppress weeds.

• Use leaves in the compost pile as a “brown,” a carbon-rich ingredient.

• Wait until late spring to move leaves around if you have to, but remember that there is always something living in that ground cover and try to disturb it as little as possible.

Now go enjoy the time that you aren’t spending on a lawn service.
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**Puzzles**

**CrossCurrent**

**Across**
1. Creche trio
5. Sheep’s cry
8. Espy
12. Optimist’s credo
13. Steal from
14. Texas city
15. Lost traction
16. Madam Secretary memoirist
18. Dutch exports
20. Spanning
21. Demolish, in Dover
22. Jungfrau, for one
24. Tirana resident
28. Blathers
31. Meadow
32. Seafood selection
34. Gangster’s gun
35. Lincoln in-law
36. Tuna type
39. Sneaky chuckle
41. Son of Adam and Eve
42. You can count on it
45. Seduce
49. Prince of Monaco who is Grace Kelly’s son
51. Shark variety
52. Check
53. Rm. coolers
54. Baby carriage
55. Golf stroke
56. Belly
57. Eyelid woe

**Down**
1. Fine spray
2. Rights advocacy org.
3. Author Sheehy
4. Prime Minister Gandhi
5. Cabbage, broccoli and the like
6. MSN rival
7. “Waterloo” group
8. Making spiral patterns
9. Samoan port
10. Phil of folk music
11. Youngsters
12. — Victor
13. Skillets
14. British nobles
15. Flight stat
16. Zodiac cat
17. Vice
18. Mother Teresa, for one
19. Standard

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. carried a load (6)
2. one out for a run (6)
3. like a very large home (8)
4. loud wail (4)
5. musical theater guru Stephen (8)
6. fictional tome (5)
7. one’s vocabulary (7)

**SudoCurrent**

Answers for Oct. 21 Puzzles

For interactive sudoku and crossword answers, see highlandscurrent.org/puzzles.
FOOTBALL
After getting outplayed in the first half, Haldane shook off the cobwebs and outscored Putnam Valley 24-0 in the second to pick up a 32-21 victory on Oct. 22 in Cold Spring.

Evan Giachinta scored on a 4-yard run in the second quarter and ran for the 2-point conversion to put the Blue Devils up 8-0. But Putnam Valley responded with three scores, including a 30-yard interception return by Ricky Meister and a 5-yard TD run by Thomas Cunningham, to take a 21-8 halftime lead.

“We got off to a slow start,” said Coach Ryan McConville. “At halftime the guys knew we weren’t playing well, so they stopped pointing fingers and we talked about making plays.”

Haldane’s defense stiffened and the offense found its rhythm. Luca DiLello picked up a fumble and returned it 38 yards for a score to make it 21-14, and quarterback Ryan Van Tassel scored the 2-point conversion on a run. Van Tassel followed with a 1-yard run in the fourth quarter (Dylan Horan ran for the conversion) and Giachinta delivered the final blow with a 15-yard run, after which Van Tassel ran for the conversion.

“Putnam Valley opened the second half with a fumble, and Luca’s scoop-and-score got us going,” McConville said. “Thomas Andrews got his first career interception, which led to another score, and our defense — led by Jake Mason, Erik Stubblefield and Dylan Rucker — picked it up. “We did a much better job blocking and tackling in the second half and got big performances from Giachinta, Brody Corless and Horan, and two freshmen — Tomas Simko and Merrick Williams — both stepped up.”

Giachinta finished with 113 yards on 18 carries and Van Tassel added 38 yards on 12 carries and 3 of 9 passing for 27 yards. On defense, Van Tassel and Andrews each had interceptions for Haldane.

The Blue Devils (5-2) play their final regular season game Saturday (Oct. 29) at 1:30 p.m. at Croton-Harmon (2-5), then are scheduled to take on undefeated Tuckahoe for the Section I, Class D championship at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 11 at Mahopac High School. The two schools have the only Class D teams in the section so face each other every season for the title.

The Tigers were ranked on Oct. 26 as the third-best Class D team in the state by the New York State Sportswriters Association, while the Blue Devils received an honorable mention.

Beacon lost to Lourdes, 45-0, at home on Oct. 21 to finish its season 0-7.

BOYS’ SOCCER
Beacon, seeded second in the Section IX, Class A tournament, defeated No. 4 Cornwall, 3-0, on Thursday (Oct. 27) for its second straight sectional title.

They reached the championship by edging No. 3 Goshen, 1-0, on Tuesday. The rivals played nearly 77 minutes of scoreless soccer at Beacon High School before the Bulldogs delivered a dramatic game-winner.

For most of both halves, Beacon had the better of possession and scoring opportunities — Andre Alzate drilled a dead-on blast that Goshen’s keeper caught cleanly, and another shot in the second hit the post — but neither team could score.

With 3:21 remaining in the game, Alzate got another chance, and this time the Bulldogs senior captain delivered as he was falling to the ground, getting his right foot on a ball as the goalie dove to stop it. The score was assisted by Gavin Ladue.

The Bulldogs defense had a strong game, with keeper Matt Sandison needing to make only three saves. Goshen had only one loss all season, to Beacon. It also had one tie, also to Beacon.

“It was very evenly matched throughout,” said Coach Craig Seaman. “Matt played an excellent game and both of our center backs — Gavin Ladue and Thomas Robinson — were excellent. Liam Murphy was excellent. Goshen is big, strong and physical, and I thought our guys in the middle did a great job with that.”

Beacon (11-3-2) advances to regional competition, where it will face the Section IV champion.

Haldane (13-3-2) received the No. 1 seed in the Section I, Class C playoffs and a bye into the title game at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday (Oct. 30) at Lakeland High School. The Blue Devils will face No. 2 Hamilton (16-5-2), which defeated Lefbell on Thursday.

GIRLS’ SOCCER
No. 3 Haldane picked up a 2-0 victory over No. 2 Lefbell on Wednesday (Oct. 26) in the Section I, Class C semifinal, which was delayed for five hours and moved from Lefbell to Edgemont High School because of a muddy field. The Blue Devils will face No. 1 Tuckahoe (12-3-3) at 8 p.m. on Saturday at Nyack High School for the sectional title.

Finola Kiter scored both goals for the Blue Devils (6-10) on assists by Sara Ferreira and Chloe Rowe.

Beacon received the No. 4 seed in the Section IX, Class A tournament and blanked No. 5 Walkill, 2-0, last week on goals by Reilly Landisi and Olivia Del Castillo before falling on Monday (Oct. 24) at No. 1 Goshen, 3-0. The Bulldogs finished the season 11-5-1.

VOLLEYBALL
Haldane (4-12), the No. 11 seed in the Section I, Class C tournament, put up a fight at No. 6 Valhalla on Thursday (Oct. 27) before falling in five games (25-22, 14-25, 25-21, 17-25, 5-15). Valhalla advances to face No. 2 Blind Brook.

Haldane lost its final two regular season matches last week — falling to Putnam Valley, 3-1 (16-25, 25-21, 25-16), and Pawling, 3-0 (16-25, 13-25, 10-25). Against Putnam Valley, the team recognized its seniors: Mikayla Santos, Jillian Weinpahl, Madeleine Knox, Kate Jordan, Maddy Gardepehe and Megan Farrell.

Beacon lost to Falmouth twice and Monticello but defeated Goshen to finish the regular season at 9-9. In a 3-1 loss at PDR on Tuesday (Oct. 25), Kiki Rodriguez had four aces, Demi Sela had 11 digs, Mikayla Sheehan scored six kills and Allison Thomas had 17 assists. Against Goshen, the Bulldogs recognized their seniors: Sela, Sheehan and Sydney Jones.

CROSS-COUNTRY
The Beacon boys placed eighth of 25 teams at the regional championship last week held Oct. 21 at Bear Mountain. Henry Reinke was 21st in 17:09.4 and Jack Twining was 22nd in 17:10.4 following a strong game, finishing under 19 minutes for the first time.”

“Tra ry was reasonably happy with the eighth-place finish,” Coach Jim Henry said. “We saw some big improvement from our 4 and 5 guys [Castagna and Gupta], with each running under 19 minutes for the first time.”

Beacon will return to Bear Mountain on Nov. 2 for the Section IX championship.

Haldane hosted a cross-country meet on Tuesday (Oct. 25) on the property of the Philipstine Recreation Center and Highlands Country Club in Garrison, competing against Hendrick Hudson.

The boys won with Conrad White, John Kissingler, James Frommer and Brendan Shanahan finishing second through fifth. Oliver Petkus rounded out the scoring in 10th place.

Hendrick won the girls’ competition. For Haldane, Helen Nicholls finished fourth, Andria Vasconcelos was fifth, Tyler Schacht eighth and Ada Caccamise ninth.