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Court Dismisses Conviction in Pedestrian Death

*Civil suit over 2021
Beacon accident pending*

By Jeff Simms

A City Court judge's decision last year finding a Beacon woman guilty of not exercising "due care" to avoid hitting a pedestrian who later died has been reversed by a state appeals court.

Jacqueline Milohnic, 59 at the time, was driving a 2019 Jeep Wrangler on Dec. 1, 2021, when she turned left from Main Street onto Teller Avenue (Route 52) just after 3 p.m. and hit Carla Giuffrida, 75, a retired teacher who lived in Beacon, in the crosswalk.

According to police reports, Giuffrida suffered a serious head injury but was conscious and breathing while being treated by first responders. She died about five hours later at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla.

Milohnic was ticketed for failing to yield to a pedestrian; she told police that she had not seen Giuffrida because of a blind spot caused by the front left pillar of the Jeep's frame and sun glare. According to court documents, a Beacon police officer conducted a field sobriety test that showed Milohnic was not impaired.

After Milohnic contested the ticket, City Court Judge Greg Johnston dismissed the failure-to-yield charge, saying it applied only if traffic control signals were not present or not working. But prosecutors asked Johnston to consider what they said was a lesser offense, and he found Milohnic guilty of failing to exercise due care to avoid colliding

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WINDY, WET MONDAY — The Highlands received 3 to 4 inches of rain overnight on Sunday (Dec. 17), causing flooding that inundated the waterfronts at Cold Spring and Long Dock Park in Beacon and closed Route 9D for most of the day between Little Stony Point and Breakneck. Reporter Michael Turton said that while taking photos at the village riverfront at 2:30 p.m., "the wind gusts had to be 50 to 60 mph. I could barely stand." According to local weather monitors, 3.85 inches fell in Beacon and 3.3 inches in Nelsonville, and Central Hudson said about 75 Philipstown residents lost power. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photos by Brian PJ Cronin and Michael Turton

Haldane Senior Dies in Route 9 Crash

*Junior critically injured
when car leaves road*

By Chip Rowe

A senior at Haldane High School was killed and a junior critically injured in a crash on Dec. 15, according to the school district and the New York State Police.

Vlad Saban, 17, died at the scene and Theresa Timmons, 16, was taken to Westchester Medical Center.

The state police said the crash occurred at 8 p.m. on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt, just south of Philipstown, when Saban, driving a 2012 Toyota Prius southbound, sideswiped a Subaru Forester while passing illegally on the right shoulder. Police said he lost control and the vehicle struck a utility pole and then a tree.

First responders from the Garrison and Continental Village fire departments, along with Peekskill EMS, found Timmons unresponsive in the rear of the vehicle.

"Haldane is a close-knit community and I know that our collective heart hurts for the families that have been impacted by this tragedy," Superintendent Philip Benante wrote on Sunday (Dec. 17) in a letter to the community. "The Crisis Response Team met this morning to develop a plan for supporting our students and staff members in the days ahead."

Students and staff members were

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Vlad Saban



HHFT says the riverside trail north of Little Stony Point, shown here in an architect's rendering, would include a boulder edge and planted buffer.

SCAPE

Fjord Trail Unveils Preliminary Hudson Shoreline Design

*Section will connect Dockside
Park and Breakneck*

By Brian PJ Cronin

On Sunday (Dec. 17), representatives from the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail revealed the next iteration of design renderings at an open house held at the Hubbard Lodge on the edge of Fahnestock State Park.

While the dreary deluge from a rainstorm

kept nearly everyone away, the renderings offer a glimpse of the plans for the southernmost section of the trail, which would begin at the northern border of Dockside in Cold Spring and end at Breakneck Ridge.

The plan has drawn fierce resistance in Philipstown from some residents, including members of a nonprofit called Protect the Highlands who argue that the trail should begin at Breakneck Ridge to avoid adding to weekend congestion in the village.

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: STEVE CARLSON

By Michael Turton

Steve Carlson was a contractor in Philipstown for more than 30 years, until 2016, when he and his partner, Elizabeth Johnson, moved full-time to a home they owned on Big Tancook Island in Nova Scotia.

How did you end up on a Canadian island?

I was working at West Point when [President George W.] Bush bombed Baghdad [in 2003]. I could no longer, with any moral conscience, accept a check from the Department of Defense. I paid a lot of taxes in the U.S. and didn't really receive anything in return. I realized if I worked just a little farther north, my tax dollars would come back to me. I voted with my dollars.

I called a friend in Montreal and started looking there, in Toronto and Ottawa; nice places but expensive and a lot of sprawl. In Nova Scotia, a real estate agent asked if I'd consider an island. My antennae popped up! Big Tancook is like Martha's Vineyard 100 years ago. I bought 8 acres with a small house that I expanded. I can see the Atlantic Ocean all the way to France out my front door. From the backyard, I see Mahone Bay and Oak Island.

What is island life like?

Big Tancook is 3 miles long and a mile



wide, with 120 permanent residents and up to 200 in summer. The ferry from Chester takes 45 minutes and can carry one vehicle; I keep Tony Ricci's old 2003 pickup on the island. There are no stores, bars, restaurants, gas stations or police. We have a K-5 school, post office, arts center and a seasonal bistro that isn't open often. A mainland supermarket delivers to our wharf, so you don't have to stock up or go off-island for groceries.

It's an honor-system society. Neighbors are all wonderful; everybody looks after each other. It seems the "one bad apple" has been excluded from the island. And there is absolutely no stress. My school and property taxes combined are \$980 (\$735 U.S.). Canadians like to complain about their health care, but it's so much better. It cured my cancer. All the tests, surgery and aftercare cost me \$8, for parking. And they keep calling to check on me.

How do you earn a living?

I tried retirement but that's as boring as the day is long. I worked on the lobster

boats, late November through May, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., freezing and in brutal wind and weather. Eight years was enough. I entered Canada under the skilled labor category and when people saw me renovating my house, everyone wanted me to do work for them; bringing tradespeople out to the island is expensive. I do all the maintenance at the school and make repairs to the wharf for the harbor authority. I also do some work on Little Tancook Island, which has 28 souls.

What do you do for entertainment?

There are lots of house parties, game nights, things like that. Sometimes I wish for a hamburger or hot dog — something other than lobster. We have a pond and when it does freeze all the guys and girls get together with skates and sticks. I'm the best and only American player. A night out in Chester could include dinner at the Fo'c'sle, the oldest tavern in Nova Scotia. I argue it's the oldest in Canada. Then the Playhouse, for music or a comedian or a play. The Royal Canadian Legion has a great pool table, dart leagues and inexpensive drinks. Most places close by 9 p.m. Then back on the ferry. No drinking and driving; it's very safe.

How does the climate compare with the Highlands?

We have warmer winters and cooler summers because we're surrounded by the ocean. A lot of the winter snow blows right off the island because it usually comes with wind. Not much snow lately. Spring is cooler. It can be cold and windy; I can wear a winter coat right into June. But then it's gorgeous from July right through November; we have very nice autumns.

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By Michael Turton

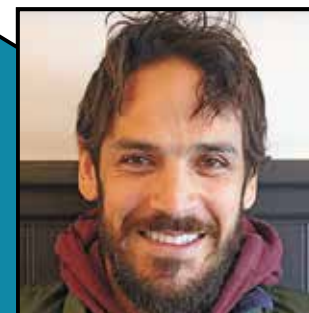
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Chris Hogan, Cold Spring

I miss the old winters
with lots of snow.



Miles Bukiet, Cold Spring

If I lived here,
I'd want it snowy!



Amber Brown, Beacon
(Visiting from Virginia)



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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Shopping access

As a person with mobility issues, I can say Cold Spring is extremely challenging to navigate ("Can Everyone Shop Main Street?" Dec. 15). The sidewalks are uneven and buckled, many of the storefronts are inaccessible (no railings, steep steps) and the poor condition of the roads throughout the village can be treacherous, especially in winter when snow and ice accumulate in the cracks.

Lisa Tarricone from Taconic Resources for Independence noted that the federal Americans with Disabilities Act requires that any business open to the public provide "reasonable accommodations" for the disabled, yet not all businesses comply. This can be frustrating, to say the least, and feels exclusive.

In addition to more accessibility, there are other ways to make our village more user-friendly for those of us with disabilities. Aside from the ample benches on Main Street and at the riverfront, there are few benches, if any, on some of the other well-traveled side streets. For example, for someone walking on Chestnut or Marion toward Foodtown, Drug World, the post office or the Butterfield medical offices, there are no benches. The opportunity to stop and sit

while doing errands or just taking a walk can be a pleasant pause for many folks, whether abled or disabled.

Sally Smith, *Cold Spring*

A list of the non-compliant businesses posted at the town center might help.

Fern Sartori, *Wappingers Falls*

Before passing the careless discrimination verdict on shop owners, a little clarity may add context. Most of the buildings in Cold Spring were constructed more than a century before the ADA was passed. Thus, the notion of willful discrimination against shop owners is misguided and unfair. The "civil-rights testers" mentioned in the article generally are trolls hoping to game or extort non-compliant entities. They are well known to the court system and rarely taken seriously, and they distort and undermine the messages more reasonable advocates are trying to make.

There are a number of obstacles to wholesale ADA compliance in the village. The slope of Main Street would require ramps that would encroach across property lines and obstruct sidewalk traffic. Many entrances are set up a few steps above the sidewalk, exceeding acceptable slopes. Ramps over 6 feet high require a railing.

The idea of a temporary ramp, such as the one Eliza Starbuck uses at Flowercup, is a fair and friendly way to welcome those who need a little help and seems to be the only reasonable solution.

I encourage all shop owners to do what they can within reason to make the village more ADA-friendly.

Derek Graham, *Cold Spring*

Legal cannabis

There have been several recreational cannabis stores open for business in Newburgh for over a year already ("Retail Pot Coming to Newburgh," Dec. 15).

Dan Melville, *Newburgh*

The editor responds: Not legal ones. There is a the list at cannabis.ny.gov of the 38 dispensaries that have licenses from New York State; as we mentioned, the only one in the Hudson Valley, in Westchester County (Mount Vernon), opened Dec. 11. The Office of Cannabis Management has shut down nine unlicensed stores this year, including one in Brooklyn last week. When that happens, the stock is seized and the store owner gets fined.

Job well done

Hearty congratulations to the Butterfield library staff, board and volunteers in Cold Spring who have worked so hard to celebrate the bicentennial of Julia L. Butterfield's birth ("Remembering Julia," Dec. 15).

Creative and collaborative programming — from a cemetery stroll and trivia contest to a live reading of Victorian poetry and an award ceremony for student writers — has entertained and engaged residents of all ages. The recent array of events has not only brought to life a particular time and place in history but has honored our local benefactor in grand style.

Jo Pitkin, *Nelsonville*

Art space

Let us not forget that the building at 45 Beekman St. now being proposed for development was recently home to many working artists as Spire Studios — that was, before we could no longer afford to live or work in Beacon ("Two More Big Buildings for Beacon?" Dec. 15).

Melissa Schlobohm, *via Instagram*

Settlement money

Please follow up on this story, especially since People USA, which got the biggest payout, only "plans" to open a crisis center here ("Putnam Awards Opioid Settlement Funds," Dec. 8).

Elizabeth Triano, *via Facebook*



Haldane Revises Building Proposal

Removes HVAC to reduce proposed spending by \$6.4M

By Joey Asher

The Haldane superintendent this week suggested reducing the scope of the first phase of a proposed building project by \$6.4 million, to \$29.3 million.

The revised project, if approved by voters, would result in an 8.22 percent tax increase over three years, down from 10.5 percent, Superintendent Philip Benante told the school board on Tuesday (Dec. 19).

Adopted in October, the district's three-phase master plan includes \$108 million in capital improvements over 15 years and is designed to bring its facilities in line with districts that are comparable in quality and size.

According to CSArch, the Newburgh architecture firm that drafted the plan, Haldane's facilities are "undersized," with

148 square feet per student, compared with 205 square feet in similar area schools. After completion of the entire plan, the district would have 208 square feet per student, according to CSArch.

Benante said the change to the first-phase proposal was a response to feedback from residents that the plan was too expensive and didn't include a more carbon-neutral HVAC system. The lower cost was a result of removing a proposal to replace the system in the district's main building.

Benante said that while carbon-neutral options would likely be more expensive, the district wants to study the cost when it includes energy savings. He also said the district was mindful of concerns about contributing to global warming.

Heidi Wendel, a Nelsonville resident who was among the community members who spoke out against the proposed HVAC system, said she was pleased that the district was not immediately "going ahead with a

dinosaur fossil-fuel system." Wendel, who volunteers with the Habitat Revival Club at Haldane, said she hoped that the proposed upgrades would include preparations for a fossil-fuel-free system, including proper weatherization and insulation.

Other proposals in the first phase of the long-term capital plan include a new administration wing at the high school that would have a student center with meal space, a science and tech lab and four classrooms to replace classrooms at the "ill-suited" Mabel Merritt administration building, Benante said. Combined with a small addition to create a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, mathematics) innovation lab in the main building, it would amount to an increase of 18,946 square feet.

The first phase also would include extensive infrastructure and safety projects, including secure vestibules for the classroom buildings, roof-leak repairs, electrical system improvements, traffic circulation upgrades, faculty bathrooms, upgraded fire alarms, improved Americans with Disabilities Act compliance and the replacement of public-address

systems, clocks and security cameras. For more details, see highlandscurrent.org.

If the board decides to go ahead, a referendum on whether to borrow the money to finance the first phase would likely take place next fall. Benante said he plans to ask the board in January to approve the plan.

The upgrades are critical, said Peggy Clement, the board president. "These are absolutely the things that the district needs."

At the meeting, Benante asked the board for input into whether to further pare down the first phase by eliminating three proposed outdoor pavilions that he called "opportunities" rather than needs. That would reduce costs by about \$1 million.

The second and third phases of the plan would add 29,000 square feet of indoor space and include a gymnasium and 350-seat auditorium at the high school, and a fitness and wellness center in the building that houses the elementary and middle schools.

Benante has said that the later phases could be timed for implementation as the first phase is being completed, minimizing further tax increases.

Notes from the Beacon City Council

By Jeff Simms

Participatory budgeting

The Beacon city administrator has recommended that the City Council spend the \$10,000 set aside for "participatory budgeting" projects on repairs to the skateboard park at Memorial Park. The project was one of four proposals made to the council on Dec. 4 by Beacon High School students.

City Administrator Chris White told the council on Monday (Dec. 18) that the Highway Department could repave the 90-by-90-foot park when it mills and paves streets in the fall of 2024, "so that it's not just a patch but it really holds." The city also will then have money for rebuilding ramps and purchasing new elements for skateboarders and BMX bike riders to use.

White said that, after consulting with police, Beacon does not have an area of enough concern to install emergency blue-light phones, which was another student proposal. In addition, 911 operators can locate lost callers by tracking their phones, he noted.

A third proposal called for a pollinator garden near the Recreation Department offices on West Center Street, but White said there is already a 300-square-foot pollinator garden there. There is room to expand, however, and that will be explored

when improvements are made to South Avenue Park next year.

The final student proposal was to distribute condoms in public buildings. The school board has also received a proposal from students to allow the Beacon High School nurse to distribute condoms and is working on a policy. "We think that's probably the better way to go forward on that," White said. "We don't have any public health staff on our staff and it should be supported by someone that can wrap it around with comprehensive education."

Reparation remedies

The council unanimously approved a resolution that urged Gov. Kathy Hochul to sign a bill creating a task force to study "reparation remedies" for the descendants of enslaved people. The governor signed the bill the following day; the commission will issue a report with recommended measures to counter the historical effects of discrimination.

Staff-retention raises

After adopting the 2024 budget a week earlier, the council on Monday approved agreements with the unions that represent municipal workers, police officers and firefighters to implement \$1,000 salary increases for all city employees. The votes

were unanimous for the municipal workers and firefighters, but Justice McCray and Paloma Wake abstained from voting on the agreement with the police.

Salary increases in 2026

After a public hearing, the council approved salary increases for its members

and the mayor, although the effective date was delayed two years, to Jan. 1, 2026. The six council members elected in November 2025 will be the first to receive a \$2,000 raise, to \$11,000 annually. Mayor Lee Kyriacou's salary will increase by \$5,000, to \$30,000 annually, halfway through his current four-year term.

Crash (from Page 1)

invited to gather later that day at the school to "support one another and to express their support for the Saban and Timmons families," Benante said.

Saban was the son of Liliya Shylivska and Sergiy Saban. According to an obituary posted by Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring, he spent his summers in Ukraine visiting extended family. He was fluent in Ukrainian and English, and was a member of St.

Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Campbell Hall, where he served as an altar boy.

Timmons is the daughter of Laura Timmons, the co-owner of Homestyle Bakery in Nelsonville; the teenager is familiar to many as a server at its ice-cream shop. Her mother said online on Wednesday that she is in a coma with a severe brain injury.

Online campaigns have been launched to assist the families at gofundme.com/f/vlad-saban and gofundme.com/f/theresa-timmons.

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Fjord Trail *(from Page 1)*

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail counters that the 7.5-mile linear park connecting Beacon and Cold Spring is being designed, in part, to manage the crowds.

“We know there have been a lot of questions about what this section looks like, and I’ve heard a lot of horror stories of what people suspect it’s going to look like,” said HHFT Executive Director Amy Kacala. “So we want to get these images out, so that people know what we’re actually planning.”

The renderings, by landscape architecture firm SCAPE, are preliminary, she said, and only about 15 percent complete. After public events scheduled over the next few months, and more input from residents, the designers hope to have them 30 percent complete by spring. Open houses are scheduled at Hubbard Lodge for Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, along with workshops at which residents will be invited to examine the pros and cons of alternate routes.

“This is the time where a lot of ideas can come in and the team can explore them,” Kacala said. “People who do engage see their ideas incorporated,” such as benches that were added to the design.

Kacala said HHFT has met with various nonprofit groups for input, noting that sessions with Riverkeeper have been particularly helpful.

She said SCAPE has figured out how to keep about half of the Shoreline Trail out of the water so it will be less intrusive on the river. Many of the sections that will involve



The HHFT plan includes an elevated trail at the causeway just north of Mayor's Park in Cold Spring.

SCAPE

pilings are being designed so that one row will be on land, rather than in the water. In some sections, the trail can be supported on a single land piling.

The pilings will be concrete mixed to withstand the salinity of the river, she said. While wood was considered for aesthetic and ecological reasons, it would have to be replaced every 25 years, while concrete should last at least 75 years. Having to replace wooden pilings more often essentially erases the lower carbon footprint they would initially have over concrete ones, she said.

The plan is to build the Dockside-to-Little Stony Point section without placing construction equipment in the shallow, ecologically sensitive water. That may not be possible in the section between Little Stony Point and Breakneck, she said, but the water there is deeper.

The plan for Dockside is to follow the

existing path from its northern border to the causeway, where there will be new public restrooms. Kacala said that HHFT has been talking with the village about ways in which the trail can support summer events at Dockside, such as fireworks and outdoor movie screenings. “Having bathrooms there probably helps,” she said.

She said planners from SCAPE watched fall arrivals of Seastreak cruises to get a better idea of how the trail might relieve crowding. Right now, when up to 400 passengers disembark, there’s nothing for them to do but parade up Main Street, choking the village, she said. Kacala said the hope was that the shoreline section will give “people some space to disperse instead of all of them hitting the village so hard.”

The downpour didn’t keep everyone away. One Garrison resident braved the rain

because, he told Kacala, “I’m not persuaded yet, so I came here to get better informed.”

His chief concern was traffic at the Breakneck tunnel; he recounted a recent weekend when, while riding a school bus on his way to an athletic event in Dutchess County, double-parked cars and hikers crossing the road slowed the pace of traffic so much that it took 30 minutes to get from the village to the Metro-North station at Breakneck.

Kacala said that with a new parking lot, parking regulations, an upgraded train station and other design elements, the Breakneck Connector section should clear up traffic and make the area safer.

The resident remained cautious. “Some people I know have heard all these rumors about the trail but are still open-minded,” he said. “And some are not going to be convinced no matter what.”

Q&A: Kate Orff

By Brian PJ Cronin

Kate Orff is the founder of SCAPE, the landscape architecture firm involved in the design of the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail. She is the first landscape architect to receive a MacArthur “Genius” Grant and earlier this year was named by *Time* as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

What was your initial reaction to the Fjord Trail project?

Linear connective landscapes like the Fjord Trail, which link communities to each other and to the natural resources around them, are the projects of the future. Perhaps that’s an overstatement, but in a way, they are like next-century infrastructure. We spent the previous century building five-lane highways and concretizing our river edges, and now we need to radically retrofit that built environment to get people connected back to the environment that sustains us.

That’s what I was thinking about when I first heard about the Fjord Trail, because SCAPE is also doing projects like this

around the U.S. We completed a project in Lexington, Kentucky, called the Town Branch Commons that is a missing link to a downtown and regional trails. The portion we did, the Town Branch Trail, weaves through Lexington and connects to the Legacy Trail and points beyond. Now people are walking and jogging along, they’re riding their bikes into work and into downtown. It’s a linear system that cleans and filters stormwater. It’s a safe way to get around without being in a car. It’s the kind of greenway that people feel excited to live next to. We’re also doing the Chattahoochee River Lands in Atlanta, and we’re doing a section of the South Bay Trail in California.

These kinds of trail systems become beloved and are used in ways that people don’t predict initially. They hear about the trail and say, “Oh, I’ll use that to go jogging.” Then, all of a sudden, students are finding a new way to commute and people walk on the weekends, where before they didn’t.

You’ve called SCAPE’s work an opportunity to “mend landscapes.” Does that apply to the proposed Fjord Trail?

As a landscape architect, you can see patterns in the land. When I see the edge of the Hudson River, I know that 50 years ago it was filled with debris and flattened

and straightened, and a rocky abatement was thrown on there to make Route 9D and the rail alignment. I don’t feel like, “Oh my gosh, I’m destroying nature,” because I know that those elements are filled with invasive species that have come up out of the neglect of that edge.

The other thing that’s unique about this shoreline trail segment is that, wherever possible, we have the chance to repair the water’s edge, plant native grasses and restore a bit more of the intertidal gradient. It’s not until you go to Breakneck on a July afternoon and see the amount of people who are all trying to experience this place that you realize that this can be a great, safe way of bringing people to experience the Hudson River, but also making sure that the edge is not further eroded or trampled.

What were some of the challenges in designing the shoreline section?

There’s a narrow spatial window that the trail can weave through to comply with all the regulations. For instance, we have to maintain a 25-foot offset from the Metro-North tracks and comply with all sorts of shoreline regulations. Other portions of the trail are in forested upland where it’s fairly easy to find the path of least resistance. Here we needed to find a miracle sweet spot in between all of these zones. That’s also why it’s slightly narrower here.

Have you worked on other projects

that have had opposition?

There is no project without opposition. Even when you site schools, people say, “We don’t want the school because it’ll bring traffic and there’s not enough parking.” But obviously, children need to be educated. Even with Town Branch Commons in Lexington, there were empty parking lots and garages, but three individuals came to every public meeting to argue that the road should be wider and there needed to be more parking. OK, well, I understand that, but we did an analysis and there were 2,200 unused spaces within a 10-minute walk.

There’s always a dialogue and it needs to be open and respectful. That is a hallmark of a great process, and projects get better for that. In this case, I feel the Fjord Trail has incredible civic and ecological benefits, so I hope we can have more of a constructive dialogue. I’m interested in what the comments are, if people feel like it should be more like this or less like this.

The Fjord Trail has been under discussion for 17 years. Is there anything you feel hasn’t been discussed enough?

I would want people to imagine what being on the trail would feel like. I feel some of the discussions have removed it from the enriching experience of being able to be in nature and being able to be safe. Imagine yourself using the trail and making it a part of your life.



NEWS BRIEFS

Dutchess Executive Punishes Legislators

Vetoes funding requests because of votes against budget

Dutchess County's outgoing county executive decided to punish three legislators for voting against the 2024 budget on Dec. 15 by vetoing their funding proposals.

Donna Bolner, a Republican from LaGrangeville, added \$3,000 to the budget to buy cellphones for police officers; Craig Brendli, a Democrat from Poughkeepsie, added \$20,000 to boost funding for the Human Rights Commission; and Barrington Atkins, a Democrat from Poughkeepsie, inserted \$52,349 to hire a recovery coach for youth and \$25,000 for the Path to Promise program for children and teens.

O'Neil said the legislators were "disingenuous" because they had voted against the budget as a whole after their amendments were approved. "This is not governing; this is grandstanding, and it is wrong," he wrote in a memo.

The budget passed, 15-9, with three Republicans joining six Democrats in opposition, an unusual level of disunity in a Legislature where the 17 Republicans and eight Democrats often split along party lines. The disunion represented conflict over increases in salaries and sales taxes.

O'Neil, who was appointed last year after Marc Molinaro was elected to the U.S. House, is retiring Dec. 31. He will be succeeded by former state Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican who won the seat in November.

After an override vote failed, Democratic legislators denounced the vetoes, and Republicans who had initially approved the new funding reversed their positions.

Yvette Valdés Smith, who represents parts of Beacon and Fishkill and is the minority leader, noted in a statement that the veto of extra funding for the Human Rights Commission comes at a time of rising antisemitism and Islamophobia.

The Democrats also continued their criticism of the substantial pay raises approved for the county executive (18 percent), county clerk (26 percent) and legislators (68 percent),

which O'Neil allowed to stand although he described them as "an area of concern."

"Our neighborhoods needed this extra funding, not higher salaries for elected officials," said Atkins.

Town Freezes Approvals of Large Oil Tanks

Route 9 project among those raising concerns

The Philipstown Town Board on Dec. 13 unanimously approved a six-month moratorium on projects with oil tanks exceeding 10,000 gallons, amid concerns about a project calling for storage of nearly nine times that amount.

The 4-0 vote, with Board Member Megan Cotter absent, immediately prohibits applications for land uses that include storage of oil products. The board would be able to extend the moratorium for two additional six-month periods.

Philipstown plans to review its zoning, which only restricts storage tanks and facilities of 400,000 gallons or greater in environmentally sensitive areas. Allowing up to 400,000 gallons puts drinking-water sources like the Clove Creek Aquifer at risk from leaks, spills and damage from natural disasters or extreme weather, according to the town.

The moratorium affects Krasniqi Plaza, a proposed office and warehouse project on Route 9 and East Mountain Road.

Desmond-Fish Library Pauses for Cleanup

Mold discovered in children's area

Programs at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison have been canceled through at least Dec. 31 because of the discovery of mold in the children's room.

Dede Farabaugh, the Desmond-Fish director, said the mold was found in a vent last week, prompting the library to test the entire building. While it awaits those results, it has brought in portable air scrubbers.

One event that was canceled was a jigsaw

puzzle exchange scheduled for Dec. 14. Many people showed up anyway, exchanging puzzles on the front porch.

Beacon Roads with Worst Speeding ID'd

Report names parts of Tioronda, West Main

Segments of Tioronda Avenue and West Main Street in Beacon are among the roads with the worst speeding, according to a report released this month by the Dutchess County Transportation Council.

The annual report, which is based on an analysis of 789 road segments between 2018 and 2022, identified areas of "high-end" speeding where drivers exceed the limit by at least 10 mph.

Traffic counts along westbound West Main between Beekman Street and Railroad Drive measured drivers going an average of 11.4 mph over the 25 mph limit.

Drivers traveling north on Tioronda between Route 9D and Main Street averaged 10.9 mph over the 25 mph limit, according to the report, which identified one speed-related crash along that stretch.

The Town of Poughkeepsie had the most segments with high-end speeding (26), followed by the Town of Wappinger (14) and the Town of LaGrange (10).

Shakespeare Festival Hearing Set

Proposed zoning would amend uses for Garrison site

The Philipstown Town Board has scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 10 to hear feedback on a proposed local law to amend zoning for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's property at the former Garrison Golf Course.

The law would amend a special 230-acre zone approved in 2005 by removing the now-closed golf course and a spa from the list of permitted uses and adding the open-air theater, concessions, artist and guest lodging

and other amenities the theater company is planning to construct on the Route 9 property.

The proposed zone would also shrink from 230 acres to the 98 acres that philanthropist Chris Davis donated to the HVSF.

Topfield Center Receives Grant for Vets

Free equestrian lessons begin in January

The Topfield Equestrian Center in Philipstown is using a \$30,000 federal grant to provide 100 veterans with free lessons in caring for and handling horses.

The Grounding Resilience in Training program consists of weekly lessons for one month and covers skills ranging from grooming and leading horses on ropes and crossties to horse behavior and safety.

New sessions begin the first Friday of each month at 6 p.m. The program, which starts in January, includes transportation to and from Topfield. See bit.ly/topfield-vet-program or call 845-265-3409.

Comptroller Reports on Pandemic Funds

Dutchess spent \$2.2 million in third quarter

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office on Dec. 7 released its third-quarter report on the spending of federal pandemic relief funding as of Sept. 30.

The county has received \$57 million in relief funds and spent \$25 million, including \$2.2 million in the third quarter of 2023. The remaining \$32 million must be spent by Dec. 31, 2024.

The five largest expenditures were for county payroll and benefits (\$919,988); architectural planning and design of the Youth Opportunity Center in Poughkeepsie (\$304,943); engineering lab equipment for Dutchess County Community College (\$267,912); infrastructure improvements for homeless shelters in Poughkeepsie (\$197,339) and playground equipment for the Town of Hyde Park (\$170,000).

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with a pedestrian. Johnston found her guilty of that charge and fined her \$750, revoked her license for six months and ordered her to complete a driver's safety course.

Milohnic appealed, arguing that Johnston should not have considered the lesser offense and that his verdict "was against the weight of the evidence." On Dec. 7, the appeals court agreed, reversing the conviction and dismissing the ticket.

In the decision, Judge Jerry Garguilo outlined several mistakes the appeals court said had been made during the prosecution. In nonjury trials that involve multiple counts, a judge must "state upon the record the counts upon which it will render a verdict," he wrote. In addition, the second offense — in this case, failing to exercise due care — must be less serious than the first. Finally, the evidence should support "a finding that the defendant committed the lesser offense but not the greater."

"The appellate court has acknowledged Ms. Milohnic was clearly denied a fair trial," Natasha Turner, a Newburgh attorney who represented her in City Court, said on Wednesday (Dec. 20). "We are thankful the court has overturned Ms. Milohnic's conviction and finally cleared her name and reputation."

A civil suit filed in February by Giuffrida's two adult children is pending in state court. It names Milohnic and her husband, who is the owner of the vehicle she was driving; the City of Beacon; and Kearns Electric, the company that services the city's pedestrian signals.

The family alleges that Giuffrida was crossing Teller with a "Walk" signal and that Milohnic was "careless, reckless and negligent" and driving at "a dangerous and excessive rate of speed." It also claims Milohnic failed to yield the right of way to Giuffrida or to operate her vehicle "as a reasonable and prudent person."

The Giuffridas' attorney, Richard Bonfiglio, wrote in court filings that, before her

death, Giuffrida "experienced conscious pain and suffering as well as the anguish of the contemplation of her own demise." The suit seeks a financial judgment "in amounts commensurate with the injuries and damages sustained."

During Milohnic's trial last year, Detective Brian Lawrence of the Beacon Police Department testified that the "Don't Walk" signal was illuminated when Giuffrida entered the crosswalk. However, under state law, pedestrians always have the right of way in crosswalks and at intersections.

Two other witnesses testified that Giuffrida was looking at her cellphone and distracted. The day after the accident, a third witness told investigators that Milohnic had both hands on the wheel and appeared to be "paying attention to traffic" during her turn. The officer who responded to the 911 call acknowledged in his testimony that glare could have been a factor.

The Giuffridas' suit also calls the intersec-

tion of Main and Teller "patently dangerous" and alleges that between Jan. 1, 2018, and Nov. 30, 2021, there were at least 35 crashes there, at least two of which involved pedestrians. It charges Kearns and the city with failing to program the signal correctly to provide a "leading pedestrian interval" of at least three seconds before the traffic light turns green.

The suit cites many other factors that it says make the intersection substandard, including the location of push buttons and the width of the crosswalk.

A statement released Wednesday by Bonfiglio, Lindsay Giuffrida and her brother, Mauro, suggested that Milohnic's conviction had been overturned on a technicality and noted that the standard of proof required in the civil suit is lower.

"Carla's family hopes that by bringing attention to this dangerous and avoidable condition, other lives might be saved — at this intersection and others throughout Beacon," they said.



ANIMALS

Animal Rescue Foundation
54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508
arfbeacon.org

Dutchess County SPCA
636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park, NY 12538
dcspca.org

Friends of Beacon Dog Park
beacondogpark.org

Guiding Eyes for the Blind
611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
guidingeyes.org

Mid Hudson Animal Aid
54 Simmons Lane, Beacon, NY 12508
midhudsonanimalaid.org

Putnam County SPCA
P.O. Box 850, Brewster, NY 10509
spcaputnam.org

Putnam Humane Society
P.O. Box 297, Carmel, NY 10512
puthumane.org

Putnam Service Dogs
P.O. Box 573, Brewster, NY 10509
putnamservicedogs.org

ARTS, MUSIC & THEATER

Beacon Arts
P.O. Box 727, Beacon, NY 12508
beaconarts.org

Chapel Restoration
P.O. Box 43, Cold Spring, NY 10516
chapelrestoration.org

Cold Spring Film Society
192 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
coldspringfilm.org

Collaborative Concepts
collaborativeconcepts.org

Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St., Beacon, NY 12508
diaart.org

Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524
garrisonartcenter.org

LAST-MINUTE
GIVING GUIDE

While charitable donations help critically important community resources operate year-round, this is the final week to contribute to your favorite nonprofits and receive a deduction on your 2023 taxes.

By one estimate, 30 percent of donations in the U.S. are made in December and 10 percent in the last 48 hours of the year. The deadline for 2023 is noon on Saturday (Dec. 30) if you are dropping a check at the post office or midnight on Sunday if you use a credit card or online payment.

Howland Chamber Music Circle
P.O. Box 224, Chelsea, NY 12512
howlandmusic.org

Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508
howlandculturalcenter.org

Hudson Valley MOCA
P.O. Box 209, Peekskill, NY 10566
hudsonvalleymoca.org

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
P.O. Box 125, Garrison, NY 10524
hvshakespeare.org

Magazzino Italian Art Foundation
2700 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516
magazzino.art

Manitoga / Russel Wright Design Center
P.O. Box 249, Garrison, NY 10524
visitmanitoga.org

Philipstown Depot Theatre
P.O. Box 221, Garrison, NY 10524
philipstowndepottheatre.org

CHILDREN & TEENS

Beacon Performing Arts Center
327B Main St., Beacon, NY 12508
beaconperformingartscenter.com

Beacon Soccer Club
P.O. Box 802, Beacon, NY 12508
beaconsoccerclub.org

Boy Scouts of America
Greater Hudson Valley Council
P.O. Box 974, Mohegan Lake, NY 10547
ghvbsa.org

Denniston International
256 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
dennistoninternational.org

Friends of Philipstown Recreation
P.O. Box 155, Cold Spring, NY 10516
www.friendsofphilipstownrecreation.org

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson
2 Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, NY 10570
girlscoutshh.org

Hope for Youth Foundation
P.O. Box 8, Buchanan, NY 10511
hfyf.org

Land to Learn
P.O. Box 223, Beacon, NY 12508
landtolearn.org

Philipstown Little League
P.O. Box 347, Cold Spring, NY 10516
philipstownlittleleague.com

Philipstown Soccer Club
P.O. Box 231, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Putnam County Children's Committee
P.O. Box 187, Carmel, NY 10512
pccchildren.org

SHRED Foundation
shredfoundation.org

Sports Bra Project
369 Main St., No. 1082, Beacon, NY 12508
thesportsbraproject.org

Surprise Lake Camp
382 Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516
surpriselake.org

COMMUNITY

Beacon Community Lions Club
P.O. Box 83, Beacon, NY 12508

Be A Friend Project
P.O. Box 30, Beacon, NY 12508
beafriendproject.org

Cold Spring Farmers' Market
P.O. Box 325, Cold Spring, NY 10516
csfarmmarket.org

Cold Spring Lions Club
P.O. Box 308, Cold Spring, NY 10516
coldspringlions.org

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County
77 Cannon St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
dutchesscap.org

Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley
25 Van Wagner Road, Suite 2, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603
communityfoundationshv.org

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County
2715 Route 44, Suite 1, Millbrook, NY 12545
ccedutchess.org

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County
1 Geneva Road, Brewster, NY 10509
putnam.cce.cornell.edu

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh
125 Washington St., Newburgh, NY 12550
habitatnewburgh.org

Highlands Current Inc.
142 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
highlandscurrent.org

I Am Beacon
P.O. Box 265, Beacon, NY 12508
iambeacon.org

River Pool at Beacon
P.O. Box 173, Beacon, NY 12508
riverpool.org

Spirit of Beacon Day
P.O. Box 821, Beacon, NY 12508
spiritofbeacon.org

United Way of the Dutchess-Orange Region
75 Market St., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
uwdor.org

United Way of Westchester and Putnam
336 Central Park Ave., White Plains, NY 10606
uwwp.org

EDUCATION

Beacon High School PTSO
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, NY 12508
bhsptso.square.site

Foundation for Beacon Schools
P.O. Box 456, Beacon, NY 12508
foundationforbeaconschools.org

Garrison Children's Education Fund
P.O. Box 262, Garrison, NY 10524
gcef.net

Garrison Institute
P.O. Box 532, Garrison, NY 10524
garrisoninstitute.org

Garrison School PTA
1100 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524
guftspta.org

Glenham Elementary PTO
20 Chase Drive, Fishkill, NY 12524

Haldane Arts Alliance
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring, NY 10516
haldanearts.org



Haldane Blue Devil Booster Club
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring, NY 10516
bit.ly/blue-devil-booster

Haldane PTA
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Haldane School Foundation
P.O. Box 364, Cold Spring, NY 10516
haldaneschoolfoundation.org

JV Forrestal Elementary PTSO
125 Liberty St., Beacon, NY 12508
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Rombout Middle School PTO
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romboutpto.org

Sargent Elementary PTO
29 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508
sargentpto.org

South Avenue Elementary PTA
60 South Ave., Beacon, NY 12508
southavenuepta.com

FIRST RESPONDERS

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps
P.O. Box 54, Beacon, NY 12508
beaconvac.org

Cold Spring Fire Co. No. 1
154 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516

Continental Village Fire Department
12 Spy Pond Road, Garrison, NY 10524

Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps
P.O. Box 121, Garrison, NY 10524
supportgarrisonambulance.org

Garrison Volunteer Fire Co.
P.O. Box 252, Garrison, NY 10524

North Highlands Engine Co. No. 1
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516

Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps
14 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
philipstownvac.com

HISTORICAL

Bannerman Castle Trust
P.O. Box 843, Glenham, NY 12527
bannermancastle.org

Beacon Historical Society
P.O. Box 89, Beacon, NY 12508
beaconhistorical.org



Fareground Community Kitchen

Boscobel Restoration
1601 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524
boscobel.org

Constitution Island Association
P.O. Box 126, Cold Spring, NY 10516
constitutionisland.org

Dutchess County Historical Society
6282 Route 9, Rhinebeck, NY 12572
dchsny.org

Garrison's Landing Association
P.O. Box 205, Garrison, NY 10524
garrisonslanding.org

Madam Brett Homestead
50 Van Nydeck Ave., Beacon, NY 12508

Mount Gulian Society
145 Sterling St., Beacon, NY 12508
mountgulian.org

Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
putnamhistorymuseum.org

HUNGER

Beacon Community Kitchen
c/o Multi-Services Inc.
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Check: Multi-Services. Memo: BCK

Common Ground Farm
P.O. Box 148, Beacon, NY 12508
commongroundfarm.org

Fareground Community Kitchen
P.O. Box 615, Beacon, NY 12508
fareground.org

Glynwood Center for Regional Food & Farming
P.O. Box 157, Cold Spring, NY 10516
glynwood.org

Philipstown Food Pantry
10 Academy St., Cold Spring, NY 10516
presbychurchcoldspring.org/food-pantry.html

Second Chance Foods
P.O. Box 93, Carmel, NY 10512
secondchancefoods.org

St. Andrew & St. Luke Food Pantry
15 South Ave., Beacon, NY 12508
beacon-episcopal.org/food-pantry

LIBRARIES

Butterfield Public Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516
butterfieldlibrary.org

Desmond-Fish Public Library
472 Route 403, Garrison, NY 10524
desmondfishlibrary.org

Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508
beaconlibrary.org

NATURAL RESOURCES

Beacon Sloop Club
P.O. Box 527, Beacon, NY 12508
beaconsloop.org

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
P.O. Box 174, Cold Spring, NY 10516
constitution.audubon.org

Ecological Citizen's Project
69 South Mountain Pass, Garrison, NY 10524
ecologicalcitizens.org

Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks
friendsoffhh.org

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail
c/o Scenic Hudson
85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
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Hudson Highlands Land Trust
P.O. Box 226, Garrison, NY 10524
hhlt.org

Hudson River Sloop Clearwater
724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon, NY 12508
clearwater.org

Little Stony Point Citizens Association
P.O. Box 319, Cold Spring, NY 10516
littlestonypoint.org

Natural Heritage Trust
625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207
naturalheritagetrust.org

Open Space Institute
1370 Broadway, 5th Floor
New York, NY 10018
openspaceinstitute.org

Protect the Highlands
P.O. Box 216, Cold Spring, NY 10516
protectthehighlands.org

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society
P.O. Box 292, Cold Spring, NY 10516
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Riverkeeper
20 Secor Road, Ossining, NY 10562
riverkeeper.org

Scenic Hudson
85 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 300
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
scenichudson.org

Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring, NY 10516
stonecrop.org

REHABILITATION SERVICES

CoveCare Center
1808 Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512
covecarecenter.org

Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub
P.O. Box 317, Cold Spring, NY 10516
philipstownhub.org

Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center
935 South Lake Blvd., Suite 2, Mahopac, NY 10541
pnwwrc.org

Support Connection
40 Triangle Center, Suite 100
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
supportconnection.org

Topfield Equestrian Center
115 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring, NY 10516
topfieldcenter.org

VETERANS

American Legion Post 203
413 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508

American Legion Post 275
10 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516

Guardian Revival
413 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508
guardianrevival.org

Marine Corps League
413 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 666
413 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2362
10 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516



Local veterans

AROUND TOWN

For the 43rd year, one student from each of Beacon's four elementary schools was presented by local firefighters with 5-foot stockings stuffed with toys (and a smoke detector). This year's winners were Daniel Blackburn from Sargent and Lorenzo Sannicandro of Glenham (shown with Bob Simmonds, Tony Piccone and Dave Simmonds of Lewis Tompkins Hose Co.), Ryan Gill of South Avenue and Giovanna Abarca of Forrestral.



SANTA GETS AROUND



▲ The Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. in Beacon and the Dutchess County chapter of the International Renegade Pigs Motorcycle Club presented the Castle Point VA Medical Center with 30 department store gift cards for women veterans.

◀ Members of the Continental Village Fire Department on Dec. 17 escorted Santa to visit children at their homes.

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Paintings by Selva Ozelli from her *Healing Waters* series were displayed at the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum in Maryland.

Photos by Mene Liodos

The Calendar

Taking Her Art to the World

The United Nations Climate Change Conference, or COP, has many offshoots and strands, one of them the arts. For Selva Ozelli, making, displaying and curating work, mostly related to the threat to oceans from carbon emissions, is a way for her to get people thinking.

The Philipstown resident comes to this in atypical ways. She's a certified public accountant who specializes in international taxation, but is also a painter. She comes from a family of writers and artists and began painting as a child, eventually specializing in portraits, then adding nature.

Ozelli, who is of Turkish heritage, lived in New York City most of her life but moved to the Highlands about a year ago for family reasons. She says she is enjoying the opportunity to paint outdoors more freely.

During the early days of the pandemic, with time on her hands, Ozelli submitted her art to contests. She won one, then pitched her paintings for exhibits and soon had her work on display.

Ozelli says she was interested from the start in finding a connection between COVID-19 and climate change. "Pollu-

Philipstown painter exhibits at U.N. climate conferences

By Alison Rooney

tion has a negative impact on health," she says, noting that scientists have examined the relationship between air pollution and COVID deaths. Ozelli has focused on oceans because "they absorb most of the carbons in the air."

With museums closed during the pandemic shutdown, Ozelli began sharing her work through digital art shows on video. "We found there was a long list of museums interested in showing the work, and it all organically fell into place."

At the beginning of the lockdown, the U.N. and the World Health Organization issued an open call for artwork about COVID-19. Ozelli saw the announcement in *Artnet News* and "quickly made 16 portraits of my childhood friends, in case we did not survive."

All 16 were selected, which opened doors for them to be displayed at U.N. conferences and online by institutions such as the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Ozelli's first Climate Change Conference was COP26 (the acronym stands for Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, plus the number of the annual meeting) in 2021. She was invited to participate in COP27 and COP28. She says she selects the topic of her art based on the issues that will be discussed and the country where the conference takes place.

For COP28 she and four friends and colleagues — Fatma Kadir, Mehmet Sinan Kuran, Gunsu Saracoglu and Ilhan Sayin — prepared a show called *The Future of Power*.

"Three of us are oil painters, one is a mixed-media artist and one works with ink on paper," she says. "Everybody picks a topic that has to do with climate change. For example, one person focused on pollution's impact on birdlife."

The group exhibited the art at two pavil-

ions at COP28, which was held in Dubai from Nov. 30 to Dec. 12.

Next summer, beginning Aug. 10, Ozelli will keep things local, curating a seven-week show called *Pink & Blue* at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. The show will tie together the art created by the group of five with that of mostly local photographers Lori Adams, Ross Corsair, Cali Gorevic, Zinnia Gutowski, Ian Hutton, Annette Solakoglu and Jane Soodalter.

On the main level, the artists will display their oil paintings in a 30-by-30-inch format. The photographers' work will line the second story. All will create art based on the title, which evokes pink polluted skies and blue, clean sky, and the fact that particles in the air that create the colors can reflect something ominous.

The Beacon show will coincide with New York Climate Week and the U.N. General Assembly. The artist group intends to make a video of the Howland show and exhibit at COP29, which will take place in 2024 in Baku, Azerbaijan, on the Caspian Sea.

To see more of the artwork from *The Future of Power*, visit bit.ly/future-power.



Paintings by Ozelli from her *Orcas & Reefs* series

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

THURS 28

Library Ideas

COLD SPRING

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

Drop in and share your ideas and feedback about library programs and events.

SAT 30

Silent Book Club

BEACON

4 p.m. Beacon Volunteer Ambulance
1 Arquilla Drive | 845-831-4540
beaconvac.org

Bring something to read and share space with other people who are reading.

MON 1

11th Annual Polar Plunge

PEEKSKILL

Noon. Riverfront Green
thisismefoundation.com

Online registration required by SAT 30 to participate. All donations benefit the This is Me Scholarship Fund.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 23

Play Sets: Michael Heizer

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Families with children ages 5 and older are invited to explore; in this session, Dia educators will focus on a work by Heizer, “Negative Megalith.” *Free*

WED 27

Beavers

COLD SPRING

2 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

This 1998 short documentary shot in Ontario and Alberta, Canada, will be followed by an interactive presentation by the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 children)*



THURS 28

Winter Break Camp

WAPPINGERS FALLS

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

Children ages 5 to 11 can enjoy the animals, hikes and nature crafts. Also FRI 29. *Cost: \$55*

SAT 30

Play Sets: Blinky Palermo

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Families with children ages 5 and older are invited to explore the galleries; in this session, Dia educators will focus on Palermo’s work. *Free*

MUSIC

FRI 29

Adam Ezra Group

BEACON

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

The band — with Ezra, Corinna Smith (fiddle), Alex Martin (drums) and Poche Ponce (bass) — will be joined by Sirsy. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUN 24

Our Lady of Loretto

COLD SPRING

4 & 8 p.m. 24 Fair St.
845-265-3718 | ladyofloretto.org
Mass will be held at 8:30 a.m. and noon on Christmas Day.

SUN 24

St. Joachim’s

BEACON

4:30 p.m. & Midnight. 51 Leonard St.
stjoachim-stjohn.org

SUN 24

St. John the Evangelist

BEACON

4:30 p.m. 35 Willow St.
stjoachim-stjohn.org

A Spanish-language Mass is scheduled for 6 p.m. On Christmas Day, Mass will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

SUN 24

United Methodist Church

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. 216 Main St.
The service will be hosted with the Highlands Chapel.

SUN 24

St. Mary’s Episcopal

COLD SPRING

5 p.m. 1 Chestnut St
845-228-4167 | stmaryscoldspring.org

SUN 24

First Presbyterian

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. 10 Academy St.
presbychurchcoldspring.org

SUN 24

St. Philip’s Episcopal

GARRISON

9 p.m. 1101 Route 9D
stphilipshighlands.org
A pageant is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. On Christmas Day, a service will be held at 10 a.m.

“What is there to do here?”
“Where’s the best ice cream?”
“Where can we find cider donuts?”
“Where can we find a playground?”
“Are there bears here?”
“How can we buy train tickets?”
“When is the farmer’s market open?”
“Where does the trolley go?”
“Where can I refill my water?”
“What kind of bird is that?”
“Where’s a good place for lunch?”
“Where’s the River?”
“How much time do we need for Breakneck?”
“Do you have a charger?”
“How can we get a stroller to Lower Main?”
“When’s the next train?”
“How do we get to Boscobel?”
“Which way to the trails?”
“Is it really this hard to get an Uber?”
“Is this Cold Spring Harbor?”
“Where can I find a bathroom?”
“Where can I get an umbrella?”
“Who sells boba tea?”
“Where can we find Santa?”

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Almost Queen, Dec. 31

SAT 30
The Big Takeover

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

Singer and songwriter Nee Nee Rushie and her seven-piece band will perform music rooted in Jamaican pop. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 30
Zohar & Adam

BEACON
8 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com

The Cabo brothers, a post-jazz duo, will be joined by Ben Mizrach.

SUN 31
Almost Queen

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

Celebrate the new year with the Queen tribute band and opening act Steve Leonard. *Cost: \$37 to \$89*

SUN 31
Chris O'Leary Band, Dan Brother Band and Boom Kat

BEACON
9:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Ring in the New Year with live music, food and a champagne toast. *Cost: \$60*



Adam Ezra Group, Dec. 29

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 23
Cure for Cabin Fever

NEWBURGH
1 p.m. Washington's Headquarters
84 Liberty St. | facebook.com/washingtonshheadquarters

The museum will offer a series of talks over the holiday break on capturing the past, receiving the French, the Huddy-Asgill affair, Martha Washington and William Howell. Also WED 27 to SAT 30.

FIRST DAY HIKES

MON 1
Little Stony Point

PHILIPSTOWN
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

MON 1
Stony Kill Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 79 Farmstead Lane
stonykill.org

MON 1
Walkway Over the Hudson

POUGHKEEPSIE
1 – 3 p.m. | 61 Parker Ave.
walkway.org

CIVIC

WED 27
Village Board

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



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Home of the Highlands Choral Society

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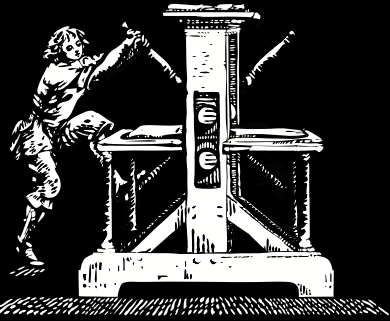
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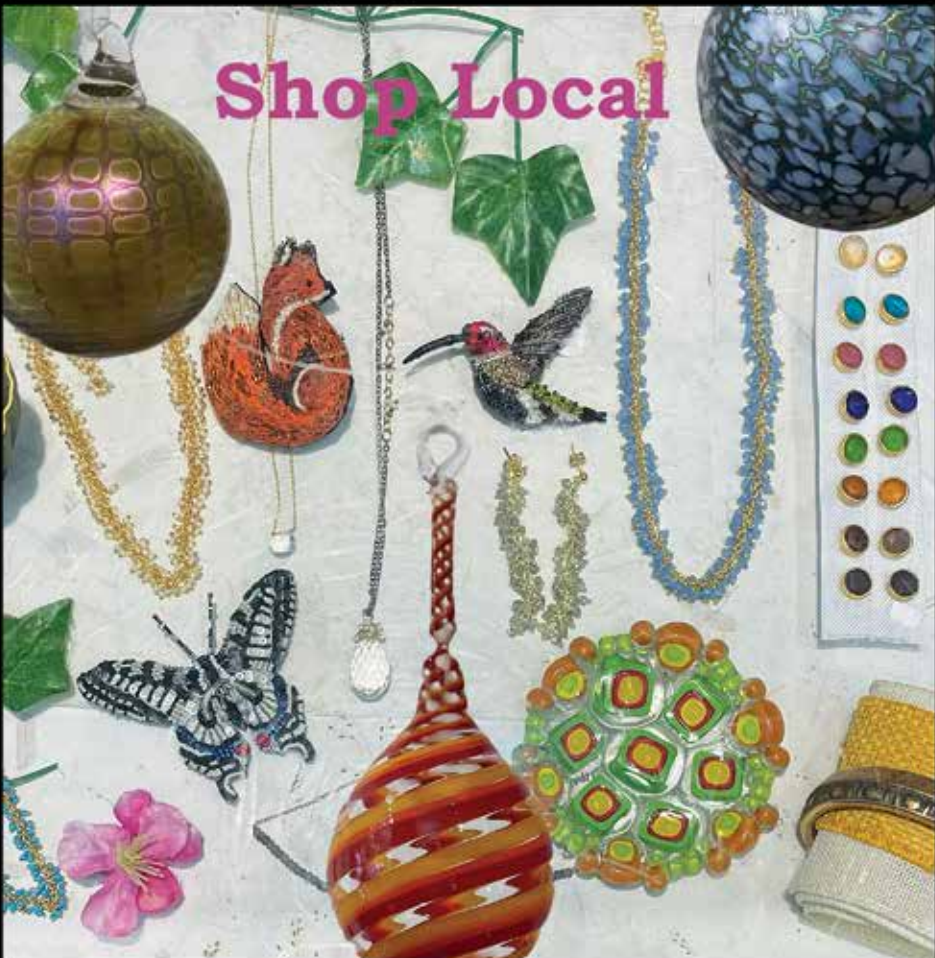
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Mouths to Feed

Welcome Salad

By Celia Barbour

One summer day several years back, I sat down for lunch at an outdoor table with a handful of young men from Mexico and Ecuador. They were passing around a plastic bottle of orange powder, sprinkling its contents liberally on their pineapple and watermelon wedges, on their avocado slices and on their green salads. When I asked about it, they told me it was Tajin, a mixture of lime zest, sea salt and chili pepper, adding that they'd brought several bottles with them in their duffel bags when they'd come to Vermont to work for the summer.

The moment I tried it, I could see why they'd bothered. The citrus and chili add a pop of brightness, while the hint of salt releases and intensifies the natural aromas of fresh fruits and vegetables.

In those days it was part of my job to manage the food ordering and inventories for seven summer camp kitchens, including the one that had just served lunch to this group, and I confess I felt a surge of self-reproach at the thought that they'd had to lug this condiment roughly 2,000 miles when I ought to have figured out a way to order it for them instead. The next day, I found a supplier and distributed a bottle to all the camp kitchens,



keeping one aside for myself. I've always felt that my official job title captured only a paltry, technical aspect of what I did, no matter what my position. I wonder if most of us do this? Do electricians see themselves as people who merely handle wiring, for example, or as people who bring light, music and communication into our buildings and lives? Does Santa dole out material objects or spread joy? And so forth. That summer my title was kitchen coordinator. But I had noticed how important food was in making people feel at home in an unfamiliar place, so my secret mission was to order ingredients and suggest menus that could help outsiders feel seen and acknowledged. I'd observed, for example, that shy newcomers took pleasure in preparing things like sandwiches or burritos at the

Light-Bright Salad

Adapted from the Jicama Salad by Hugo Orozco, of Brooklyn's Cruz del Sur, as published in *The New York Times* Nov. 16

For the dressing:

- One egg yolk (from a fresh, local egg), optional
- ¼ cup fresh lime juice
- Zest of 2 to 3 limes (reserve 1 teaspoon for finishing salad)
- ½ clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 1 serrano or jalapeno pepper, roughly chopped
- 1½ teaspoons Tajin Classico
- ½ teaspoon sea salt, or to taste
- ½ cup avocado oil or ¼ cup each canola (or other mild oil) and olive

Combine all the ingredients except the oil in a blender pitcher and whirl until smooth. Add the oil in a slow drizzle until emulsified. Taste and add more lime or salt if needed. Set aside.

For the salad:

- Note: You can adjust the quantities of all these ingredients, or even skip some entirely, to suit your taste. But don't skip the fresh herb(s) — they make it great.
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 - Salt
 - 1 small jicama, about 8 ounces
 - ½ fresh pineapple
 - 3 oranges
 - 1 avocado
 - 2 small cucumbers, thinly sliced
 - 1 serrano or jalapeno pepper, thinly sliced
 - ¼ cup roasted and salted pepitas
 - ⅓ cup cilantro, mint and/or basil leaves, torn
 - 1 tablespoon Tajin Classico, for serving

In a small dish, combine the sliced onion, vinegar and a generous pinch of salt. Add enough water to cover the onion and set aside.

Peel the tan skin off the jicama, cut into wedges and cut each wedge into thin slices, using a mandoline or a very sharp knife. Cut the pineapple half lengthwise into quarters (cutting from the top of the fruit to the base), then cut each quarter into thin slices.

Using a very sharp knife, cut the top and bottom off the oranges, then cut away the peel and pith, slicing down along the curve of the fruit, then cut crosswise into thin slices. Peel and pit the avocado and cut into chunks or slices.

Arrange the fruits on a platter or wide bowl. Layer the sliced cucumber and serrano or jalapeno on top. Drain the onion and arrange over the dish. Sprinkle with the toasted pepitas and herbs. Sprinkle a generous pinch of the Tajin over the top and serve, with the dressing and additional Tajin on the side.

buffet exactly the way they liked them; they found a kind of confidence in that simple act of self-care. Or that people with dietary restrictions and aversions glowed when their needs and wishes were addressed in a menu. Food could communicate that every part of a person belonged.

For a long time, I kept that bottle of Tajin Classico in my cabinet, doling it out sparingly so as not to run out. I no longer worry. Tajin is now widely available in grocery stores. I pulled mine out recently because at this time of year I inevitably find myself craving fresh, raw fruits and vegetables as a counterbalance to the season's rich and sugary offerings. Serendipitously, we've also just received cases of citrus, avocados and pineapples in the mail (excellent gifts, by the way). This salad was inspired by a recipe I saw in *The New York Times*, as well as by the recollection that pineapples have long symbolized a spirit of hospitality and welcome — something worth celebrating with every flavor and every meal we share.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Town of Philipstown

Position Title: Justice Court Clerk
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Location: Philipstown Justice Court, Cold Spring, NY
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Classification: Exempt/Confidential

Responsibilities: In cooperation with second clerk, perform day-to-day administrative and support functions of Philipstown Justice Court, including case-related processes, maintaining court calendar, correspondence, record keeping, and the handling of monies taken in by the Court through fines and fees. Work is performed under general supervision of the Town Justices with considerable leeway for the exercise of independent judgment in the performance of duties.

Qualifications: Previous court clerk experience required; good knowledge of personal computer, office equipment and software; good knowledge of business arithmetic and English; working knowledge of the principles and practices of law as relate to a town court; ability to communicate effectively both verbally and in writing; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships; ability to maintain calm in stressful situations; integrity; tact and courtesy.

Salary: Commensurate to experience.

Benefits: Both part-time and full-time positions are eligible for vacation time and sick leave

To apply: Send resume and expression of interest to Hon. Camille S. Linson, at clinson@nycourts.gov.

WANTED

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED IN PHILIPSTOWN/COLD SPRING

Putnam County OSR and the Putnam SeniorCorps Volunteer Program needs your help in the Philipstown/Cold Spring area. If you are over 60 and enjoy driving, Putnam SeniorCorps is looking for volunteers to drive seniors to local doctor appointments.

As a volunteer driver in Philipstown/Cold Spring, you will pick up a county car at the Philipstown Friendship Center. The driver transports the client to and from their appointment and returns the County car back to the Friendship Center location. Trip times vary and are extremely flexible based on your availability.

You will be inspired to help others after just one trip! Please contact Irene Pawliczko of Putnam SeniorCorps at (845)808-1734 to volunteer.

CAN THERE BE TOO MUCH PIE?

Noble Pies opens outpost in Beacon

By Marc Ferris

It all started with a hand-painted sign along a rural route in Warwick that read “Turn Back for Pie.” The simple ploy worked, things snowballed and eventually, Noble Pies began selling on QVC, the shopping channel.

Now, the bakery is in Beacon, opening an outlet on Dec. 16 at 137 Main St. that seemed to strike a nerve.

Like a lot of locals, Beacon natives Rebecca Oberle and her friend, Olivia O’Blaney, anticipated the day after passing by the papered-up windows umpteen times. “It’s better than another coffee shop or brewery,” said Oberle. O’Blaney bought three pies for her family.

When Leslie Noble lost her horse farm after the 2008 recession hit, she took inspiration from her grandmother and decided to bake pies with limited sugar and no shortcuts, a process she refers to as “secret heirloom baking techniques.”

Business boomed, leading to traffic jams that required a move. Noble opened a location in Warwick before expanding to Rye, Tarrytown, Bronxville and now Beacon.

Leslie and her husband, Tom Herman, run the business. Their son, Zachary Noble, is all in, but his two siblings less so. They came to Beacon because Zachary’s partner, Anjie Almonte, also employed by Noble, lived in the city for eight months in 2019 and dug it.

“I love the beauty of Beacon and the artsy nature of it, but what I really love is the feeling here, the community,” said Almonte. “And Beacon needed pie.”

When not slinging slices, serving as regional supervisor, working on human resources or serving as creative director (her favorite), Almonte makes ceramics and crafted the store’s sign, a 3D pie.

Instead of buying sconces, she saved some money and created a clever way to boost the illumination of two light bulbs by hanging pie tins on the wall.

In her orientation for new customers, she mentions that Noble serves savory, fruit and cream pies in two sizes. Slices are available, which can be heated and served with homemade whipped cream or ice cream. There are two types of toppings for the fruit pies, crumb and pastry.

Noble also sells coffee and other baked goods, like cookies, quiche and scones. Some of the more adventurous pies include pulled pork, meatball, Cubano (like the sandwich) and savoy chocolate truffle cream pie with peppermint cream.

The store’s setting is rustic and the funky vintage furniture and tables are mismatched. Two mustard yellow padded chairs from the 1950s are paired with a solid, much older table. Barstools line up along the



Anjie Almonte and Zachary Noble at Noble Pies, which opened Dec. 16 in Beacon



Almonte helps Addison and Milufer Goodson make their selections.

Photos by M. Ferris

front window and the fruit pies are exhibited in an antique pie case equipped with mirrors to make it look like there’s more pie.

On the front wall, a sign reads “Support Your Local Artisans: Locally Made By Hand By Humans.” In the world of pie, caveat emptor: Some makers use lard, Crisco or cheap oil rather than butter; others use canned filling.

The store will have a “big huzzah” grand opening in January.

A steady stream of interesting characters circulated through the shop on opening day. Pat McGinn, who says he was watching the storefront for signs of life, revealed that he could bring a coconut cream pie to a party that evening.

Recent Brooklyn transplant Shaffique Maru also had wondered when the place would open. “I love pie,” he said, lounging on a couch with his wife and baby. “It makes you feel like you’re in someone’s home. It’s comforting.”

Noble Pies, at 137 Main St., is open 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. Visit noblepies.com or call 845-765-0088.

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DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. and a luncheon in celebration of the 195th Anniversary of our church’s founding! Also on December 10 at 3:00 p.m. join our friends The Dream Choir for their Concert and Sing-Along. Directed by Cat Guthrie and accompanied by our own Tom McCoy!

DECEMBER 16

Jazz Nativity

5:30 P.M.

Tom McCoy will be at the piano and has invited some of our favorite musical guests — vocalist Goldee Greene, instrumentalists Richard Charney and Dale DeMarco on sax, Lew Scott on bass, and Mike LaRocco on drums. Join our spirit of Christmas Joy — and stay for a festive reception to follow! In person only.

DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. includes Our Intergenerational Christmas Pageant! Don’t miss it!

DECEMBER 21

Longest Night Service

7:00 P.M.

Join us as we observe that some have a need for shared silence, readings, prayers, music, and meditation amid the activity of the Season. In person only, in our candle-lit sanctuary.

DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

10:30 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Fourth Sunday of Advent worship service at 10:30 a.m.

Candlelight Christmas Service at 7:00 p.m. Lessons, Carols, and guest musicians!

DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER 31

New Year’s Eve

Sunday morning service at 10:30 a.m. and Labyrinth Walk. In person only.

(Zoom available for services except where noted.)

PAID NOTICE

LOOKING BACK IN BEACON

By Chip Rowe

Editor's note: Beacon was created in 1913 from Matteawan and Fishkill Landing.

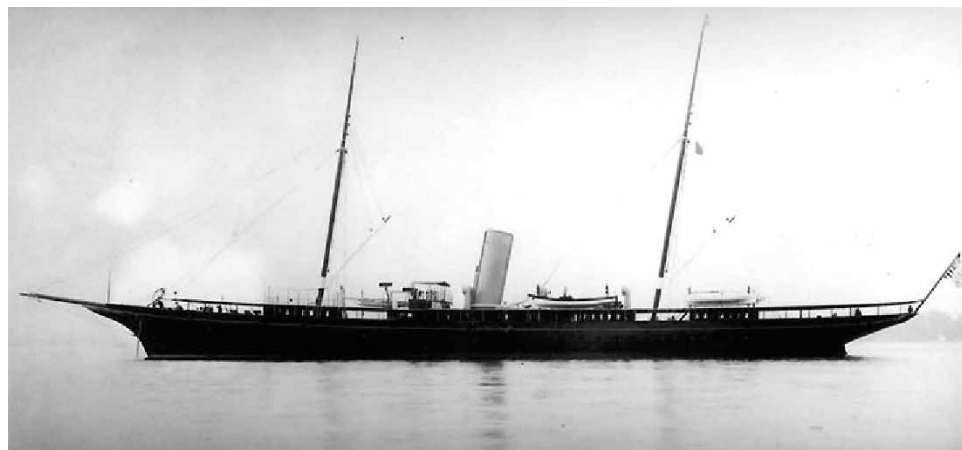
150 Years Ago (December 1873)

Long Dock was reported to be in “deplorable condition,” filled with large holes that could cause a human or horse to snap a leg, according to the *Cold Spring Recorder*. In addition, the road leading to the dock had holes that could break a wagon spring.

School No. 12 at Matteawan was the largest in Dutchess County, with an average daily attendance of 254 students. The smallest was No. 13 at Dover, with an average attendance of 3.5. The Matteawan building was also the most expensive, valued at \$25,000 [\$640,000 today]. The Glenham district had the largest library, with 5,600 books.

Michael Kongh, a flagman at the drawbridge south of Fishkill Landing, drowned in the river. He had been in the U.S. for only six months.

To protect his hands while carrying a full ash can from the stove, a Fishkill Landing resident grabbed his wife's wrapper. After emptying the pan outside, he threw the wrapper into the corner of the bedroom. Soon after, an upstairs tenant smelled



Banker J.P. Morgan's yacht, the Corsair III, was built in Newburgh.

smoke and found the wrapper smoldering.

The fire companies of Matteawan and Fishkill Landing attempted to save as much of downtown Fishkill as they could after a devastating fire broke out at 3 a.m. on a Monday morning. But the flames spread quickly, destroying 14 businesses and three homes on both sides of Main Street, including the Union Hotel, Lyric Hall and the offices of the *Fishkill Journal*. Damages were estimated at \$118,000 [\$3 million].

The Episcopal churches in Matteawan, Fishkill Landing and Glenham raised \$283 [\$7,200] for St. Luke's Hospital.

Alexander Bedrossian, a New York City cigar dealer, accused Edward Costa of Fishkill Landing of stealing 2,500 cigars, 1,000 cigarettes and several pounds of Turkish tobacco.

125 Years Ago (December 1898)

A 304-foot yacht owned by banker J.P. Morgan, the Corsair III, built at the shipyard of T.S. Marvel & Co., was launched at Newburgh and towed down the river to New York City.

The first issue of the monthly *American Patriot* was published in Newburgh.

A Fishkill Landing woman, Mrs. John Powell, was fatally burned when a lamp she was carrying exploded, igniting her clothing.

Gardiner Howell, who had been accused of deceiving a Matteawan teacher into marrying him so he could have a share of her estate, pleaded guilty in Connecticut to passing bad checks and was sentenced to two years in a county jail. He insisted his name was Norman Browne but relatives of his wife identified him.

Six convicts allegedly driven mad by idleness because of a law that banned convict labor were transferred from the Kings County Penitentiary. The four inmates convicted on state charges were sent to the Matteawan asylum and the two federal prisoners — each convicted of holding up trains in Indian Territory — were relocated to the National Insane Asylum in Washington, D.C.

Amid a cheering crowd, the Fishkill and Matteawan Band performed “Home Again from a Foreign Shore” at the Rhinecliff station as a train carrying members of companies from Kingston and Poughkeepsie arrived home from the Spanish-American War in Cuba.

According to the *Poughkeepsie Enterprise*, a Kingston woman raised suspicions with her husband when she told him she was going to New Jersey to attend her grandmother's funeral but took a box of household items and their portable oil stove. Soon after, he went in search and chanced upon her — and her German boyfriend — at a restaurant in Newburgh. The couple fled but the husband followed her to Fishkill Landing and demanded she return the wedding ring he had purchased for \$3 [\$75]. She refused and panhandled enough change to return to Newburgh, leaving the box and stove behind.

100 Years Ago (December 1923)

Poughkeepsie police contacted the license bureau in Albany after a hit-and-run crash sent a car bumping across the trolley tracks. Although shaken, William Dolson of Beacon, who was traveling with his wife and granddaughter, recalled the plate number of the vehicle as 665-178.

George Bachus admitted to the police chief and city judge that he stole \$184 [\$3,300] from Fred Knapp, a local butcher, but authorities said he might not be prosecuted because his wife and two young children depended on him for support, and he had returned the money. Bachus lifted the cash while visiting a disorderly house with Knapp, who was intoxicated.

Authorities in Boston offered praise for the police chief for his assistance in the prosecution of Arthur Vieth, convicted there of polygamy and sentenced to 2½ years in prison. Two years earlier, Vieth rented a room in Beacon with a woman named Chapman who insisted she would leave if he did not marry her. Vieth apparently found a man on the street to pretend to be a minister; that deception contributed to his conviction.

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After Rep. Hamilton Fish suggested that Republicans hold a special election to determine which of two candidates he should endorse to be appointed postmaster, Daniel McGinn initially bowed out, saying he was insulted by the idea. He changed his mind and was trounced by Frank Cummings, 730 to 418.

Land that had been in the Verplanck family since the granting of a patent by King James was sold to a newly organized brick company. It included 140 acres of clay and sand deposits along the river.

Edward Hayden, the city editor of *The Beacon Journal*, put in a claim for a \$500 [\$9,000] reward offered by Dutchess County for the capture of killer "Bad Bill" Monroe. Hayden, one of nine people who requested the money, said he interviewed a neighbor of the victim who first identified Monroe as a suspect.

An ex-convict from New York City took the train to Poughkeepsie in an attempt to help George Donaldson, who had been convicted of a Beacon burglary, escape from the county jail. But authorities had been tipped off and transferred the prisoner to Sing Sing. When Ernest "Hunchback Frenchy" Menett asked for Donaldson, police searched him and found a dozen small saws. Donaldson had earlier planned to escape by attacking guards with a blackjack he made from three lavatory knobs but another inmate dropped a note from a window onto Union Street to alert authorities.

Myrtle Bell died at age 61. She was the widow of Walter Bell, who had been a police officer at the Fishkill-Newburgh ferry house for 20 years when he was shot and mortally wounded in 1911. He had cautioned a man sitting on a bench to put away his handgun. "Say, my friend, I could give you six months for that," Bell said, according to a witness. He walked away, but the suspect followed, firing twice. The shooter, a native of the West Indies, was taken by bystanders to the police station, but when a crowd gathered and called for a lynching, the sheriff and his deputies removed the prisoner to the county jail.

According to investigators, the 23-year-old said he disliked police officers and decided to "get" one. (He was later judged insane and imprisoned at the Matteawan State Hospital.)

A Poughkeepsie woman was charged with petit larceny after a Beacon taxicab driver accused her of stealing \$32 [\$575]. The driver said he and the woman had "stopped at a local hotel overnight," according to the *Poughkeepsie Eagle-News*, and in the morning he discovered his money gone. When arrested, the woman was in the company of a young man whom she told police had given her a black eye because she had "temporarily forsaken" him the night before.

75 Years Ago (December 1948)

Pink Waters, a newly appointed deacon at Springfield Baptist Church, was accused of hitting a woman with a hammer and an iron bar during a dispute following an evening service. When a police officer ascended the stairs to Waters' second-floor River Street apartment to arrest him, Waters allegedly aimed a shotgun at him and threatened to shoot if he didn't leave. Instead, the officer pointed his revolver at Waters and told him to drop the weapon, which he did.

In a presentation sponsored by the Beacon Savings Bank, Elmer Tripp spoke with students at the Spring Street and South Avenue elementary schools and sixth, seventh and eighth graders at Beacon High School about the benefits of thrift.

The school board considered whether to purchase surplus buildings offered by the War Assets Administration at a 95 percent discount if used for education. The district also would have to pay for transportation, assembly and flooring.

The Chamber of Commerce asked a traffic engineer to devise a plan to reduce vehicle congestion at the Beacon-Newburgh ferry terminal.

A 28-year-old Beacon man was sentenced to 10 to 20 years in prison for armed robbery. He maintained his innocence.

Developers outlined plans at a City Council meeting for an industrial terminal at the

former Merrimac Hat Co. factory. At least four companies said they would lease space. If realized, it would be the second industrial project in the city; as of Jan. 1, the Durisol Corp. planned to close its plant in Aberdeen, Maryland, and rely on its newly constructed plant in Beacon.

Beacon boxer Melio Bettina was knocked out in the sixth round in Rochester in a fight with Johnny Flynn attended by 3,800 people.

A 53-year-old Beacon man who was reported missing told police he had been driving to Nutley, New Jersey, when his car broke down. He said he walked through the hilly country most of the night until he came upon a cottage, where he stayed until the forest rangers who lived there could drive him to a police station.

50 Years Ago (December 1973)

The Hudson River Sloop Restoration learned it would receive half of a \$10,000 fine levied against Teddy's Frosted Foods of Highland, which had been found guilty of violating the 1899 Refuse Act by discharging waste into a stream that flowed into the Hudson River.

The Hudson Valley Freedom Theater presented *A Raisin in the Sun* at Beacon High School.

The five members of the City Council — the mayor and four commissioners — voted to give themselves a raise. They doubled the mayor's salary to \$6,000 [\$41,000] annually and that of the full-time commissioner of accounts to \$15,000 [\$104,000], and increased the pay of the three part-time commissioners by 75 percent to \$3,500 [\$24,000].

After complaints that a new bus service at Forrestal Heights discriminated against other residents, Mayor Robert Cahill said Beacon was searching for grants to pay for a citywide system.

The council approved spending \$23,000 [\$159,000] on an engineering study following a state mandate to upgrade its incinerator to meet new air emission standards.

Urban renewal officials found the devel-

oper of a parcel at Eliza and Main streets to be in default when he missed a deadline to break ground. The building on the site had been demolished eight months earlier.

Fishkill Pools (20-1) and Beacon Engine (19-2) led the nine-team Beacon Volleyball League.

The city announced that Exxon, its gasoline supplier, was cutting its fuel allotment by 14 percent because of the national energy crisis.

Firefighters said it took two hours to get the gas turned off before they could battle a fire that damaged the Alan Pontiac-Buick dealership at 371 Fishkill Ave.

The director of solid waste management for Dutchess County proposed building a pyrolysis plant adjacent to the Matteawan State Hospital that would process 300 tons of garbage daily. The facility would reduce trash to coarse sand and bake and melt plastic, sludge and tar into fuel oil that could heat and power the hospital.

25 Years Ago (December 1998)

The Bannerman Castle Trust announced it had installed a video surveillance system on Bannerman Island to deter vandals and artifact hunters, although officials said the castle had already been picked clean. At the same time, volunteers completed restoring the island's paths, allowing garden planners to map formerly inaccessible areas.



A view of Bannerman Castle in 2018

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Jeff Meyer
(1965 – 2023)

Jeffrey D. Meyer, 58, a lifelong resident of Cold Spring and Garrison, died Dec. 13, 2023, after a long illness.

Jeff was born on May 31, 1965, at Butterfield Hospital in Cold Spring, the son of John and Judy Meyer, and grew up in Cold Spring, where he attended Our Lady of Loretto School and graduated from Franciscan High School in Mohegan Lake. He attended Marist College in Poughkeepsie, majoring in Computer Science.

Growing up, Jeff was an altar boy with his brothers at the chapel at Mother Lurana Home in Garrison. As a teenager, Jeff worked for several years at the Graymoor Bookstore and also lifeguarded at the Graymoor Manor Country Club in Garrison.

Jeff had an incredible talent and passion for computers and, following in his father's footsteps, worked for IBM as a software engineer and manager of an OS/2 Build Lab in both Austin, Texas, and Poughkeepsie. He was a devout Catholic and enjoyed spending time with family, reading history and literature, cooking, gardening, politics, riding motorcycles and playing the piano.

Jeff is survived by his mother, Judy Meyer (Bosco); his brother Jason Meyer (Alexandra) and their son, Ethan, of Pasadena, Maryland; his brother Josh Meyer (Federica) and their daughter, Isabelle, and son, Jack, of Ramsey, New Jersey; and cousin, Laurie Bosco, of Brooklyn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023, at Our Lady of Loretto, Cold Spring. Interment followed in Cold Spring Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in Jeff's name to Butterfield Library, 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring, NY 10516 (butterfieldlibrary.org/donate).

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Vlad Saban
(2006 – 2023)

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely passing of Vladislav Saban, affectionately known as Vlad, who left us tragically on Dec. 15, 2023, due to injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was just 17 years old.

Born on Oct. 30, 2006, in Cleveland, Ohio, Vlad was the beloved son of Liliya Shylivska and Sergiy Saban. A senior at Haldane High School, he reveled in the company of friends and family, leaving an indelible mark on those fortunate enough to share in his life. Vlad was known for his lively sense of humor and generosity to all.

Vlad's summers were marked by joyous travels to Ukraine with his family, fostering his fluency in both Ukrainian and English. As a member of St. Andrews Ukrainian Catholic Church, Vlad served as an altar boy.

Vlad will forever be profoundly missed by his mother Liliya Shylivska, his father Sergiy Saban, his "second mother" his Aunt Tetyana and her husband Oleh Shevchyk and his cousins Vitaliy and Maksum. He is mourned by his grandparents and extended family in Ukraine as well as his extended American family and his American Ukrainian family and friends.

In this moment of profound loss, we extend our deepest condolences to Vlad's family and friends. May his memory serve as a guiding light, reminding us to pursue our dreams fearlessly, just as he did. Rest in peace, dear Vladislav.

Friends may call on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., Cold Spring. A Panakhyda service will be held Friday evening at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023, at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Catholic Church, 141 Sarah Wells Trail, Campbell Hall, New York. Interment will follow in Holy Spirit Cemetery, Campbell Hall.

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OBITUARIES

Gaetano DiNardi (1931-2023)

Gaetano DiNardi, 91, the longtime owner of a popular pizzeria in Beacon, died Oct. 14.

He was born Dec. 23, 1931, in Sarno, Italy, the son of Domenico and Giovanna DiNardi. In November 1958, in the Bronx, he wed Luisa Annunziata, who also had immigrated from Italy. They were married for 57 years until her death in 2015.

Gaetano was known to friends and family as "Mr. D." In 1976, he and Luisa opened DiNardi's pizza and restaurant in Beacon, which they ran for 30 years. Gaetano was "o pizzaiolo" and Luisa was the master chef. The pizza was known for its thin, crispy finish and flavor.

When he wasn't making pizza, Gaetano loved hunting for deer and turkey with his brothers. He also loved fishing and all things outdoors. He was a true woodsman and a passionate gardener, his family said. He planted tomatoes every year, along with peach trees, figs and grapevines.

Gaetano is survived by his son, Dominic, and his grandsons, Gaetano Jr., Anthony, Michael and Joseph. He is also survived by his brothers, Antonio, Ciro and Pietro.

A funeral Mass was held Oct. 19 at Sacred Heart Church in Newburgh, followed by interment at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale.



Dave Shelly (1957-2023)

David R. Shelly, 66, a resident of Beacon since 2016, died at his home of brain cancer on Dec. 15, with family members at his side. He was well-known in Beacon for a pink unicorn costume he would wear to spread cheer.

He was born March 11, 1957, in Middletown, the son of Robert and Betty (Hunt) Shelly. After graduating from Middletown High School, he served in the U.S. Army from 1982 to 1984, where he was trained as a surgical assistant.

After working in the operating rooms of St. Anthony's and St. Luke's Hospitals until 1992, Dave was employed by Stryker Orthopedics (formerly Howmedica) for 32 years.

Dave was known around Beacon as the pink unicorn guy, the flower guy, the free hugs guy and the ice cream guy. He began donning the unicorn costume three years ago and became a fixture at the weekly flea market and farmers market and at parades and events. He gave away coupons for free ice cream or distributed roses. Whether in costume or not, he gave hugs.



Dave loved music of all genres and especially singer/songwriters. He also enjoyed walking around town with his wife, Jill Quaglino, and their dogs, and traveling, his family said. He loved spending time, whether by phone or by visits, with his daughters and grandchildren. Most of all, he was happiest spreading joy and kindness, his family said.

Along with his wife, he is survived by his daughters, Dana Shelly (Joseph Iafelice) and Kelsey Shelly (Christopher Pissioni); his grandchildren, Clifford, Christopher and Anthony Mungavin, Faith Iafelice, Cameron and Emri Pissioni; and his siblings, Roy Shelly, Pamela Davis, Kathleen Shelly and Patricia Myers.

A service was held Dec. 21 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey in Beacon.

Other Recent Deaths

Philipstown	Beacon
Jim Cone, 88	Paula Burns, 61
Elle Freda, 98	David Carroll, 67
Norman Goodwin, 96	John Fleming, 92
Aden Haddad-Saleh, 25	Rich Garcia, 56
Lynn Hynes, 63	Enid Greer, 56
Larry Lyons, 65	Katherine Heady, 67
Jeff Meyer, 58	Arlene Lee, 72
Freda Perrotta, 97	Debra Pisco, 72
Vlad Saban, 17	Joan Serino, 84
Dick Weissbrod, 77	Peg Sgorbissa, 70
	Julius Tkaczky, 81
	Vincent Trozzi, 88

For more obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org/obits.

Toot Giordano (1921-2023)

Carmine D. "Toot" Giordano, 102, a lifelong resident of Beacon and the city's last surviving World War II veteran, died Dec. 10.

He was born July 14, 1921, in Beacon, the son of Vincenzo and Madelaina (Pietragallo) Giordano. On Aug. 25, 1942, he married Audrey Coons, who died in 2004.

Carmine served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After being honorably discharged in 1945, he worked as a hairdresser and owned Carl's Beauty Salon in Newburgh before retiring.

He was a parishioner of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist, a longtime member of the Southern Dutchess Country Club, a life member of the Knights of Columbus, Trinity Council 445 and a former member of the Beacon Elks Lodge 1493.

Toot shared his memories of growing up in Beacon and talked about his experiences during World War II in a March interview with *The Current*.

He is survived by his children, Michele Zane (Brian), Carla Robinson (John), Michael Giordano (Christine), Gina Morgan and Danielle Haran (Brian), along with 13 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday (Dec. 21) at St. John the Evangelist, followed by interment with military honors today (Dec. 22) at St. Joachim Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Church of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist (stjoachim-stjohn.org) or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org).



Puzzles

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- ACROSS
1. TiVo precursor
4. Wide
9. America’s uncle
12. Consume
13. Heart line
14. La-la lead-in
15. Gym machine
17. And so on (Abbr.)
18. Nabokov novel
19. Bowling lanes
21. Packs tightly
24. Go yachting
25. Yale grad
26. Author Umberto
28. Aegean island
31. Building wings
33. Farm female
35. Steakhouse order
36. Rice recipe
38. PC key
40. Chaney of horror films
41. First lady of scat

43. Bistro furniture
45. Telepathic
47. Sushi choice
48. Hostel
49. Heavy burden
54. Memo letters
55. Deadly virus
56. Schlep
57. Air safety org.
58. Philly hoopster
59. Director Lee
11. Apple computers
16. Small batteries
20. Tale teller
21. Army transport
22. “That’s — need to know”
23. 1,000-year spans
27. Have debts
29. Bassoon’s kin
30. Taxpayer IDs
32. Pretzel topper
34. Getty of *The Golden Girls*
37. Fireplace flickerers
39. Salad type
42. Suspect’s excuse
44. Crunchy sandwich
45. Peeve
46. “May It Be” singer
50. Bagel topper
51. Slangy suffix
52. Sister
53. Silly Putty container

- DOWN
1. Animal doc
2. Train unit
3. Hwy.
4. Villain
5. Woo
6. “... — quit!”
7. World record?
8. Texas city
9. Sheet metal producer
10. Bohemian

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WORDLADDER

Can you go from SELLS to STARK in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

SELLS

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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Sloe Gin ____
5. Count with an orchestra
6. Dishwasher brand
7. Katherine of *27 Dresses*
8. Sums things up?
- DOWN
1. World-renowned
2. “To reiterate...”
3. Witty criticism
4. Gusto

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5. ____ Men (“Who Let the Dogs Out” band)

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Fallou Faye sets the offense on Tuesday (Dec. 19) against Irvington (above); Matt Nachamkin scored 14 points in the win. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photos by Skip Pearlman

Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' BASKETBALL — After an intense battle, the Blue Devils held off Irvington at home on Tuesday (Dec. 19), 59-55, although the game was not always as close as the final score.

Haldane scored the first 14 points and led by 19 points with 3:24 left in the first half before the Bulldogs cut the lead to 10 before the buzzer. In the third quarter, the momentum flipped to Irvington's favor. The visitors couldn't miss a shot and, by the start of the fourth quarter, the Blue Devil lead was down to three points.

Less than 30 seconds later, the score was tied at 50, and it appeared Haldane might be on the verge of a collapse. But Michael Murray and Matt Nachamkin hit big baskets to keep the game close; after Irvington drained a three-pointer with 1:30 left, the Blue Devils were up by two. Clutch free throws by Ross Esposito and Fallou Faye, along with misfires by Irvington, led to the win.

Nachamkin and Esposito led Haldane with 14 points each, followed by Faye with 10 and Murray with 9. On Thursday (Dec. 21), the Blue Devils (3-1) traveled to Valhalla. They will host Chester at 1 p.m. on Dec. 29.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — In the first round of a tournament at Croton-Harmon High School on Dec. 14, Haldane defeated Rye Neck, 54-41, for its fourth win of the season.

With 2:10 left in the first quarter, down 11-6, the Blue Devils went on a 15-1 run behind eight straight points from Marisa Peters.

Haldane had a 13-point lead with 2:11 to go in the half when the Panthers enjoyed a 9-0 run of their own to cut the deficit to four points at halftime. The Blue Devils proceeded to an 11-3 run to start the second half, building a 39-27 lead, and the Panthers never got closer than five points.

Peters led Haldane with 19 points, followed by Camilla McDaniel (15), Kayla Ruggiero (12) and Elaina Johanson (8).

In the title game, the Blue Devils faced a taller and stronger foe in Croton-Harmon, and fell, 47-20. Peters was named to the All-Tournament Team.

"We have to be able to match the other teams' intensity, for as long as it takes to get the results that we're looking for," said Coach Charles Martinez.

The next game for the Blue Devils (4-4) will be at home on Jan. 3 against the Barack Obama School of Justice (formerly Palisade Prep) of Yonkers.

WINTER TRACK — Haldane competed in the Coach Saint Invitational on Dec. 15 at The Armory in New York City. The top finishers for the boys were Milo Pearsall, who was 29th of 153 runners in the 55-meter dash in 6.95, and Aleksander Noormae, who finished 15th of 28 competitors in the 500 meters in 1:14.99.

For the girls, Ashley Sousa was 25th of 87 runners in the 1,500 meters in 5:31.56 and

25th of 87 runners in the mile at 5:51.37. Haldane will compete on Wednesday (Dec. 27) in the Pearl River Holiday Festival at Rockland Community College.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — Beacon moved to 4-0 on Tuesday (Dec. 19) after another strong defensive showing, defeating Chester, 65-16, at home. Za'layni Shand and Rayana Taylor each scored 12 points, Devyn Kelly had 11 and Lila Burke had 10. The Bulldogs hosted Sullivan West on Thursday (Dec. 21) and will host Saugerties on Dec. 28.

WRESTLING — The Bulldogs opened league competition with a 60-18 loss on Monday (Dec. 18) to Goshen; Nixon Salinas won at 215 pounds, Charles Flynn at 285 pounds and Jude Betancourt at 152 pounds. Beacon (0-3) will compete on Wednesday (Dec. 27) in a tournament at Arlington High School.

BOYS' SWIMMING — Against Red Hook on Dec. 14, the team had only one first-place finish — by the 200-meter medley relay team in 1:55.15 — in a 104-66 loss. The Bulldogs fared better against Newburgh on Tuesday (Dec. 20) with three winners, but still were defeated, 93-73. In that meet, ninth grader Khordae Facey won the 100-meter backstroke in 1:25.58 and ninth grader Fionn Fehilly placed first in the 100-meter

breaststroke in 1:14.23. The team also won the 400-meter free relay in 4:45.62. Beacon swam at Kingston on Thursday (Dec. 21) and travels to Middletown on Jan. 2.

WINTER TRACK — At the Coach Saint Invitational on Dec. 15 at The Armory, Damani DeLoatch won the triple jump in 44-3 and placed 12th in the long jump at 19-.075. Rubio Castagna-Torres was sixth of 28 runners in the 500 meters in 1:12.33; Tye Elias finished 16th of 86 runners in the 400 meters in 55.32; and Noah Spiak was 21st of 55 competitors in the 55-meter hurdles in 8.98. The 4x200 relay team finished 14th of 50 entries in 1:38.10.

For the girls, Kyla Richardson placed seventh of 162 runners in the 55-meter dash in 7.58 and 15th in the high jump at 4-6, and Isabella Migliore placed eighth in the 500-meter dash in 1:27.23.

The Bulldogs return today (Dec. 22) to The Armory for the Section IX Holiday Classic and will compete Wednesday in the Pearl River Holiday Festival.

BOYS' BASKETBALL — The Bulldogs (1-3) traveled to Monroe-Woodbury on Thursday (Dec. 21) and will compete in a tournament at Lourdes on Wednesday (Dec. 27).

BOWLING — The boys fell last week to Newburgh, 4-1, but defeated Monroe-Woodbury, 4.5-0.5. The girls lost to Newburgh, 5-0, but defeated Monroe-Woodbury by the same score. Both teams faced Goshen on Thursday (Dec. 21).