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GO MATTEO! — Players from the Catholic Youth Organization basketball team sponsored by Our Lady of Loretto Church in Cold Spring cheer for Matteo Cervone, a Haldane senior who scored his 1,000th career point for the boys' basketball team on Jan. 27 in a win over Beacon. See Page 20.

Photo by Skip Pearlman

Reporter's Notebook

Is Crime Up in Beacon?

By Jeff Simms



If you've had your eye on social media over the past five or six weeks, you've probably seen the declarations: "Old Beacon is back," or "Beacon is catching up to Newburgh." After a number of felony arrests, some social media users suggest that crime — particularly violent crime — is rising in the city. Do the numbers bear that out?

Here's a summary of what has happened recently.

On Dec. 16, members of the Dutchess County Drug Task Force arrested Raequan Keemer, 27, on charges that he had crack cocaine that he intended to sell. The arrest was attributed to the task force's ongoing investigation of drug sales in Beacon. Keemer is due in City Court on Feb. 15.

On Jan. 1, Beacon police responded to a report of a body found in a stream in a wooded area near Teller Avenue and Henry Street. While police announced last week that Walter Miranda, 58, had died of a head

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Putnam Health Commissioner in Final Year

Plans to retire after failing to get needed degree

By Leonard Sparks

Dr. Michael Nesheiwat will continue to lead the Putnam County Health Department this year, but as interim commissioner after failing to meet a state requirement that he earn a master's degree in public health.

A resolution approved by the county Legislature's Personnel Committee on Monday (Jan. 30) confirmed County Executive Kevin Byrne's appointment of Nesheiwat until Dec. 31, when the doctor plans to retire.

MaryEllen Odell, who preceded Byrne as county executive, named Nesheiwat as interim health commissioner in 2016 to succeed Dr. Allen Beals, whom Odell had

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Few Answers for Long COVID

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.

"You 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.

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JC Prinzo of Philipstown battled fatigue for five months after COVID.

Photo by L. Sparks

5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: JONATHAN MILLER

By Marc Ferris

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

Why does it seem like your signs hang on just about every storefront for sale or lease in Beacon and Cold Spring?

Well, we try. I'm a sixth-generation Beaconite. Companies come in [looking for space] and don't know the properties or what's coming up on the market. People contact me to let me know ahead of time that they're going to be selling. All my agents are local, too, so we live here and appreciate the relationships. Lots of clients call me up years after I've sold to them and ask for advice about various things.

How did the pandemic impact real estate in the Highlands?

It drove the market up because everybody was trying to get out of the city. People were buying properties by video without even visiting. Not only did they come to live, but storekeepers from the city who were used to a \$20,000 monthly rent also moved and are now happy to pay \$2,000. That's why we're 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 everybody, 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 lull, 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.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

In winter, how do you like your toast?

Wheat bread, toasted medium, dipped in warm maple syrup, side of crispy bacon.



Barbara Sims, Beacon

Cinnamon-raisin toast with butter, dunked in my coffee.



Andrew Gipe, Philipstown

Whole wheat, well-toasted, with butter, sugar and cinnamon.



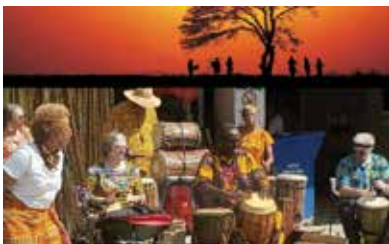
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Putnam County Health Commissioner Dr. Michael Nesheiwat (right) speaks with a colleague at a COVID-19 drive-thru testing clinic held in Brewster in 2020. *File photo by Ross Corsair*

Commissioner *(from Page 1)*

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.

NEWS BRIEFS

Early Candidate for Dutchess Executive

Former state Sen. Sue Serino plans to run

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 taxpayer money 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). These 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*

I applaud Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel for his leadership and for reminding Town Board members that the goal of this much-needed walking and biking path, which an overwhelming majority of residents support, is to serve the local community and "so your child can get on a bike and ride from Haldane to the Rec Center."

Tom O'Quinn, *Cold Spring*

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 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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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 the Central Hudson variable rate, and our supply costs more than doubled.

The second benefit of CCAs is climate-focused. Each community has an essential part to play in reducing emissions if we are to avert the worst effects of climate change. The CCA provides us with an electricity supply option that moves us forward in the necessary transition to renewable energy, while supporting the continued development of a clean, sustainable electric grid in New York state.

CCAs provide a unique opportunity for us to fight climate change while protecting our pocketbooks, and the Philipstown board is doing the right thing by considering a renewal.

Peter Davis, *Garrison*

Holtec request

It's good news that New York State is objecting to Holtec's appeal to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for exemptions to federal rules ("State Objects to Holtec Request," Jan. 27). I would add another reason to your list of "what's special about Indian Point" — gas pipelines travel through the site.

Sandy Galef, *Ossining*

Galef is a former member of the state Assembly and the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board.

Illegal dumping

I was glad to see your recent articles about Putnam Valley, especially regarding the fire department lawsuit ("Putnam Valley Fire Department Seeks Cleanup Costs," Jan. 27). The dumping and expensive remediation deserve attention.

The lawsuit raises more questions about the environmental catastrophe that occurred. I am hoping they will be answered during the litigation:

- 1. Why was a contractor allowed to dump thousands of yards of contaminated

construction debris from a demolition site in the Bronx on the Putnam Valley Volunteer Fire Department property at no charge and with no authorization other than supposedly from one firefighter? At the time, it would have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to dispose of the debris at a licensed facility, yet John Adorno was allowed to get rid of the materials for free.

2. Why is the PVVFD just now suing Adorno when it knew about the contamination as far back as 2016? And why is the firefighter, Charlie Milo, now the fall guy? Clearly a decision of such magnitude could not have been made by one firefighter, especially because PVVFD Inc. is a corporation with a board of directors.

3. According to Planning Board and state records, more than 17,000 cubic yards of contaminated fill was dumped at the site. This means that hundreds of trucks had to enter the site. No wonder the neighbors were upset. Why did it take so long for the building inspector to figure out what was going on before he contacted the state?

4. According to state records, during the remediation several residential wells on properties across the street were being monitored. 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?

5. Why was it that none of our elected officials, past and present, ever did anything to protect residents?

Taxpayers have paid dearly for the negligence and hubris of whomever allowed this to happen. It is time for the Town Board to open an investigation with a view toward getting restitution.

Patty Villanova, *Putnam Valley*

Tompkins Terrace

Several residents who spoke at the Jan. 30 public hearing about the proposed payment-in-lieu-of-taxes (PILOT) agreement with the developers who own Tompkins Terrace in Beacon felt the city has an obligation to be as informed and critical as possible in its consideration of this 40-year deal. It would affect not just the city's future tax revenue

but also that of the school district, Howland Public Library and Dutchess County ("Tompkins Terrace Tax Plans Shift," Jan. 27).

We absolutely need to maintain our affordable housing, and maybe a deal with Related Companies is a reasonable way to do it. But given that Related Affordable is a for-profit arm of a multibillion-dollar real-estate firm that has an army of financial and legal experts crafting deals to maximize its financial return and minimize risk, it's safe to assume that the initial terms are heavily in its favor. I'm sure a much better deal for Beacon could be reached if our city was equipped to engage in such negotiation.

Derek Enos, *Beacon*

Classic recipe

I first tried Indian pudding at Aunt Carrie's Restaurant in Narragansett, Rhode Island, then made a copycat recipe ("Mouths to Feed: An Un-hasty Pudding," Jan. 20). It says "summer" to me!

Kendra Parker, *via Facebook*

My mother always made this during the winter. I'm not usually one for sweets but this dish is absolutely one of my favorites.

Andrea Connor Hudson, *via Facebook*

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,'" 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.

Deirdre Forbes, *Garrison*

In November, the state comptroller released a report on overdose deaths, and Dutchess County had the most deaths in 2020 per 100,000 residents. We need to save our addicted people. It seems the homeless get more attention than those who are addicted, although a lot of them are also addicted.

Frank Wright, *Poughkeepsie*

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.

Lesly Canossi, *via Instagram*

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*

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- Dana Levenberg (D)** (Philipstown)
- Corrections
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 - Housing
 - Libraries and Education Technology
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- Jonathan Jacobson (D)** (Beacon)
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 - Corporations, Authorities and Commissions
 - Election Law*
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 - Labor
 - Local Governments

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- 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 Laug ("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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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 fire-house 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 stud-

ies and debate. Kyriacou also praised the hire of Lashaveous Dicker, a mental health case worker who has worked with Beacon police since 2021.

Infrastructure

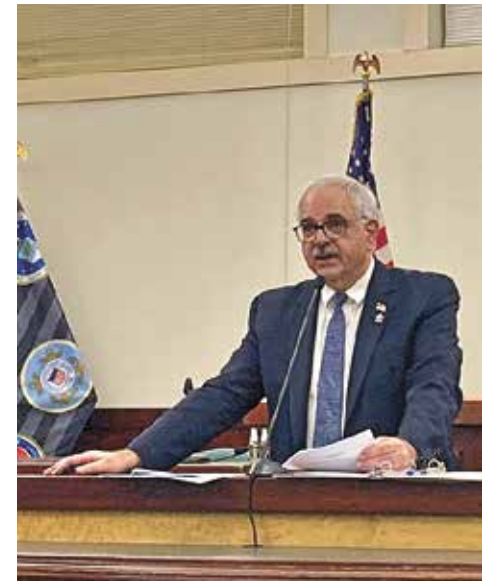
Kyriacou said that Beacon’s infrastructure — 55 miles of roads and sidewalks, underground water and sewer pipes, drinking water and wastewater treatment plants and parks and recreation facilities, among other assets — “is in the best shape it has been in decades.”

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



Mayor Lee Kyriacou delivered his State of the City address on Monday (Jan. 30).

Photo by J. Simms

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 beat 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 law that grants a 15-year tax break on increases in a property’s assessed value attributed to the installment 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.

POSITION AVAILABLE

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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 Forrester 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.

Officers said that Charles Plowden, 35, was detained on Main Street with the handgun and a 31-round, high-capacity magazine loaded with 24 rounds of ammunition. He is due to appear in City Court on Wednesday (Feb. 8).

On Jan. 26, Putnam County sheriff's deputies arrested two Beacon residents following a report of domestic violence in Philipstown.

The department said in a news release that deputies had responded about 11:50 p.m. to the parking lot of a business on Route 9, where they determined that Jaznia McCrae, 23, had been tracking her ex-boyfriend, Naije Perrette, 23, because she was angry he had taken his new girlfriend to a Brooklyn Nets basketball game.

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.

Perrette 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 NewYork-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,



Police Chief Sands Frost: "Beacon is still a safe place to come to go shopping or out to eat."

File photo by J. Simms

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 Forrester 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.

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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 was sedated and on a ventilator.

Doctors removed the ventilator on April 8 and Cohen was discharged three days later. But over the past three years, she has experienced a range of ailments, including peeling skin; a “cytokine storm,” which can lead to acute respiratory distress; and the memory lapses known among long COVID sufferers as “brain fog.”

When she first drove a car after leaving the hospital, she had to pull over. “I forgot how to drive,” she said.

In October 2020, Cohen sought help at Mount Sinai’s Center for Post-COVID Care,

which had opened five months earlier and, according to the hospital, was the first care center of its kind in the country. But Cohen said it was physically difficult to travel frequently to Manhattan.

She still endures episodes of brain fog, fatigue and palpitations. “While long COVID does affect my health, I have learned to manage it with medications and supplements, and amazing family and friends,” she said.

October 2020 was also the month that Westchester Medical Center launched its Post-COVID Recovery Program. In March 2022, behavioral health specialists from the hospital published findings from a study of patients.

Comparing long-COVID patients to asymptomatic study participants, researchers found that long-COVID patients scored lower on tests measuring attentiveness, 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 Wednesday (Feb. 1) workshop, heard from Jennifer Zwarich, 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.

■ James Curley-Egan was appointed to the Recreation Commission, filling one of three vacancies. Mayor Kathleen Foley said a number of residents have expressed interest in joining the commission and that she hopes to present recommendations on filling the vacancies in the next week or two.

■ Foley addressed what she described as confusion over a study completed in 2020 by Chazen Engineering regarding the village water supply. While the report includes the concept of drilling water-well fields as an alternative to repairing the reservoir dams, “the study does not advocate abandoning the dams.” The report is available at coldspringny.gov.

Notes from Philipstown School Boards

By **Joey Asher**

■ The Haldane school 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 school board on Sept. 21 appointed Dawn Gorrilsky 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.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Monday, February 13th 2023** at 7:30 p.m. in person at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516**

This meeting will also be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Zoning Board Meeting February 2023.

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AROUND TOWN



NATURE 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*



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*



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 Desirae 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*

The Calendar

A Poet and an Artist Entwined

French-language classmates produce new book

By Alison Rooney



Joan Turner

As 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 process 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 me: ‘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 encour-

aging 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 constrained 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, accept-
ing what is here. At peace with the
unknowing mystery of life.*

“It was entirely different from what I had intended,” Jacob-

son says. “We just laughed. With art, everyone comes to it with a different mindset, different facets. To me, that’s just stunning.”

In another work, “The Changing Breeze,” Turner wrote the poem first. Jacobson made the last line, “How much sorrow can a tear retain?” a focal point of a collage, working

from “more ideas than words to get the feeling of what Joan had to say.”

The poem is “a little sad,” Turner says, but Jacobson says “the imagery isn’t, so it balances out the sadness. I love the iciness of the image. For a face, I used a button, doctoring it up, pushing it through other objects. I got the background from a *National Geographic* image of a cherry with dewdrops. I copied it and it came out blue — there was something wrong with the machine. I also pulled a rubber necklace apart and added

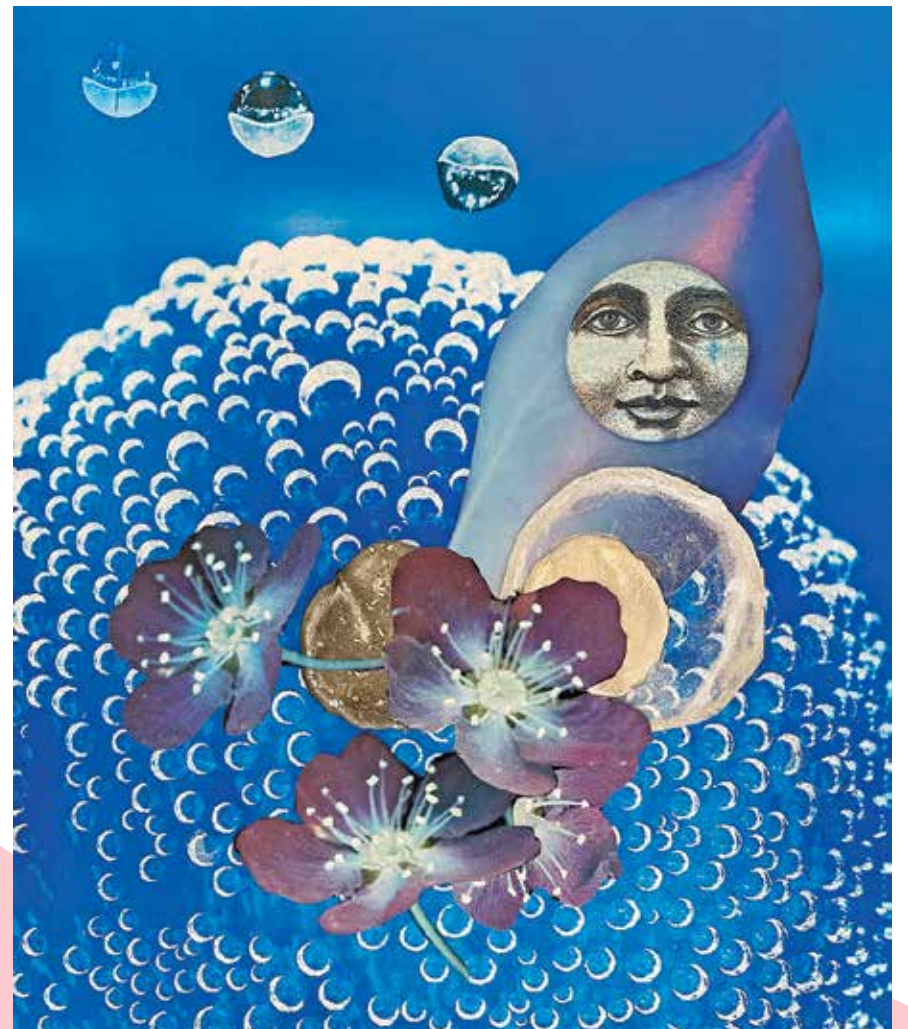


Anita Jacobson

beautiful, transparent paper.

“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”

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 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/\$18 door)*

SAT 4

Eagle Watch

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 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: \$14 (\$12 seniors, \$7 ages 4 to 18, 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.



Rose and Bows, Feb. 11

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 4

It's Only a Play

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countplayers.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)*

SUN 5

The Ivy League of Comedy

BEACON

7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Liz Miele, Al Lubel (below) and Shaun Eli will perform stand-up. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*



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

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 work. 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.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 4

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
splitrockbks.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

Chef Rebecca Weber will demonstrate how to make and decorate chocolate treats for Valentine's Day. For ages 5 and older.

SAT 11

Craft and Storytime

COLD SPRING

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

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade will listen to the reading of a Valentine's book before making a heart-shaped photo frame.

MUSIC

SAT 4

Sankofa

BEACON

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

The African drum-and-dance ensemble, based in Nashville, will perform. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

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)*



Art is Elementary, Feb. 4

SAT 4

Setting Sun

BEACON

8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com

MON 6

David Torn and Dean Sharp

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St. | quinnsinbeacon.com

The guitarist and percussionist 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

Matt Carvin will perform his jazz and synth psychedelic works with Bryan Kopchak (drums), Chris Talio (bass) and Andrew Jordan (guitar).

FRI 10
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 Crannell 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*



Winter Music Festival, Feb. 11

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)*



Yonnick Prene, Feb. 11

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MON 6
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BEACON
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845-838-5011 | beaconnny.gov

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School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900 | beaconnk12.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 Gleneida 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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Mouths to Feed

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 pavés, Annas 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 gratinee, 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

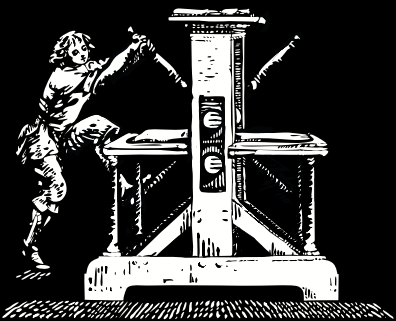
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| 1 medium celeriac, about 1 pound | 1 pound Yukon gold or other waxy potatoes |
| 4 tablespoons butter | 1 tablespoon fresh thyme leaves |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil | 1 teaspoon salt and a few grindings pepper |
| 2½ tablespoons Dijon mustard | ¼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

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.

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NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
PUBLIC HEARING – FEBRUARY 13TH, 2023

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on **Monday, February 13th, 2023** starting at **7:30 p.m.** to hear the following appeal. The meeting will be held in person at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.**

Brendan Yi-Fu Tay & Sierra Schoening, 15 Peacock Way, Garrison, NY 10524 TM#82-1-66
Applicant is seeking a variance to build a 2,124 square foot accessory structure (barn).

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 Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

Dated January 9th, 2023
Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

Roots and Shoots

Aquatic Superpowers

By Pamela Doan

Between the time I wrote the first draft of this column and my deadline a few days later, I counted another 23 plants in the pond, in addition to the 30 already there. Several yards away, below a thin pane of ice, shone the pops of chartreuse foliage.

I noticed the first plants shortly after the New Year and used my plant app, Picture This, to ID them as watercress (*Nasturtium officinale*). Maybe it was swept downstream during the heavy storm over the holidays when the pond flooded a dam built on the stream by a previous owner. Or maybe the seeds had been in the pond floor and the heavy flow moved them enough to germinate. It's probably here because someone planted it upstream.

Watercress is a popular, peppery-flavored green that is harvested and sold and foraged because it can grow in many settings. Native to Europe and parts of Asia and Africa, in the U.S. it's considered by the Forest Service

“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.”



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, a conservation agency, 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 Bezrutzyk, 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.

“Its 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 Wicoppee 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.



Watercress grew and spread quickly in my pond during winter. Photo by P. Doan

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](https://www.youtube.com), search for Philipstown Planning Board February 2023.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, February 14th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** in person at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516**

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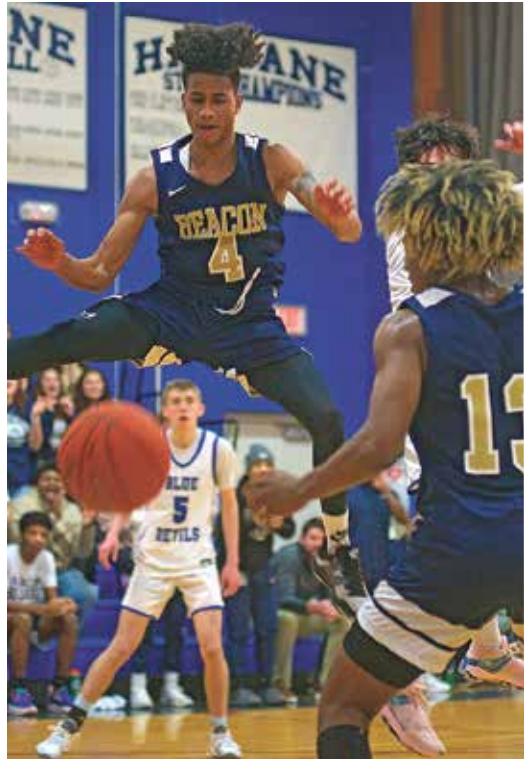
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JAN. 27, 2023

BOYS' BASKETBALL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE 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.

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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, vcclerk@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.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 19th day of January, 2023.
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1. Appear

5. Commotion

8. Online auction site

12. Actress Fisher

13. Part of DJIA

14. Dell

15. Youthful countenance

17. Laundry appliance

18. Soft leather

19. Columns of light

21. Pro votes

24. Numerical prefix

25. July's stone

28. It ain't worth a nickel

30. Prattle

33. "Life — cabaret ..."

34. Stuns, as a perp

35. "Bali —"

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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56. Slangy suffix

57. Skater Lipinski

58. Muppet eagle

59. Dance partner?

DOWN

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

38. Gems

40. Food from heaven

42. Enjoy Aspen

43. Optimum

44. Jazzy James

45. Baseball stats

47. Roundish 'do

48. Lake bird

49. Awestruck

52. Nipper's co.

53. Goal

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 turned down (8)

2 losing sunlight, perhaps (9)

3 hub-to-rim connector (5)

4 smarten up (8)

5 sleeper car slot (5)

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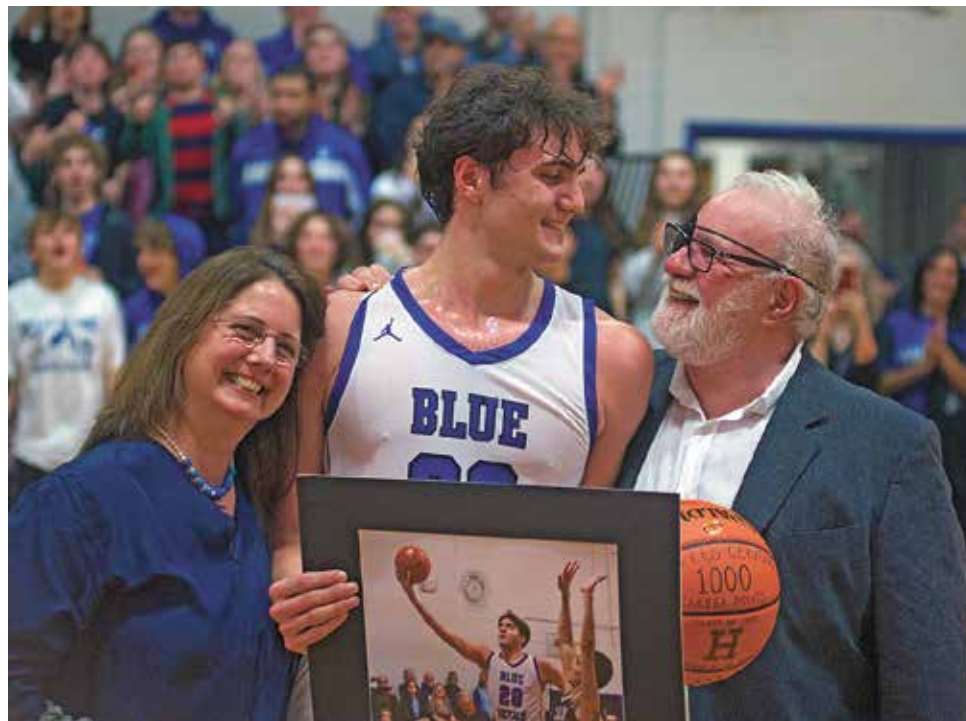


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BATTLES OF THE TUNNEL

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 fourth and made some big stops."

Cervone finished with 24 points, followed by Ben Bozsik (17, including 15 in the fourth quarter), Matt Nachamkin (16); Bradley (13) and Ryan Eng-Wong (7).

Joe Battle led Beacon with 21 points and seven rebounds, and Darien Gillins scored 18. Adrian Beato had 11 points and Dylan Howard finished with 10 rebounds and six points.

"The atmosphere was awesome," said Beacon Coach Patrick Schetter. "We knew it would be loud and intense — in the Haldane gym, the crowd is right on you. It was a phenomenal atmosphere, great for the community, and both teams had good representation from the community."

"They won the last two minutes of every quarter, and that hurt us," he added. "We had too many turnovers — maybe we tried to do too much to bring momentum into the next quarter, but we didn't execute the way we needed to. We expected their bigs to be strong but their guards — Eng-Wong, Bozsik and Bradley — performed better than we had anticipated."

Cervone became the seventh Haldane boys' player to reach 1,000 points a list that includes his coach (in 2001). He joined the varsity as a freshman and has been named

All-Section and All-Conference twice.

Haldane (11-4) is scheduled to travel to face Croton-Harmon today (Feb. 3) and host Putnam Valley at 6:15 p.m. on Feb. 7.

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 Bulldogs trailed by 17 at the end of three quarters before making a push.

"When playing a high-quality opponent like Goshen, there's little room for error," Schetter 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 (10-5) hosted Minisink Valley on Feb. 2 and will face Red Hook on Saturday at Dutchess Community College before visiting Port Jervis on Monday.

In the girls' Battle of the Tunnel game on Jan. 26 at Beacon, the Bulldogs controlled play throughout on the way to a 46-27 victory.

Daveya Rodriguez led Beacon with 17 points and Lila Burke and Reilly Landisi each had eight. The Bulldogs led 20-10 at halftime and 34-14 at the end of three.

"We rely on our defense, and that's what helped carry us," said Beacon Coach Christina Dahl. "The shots weren't falling at the beginning, but we got into the swing of things and we had some great baskets by Daveya."

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 Cofini (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 1,000 meters, placing 11th. It was the fastest a Beacon girl has run the 1,000 in 15 years, said Coach Jim Henry. In 2008, Lauren Brunetto finished in 3:14.

Castagna jumped for a personal best 5-3

in his third meet of the year (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 Malle], so they were both pleased with his breakthrough."

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

Haldane, meanwhile, competed in the Section 1 Northern Rockland County Championships on Jan. 27 at The Armory. Top finishers included Andreia 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.

BOWLING

The Beacon boys' and girls' teams both dropped matches last week to Monroe-Woodbury, Saugerties and Kingston.

Against Saugerties, James Bouchard led Beacon with a 556 series and Will Hockler posted a 565. Against Kingston, Bouchard had a 558 series and Anthony Borremeo finished at 637 (personal best game and series).

For the girls against Saugerties, Keira Istvan rolled a 337 series and Cadence Heeter had a 409. Heeter also had a 409 series against Kingston.

The girls (3-8) and boys (5-7) will bowl against Highland on Feb. 7. The girls did not qualify for sectionals but the boys could with a victory.

BOYS' 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 (6:53.28). The 200 and 200 freestyle relay teams also won.

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

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