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Two Teams in Final Four

Haldane, Beacon boys' soccer have shots at title

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon and Haldane high school boys' soccer teams made history last week when each advanced to the final four of the state tournament — but both must get past undefeated opponents to play for a title.

Beacon (13-3-2), which competes in Class A, is scheduled to take on Section III champ Christian Brothers Academy of Syracuse (20-0-1) at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 12) at Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley.

Haldane (16-2), which plays in Class C, will face Section V champ Avon (21-0) at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday at Goshen High School.

The winners of each match will compete for a state title on Sunday in Middletown. The Class A game is scheduled for 1 p.m. and the Class C game for 3:15 p.m.



Beacon's Avery Davis (14) fights for possession along the sideline at Yorktown High School on Nov. 5 during a win that sent the Bulldogs to the final four. Photo by S. Pearlman

Beacon qualified for the final four on Nov. 5 with a 2-0 win over previously undefeated Yorktown on the Cornhuskers' home field.

The Bulldogs shocked the large home crowd — and their opponents — 58 seconds into the match, when Andre Alzate sent a strong pass right across the goal to Jack Philipbar, who was in perfect position to finish.

Feeding on that early momentum, the Bulldogs clamped down on defense, with keeper Matt Sandison making an incredible save on a penalty kick and stopping a number of other point-blank shots.

"I saw the ball going through the middle halfway through my dive," Sandison said (Continued on Page 24)

Lawler, Ryan Win House Seats

- Maloney out after 10 years
- Ryan wins district that includes Beacon
- Levenberg succeeds Galef in Assembly
- Rolison wins state Senate seat
- Write-ins fall short in Cold Spring

By Chip Rowe

U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Democrat from Philipstown who has represented the Highlands in Congress since 2013, on Wednesday morning (Nov. 9) conceded his race to Republican challenger Mike Lawler.

An anticipated "red wave" of Republican wins in the U.S. Senate and House did not materialize nationally, but there was a ripple locally, with Republicans taking two of three Hudson Valley congressional districts that had been held by Democrats, bolstering their chances of regaining control of the House. The state Senate seat that represents the Highlands also remained Republican.

Before redistricting based on 2020 census data, District 17 was held by Mondaire Jones, District 18 (including Philipstown and Beacon) by Maloney and District 19 by Antonio Delgado, all Democrats.

On Tuesday, the new Districts 17 and 19 flipped red, with Marc Molinaro, the Dutchess County executive, winning the seat vacated by Delgado this year when he became lieutenant governor.

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PAINT IT BLACK —Yin Mei, a Chinese American artist, choreographer and dancer, used her hands and feet to paint "Living Lines" at the Ethan Cohen Gallery on Nov. 5 during the inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival. For more photos, see Page 17. Photo by Ross Corsair



Mike Lawler and his wife, who live in Rockland County, took their daughter with them to vote on Nov. 8. Campaign photo

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ANTHONY LASSITER

By Leonard Sparks

Anthony Lassiter is a lifelong Beacon resident who, on Thursday (Nov. 10), received a Beacons of History award from the historical society in recognition of his decades of community service.

Is it fair to say the first community you served was the country?

That's an accurate statement. I was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967 and assigned to the Presidio in San Francisco after boot camp. I was sent to Vietnam in April 1969 as part of a combat engineering group, the 28th Engineering Brigade, based in Vinh Long. On Aug. 25, 1969, I was riding in the bed of a dump truck outfitted with an M60 machine gun when a rocket-propelled grenade hit. Two men died, another lost an eye and I was injured, along with a third soldier, by shrapnel. After the service, I thought about staying in San Francisco, but decided to put my roots down in Beacon in November 1969. I'm happy I did.

When did you start volunteering?

When I got out of the service. I joined the American Legion and VFW [Veterans of Foreign Wars]. At IBM, where I worked, they supported volunteerism and wanted you to



Photo by Nancy LeVine

get out in the community. I have also volunteered for the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor. I served on the Beacon Planning Board for 15 years and now I'm on the Housing Authority board. I coached Little League Baseball and basketball. I was treasurer for the Lions Club for years but stepped down for health reasons. I worked at the food pantry at St. Andrew Episcopal Church but also had to pull back from that. I've met and worked with some fantastic people.

What are some of your most rewarding experiences?

Serving on the Planning Board and managing the Housing Authority's two complexes, Forrestal Heights and Hamilton Fish Plaza. Both facilities got high recognition for management from the state and federal government. I think we're doing a great job.

What helped you escape the problems so many returning veterans face?

I had a great support system. I met my wife when I got out of the service, and she's been instrumental in me moving forward. She's a very kind, giving person, a loyal, loyal companion. We've been married 50 years and I don't know what my life would have been like without her. And I've been proud of both of my sons. So, I had a really good family structure.

Why is service so important to you?

I've had a very good life and it meant a lot for me to give back to the community where I was born and raised and try to help people who are less fortunate than I was. When we do things for veterans — like we go to the Castle Point VA Medical Center and put on a picnic for the veterans — it just does my heart good.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Would you be a good teacher?

"I'd be God-awful at chemistry but good at theater arts."



Michael Mell, Cold Spring

"I could teach people computer skills but not psychology or math."



Caroline Salaki, Cold Spring

"I'd be terrible at math unless it involved a tape measure, but good at art."



Matt Kinney, Beacon

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

The election

A million thanks to *The Current* for another great season of covering all the issues, candidates, events and propositions that a voter needs to stay informed. What invaluable, comprehensive work; regardless of which candidates win this year, democracy wins another day when voters can turn to reliable journalism like this.

Neighbors, there are hardworking, talented reporters behind every word illuminating this year's political landscape. Please support *The Current* in its many vital endeavors.

Jacqueline Foertsch, *Philipstown*

I voted early today [Nov. 6] in Putnam County. I was very pleased to see, as I looked around my polling place, that there were no signs of voter fraud or election tampering going on. None obvious, anyway. I was very relieved to see that, since, as we all know Trump and many other Republicans are claiming that rampant rigging of elections is going on.

I asked the poll workers if there was any fraud or corruption going on and they said, "No! Absolutely not here in Putnam County." Maybe it's just Putnam County that is clean as snow and the rest of the nation is a cesspool of election fraud and corruption as Trump and others of his ilk would like us to believe.

I can't wait for the results to start coming in. When the Republicans are found to be winning, it will be as it should be. But when Democrats are found to be winning it will be: "Rigged!" "Massive fraud!" "Corrupt Democrats fixing the election!" I can't wait for the poison to start flowing.

Nicholas Kuvach, *Putnam Valley*

Beacon gas

Wisdom bids us to not abandon what we have unless, and until, we can obtain something better ("Beacon Council Members to Propose Gas Ban," Nov. 4). I understand that the electric power grid has little, if any, excess capability to substitute for the loss of natural gas power.

If the time comes when there is enough power generated to make the transition to an all-electric future seamless, then it will be time to reconsider the use of natural gas. It is fine, as an intellectual exercise, to consider what may be to come but as a practical matter we must act only on what we know works in the here and now.

William Cornett, *Beacon*

And you wonder why your Central Hudson electric bill is so high. Thank those politicians for all they do to restrict your choices. Closing the Indian Point nuclear plant and stopping a new electric power facility in Newburgh are adding to an electric shortage and higher prices.

Before mandating how and what you can use in your home, why not build the power grid up first by adding new nuclear power plants and other sources? Stop forcing your visions on the whole community.

Charlie Symon, *Beacon*

As much as we need to effect changes to preserve our environment from ongoing climate change, we can't simply throw out one system and impose one that is not yet ready to supply the masses.

But I do think the time is coming when we will be able to do so, and so the idea that we should put rules into place for future development is a wise, not foolish, one. Old tech-

nology will be grandfathered in; no one is going to rip your gas stove out of your home.

Mary Fris, *Beacon*

Cold Spring race

Thank goodness the current administration rode into Cold Spring to clean up the mess. Based on one trustee candidate's comments in the Nov. 4 issue, the village was a dysfunctional dystopia before the current board's arrival.

There is no doubt that the current board has done some good things over the past year. But, for a board that espouses neighborliness, continuing to denigrate the previous board is anything but neighborly. Regardless of who wins on Tuesday, residents deserve a board that is transparent, non-autocratic, values the opinions of all residents equally without disdain and respects village rules.

Walter Ulmer, *Cold Spring*

Hunting rules

Great article on mushroom foraging ("Out There: Eyes of the Woods," Nov. 4). However, the rule of thumb you shared — "if you can't hunt deer there, you can't hunt mushrooms" — is not that helpful for our area. It is perfectly legal to hunt deer in the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve and Fahnestock State Park, but it is illegal to forage for mushrooms.

Brian Rubino, *via Facebook*

The editor responds: To clarify, if you're not sure you can forage, but you know you can't hunt deer, you probably can't forage. The rule of thumb is not that if you can hunt, you can forage. But now we're dizzy.



Election Results (from Page 1)

Molinaro's deputy, William O'Neill, will become county executive on Jan. 1 and serve for a year; the position will be on the November 2023 ballot.

Knocking out Maloney, the chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, was a prize for the GOP. The Congressional Leadership Fund, a political action committee devoted to electing Republicans, spent millions of dollars on video ads and flyers in District 17, attacking Maloney on crime and supporting Lawler.

Maloney countered by dubbing Lawler "MAGA Mike" and portraying him as a protégé of former President Donald Trump. As in other races, each candidate claimed he was mainstream and his opponent represented the extreme.

In the end, Lawler won, by 3,200 votes among more than 278,000 cast. Maloney was strongest in Westchester County but could not overcome deficits in Dutchess, Putnam and Rockland.

U.S. House (District 17)

	TOTAL	PUTNAM
✓ Lawler (R, C)	140,833	23,730
Maloney (D, WF)	137,633	16,466

"I don't like to lose," Maloney said at a news conference on Wednesday. "But my opponent won this race, and he won it fair and square. ... I'm deeply grateful to the people of the Hudson Valley for giving me their voice and their vote in Washington for 10 years. I'm not going to whine about it. I'm going to do this the right way. And the right thing to do is to say the other guy won, to wish him well and to pledge my support."

On the House results in general, he said: "House Democrats stood our ground. And we believe Nov. 8, 2022, will be a signature day in American political history, and, we hope, the high watermark of some of the anger and the division that we have dealt with this entire cycle from Jan. 6 on through. And we hope for something better for our country."

As of Thursday, Democrats were projected to maintain their 51-50 advantage in the Senate (with Vice President Kamala Harris as a tiebreaker) but cede control of the House, where Republicans needed to gain just five seats. Because of a number of close races, the Republican's margin (if any) may not be known until next week, but the party's quest to retake the House was aided by four seats it flipped in New York, including by Lawler and Molinaro.

In the race for House District 18, the Democratic candidate, Pat Ryan, held off Colin Schmitt, the Republican candidate, by fewer than 2,200 of 266,000 votes cast. Although absentee ballots postmarked by Election Day can still arrive into next week to be counted, they are unlikely to change the result, and Schmitt conceded at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

U.S. House (District 18)

	TOTAL	DUTCHESS
✓ Ryan (D, WF)	131,301	48,699
Schmitt (R, C)	129,128	45,048

"After a hard-fought campaign, the people of our district made their choice and



Rep. Pat Ryan campaigned on Monday morning (Nov. 7) at the Beacon train station.

Campaign photos



Dana Levenberg celebrated with fellow Democrats at a rally on election night.

I respect their decision. I wish the best for Pat Ryan and hope he will do great things for our Hudson Valley families," Schmitt said in a statement. "I thank my wife, Nikki, my family, friends, supporters and team for all their dedication and commitment given to this campaign. We left it all on the field and I am proud to have been in the arena fighting for my home community."

Ryan currently represents District 19. He defeated Molinaro in a special election in August to fill Delgado's seat through the end of the year.

STATE SENATE

Julie Shiroishi, a Beacon resident running as a Democrat, lost her bid for the District 39 state Senate seat that will include Beacon and Philipstown. With all precincts reporting, Rob Rolison, the Republican mayor of Poughkeepsie, was victorious, 51 to 45 percent. He is a former Town of Poughkeepsie detective and Dutchess County legislator who is in his second term as mayor.

"While the outcome was not what we hoped, I am proud of all we achieved in such a short time," Shiroishi said in a statement.

"I have zero regrets and am truly humbled to have received so much love and support. This morning, I called our new senator-elect to congratulate him and wish him well. This is where I am raising my family and I want him to succeed so our communities can thrive."

State Senate (District 39)

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Rolison (R)	57,125	41,305	4,431
Shiroishi (D, WF)	49,937	34,711	5,008

Sue Serino, a Republican from Hyde Park, had represented the Highlands since 2017 in the state Senate's District 41, but redistricting changed its boundaries to only include northern Dutchess and she lost to Michelle Hinchey, who represents the (old) 46th District.

State Senate (District 41)

	STATE	DUTCHESS
✓ Hinchey (D, WF)	72,149	15,952
Serino (R, C, Ind.)	65,599	18,337

STATE ASSEMBLY

Dana Levenberg, the Democratic candidate, easily won the seat for District 95, which includes Philipstown, over Stacy Halper. She will succeed Sandy Galef, a Democrat who will retire after holding the seat for three decades.

Levenberg, who has a bachelor's degree in international relations from Brown University, is a former advertising and TV producer. She served nine years on the Ossining school board and is in her fourth term as the Ossining town supervisor. She also worked for eight years as chief of staff for Galef, who endorsed her.

"I look forward to serving you in the state Assembly and building on the legacy of my mentor, Sandy Galef, who has exemplified good government for all of us for nearly 30 years," Levenberg said in a statement. "She leaves large shoes to fill, but I feel well prepared to step into this office."

State Assembly (District 95)

	TOTAL	PUTNAM
✓ Dana Levenberg (D, WF)	21,331	3,117
Stacy Halper (R, C)	14,645	1,806

Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district in the Assembly includes Beacon, ran unopposed for a third term.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Executive

✓ Kevin M. Byrne (R, C)

Clerk

✓ Michael C. Bartolotti (R, C)

Coroner (Vote for 2)

✓ John Bourges (R, C)

✓ Michael Nesheiwat (R, C)

Legislative District 5 (Lake Carmel, Hamlet of Carmel, Patterson)

Greg Ellner will succeed Carl Albano (R), who could not run because of term limits.

✓ Greg Ellner (R)	2,748
Maureen Fleming (D)	1,596

Legislative District 6 (Southeast)

✓ Paul Jonke (R)

Legislative District 9 (Town of Carmel, Mahopac)

Neal Sullivan, the incumbent, was removed from the Republican primary due to flaws in his nominating petitions but allowed to remain on the Conservative line.

✓ Erin Crowley (R)	2,889
Neal Sullivan (C)	597

State Senate District 40

Pete Harckham, the incumbent, won a third term. The district includes eastern Putnam, southeastern Dutchess and northern Westchester.

✓ Pete Harckham (D)	64,869
Gina Arena (R)	50,533

State Assembly District 94

The district is represented by Kevin Byrne (R), who ran unopposed for Putnam County executive. It includes eastern Putnam and Yorktown in Westchester County.

✓ Matthew Slater (R)	32,063
Kathleen Valletta (D)	17,607

COLD SPRING

Trustees (Vote for 2)

Former trustees Marie Early and Fran Murphy ran as write-in candidates. The early results did not indicate which write-in candidate received how many votes.

✓ Laura Bozzi (Good Neighbors)	587
✓ Tweeps Woods (Service Party)	606
Write-in box	153
Write-in box	117

PHILIPSTOWN

Highway Superintendent

✓ Adam Hotaling (D)

DUTCHESS COUNTY

Sheriff

Kirk Imperati won a full term after taking

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New Law Quickens Results

Republicans fail in bid to stop early counting

By Leonard Sparks

The general election in New York state in 2020 stood out for two reasons: the expansion of absentee voting because of the pandemic and significant delays in reporting results as elections boards had far more mail-in ballots to process.

This year is different because of a new state law that allowed elections boards to count absentee ballots before Election Day.

When the polls closed on Tuesday (Nov. 8), Putnam County's board had already verified and counted the 2,183 absentee ballots that it had received and included those votes in its unofficial results. The board sent out 3,192 ballots, so expects to receive more by the Tuesday receipt deadline.

"The new law absolutely is a help to getting all the votes tallied on election night," said Catherine Croft, the Democratic commissioner. "I don't miss the old way of opening absentee ballots a week after Election Day, especially if there is a close race."

The law set aside a requirement that absentee ballots be counted within 14 days after the election. Boards now validate

ballots within four days after they are received and can begin counting the day before the start of early voting.

It also prevents people who received absentee ballots from voting using a machine on Election Day. Instead, they could fill out an affidavit ballot.

The law faced a late court challenge from Republican officials, including Erik Haight, one of Dutchess County's two elections commissioners.

Although the new way of counting ballots had been tested in the June and August primaries, the Republicans plaintiffs questioned the constitutionality of the process.

They argued that the prohibition on casting ballots by machine on Election Day if an absentee ballot had been submitted deprived people of their right to change their minds about candidates.

A state Supreme Court judge sided with the Republicans, but an appeals court overturned the ruling, saying the plaintiffs had waited too long to sue because more than 127,000 absentee ballots had been returned and processed, and because invalidating the law would cause significant delays in counting ballots.

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Election Results *(from Page 5)*

over as interim following the death last year of Adrian "Butch" Anderson, who was elected sheriff in 1999 and subsequently won five, 4-year terms without opposition.

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.

He was challenged by Hanlon, who began her career as a corrections officer in 1997, became a sheriff's deputy in 1999 and retired last year.

✓ **Kirk Imperati** (R, C) 63,460

Jillian Hanlon (D, WF) 45,752

STATEWIDE VOTES

Proposal No. 1

The proposition, which appeared on the back of the ballot, asked voters to authorize New York State to issue up to \$4.2 billion in bonds to "fund environmental protection, natural restoration, resiliency, and clean energy projects." At least \$650 million will be spent on water quality and resilient infrastructure, \$1.1 billion on restoration and flood reduction, \$1.5 billion on climate change mitigation and \$650 million on open space conservation and recreation.

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Yes	3,414,347	65,775	21,589
No	1,653,195	40,402	15,961

U.S. Senate

Chuck Schumer won his fifth term, which will make him the longest service senator from New York (Daniel Patrick Moynihan served four terms.) He defeated Joseph Pinion, a conservative commentator was the first Black person to receive a major party backing for the U.S. Senate in New York.

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Charles Schumer (D, WF)	3,187,140	55,554	16,548
Joe Pinion (R, C)	2,440,427	55,348	23,528
Diane Sare (LaRouche)	25,690	554	152

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Budget for the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 will be adopted on November 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN
Tara K. Percacciolo, Town Clerk
DATED: November 9, 2022

Governor/Lt. Governor

Kathy Hochul, who took over when then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo resigned in August 2021, became the first elected female governor of New York. She defeated Lee Zeldin, a four-term House member who represents the eastern two-thirds of Suffolk County on Long Island but will leave office Dec. 31.

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Hochul/Delgado (D, WF)	3,019,290	53,855	16,010
Zeldin/Esposito (R, C)	2,694,086	58,424	24,557

Comptroller

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Thomas DiNapoli (D, WF)	3,181,081	57,082	16,937
Paul Rodriguez (R, C)	2,402,420	53,626	22,960

Attorney General

Letitia James won a second term, defeating Michael Henry, a Queens lawyer. When James took office in January 2019, she was the first Black woman elected to statewide office and the first Black and first female attorney general in New York.

	STATE	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM
✓ Letitia James (D, WF)	3,046,972	54,529	16,085
Michael Henry (R, C)	2,566,875	56,434	23,994

STATE SUPREME COURT (9TH DISTRICT)

The 9th District (of 13) covers Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties. Judges serve a 14-year term. The seven candidates who received the most votes were elected.

- John Ciampoli (R, C) - *Private practice*
Robert Cypher Jr. (R) - *Private practice, former Rye judge*
✓ **Sherri Eisenpress** (D, C) - *Rockland Family Court*
Joseph Farca (R) - *Private practice*
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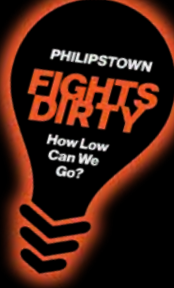
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Wide Angle

E-bike Encounters

Editor's Note: This week we introduce a column by Stowe Boyd, a Beacon resident who specializes in the economics and ecology of work and the "anthropology of the future." It will focus on the local impacts of larger trends.

By Stowe Boyd

In June 2021, the actor Lisa Banes, best known for her role in the film *Gone Girl*, was hit and killed by an e-bike on a Friday night while she crossed the street near Lincoln Center. The driver, who fled, pleaded guilty to manslaughter.



I had my own scary encounter recently with an e-bike on Main Street in Beacon. A car stopped for me to use the crosswalk; the impatient rider couldn't wait and sped around, missing me by about two steps. A driver going the other way was so concerned he pulled over to ask if I was alright. An e-bike is a bicycle with an electric motor and battery. In New York state, they are treated by the law as bicycles, rather than motorcycles; you don't need a driver's license or insurance. Some e-bikes only assist the rider while pedaling and

others will run without pedaling, but all legal e-bikes max out at 25 mph. There are commercially available e-bikes that operate at higher speeds, but these are (nominally) illegal in New York.

The e-bike that nearly clipped me on Main Street seemed to be going faster than 25 mph, but who knows? At the least, he was breaking the law. Like bikes without motors, e-bikes can't use the sidewalks, nor can bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates and other "human-powered or motorized vehicles." (Note: Wheelchairs, walkers, baby strollers, tricycles for children under age 7 and electric scooters are exempt if used "as a necessary means of ambulation.") Fines up to \$150 can be given to those violating the rules and their vehicles impounded, which I think recognizes the degree of danger involved.

I've seen dozens of infractions to this law, especially people riding bicycles on sidewalks, but have never seen anyone stopped or ticketed.

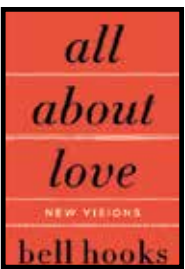
I'm seeing more e-bikes in Beacon, but they haven't reached a critical mass where they are creating widespread problems. Lt. Thomas Figlia of the Beacon Police Department did some digging and said that, year to date, officers had responded to four crashes that involved bicycles (none with pedestrians), and two were reported after the fact. Further, he said, the department had received only a single complaint about a bicyclist violating traffic laws.

Cold Spring's traffic regulations make no mention of e-bikes, or bicycles, for that matter.



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for September and October by Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon, and Split Rock Books, 97 Main St., in Cold Spring.



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	1	Jessi's Secret Language		Ann Martin
	2	Nico Bravo and the Trial of Vulcan		Mike Cavallaro
	3	Gustavo, the Shy Ghost		Flavia Drago
	3	Nico Bravo and the Hound of Hades		Mike Cavallaro
	5	Frizzy		Claribel Ortega
ADULT	1	All About Love: New Visions		Bell Hooks
	1	Radical Candor: Be a Kick-Ass Boss Without Losing Your Humanity		Kim Scott
	3	In the Dream House: A Memoir		Carmen Maria Machado
	4	It Came from the Closet: Queer Reflections on Horror		Joe Vallese (ed.)
	5	The Passenger		Cormac McCarthy
	5	Bliss Montage: Stories		Ling Ma

Clearly, my near-collision on Main involved the violation of traffic laws, but since e-bikes are unlicensed, how would I go about reporting it?

Even with that close call, I still think e-bikes and e-scooters are a positive development:

- They decrease emissions by replacing car travel for short trips.
- They make bicycling easier but still a workout.
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But e-bike riders should still get tickets.

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Philipstown Fears County May Abolish Sales-Tax Sharing

Supervisor also suggests revamping emergency services

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board last week focused on money matters — the pending 2023 budget; the budget that Putnam County just adopted; the possible termination of a sales-tax sharing plan the same year it began; and the expense, and potential revamping, of emergency services.

At the board's Nov. 3 formal monthly meeting in Town Hall, Putnam Legislator Nancy Montgomery reported on the \$179 million budget approved 8-1 by the Legislature on Oct. 28. The panel's sole Democrat, Montgomery represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley and cast the lone "nay" vote. (See Page 10.)

In crafting it, legislators used a process "so insulting" to citizens, Montgomery said. Decisive meetings occurred on Friday nights and she said she found "the tone not conducive to public comment. It seems to be the norm in Putnam County — just really wanting to shut down public comment."

While acknowledging that Putnam's budget does not raise taxes, she observed

that Dutchess and Westchester drafted budgets that cut taxes and that Dutchess wants to promote affordable housing, invest more resources in fighting drug addiction and support other social services. "Impressive things are happening in other counties," she said.

She said she sought to increase funding for mental health because "we're in the middle of a crisis," not just in Philipstown but county-wide.

Supervisor John Van Tassel mentioned having good interactions with Kevin Byrne, the state Assembly member who will become Putnam county executive in January after running unopposed. Montgomery, a Democrat like Van Tassel, also reported positive relations with Byrne, a Republican.

But Van Tassel cautioned that, according to Byrne, Putnam will likely rescind its nascent Share the Growth program, developed at the urging of Town Board Member Jason Angell, Cold Spring Trustee Eliza Starbuck and officials in other municipalities and endorsed by outgoing County Executive MaryEllen Odell.

Unlike most counties in New York, Putnam does not distribute sales-tax revenue to the localities where it is collected. In July, the county Legislature unanimously agreed to pass along any sales tax that exceeds what the county collected the

previous year. The Legislature also pledged \$5 million upfront, divided among municipalities, with \$369,670 for Philipstown, \$101,671 for Cold Spring and \$31,945 for Nelsonville.

The Legislature also unanimously approved a similar distribution of federal American Rescue Plan relief, in comparable amounts.

Byrne suggested that instead of sharing sales tax, Putnam can supply services, Van Tassel said.

"I'm going to hold him to it," the supervisor promised. "We need services," particularly for handling tourism. He said that unhappy residents demand that elected officials deal with the crowds and disruption, although "there's nothing we can do. We can't close the gates. We can't stop people from getting off the train. We can't close Route 9. The county needs to step up and provide us with some assistance. We are the tourist draw for Putnam."

It seems "we won this \$5 million" in sales tax for municipalities this year, but "it's a one-time [thing]," Angell said.

The board said it would attempt to rally other communities to advocate Share the Growth. "I don't think it should just go away without a fight," Van Tassel said.

Emergency services

Addressing another financial concern, Van

Tassel revived the concept of merging — to some degree — the town's emergency services, which consist of four fire departments, five firehouses and two ambulance corps.

"I'm very thankful for the emergency services," he said. Nonetheless, he continued, they cost nearly \$2.8 million annually, about \$1 million more than the ambulance corps and town-wide fire department in Putnam Valley, which has a fairly compact area but larger population than geographically "enormous" Philipstown.

"It may be time that [Philipstown's] ambulance corps either combine or consolidate, or go into one of the firehouses," Van Tassel said. "I'm not saying we need to consolidate. But I think there needs to be some alternative thinking, because we cannot just continue, year after year, increasing the budgets. It's time to figure out a way that we can do this, either at the number we're at, or even reduce it, and not lose any service."

About a dozen years ago, the Town Board commissioned a study that recommended consolidating the six agencies into one administrative entity, while preserving the firehouses. The proposal went nowhere when intense opposition arose. "We nearly were killed!" Van Tassel recalled. At present, though, "there's a lot of cooperation" among agencies and innovations might be considered, he said.



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State Releases ‘East of Hudson’ Plan

Suggests changes to parkland in Dutchess, Putnam

By Brian PJ Cronin

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has released a draft of its next “East of Hudson” management plan, which outlines proposed actions to be taken over the next 10 years in the nearly 6,700 acres that the agency manages in Putnam, Dutchess and Westchester counties.

The suggested changes include:

Mount Beacon (Dutchess)

The Mount Beacon Fire Tower is the property of the DEC, although it is located in the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve, which is managed by the state Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The report suggests that ownership be transferred to state parks.

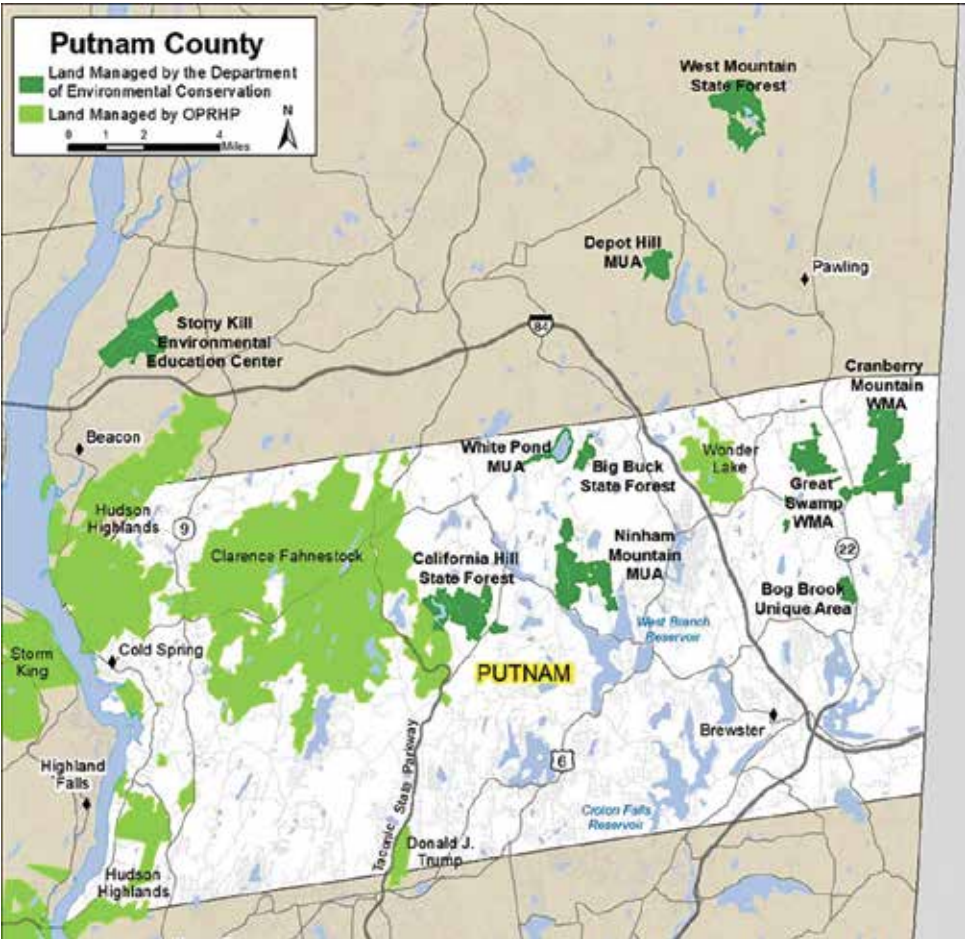
California Hill State Forest (Putnam)

In 2017, the state acknowledged the existence of an unauthorized 10-mile system of mountain biking trails on this 982-acre state park near Kent. Under agency regulations, “no part or portion of the trail network can be designed to accommodate an exclusive use by a single user group.” Working with the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the DEC has begun reworking the trails with the goal of using them as the foundation of a 7-mile system accessible to mountain bikers, hikers and hunters.

The plan proposes continuing this work as well as enlarging the parking lot at the trailhead. The DEC also recommends the construction of two camping sites at the western shore of Pudding Street Pond that would be accessible only to paddlers. (The pond is closed to motorized boats.)

Ninham Mountain (Putnam)

In 2019, the state began mitigation efforts to deal with extensive arsenic contamination



A DEC map shows the parks it maintains in Putnam and southern Dutchess counties.

tion from abandoned mines at this Town of Kent site. Aside from updating the fire tower at the summit, the DEC suggests that no infrastructure be built because the land has been added by the Environmental Protection Agency’s to its Superfund registry of heavily polluted sites.

However, the state does not suggest the mountain be closed. Signage at trailheads urges hikers to stay on the trail because of the contamination, and “the public can choose to recreate at the property at their discretion.”

White Pond/Big Buck State Forest (Putnam)

Although these two sites are adjacent in the Town of Kent, accessing both at the same time currently would require going off trail. In addition to improving their parking lots, the DEC proposes a trail from the summit of Big Buck Mountain that trav-

els west and connects to the White Pond trail, which would be extended around the pond from its south shore.

West Mountain State Forest (Dutchess)

In 2021, the DEC downgraded the Pawling Lakes Estates Dam from low to medium hazard because of erosion. For \$1.4 million, the dam could be rebuilt, the proposal notes. Or, for \$150,000, it could be intentionally breached, allowing the upstream area to “naturally redevelop.”

The advantage of the latter plan, besides being a one-time expense that would negate any further maintenance, lies in the fact that the pond, while on DEC land, can only be accessed by residents of Pawling Lakes Estates. “Maintaining a public infrastructure asset that is directly accessible to a private community and not to the public is an inefficient use of state resources,” says the report.

How to Give Feedback

The East of Hudson plan is online at tinyurl.com/eastofhudson. An information session will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 22 at the Town of Kent Courthouse, 25 Syblis Crossing, Carmel. During the first hour, members of the public can speak with DEC staff. That will be followed by a presentation of the plan and the opportunity to make public comments. The deadline for written comments is Dec. 22. They can be emailed to R3.UMP@dec.ny.gov.



The DEC is proposing an update of the fire tower on Ninham Mountain in Kent, which is still accessible despite arsenic contamination on-site. Photo by B. Cronin

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS

PUTNAM COUNTY	DUTCHESS COUNTY
Number of cases: 29,434 (+123)	Number of cases: 79,289 (+376)
Positive tests, 7-day average: 6.3% (+0.2)	Positive tests, 7-day average: 8.2% (-0.7)
Percent fully vaccinated: 75.5	Percent fully vaccinated: 71.0
Cold Spring: 86.6 Garrison: 81.4	Beacon: 66.8
Number of deaths: 136 (0)	Number of deaths: 710 (+3)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Nov. 9, with totals since pandemic began and change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those people who have completed the initial series of vaccines as of Nov. 4. It does not include boosters.

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Dutchess: Molinaro Proposes \$560 Million Budget

Plan cuts taxes, spends on housing and mental health

By Leonard Sparks

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro on Nov. 1 proposed a \$560.4 million operating budget for 2023 that will cut property taxes and add new spending on affordable housing and mental health and substance abuse treatment services.

Under his proposal, which must be approved by the county Legislature, property owners will be billed \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, down from \$2.85. The reduction marks the ninth consecutive year with a lowered county rate, which accounts for about 10 percent of property taxes.

“This is real,” said Molinaro. “It is meaningful relief for families and property taxpayers across the county.”

The proposal includes \$28 million more spending than the 2022 budget, which was modified to \$601 million when the county paid off debt. The proposed property tax levy, \$99.5 million, is \$370,000 below 2022 and the use of savings is \$10 million.

Next year will also be the first under a renegotiated sales tax-sharing agreement between Beacon and the county that is expected to bring the city more than \$1 million in additional revenue in 2023.

Along with the property-tax cut, Molinaro touted investments in affordable housing, mental health and substance abuse services, and new programs for seniors.

Facing criticism this year, he retreated from a proposal to spend \$12 million in federal COVID relief funds on upgrades at

Dutchess Stadium and announced that \$9.3 million of that money, and \$3 million from the county, will seed an affordable housing trust fund. The county is soliciting proposals from potential projects.

The budget proposal includes \$1.8 million for long-term rehab and expanded outpatient services at the St. Joseph’s addiction treatment center in Poughkeepsie and \$3 million to add 20 inpatient beds to the behavioral

health unit at MidHudson Regional Hospital. In 2020, Dutchess County had the highest overdose death rate in the state, according to a report released Nov. 1 by the state comptroller.

Dutchess also would continue to fund microgrants of up to \$15,000 for organizations serving veterans and allocate \$240,000 in scholarships for Camp Nooteeming, a 272-acre campground in Pleasant Valley that the county bought

from the Boy Scouts for \$4 million this year.

Molinaro said the county plans to launch initiatives in 2023 that include a Friendly Calls program that will use volunteers to contact isolated seniors for conversation, and a task force that will collaborate with county staff and organizations in an effort to help seniors who have a problem with hoarding.

The county executive will host a Town Hall about the proposed budget at 6 p.m. on Nov. 29 at East Fishkill Town Hall, 330 Route 376, in Hopewell Junction. The Legislature is expected to consider the budget on Dec. 10.

Proposed Dutchess Budget

SELECT EXPENSES	2022	2023
Salaries and Benefits	\$205.5M	\$234.2M
Sales Tax Sharing	\$38.7M	\$43M
Contracted Services	\$89M	\$81.3M
Mandated Programs	\$134M	\$131M
Debt Service	\$19.9M	\$22.4M
Operations	\$22.6M	\$21.8M
Gas/Utilities	\$3.78M	\$5.7M
Total	\$532.7M	\$560.4M

PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS	2022	2023
Education	\$54.3M	\$53.4M
Safety	\$101.3M	\$108.3M
Health	\$46.6M	\$53.3M
Transportation	\$32.9M	\$37.6M
Economic Assistance	\$155.7M	\$160.1M
Culture & Recreation	\$3.4M	\$3.7M
Community Services	\$17.9M	\$11.5M

SELECT REVENUE	2022	2023
Property Tax	\$99.8M	\$99.5M
Sales Tax	\$240.3M	\$250.5M
State	\$85.6M	\$93.7M
Federal	\$53.7M	\$49.8M
Total	\$532.7M	\$560.4M

Proposed Putnam Budget

SELECT EXPENSES	2022	2023
Legislature	\$1.21M	\$1.34M
District Attorney	\$2.46M	\$2.56M
Legal Aid	\$1.43M	\$1.6M
County Exec.	\$846K	\$832K
Finance	\$2.27M	\$2.42M
Law	\$1.69M	\$1.72M
Elections	\$2.13M	\$2.2M
Information Technology	\$1.97M	\$2.32M
Preschool Ed	\$8.74M	\$8.88M
Sheriff	\$20.7M	\$21.7M
Jail	\$11.1M	\$11.7M
Emergency Serv.	\$5.54M	\$6.3M
Health Dept	\$6.3M	\$7.4M
Mental Health	\$5.7M	\$6.27M
Social Services	\$10.23M	\$10.67M
Tourism	\$223K	\$234K
Veterans Serv.	\$217K	\$301K
Parks & Rec	\$4.7M	\$5.1M
Roads & Bridges	\$3.8M	\$3.9M
Debt Service	\$7.4M	\$7.7M

Putnam Approves \$179 Million Budget

Philipstown legislator cites raises in voting ‘no’

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Legislature on Oct. 28 approved a \$179 million budget for 2023 that keeps the tax levy the same and raises salaries for the county executive’s office, the sheriff’s command staff and many rank-and-file employees.

While spending rises by \$11.3 million, the overall tax levy remains unchanged at \$47 million and the tax rate, \$3.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value, will be the lowest since 2009, according to County Executive MaryEllen Odell. Projected sales-tax revenue, \$74.7 million, will pay for 42 percent of the budget.

Spending includes cost-of-living raises of 3.5 percent for employees represented by the Civil Service Employees Association. The county’s largest union, CSEA represents several hundred health, social services and Highway Department employees.

The budget also raised pay for the Sheriff’s



Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell presented her budget to the Legislature on Oct. 7.

Photo provided

Department’s command staff. William Carlin, the county’s finance commissioner, said that Undersheriff Thomas Lindert and the department’s four captains were paid 10 percent less than the salaries budgeted for

their positions in 2022.

Lindert, who made \$126,647 instead of the budgeted \$140,719, will be paid \$145,645 next year, said Carlin. Each captain will see raises to \$137,833 next year after being paid

\$119,855 instead of the \$133,172 that was budgeted, he said.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, is the Legislature’s only Democrat and the only representative to vote against the budget, which she said “once again puts upper management and elected officials first and the people of Putnam last.

“Those who need it the most come out last in this budget, and those who have the most come out first,” she said.

In a separate action on Oct. 28, the Legislature voted, 8-1, with Montgomery in dissent, to increase the salary of the county executive and the department staff by 3.5 percent. That will push the salaries for the incoming executive to \$176,022, the deputy county executive to \$129,375, the chief of staff to \$86,107, the director of constituent services to \$46,643 and the confidential secretary to \$62,100.

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

Water meter access, park vandals, Fjord Trail forum

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board, at its Wednesday (Nov. 9) meeting, added lead testing in the water supply of structures built before 1986 to the assignments given to Sak Metering in Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

Technicians from the Queens-based firm have been adding digital “end points” to water meters in more than 800 homes and businesses, technology that provides more efficient and accurate monitoring of usage.

Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo said Cold Spring can fund the additional \$7,794 needed for lead testing because Saks’ bid for end-point installation came in lower than budgeted. With the testing, the project cost is \$114,054.

End points can usually be installed on the exterior of a building, but in some cases water meters are located in basements. Village Clerk Jeff Vidakovich said crews have been unable to install end points in 30 to 40 homes and businesses. That number will likely increase, he said, because modifications made to the interior of some buildings now obstruct access to the meter.

Under the Village Code, property owners face a fine of up to \$250, up to 15 days in jail, or both, if a meter is made inaccessible.

Saks technicians will return in December to complete end points for properties at which the owners were unavailable.

Vidakovich said the board will need to address the issue of obstructed meters in order for water usage to be accurately monitored and billed.

In other business...

■ The Hudson Valley Fjord Trail and state parks department will host a community forum from 2 to 4 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Dutchess Manor, 263 Route 9D. Topics will include trash management, public restrooms, emergency services, vehicular and pedestrian congestion, natural resource protection and parking. Registration is required at hhft.org under News/Upcoming Events.

■ Mandatory water conservation measures remain in effect; village reservoirs are at 55 percent capacity.

■ Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department reported that two 12-year-olds who knocked over and damaged toys in the Tots Park have been banned from the park. Burke said he spoke with both adolescents and their parents.

■ The department responded to 80 calls for service in October, and officers issued 10 traffic and 92 parking tickets. There were two arrests, one for trespass at the village garage and one under the mental health law. Burke said there were nine vehicle crashes.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. responded to 20 calls in October, including seven for mutual aid, four fire alarms, four assists to emergency medical services, three elevator rescues, a mountain rescue and an assist at a medical helicopter landing zone.

■ Trustees Eliza Starbuck and Cathryn Fadde will present recommendations at the Nov. 16 board workshop on updated signage required for implementation of the village parking plan.

■ Jesse St. Charles was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

■ A change of use at 40 Main St. from retail to personal services, which will include a three-chair hair salon, was approved as recommended by the Planning Board.

■ Deputy Mayor Tweeps Phillips Woods, filling in as chair for Mayor Kathleen Foley, said reports are expected in December or January from ad hoc committees on short-term rentals and community policing, and a working group completing the update of the Village Code.

■ Residents were asked not to blow fall leaves into the street, a practice that clogs sewers and is subject to a fine. Leaves must be discarded in paper bags at curbside on days scheduled for yard waste pickup.

■ Central Hudson is issuing bills again for the first time since July. Ascolillo advised that bills may be large since they cover four or five months of electrical usage.



Baby & Dog

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Julie Halama, a Garrison native who lives with her husband in Exeter, New Hampshire, shared this fall portrait of their daughter, Claire Marie, with Ruby. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

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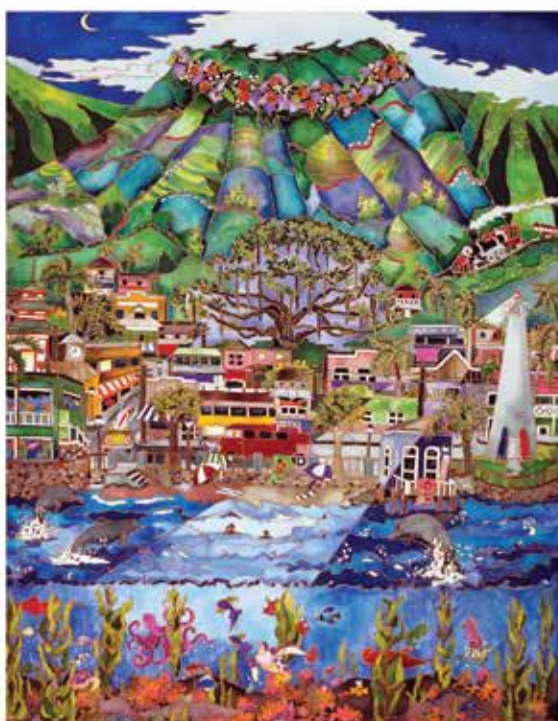
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AROUND TOWN



▲ **BRIDGE MUSEUM** — The New York State Bridge Authority and the nonprofit Historic Bridges of the Hudson Valley on Oct. 28 designated the Richy Vacek Bear Mountain Bridge Museum to honor the bridge's longtime foreman, who died last year. Vacek worked at the bridge for more than 30 years and began the museum collection as a passion project. It is open by appointment for groups through hbhv.org. Shown are Kathy Burke, director of HBHV; Lauren Melendez, deputy executive director of the NYSBA; and Richy's widow, Dawn Vacek. *Photo provided*



▲ **SENIOR DANCING** — On Tuesday mornings over six weeks through Oct. 25, Chelsea Acree from Compass Arts led dance classes at the Forrestal Friendship House in Beacon for older adults. She was accompanied by Andrew Reinhardt on piano and percussion. The house is operated by the Dutchess County Office for the Aging. Compass Arts hopes to continue the collaboration. *Photo provided*

▲ **NEW LEARNING CENTER** — The Garrison School held a ribbon-cutting on Oct. 26 for its newly renovated library, now known as the Learning Commons. The renovations were part of \$9.9 million in capital improvements approved by voters in September 2019. Shown are Lauren Biniaris, president of the Garrison Children's Education Fund; school board President Sarah Tormey; and Harper Dion, president of the PTA. *Photo by Flynn Larsen*

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A Deeper Look at Dolls

Beacon writer's new book examines their function, fun and folly

By Alison Rooney

Growing up in suburbia in Virginia and Seattle, Maria Teresa Hart's greatest objects of desire — coveted with what she describes as a “mania” — were porcelain dolls created during or evoking the Victorian era.

The century-old dolls, just beyond her reach, “filled me with a wooziness that could only be described as ‘I want,’” she recalls. “Their function didn’t matter to me, just as it hadn’t mattered to the Victorians. What mattered was beauty, refinement and ... well, I wasn’t sure exactly. I loved gazing at them in all their finery, but what I didn’t realize at the time was that I’d fallen into the same awed thinking the Victorians had, idolizing porcelain dolls.”

That duality — useless in function, expert in enticement — infuses Hart’s newly

released book, *Dolls*, published by Bloomsbury in partnership with *The Atlantic*. It is part of Bloomsbury’s Object Lessons series, which “explores the hidden lives of ordinary things.”

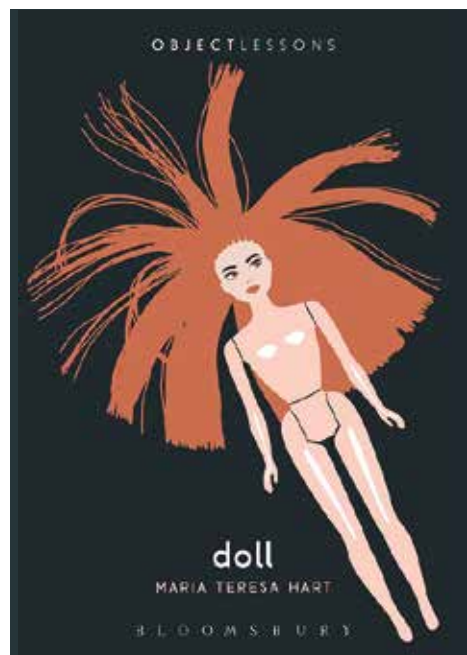
Hart will be reading from *Doll* at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison at 2 p.m. on Nov. 19 and discussing her book in partnership with Split Rock Books. (She will be joined by Amanda Parrish Morgan, the author of *Stroller*, another title in the series.) Hart will also read at 7 p.m. on Dec. 2 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon during the monthly Lit Lit gathering.

She describes *Doll* as “a mix of entertaining and academic. Have a laugh at certain moments, but still imagine childhood: This piece of paper is a person, who is going somewhere. Human beings turn anything into dolls: rags, bones, paper. Just beam yourself back to your childhood bedroom floor.”

Hart grew up “all over,” including Chile. She and her partner moved to Beacon from New York City during the pandemic, and she professes to be “over the moon” about her new home, despite initial nerves about “not feeling plugged into things. It turns out I have all those things here in Beacon. I was looking for a place with an art-house movie theater and a cat cafe, and I’ve got them! I’m so glad we moved.”

Her introduction to *Dolls* is analytical and anecdotal, spelling out how she shifted from being a collector of dolls to a reporter and examiner of doll culture.

She writes: “As a person drawn to girly things, I loved dolls the way I adored things like dresses, high heels, makeup — representations of a flouncy, embroidered, ladylike world. But like all these items of formative femininity, I understood that I was highly encouraged by societal norms to embrace them; I was rewarded when I indulged in



them, and was ostracized when I didn’t. Once I became a questioner, I wanted to interrogate these feelings precisely because they seemed to be reinforced at every turn.”

“Both of my previous books in the series [on hairdryers and bidets] focused on objects which had a strong history rooted in the feminine,” she explains. “I love doing that type of writing, deep dive, unpacking. I want to write about an object as a formative, feminine thing. I was casting around for a subject, when this came to me.”

Hart divided the book into five essays, each anchored by a type of doll, with airy, light-hearted “playdates” tucked in between. The book proceeds roughly chronologically, with chapters on Barbie and American Girl, plus more surprising inclusions such as celebrity dolls and avatars.

It was not easy to write a relatively short book about dolls. “I joked with my editors that this was volume one of 100,” she says. “I had to be judicious and disciplined about what could make it. Everyone had good suggestions, but I had to tell myself, ‘No, there cannot be an entire chapter on the trope of haunted dolls,’ even though

(1) A doll by an unknown manufacturer from the 1930s or 1940s, from the author’s collection

(2) A bisque doll by an unknown manufacturer from the late 1800s to early 1910s, from the author’s collection

(3) An Armand Marseille porcelain (bisque) doll from the late 1800s to early 1910, from the author’s collection

Photos provided

I’m obsessed with curio boxes and hidden wings meant to creep out guests.”

Many of her topics in *Doll* carry baggage, much of it a reflection of imposing contemporary values onto objects from another era. In her opening chapter, Hart states her mission:

“Let’s look at dolls through a feminist lens, but understand them as complicated objects that can simultaneously expand and contract the realm of possibility for girls. I reject the idea that dolls are simply playthings — instead, I see them as vehicles through which messages about class, race, beauty, history, fame and selfhood are transferred and internalized.”

“Even with Barbie, who is a lightning rod of controversy which is still debated, she’s an easy target. She is a mixed bag [as in] ‘Is Barbie good or bad? Yes.’ She’s a proxy, a stand-in for the value that achievement for women

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Chilean Barbie



A Kämmer & Reinhardt doll from the 1930s or 1940s from the author’s collection

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 12

Hug A Mug For Veterans

BEACON

1 – 6 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave. | hicksstrong.org

Paint a mug that will be distributed to a service member. Register online. *Cost: \$35*

SAT 12

Arty Martini Party

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Attendees will be invited to make art on the walls at this fundraiser. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*

SUN 13

Winter Coat Giveaway

BEACON

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Beacon Ambulance
1 Arquilla Drive | dutchessoutreach.org

Coats of all sizes will be available from Dutchess Outreach.

SUN 13

Support Iran Freedom

BEACON

Noon. Farmers Market | 223 Main St.

After a dance performance, participants will gather at Polhill Park for a rally with music from a brass band.

MON 14

Blood Drive

BEACON

2:30 – 7 p.m. St. John's Church
35 Willow St. | nybc.org

Walk-ins welcome, or make a reservation online. Organized by the Knights of Columbus.

FRI 18

Holiday Gift Show & Sale

BEACON

Noon – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

Browse local crafts, jewelry, art, ceramics and household goods at this annual event. Weekends through Dec. 23.

SAT 19

Holiday Pottery Show & Sale

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

The show will include ceramic works by more than 30 artists. Through Nov. 27.

SAT 19

Stories from the Midnight Run

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St.

Following a soup supper, Ronald Sopyla will share moments from his experience with the Midnight Run on the streets of New York City. Donations of new men's underwear, socks and T-shirts welcome.

SUN 20

Let's Talk About Visitation

BEACON

2 – 4 p.m. Dutchess Manor
263 Route 9D | hhft.org

Ask questions and share your concerns and thoughts about the impact of the Fjord Trail at this community meeting. Hosted by the Fjord Trail and state parks.

SUN 20

Putnam History Museum Gala

GARRISON

5 p.m. The Garrison | 2015 Route 9
putnamhistorymuseum.org

This benefit will honor Garrison residents Heather and Neal Zuckerman and include dinner, a silent auction and a holiday program. *Cost: \$150+*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 12

Wildlife in the Hudson Valley

PHILIPSTOWN

3 p.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2880 Route 9
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Scott Craven, an environmental historian, will share an overview

of 10,000 years of wildlife history in the Hudson Valley, from Stone Age hunters to modern human interactions with deer, coyotes and beaver. Register online.

SUN 13

Tony Howarth

PUTNAM VALLEY

3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The playwright and poet will read from his latest collection, *A Hand to Hold: Three Dramas in Verse*, followed by an open mic.

MON 14

Stop the Bleed

COLD SPRING

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

Staff from New York-Presbyterian Hospital will lead this emergency management course. Registration required.

FRI 18

Twilight Tour

GARRISON

4 – 7 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | boscobel.org

The historic mansion will be lit by candlelight and decorated for the holidays with musicians playing period music. Continues Friday and Saturday through Dec. 10. *Cost: \$29 (\$24 seniors, \$17 ages 4 to 18, free ages 4 and younger)*

SAT 19

Object Lessons

GARRISON

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Maria Teresa Hart, author of *Doll* (see Page 13), and Amanda Parrish Morgan, author of *Stroller*, will discuss the hidden lives of objects. Registration required.

SUN 20

Wreath-Making Workshop

PHILIPSTOWN

2 p.m. Parcel Flower Co.
3052 Route 9 | theparcelflower.co

Learn how to use a grapevine to create a winter wreath that you can take home. See website for other workshops. *Cost: \$70*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 12

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

WAPPINGERS FALLS

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

The award-winning Edward Albee play features an iconic dysfunctional

couple, George and Martha. Also FRI 18, SAT 19. *Cost: \$22 (\$20 seniors, military, 12 and younger)*

SAT 12

The Artichoke

BEACON

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

This installment of the storytelling series includes Ophira Eisenberg (below), Gail Thomas, Adrien Behn, Sam Dingman, Jamie Brickhouse and Gastor Almonte. *Cost: \$20*



SUN 13

The Rise and Fall of Jean Claude Van Damme

GARRISON

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

Timothy Haskell's drama about the action star and icon from the 1980s and '90s seems like it may include puppets. *Cost: \$25*

FRI 18

Devil Put the Coal in the Ground

BEACON

7 p.m. Story Screen
445 Main St. | beaconfilmsociety.org

The Beacon Film Society will screen this 2022 documentary that focuses on the ravages of the coal industry in West Virginia on its people, the environment and communities. *Cost: \$12*

FRI 18

Piccadilly

COLD SPRING

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

The library's ongoing Silent Film Series will feature this 1929 movie starring the Chinese-American star Anna May Wong. Cary Brown will provide live musical accompaniment.

FRI 18

The Return of Tanya Tucker

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

The Depot Docs series will screen a 2022 documentary about Tucker's return to the stage after Brandi Carlile writes an album based on Tucker's life for her. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 19

You Resemble Me

PEEKSKILL

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

In this 2021 film, directed by

Dina Amer, two young sisters are torn apart and the eldest struggles to find her identity, leading to a shocking choice. The film's executive producers include Spike Lee and Spike Jonze. *Cost: \$15*



KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 12

Kids' Craft Connection

GARRISON

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

After a flashlight tour of the mansion, children will be invited to make historic note cards. *Cost: \$13 (\$24 adults, member discounts)*

SAT 12

African Drumming Workshop

GARRISON

3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Children will be invited to pick up drums, shakers and other instruments for this African-style drum circle with Baba Kazi Oliver. Register online.



TUES 15

Mug Meals

COLD SPRING

2:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Teens will learn how to make quick and tasty snacks. Register online.

FRI 18

Pixel Bead Art

BEACON

3:15 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | beaconlibrary.org

Students in grades 6 to 12 can make images and designs and fuse the beads with heat. Register online.

VISUAL ART

SAT 12

BeaconArts Member Exhibition

BEACON

4 – 6 p.m. Ethan Cohen Fine Arts
211 Fishkill Ave. | beaconarts.org

Meet some of the more than 60 artists who contributed to this multimedia exhibition.



The Return of Tanya Tucker, Nov. 18

SAT 12
Jannis Kounellis as Mentor
PHILIPSTOWN
2:30 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art
Francesco Guzzetti, a scholar, will discuss the Arte Povera movement’s legacy as a teacher and mentor, along with artist Calixto Ramirez. The presentation will include a screening of interviews with his former assistant and the president of Kounellis’ archive. *Cost: \$5 (free for students)*

FRI 18
Jack Whitten
BEACON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St. | diaart.org
This will be the first public display of Whitten’s Greek Alphabet paintings created between 1975 and 1978. Through July 2023. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students and the disabled, \$5 ages 5 to 11)*

FRI 18
Deb Lucke:
Investigative Cartoonist
COLD SPRING
6 – 8 p.m. Highlands Current
142 Main St. | highlandscurrent.org
In this exhibit, the author of *Lunch Witch* will share some of her favorite cartoons that have appeared in *The Current* about locals of note.



SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 12
Early Architecture & A Contemporary Fiber Artist
BEACON
Noon – 4 p.m. Beacon Historical Society
61 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org
An exhibition of Shirley Botsford’s needle art, inspired by her local 1889 Queen Anne home, will be on view through mid-February.

SAT 12
Linnea Pergola
BEACON
5 – 8 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com
The artist’s paintings will be on view through Jan. 8.



Robin Holcomb, Nov. 12

SAT 12
Jebah Baum | Pamela Vlahakis
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
Baum’s exhibition, *Combinants and Recombinants*, will include his sculptures and lithographs. In Gallery 2, Vlahakis’ show, *Boomerang*, will include images showing women’s lives before Roe vs. Wade. Through Dec. 4.

SAT 12
RIOS | Igor Ventura | Zachary Friedman
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
139 Main St. | clutter.co
Three solo shows of multiples and figures will be on view through Dec. 2.

MUSIC

SAT 12
3rd Annual Blues Benefit
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Hudson Valley Blues Society will bring together a lineup of top players, including Joe Louis Walker, Slam Allen and Albert Castiglia. *Cost: \$50 (\$55 door)*

SAT 12
Robin Holcomb
BEACON
8 p.m. St. Andrew’s Church
17 South Ave. | robin.bpt.me
The composer, singer and songwriter

will play music from her latest recording, *One Way or Another*. Her husband, Wayne Horvitz, a composer, pianist and electronic musician, will open, along with Sarah Schoenbeck, a bassoonist who will play contemporary music. *Cost: \$20 (\$30 door)*

SUN 13
PubliQuartet
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org

Curtis Stewart and Jannina Norpoth (violins), Nick Revel (viola) and Hamilton Berry (cello) will perform music from their project, *What is American?* *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students)*

SUN 13
Karla Bonoff
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer and songwriter will play music from her latest release, *Carry Me Home*. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

SUN 13
Cross-Cultural Connection Benefit
BEACON
7 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.
facebook.com/quinnbeacon
Enjoy an evening of live music while supporting a nonprofit founded by Ray Blue that funds jazz workshops and programs. Donations welcome.

FRI 18
Faded Rose
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The indie-alternative band will play songs from its debut album, *Don’t Say*. The Jason Gisser Band will open. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

FRI 18
Soultown to Motown
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Sensational Soul Cruisers, an 11-piece band, will perform music from the 1960s and ’70s, including by the Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson. *Cost: \$40 to \$57*

SAT 19
Nora Brown
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
Brown will perform old-time traditional music and songs from her release, *Cinnamon Tree*. A string band, the Down Hill Strugglers, will open. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 19
Scott Seltzer
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com
The singer will perform classic rock and Americana covers.

SAT 19
Alexis Marcelo with Daniel Carter and JD Parran
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Marcelo on piano and woodwind players Carter and Parran will perform experiential jazz. *Cost: \$20 (\$30 door)*

SAT 19
The Weight Band
POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Bardavon
35 Market St. | bardavon.org
In this revival of the “Woodstock sound,” the group will play classics

from The Band. Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams will open. *Cost: \$39*

SAT 19
Willie Nile
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band will play music from its latest release, *The Day the Earth Stood Still*. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

SUN 20
Claremont Trio
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Emily Bruskin (violin), Julia Bruskin (cello) and Sophiko Simsive (piano) will perform a program that includes Brahms’ *Trio in B Major* and Mendelssohn’s *Trio in D Minor*. Donations welcome.



CIVIC
MON 14
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 15
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211)
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org
The meeting will include an update on the Campus Master Plan.

WED 16
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall
85 Main St. | coldspringny.gov




SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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Dolls *(from Page 13)*

is becoming a starlet or model. On the one hand, she represents many negative things, like impossible beauty standards and materialism, but the flip side of her is a lot of feminine joy, secret play, dress-up time.

"To deny those things is really short-sighted and travels back to the '90s, when everyone started critiquing the feminine, that whole mindset of 'If we want to compete with men we have to abandon the pink, wear pant suits.' What occurred then is 'feminine' became linked to traits that are dismissed. Now we can acknowledge that that is also a form of dismissiveness and misogyny. We need to come to a place where we can value the whole perspective of femininity."

Not a whole lot has changed recently, according to Hart, who noted she had to lobby for the inclusion of avatars in the book. This was based upon a realization while watching her young nephew create a player in a digital game.

"There was a selection process with choices he was making and I realized he was putting together a virtual paper doll," she says. "For adults, it serves a similar purpose to dolls. Avatars are doppelgangers now, stand-ins for us. And with that, there is a morality that goes along as women don't match our avatar standard. It's ultimately not that different from Barbie, first in 'Can I achieve that?' followed by 'What am I appealing to here?' What other repercussions are there? There needs to be other representation available."

Holiday Wish Lists

Community Thanksgiving

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Our Lady of Loretto and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue in Cold Spring are joining with restaurants and businesses, the Knights of Columbus and local schools to create a memorable Thanksgiving meal on Nov. 24 for anyone in the community. Each dinner will be accompanied by a handmade Thanksgiving card created by a local child.

The plan is to feed 200 people through in-person dining at Loretto, takeout at St. Mary's and delivery to those who are homebound.

Donations are being accepted to buy the turkeys and fixings at bit.ly/smolprstgiving-2022-donation or by check to St. Mary's, P.O. Box 351, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Those who wish to volunteer can complete the form at bit.ly/smolprstgiving-2022-volunteer or call Julie Ransom at 347-758-2946.



Stitchin' for the Kitchen

Through Nov. 18

Help keep neighbors warm by donating handmade hats and scarves to be distributed by Fareground and Beacon Community Kitchen. Both youth and adult sizes are needed. Crafters can donate a set or individual items. Place donations in zippered plastic bags and drop them in the bin at the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St. For more information, email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Prison Library

Through Nov. 18

In partnership with the Prison Books Project, the Howland Public Library in Beacon is collecting books for state prison libraries. For this pilot program, it received a wish list from a Hudson Valley correctional facility for specific, in-demand English- and Spanish-language novels and nonfiction.

A selection of the books is available at Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., and others are available through linktr.ee/beaconlibrary. The library will only accept books on the wish list. For more information, email community@beaconlibrary.org.

Toys for Tots

Through Dec. 5

Troop K of the New York State Police, which patrols the Highlands, has joined forces with the U.S. Marine Corps to collect donated children's toys for this national program.

Drop new, unwrapped toys at any Troop K barracks, including in Wappingers Falls (18 Middlebush Road), Croton (1 Memorial Drive) and Brewster (1672 Route 22). Representatives of the Marine Corps will pick up the toys for distribution to area children.



BEACON FIRE

The inaugural Beacon Bonfire Music + Art Festival on Nov. 4 and 5 filled the streets with fire pits and dozens of performers, musicians, aerialists, jugglers, fire dancers, readers, comedians, drum circles and artists. The event, which was inspired by a series of backyard bonfires during the pandemic, included so many events that our photographer estimates he was only able to visit 1/10th of what was going on.

Photos by Ross Corsair

LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (November 1872)

In anticipation of Election Day, the combined Republican clubs of Philipstown, Peekskill and Newburgh marched for two and a half hours in a cold wind on a Friday night with brass bands playing martial music. After the Peekskill club members boarded the train for home, the rest of the entourage went to Town Hall for supper.

The Republican candidate for president, the incumbent Ulysses S. Grant, received 512 votes in Philipstown and his challenger, the Democrat Horace Greeley, 487.

Two mechanics sent to fix the boilers at the West Point Foundry furnace suffered serious hand injuries. One was badly burned and the other suffered a deep cut when the punching machine pushed his hand against the serrated edge of a section of boilerplate.

Dr. C.P. Kreizer, hired a few weeks earlier as principal of the Rock Street School, resigned to take a better-paying position. Mr. Lycett of New Jersey was quickly appointed to replace him.

The Cold Spring Village Board heard complaints about the lack of water in pumps on Main Street because of leaf blockage.

The Rev. Benjamin F. Bowen, of Ohio, was a guest preacher at the Baptist Church. According to an account in *The New York Times* 11 years later that referred to him as a “clerical black sheep,” Bowen was invited to become its pastor, a position he held until 1875. When Bowen was accused in New Jersey in 1883 of defaulting on hundreds of dollars in personal loans from congregants, investigators wrote to Cold Spring and were told Bowen had been dismissed there “for peculiar methods of financing.” The locks were changed but Bowen broke in and refused to leave the pulpit until arrested. Bowen denied being fired,



The Great Boston Fire of 1872 caused soul-searching in Cold Spring.

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saying he left Cold Spring voluntarily rather than take sides in a church scandal. It turned out Bowen had been dismissed from two Ohio churches before he fled to New York.

The first snow fell on Nov. 16, which prognosticators said meant there would be 16 days of snow over the winter based on the age of the moon at the time.

The Great Boston Fire on Nov. 9, which destroyed 776 buildings and killed 20 people, compelled the editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder* to take stock of the village, noting that “building after building has been erected” since a memorable fire at the corner of Rock and Main in 1860 “but not a drop more water is stored below Kemble Avenue.”

Twenty men, “mostly unmarried,” were laid off from the West Point Foundry.

Bob Cronk and a girlfriend were walking north on the railroad tracks when they saw the New York Express and moved to the east track. They heard a whistle and bell, which alarmed the woman. Bob was telling her it was the engine gone by when the cowcatcher of a northbound train scooped him up and carried him for some distance. He was not seriously injured.

A stranger who said he was employed at the furnace inquired about a room at the boarding house operated by Mr. McKinley on Market Street. He asked to see the room so he could change clothes. He did — into a \$40 suit [about \$1,000 today] owned by

Jean Baptiste, another lodger. He also stole Baptiste’s wallet. The culprit left quietly but was later arrested in Newburgh.

Josiah Ferris offered a \$5 reward for the return of his white hound dog with a light yellow head and a large black spot on each side of his body.

Richard Rollings was injured during the construction of a tunnel at West Point. He was holding a drill when a scale of heated steel from under the hammers struck him in the center of the eye. After three days of excruciating pain, the piece dropped out.

John Dolan, a widowed train flagman who had been stationed at Constitution Island for many years, where he lived with his six children, was found dead in shallow water about halfway between the bridge and the island. He had been returning from the market, and his basket and its spilled contents were nearby. A coroner’s inquest concluded he had fallen from the seawall, been knocked out and drowned.

A man buying a \$1.95 ticket at the station said he heard someone had drowned nearby. When he was told that six children had been orphaned, he pushed his \$3.05 in change back toward the clerk for their benefit. The clerk noted the stranger’s name — R.P. Benfield, of Troy — and alerted *The Recorder* of his charity.

125 Years Ago (November 1897)

Following the election, *The Recorder*

reported: “The Democrats carried the state and the Republicans, Putnam County.”

Pranksters were stealing fence gates, including one that ended up on the top of the flagpole at the Haldane school.

The Rev. E. Floyd-Jones, the priest at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, moved from Garrison to the rectory on Paulding Avenue.

W.A. Ladue, the accomplished amateur bicycle racer from Cold Spring, had his Putnam County championship revoked following a complaint by a competitor. A.E. Palmer said that the sole purpose of another rider, F.B. Pelham of Cold Spring, was to pace Ladue. Palmer appealed to the League of American Wheelmen, which ruled that Ladue had to return his medal and cash prize. Pelham was suspended from competition for a year.

A Putnam Valley woman, Elizabeth Tompkins, was jailed after she threatened her 19-year-old daughter with a butcher’s knife and whipped her. The daughter had left home to stay at her grandfather’s. Tompkins and her husband went to retrieve her. When she refused to go with them, Mrs. Tompkins waved the knife, saying, “If you don’t, you die.” She then produced a whip and struck her until she climbed into the wagon. An uncle — Mrs. Tompkins’ brother — filed a complaint with a county judge.

J.H. Mendell, representing the Colgate Soap Co., circulated in the village, leaving samples at each house.



A Colgate Soap ad from 1897, the year a salesman passed out samples in Cold Spring

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On Thanksgiving Day, the Cold Spring Social Club played St. Steven’s College in a football game on DeRham’s field on the road to Garrison.

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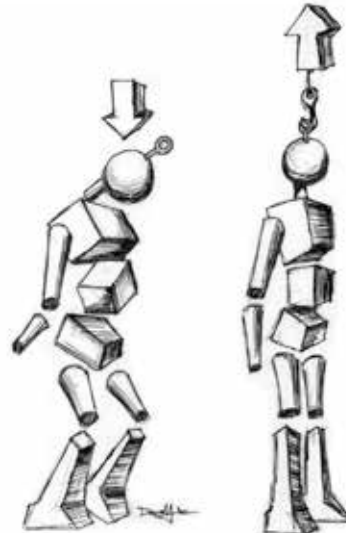
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Alexander Hustis, a former resident of North Highlands, was indicted for manslaughter in the killing of a Black farmhand. Philip Daniel, part of a group of men working at the Hustis farm in Rockland County, had arrived at 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning. According to a coroner's report, when he came out of a shed, he was confronted by Hustis, armed with a shotgun, who accused him of stealing chickens. Daniel said he was getting a rope. When he walked away and ignored a command to stop, Hustis shot him in the leg. Hustis went back into the house while Daniel limped to the barn, where he was found at daybreak by his co-workers. Hustis was held for four days on \$1,000 bail but released when Daniel didn't appear for a hearing. (Daniels was at St. Francis Hospital in Jersey City, where he died that day of blood poisoning.) Daniels' widow said her husband told her before he died that he was getting a rope for a cow in the barn.

The Melnotte Hypnotic Co. performed at Town Hall, but *The Recorder* reported that the show was so bad that the audience left en masse. The performers, from Peekskill, "were lucky in getting out of town without being mobbed."

Two weeks after a train derailment south of Garrison killed 19 people, the body of the last missing passenger was found in the river about 4 miles south and a female passenger was identified as a 21-year-old Buffalo woman moving to New York City for a new job. The engine, after being pulled from the river, was back in service.

The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad granted a request from village officials to have the No. 37 train that left New York at 9:15 p.m. stop at Cold Spring. The railroad said it would do so if it had passengers to unload. "This is a heavy train and Cold Spring is a hard place to start from," it explained.

Dr. J.P. Fillebrown added a telephone connection to his office at Spalding's drugstore and at the residence of Dr. William Young, where he rented a room.

The newly elected Putnam County sheriff, Garrison resident John P. Donohue, took the oath of office.

For the first time in seven years, the clock at the National Bank of Cold Spring stopped running.

Two workers from the Hudson River Tele-

phone Co. were in the village removing tree branches that were causing interference.

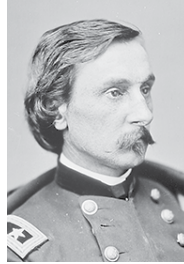
A few days after Mr. Spalding placed a penny-in-the-slot machine with chewing gum and candy in front of his drugstore, he opened it find a few pennies and many more pantaloons buttons and hair pins, along with 10 pounds of lead blanks, likely from the hardware store next door.

100 Years Ago (November 1922)

Mary Merritt, a granddaughter of Elisha Nelson, who built the first house in Nelsonville, died at age 78.

The Philipstown chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was granted a charter.

A New York City artist, William De Leftwich Dodge, selected three military figures to paint for a hall of martial fame at the state Capitol. Among the finalists was Gen. Gouverneur Warren, of Cold Spring (right), who seized Little Round Top for Union forces at the Battle of Gettysburg.



75 Years Ago (November 1947)

Col. Hans Holmer, an Army officer from Cold Spring, was appointed in Berlin as director of the American Military Government's transport division.

50 Years Ago (November 1972)

The Help-a-Cat League held its annual holiday boutique at Democratic headquarters on Main Street.

James Bosco retired after working in Philipstown as a school bus driver for 42 years. From 1936 to 1943 he transported Haldane students to high school in Peekskill and from 1944 until his retirement he worked for the Garrison School.

An overflow, mostly hostile crowd filled a public hearing at Town Hall on a proposal to build a 630-unit, V-shaped condo building on the Edward Swinburne property at Manitou. The proposal had already been rejected by the Philipstown Planning Board.

Rep. Hamilton Fish, a Garrison native, won 72 percent of the vote for the new House District 25. "Good Lord," said Fish. "I thought I'd be lucky if I won half of that." Fish's father, grandfather and great-grandfather all served in Congress.

Rocco Lofaro, a Haldane bus driver, was assaulted on his morning run. After a man on Route 9 waved him down, Lofaro stopped and stepped outside. Without warning, he said, the man began to punch him until passing motorists came to his aid and the man walked away. Lofaro completed his route before driving to Butterfield Hospital. Witnesses identified the man as someone who lived nearby, and the state police issued an arrest warrant.

Thirty-five Putnam County men reported for the draft to fight in Vietnam. The Red Cross gave out care packages with letter paper and candy, and a former member of the draft board distributed copies of *The Daily News* and held a U.S. flag on the sidewalk as the bus left for New York City.

25 Years Ago (November 1997)

Bill Mazzuca, the incumbent Philipstown supervisor, defeated challenger Barbara Impellitteri by 115 votes of 3,113 cast. In another race, Vinny Tamagna defeated challenger Steve Rosario with 62 percent of the vote to return to the county Legislature.

New York awarded \$297,500 to Philipstown for its landfill closure project. The money came from a \$50 million environmental bond act approved by voters the year before.

The Putnam Legislature adopted a resolution making English the county's official language, except for translations provided for emergency, health or legal purposes.

A Garrison resident asked the federal government to investigate possible violations

of the Hatch Act during Mazzuca's re-election campaign for town supervisor. The complainant argued that because Mazzuca worked at the Fishkill Correctional Facility, which received federal money, he was subject to the law, which prohibits federal employees from running for partisan elected positions.

David Barnhart of Philipstown and Allan Metcalf discussed their new book, published by Houghton Mifflin, called *America in So Many Words*, which explained the origins of 300 words, including *mammoth*, *jukebox* and *dime*. The book grew out of presentations that Barnhart and Metcalf gave at annual meetings of the American Dialect Society about the evolution of modern neologisms.

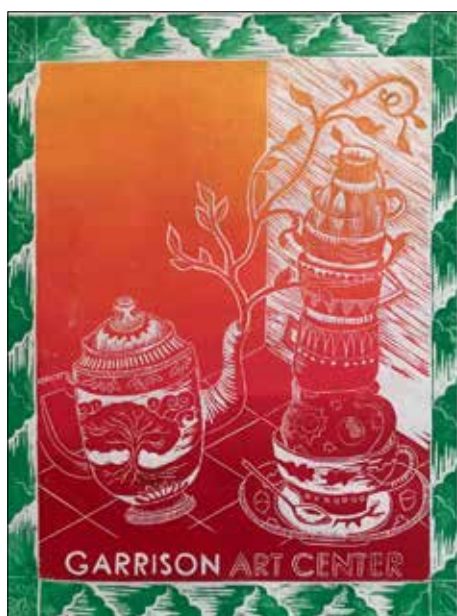
The Haldane middle-school football team, which finished 6-0, outscored their opponents 122 to 6.

Edward and Frances Olmsted of Olmsted Environmental Services in Garrison were in demand by the news media to comment on a black mold, *Stachybotrys*, that had killed 12 infants in Cleveland.

Copy Cats changed its name to Grey Printing and moved to 153 Main St.

Zoe Petkanas, a fourth grader at the Garrison School, was cast in four roles in a production of *A Christmas Carol* at Madison Square Garden.

Justin Ferdico became the first newborn to reside at The Bird & Bottle Inn in Garrison in more than 175 years. His parents, Jodi and Glen Ferdico, lived at the inn. Jodi was the special events and catering director and the daughter of innkeeper Ira Boyar.



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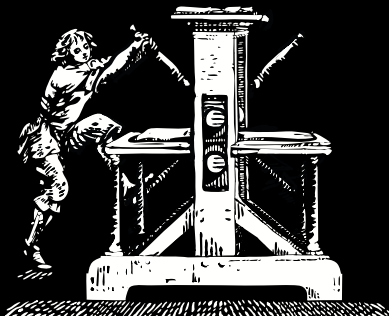
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James Hopper (1928-2022)

Our beloved father, James Francis Hopper, age 94, passed away and entered into eternal life with the Lord on October 30, 2022, with his children and their husbands by his side. Jim was born in Orange, New Jersey September 7, 1928. He was the son of Irish immigrants, the late James J. Hopper of County Sligo and Lillian McGrath, County Roscommon.

Jim grew up in Beacon, New York, and at 6'5", was an ace record-setting basketball player at Beacon High School. Jim attended Rider College in Lawrenceville, New Jersey, on a basketball scholarship. He also spent time playing semi-pro basketball for several years.

Jim was drafted into the Army during the Korean War as a Combat Medic in the 279th Infantry Regiment, which was part of the famous "Thunderbirds" 45th Infantry Division. He saw combat on the front line from October 1950 until his separation in June 1952. During his service, he received the Korean Service Medal with Bronze Service Star, the UN Korean Service Medal, the Rep. of Korea War Service Medal, the Korean Defense Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Army Occupation Medal (for service in Japan). He also earned the Combat Medic Badge and attained the rank of Corporal when he was discharged in 1952. In June 2019, he took part in The Villages (Flightless) Honor Flight Mission 46.

Jim married the late Claudia Smith of Cold Spring, New York, in May, 1955. They have two daughters in The Villages, Florida, who survive them: Melissa Haplea (Gene), and Priscilla Barker (Jerome), and five grandchildren: Justin Barker (Jessica), Trent Barker (Rachel), of Ohio, and Megan Newman (Kenny), Kevin Haplea, and Gretchen Cook (Jay) of New Jersey. Jim also leaves behind his brother John Hopper, sisters Betty Hopper, and Patricia Burke of Beacon, New York, six great-grandchildren: Stella, Summer, Stetson, Jaxson, Blair and Kyler, and 12 nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brother Thomas Hopper and sisters Mary Hopper and Anne Champlin.

Jim worked for Texaco Oil Company before retiring in 1986. Jim and Claudia moved to The Villages in 2003 from Glen Burnie, Maryland, and lived a very active and wonderful life. Jim was one of the original members of the Mulberry Water Aerobics group for over 17 years. He had many great friends in the group who just adored him. Jim, like his two brothers, was an avid golfer for many years. In The Villages he often shot under his age and won many tournaments.

Jim will be greatly missed for his genuine kindness and love of family. He was a wonderful father and husband. We will always feel so very fortunate we had him in our lives.

Please join us for a Celebration of Life on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 11 am, at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Home on Wedgwood Lane in The Villages. There will be a informal repast at Hiers-Baxley afterwards. Interment will be held at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida, at 2:30 pm for family and friends, leaving directly from the repast.

In lieu of flowers, and in recognition of Jim's very memorable experience in 2019, all donations are requested to be made to The Villages Honor Flight at: Villages Honor Flight, Inc., P.O. Box 490, Lady Lake, FL 32158-0490. Alternatively, the Honor Flight's PayPal portal may also be used at <https://form.jotform.com/220705281106142>.

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OBITUARIES

Jules Bass (1935-2022)

Julius "Jules" Bass, 87, of Garrison and New York City, died Oct. 25 at a senior living facility in Rye with close friends at his side.



He was born in Philadelphia on Sept. 16, 1935. Little is known about his early life, other than that he nearly died as a teenager of scarlet fever. He was educated at New York University and found work at an advertising agency in New York.

In the early 1960s, he co-founded the film production company Videocraft International, later called Rankin/Bass Productions, with Arthur Rankin Jr. Together, they created and produced a wide array of stop-motion animated features, as well as many animated television series, most notably the television series *ThunderCats* (1985-89) and *SilverHawks* (1986-88). Jules wrote many of the episodes and composed the score and lyrics for dozens of the productions.



Rankin/Bass was well-known for its animated television holiday specials, including *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, featuring Burl Ives. This holiday season will mark its 58th anniversary. Other holiday classics Jules co-produced include *Frosty the Snowman*, featuring the voice of Fred Astaire; *The Little Drummer Boy*, featuring Greer Garson and Jose Ferrer; *The Year Without a Santa Claus*, featuring the voices of Shirley Booth and Mickey Rooney; and *Here Comes Peter Cottontail*, with the voice of Danny Kaye as the narrator.

Other memorable productions were an animated version of J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, followed in 1980 by an animated version of *The Return of the King* and *The Last Unicorn*.

Jules also directed several Rankin/Bass features, including *Mad Monster Party* and *The Daydreamer*, and was a prolific author. His books include *Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon*; *Cooking with Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon: A Cookbook for Kids*; *Headhunters*; and *The Mythomaniacs*.

He has no immediate survivors. Friends said they would remember him as a great man, incredible chef and host. A memorial service is being planned.

Ralph Odell Jr. (1934-2022)

Ralph W. Odell Jr., 88, of Putnam Valley, died Oct. 12 at his home.



He was born April 8, 1934, in Shrub Oak, the son of Ralph and Mabelle (Morley) Odell. He attended Shrub Oak Central School before earning a bachelor's degree from Edinboro

University in Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Long Island University. He married Ann Gross, who died before him.

Ralph was a librarian for the Garrison school district and taught environmental studies and social studies there. He led seventh graders each fall on a vigorous climb up Anthony's Nose to watch migrating hawks, and many of his former students remained lifelong friends.

He had a lifelong interest in birds. In high school, he assisted in forming a Junior Audubon Club. He went on to serve as president of the Bedford Audubon Society and was a founder of the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society.

As a teenager, he fought to get state protection for birds of prey and had lively debates and correspondence with state senators. He was always interested in land preservation and quietly maneuvered preservation of the Manitu Marsh and convinced friends to donate 50 acres of wetlands to the National Audubon Society.

In 1954, at age 21, Ralph helped create the Putnam Christmas Bird Count and participated in each of the 67 subsequent counts through 2021. He said he always kept a pair of binoculars on his dining room table.

Following his retirement, Ralph was asked by then-Gov. George Pataki to become the director of natural resource protection in the state parks department. Ralph was later nominated by then-Gov. Andrew Cuomo to become a commissioner for the state park system's Taconic Region.

He is survived by his son, Eben (Judy); his grandsons, Terence, Jacob and Zack; his great-grandchildren, Lana, Neil and Colby; and his sister, Anne Mae.

A memorial service and celebration of Ralph's life will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday (Nov. 13) at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center, 75 Mountain Laurel Lane, in Philipstown. Memorial donations may be made to the Marty Maguire Scholarship Fund, c/o Putnam Highlands Audubon Society, P.O. Box 292, Cold Spring, NY 10516. Checks should be made payable to PHAS; in the memo, write MMAS.

Bobby Van Tassel (1958-2022)

Robert "Bobby" Van Tassel, 64, died Oct. 20, surrounded by family members.



He was born Oct. 11, 1958, in Cold Spring, the son of Robert and Carolyn Van Tassel. He grew up in Beacon and graduated from Beacon High School in 1977.

In 1979, Bobby joined the U.S. Army and served until 1982 as a military police officer. In 1978, he joined Chelsea Fire Co and held the positions of firefighter, lieutenant, captain, assistant chief, chief and commissioner. In 1984, he started work at Emergency Control/Global Foundries.

In 1999, he married Georgeann, and they kept the family close by hosting parties every Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Eve, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and any reason in between. Bobby was a runner with Grassroot Running. He enjoyed golfing

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with margaritas, concerts with parking lot parties and spending time with his family. Along with wife and mother, he is survived by his children, Trisha Betley (Jason), Timothy McDougall (Sarah), Brittany Nawrocki (James) and Amber McDougall, and his grandchildren, R.J., Christopher, JamieLee, Sophia and Henry. He is also survived by his siblings, Karen Powles (Bill) and Michael Slinsky.

A firematic funeral service was held on Oct. 24 at McHoul Funeral Home in Fishkill. Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warriors (woundedwarriorproject.org) or Tunnels to Towers Foundation (t2t.org).

Barbara Wade (1943-2022)

Barbara Ann Wade, 79, the co-owner of Once Upon a Time Antiques on Main Street in Cold Spring, died Oct. 8. She was born in Brooklyn on June 3, 1943, the daughter of Ben and Elizabeth (Rhatigan) Landis. Barbara earned a bachelor's degree from Pace University and worked as a registered nurse at Northern Westchester Hospital in Mount Kisco. She loved spending time with her family and running Once Upon a Time with her husband, Bob. She enjoyed drawing, paint-



ing, repairing dolls and sculpting. Along with her husband, Barbara is survived by her children, Jamie Odell (Gregory) and John Jacob (Louise); her grandchildren, Lauren, Kayla, Noelle, Nolan, Autumn and Amber; a great-granddaughter, Freya; and her sister, Mary Pantaleo. Her son, Ben Jacob, died in 2008. A graveside service was held Oct. 14 at South Dover Rural Cemetery.

Other Recent Deaths

Philipstown

Maude Kahrs, 91
Charles LeMon, 69
Mary Rose Powell, 92
Scott Wagner
Russell White, 87

Beacon

The Rev. Fred
Cartier, 82
Nicholas Conti, 90
Rose Haight, 94
Jim Hopper, 94
Thomas Knibbs, 79
Diane Long, 78
Maday Lopez-
Brown, 44

Winifred Marlatt, 95
Frank Meeuwisse,
76
Mark Policella, 57
George Pratt, 90
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Roots and Shoots

Season of Rest

By Pamela Doan

I appreciate the sense of completion in the landscape at this time of year. The fallen leaves, the brown stalks of plants, the bare tree branches like sculptures against the sky are what remains of the wild rush of color and the lushness of summer, and I find it peaceful and settled.



Find beauty in sleeping plants.

Photo by P. Doan

With the drought this summer and fall, I watched changes in the landscape that I haven't seen before, like double rounds of dormancy. When all the ferns turned brown and fell over from the heat and lack of rain, it looked like fall in August. Then after a few rainfalls in September, by early October there were new signs of fern growth poking through the brown layers. Still visible since we've had such an extended fall with temperatures that are more common in September than November, these fronds are bits of brightness.

It's curious, these ways that plants know to go dormant and stop growing, a mix of hormones and chemicals that respond to climate signals like light, temperature, precipitation and shifts in available daylight. Phenological changes like germination, bud break, blooming, fruiting and dormancy are all triggered and impacted by climate.

Dormancy is a plant's response to conditions that no longer favor its survival. It knows that if it tried to keep growing, it would die. Instead, it hibernates. This is a measure of the cold-hardiness in plants, the way that they can go into dormancy and then begin growing again when conditions are right.

Hardiness zones, which define the average high temperatures for an area, help gardeners know the plants that will survive the winter outdoors. Rosemary, for example, a perennial herb, is not hardy. Its USDA zone is 8 to 10, where winter temperatures are between 10 and 40 degrees. That is not the Hudson Highlands, where winter temperatures can drop as low as minus 10 degrees.

I plant rosemary in a container and bring it in during the winter. It smells nice and works well with cold-weather cooking, like

roasting. So my rosemary never enters dormancy because I provide it with the conditions to survive and keep growing. I artificially create an environment where its climate signals aren't triggered.

Dormancy is different from death for a plant but sometimes it's difficult to tell the difference when conditions like an extended drought occur. In the lawn, grass that comes up in your hand when you pull on it is dead. If it stays attached to roots, it is dormant.

Other plants, like native perennials, are pretty hardy and can survive periods of drought or other harsh conditions since they evolved in this environment and ecosystem. They know when to call it quits for a while and enter early dormancy. Although a dead plant and dormant plant look similar, if the roots are intact and stable, the plant should

be expected to recover.

The impacts of climate change, like the unseasonal temperatures we've had recently — early season warming followed by snow or ice storms, heavier rainstorms and so on — are all impacting phenology in our area and sending confusing signals to plants and trees. Data shows that fruit trees are blooming earlier, for example, raising the risk of a killing frost that can wipe out a crop.

The drought this season impacted available food for wildlife. I can observe the impact by the feasting of hungry deer browsing on plants that were left alone over the past 10 years I've been paying attention. It's unusual behavior for a deer to snack on goldenrod and asters, but necessary because the drought impacted fruiting and plant survival of their other food sources. That list of species that deer won't eat in the landscape gets shorter every year, it seems.

To participate in tracking phenology, sign up for a citizen science project like Nature's Notebook at the National Phenology Network (usnnpn.org/natures_notebook). Founded in 2007, it has an extensive data set provided by volunteers and partner agencies that notes where changes are taking place in the natural world in response to climate change that can be used to show vulnerabilities and risks.

Even if a citizen science project seems like too much of an undertaking, find a plant or tree in your landscape and check it frequently. Take notes. Keep it up for a couple of years and it could reveal interesting insights.

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37. Makes a sweater

38. Prolonged attack

39. *Downton Abbey* role

40. Altar constellation

41. Egg y quaff

DOWN

1. Stand-in

2. Writer Wiesel

3. Is curious (about)

4. Goofed

5. Point-and-click gizmo

6. Hostels

7. Met solo

8. Dome home

9. Jason Bourne actress Julia

10. Baseball execs

12. Disparaging

14. Party cheese

15. USO audience

19. Lad

20. AWOL pursuers

21. Dutch bloom

22. Deceptions

23. Reply to “Shall we?”

24. Nome resident

25. “Kapow!”

26. Largest Greek isle

28. Grace of *Will & Grace*

29. Alpha’s opposite

30. Getting on

31. Anti-fur org.

32. Curvy letter

34. Lamb alias

35. Part of A.D.

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Answers for Nov. 4 Puzzles

P	S	S	T		D	I	N		O	B	I	T	
E	T	T	A		E	M	O		R	A	C	E	
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1	8	5	4	3	7	6	9	2
7	6	2	8	9	5	1	3	4
9	5	3	7	8	6	4	2	1
4	2	6	5	1	9	7	8	3
8	1	7	3	4	2	9	5	6

1. TWANG, 2. SETTING, 3. TESFAYE, 4. TRAGIC, 5. CENTILITER, 6. INDUCE, 7. WANNA

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 lawn bowling, to a Roman (5)

2 “Inside Out” characters (8)

3 basemen (10)

4 where produce is produced (4)

5 part of a regatta (4)

6 grow like a plant (8)

7 brainstorm’s “precipitation” (5)

SOLUTIONS

BOC	FA	NS	EM	FI
IO	CE	AS	RM	ATE
RA	ET	DE	IN	OT
EL	IDE	CE	VEG	RS

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New York United celebrates its title win.

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New York United Wins Fall Title

UFC Beacon concludes second season

By Michael Turton

The United Football Club of Beacon held its fall championship on Tuesday (Nov. 8), the culmination of the fledgling adult soccer league's second season. The regular season featured seven teams playing six-game schedules.

New York United (4-2) claimed the title over the undefeated Boca Juniors, 4-2. Marbled Meats Butchers overpowered the Commandos, 8-2, for third place and Dogwood Underdogs got past Mid-Hudson, 2-0, to win the Division II final.

"It was the game of the season," Joe Linksmann, a UFC Beacon founder, said of the title match. "Both teams put on a showcase."

The match was closer than the score indicates. The teams were tied well into the second half before New York United scored twice in the final minutes.

Linksmann said the league hopes to offer a number of indoor winter tournaments before heading outdoors for the spring, summer and fall.

UFC Beacon is partnering with Story Screen to host men's FIFA World Cup watch parties for the U.S. matches versus Wales on Nov. 21, England on Nov. 25 (sold out) and Iran on Nov. 29. Proceeds will benefit UFC Beacon Youth Soccer. See unitedfcbeacon.com/registration.

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of his crucial penalty save. "I swung away and got a foot on it. I wasn't expecting him to go right down the middle, especially on a team like this."

Yorktown sealed its own fate in the 75th minute, when a defender tried to play a ball back to the keeper but misplayed it into the goal.

"We're ecstatic, just ecstatic," said Coach Craig Seaman moments after the win. "To score right away was huge — it releases so much pressure. After that, I thought Yorktown had the better of play, so I made some adjustments at halftime, moved some guys around to change our shape a little bit. We absorbed some pressure, but I thought we were better organized in the second half."

Along with stellar play from Sandison, Beacon's back line of Gavin Ladue, Thomas Robinson, Avery Davis and Liam Murphy gave Yorktown problems.

Haldane also qualified for the final four at Yorktown on Nov. 5. It defeated the Section XI champion, Pierson/Bridgehampton of Long Island, 2-0, on goals by Max Westphal.

With playmaker Clem Grossman sitting out after a red card in the prior regional win over Rhinebeck, the Blue Devils knew they needed a boost.

Westphal answered the call. After a scoreless first half, the junior gathered a pass from Matt Silhavy and chipped a shot over the goalie that bounced into the net with 28 minutes remaining in the game.

With 14:40 left, Westphal struck again, scoring on a corner deflection, assisted by Samuel Vargas.

"Without Clem, it was difficult," Westphal said after the game. "We had to score on the chances we had, and we did that. We played together."

Ahmed Dwidar, in his 13th season as Haldane's coach, said that once Westphal



Max Westphal of Haldane chips a shot over the keeper for one of his two goals on Nov. 5 in a win that sent the Blue Devils to the final four.

Photo by S. Pearlman

scored the first goal, he had a good feeling. "We're a first-goal team," he said. "When we score first, we just get better. I was a little nervous at halftime. Without Clem, we had to adjust some things. But after that goal, I knew we had it."

Dwidar said the team had last year's loss to Hamilton in the Section I, Class C final on their minds. "They remembered that bad taste," he said. "That hung around. Now, the plan is to come home with a state title. This has been the best year of my coaching career, and we have three plaques so far. A state title would shake the whole community, and the boys know the opportunity they have. We just want to play our game, and have fun."

GIRLS' SOCCER

Haldane's playoff run came to an abrupt end on Nov. 5 with a 4-0 loss to Millbrook

in a Class C regional game at Newburgh Free Academy.

Millbrook (14-3-1), the Section IX champion, advanced to the final four. The Blue Devils finished the season at 7-11 but with a Section I, Class C title, their first since 2019.

Keeper Ruby Poses had four saves but Haldane was unable to generate many offensive opportunities against Millbrook.

"Millbrook controlled most of the play," said Coach Ed Crowe. "We had some opportunities, such as a free kick by Sara Ferreira, but really not many. Millbrook is an athletic team with a lot of seniors, and in the end we just didn't have it on Saturday."

"We absolutely couldn't have asked for anything better," he said of the season. "We upset two [higher-seeded] teams on the way to the regionals, and we played a tough schedule. Not many people thought we had a chance to win a sectional championship."

FOOTBALL

Haldane (6-2) is scheduled to take on undefeated Tuckahoe today (Nov. 11) at 9:30 a.m. at Mahopac High School for the Section I, Class D championship. The teams are the only Class D schools in the section and so play each year for the title. The winner will advance to a regional final on Nov. 18 against the Section VII champ.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The Haldane boys captured the Section, 1 Class D title on Nov. 5 at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls. In an unusually large field (41 runners), the Blue Devils scored 47 points, edging out Leffell and Keio.

Haldane was led by John Kisslinger, who finished second in 19:46, and Conrad White, who finished fourth in 20:00. Other finishers were James Frommer (9), Oliver Petkus (11), Brendan Shanahan (22), Aiden Kenny (25), Henry Schimming (27) and Liam Flanagan (28).

For the girls, Helen Nichols finished third in 26:11 and Andreia Vasconcelos was sixth in 27:25. Tyler Schacht and Ada Caccamise also competed. Although Haldane did not have enough girls to field a team in the meet, Nichols and Vasconcelos will join the boys' team on Saturday (Nov. 12) as individuals at the state meet in Verona.

Beacon's Henry Reinke finished seventh in the Section IX, Class B state qualifier on Nov. 2 at Bear Mountain. For the girls, Rachel Thorne took the final qualifying spot. They will both race on Saturday in Verona.

"I'm excited for Henry to qualify for states for the first time," said Coach Jim Henry. "He's been our top runner all year, and ran a smart race to put himself in position to qualify. This is Rachel's second straight trip to states, and this was far more difficult competition. She defended that final qualifying spot against a plethora of girls who had beaten her earlier in the season."