Some Highlands residents still recovering

By Leonard Sparks

Julie Cohen entered NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor on March 29, 2020, with COVID-19 symptoms and spent eight days on a ventilator.

The Beacon resident is convinced the doctors and nurses there saved her life, but it was only the beginning of some three years of memory lapses, shortness of breath, a heightened sense of smell and a racing heart.

“My heart rate can go from 50 to 190 for no reason — just getting up and walking to the bathroom,” said Cohen. “And there’s nothing wrong with my heart.”

Her symptoms are some of the most common ones associated with “long” COVID-19, the little-understood but increasingly studied constellation of health issues that afflict people months or years after their initial infection.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists more than 20 commonly reported ailments associated with long COVID, ranging from fatigue and palpitations to chest pains, erectile dysfunction, insomnia and rashes.

“Can’t say there’s one symptom.” said JC Prinzo, a Philipstown resident who struggled for months last year after contracting the virus. “Everybody you talk to has something different.”

Among New York residents, about 7.6 percent of adults who have caught the virus say they are experiencing long COVID, and about 20 percent of those people have “significant activity limitations,” according to the U.S. Census Bureau’s Household Pulse Survey.
Why does it seem like your signs hang up in Beacon, especially.

Why we’re seeing so many unique shops pop and are now happy to pay $2,000. That’s why we’ve seeing so many unique shops pop up in Beacon, especially.

Is Beacon at a crossroads, where higher rents are displacing legacy shops, such as at 340 Main St.?

What happened there is that the new owner bought at today’s market value and the tenants were paying rent at 1970s levels. I know he tried to work with them, but a storefront at $800 is unheard of. I feel for the tenants, but prices in the area have to change, because when a building sells at market rate the new buyer can’t keep the low rents from years ago. Taxes have gone up astronomically and then you have to factor in renovations if it’s an older property, many of which haven’t been touched since the 1970s. And, of course, with older buildings, there are capital expenses to get them into proper running order, which good landlords take care of.

What do you foresee over the next five years in Beacon’s markets?

The market is slowing all around and that will continue because interest rates have climbed. But Beacon remains popular, with a higher market turnaround and value retention compared to places like Garrison, Cold Spring or Red Hook. It’s not affordable for everyone, but as people adjust after a little hull, sales and rentals will come back strong. Lots of people who have been here for many years plan on staying, but newcomers have it hard. So many friends say their kids can’t afford to buy here and that will continue as the area becomes more of a bedroom community in many ways.

What trends do you foresee in Philipstown over the next five years?

It has its own niche. A lot of people enjoy the Cold Spring retail vibe, which is getting more diversified, but as with Beacon, it’s going to slow down a little and then pick up again, but not as fast. What I’m seeing in Cold Spring is a lot more people getting food. The hikers and the strollers aren’t carrying packages [from shopping]. There are lines stretching outside the restaurants; that’s where the demand is. Housing in Garrison and Cold Spring has a lot of big-ticket items and the homes that move quickly are in the $500,000 to $600,000 range. Multimillion-dollar properties can sit on the market for a long time, which is unlikely to change.

FIVE QUESTIONS: JONATHAN MILLER

Jonathan Miller is the principal broker at JonCar Realty in Beacon.

By Marc Ferris
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placed on administrative leave. (Beals settled with the county soon after for $41,750.) In 2019, Odell recommended that the Legislature remove the “interim” from Nesheiwat’s title.

At the time, the Carmel resident gave up his family medicine practice and his job as head of the medical staff at Putnam Hospital Center, which he had held since 1992.

A few months earlier, in November 2018, the state had informed Putnam County that Nesheiwat needed to have a master’s degree in public health to serve as commissioner. So legislators approved his appointment on the condition he pursue one. When his appointment ended in March 2021, county lawmakers approved a 1-year extension, and then another that expired in December 2022.

Paul Eldridge, the county personnel director, told the Personnel Committee that Nesheiwat was not able to complete the master’s degree “due to extraordinary circumstances in the last four years,” such as the pandemic and a measles outbreak.

The state Health Department said Nesheiwat could only remain if he again served as interim commissioner, according to Eldridge. “Dr. Nesheiwat communicated these circumstances, along with his plan to retire by the end of 2023, if approved to continue as commissioner of health,” said Eldridge. “He’s been an asset throughout the entire pandemic and I’m very glad that he’s agreed to stay on throughout this transition as interim health commissioner,” said Byrne on Monday.

In 2020, questions arose about Nesheiwat holding multiple side jobs, including being employed by a private firm that had been given a contract to provide medical care to inmates at the county jail. Nesheiwat had been appointed as the jail’s medical director by the Legislature, but in 2019 it contracted care to PrimeCare Medical of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, which hired Nesheiwat as an employee. State Judge Victor Grossman cited Putnam County code, which states that an official shall not take any action that “may result in a personal financial benefit,” including for his or her outside employer, clients, business or family. The county charter also stipulates that the health commissioner “shall serve on a full-time basis.”

Nesheiwat responded that his employment with PrimeCare presented “no conflict” with his duties as commissioner. He is also one of the county’s three elected coroners.

Early Candidate for Dutchess Executive

Sue Serino, a Republican who served three terms in the state Senate representing a district that included the Highlands, on Jan. 19 notified the state Board of Elections that she plans to run this year for Dutchess County executive.

Serino lost her Senate seat in November to Michelle Hinchey. Her district had included Beacon and Philipstown until redistricting changed its boundaries.

The incumbent Dutchess County executive, Marc Molinaro, a Republican, was elected last fall to Congress. His deputy, William F.X. O’Neil, is serving the final year of the term but has said he does not plan to run.

Nominating petitions are due in early April, and any required primaries will be held on June 27.

Garrison Board Packets Available

Two seats will be on May ballot

Nominating packets are available at the Garrison School and online for the May election, when the two seats on the school board now held by Jocelyn Apicello and Matthew Speiser will be on the ballot.

The packet is available at gufs.org by clicking on the orange ribbon titled “2023-2024 Budget Updates” or at the school weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There are seven seats on the board, with each member serving a 3-year term. Candidates must gather at least 25 signatures from qualified voters in the district by April 17.

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Cold Spring parking

Cold Spring does not have a parking problem ("Cold Spring Prepares for Parking Change," Jan. 27). We have a convenience, courtesy and compliance problem. Too many residents and merchants feel that if they cannot park in front of their shop or residence, it is a problem; cars are parked for weeks on streets that limit parking to a few hours, and parking rules are rarely enforced, and therefore largely ignored.

Perhaps before we spend precious taxpayermoney on a new set of parking rules, regulations, signage, etc., we could consistently and fairly enforce the existing rules and regulations and see how that works.

A parking spot in Cold Spring is worth about $150 per month. Well-managed parking could generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue for the village. This money could be used to dramatically reduce taxes or to invest in our aging infrastructure.

Bill Pugh, Cold Spring

I live on the lower end of Main Street. There are very few commuters parking here, and for the ones who do sneak in, this plan won’t change their habits because time limits will only be enforced on weekends.

Bo Bell, via Facebook

Philipstown trail

I’m happy to see this report from the Philipstown Trails Committee ("Not a Tourist Attraction.") Jan. 27). Those trails will be a true asset to the community. The concern that bridging the unconnected parts of Philipstown with walking/biking trails will draw tourists seems misplaced and should be refocused back on the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. I have nothing against the Fjord Trail or tourists visiting our community, but let’s not conflate the two projects, nor be so naive to think that the Fjord Trail is not going to bring an increase in the amount of tourism to the Cold Spring and Beacon area.

Rory Stark, Garrison

In order to accomplish the goal for community residents to bike and hike from the Haldane school to the Philipstown Recreation Center in Garrison, New York State will have to change the nature of Route 9D along the route. It will need to look at how countries like the Netherlands prioritize bikes and pedestrian users over cars and trucks. In the U.S., when cars/trucks share roads with bikes and pedestrians, it’s a lethal mixture.

In the past, New York State wasn’t amenable to restricting truck access and only with extreme community pressure was willing to reduce speed limits on 9D. The Department of Transportation’s default "solution" is to widen roads when asked to provide for bike access, which encourages cars to drive faster and larger trucks to consider the road a good route.

As 9D is a major commuter route, the planners of this trail need to consider how New York State and those commuting via the Bear Mountain Bridge will treat this proposal. It’s a worthy concept, but none of the planners’ options have explored these key factors.

Sarah Geer, Plymouth, Massachusetts

I would love this trail! Those areas are not accessible at all, aside from car travel. It’s selfish for people to fight against a safe, shared path for families, let alone pedestrians in general. Maybe we will get to access the Indian Brook and the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center. People are going to visit regardless. Do neighbors want a wall?

Matthew Robinson, via Instagram

Imagine being able to safely ride to and from Beacon along the waterfront, and to recreation centers, without fear of being run over? If the police aren’t going to enforce the speed limits, it would be nice if there were safe alternatives and that our elected officials supported them.

Harper Langston, via Instagram

My property borders the now-closed parking area at Constitution Marsh, and I want to go on the record that my Indian Brook Road neighbors do not speak for me. I do not object to finding a solution for better community access and I guess I’ll have to get more involved to make this clear.

Samara Mormar, via Instagram

CCA agreement

The Philipstown Town Board is exploring the possibility of rejoining a revived Community Choice Aggregation program that ended in July. I applaud its careful consideration of this option, which brought significant benefits to the community.

The benefits of a CCA are twofold. First, it allows for communities to use their collective buying power to negotiate a fixed rate for an electricity supply that isn’t vulnerable to price hikes caused by external factors, such as extreme weather or war in Europe.

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Committee Assignments

Putnam County Legislature
Nancy Montgomery (D), Philipstown
- Budget & Finance
- Physical Services

Dutchess County Legislature
Yvette Valdés Smith (D)
- Minority Leader (ex-officio on all committees)

Nick Page (D)
- Family and Human Services
- Government Services and Administration

State Assembly
Dana Levenson (D) (Philipsburg)
- Corrections
- Environmental Conservation
- Housing
- Libraries and Education Technology
- Local Governments

Jonathan Jacobson (D) (Beacon)
- Cities
- Corporations, Authorities and Commissions
- Election Law*
- Insurance
- Labor
- Local Governments
*Jacobson chairs the Subcommittee on Election Day Operations and Voter Disenfranchisement

State Senate
Rob Rolison (R)
- Aging
- Alcoholism and Substance Abuse
- Children and Families
- Cities 2 (upstate/smaller)
- Crime Victims, Crime and Correction
- Procurement and Contracts

U.S. Congress
Mike Lawler (R) (District 17, including Philipstown)
- Financial Services
- Foreign Affairs

Pat Ryan (D) (District 18, including Beacon)
- Armed Services*
- Transportation and Infrastructure
*Ryan serves on the Subcommittee for Cyber, Innovative Technologies and Information Systems, and on the Subcommittee for Strategic Forces

Book riddance
The book nerd in me wants so badly to properly organize those piles shown with Keith Lawg (“About Those Books You Want to Unload,” Jan. 27). It gave me anxiety looking at the photo.

Alan Lawless, via Instagram

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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to name a couple. For most of us, especially seniors on fixed incomes, relieving the anxiety of spiking energy costs is a blessing. Just last year, Philipstown CCA participants were protected from severe market spikes, resulting in over $940,000 in savings. What better evidence is there of the value of our CCA than what happened in July when the CCA ended? We were all once again given better evidence is there of the value of our CCA than what happened in July when the CCA ended? We were all once again given

Putnam Valley, especially regarding the fire

Illegal dumping
Was any chemical contamination discovered? Is the Putnam County Board of Health checking to see if they have the same chemicals that are being found at Camp Floradan and the Putnam Valley Elementary School?

Tranq dope
The complexity of our social ills will only be solved when people begin to matter more than corporate profits and greed (“The Rise of ‘Tranq Dope,’” p. 12, Jan. 20) and the “corporate personhood” designation delivered by the U.S. Supreme Court is seen as the destructive error it was and is. Thank you for this succinct, informative article.

Middle-aged meetups
I love this idea (“Facebook Friends — in 3D,” Jan. 27). It’s annoying that we have to explain and justify wanting to not include men. I’ve seen women talk (especially in mom groups) about setting up “play” dates for their spouses because they feel “left out” or don’t initiate socializing on their own. So, more labor for us. Enjoy your night out, middle-aged women. There’s something for everybody; you just have to be vulnerable and willing to organize if you can’t find what you want or need.

I’m curious about the racial make-up of the group. I’m Black and have often tried to make women friends in Beacon. Nearly every time, I am told by white women they want to hang out but they are never available when I reach out. Very rarely do they reach out to me. I have also seen them out and about having meals and drinks with other women and it is always white women.

Twinkle Burke, via Instagram

The Highlands Current
Beacon Mayor: City in ‘Excellent’ Shape

Kyriacou delivers State of the City address
By Jeff Simms

In a word, the City of Beacon is in “excellent” shape. That was the theme of Mayor Lee Kyriacou’s State of the City address on Monday (Jan. 30).

The 25-minute speech was the first of its kind during Kyriacou’s tenure as mayor and covered his three years in office.

Kyriacou noted that the COVID-19 pandemic hit less than three months after he was sworn in. While the City Council spent time early in 2020 creating the Main Street Access Committee and considering firehouse consolidation, in March the pandemic and ensuing shutdown changed everything.

As mayor, Kyriacou said he had to shift “to providing regular broadcasts on COVID counts and precautions, keeping City Hall and city services operating safely, avoiding a total Main Street shutdown and urging everyone to do their part and stick together.” At the same time, a national conversation about civil rights and policing began after George Floyd was murdered by a Minneapolis police officer in May 2020.

“During these difficult times, everyone did their part; we stuck together,” Kyriacou said. “As a community, we have largely come through these trials better — not without loss, sacrifice and government help — but also with accomplishing long-term improvements in how we live and work, how we treat one another and how we ensure that no one is left behind.”

From there, Kyriacou provided updates across a number of fronts.

Municipal finances

Kyriacou called Beacon’s financial position “the best in memory.” He spoke about negotiating a 10-year sales tax-sharing agreement with Dutchess County that will net the city $20 million. Property tax rates are at their lowest in at least a decade, he said, “and I am committed to reducing them further to ensure that increasing property values don’t increase our taxes.”

The mayor also touted the $115 million that new construction has added to Beacon’s tax rolls, which he said has created revenue without increasing tax bills.

Public safety

For the first time ever, the city included $200,000 in its 2022 budget to hire Ambulnz, a private ambulance firm. That funding is part of the 2023 budget, as well. The city also hired paid, or “career,” firefighters, ensuring that two firefighters are on duty at all times.

Construction is expected to begin this spring on the city’s centralized fire station, ending two decades of consolidation studies and debate. Kyriacou also praised the hire of Lashaveous Dicker, a mental health case worker who has worked with Beacon police since 2021.

Infrastructure

Kyriacou said that Beacon’s infrastructure — 55 miles of roads and sidewalks, underground water and sewer pipes, drinking water and wastewater treatment plants and parks and recreation facilities, among other assets — “is in the best shape it has been in decades.”

This spring, a full rehabilitation project, including repaving and new sidewalks, will begin on Fishkill/Teller Avenue. The city has secured federal and state funding allowing the $10 million project to be undertaken at almost no municipal cost.

Last year, the city repaved Main Street from end to end “for the first time in decades,” adding safety features such as corner “bump-outs” and new pedestrian crossings, Kyriacou said.

Quality of life

The mayor called Beacon a “leader in affordable housing,” noting that, in Dutchess County, only Poughkeepsie has more below-market-rate apartments. He cited the sale of the city-owned lot next to City Hall, which added 72 affordable units through construction of the West End Lofts. (The city sold the 3.14-acre lot to developer Ken Kearney in 2016, when Randy Casale was mayor. Kyriacou, then a member of the City Council, voted in favor of the deal.)

Kyriacou also spoke about “tighter” zoning on Main Street, where developers must now provide a “public benefit,” such as publicly accessible green space or added affordable housing, to build a four-story structure, and along Fishkill Creek and the Hudson River, where new development must be at least 25 percent commercial.

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Climate change

In 2020, Beacon became one of two cities in the state to achieve silver status as a Climate Smart Community. The city has also enacted a “green-fleet” policy that is adding electric and hybrid vehicles for municipal workers.

All city buildings use 100 percent renewable electricity, the bulk of it generated at the 20-acre solar farm at the former Beacon landfill site, near Dennings Point. In addition, the City Council is considering legislation that would be the state's timeline for transitioning new construction to all-electric, the mayor said.

Good government

Kyriacou mentioned the hire in 2020 of City Administrator Chris White as a component of “a professionally run city — one that uses taxpayer funds effectively, that empowers department managers and develops our employees.” Kyriacou said that White has negotiated fair, multi-year agreements with the unions that represent city staff, firefighters and police officers, providing predictability and lower legal costs. The city has also worked to increase diversity, including in the police and fire departments, and now recognizes Juneteenth, the federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery, as a paid day off for all employees.

Putnam Valley Plans Green Opt-Out

Action would reject tax break for solar, wind

By Brian PJ Cronin

The Town of Putnam Valley is proposing to opt out of a state tax law that grants a 15-year tax break on increases in a property’s assessed value attributed to the installation of a green-energy system powered by solar, wind or farm waste.

“The assessed value of your property does not increase nor decrease based on solar panels,” asserted Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi at the Jan. 25 meeting of the Town Board. “In other words, you’re not being taxed for the solar panels as it stands.”

There is a solar-equipment tax credit available to anybody [in New York state] with a solar panel.

~ Supervisor Jacqueline Annabi

Opting out of the law is allowed as long as a municipality holds a public hearing. The Town Board passed resolutions in 2016 (after a parcel was sold to build a solar farm) and 2020 but didn’t hold the required hearings.

If the town opts out, it would be the second municipality in Putnam County to do so: Patterson opted out in 1991. In Dutchess County, the towns of Wappinger and Taconic Hills opted out in 2018 and 2020, respectively.

The proposed Putnam Valley resolution states that opting out would “protect the town’s tax base.”

“There is a solar-equipment tax credit available to anybody [in New York state] with a solar panel,” said Annabi, adding that Putnam Valley provides other incentives for solar-panel permits. “We try very hard to stay green, but we don’t want a commercial base to come in and tear up our lands [for clean-energy projects], not be invested in our community and then not be taxed on it.”

During the hearing, several residents spoke against the proposed resolution.

“While the original intent in 2016 may have been to capture revenue from commercially oriented solar and wind farms, the removal of this tax exemption would necessarily impact homeowners, as well,” said Sarah Bartlett. “In a town with a limited commercial presence, that’s where its primary impact would be felt.”

She noted that the board could still collect revenue from solar and wind farms while allowing homeowners to keep the exemption by arranging payments-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreements on commercial projects.

Another resident, Anton Ioukhnovets, said that while his recent transition to solar power wasn’t as cheap or as easy as he had hoped, it was worth it.

Removing the property-tax exemption “is a bit shortsighted, at least as far as private owners go,” he said. “The transition to renewable energy has finally gone mainstream, the momentum is building and NYSEG [New York State Electric & Gas] rates doubled in the last year. Giving an extra incentive for the people to be energy-independent and move collectively toward the green-energy future is the right thing to do.”

Comments on the proposal will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Feb. 15. The supervisor’s email is jannabi@putnamvalley.gov.

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Beacon Crime (from Page 1)

injury likely sustained in an accidental fall, speculation was rampant in the interim, with online threads amassing scores of comments.

Two days after Miranda’s body was found, on Jan. 3, a Beacon man was arrested when police said he turned himself in after setting fire to a Wolcott Avenue house. The man, Brian Atkinson, 56, had been scheduled to appear in City Court that day for an eviction hearing initiated by the owner of the house. Atkinson’s next court appearance is scheduled for Feb. 23.

On Jan. 13, police announced the arrest of a Forrestal Heights resident accused of possessing an illegal “ghost gun.” The unregistered weapons are assembled from parts or kits that include an unfinished piece such as a frame or receiver with no serial number.

McCrae is accused of ramming Perrette’s vehicle several times as they drove north on Route 9. After the vehicles stopped in a parking lot, McCrae allegedly threw automotive oil on Perrette and on the inside and outside of his car. Police said Perrette then assaulted McCrae and battered her vehicle and broke several windows with a car battery he removed from his trunk.

McCrae fled the scene, police said, but was soon arrested in Wappingers Falls by the Putnam officers with help from the New York State Police. He was charged with misdemeanor assault and felony criminal mischief and released with an order of protection.

McCrae was taken by the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps to New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital, where she was treated and released. She was charged with two counts of felony reckless endangerment, felony criminal mischief and driving with a suspended license. She was arraigned in Philipstown Town Court and, because she was on probation, remanded to the Putnam County Jail.

A day later, officers arrested Max Kleiner, 31, who is alleged to have stabbed a woman in her Wolcott Avenue home. When officers arrived at the scene, Kleiner was still inside the home with blood on his clothes, police said. The woman, who suffered multiple wounds to the neck, was transported to a hospital, where she was treated and released, according to the department.

This week, Matt Landahl, the superintendent of the Beacon school district, announced that city police had identified the person who made an online threat toward Rombout Middle School.

In addition, Beacon police have made no arrests in the Christmas Day 2021 killing of Rene Vivo, 65, a veteran known as “Scout,” or Lionell Pittman Jr., 32, who was shot and killed in a parking lot at the Forrestal Heights apartment complex in May. (Police Chief Sands Frost said he could not comment on the Scout or Pittman homicide investigations. “Other than the families, there’s nobody that wants to close those cases more than we do,” he said.)

The rash of recent incidents is noteworthy, said Mayor Lee Kyriacou, but likely an anomaly. “There isn’t any question that crime has been trending downward over the 30 years he has lived in the city, he said. “There are always going to be occasional high-profile incidents,” Kyriacou said. “I can understand people’s concerns, but [the recent activity] doesn’t translate into a trend.”

Each year, New York State compiles data submitted by police agencies showing trends in each of seven categories created by the FBI: murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault, which are classified as violent crimes, and the property crimes of burglary, larceny and auto theft.

State numbers show violent and property crime in Beacon decreasing each year from 2017 to 2021. In 2017, the Beacon police reported 43 violent crimes; by 2021, the number was down 65 percent, to 15. Likewise, there were 240 property crimes reported in Beacon in 2017; in 2021 those had fallen nearly 73 percent, to 66.

The state has yet to publish statistics for 2022 (the Beacon police cannot release those numbers ahead of New York State), but an analysis of police blotter entries shows that, overall, police activity stayed virtually flat from 2021 to 2022. In 2021, according to the blotters, Beacon police responded to 7,563 calls. In 2022, there were 7,643.

Chief Frost said that, while there have been a number of higher-profile incidents lately, it’s a far cry from when he was hired as a Beacon patrol officer in the early 1980s. The recent incidents are a string of “singular” events, rather than the recurring crime, such as Main Street robberies, he saw after joining the force in 1983.

“‘That’s not happening now. Beacon is still a safe place to come to go shopping or out to eat,’ he said.
COVID (from Page 1)

After initially baffling doctors, long COVID is now a recognized condition under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Congress has approved more than $1 billion in research funding and hospitals have opened specialized clinics.

There is additional good news, according to recent data from the Census Bureau. Among people who have had COVID, the percentage reporting long-term effects declined nationwide (to 28.3 percent in January from 33.2 percent five months earlier) and in New York (23.7 percent from 30.6 percent).

“I’d have to sit down and take a rest after taking a shower. That’s how bad it was.” – JC Prinzo

While there are medications available to treat the various symptoms, a definitive cause is still elusive and there is no specific treatment, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Prinzo’s doctor prescribed medication to treat his COVID symptoms when he tested positive on his birthday in July but could offer nothing for his long COVID. For five months, he battled fatigue so profound it prevented him from bicycling and walking, and made even minor tasks difficult.

“I’d have to sit down and take a rest after taking a shower,” said Prinzo. “That’s how bad it was.”

Cohen’s saga began when widespread infections first hit New York state. She came down with a fever that hit nearly 104 degrees. Fatigue set in. By April 1, 2020 she had a range of ailments, including memory and processing speed, and on evaluations of cognitive functions. Patients also reported higher levels of anxiety, depression and fatigue.

For some people, the cognitive and physical problems are so severe that they have to miss work. A study by the New York State Insurance Fund, the state’s largest workers’ compensation carrier, of claims filed from Jan. 1, 2020 to March 31, 2022, found that 71 percent of the 977 claims that met the criteria for long COVID were filed by people who stopped working and/or required treatment for at least six months.

Health care workers filed the most claims for long COVID, according to the insurance fund. Followed by police officers and administrators for state and municipal agencies.

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

- The Cold Spring Village Board, at its February (Feb. 1) workshop, heard from Jennifer Zwaren, who chairs a committee advising the board on the regulation of short-term rentals (STRs) booked through services such as Airbnb and VRBO. Based largely on recommendations from the committee, the board plans to revise a local law on STR operations adopted by the previous administration but criticized for being too complex and difficult to enforce. The committee will make its final comments in late February or early March. Once the Village Board completes its zoning changes, it will schedule a public hearing.

Notes from Philipstown School Boards

By Joey Asher

- The Haldane board on Nov. 1 accepted a $150,000 bid to purchase four minivans from Main Motorcar in Johnstown.
- The Haldane board on Nov. 1, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17 accepted grants from the Haldane Arts Alliance, including $1,000 to support the PTA’s Dia de los Muertos event; $1,500 to help fund an elementary school production of Seussical Jr.; $1,000 to help fund a jazz workshop for high school students by The Brighton Beat; $253 for supplies for a hydro-dripping project with seventh grade students; $1,062 for ceramic wheel-throwing supplies for the art room; and $530 for a Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival workshop for sixth graders.
- The Garrison board on Sept. 21 appointed Dawn Gorlitsky as the school psychologist and James Yap as director of technology and innovation. At its Dec. 9 meeting, it appointed Michael Oneto as head custodian.
- The Garrison board on Oct. 26 accepted the donation of a Samson Live 300-watt powered speaker cabinet from Dusti Callo for use by the music and theater departments.

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NATURAL STORY — The Butterfield Library and Little Stony Point Citizens Association hosted a story time and hike for children on Jan. 28. Each participant was given a bag to find and collect objects (leaves, feathers, bark, stones) for an art project. Photo by Ross Corsair

GREEN TEEN TOUR — Members of Club Green Teen, an after-school extension of the Cornell Cooperative Extension’s Green Teen Beacon program, visited City Hall on Jan. 20. The visit was the third in a series of eight field trips focused on civic engagement and building community. From left (standing) are Desirea Smith, Jayden Ortiz, Mayor Lee Kyriacou, City Administrator Chris White, Luna Yawman and Shyanne McNair. In front are Tyler Evans, Aidon George and Jude Williams. Photo provided

GREETERS — Haldane Elementary last month named a new team of greeters, a program open to “friendly and outgoing” third-, fourth- and fifth-graders who apply and provide references. From left are Josephine “JoJo” Moyer, Elisha Cardozo, Juniper Sizemore, Charlie Crothers, River Silverlinck and Alice Bunye. Photo provided
The Calendar

A Poet and an Artist Entwined

French-language classmates produce new book

By Alison Rooney

A s students in a local French class, visual artist Anita Jacobson and poet Joan Turner found their takes on the world often felt entwined, or entrelacé.

Spurred on by the assessment of their teacher, Jacqueline Coumans, that “their talents would show beautifully together, side by side,” the women have produced a book, Entrelacé, which they call “a labor of love and friendship.”

The women previewed the book at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison recently and will do so again with an exhibition of Jacobson’s collages that opens today (Feb. 3) at the Garrison Art Center and continues through Feb. 12. At 3 p.m. on Feb. 11, the art center will host a reading by Turner and a talk by Jacobson about their collaboration and inspiration. It will be followed by a sale and signing of Entrelacé, which was designed by Clara Pereira and includes 19 poems and images, to benefit the art center.

The book’s genesis was the French lessons, which Coumans began in 2017, initially over Zoom. Participants are required to speak in French. Turner said something that struck Coumans’ fancy, and she asked: “Why don’t you write a poem?” Turner recalls. “I thought it was French homework. She then turned to Anita, asking: ‘What about you?’

“We’re both a little shy about our work, but Jacqueline kept encouraging us — saying that, ‘this is going to be a book.’ She was a real coach, mentor and friend. It was a great intellectual expansion for me.”

Jacobson recalls that “every time we’d meet, she’d ask ‘Et alors?’ (And, so?), until finally it took off, independently. All of this was during COVID — a wonderful way to escape.” Turner thinks that more “marinated in my brain” during the pandemic. “My thoughts were more serious about the world,” she says.

Initially, Turner would send a poem to Jacobson, who would attempt to capture it in a found-objects collage, without being too literal. “That was the challenge: to get people to look beyond what Joan was saying,” Jacobson says. “To meet it in my own way, I started to get more abstract,” Turner noticed. “I felt Anita was constraining trying to fit into my words,” she says. “We felt our way and shifted into going back and forth, picking out things that struck us.”

Turner’s background is in anthropology and gardening. Jacobson studied art history at New York University and co-founded the New York Tenement Museum.

“This project brought out all these submerged qualities we both had,” Turner says. Jacobson cites the works joined under the title “Sunday Morning.” Her collage, a depiction of pollution, embodied by a bird drinking oil, was done first. Then Turner interpreted that portion of the collage:

A nearby finch bends to quench its thirst.
Even the tiny cricket chirping in his quiet corner echoes the rhythm of time, accepting what is here. At peace with the unknowing mystery of life.

“I collect a lot of stuff and use a lot of pieces and parts of it: In this one there are spiral paper clips, moss and butterflies, which reminded me of a headdress. I’ll rummage until I locate something that’ll work. It’s all cut out, done by hand. That’s why I love collage. If you don’t like something, pull it off. If you paint, you’re committed. I like flexibility.”

With the project completed, the women would like to continue their partnership. “I would like to get back to my little world of images,” Jacobson says, while Turner adds: “The human connection through art is a driving force for all of us.”

The Changing Breeze

By Joan Turner

Winter leaves reluctantly
Leaving behind its snowy tatters.
The days are longer, brighter
The more fresh and clear.
The warm breeze stirs the dormant plants
While the Robin announces Spring.
My thoughts linger on the pleasure of the moment.
Yet, I wonder if this will be my last.
How much sorrow can a tear retain?

"The Changing Breeze"
THE WEEK AHEAD
Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY
SAT 4
EagleFest
CROTON
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Croton Point Park
1 Croton Point Ave. | teatown.org
The annual event will include scopes and guides for spotting eagles, shows with birds of prey, bird walks, crafts and games. The snow date is SUN 5. Cost: $30 ($17 ages 3 to 11; $35/$38 door)

SAT 4
Eagle Watch
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Boscobel
1801 Route 90 | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org
Guides from Constitution Marsh Audubon and the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will help visitors spot bald eagles, which use the Hudson River as a stop on their southern migration. Cost: $24 ($12 seniors, $7 ages 4 to 16, free ages 3 and younger, member discount)

SAT 11
Card Making Workshop
GARRISON
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
Garrisonartcenter.org
Danielle Lafayette will lead this workshop focused on using collage and pen-and-ink techniques to make cards during the art center’s February series of one-day workshops. Registration required. Cost: $75

SAT 11
Roses and Bows
BEACON
11 a.m. Beacon Historical Society
61 Leonard St. | beaconhistorical.org
Shirley Botsford, whose needlework is on exhibit at the society, will lead a class for teens and adults ages 14 and older on stitches to create fabric bows and rose shapes from repurposed neckties. Register online. Cost: $15

SAT 11
Dance Party
COLD SPRING
8 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
While the pews are removed for renovations, here’s your chance to dance in the open space of the historic chapel. Cost: $50

TALKS & TOURS
SAT 4
Sons of Liberty
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Matthew Speiser, a Garrison resident, will read from his debut novel.

STAGE & SCREEN
SAT 4
It’s Only a Play
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org
Kit Colburn will direct the staging of the Terrence McNally comedy about a Broadway opening-night party. Weekends through Feb. 18. Cost: $22 ($20 seniors/military/children)

SAT 11
Chris Dokebi | GID
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
139 Main St. | clutter.co
Dokebi’s goblins will be shown as well as Glow in the Dark works. Through March 3.

SAT 11
Elin Lundman
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
The artist will have a solo show, Beast Mode, that explores myth and imagination through monsters painted on a variety of materials. Through March 5.

SAT 11
Robert Olsson
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584
baugallery.org
Olsson’s macro-landscape photographs will be on view. New member work will be on display in Gallery 2 and Joel Brown’s textiles in the Beacon Room.

VISUAL ARTS
SAT 11
Entrelacé
GARRISON
3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
Anita Jacobson and poet Joan Turner will discuss their collaboration and read from their new book. See Page 11. The exhibit continues through Feb. 12.

SAT 11
Art is Elementary
BEACON
3 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
Artwork by students from Glenham, JV Forrestal, Sargent and South Avenue elementary schools will be on view and the artists are invited to attend this reception.

TUES 7
Chocolate Molds
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
At this month’s Creators Workshop, participants will make molds to take home that can be used for chocolate or other purposes. Registration required.

WED 8
Stickerpalooza
COLD SPRING
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Children are invited to use stickers to create projects and decorate items.

FRI 10
Couplets and Cards
COLD SPRING
2 – 4 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbooks.com
Children are invited to compose a couplet on a card at the bookstore and then walk up the street to Supplies for Creative Living at 143 Main St, to decorate the card. Registration required. Proceeds will benefit the Animal Rescue Foundation in Beacon. Cost: $5

SAT 11
Dessert Decorating
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Register online. Cost: $5

SAT 11
Craft and Storytime
COLD SPRING
Valentine’s Day. For ages 5 and older.

SAT 11
Setting Sun
BEACON
8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com

MUSIC
SAT 4
Sankofa
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

SAT 4
American Pink Floyd
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300
townecrier.com
The band Prognosis will recreate the experience of a Pink Floyd show. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

Bryan Kopchak (drums), Chris Talio (guitar) and synth psychedelic works with David Torn and Young Matthieu (guitars) as Quinn’s 50th birthday celebration to honor James Brown, a birthday party will perform as part of Quinn’s weekly jazz session in a birthday celebration to honor James Keepnews.

THURS 9
Young Matthieu
BEACON
8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com
The guitarist and percussionist will perform as part of Quinn’s weekly jazz session in a birthday celebration to honor James Keepnews.

MON 6
David Torn and Dean Sharp
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Quinn’s
330 Main St. | quinnspinbeacon.com
The guitarist and percussionist will perform as part of Quinn’s weekly jazz session in a birthday celebration to honor James Keepnews.

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Bruce Molsky
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. | 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The songwriter and fiddle, banjo and guitar player will play music from his latest release, *Everywhere You Go*. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

SAT 11
Winter Music Festival
POUGHKEEPSIE
1 – 10 p.m. The Chance
6 Cranwell St. | thechancetheater.com
Beacon School of Rock bands will perform the songs of Green Day, Led Zeppelin and other pop-rock legends.

SAT 11
Yonnick Prene
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com
The Parisian composer and educator is an award-winning jazz harmonica player.

SAT 11
Louie Prima Jr. and The Witnesses
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com
The 10-piece, New Orleans-style band will play a range of music from its two albums. Cost: $25 to $35

SAT 11
Cosmokaze
BEACON
8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com
The improvisational instrument collective will perform.

SAT 11
Solojoi77
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org
The rhythm-and-blues band includes Chaya (vocals), Matt Blaser (bass), David Hollander (guitar), Chris Hutz (keyboards) and Dave Miller (drums).

SAT 11
The Weeklings
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. | 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The tribute band will perform the top 40 classics of the Beatles. Cost: $35 ($40 door)

SUN 12
Beacon Rising Choir
BEACON
2 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. | 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Formed in 2017, the group will perform a selection of music by women, LGBTQ and Black and Indigenous composers about social justice and community. Proceeds will benefit Compass Arts. Cost: $20 ($25 door, free for children 12 and younger)

CIVIC
MON 6
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza | 845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 6
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

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

TUES 7
Putnam Legislature
CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneda Ave. | 845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

WED 8
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St. | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 8
Village Board
NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St. | 845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

SAT 11
Town Hall
GARRISON
10 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org
Dana Levenberg, newly elected to the state Assembly to represent the district that includes Philipstown, will discuss legislative priorities and hear feedback.

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Deep Roots

By Celia Barbour

I woke up this morning feeling nostalgic for the era of the cushy magazine expense account. In particular, I was missing the day when I utilized mine to purchase a pile of knobby root vegetables from the Union Square Greenmarket in New York City.

I was facing a deadline for a big feature story on roots and, realizing that carrots and beets comprised the extent of my root-veg expertise, told my editor that I needed to spend a couple of days and a few dozen dollars diving deep into roots research. I bought salsify, scorzonera, burdock, parsley root, celeriac, parsnips, rutabaga and turnips, among others. I lugged them all back to my tiny apartment, gathered up a handful of cookbooks, including one called Great British Cooking (a title which struck me as rather cheeky), and got to work.

Among my discoveries: Scorzonera does taste like oysters; salsify a bit like artichokes; both are remarkably delicious, especially when roasted. Turnips are turnippy no matter what you do to them. And I needed more parsnips in my life, pronto.

I also discovered that I was wrong about Great British Cooking. Its recipes are genuinely great.

My research further revealed that I adore almost any root vegetables sliced thin, layered and baked — think scalloped potatoes with or without the cream. Since then, I have made numerous iterations of this kind of dish, including this celeriac-and-potato “cake,” which was on holiday rotation in my kitchen for over a decade, a sweet potato and apple tian (ditto), and a handful of root-based tarts, Anna's and terrines.

One of the things I love about these layered vegetable dishes is that they emphasize one of eating’s overlooked pleasures: its textural rhythm. You experience scalloped potatoes or a parsnip pavé as a quick and subtle repetition, a sequence of resistance and release in your teeth. For that reason alone, these dense, stratiform dishes make terrific additions to winter meals, with all their messy, saucy stews and braises.

And although slicing the vegetables takes a bit of time and focus, the dishes themselves can be quite simple, layered with nothing more than a little olive oil or melted butter, a sprinkling of salt, and some thyme leaves or mustard. You can top them with bread crumbs and cheese to make a gratin, or leave them bare. And as lovely as they are as a side dish, they also work well as a main, dressed up with salad and a few toasted pumpkin or sunflower seeds.

What baffles me is that this category of dishes doesn’t have a family name, the way that casseroles or stews do. The tian, from Provence, is named for the earthenware dish it’s baked in; the gratin for the crisp crust created by scraping — or grating — crumbs or cheese over the top of a layered dish; the pavé for its resemblance to paving stones. Scalloped potatoes take their name neither from shellfish nor the shape of their shells, but from the old English word collop, which means to slice thinly. I like to be intentional with my words, and I feel that I am on shaky paving stones when discussing these dishes.

One thing they all have in common, however, is that their names are fancier than the ingredients that comprise them. Which makes them a kind of culinary fairy tale: You take something humble, cheap and hardy, and gussy it up for the dinner table — and never mind that no one else is picking up the tab.

Celeriac Pavé

1 medium celeriac, about 1 pound
4 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons olive oil
2½ tablespoons Dijon mustard
4 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
1 pound Yukon gold or other waxy potatoes
1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves
¼ cup chicken or vegetable stock
4 tablespoons fresh thyme leaves

Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Grease a 2-quart casserole or Dutch oven, or line the bottom and sides of an 8-inch cake pan with parchment (see note below). Fill a large bowl with cold water. Slice the potatoes and celeriac thinly on a mandoline, transferring slices to water as you work. Melt the butter in a saucepan, and when it starts to bubble, add the olive oil and garlic and cook over low heat for 5 minutes, taking care not to burn the garlic.

Remove from heat and whisk in the mustard, thyme leaves, salt and pepper (don’t worry if they separate). Drain the potatoes and celeriac and spin them a few times in a salad spinner, flipping them over between spins. Return the vegetables to the (dry) bowl and toss with the mustard butter until thoroughly coated. Arrange the mixture in a baking dish. Pour over the stock. Cover with a circle of parchment paper, then bake for about an hour, until tender. Remove the paper and turn the heat up to 425 degrees and bake until the top is crispy.

Note: If you make this in a small casserole or Dutch oven, you can scoop out portions to serve. If you make it in an 8-inch cake pan lined with parchment, you can turn it out onto a platter, then flip it upright and cut it in slices, like a cake, for serving.
to be “invasive and noxious” in 46 states, including New York.
Clearly, watercress is a hardy plant. While temperatures have been mild this winter, germination information on retail sites that sell seeds list it as needing a temperature of at least 45 degrees. Generally, I’ve found that shallow streams like this one follow surface air temperatures, rising and falling within hours, or a day. The plant wasn’t getting much insulation from its aquatic habitat, but here it is! Some of the plants have grown tall enough in a month to rise above the water.

While watercress is considered an invasive in New York, seeds are widely available. The plant is sought after by gardeners and foragers for its high nutrient value.

Watercress is a Tier 3 invasive species, meaning the New York Natural Heritage Program has found it to be a “highly invasive species in medium abundance with a management goal of containment.” The system has four tiers (Tier 3 is one below the severest) and Abby Bezrutczyk, conservation area manager of the Long Island Invasive Species Management Area, clarified that watercress is being monitored and encouraged me to submit it to the iMap-Invasives site, which I had already done.

“Ecological impacts aren’t fully known and documented, aside from taking up nutrients and somewhat altering stream flow if it grows in a larger mat,” she said. “That’s part of the reason it’s classified as having a moderate ecological impact in New York.”

Watercress is a significant issue on Long Island but not as much in the rest of the state. When I discussed my pond with Sam Beck-Andersen, a director of invasive species programs in the Finger Lakes region, he said: “Hand-pulling is a good method for controlling it at this stage. Leaving it allows more opportunity for it to fragment and continue downstream.” Watercress spreads by seed and parts of the plant can root and grow, too.

I could harvest it but after reading about the possibilities for ingesting liver fluke and Giardia, parasites that can live on the plant, I am going with a hard “no.” When I initially tried to track down information about watercress, most of the sites I found were about foraging. As with any free salad found in a waterway, eat at your own risk.

Gardeners can plant watercress in containers and keep it out of waterways, where it can grow into 10-foot mats, disrupt the ecology of the pond or stream and continue downstream. In this stream, the water flows into Trout Creek, then Wiccopee Creek and Fishkill Creek, a 34-mile tributary of the Hudson River. That’s a lot of potential watercress habitat.

My pond is primarily a frog habitat. I love to watch the cloudy balloon egg sacs become tadpoles and listen to the chirps and croaking. I’m not eager to see what impact the watercress will have on them but I might not have a choice. This will be a work-in-progress that will have to wait for warmer days. If you’ve got a wet suit and a will to pull weeds, I could use the help.

**NOTICE**

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Planning Board February 2023.

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CD COLLECTION — An eclectic collection of musical CDs in original jewel box cases. I am moving to Europe and cannot take my entire musical CD collection. Between 100 to 150 CDs. Wide-ranging but heavy on classic Broadway, as well as vocalists (more female than male), cabaret and some rock, and quite a few classical. You must take it all. Make me an offer. $1 per CD but all or none! It’s a lovely collection. Email HimbergPhilip@gmail.com.

SOUL CYCLE WITH MONITOR — Like new. $400 and you must pick up in Beacon. Monitor for Soul Cycle Classes included but you must sign up separately to pay for online classes. Original cost for bike was $2,500, but they sell now for $1,500. Perfect condition. Very heavy; will need some folks to move it down one flight and out building. Email HimbergPhilip@gmail.com.

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BOYS' BASKETBALL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pleased take notice that the Historic District Review Board for the Village of Cold Spring will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at Cold Spring Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring NY 10516, to consider the application by Craig William Macneil and Ana Maria Garcia Asensio, 12 Parrott Street, Cold Spring NY 10516 for the remodel and expansion of a residential building. The subject property is 12 Parrott Street, Cold Spring NY 10516, designated as Tax Map Section 49.5-2-44. The property is located within the R-1 Zoning District and the Local Historic District.

Until further notice, masks are mandatory in village hall.

The public is welcome to participate in person, or, via Videoconference:

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85246257150?pwd=SHlaMm5rbTRVaTRwVSUZ1UGhuQ0F0dGJ0
Join by phone: +1 646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 852 4625 7150
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Application materials are available to view on the Village website: https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/public-hearings.

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

Written comment on the application can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the Village Clerk, vcsclerk@coldspringny.gov. Written comment must be received by Monday, February 7, 2023 to be included in the public record.

By Order of the Cold Spring Historic District Review Board
AL ZGOLINSKI, CHAIR

NOTICE

Philipstown Planning Board
Public Hearing – February 16th, 2023

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 16th, 2023 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 to consider the following application:

Dain’s Lumber, 3622 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#17-1-44

Project: Major Project; Applicant seeks to amend the conditionally approved site plan for use as a storage and retail facility, expanding the existing business which is currently based in Peekskill. The application for amended site plan approval includes an initial phase in which a 7,000 sq ft storage building would be constructed, along with an outdoor storage area, associated parking, a stormwater management practices and landscaping. In this initial phase the existing building, well and septic system will be retained, and the building will be rented for residential use. Second (future) phase would include removal of the existing residence, and construction of a 10,500 sq ft building in its place for retail and storage.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

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15. Youthful countenance
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21. Pro votes
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25. July’s stone
28. It ain’t worth a nickel
30. Prattle
33. “Life — cabaret ...”
36. Slangs as a perp
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36. Chum
37. Sharif of Funny Girl
38. Wild guess
39. Run after K
41. For fear that
43. “No cheating!”
46. Eucalyptus eater
50. Thames town
51. Temporary mental fatigue
54. Dazzle
55. Here, in Dijon

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1. Bloodline sharers
2. Jacob’s twin
3. North Sea feeder
4. “Help!”
5. Oklahoma city
6. Elmer, to Bugs
7. Has bills
8. Perrier rival
9. Brawl that’s broken up by a bouncer
10. Oodles
11. Desires
16. Tina of 30 Rock
20. Colorations
22. Wax-coated cheese
23. Twine fiber
25. Wardrobe malfunction
26. Suits network
27. Jim Bouton book
29. Simple
31. Small battery
32. Clothing protector
34. Writer Morrison
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40. Food from heaven
42. Enjoy Aspen
43. Optimum
44. Jazzy James
45. Baseball stats
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BATTLES OF THE TUNNEL

Beacon girls, Haldane boys take trophies in annual matchups

By Skip Pearlman

Matteo Cervone celebrates with his parents, Moira and Tom, after scoring his 1,000th career point for the Blue Devils on Jan. 27.

Photo by S. Pearlman

It looked like Friday (Jan. 27) might be the night that the Beacon boys’ basketball team reclaimed the Battle of the Tunnel trophy that has sat in a Haldane display case since 2021, after the Bulldogs won the first Battle in 2020.

But, despite some Beacon surges, the Blue Devils rallied at the end of each quarter and pulled out a 77-68 victory in front of a full house at the Haldane gym.

Beacon played well, and had its best run in the third quarter, when the Bulldogs took a 51-42 lead with 2:12 left.

With 2:56 remaining in the third quarter, the game was stopped to celebrate after Haldane senior Matteo Cervone scored his 1,000th career point on a free throw.

A wild sequence to end the third saw Haldane’s Will Bradley score on a put-back, Haldane get a quick steal and Cervone bury a long three-pointer at the buzzer, cutting Beacon’s seven-point lead to two (53-51) and putting a charge into the Blue Devils.

From there, Haldane rolled, outscoring the Bulldogs 26-15 in the fourth. Beacon rallied for a 61-61 tie with 3:40 left, but Haldane’s 16-7 run closed out the Blue Devils’ fourth win over Beacon in the teams’ last five games.

“What an electric atmosphere,” said Haldane Coach Joe Virgadamo. “It was everything you want in a high school basketball game.

“We weathered a couple of big runs from them,” he added. “That ending to the third quarter gave us a lot of momentum. We minimized their three-pointers in the third quarter, when the Bulldogs trailed by 17 at the end of three quarters before making a push.

“When playing a high-quality opponent like Haldane, there’s little room for error,” Schettler said. “I’m proud of the fight but a lack of execution in the third quarter, and too many self-inflicted mistakes, put us in a tough spot.”

Beacon fell to Goshen, 71-64, on Tuesday (Jan. 31) despite 17 points and 12 rebounds from Howard and 16 points and five boards from Battle. The Blue Devils trailed by 17 at the end of three quarters before making a push.

“We moved the ball well,” Rodriguez said she and her teammates enjoy the Tunnel game. “We lost last year (36-35), but that gave us the drive to win this time. We moved the ball well.”

Haldane had its moments but struggled to put points on the board. Mairead O’Hara led the team with 10 points, followed by Marisa Peters (6) and Carmela Coñi (5).

“The shots just didn’t fall for us,” said Haldane Coach Ed Crowe. “We play a very difficult schedule, but we’re battling.”

On Tuesday, Beacon dropped a 38-26 decision to Goshen at home. Rayana Taylor scored eight and Rodriguez had seven. The Bulldogs (11-5) travel to Minisink Valley today (Feb. 3). Haldane (3-12) travels to Croton-Harmon today, Blind Brook on Saturday and Putnam Valley on Tuesday.

WINTER TRACK

Bella Migliore, Rubio Castagna and Tom Rapp turned in strong performances for Beacon at the Last Chance Meet on Sunday (Jan. 29) at The Armory in Manhattan.

Migliore ran a personal best of 3:24 in the 1,500, placing 10th, and Rapp tossed the shot for a personal best of 33-5, placing 14th.

“Bella and Rubio both missed most of December with leg injuries, so I’m excited to have them back,” said Henry. “Both provide us with sorely needed depth, as we head toward the last month of the season. And Tom has been working hard with our throws coach [Ed Male] so they were both pleased with his breakthrough.”

Beacon will head back to The Armory on Saturday (Feb. 4) for the Purple Invitational.

Haldane, meanwhile, competed in the Section 1 Northern Rockland County Championships on Jan. 27 at The Armory. Top finishers included Andria Vasconcelos, who was third in the triple jump in 29-05.5; John Kisslinger, who was fourth in the 600 meters in 1:30.13; Merrick Williams, who finished fourth in the 55-meter hurdles in 9.81; and the boys’ 4x200 meter relay team, which was second in 1:39.04.

The Blue Devils return to The Armory on Feb. 8 for the Section I, Class C championships.

BOY’S SWIMMING

Beacon defeated Poughkeepsie, 91-65, on Tuesday (Jan. 31) to improve to 4-7. First-place finishers were Bryce Manning in the 50 freestyle (26.31), Ronnie Anzovino in the 100 butterfly (1:04.42), Imroz Ali in the 100 freestyle (56.96) and the 100 backstroke (1:10), and Alistair Cunningham in the 500 freestyle (5:53.28). The 200 and 200 freestyle relay teams also won.

The Bulldogs visit Newburgh Free Academy today (Feb. 3) for the divisional championships.

For battles of the Tunnel photos, see pages 16 and 17.