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Columbus Day Still Undecided

Beacon schools wrestle with recognizing Italians, Indigenous people

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon school board will discuss and may decide on Monday (Sept. 18) whether to rename the Columbus Day holiday, which this year falls on Oct. 9, on the district calendar.

Board members on Aug. 28 opted not to vote on the issue with only six members of the nine-person board present. (One seat is vacant.) However, those who were present indicated they are leaning toward following the lead of New York City's public schools, which since 2021 have called the second Monday in October "Italian Heritage Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day" — a nod to the explorer Christopher Columbus and the native people who predated him.

New York City initially renamed the holiday Indigenous Peoples' Day but, after pushback, added the dual designation. The New Paltz and Onteora (Ulster County) and Nyack (Rockland County) districts have changed their calendars to recognize only Indigenous Peoples' Day.

A Beacon district resident asked the board last fall to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples' Day, but the district soon heard protests from community members who said the change would slight their Italian heritage. A six-person committee formed to consider the arguments was unable to reach consensus.

Superintendent Matt Landahl said during the Aug. 28 meeting that the committee met in March, April and June. (Continued on Page 5)



TAKING NOTES — As part of its Music for Kids series, the Howland Chamber Music Circle hosted an "instrument petting zoo" at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on Sunday (Sept. 10). The musicians discussed and played their instruments, then allowed the children to examine them up close. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photos by Ross Corsair

Dutchess Mall Owner Loses Buyer

Vows to continue warehouse development

By Leonard Sparks

The owner of the long-dilapidated remnants of Dutchess Mall on Route 9 is planning to redevelop the property itself after another company terminated a contract to build a massive distribution facility.

Hudson Properties LLC notified the Fishkill Planning Board over the summer that CHI/Acquisitions LLP had backed out of a deal to buy 28.9 acres of the 39.3-acre property, demolish the rundown structures and construct a 350,000-square-foot warehouse with 78 loading docks and 209 parking spaces.

(CHI stands for Crow Holdings Industrial, which is chaired by Harlan Crow, the billionaire whose relationship with Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas has been under scrutiny.)

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New Vaccine to Test Disinterest

COVID-19 booster rates low as local cases rise

By Leonard Sparks

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved an updated COVID-19 vaccine on Tuesday (Sept. 12) amid low interest in recent booster shots and a rise in cases, including an outbreak in Garrison.

Anyone 6 months and older who has not received an inoculation in the last two months is eligible for the new vaccine, according to the CDC.

Moderna and Pfizer, the companies making the vaccine, have formulated their versions to target subvariants of the Omicron strain of the virus that causes COVID-19.

On Tuesday, Drug World in Cold Spring was told to pull its stock of the previous booster shot in response to the CDC approval of the new vaccine, said Heidi Snyder, who

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Garrison School Will Study Effect of Merger

Board wants to know more about impact on taxes

By Joey Asher

If the Haldane and Garrison school districts combined, what would happen to local property taxes?

That is the question the Garrison school board would like Superintendent Carl

Albano and Business Administrator Joe Jimick to answer. Albano said he expects to have a response by mid-October.

In light of the district's budget challenges in recent years, Albano said that the board has heard from residents wanting to know more about a potential merger.

The districts have the lowest property tax rates in Putnam County. For 2022-23, Garrison had a rate of \$9.75 per \$1,000 of

valuation, compared to \$16.97 for Haldane. By contrast, the Brewster school district has the highest in the county at \$25.58.

Garrison has struggled to balance its budget in recent years. For 2023-24, the board adopted a \$12.56 million plan that included a 3.3 percent increase in spending, matching its state-mandated cap for the year. The year before, voters approved

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FIVE QUESTIONS: SUSAN JOHNSON

By Mackenzie Boric

Susan Johnson is the co-owner of Denning's Point Distillery in Beacon, which opened in 2014.

What drew you to the distillery business?

My business partner [Karl Johnson] has a background in distilling, and I have a background in marketing and design. We'd been talking about it for many, many years and there was a moment where we both knew it was the right time. We were living in New Jersey but New Jersey's laws didn't allow distilleries. We were familiar with Beacon, and I love the community, so it made perfect sense.

What's involved in distillation?

Grain is milled into a coarse meal and cooked, which turns the starch into sugars. That's fermented with the help of proprietary whiskey yeast. We distill the fermented mash to separate the alcohol from the water and re-condense the alcohol. In the case of our bourbon, it's aged in a charred American oak barrel.

How do you decide what to produce?

We knew right off the bat that we wanted to produce bourbon, because we are both big fans of that spirit. But it requires a real time commitment, because after distilling, it has to age for at least two years. Our current



bourbon is 6 years old. We knew in 2014 we wouldn't be ready to sell bourbon for several years so we produced some unnamed spirits in the meantime, like gin and vodka.

bottles easily, so if you came to the distillery with your own bottle to be filled, you could take hand sanitizer and come back each week. We did that every weekend.

How did you manage the pandemic?

Because we're a manufacturer of alcohol, we were considered "essential." We closed our tasting room and bar but still manufactured spirits. We also gave out hand sanitizer, because that's a natural byproduct of the distilling process. We couldn't get

What's ahead for the distillery?

There are always ideas for new products and ways to engage with the community. We want to provide a fun, interesting place for people to enjoy their time off and continue to produce the highest quality spirits from local grains.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What do you think lies at the end of the universe?

I think of it as a giant rainbow that encircles everything.



Kathleen Andersen, Beacon

Nothing but a black hole, or perhaps the afterlife.



Rony Afzal, Cold Spring

God, maybe?



Diana Swinburne, Garrison



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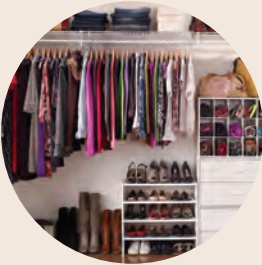
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Dutchess Mall *(from Page 1)*

The board gave conditional approval to CHI's application in February, with the requirement that it receive approvals by Aug. 8 from the state Department of Transportation for a new entrance and other upgrades along Route 9; the Dutchess County Department of Health for sewer and water-system upgrades; and the state Department of Environmental Conservation to build near wetlands.

During the Planning Board's July 13 meeting, Hudson Properties said it intends to

continue with the project and asked for a 90-day extension to get the approvals. The board extended the deadline until Nov. 6.

"We obviously believe in it and think it's a good development for the site," said Christopher Fisher, an attorney representing Hudson Properties.

The warehouse would be built along the south side of the Home Depot, which is flanked on the north by the Fishkill campus of Dutchess Community College (DCC).

In addition to the warehouse, the plan approved in February calls for the installa-

“After 30 years of nothing happening, I see significant progress being made developing the site.

~ **Ozzy Albra**, Fishkill Supervisor

tion of bike racks and six charging stations for electric vehicles, as well as a sidewalk and bus shelter on Route 9.

The property opened in 1974 as Dutchess County's first indoor mall. Tenants have included Jamesway, Lucky Platt, Mays, Radio Shack and Waldenbooks, but the opening of the Poughkeepsie Galleria and other retail centers along Route 9 siphoned away customers and the mall closed in 2001.

Home Depot opened in 2006. Seven years later, Dutchess Marketplace, an indoor/outdoor flea market, took over the former Jamesway space but that closed in 2019. DCC then opened its campus in 2021 on the second floor of the building, signing a 15-year lease.

COVID-19 *(from Page 1)*

owns the pharmacy. A post on Wednesday on Drug World's Facebook page asks people if they are interested in the new shot, which the pharmacy has already ordered.

There has been much less demand for recent booster shots than for the initial COVID vaccine. Although 76.8 percent of Putnam residents and 72.3 percent in Dutchess County received the initial shot, just 16.9 percent in Putnam and 17.9 percent in Dutchess are up-to-date with the most recent booster.

"I'm trying to get a feel from people because I don't know if I'm looking at thousands or hundreds" of needed doses, said Snyder. "I can't project what the community's going to want, and yet I feel responsible for taking care of the community."

Since the pandemic shutdown began in

March 2020, each fall and winter has been marked by a surge in cases. But measuring the extent of the seasonal uptick is more difficult in 2023 because many people are using at-home COVID tests and not reporting positive results.

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~ **Heidi Snyder**, Drug World

Still, the state reported on Sept. 10 that the seven-day average of positive cases per 100,000 residents was nearly six times higher than the average from July 4, when the rate

had largely bottomed out for the year.

Reported cases more than doubled in Putnam between Aug. 26 and Sept. 9, from 69 to 147, with most of the infections occurring in adults between 30 and 69 years old, the county Health Department said in a news release on Sept. 8.

An outbreak from a "contained setting" in Garrison accounted for most of the increase, said the Health Department. The department did not provide any details about the setting or the number of people infected, but said "infection control procedures have been implemented."

While New York State is still reporting positive tests despite the absence of at-home test results, hospitalizations are also being used to gauge the virus' spread. Statewide, hospitals reported nearly 1,500 patients with COVID as of Wednesday, more than triple the total from June 30.

NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital averaged seven COVID inpatients a day for the week ending on Tuesday, compared to two inpatients for the seven-day period ending on June 30, according to state data. In Newburgh, Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital has averaged nearly nine inpatients over the same period this month, compared to 1.7 a day over the last week of June.

Despite the recent increase, hospitalizations are below the same point in 2022, when COVID patients totaled about 2,000 during the second week of September. Hospitalizations peaked last winter at 4,350 on Jan. 3. A Putnam death reported on Sept. 13 was the first since March 6. Dutchess has had 15 fatalities in the same period, but none between May 4 and Aug. 25.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Trout hunters

Thanks for the great article from Joey Asher about the trout that are hanging on in Clove Creek ("Reporter's Notebook: Trout Still Live in Clove Creek," Sept. 1). Wonderful news!

Trout are the canaries in the coal mine when it comes to the health of our waterways, and the most significant negative impact to our local trout populations (and waterway ecosystems) is the constant sedimentation of our creeks and streams from dirt roads.

My son and I have been delighted to discover small populations of native brook trout (the state fish of New York) in Phillipse Brook near where we live. Yet each year the deep pools the trout require for habitat get filled in by never-ending sedimentation from Philipse Brook Road and Old Albany Post Road. The same is true to a certain extent for Indian Brook and Indian Brook Road.

My estimate is that at least 50 to 100 tons of Item 4 sediment flow into our creeks each year, which is unsustainable.

Many local champions of dirt roads consider themselves to be ecologists but have not considered the ecological impacts of maintaining dirt roads. This decision is choking out the springs and creeks downstream.

If we are serious about protecting our waterways and their ability to hold trout, we have to address the dirt roads. Culverts and drainage needs to be vastly improved,

and at the very least strategic sections of dirt road that perennially pollute our waterways must be paved or upgraded with more impervious surfaces. Pave it to save it!

Bradford Teasdale, *Garrison*

The anglers in search of trout in Clove Creek must not be hitting the good spots.

Ethan Geider, *via Facebook*

Great article by Joey Asher, but it's a bit ironic to spot-burn the last of the Highlands trout [by revealing their location].

Matt Marshall, *via Instagram*

Rain gauge

Thank you for the informative and inspiring article about local volunteers for the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network ("Measuring a Changing Climate," Aug. 18). My husband and I signed up and we are having so much fun collecting the data with our precipitation gauge. I highly recommend this to anyone who loves citizen science and particularly data.

As a bonus to knowing how much rainfall you got on your own property (instead of guessing, or using a bucket), you get to compare your rainfall to the rainfall at other stations around the area, including across the river (and across the whole state with fabulous maps pinpointing each

Correction

Our story on community solar in the Sept. 8 issue stated that PowerMarket does not offer its service in the Highlands. In fact, it does, through Sustainable Putnam (sustainableputnam.org/community-solar).

station). It's hugely fun. I hope more people will sign up because there are only two stations in Putnam County, including ours. It would be great to have more stations, including in Garrison, where anecdotally the rainfall often seems different from that in Cold Spring or Nelsonville.

Heidi Wendel, *Nelsonville*

Fishkill Avenue

Adding a trail to the defunct MTA Beacon Line would benefit those living along the line, as well as people interested in biking or walking from Hopewell to Beacon, or any interval in between ("Beacon Could Rezone Fishkill Avenue Corridor," Sept. 8). Mixed use of the buildings sounds better than more auto dealerships and stores. A similar endeavor along Route 44 in Pleasant Valley has housing and shops with food and other entities. First and foremost — bring on a new trail!

Jeff Kover, *Hopewell Junction*

Taxes will go up as industries leave. Businesses pay more in taxes than homeowners.

Dennis Hayes, *via Facebook*

If done right, this could be transformative for Beacon.

Christopher Pascarella, *via Facebook*

Re: the walk of sorrow, aka the darkness on the edge of town: I hope there will be opportunities for mass transit, outdoor areas to sit, places to buy groceries that aren't horribly expensive and places to get necessities for folks who live in the area. I'm thinking especially about our Hedgewood neighbors who are still able to get out and about.

Holly Bogdanffy-Krieger, *via Facebook*

Anything will be better than the car gauntlet.

Theo de Haas, *via Facebook*

I'll miss browsing the sticker prices.

Sean Kraft, *via Facebook*

Seastreak

The Seastreak barges sully and compromise the bucolic appeal and river views that draw visitors to Cold Spring in the first place ("Seastreak Cruises Still Unresolved," Sept. 8).

The village administration had already made the sound and resolute decision to

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Retirements Driving Teacher Hires

Districts face shortages in coming years

By Joey Asher

Are public schools in the Highlands facing a “retirement cliff”? That seemed possible as classes started this week, with two of three school districts reporting an increase in new teachers driven in part by an uptick in retirements.

Philip Benante, the Haldane superintendent, said the district expects to see many retirements over the next 10 years as its current teachers reach age 55 and have 30 or more years of service, which means they can leave with the maximum pension.

Typically, Haldane hires two to five teachers each year, Benante said; this year the school board has appointed 11. The positions were available because of retirements and teachers who left for other jobs. The district, which has about 100 teachers, also added four positions, including a foreign language teacher, two special education teachers and an elementary school teacher.

The Beacon school district typically hires 15 educators annually and this year appointed 23, including eight teaching assistants and a middle-school counselor, Superintendent Matt Landahl told the school board earlier this month. (The district has about 250 teachers.) Over the summer, 13 teachers informed the board they plan to retire: two in 2024, one in 2025 and 10 in 2026.

About a third of teachers across New York are aged 50 or older, according to the New York State Teachers’ Retirement System, prompting concerns that the state may soon be standing at the edge of a “retirement cliff.” That’s been a key factor in a campaign by the Department of Education to hire 180,000 teachers over the next decade.

“We’re losing a large number of teachers, and we don’t have the people to replace them,” said Ben Amey, a representative for New York State United Teachers. He noted that enrollment in teacher training programs has fallen 50 percent since 2009.

According to the union, the biggest shortages are in special education, bilingual education, English as a Second Language, science, mathematics, English language arts, social studies, world languages, career and technical education, health education, literacy, and library science. But those shortages are having the most impact on metropolitan and rural areas, not districts such as Haldane, Garrison and Beacon, according to NYSUT.

Nevertheless, local districts are feeling the effects. At Garrison, Superintendent Carl Albano said that difficulty in finding teachers has caused him to adjust



Haldane High School Principal Julia Sniffen (lower left) recently took new district teachers on a tour of Cold Spring. Photo provided

New Classroom Teachers	
Haldane	
K-2 special education	
Grade 2	
Grade 5	
Grade 7 math	
Middle school English	
Middle school science	
Secondary art	
Secondary special education	
Languages (Spanish)	
Languages (French)	
High school chemistry	
Beacon	
Elementary (5)	
Elementary music (2)	
Elementary speech	
Middle school music	
Middle school physical education	
Middle school English (2)	
Middle school special education	
High school physical education	
Garrison	
Elementary special education	
Middle school English	
Middle school Spanish	

his hiring strategy, posting positions for a school psychologist in January and a special education teacher in March.

“I wouldn’t want to be conducting a search in June, July or August” after the school year has ended and the competition is tougher as districts begin their searches. Garrison, which has students in grades K-8, this year hired three teachers; it has 27.

Columbus: What Really Happened

Christopher Columbus made four voyages to the “New World” between 1492 and 1504 but never set foot in what is now the U.S. The European who “discovered” North America was probably Viking explorer Leif Erikson, who during the 10th century landed in what is now Newfoundland and stayed for at least 10 years. (In 1964, Congress declared Oct. 9 as Leif Erikson Day.)

During Columbus’ first trip in 1492, his ships docked in what is now Cuba, Haiti, the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas. He landed in the Bahamas first, which he thought was India. He believed Cuba was China.

Columbus Day was celebrated in the U.S. on the 300th anniversary of his first journey, on Oct. 12, 1792, and the 400th on Oct. 12, 1892. In 1971, it was declared a federal holiday to be celebrated on the second Monday in October.

Some argue that Columbus wasn’t Italian, because the country did



not exist before 1861. Instead, he identified as Genoese, from the independent republic of Genoa, which had its own language and colonies and close ties to Spain.

There’s no argument that Columbus was influential. “He opened up America to Europe, which was the expansionist power at the time,” Russell Freedom, the author of *Who Was First? Discovering the Americas*, told NPR. “He was the one who made it possible for them to conquer the Western Hemisphere — and to bring with them the diseases that apparently wiped out 90 percent of the population. He wasn’t the first, and neither were the Vikings — that is a very Eurocentric view. There were millions of people here already, and so their ancestors must have been the first.”

Columbus Day (from Page 1)

“This was six people discussing things in a respectful way and trying to hear each other out,” Landahl said. “But we eventually came back to where we started,” with the group split evenly.

In the end, the committee members chose to each write statements to the school board explaining their opinions.

Board Member Kristan Flynn, who supports the New York City model, said at that meeting that she expects “everybody is going to lose a little bit” when the board votes on the issue. “We know we make a good decision as a board when everybody is a little unhappy,” she said. “That’s the sweet spot, when you’ve achieved something that works for a lot of people.”

However, Landahl noted that if the board changes the name of the October holiday — which would only affect the Beacon school

district calendar — it would not be “an attempt to erase history or change our curriculum.”

The story of Columbus landing on Oct. 12, 1492, in the “New World” has evolved greatly, said Meredith Heuer, the school board president. “It was a very, very simple story” when she was in school, Heuer said. Today, students hear a “much more expanded version of what happened,” including the effect that the Europeans’ arrival had on Indigenous people.

“The way it is taught now, I don’t think someone would be like, ‘Let’s give this guy a holiday. This guy is a hero,’” said Heuer, who also supports New York City’s combined designation. The explorer’s impact on Indigenous people “was so devastating that I feel that needs recognition.”

“We have erased entire nations of people. That’s just a fact,” said Flynn, who called it “incredibly generous” to combine the name of the holiday, as New York City has.

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allow only one docking of the despised tourist barge per weekend. We expect it to honor that decision, and not revert to the former arrangement, which was anathema to lower-village residents. Such a reversal of fortune would be disingenuous, and might tarnish the administration’s reputation.

It’s a pity that the village feels compelled to consider unappealing Faustian bargains to fill its coffers — driven solely by capitalist interests. Parking meters, once installed, will easily make up the revenue shortfall. Once we have them, we should cut loose docking privileges for the barges altogether.

Derek Graham, Cold Spring

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Merger

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an override (which requires 60 percent approval) of 6.6 percent but only after rejecting a request for a 9.18 percent hike. The cap was 2.2 percent.

Haldane Superintendent Philip Benante said that the district has not had a formal discussion about combining with Garrison.

Sarah Tormey, president of the Garrison board, said that a merger for the district is “a question that has come up, especially during budget season. The board would like more information so that we can answer questions as needed.”

The district has about 200 students, who attend through eighth grade. It pays tuition to Haldane, O’Neill and Putnam Valley high schools for its older students.

Albano and Tormey said the board heard a presentation on the topic from its legal counsel at a retreat in July. “They wanted to know the options,” Albano said of board members. “How does it work?”

There are several ways to combine districts, according to the state Education Department. In “centralization,” districts dissolve and re-form as a single district. In “annexation,” one or more districts are absorbed into another district.

Combining districts typically requires that the districts conduct feasibility studies and hold a public referendum. Albano was careful to point out that the board has not requested a feasibility study, only an analysis of the tax impact.

Ongoing Discussion

- **2020:** The 18-member committee that revised the Philipstown comprehensive plan recommends the town explore a unified school district, saying it should “seek a fair and balanced tax strategy.”
- **2013:** In a *Current* story that examines the logistics of a merger, Haldane Superintendent Mark Villanti says: “Other than in the press or in small pockets of our communities, there just does not seem to be a big push” for a feasibility study.
- **2011:** Anita Prentice, a member of the Garrison board, writes an op-ed for *The Current* that weighs the arguments. “The tax-rate difference is the most significant obstacle,” she writes. “Garrison residents, who would likely pay higher taxes, have a financial disincentive to work toward this change.” She adds that, since moving to Garrison 11 years earlier, “I have yet to come up with a single definitive answer that explains why our two small districts continue to persist separately side-by-side, but persist they do.”
- **2011:** Sandy Galef, then the state Assembly member whose district included Philipstown, asks a group of residents at a town hall in Garrison what they thought of a merger that would create a Putnam County district, with one administration.
- **2008:** The state Commission on Property Tax Relief proposes that districts with fewer than 1,000 students (or perhaps 2,000) be forced to merge. Villanti tells *The Journal News*: “There’s a trade-off between the economic benefits versus the community’s decision to make those decisions for themselves.”
- **1998:** Officials from Garrison, Haldane and Putnam Valley meet with lawmakers to discuss a regional high school. (In 2000, Putnam Valley, which sent its eighth graders to Walter Panas, builds its own.) The Garrison board applies for a state grant to study a merger with Haldane.
- **1992:** Under a state order, the Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) develops plans to merge 139 districts, including Garrison, Haldane and Putnam Valley.
- **1988:** A committee with members from Garrison, Haldane and Putnam Valley estimates it would cost \$12 million [\$31 million today] to build a combined high school.
- **1976:** The Manitou district, which has 89 students but no building, merges with Garrison. Manitou property taxes drop 22 percent.
- **1974:** Haldane urges voters to approve the construction of a new elementary school, citing a state plan to merge Garrison and Haldane. The district notes it is already 368 students over capacity, even without Garrison pupils.
- **1968:** Despite the endorsement of all three school boards, voters from Haldane, Manitou and Garrison reject a proposal to merge the districts, 695-594.
- **1964:** The Haldane board calls for a joint meeting with Garrison, Manitou and Putnam Valley to discuss a merger.
- **1958:** The state Education Department sets guidelines for mergers, saying it would like each district to cover grades K-12 and have at least 1,200 students.

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Philipstown: No Money to Adjust Home Values

Journal News column prompts tax talk

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Town Board last week gingerly took up the question of property-tax fairness following an analysis and story in *The Journal News*.

Columnist David McKay Wilson studied 175 home sales in Philipstown between September 2021 and March 2023 and found that 30 properties that sold for \$1 million to \$5.7 million paid property taxes at 77 percent of their sale prices/market values. Yet 30 properties that sold for \$490,000 or less paid 108 percent, based on their sale prices.

It's been decades since Philipstown has conducted a house-by-house revaluation, a process that *The Journal News* estimated would cost \$500,000.

"I know revaluation is a very complex topic," said Town Board Member Jason Angell at the formal monthly meeting on Sept. 7. "I know that it's expensive." But he said he found the data "obviously disturbing" and said "we've all seen" examples. "It warrants learning more about."

Angell said Supervisor John Van Tassel had advised board members to talk to the town assessor.

Van Tassel cited the expense as the obstacle. "In a perfect world, we would have the money to reval the whole town every year," he said. "That would certainly be the easiest fix. We don't have that money. And that's why prior Town Boards and supervisors have not done it."

He also cautioned that a reval might, "in the end, not make a huge difference" in the amount of revenue collected.

The supervisor objected to a line in *The Journal News* story claiming that he had concluded that Philipstown cannot afford the tax fairness that comes with a revaluation. "I would never say that we cannot afford fair taxation," he said.

Garrison resident Nat Prentice proposed

that Philipstown appeal for assistance to Putnam County, which has consistently refused to share sales-tax revenue but suggested it could help Philipstown in other ways. "If it's a money need, and the county won't share the growth in sales tax," the town could ask Putnam to "partner with us on this," he suggested.

"It's certainly worth asking," Van Tassel said.

Tower waiver

At the Sept. 7 meeting, the board exempted a pending Putnam County emergency communications tower from local laws that might otherwise apply to the structure, to be installed at the town Highway Department property on Fishkill Road in Nelsonville.

The board made a similar decision in 2019 to avoid outside review of its renovations at Town Hall, which is located in the Village of Cold Spring.

In a rationale accompanying its Sept. 7 resolution, the board stated that the tower is being constructed "for the public interest alone" and that village and town stakes in "requiring compliance with their local land-use regulations are not so compelling as to outweigh the public need served by the project."

Bypassing local regulations is allowed under a 35-year-old state court ruling that a government project crucial to the community good can avoid another jurisdiction's land-use laws.

Stephen Gaba, the Town Board's attorney, said Nelsonville also could have granted the exemption but that it seemed logical for Philipstown to do so because it owns the 2,600-square-foot parcel.

The waiver means Putnam County doesn't need to get site-plan approval or comply with zoning laws, he said. "They put up the tower as per the plans and there's an end to it." But the county still must obtain a building permit for the project, which he described as not "terribly complex. It's a tower."

Van Tassel emphasized that the structure is only for emergency communications and will not host equipment from commercial providers. (Telecommunications firms sued Philipstown and Nelsonville in 2018 in disputes over the location of proposed cellphone towers.)

The emergency tower, which will be constructed behind the Highway Department's salt shed, is expected to be the last in a county-wide chain to assist first responders.

NEWS BRIEFS

Rare Book Realizes \$125,000

Garrison bookseller brokers sale

David and Cathy Lilburne, the owners of Antipodean Books Maps & Prints on Garrison's Landing, said on Sept. 8 that they had sold *The Course of the Exchange* to The British Library for £99,950, or about \$125,000.

The rare volume, published in 1697, was the subject of a story in *The Current* in July. Sold on consignment for a resident of Australia, it is the only known copy of the first volume of the official list of the London Stock Exchange, which is still published today.

Affordable Housing Projects Completed

Complexes open in Newburgh, Peekskill

New York State last week announced the completion of affordable housing

developments in Newburgh and Peekskill.

A \$37 million project in Newburgh known as East End II involved the renovation or construction of 24 properties that created 62 homes, including 10 units with services for people experiencing homelessness. The project also included the renovation of the former United Methodist Church into 17,000 square feet of commercial and community space.

The properties, in a seven-block area between Broadway and South Street, have 13 one-bedroom, 17 two-bedroom and 32 three-bedroom units for households earning up to 70 percent of the area median income.

In Peekskill, a \$51 million, all-electric development at 645 Main St. has 82 apartments for households earning between 40 and 80 percent of the area median income, as well as a 140-space parking garage with 30 electric-vehicle charging stations.

The development includes 18 one-bedroom, 50 two-bedroom and 14 three-bedroom units. It was constructed on a 2-acre, remediated brownfield site.



Market Report (August)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
New Listings	8	12	12	12
Closed Sales	9	7	12	4
Days on Market	32	33	38	37
Median Price	\$600,000	\$517,500	\$732,000	\$1,375,000
% List Received	105.9	99.4	99.7	108.7
Inventory	17	20	38	45

Source: Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors (hgar.com). Excludes condos. Philipstown includes Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville.



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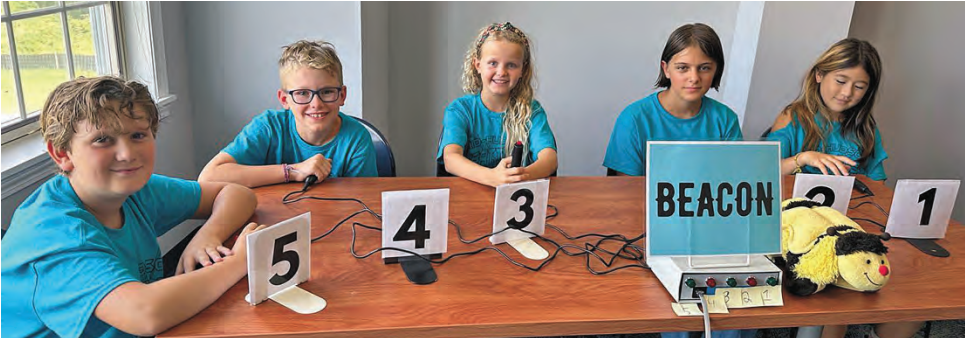
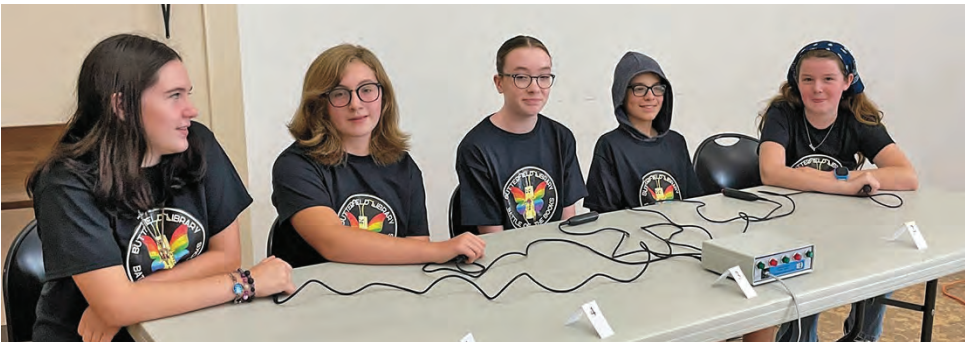
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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS — The middle school Battle of the Books team from the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring (top) defended its regional title and advanced to the Mid-Hudson finals on Sept. 22. The Beacon Bees from the Howland Public Library placed third.



NEW BENCHES — The Haldane school district recently accepted a donation from 2023 graduate Raunaq Kapoor: benches, a table and a storage lockbox for its outdoor classroom at James Pond. Kapoor, a Cold Spring resident now attending the University of Utah, built and installed the furniture for his Eagle Scout project.



SHEEP RESCUED — The Woodstock Farm Sanctuary reported on Monday (Sept. 11) that a sheep that had been wandering for weeks in and near St. Luke's Cemetery in Beacon was lured into a rescue trailer. Named Oracle by neighbors, the sheep “needs a full medical workup,” the sanctuary said on Facebook. “The wool on her back is matted and will need to be removed. We’ll also need to examine her hooves, but right now we’re letting Oracle decompress in her new area.” To contribute to the sanctuary, see woodstocksanctuary.org.



REMEMBERING 9/11 — As they do each year, Haldane students on Monday (Sept. 11) placed flags on the lawn in front of the high school to remember those lost in the terrorist attacks in 2001.

Photos provided

The Calendar



"Out in May Back by October" (2023) by Summer Hart

An Artist Turns to Poetry

New collection is product of pandemic

By Alison Rooney

In a 2018 interview with Summer Hart for *The Current*, we touched upon many topics: printing, patterning, nature, geometry. The focus was a new installation with cascading "living walls" of Tyvek that expressed what the Philipstown resident called "a vision of a ghostly nature, creeping in through any breach, fissure or opportunity."

There was not a word about writing. Yet, a few years later, following the isolation of the pandemic, Hart is a published poet. Her collection, *Boomhouse*, will be released with a party on Friday (Sept. 22) at Split Rock Books.

Hart, who grew up in Maine, is the 2022 Hellen Ingram Plummer Fellow at MacDowell, an artists' residency program in New Hampshire. Her poems have appeared in *Bedfellows*, *Heavy Feather Review*, *The Massachusetts Review*, *Northern New England Review* and *Waxwing*. As a member of the Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation, she says her written and visual narratives are influenced by "folklore, superstition, divination and forgotten territories reclaimed by nature."

The genesis for Hart's exploration of verse came when she joined an online poetry group in 2020. "It was a fake-it-till-you-make-it moment, given that I didn't know anybody and they were all serious and well-known poets," she recalls. "We met once a week to work-



Summer Hart

Photos provided

shop each other's poems, which was a new experience. But I was writing all the time and they were my first audience."

That led to *II Triptychs*, a collaboration with Sandra Simonds, who came from Florida in May 2022 for the book launch. "It was the first time we met outside of the rectangle" of Zoom, says Hart. "We were like,

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A man is the longest moon in this respect

He is gone when the wasps wake in the rafters, when the swifts

lay in the flue

He returns to find the animals fat. Trees decked in shed velvet.

Oysters, fruiting through bark.

She rolls enough pennies for one ticket on the Greyhound.

Pockets full of promise. I promise.

When she was younger, she counted her years by winters.

Moose tracks mapped the frozen river, frostfish solid underneath.

The seasons it takes a man to drink himself snow-blind.

—Summer Hart

After the Cult, She Moved to Garrison

But, as memoir recounts, it was no escape

By Alison Rooney

As Guinevere Turner recalls, her first attempt to write a memoir took her three, knot-in-the-stomach weeks. She covered her childhood through high school, although her early education was not all spent inside a classroom.

Instead, Turner was a member of what might be called a compound, commune or cult. At locations ranging from a Kansas sorghum farm to Martha's Vineyard and Los Angeles, The Family separated children from their parents while waiting for a spaceship with anointed ones — followers of the cult's leaders — to transport them to a new life on Venus.

That's how Turner, 55, spent her first 11 years, until she, her siblings, her mother and her mother's boyfriend were excommunicated and relocated to Garrison — a place where her home life, ironically, became harsher and more abusive.

This is all covered in the opening stretch of *When the World Didn't End*, Turner's newly released memoir. The book is dense with detail, to the extent of prompting curiosity about how anyone, no matter how retentive, could recall so much of it.

Turner, who divides her time between New York City and Los Angeles, will surely address this and other questions in a talk she is scheduled to give at 2 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Desmond-Fish Public Library. (It will also be streamed on Zoom; see desmondfishlibrary.org.) This is an apt place for the program, as Turner refers several times to the Garrison library, which she viewed as a haven during her adolescence in the early 1980s.

The book includes snapshots of both the Garrison School and O'Neill High School, where she concealed her personal history from classmates and teachers. The horrors of her home life are central to the rest of the book.

Turner — a director, screenwriter (*American Psycho*, *The Notorious Bettie Page*) and actor (*The L Word*) — says she always wanted to write this memoir but was afraid "not that they would come for me but that I would forever be a traitor." What got her past that was *Charlie Says*, a 2018 film she wrote that focuses on three of Charles Manson's female followers.

She had avoided discussing her own experiences in The Family while publicizing earlier films, "but to not mention it here would be an omission." She decided to write her own account of her early life to



Guinevere Turner Photo by Julie Caggiano



Turner at 16, in a photo taken by her mother

Photo provided

"control the narrative" before *Charlie Says* was released.

That was the story she wrote over three agonizing weeks. "It was like tearing it out of my flesh," she recalls. Even though she knew the leaders of The Family "don't own our childhood, there was not a single person who I grew up with who has ever spoken about it publicly."

Her story ended up in *The New Yorker*, and she expanded it into her book, which was released in May. She's since heard from many people of her generation, especially women, and others who left The Family.

Turner notes she didn't use the word *cult* until she was 22. "I called it a commune," she says. "You're always in a

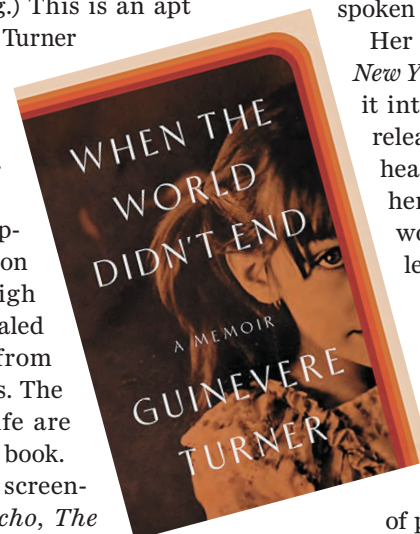
dangerous zone when you're calling a bunch

of people something they'd

never call themselves. But cults as a phenomenon are alive and well. It's interesting stuff to think about in terms of where we are as a society. I've found an entire, flourishing community about recovery. It's not an entertainment; people around the world are trying to get out."

She says what surprises most people who have read the book is that, for Turner and no doubt others, life outside of the cult was worse. "If you pick up this book figuring, 'Oooh, a cult story,' it becomes something

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 16

Hudson Valley Ramble

hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

See the website for details about talks, hikes and tours highlighting nature and outdoor recreation. Through Oct. 1.

SAT 16

Mid-Hudson Comic Con

POUGHKEEPSIE

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza | 845-454-5800
midhudsonciviccenter.org

Find comics, graphic novels and figures and meet authors. Also SUN 17. Avoid Ticketmaster fees by calling the box office. *Cost: \$24 (\$18 student, military, senior; \$17 ages 7 to 15; free ages 6 and younger)*

SUN 17

Catoberfest

BEACON

3 – 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St.
catoberfest.brownpapertickets.com

This 11th annual fundraiser for Mid Hudson Animal Aid will include beer and other beverages as well as food from The Beacon Daily. There will also be a raffle and live music from Tony DePaolo, Nate Allen and Paul Baretta; The Costellos; Judith Tulloch and Stephen Franchino; the Marsh Kings Daughter featuring Emily Hague, Rafi, Sekaya and Jon Slackman; and The Black Coffee Blues Band. *Free*

TUES 19

National Voter Registration Day

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Register to vote or to work at the polls. At 4 p.m., an election specialist will be on hand for an hour to answer questions.

TUES 19

Magellan Ship Replica

KINGSTON

11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Hudson River Maritime Museum
50 Rondout Landing | 845-338-0071
hrmm.org/naotrinidad

A replica of Ferdinand Magellan's Nao Trinidad, the four-mast vessel that the Portuguese explorer captained during the first circumnavigation of the world from 1519 to 1522, will dock at the museum for tours through Oct. 8. The boat, completed in 2018, took 14 years to construct. Register online. *Cost: \$15 (\$5 ages 5 to 12, free for children younger than 5)*



Magellan Ship Replica, Sept. 19

SAT 23

Tag Sale

COLD SPRING

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

For its third annual fundraiser sale, the library and residents will sell household items, clothing, toys, tools and many other items.

SAT 23

Putnam Culture Fest

KENT

11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gypsy Trail Road
bit.ly/culture-fest2023

This annual festival, organized by the county's Community Engagement & Police Advisory Board, will feature circus performers, food, live music and children's activities. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 ages 2 to 12, military)*

SAT 23

Cold Spring Lions BBQ

PHILIPSTOWN

3 – 7 p.m.
Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane
coldspringlions.org

For their annual fundraiser, the Lions will have a raw bar and barbecued chicken and ribs. *Cost: \$85*

SUN 24

I Run Beacon 5K

BEACON

8 a.m. Memorial Park
2 Cahill Drive | bit.ly/run-beacon

For the 12th annual fundraiser to benefit the community group I Am Beacon, run or walk or join virtually to complete the 5K wherever you are. *Cost: \$35*

SUN 24

Spirit of Beacon Day

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Main Street

Get to know your neighbors and visit booths from organizations, churches and businesses. There will be food for sale and live music on two stages. The parade begins at 1 p.m.

SUN 24

Haldane Athletic Hall of Fame

GARRISON

11:30 a.m. Highlands Country Club
955 Route 9D
haldaneschool.org/athletics

Haldane High School will honor a select group of athletes, teams and coaches at this annual lunch. RSVP by SUN 17. *Cost: \$85*

KIDS & FAMILY

SUN 17

Car Seat Check

BEACON

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave.

Technicians can evaluate your installation to make sure it's secure.

TUES 19

Make Your Own Piñatas

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Children ages 4 to 10 are invited to design a piñata created from a paper bag. Registration required.

THURS 21

Escape Room

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Use clues to find a way out. For ages 11 and older; registration required.

FRI 22

Make Your Own Apple Donuts

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Make a tasty craft and learn about apples. For ages 4 to 12; registration required.

SAT 23

Blue Family Fun Magic & Music

PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2920 Route 9
philipstowndemocrats.org

Marco the Magician and Louie Miranda, a bilingual Spanish and English singer and musician, will perform, and there will be food for sale from the Cheddar Wagon. Sponsored by Philipstown Democrats. *Free*

SAT 23

Studio on the Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | diaart.org

Children ages 5 and older can learn from a practicing artist and experiment with materials and styles. Register online. *Free*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 16

Bird Walk

PHILIPSTOWN

8 a.m. Hubbard Lodge | 2920 Route 9
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Look for migrating birds with a guide. Registration required. *Free*

TUES 19

Herbs & Homeopathy for Kids

COLD SPRING

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

Tara Gregorio, a herbalist, will discuss how to support young children as they build their immunity.

THURS 21

Geode Dyeing

GARRISON

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

Tie dye a pillowcase in a rock formation while enjoying a beverage during this creative happy hour. Also FRI 22. *Cost: \$65*

SAT 23

Solutions to the Food Waste Problem

MAHOPAC

12:30 p.m. Mahopac Library
668 Route 6 | bit.ly/3Kz00Eg

This panel discussion will include Martha Elder of Second Chance Foods, Karen Ertl of Philipstown's Food Waste Advisory Committee and Jennifer Lerner of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County. *Free*

SAT 23

Mappy Hour

COLD SPRING

5:30 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Learn about local history during the American Revolution while enjoying a beverage. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 members)*

SUN 24

The Trial of Major André

FISHKILL

11 a.m. Trinity Episcopal Church
5 Elm St. | eventbrite.com/o/fishkill-historical-society

Actors Sean Grady and Gary Petagine will dramatize the 1780 trial of the British officer who conspired with Benedict Arnold. *Cost: \$18 (\$10 members)*

SUN 24

Introduction to Quilting

GARRISON

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

The Hudson Valley Modern Quilters Guild will teach the basics. Ages 10 and older. Registration required.

VISUAL ART

SAT 16

Bhakti Baxter

BEACON

4 – 6 p.m. Mother Gallery
1154 North Ave. | 845-236-6039
mothergallery.art

Baxter's latest paintings will be on view through Oct. 21.



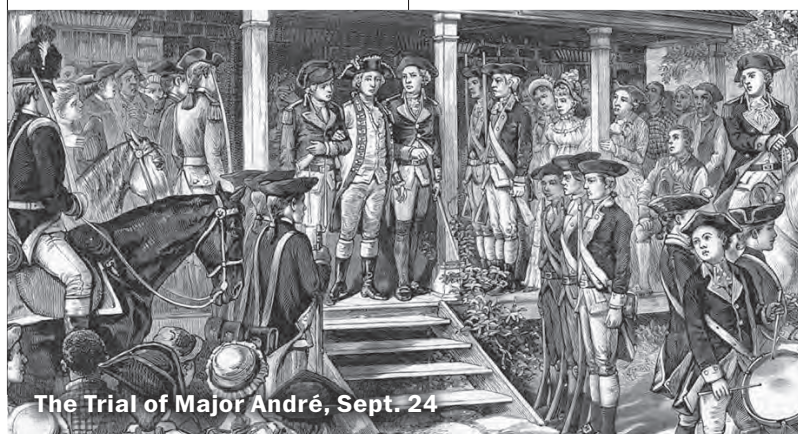
SUN 17

Stonecrop Artists Invitational

PHILIPSTOWN

2 – 6 p.m. Stonecrop
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000

Friedrike Merck curated this show of art created after summer visits to the garden. Through Oct. 30. *Cost: \$10*



The Trial of Major André, Sept. 24

SAT 23
Exquisite Corpse Workshop
GARRISON
10 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Martha Bone will lead a drawing-game workshop in which each participant adds a sketch to create a strange and interesting character. For ages 8 and older. *Cost: \$65*

SAT 23
Drawing Northgate
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St.
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Thom Johnson, who taught art at Irvington High School for 30 years and is an expert on the Cornish estate ruins, will lead this two-part class. *Cost: \$35 (\$30 members)*

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

The artist will share his sculptures and paintings in an exhibit called *Barely Not Impossible*. Through Nov. 5.



HIGH HOLY DAYS

SAT 16
Rosh Hashanah
BEACON
9 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave.
beaconhebrewalliance.org

Registration is required for the Jewish New Year celebration and opens to members on FRI 15. Also SUN 17, followed at 4 p.m. by Tashlich at Long Dock Park.

SAT 16
Rosh Hashanah
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Philipstown Reform Synagogue
1 Chestnut St.
philipstownreformsynagogue.org

Rabbi Helaine Ettinger will lead the service, which will be followed by Tashlich at the river.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 16
Penelope
GARRISON
7 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | 845-265-9575
hvshakespeare.org

See the world premiere of this



The Mommyheads, Sept. 22

one-person show starring Tatiana Wechsler as *The Odyssey* is retold through a character on the margins. Also SUN 17 (closing). *Cost: \$10 to \$100*

SAT 16
One-Act Play Festival
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

See plays by regional playwrights at the 17th annual Aery Theatre festival. Also SUN 17. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students, seniors)*

SAT 16
Calendar Girls
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countyplayers.org

This British musical follows the lives of 11 older women who posed nude to raise money for the Leukemia Research Foundation. Also SUN 17, FRI 22, SAT 23. *Cost: \$22 (\$20 seniors, military, students, ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 16
Anthony Rodia
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The comedian will perform stand-up in his Totally Relatable Tour. A meet-and-greet is available following the show for \$30. *Cost: \$42.50 to \$59.50*

SAT 16
The Artichoke
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | artichokeshow.com

The storytellers will include Adam Wade, Carly Ciarrocchi, Maggie Crane, Carla Katz, Mark Pagán and Jake Hart. *Cost: \$20*

SUN 17
Community Playwriting Workshop
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
hvshakespeare.org

This year's theme for the annual playwriting "Bake-Off" sponsored by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is *Love's Labor's Lost*, or *Jack Hath Not Jill*. During this two-hour workshop led by Christine Scarfuto, acting director of the MFA

playwriting program at Hunter College, writers will use a list of items as prompts. Five to seven submitted plays will be performed in November by HVSF actors. A second workshop is scheduled for 1 p.m. at The Garrison, 2015 Route 9.

SUN 17
Donna Masini
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The poet will read from her most recent collection, *4:30 Movie*, followed by a poetry open mic. *Cost: \$10*

FRI 22
Boomhouse
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com
Cold Spring resident and Listuguj Mi'gmaq First Nation member Summer Hart will read from her debut poetry collection. See Page 9.

SAT 23
When the World Didn't End
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Guinevere Turner will read from and discuss her new memoir about growing up in a cult before moving to Garrison when she was 11. Co-hosted with Split Rock Books. See Page 9.

SAT 23
Soon is Now
BEACON
2 – 5 p.m. Long Dock Park
23 Long Dock Road

This Climate Change Theatre Action event will include performances in the park as well as opportunities to meet activists from local organizations. Sign up for an 80-minute tour at 2:30, 3 or 3:30 p.m. The Resistance Revival Chorus will perform at 5 p.m. *Free*

MUSIC

SAT 16
The Englishtown Project
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

This tribute band will play music from a Grateful Dead show in New Jersey in 1977 after the group had released *Terrapin Station*. The Marshall Tucker Band and New

Riders of the Purple Sage opened. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 17
Putnam Choral
BEACON
3 p.m. St. Joachim's Church
51 Leonard St. | putnamchorale.org
The chorale's program, Poppin' Through the Decades, will include hits from the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 seniors, children)*

SUN 17
Scott Cook and Pamela Mae
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Canadian singers and songwriters will play music from their latest release, *Tangle of Souls*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

FRI 22
The Mommyheads
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The band will debut its latest album, *Coney Island Kid*. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

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8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The rock-and-soul duo of Melanie Krahmer and Rich Libutti will play music from their latest release, *Hell No*. Brad Cole will open. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 23
Porchfest
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. Main Street
coldspringnychamber.com
Businesses and organizations will host concerts — including by Aria Anjali, Kat and Stephen Selman, Heavy Nettles, Sam Sauer and J. Rattlesnake — followed by a closing set by the Daniel Kelly Trio at 7:30 p.m. at the bandstand. See the website for the schedule and locations. *Free*

SAT 23
Beth Leavel
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
Leavel, who won a Tony for her performance in *The Drowsy Chaperone*, will perform as part of the Depot Cabaret series. *Cost: \$35*



SAT 23
Lessons from Strangers
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
John Brown's multimedia performance includes storytelling,

visual art and music based on a long-term collaborative project with Sapri, an Indonesian artist. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 23
Top of the World
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Carpenters tribute band will play their hits and classics. *Cost: \$40 to \$55*

SAT 23
Jonah Smith Band
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer and songwriter will play with Andy Stack (guitar, vocals), Manuel Quintana (drums) and Brandon Morrison (bass). Carillo/Seville opens. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 24
Bryce Edwards Frivolity Hour
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org
The show, part of the Depot Cabaret series, will feature Edwards with his band: Conal Fowkes (piano), Scott Ricketts (cornet), Ricky Alexander (reeds) and Jay Rattman (bass sax). *Cost: \$25*

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

WED 20
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 20
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Mouths to Feed

An Evening Meal

By Celia Barbour

The days grow snug in September, as if we actually got fat on summer daylight and now don't quite fit into autumn's tighter spans of sunlit hours. We'll adjust. By mid-October, it'll be easy to sit at a desk while dusk falls — to simply switch on a lamp and carry on. The clock rather than the sky will announce when it's suppertime.

At my house, we've been eating late all summer. I keep announcing that we *must* get in the habit of finishing supper by 7, but I can barely pull that off for a single day. Last night, we ate at 9. Two hours earlier, I was floating on my back in a purple-tinged lake; Peter was finishing up a building project in the garden (He'd swum earlier, lest you feel sorry for him.) "Avidly lingering" is an oxymoron, but I can't think of a better way to describe what we were doing — each of us grabbing just a little more daylight while we still could.

At the farmers market, too, I'm grabbing a little too much summer produce while I still can, aware that its days are numbered. I came home this week with a surplus of zucchini, tomatoes, potatoes, peppers, herbs and far too much fruit, among other things. Most of my mid-summer cooking, when I apply heat to



Zucchini Betty

- 1 pound small, waxy potatoes
- 1¼ pounds very small zucchini (about 5)
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 4 slices day-old bread (about 6 ounces)
- 2½ ounces cheese, grated (see note)
- ⅓ cup walnuts
- ⅔ cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme leaves, divided
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley leaves, divided
- 12 to 15 cherry tomatoes (I used Sungold)

Note: I tried this with Manchego, Parmesan, pecorino and cheddar; all were good. I suspect you could use any firm, full-flavored cheese; you may want to adjust the salt (as pecorino, for example, is quite salty).

Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut the potatoes into roughly 1-inch chunks (or use baby potatoes whole). Cut the zucchini to a similar size.

In a 10-inch cast-iron skillet over a medium flame, heat the butter and olive oil. Add the chopped onion and sauté until golden. Add the potatoes and toss well. Lower the heat to medium-low, cover the skillet and cook about 10 minutes, lifting the lid after 5 minutes and scraping up any bits that are beginning to brown.

Meanwhile, place the bread, walnuts, grated cheese and half the parsley and thyme in a food processor and process just until crumbly. (Alternatively, you can mince them on a cutting board if you want a bigger crumble.)

Remove the lid from the skillet (you may want to test a potato at this point — it should be slightly al dente) and add the zucchini and rest of the herbs, along with some salt and a generous grinding of black pepper. Toss well, turn up the heat and sauté for a couple minutes. Add the broth and tomatoes. Remove from heat. Pat the crumble over the surface of the vegetables. Transfer to the oven and cook until the juices are bubbling and the top is a deep golden-brown, about 35 minutes.

ingredients at all, is a last-minute flash (though to be honest it's more like a "last-30-minute flash"), as I boil up pasta or rice, flash-sauté some vegetables, tear herbs, set the table.

The arrival of cooler evenings this week made me think about recipes that would bring a little coziness to summer ingredients — the culinary equivalent of throwing a light sweater over a T-shirt or sundress. I also am in the mood for dishes I can prep ahead of time, then finish off when evening lures me back into the kitchen.

Meanwhile, summer's stone fruits have left me with a hankering for cobbles and crum-

bles. Somewhere in my mind, these various ideas mashed together, and I found myself making this recipe for a savory crumble/gratin hybrid, with nuggets of zucchini, potatoes and Sungold tomatoes simmering in a splash of broth under a topping of toasted bread crumbs, herbs, cheese and nuts.

It's quite easy to make, and could almost certainly be adapted to whatever vegetables you have on hand. Moreover, because both potatoes and cast iron hold heat quite well, you can actually bake it at 5, and then eat at 7 or 8 — or even, as we did last night, at half past 9, on the heels of a starlit swim.



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Poetry (from Page 9)

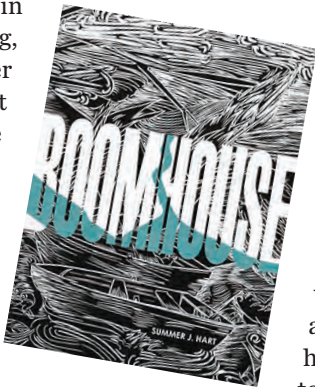
‘Hello!’ and sewed [the bindings of] 100 books containing her poems and my drawings.”

That there were (at least) two artistic sides of Hart became clearer when she was invited to Bennington College this past spring for its visiting artist lecture series. She spoke about her piece, “Out in May Back by October,” in which she made beads by tearing, weighing and repulping paper reclaimed from a mill in East Millinocket, Maine. During the lecture, she read poems from *Boomhouse*.

“Before the talk, I visited a drawing class,” she recalls. “The instructor had circulated my poem, ‘Winter Island,’ and asked me to share some older visual work. I chose a series of ink-and-watercolor drawings, *Notes to a Love Lost in the Forest*, *Notes to a Love Lost at Sea*.

“The drawings are of two sisters connected by their hair,” she says. “In the middle of the night one of the girls cuts the braid and slips out the window. The other follows. Adventure ensues. The imagery is rich with bears and beasts and botanicals. The ‘ah ha’ moment was realizing the drawings looked startlingly like the world I describe in ‘Winter Island.’ I had unconsciously written the poem the way that I draw.

“I’ve been curious about my family



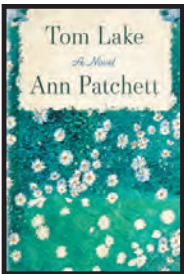
mythology my whole life,” she adds. “Every poem contains a kernel of truth: a memory, experience, observation or anecdote. I mix these kernels with the things I obsess about: personal and regional superstitions, Maine foraging wisdom, auguries, folk remedies, *The Old Farmer’s Almanac*.”

To research *Boomhouse*, she reviewed records of the Great Northern Paper Co. at the University of Maine; visited lakes and dams and villages; read the history of Millinocket and reference books on Mi’gmaq medicines; and interviewed a retired tugboat captain who worked for her uncle.

“He told me how the tugs would move across the lake at 1 mile per hour for 24 hours a day, towing 3,500 to 5,000 cords of 4-foot pulp lumber in a giant chain called a boom, in the shape of a teardrop,” she says. “That teardrop is the final image in *Boomhouse*.

“The retired captain told me how at night on a new moon, the only light on the lake was the red glow of the compass. That anecdote became the poem, ‘A Man is the Red Glow of a Compass in this Respect,’ although I didn’t set out that day to write a poem about a compass, or any poem at all.”

Her grandmother, like many Native Americans of her generation, was forced to speak English and dress like a European,



Local Bestsellers

Based on combined hardcover and paperback sales reported for July and August at Split Rock Books, 97 Main St. in Cold Spring.



TITLE		AUTHOR
1	<i>Tom Lake: A Novel</i>	Ann Patchett
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3	<i>Yummy Toddler Food: Dinnertime SOS</i>	Amy Palanjan
5	<i>Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow</i>	Gabrielle Zevin
6	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i>	Bonnie Garmus
1	<i>Dog Man: 20,000 Fleas Under the Sea</i>	Dav Pilkey
2	<i>Karen’s Haircut (Baby-sitters Little Sister No. 7)</i>	Ann M. Martin
3	<i>The Bad Guys: Let the Games Begin!</i>	Aaron Blabey
4	<i>The Skull</i>	Jon Klassen
5	<i>Local Baby Hudson Valley</i>	Nancy Ellwood
6	<i>Katie the Catsitter No. 3</i>	Colleen AF Venable

Hart says. “The saying was, ‘Kill the Indian, save the man.’ She was devoutly Catholic. It was only when she was 99 years old and in memory care that her language came back and she would only speak Mi’gmaq. That’s the poem ‘Salt for the Stain.’”

Asked if visual art influences her writing, and vice versa, Hart says: “My poems and visual work live in the same town but don’t know each other.” Her Maine heritage contributes to both, with words like *puckerbrush* and *frostfish* making appearances. “Maine vernacular!” she says. “Those are words I grew up with.”

Turner (from Page 9)

different, where a controlling, patriarchal figure — a dad — takes things off the grid.”

Turner says other members of The Family who grew up at the same time, including many who are still involved, “have reached out to say: ‘Well done. You make it sound so nice. I sat down thinking “You were going to skewer us, but you didn’t.” They may have lost some perspective, but it was relatively lovely, at times.”

As a writer, Turner benefits from another writer — her younger self — in telling the story because she kept a detailed diary. “It was something I carted with me everywhere,” she says. “I memorized it and clung to the memories. But the storyline they’re reacting to needed order and articulation.”

While writing her book, Turner returned to Garrison, meeting with friends from younger days, all of whom, she says, were “blown away. They had no idea this was going on with me [as an adolescent] and asked me how I hid all of that.”

Turner also made a pilgrimage to the Desmond-Fish, which seemed larger than she remembered it. In addition, when she was a child, “it smelled new, because all the books were new.” (The library opened in 1980.) But, she says, “there’s no way I would forget it; it was a shining beacon of light.”



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Bozic fought Larry Holmes in 1973 at Madison Square Garden.

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In 1985, Bozic worked as a driver for a Reuters reporter in Nicaragua and delivered medical supplies.

Something You Don't Know About Me

Bob Bozic

By Michael Turton

Describing Bob Bozic as a former boxer is like referring to Jesus as a former apprentice carpenter. There's a bit more to the story.

Bozic, 73, who lives in Beacon, was at one time Canada's amateur heavyweight boxing champion, with a combined 37-4 amateur and professional record, the latter including a loss to Larry Holmes at Madison Square Garden in 1973.

His nose was broken by Holmes' first punch. He lost teeth in Round 3. The unanimous decision was not in his favor.

Bozic's story reads like a Hollywood movie script: living on the street, working for a bookie, attempting to rob a bank, marrying a U.S. president's first girlfriend, escaping Afghanistan in a donkey cart, delivering medical supplies to the Nicaraguan Sandinistas and reclaiming a family home lost to a post-World War II communist regime.

The 6-foot-1-inch, 240-pound Bozic reveled in telling those stories at Fanelli's Café in New York City's SoHo, where he tended bar for 25 years beginning in 1990. Customers loved listening, even to reruns. He worked less and talked more than his colleagues, avoided making complicated cocktails and gave free drinks to customers who correctly answered his trivia questions such as naming the swans in *Swan Lake*.

Bozic's father, Dobrivoje Bozic, was an engineer who designed air brakes for the Serbian train system, which made him wealthy enough to build a 22-room mansion in Belgrade. In 1946, the communist government seized the house; the Bozics fled, emigrating to Windsor, Ontario. Dobrivoje Bozic abandoned his family three months after Bob was born in 1950.

"I saw him only once more, seven years later," Bozic said. "A man at a party taught me to count to 10 in Serbian," he remembers. It was his father, though he didn't learn that until later.

Bozic said he was a "very messed-up kid." At 12 he assaulted a teacher who he said wrongly accused him of disrupting class. At 14 he robbed a Boy Scout donation box and treated his friends to the movie *My Fair Lady* and French fries at Woolworth's. At 15, he was beaten by four boys who were angry he had made the football team at the expense of one of their friends. He bided his time before he evened the score with the ringleader.

By 16, he was homeless on the streets of Toronto, sleeping in unlocked cars, apartment building laundry rooms and on park benches. It was the saddest time of his life, he said, until he met Bernie Mignacco, who bought him lunch and invited him to come to his

gym, where he learned to box. "He wanted to keep me out of trouble," Bozic said, although Mignacco was also a bookie and had Bozic collect and pay out the hockey bets.

Bozic fought his first pro bout in 1970 in Toronto and was undefeated in 12 heavyweight fights over three years before losing to Tommy Kost in January 1973 at Madison Square Garden, followed by Holmes in September. Bozic retired after a loss in December 1977 in Toronto that gave him a 14-3 career record, including seven wins by knock-out.

Soon after, Bozic was staying on a Greek island when he met a German woman who gave him an unusual job tip. He headed to Istanbul, where he joined a convoy that smuggled auto parts and sewing machines into Afghanistan. The run complete, he was warned that the convoy leader and other drivers had been arrested. "I was out the door before he even finished telling me," Bozic recalled. "I escaped hidden in a donkey cart."

In 1980, nearly broke, Bozic entered a Madison Avenue bank in New York City and announced a robbery. He was soon arrested. The judge noted Bozic had been unarmed, and he may have been amused that this would-be robber had given Broadway tickets to the bank employees. Bozic pleaded guilty to third-degree attempted robbery and received probation.

Before his trial date, the detectives who arrested him invited him to a barbecue. They also sometimes took him to lunch. "What a city!" Bozic said. "That couldn't happen today."

In 1985, Bozic found himself in Nicaragua, working as a driver for a Reuters reporter covering the Sandinista government. In his spare time, he delivered medical supplies. "I wanted to get involved with the government," Bozic said. "I thought that'd be a good gesture."

In 1986, he married Alex McNear, who, a few years before, had been the first serious girlfriend of future Pres-



Bozic began boxing at age 16, after being homeless in Toronto.

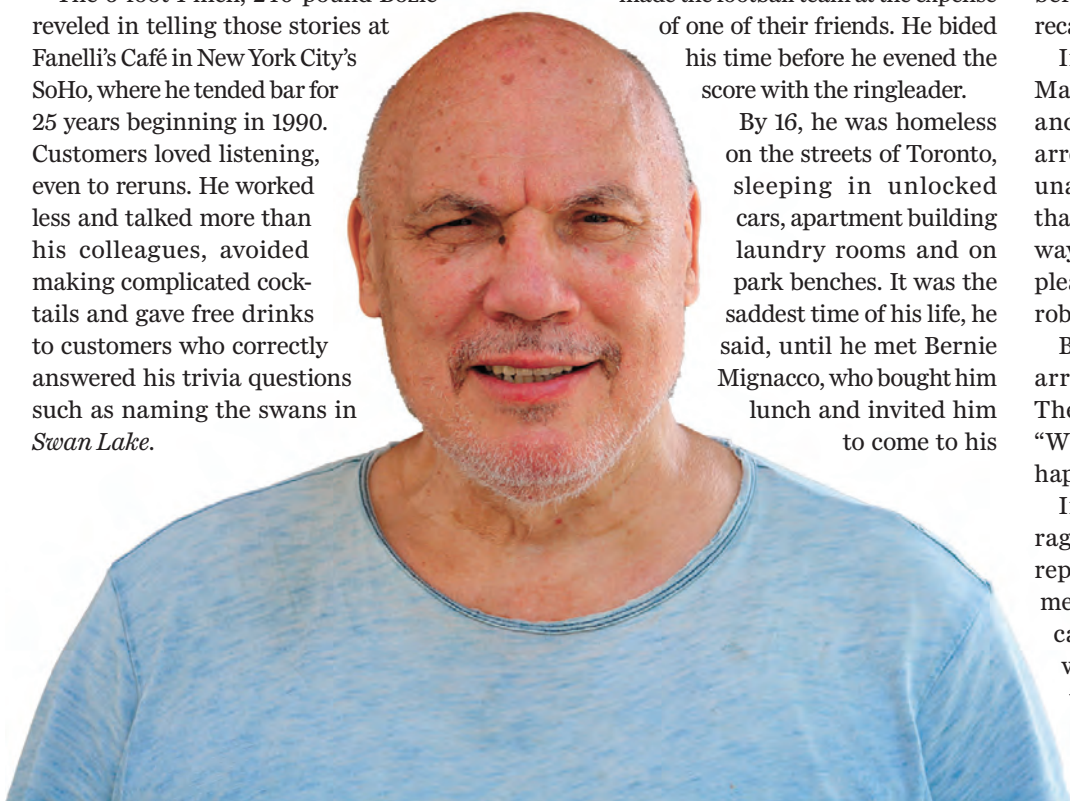
ident Barack Obama at Occidental College in Los Angeles before Obama transferred to Columbia.

Bozic and McNear divorced in 1993 but remain friends. "I speak to her almost daily," he said. "She's helping edit my Substack" at bobbobzic.substack.com, where Bozic is documenting his story, perhaps as notes for a book.

Bozic visited Belgrade in 2003 after the Serbian government began offering restitution for property taken by the communists. It took until 2018, but he regained ownership of the family villa and sold it.

While sleeping in the mansion the night before the closing, Bozic awoke to discover scalding water gushing from the heating system. He fixed the leak, but severely burned both legs. He spent four months recovering in a German hospital. "The pain was so bad, I wanted to die," he said.

Bozic declined to say what the house sold for. He isn't even sure where the money he received came from; the buyers disappeared. "It's very different there, a bit like Russia," Bozic said, "I had to bribe people."





Bozic tended bar at Fanelli's Café in New York City for 25 years.

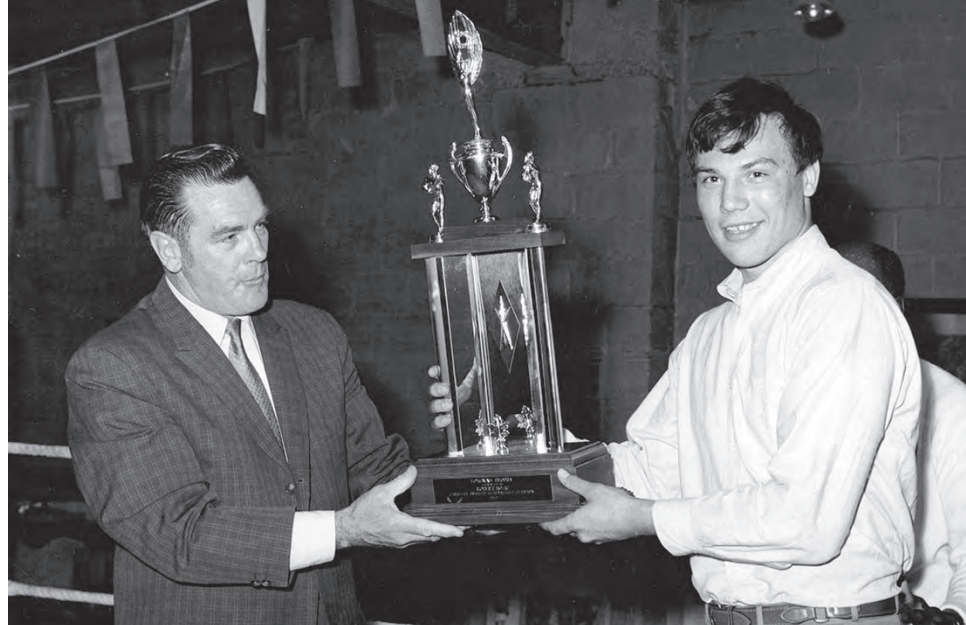
He used the proceeds to repay debts, including more than \$100,000 loaned to him on a handshake. He paid his daughter's college expenses and for a Serbian friend's daughter to attend high school in Portugal.

He said the scariest moment of his life was when he robbed a mobster. "He knew I did it. But I'm not going to talk about that."

The happiest moment, "without a doubt," was the birth of his daughter, Vesna, in 1991. "Alex and I didn't even take pictures," he said. "We wanted that memory to die with us."

As a father, he "became much calmer. Things that used to make me fly off the handle no longer did; I realized if something isn't going to be a problem in five years, it doesn't matter."

Bozic moved to Beacon in 2019, wanting



Merv McKenzie (left), chairman of the Ontario Boxing Commission, presents Bozic in 1969 with a trophy for winning the Canadian amateur heavyweight title. *Boxing Treasures*

to live somewhere smaller and less expensive than New York City. "All I want to do is read, go for walks and work on my Substack," he said.

He estimates he's read more than 800 books, listing Albert Camus' *The Plague* and George Eliot's *Middlemarch* as favorite novels. He also relishes books on the suffragette movement and legal matters; he's currently tackling *Actual Malice: Civil Rights and Freedom of the Press in New York Times v. Sullivan*, by Samantha Barbas.

And he delights in sharing his stories with anyone who'll listen. He laughed while he recalled asking Alex if she agreed with a profile in *The New Yorker* in 2012 that said Bozic

"feared he might be a little self-absorbed."

"You're not self-absorbed," she said. "You're self-fascinated, but you're fascinated with everyone!"

Bozic wants to continue that fascination in Beacon, including coffee-shop chats.

"I'd like to engage more people in conversation," he said. "I'd love to have a dinner for six or eight people and talk about a specific subject. Maybe the U.S. Constitution — it's not bad to know how your country operates."

He said he has no regrets. "It's like Pangloss says in *Candide*: 'Since everything was made for a purpose, everything is necessarily for the best purpose.'"

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LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (September 1873)

The Cold Spring Recorder called for the three local school districts to merge, noting that the area's 400 students were taught in "the rural method" and would benefit from a central school, although some teachers might lose their jobs. The paper noted that some parents were sending their children to distant private schools for \$400 annually [\$10,000 today] because of a lack of science instruction.

According to *The Recorder*, a parent who had followed his son to school asked a principal for a favor. The boy had refused to carry a pail of swill to the pig — would the teacher paddle him? The newspaper titled its report: "What Next?"

Thieves crept into the home of James McCarthy overnight and, while the occupants slept, stole a pocketbook with \$20 [\$500]. The day before, McCarthy had deposited \$300 [\$7,600] in the bank.

Mr. Levy offered a \$25 reward for the identity of the boys and young men who threw gravel and stones at his home, narrowly missing Mrs. Levy and a glass kerosene lamp.

Alex Slater, an engineer, left for his annual winter stay in Cuba, where he worked on a sugar estate.

C.J. Organ was driving Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Squires to the village when the young horse was startled and ejected Organ from the wagon. Fortunately, it didn't bolt. Organ wasn't injured, but the couple said they preferred to walk the rest of the way.

Workers completed grading the crown and slope of Pear Tree Hill in Nelsonville. *The Recorder* noted that the area had changed a great deal over the previous 20 years, when the hill was "almost a precipice, the flat beyond a quagmire and the old Revolutionary house a moss-grew relic of colonial times."

After "generating much excitement in the village," a Garden Street resident was declared dangerously insane and sent to a Poughkeepsie hospital.

A brakeman on a northbound New York Central & Hudson River Railroad train to Poughkeepsie was killed just north of Cold Spring when he was decoupling a car at a switch. He apparently fell beneath the wheels as the engine rolled backward.

Two young men, apparently drunk, were arrested on Main Street near B Street early on a Monday morning and charged with abusing the horse pulling their buggy. The men were released with a promise they would return to claim the animal and pay expenses. The next day, a constable arrived

from Wappingers Falls with warrants for the men's arrest on charges of stealing a horse.

After a weeklong search along the post road, Byron Youmans found his two runaway horses at the village pound in Irvington, near Tarrytown.

While hunting on Bull Hill, G. Barnum of Nelsonville was struck on the leg by a rattlesnake but saved by his heavy pants and boots. He managed to shoot the creature, which had seven rattles, and brought it home as a trophy.

After the stock market crashed in Europe, setting off the Financial Panic of 1873, *The Recorder* suggested "mutual forbearance" by local creditors and debtors. Nationally, 100 banks and 55 railroads failed.

A grand jury in Carmel indicted Sarah Baldwin of Davenport's Corners, about 4 miles north of Cold Spring, for keeping a bawdy house and selling liquor without a license. She was jailed with \$1,500 bail [\$38,000].

Two members of a Garrison baseball club wrote *The Recorder* to explain that they were claiming a 25-23 victory over an unnamed opponent because, following a dispute over a call at first base ("we having wrongly left the decisions to the catcher instead of having an umpire"), their opponents refused to continue. A spectator had been asked to rule on the call and favored Garrison.

Although the distance between Cold Spring and Garrison stations along the Indian Brook road was said to be 3 miles, anyone who walked it had their doubts, according to *The Recorder*. The road was finally measured and found to be 5 miles and 23 rods [380 feet].

Dr. F.D. Lente received several live horned toads from a friend in Colorado.

ation had recently installed an iron drinking fountain at Main and Chestnut streets and planted 12 trees that were sprayed for beetles. In addition, Mr. McClary donated three bulletin boards to discourage people from posting notices on the trees.

The Misses Lawson donated to *The Recorder* the run of 25 issues of *The Cold Spring Journal*, which was published in the Odd Fellows Hall near the train station from December 1855 to May 1856.

The Recorder noted that, under a new state law, people gathering signatures for an independent nomination must swear they would vote for the nominee. It was designed to make it more difficult for politicians to nominate opponents they thought they could easily defeat.

Edward Livingston took Philipstown to court, arguing that fences erected on the Underhill estate should be removed by the town because they made the road less than three rods wide, violating an 1890 law. However, the town cited an 1821 law that allowed roads as narrow as two rods. A judge agreed, ruling that the more recent law only applied to new roads. (During the trial, testimony revealed that Livingston was negotiating to buy the Underhill estate, and that he told the seller his bid of \$50 an acre was the equivalent of \$60 because the fences were illegal and Livingston would have to pay to have them removed.)

After hearing a distress whistle in the dark, the tower man at the Foundry Dock rowed toward Constitution Island and found the 40-foot Mangolia on its port side with three men clinging to the gunwhale. The ship's captain said it was his first trip on the river in 10 years and that he had not been aware of the rocks.

The Recorder complained that the Hudson River Telephone Co. had "erected great ungainly and unsightly poles along the streets" and "with a

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125 Years Ago (September 1898)

At the annual meeting of the Cold Spring Village Improvement Association, Capt. Henry Metcalfe reported that the association had \$50.94 [\$1,900] in the bank but \$110 in unpaid bills (\$90 for a public watering trough and \$20 to empty the scrap baskets). Metcalfe noted that the associ-



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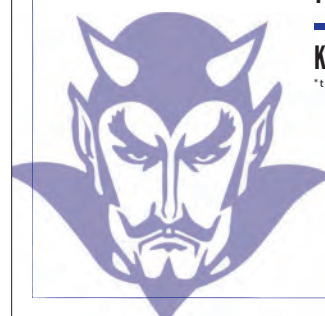
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The body of a well-dressed young man was found in Foundry Cove. A tattoo on his right arm that read “G.S.” led to his identification as George Smith, 22, of Newburgh, a lather who had formerly worked in Cold Spring. A relative said Smith, who suffered from fits, had recently been released from Bellevue Hospital in New York City. A coroner’s jury concluded he had fallen from a train on his way home.

When he stepped off the 8:08 p.m. train from New York City, Sgt. Grant Wright, a Rough Rider who had been mustered out after fighting under Theodore Roosevelt against the Spanish in Cuba, was greeted at the Cold Spring depot by 2,000 cheering residents and a fireworks display. *The Recorder* declared him “the first hero that the village can justly claim as all its own.” Wright was taken by carriage to a platform at Town Hall, where a quartet sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and Judge Wood presented him with a gold watch.

Thomas Walsh and Edward Raftery pleaded guilty to burglarizing James Farrell’s saloon at the corner of Main and Stone streets; each was sentenced to two years in Sing Sing.

The Tidy Club, made up of children who vowed to keep the village clean, held a picnic for its members. The refreshments included lemons, sandwiches, cake, eggs, milk and candy.

Officer Foster arrested a man on a domestic abuse charge, but when his wife failed to appear in court he was released.

Frank Burns, who worked at the Cornell foundry, was badly burned by hot iron that ran into his shoe.

E.K. Roake opened a furniture store opposite Depot Square that included the contents of 19 rooms at the defunct Highland House in Garrison.

Fred Lath shot himself in the hand while hunting a woodchuck.

Maud Henyan and Hattie Seeger of Nelsonville held a festival at the Baptist Church that raised \$12 [\$440] to benefit the Sick Baby Fund.

J.M. Smith & Sons erected a creamery at their farm and began a butter route with their new refrigerated wagon.

Thomas Doran and his son, William, were driving a wagon down Main Street when the horse bolted near the Old Homestead Club. Thomas was thrown out at Garden Street and William near Secor’s store when the wagon struck another being driven by J.Y. Dykman. Father and son were taken unconscious to nearby drugstores; Thomas needed 20 stitches in his scalp but both men recovered.

Arthur Taylor rode his bicycle through Cold Spring enroute to Albany from New York City. He completed the trip in seven hours and 10 minutes, breaking the previous record by two-and-a-half hours.

Burglars broke into St. Philip’s Church in Garrison and stole three silver offertory plates.

John Toucey, the retired general manager of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, died at his home in Garrison at age 70. He spent 42 years with the railroad, rising from station agent. He was buried at

St. Philip’s Church after a crowded service attended by many top railroad executives. Earlier in the month, Toucey had been presented with a bronze eagle that had been on the dome of the Grand Central depot.

100 Years Ago (September 1923)

With the surveying for a proposed road between Beacon and Cold Spring along the Hudson River [Route 9D] complete, the state planned to remove two railroad grade crossings near Storm King in preparation for construction. The road would connect with a concrete highway proposed from Cold Spring to Mekeel’s Corners [the intersection of Route 9 and 301].

Leo Hendrickson of New Jersey returned to Cold Spring for the first time in a month and was immediately arrested on charges he had attacked a 17-year-old girl who had recently arrived in the U.S. from Bohemia.

75 Years Ago (September 1948)

The state Department of Commerce announced that 10-foot-high “air markers” would be installed on the Haldane school roof with the village name and directional arrows pointing north and toward the nearest airport.

The state awarded a \$314,000 [\$4 million] contract to replace the wooden trestle over Annsville Creek with a five-span steel structure. The crossover for Routes 6 and 9 just south of Philipstown had been closed for two years following a fire, with traffic detoured around the head of the creek or through Cold Spring.

50 Years Ago (September 1973)

Norman Champlin, Joseph Diritto, Ernie Amato, Jake Cretelli, Frank Budney and other firefighters spent a Saturday working on the new home of the Cold Spring Fire Co. on Main Street, including cutting an H beam to support the 24-foot-wide overhead door. Mike Scalpi of Riverview donated a pan of meatballs and sauce.

Twenty-six elementary students from the Manitou school district, which did not have its own building, enrolled at the Garrison School, bringing the student body there to 290.

Two sisters and two brothers from Continental Village, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lubbers and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lubbers, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries with a party at Dutchess Manor. The couples were married in a dual ceremony at a Bronx church.

For the 18th year, Ray Impellittere Motors of Cold Spring provided Haldane High School with a dual-control vehicle — in this case, a 1974 Gran Torino — for its drivers’ education class.

25 Years Ago (September 1998)

Anne Impellizzeri took over as executive director at Manitoga in Garrison. She had worked for 28 years for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. before becoming president of the Blanton-Peale Institute of New York City.

The Philipstown Depot Theatre hosted a high-definition video festival that included Hollywood stars reading children’s stories, a biography of impressionist Paul Cezanne and a trip down Broadway in New York City.

A Garrison resident, Bob Rogers, accused a school board trustee of grabbing his camera



The sign on Route 9 in Philipstown for the White Deer Trading Post

Photo by M. Ferris

WHAT IS THE WHITE DEER TRADING POST?

Route 9 sign recalls Native American resident

By Marc Ferris

Along a busy stretch of Route 9 in Philipstown, a mile north of Route 301, the White Deer Trading Post stands out, with its prominent sign and wooden silhouettes of a teepee and leaping deer mounted on a fence.

But don’t try to check out the wares. The business closed more than 30 years ago, and there’s a “No Trespassing” sign in the window of what is now a private home.

The sign and silhouettes are remnants of a Native American craft store operated for more than 25 years by Princess Wari Marie Martin, a member of the Mohawk tribe at the St. Regis reservation in New York at the Canadian border. She was born in Quebec.

Along with overseeing her store, Martin presented programs at schools and to civic groups about her tribe and its culture. Martin illustrated a 1971 presentation at the Garrison Art Center with artifacts and also taught at the Museum of Natural History in Manhattan.

In the late 1950s, she operated the White Deer Indian Village on Route 9 in Fishkill, north of Route 52, which held weekly pow-wows and was described as a retreat for tribal members traveling between St. Regis and New York City, where many were employed as steel-construction workers.

In 1960, she opened the trading post in Philipstown. A newspaper ad from the time read: “ ‘Princess Wari’ Real Indian Craft. Moccasins, Peace Pipes, Indian Dolls, Tom Toms. Navajo Rugs & Jewelry from Arizona.”

A photo shows her in full regalia, smiling outside her shop. In the early 1970s, the *Evening-Star* in Peekskill reported that her stock included a box made of porcupine quills, handmade leather

bags from the Oklahoma Pawnee tribe and an \$850 turquoise-and-silver necklace made by Southwestern Navajos. She also offered hand-carved and painted walking canes and dolls made by the Ojibway tribe in Canada.

Princess Wari said she named the retreat and shop after a Mohawk dancer, Esther Louise Georgette Deer, who performed as Princess White Deer. In the early 20th century, Esther toured the U.S., Europe and South Africa with The Famous Deer Brothers, the Ziegfeld Folies and Wild West shows. She also wrote a play, *From Wigwam to White Lights*.

After the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920, Deer encouraged Indigenous women to exercise their newfound right to vote and became a central figure in the Native American rights movement of the 1960s. She died in 1992.

During the 1970s, Princess Wari fought to eliminate use of the term “Indians” in everyday communications and lobbied the federal government to provide grants to establish Native American studies programs at colleges.

Her obituary recalled her as a talented dressmaker and seamstress who modeled as a young woman for Jay Thorpe in New York City, a high-end women’s clothing store on 57th Street near Fifth Avenue. She also appeared in at least one Western and was the first woman to buy a firetruck for the St. Regis reservation.

In 1985, the trading post property sold for \$155,000. (According to tax records, the 3-acre parcel is now owned by a Beacon resident.) Princess Wari died in 2007, at age 96, at a nursing facility on the reservation. Her obituary listed only nieces and nephews as survivors and said she was the last surviving of eight Martin siblings.

More than once, the *Evening-Star* quoted Princess Wari sharing what she said was her guide to life: “The Great Spirit created me as one, and I must do the very best I know how.”

when he tried to videotape a meeting at the Desmond-Fish library about proposed capital improvements. Organized by the PTA, the meeting brought together various committees to discuss their progress; the board president said the gathering was not open to the public and that she and other trustees were

attending as private citizens.

After accusations appeared in two letters to the *Putnam County News & Recorder* that county Legislator Vinny Tamagna did not live in Philipstown, he responded that, while often away on business, he resided on Garrison’s Landing.

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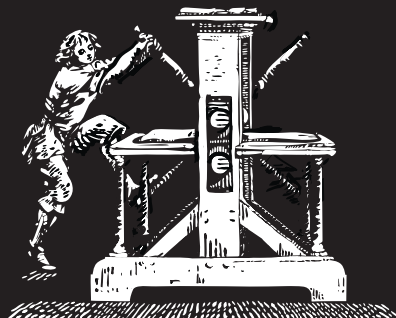
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- ACROSS
1. Stetson, e.g.
4. Big gulp
8. Miles away
12. Boxing legend
13. Galileo’s birthplace
14. Tubular pasta
15. Comedy club razzers
17. Streetcar
18. Attack
19. Poem of praise
21. Old Ford model
22. Frenzied
26. Stupefies
29. AAA job
30. Archipelago unit (Abbr.)
31. Sacred bird of Egypt
32. Sushi fish
33. Nile queen, familiarly
34. Capitol Hill VIP
35. Passing craze
36. Sacred song
37. Browbeat

39. Indent key
40. Gallery display
41. High-flying battle
45. Rotate
48. Large land measures
50. Out of control
51. *Star Wars* royal
52. Sportscaster Cross
53. New Mexico resort
54. Bigfoot’s cousin
55. Surpass
- DOWN
1. “Funny!”
2. Hearty quaffs
3. Twitches
4. Divides
5. Brandish
6. Medit. nation
7. Hybrid fuel
8. Ancient Mexican
9. Tall tree
10. — loss
11. Brink
16. Curly-leaf cabbages
20. Morning moisture
23. Lean to one side
24. “Got it”
25. Coagulate
26. Plate
27. “... sting like —”
28. Galvanizing matter
29. Media mogul Turner
32. Terrestrial
33. Hooded snake
35. Supporting
36. Rum cocktail
38. Armored vehicles
39. Unspoken
42. Legal document
43. Aviation prefix
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Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

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- ACROSS
1. Basketball’s “Pistol” ____
Maravich
5. Lawman Wyatt
6. San ____, California
7. Everest climber’s tool
8. Flexible, as a straw
- DOWN
1. “__ be with you”
2. Gobbled up
3. Running shoe feature
4. Two-part adhesive
6. 1997 Smith/Jones sci-fi
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VARSITY ROUNDUP

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

• **FOOTBALL** — It's been a slow start for the Bulldogs, who suffered a heavy defeat on the road at league rival Port Jervis on Sept. 8, falling 61-20.

Junior quarterback Jazziah Whitted was 9-for-22 in the air for 113 yards, throwing one touchdown pass and running 11 yards for another score. Senior running back Owen Lynch gained 40 yards on 10 carries; senior receiver Kavon Ricketts had two catches for 77 yards and returned a kick 75 yards for a TD.

On defense, junior Mason Supple led the team with nine tackles, as well as a tackle for loss and a sack. Lynch added 4.5 tackles. The Bulldogs (0-2) hosted Burke Catholic of Goshen on Thursday (Sept. 14) and travel to O'Neill on Sept. 22.

• **GIRLS' SOCCER** — The squad played on back-to-back days and recorded back-to-back wins, knocking off Port Jervis on Monday (Sept. 11), 4-0, and O'Neill on Tuesday, 3-2. Reilly Landisi led the Bulldogs with two goals against Port Jervis and all three against O'Neill, while Emma Campa-giorni had seven saves in goal.

The Bulldogs (2-1) host Sullivan West in their home opener at 4:30 p.m. on Monday (Sept. 18) before traveling to Newburgh Free Academy on Wednesday and hosting Haldane at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

• **BOYS' SOCCER** — Beacon evened its record with a 5-1 victory over Fallsburg on Wednesday (Sept. 13). Coach Craig Seaman said he was able to give time to all 22 players on the roster. The Bulldogs (2-2) play Tuesday (Sept. 19) at O'Neill.

• **VOLLEYBALL** — It was an impressive week for the Bulldogs as they moved to 4-0 without losing a set. Beacon knocked off Burke Catholic on Sept. 8 (25-16, 27-25, 25-19) and followed that up on Monday (Sept. 11) by shutting out Chester Academy (25-21, 25-21, 25-8) at home. Lila Burke dominated both games, with 23 and 17 kills, respectively, plus 10 service points against Chester. Allie Thomas had 18 assists against Burke and 23 against Chester.

On Wednesday, Beacon blanked Tuxedo, 3-0, behind seven aces and 17 kills from Burke: Thursday, it hosted Franklin Roosevelt. On Monday, at 6 p.m., the Bulldogs host Port Jervis before traveling to Liberty on Wednesday.

• **CROSS-COUNTRY** — The runners kicked off their season with a 12th-place finish at the Warwick Valley Wave Mania Invitational on Sept. 9, with Henry Reinke placing 16th in 17:27.80 and August Wright placing 44th in 18:54.60. For the girls, Cecilia Allee finished



Clem Grossman advances the ball for Haldane on Wednesday (Sept. 13) in a loss to Croton-Harmon. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Skip Pearlman

30th in the 2,400-meter course in 11:23.70 and Lily Murr was just behind her in 11:36.20. The Bulldogs will host a race on Tuesday (Sept. 19) starting at 4:30 p.m. with teams from Cornwall, Liberty and Monticello.

• **GIRLS' SWIMMING** — The Bulldogs swam twice this week, falling on Monday (Sept. 11), 90-69, at home to Marlboro and defeating Rhinebeck, 91-72, on Wednesday, also at home. Against Marlboro, the Bulldogs won the 200 free relay in 2:02.30, Saniyah Wilshire was second in the 200 free in 2:33.97 and Meara Kumar was second in the 100 fly in 1:12.69. Against Rhinebeck, Abigail Haydt won the 200 individual medley in 2:48.91, Kumar won the 50 free in 29.48 and Serena Stampleman was first in the 100 breaststroke in 1:23.66.

• **SECURITY CONTINUES** — Security measures implemented last year will remain in place at Beacon High School home football and soccer night games, the district announced. All attendees will be scanned with a handheld metal detector or security wand, the district said, and bags and backpacks may not be brought into the games. There will be one point of entry and no re-admittance. Service animals are allowed, but not pets.

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

• **FOOTBALL** — Haldane followed up its easy win in its first game against Dover with an equally dominant performance against Poughkeepsie on Sept. 9 at home, winning 29-8. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early

lead, scoring 22 points in the first quarter.

When Poughkeepsie fumbled on its third play from scrimmage, Evan Gianchinta scooped up the ball and ran 29 yards for the score. "That set the tone," said Coach Ryan McConville.

Gianchinta wasn't done. From the running back position, he finished with 94 yards on five carries, including a 1-yard TD that made it 14-0.

Michael Murray, who caught a pass from quarterback Ryan Van Tassel and ran it for a 75-yard touchdown to give Haldane a 29-0 lead in the second half, also was a force on defense, accounting for two sacks and three tackles for losses.

Haldane will host Tuckahoe at 7 p.m. on Friday (Sept. 22) for homecoming.

• **BOYS' SOCCER** — Like many other local teams, the Blue Devils' season has been put on hold several times because of crummy weather. On Monday (Sept. 11), the team traveled to Yorktown Heights to take on Lakeland High School but fell, 2-1. Lakeland led, 2-0, at half; Haldane's score came from Frankie Digilio on a pass from Clem Grossman.

On Wednesday, the Blue Devils hosted Croton-Harmon and lost, 1-0, in a tough game. Croton dominated throughout but scored only once, with eight minutes left in the first half. The loss marks the third straight for the Blue Devils, who are defending their Class C state title. "This is a wake-up call for us, a huge wake-up call," said Coach Ahmed Dwidar.

Today (Sept. 15) the Blue Devils (1-3) host Poughkeepsie at 4:30 p.m. before traveling to Peekskill on Monday and Putnam Valley on Tuesday.

• **GIRLS' SOCCER** — After a 10-day layoff

because of heat or rain, Haldane notched its first win of the season on Tuesday (Sept. 12), defeating Yonkers Montessori Academy, 3-1, on the road. "Everybody was super antsy to get on the field," said Coach Mary Callaghan.

Stella Gretina scored the first goal for the Blue Devils on an assist from Marisa Peters, but the Eagles scored two minutes later to tie. In the second half, Finola Kiter scored two goals for the difference. Ruby Poses had eight saves in goal. Callaghan said she was impressed by the play of Peters and Josephine Foley-Hedlund at midfield.

Haldane hosted Woodlands on Thursday and travels to Beacon on Sept. 21.

• **GIRLS' TENNIS** — The Blue Devils suffered at home against Briarcliff on Sept. 9, losing all five match-ups, but found redemption on Tuesday (Sept. 12) with a 4-1 victory over Tuckahoe. Ellen O'Hara lost at first singles but Ellie Dubroff and Ella McKeel won at second and third singles, respectively.

At doubles, Julie Shields and Camilla McDaniel won, as did Mary McBride and Jacqueline Muth.

On Wednesday, Haldane was blanked by Croton-Harmon, 5-0. The best performance for the Blue Devils came from McDaniel and Shields, who went down 3-6, 5-7.

The girls traveled to Westlake on Thursday and will visit North Salem on Monday (Sept. 18).

• **CROSS-COUNTRY** — After their first meet was canceled because of the heat, the Blue Devils on Sept. 9 started their season at the Somers Big Red Invitational, which included teams from 50 schools.

Noah Green had the best finish for Haldane, placing 33rd in the 2,400 meters in 10:48.8, while Owen Powers was 42nd in the 5,000 meters in 19:32.00. For the girls, Hazel Berkley finished 68th in the 5,000 meters in 31:17.5.

Haldane's next meet is scheduled for Tuesday (Sept. 19) against Albertus Magnus, Leffell and Pleasantville.

• **VOLLEYBALL** — On Sept. 7, Haldane traveled to Briarcliff but lost in three sets (25-14, 25-19, 25-22). Scotia Hartford had four kills for the Blue Devils and Grace Bradley finished with two.

On Monday (Sept. 11), in their first home game of the season, Haldane fell to Keio Academy (25-18, 21-25, 25-17). "We need to focus on our serving," said Coach Nancy Bowden. "We had 18 service errors, and it seems to be at the most crucial points in the game."

The Blue Devils lost in three games at home against North Salem on Wednesday and were scheduled to host O'Neill on Thursday. Haldane (1-3) will be home again on Tuesday (Sept. 19) when they host Tuckahoe at 6 p.m.