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Putnam Disbands Response Team

Legislature never approved tactical unit

By Leonard Sparks

A tactical police unit that has responded to barricaded and armed suspects over nearly two decades has been disbanded because, according to Putnam County, the Legislature never approved an intermunicipal agreement with police from Carmel and Kent.

County Attorney C. Compton Spain, in a Dec. 4 letter to Sheriff Kevin McConville, said the department “should immediately abandon and discontinue all involvement” with the Emergency Response Team (ERT), which was composed of 19 deputies and six officers from the towns of Carmel and Kent.

The participation of deputies in the team presented “clear insurance coverage liability issues,” said Spain, because the Putnam Legislature never approved the unit, which was formed around 2005 to respond to serious incidents such as bomb threats and hostage situations.

“For this reason alone, the presently constructed ERT necessitates immediate termination,” he said.

McConville, during a tense 1½-hour meeting of the Legislature’s Protective Services Committee on Dec. 18, said the problem emerged after Undersheriff Thomas Lindert contacted the Personnel Department about fitness tests for new members of the team.

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Jay Armour slices samples of heirloom tomatoes at the Cold Spring Farmers' Market (left) and works the fields at Four Winds, in an undated photo. Photos provided

A Farming Couple’s Journey to Retirement

From Kenya to prison to heirloom tomatoes

By Michael Turton

For ardent customers of the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market, the news last fall felt like an obituary.

Jay and Polly Armour retired. One of the market’s four founding vendors, they began farming their 24-acre plot near Gardiner 35 years ago.



Many undoubtedly mourned the loss of the Armours’ heirloom tomatoes, but the news isn’t all bad. The annual spring sale of tomato seedlings will continue, although only at Four Winds Farm, a 40-minute drive from the Highlands.

Their reason for stepping away is simple. “My body’s too old for this,” said Jay, 70.

Their entry into agriculture in the late 1980s was unconventional; neither grew up on a farm. Jay was raised “smack in the

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New Laws Take Effect

Early voting, insurance coverage among changes

By Leonard Sparks

With the new year comes a spate of laws that take effect in January. They cover everything from rent subsidies for children in foster care to mail-in ballots during early voting to workplace-violence programs in schools and safety whistles for boats and kayaks.

In cases where the laws were introduced as stand-alone legislation, the votes by our three local representatives in Albany — state Sen. Rob Rolison, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, and Assembly Members Jonathan Jacobson (Beacon) and Dana Levenberg (Philipstown), both Democrats — are provided. Otherwise, the laws were passed as part of the budget enacted in May 2023.

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Digital assets

Public officials who must file financial disclosure forms are required to list digital assets such as bitcoin and non-fungible tokens valued at more than \$1,000 and held by themselves or partners and spouses.

Passed Senate, 55-6

Rolison ☒

Passed Assembly, 147-0

Jacobson ☒ Levenberg ☒

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Tallix displayed the horse in Beacon in 1999 before shipping it to Italy. Beacon Historical Society

Former Tallix Foundry for Sale

Factory cast da Vinci’s horse, Statue of Liberty torch

By Jeff Simms

The former Tallix Foundry building in Beacon, which drew international attention 25 years ago when it produced a 24-foot bronze horse meant to fulfill Leonardo da Vinci’s dying wish, is for sale.

The nearly 17,000-square-foot building is listed for \$1.995 million. It’s also available as a rental for \$18,000 per month.

The site is being marketed by Daniel Aubry, a Beacon real estate agent who in 2017 brokered the sale of the Tioronda Estate, the home of the former Craig House psychiatric hospital, for \$5.5 million.

Advertising materials suggest the foundry building, at 310 Fishkill Ave., might be suitable for cannabis cultivation, as an artist’s studio, a brewery or a rock-climbing gym.

Opened in 1970 in Cold Spring by Dick Polich, who died in 2022 at age 90, the foundry was once the world’s largest metal-casting facility. As demand grew, Polich moved the foundry to Peekskill and, in 1986, to Beacon.

The story of its most notable work began in 1978, when Charlie Dent, a United Airlines pilot from Pennsylvania, read in *National Geographic* about da Vinci’s unfulfilled vision of a monumental bronze horse — one the artist was commissioned to create by Duke Ludovico Sforza of Milan, Italy, in 1498.

Before his death, da Vinci only created

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FIVE QUESTIONS: TOM ANGELL

By Leonard Sparks

Tom Angell retired Dec. 31 after 34 years with the Dutchess County Public Defender's Office, including 12 as director.

How did you come to be a public defender?

It's what I wanted to do from an early age, and I went to law school [at Hofstra University] with the express idea that I would do this work. My upbringing and my Quaker faith were influences. My father was a social worker and was head of the [federal] war on poverty [in the 1960s] on Long Island. I worked for Mid-Hudson Legal Services. We had six counties that we provided services for [in civil cases]. I came here in 1989 and specialized in criminal defense.

What changed during your tenure?

We started providing arraignment services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We have a Family Court practice we never had, which is good because many families have cases in both the criminal and family courts. We beefed up our social-work practice. When I started, we had no social workers. They help by connecting

clients with services. They also write mitigation reports, which give a complete social history of clients so the judge does not assess them based simply on the worst days of their lives but understands the totality of their circumstances.

How did discovery and bail reform affect the office?

They transformed the criminal-justice system. With discovery reform, you now have all the information you need to help a client make an informed decision, whereas before it was like playing blind chess. Bail reform has been transformative, as well. There's a saying: It's rare for a client who is out [of jail] to go in. If clients are out, they're better able to help you prepare their case — finding witnesses, reviewing evidence, having unimpeded conversations.

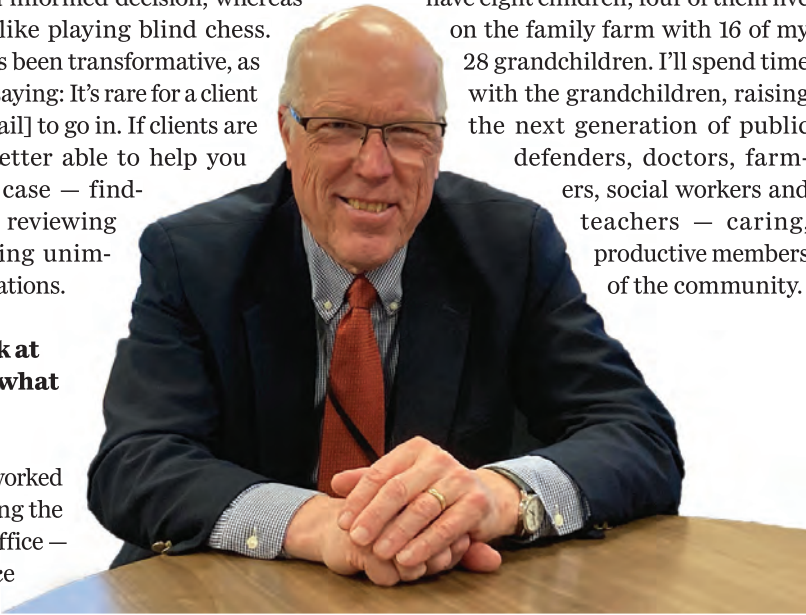
Looking back at your career, what are you most proud of?

One thing I worked on was changing the culture of the office — creating a space

where clients feel like someone is concerned about their needs and that we're here to help, not to judge. When I got a letter about one of our attorneys, and the client said the attorney was concerned about them, I felt proud to be associated with the office.

Any plans for retirement?

I'm going to open a part-time practice in Stanfordville, in a building where two of my children have offices. One has a veterinarian business and the other is a contractor. I have eight children; four of them live on the family farm with 16 of my 28 grandchildren. I'll spend time with the grandchildren, raising the next generation of public defenders, doctors, farmers, social workers and teachers — caring, productive members of the community.



ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What do you find more interesting: history or the future?

I like American history; I taught it in middle school.



Jeanne-Marie Fleming, Garrison

All we have is the present!



Jamie Burkart, Beacon

Definitely history, especially American and Greek.



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New Laws (from Page 1)

Electronic cigarettes

This law bans contracts or agreements that prohibit or suppress research into electronic cigarette use. Manufacturers, distributors and retailers also are banned from offering gifts with the purchase of e-cigarettes or marketing them on other products by using their logos or brand names. In addition, the law bans e-cigarette brands from sponsoring arts, social or sports events.

Passed Senate, 59-3

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 149-0

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Jobs for disabled residents

This law allows 1,200 civil-service positions set aside for people with intellectual or physical disabilities to be filled by part-time, as well as full-time, employees. The bill's sponsors say the change will create more opportunities for veterans and non-veterans with disabilities to hold jobs with the state.

Passed Senate, 58-0

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 146-0

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Deceased veterans

Counties and New York City must contact veterans organizations to arrange for the funeral and burial of the unclaimed remains of deceased veterans. The law also requires that the state Department of Veter-

ans Services create an application process for organizations to request reimbursement for expenses.

Passed Senate, 61-0

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 145-0

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Early mail-in voting

The New York Early Mail Voter Act establishes early voting by mail, in addition to in person. The law is being challenged in court by Republican officials, the Conservative Party of New York State, the National Republican Congressional Committee and the Republican National Committee, which argue that the law conflicts with language in the state constitution specifying that voters must cast ballots in person unless they are absent from their county of residence or have an illness or physical disability. Opponents also highlighted voters' rejection in 2021 of a constitutional amendment to create "no-excuse" absentee voting. In December, a state judge in Albany denied their request for a preliminary injunction to prevent the law from taking effect.

Passed Senate, 41-21

Rolison ✗

Passed Assembly, 94-51

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Nuisance deer

Under a pilot program, the Department of Environmental Conservation will issue "cull permits" to certified nuisance wildlife specialists who determine that deer "have become a nuisance, destructive to public or private property or a threat to public health or welfare."

Passed Senate, 59-2

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 145-2

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Mental health coverage

Health-insurance policies covering inpatient stays are now required to include benefits for subacute care in residential programs licensed or operated by the state Department of Mental Hygiene. Insurers also have to provide coverage for outpatient services provided by mobile crisis intervention programs and stabilization centers, such as the one in Poughkeepsie, and to cover follow-up mental-health services no

later than 30 days after someone is released from a hospital or emergency department.

• Passed as part of state budget

Rental assistance

Under this legislation, the monthly rent subsidy for foster children living independently increases from \$300 to \$725. The subsidy is available for up to three years for children if a caseworker determines "a lack of adequate housing is the primary factor" preventing their discharge from foster care.

• Passed as part of state budget

Safe boating

All motorboat operators are now required to take safety classes under the final phase of Brianna's Law, which passed in 2019. Named for Brianna Lieneck, who was 11 when she died in 2005 in a boating accident on Long Island, the law eliminated a requirement that only people born after May 1, 1996, needed safety courses. The age limit increased in increments each year after passage and now covers all boaters, regardless of age. The Legislature passed the bill when Sue Serino, a Republican who is now the Dutchess County executive, held Rolison's Senate seat and Sandy Galef, a Democrat, held the Assembly seat now represented by Levenberg.

Passed Senate, 45-18

Serino ✗

Passed Assembly, 145-2

Jacobson ✓ Galef ✓

Under a separate law, every vessel, including canoes, kayaks and rowboats, must have a whistle on board and motorboats must have fire extinguishers that are no more than 12 years old. The law also mandates that vessels less than 26 feet long with engine cutoff switches use the switch when the boat is planning or operating above displacement speed, unless the operator is in an enclosed cabin. The bill's sponsors said it aligns New York with updated U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

Passed Senate, 56-2

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 103-45

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

JAN. 4

Workplace violence

As of Thursday, school districts are required to develop programs to prevent workplace violence, including a system for documenting incidents and procedures for responding to them. Schools were previously exempted.

Passed Senate, 56-6

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 145-4

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

JAN. 11

Wine and spirits sales

Starting next week, alcohol and wine stores can sell gifts or promotional items associated with their products as long as they are valued at \$15 or less. State law currently prohibits the sale of complimentary items "such as specialty anniversary marking pens, salsa bowls, branded glass-

ware, insulated cups or mugs, recipe books and other items."

Passed Senate, 61-0

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 140-0

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

JAN. 12

Food assistance

Also starting next week, people who file for unemployment will be given information about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (food stamps) and Women, Infants and Children programs run by the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the Department of Health.

Passed Senate, 58-0

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 142-0

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

JAN. 21

Laboratory technicians

Laboratory technicians will be able to use their national license or certification to satisfy New York State's education requirements. In addition, the state will create a histological technologist job title. Without the change, someone qualified as a technologist could only practice as a histological technician, a lower-grade position that did not allow for supervisory duties.

The sponsors of the legislation say those and other provisions will help fill a shortage of lab techs that grew during the pandemic. It was passed in 2022, when Serino and Galef represented the Highlands.

Passed Senate, 63-0

Serino ✓

Passed Assembly 149-0

Jacobson ✓ Galef ✓

Economic abuse

The state Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence will create and distribute information on "economic abuse," in which victims have their finances controlled by partners, are prevented from working, or are forced or coerced into incurring debts. The information, which will include programs available to victims, will be distributed at shelters, social services offices, police departments and child care facilities.

Passed Senate, 59-0

Rolison ✓

Passed Assembly, 145-2

Jacobson ✓ Levenberg ✓

Sodium nitrate

Companies will be banned from selling sodium nitrate or sodium nitrite, which are used to cure meats but also for suicide, to buyers under 21 years old. The law requires that sellers check the IDs of anyone who appears to be 30 years old or younger. Companies that violate the ban could be fined \$250 for the first offense and \$500 for each subsequent violation.

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Passed Assembly, 143-6

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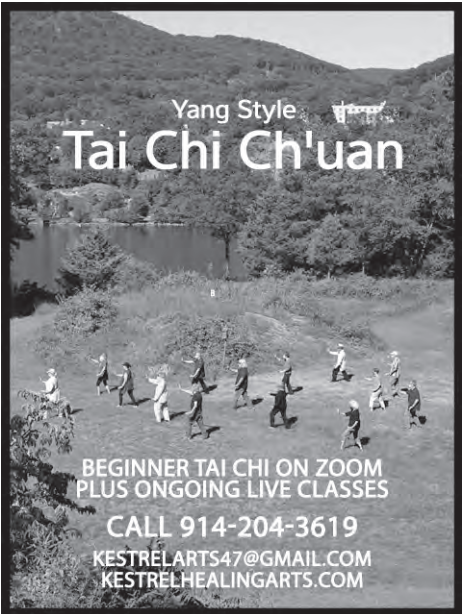
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Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

■ Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley opened the Wednesday (Jan. 3) meeting of the Village Board with a tribute and moment of silence for Francis “Terry” Lahey, who died Tuesday (Jan. 2) at age 90. She remembered him as one of the village’s “finest, most honorable and most beloved residents” and highlighted his extensive community involvement, which included serving as a trustee and as a Philipstown town board member and supervisor.

■ Trustee Eliza Starbuck reported that letters with information about how to apply for residential parking permits will be sent in the next week or two to residents who qualify for the program.

■ Jesse St. Charles was appointed to a five-year term on the Planning Board and to a one-year term as its chair. Foley said

St. Charles, who had served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, contributed significantly to the update of Chapter 134 of the Village Code, which deals with zoning.

■ With St. Charles and Laura Eldin, the five-member Planning Board has two members, short of a quorum until three new members are appointed. The board had been short one member since its former chair, Jack Goldstein, resigned last year. Acting Chair Yaslin Daniels and member Matt Francisco, both appointed by the previous administration, recently resigned, and Sue Meyers’ term expired. The village is considering candidates to fill the vacancies.

■ Laura Wells Hall was appointed to a five-year term on the Historic District Review Board. Foley noted Wells Hall’s background in historic preservation and her contributions to the board’s recent revision of its design standards.



In 2003 Tallix cast Louise Bourgeois’ 32-foot-tall “Maman” spider sculpture, which was installed in Tokyo.

Polich Tallix

Tallix (from Page 1)

a clay model of the horse, and that was destroyed by invading French soldiers in 1499. It is said that the sculptor wept on his deathbed because he had been unable to complete the project.

After reading about da Vinci, Dent, an amateur sculptor, “said, ‘Let’s give Leonardo his horse,’” said Lee Balter, the former owner of Tallix. So Dent established a foundation to raise money to complete da Vinci’s work as a gift for the people of Milan.

Before his death in 1994, Dent contracted the Tallix Foundry for the job. “There weren’t many places that could accommodate building the horse under a roof,” said Peter Homestead, the president of Tallix from 1997 to 2004.

Da Vinci’s (and Dent’s) horse was unveiled in Beacon in 1999. Traffic to get to the city backed up on Interstate 84 to the Taconic State Parkway, “which hadn’t been done since Woodstock,” said Homestead. “Every press was there. They shot *The Today Show* live. Everybody got a piece of it.”

Andrew Revkin, a former Philipstown resi-

dent who at the time was a reporter for *The New York Times*, described it in a story as a “proudly prancing 15-ton bronze stallion” that had been cast to da Vinci’s specifications. A week later, the horse was disassembled and flown in seven cargo planes to Milan, where it is displayed at San Siro Hippodrome Cultural Park, a horse-racing venue.

The Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids, Michigan, contacted Tallix to request a sister horse. That was also cast at the foundry and “certainly helped to finance building” both sculptures, Homestead said.

Several years later, the foundry was responsible for casting 176 bronze panels that surround the two reflecting pools at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum at the Ground Zero site. Artisans at Tallix also worked on the restoration of the Statue of Liberty’s torch, which had been damaged in 1916 by German saboteurs.

The foundry closed in Beacon in 2005 but reopened as Urban Art Projects + Polich Tallix in Newburgh. The Beacon building has since been used primarily for storage.



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Four Winds *(from Page 1)*

middle of Nassau County, Long Island” and pursued a master’s degree in education; Polly grew up in New Jersey and worked there monitoring hazardous waste sites.

Jay’s farming odyssey began in Kenya, where, as a young man, he saw people misusing pesticides and fertilizers to grow vegetables. “I felt a desire to go back to the U.S., learn how to farm, then go back to teach people organic farming,” he recalled.

He did learn how to farm, but he didn’t return to Kenya until late 2023. “Thirty years ago, women were responsible for growing vegetables,” Jay said. “Now, it’s mostly a male thing.”

Jay and Polly met in 1986 and soon married. She wanted to farm, too. “It was exciting to meet a woman who was interested in farming,” Jay said. “When I had told other women I wanted to be a farmer, they’d look at me and say, ‘Oh.’”

When they bought Four Winds Farm in 1988, Jay knew he’d need a second job to support their fledgling operation. He landed a position teaching math in the state prison system. “I thought if I didn’t like it or couldn’t do it, I’d just quit,” he recalled. But he found the job fascinating and stayed with it for 14 years.

As farmers, the couple made rookie mistakes. “We learned quickly why people give you animals,” Jay said. “Somebody said: ‘You need some sheep to keep the grass down.’” So they became proud owners of four gifted sheep. “They were nothing



Heirloom tomatoes from Four Winds Farm

Photo provided

but problems, always getting sick.”

Cows donated by a friend who had them as pets were a happier story. “We loved the cows,” Jay said, adding that Four Winds still sells full and half cows as beef and keeps a dozen head of cattle.

Jay remembers thinking the farm was quite small when they bought it. “In retrospect, I realized 24 acres was big,” he said.

They raised chickens, as well, as many as 200 a month, along with turkeys, before concentrating on vegetables.

“If Thanksgiving were in September, we’d still be doing turkeys,” Jay said, but processing the birds in cold, wet November was not fun.

A big shift came around 1995, when Jay discovered the world of heirloom vegetables while attending a conference. A speaker told the audience that the next logical step beyond hybrid seeds was genetic engineering.

Jay wondered how seed had been derived before hybrids. The answer: open pollination of plants by insects, birds, wind and other natural means.

“That became the heirloom-vegetable movement, spawned by the Seed Savers Exchange,” a nonprofit based in the

Midwest that collects, regenerates and shares heirloom seeds and plants, Jay said.

Four Winds began growing heirloom tomatoes, producing 30 varieties. They sold like hotcakes at the Cold Spring Farmers’ Market and also provided Jay with great pleasure as a farmer.

“They just taste so darn good,” he said. “People know that and when they take them home, they enjoy eating them. That is really satisfying for me.”

Farmers markets themselves were also rewarding. “We would not have been a successful farm without farmers markets,” he said. (Four Winds also sold at markets in New Paltz and Peekskill.)

Farmers markets were initially used in New York City by big farms to get rid of produce and frequented by customers looking for bargains, he said. “Then we came along with organic vegetables, wanting a decent price for what we produced,” he said. “That was tough.”

That changed in the late 1990s with the local foods movement. When the farm became so successful that Polly and Jay struggled to keep up, a neighboring farmer recom-

mended a crew of workers from Mexico.

“They would come up for a day and were amazing,” said Jay, who was still working at the prison. “They moved so quickly Polly had to scramble just to line up the next job for them.”

Juan, one of the workers, became a full-time employee. “A lot of Mexican workers expect their boss to tell them what to do,” Jay said. “But Juan often had a better way of doing something; we had the kind of relationship where he felt comfortable doing that.”

Jay and Polly even traveled to Mexico during the winter to visit Juan and his family. “It was terrific,” Jay said, “We weren’t staying in the expensive hotels; we were sleeping in a spare bedroom.”

Two years ago, their longtime farm manager moved on, followed by two managers who didn’t pan out. One of them, Jay said, preferred spending her weekends at the Jersey Shore. “Farming isn’t a 40-hour-a-week job,” he said.

When their neighbors, Kevin Caplicki and Laurel Bell, who operate Wood Thrush Farm and who rent fields at Four Winds, asked to increase their acreage, Jay and Polly felt the timing was right to retire.

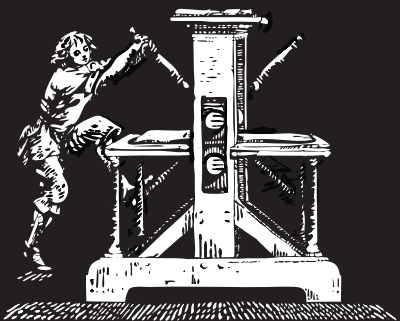
“We’re keeping the land, staying in the house,” Jay said. “Kevin and Laurel will be farming all the land; I’ll be able to wander around and pick a head of lettuce when I want.”

They will also continue the tomato seedling greenhouse operation, offering heirloom varieties at the farm, as always, in May.

Jay thinks young people can still do what he and Polly did, but they don’t need 24 acres. “They can do it on 3 acres,” he said. “You can grow a lot of vegetables in a small place and a lot of young farmers have discovered that.”

He believes that overall, farming has changed for the better in the Hudson Valley, although he is troubled by the loss of big farms to housing projects and the unpredictable weather caused by climate change. “What’s throwing us off now are the warmups we’ve experienced in late March and April,” Jay said. “That’s kind of worrisome.”

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Response Team *(from Page 1)*

The Personnel Department was “shocked” to discover that the tests, instead of being arranged by its staff as is protocol, were being administered by ERT members, as per usual practice, said McConville. That led to a conversation with the Law Department and the “eye-opening” disclosure, he said.

A team made up solely of deputies will replace the ERT, based on advice from Spain, said McConville. The team will no longer share with Carmel and Kent a federal grant that had been split among the three agencies, he said.

Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown on the county Legislature, and officials from Carmel and Kent suggested that the Legislature could simply approve an intermunicipal agreement instead of having a team of deputies. But McConville said that crafting an agreement would take time.

“Our greatest concern was being able to stand up a team immediately that could respond,” he said. “We would be, alternatively, liable had we not.”

Despite the Law Department’s determination, McConville spent part of the meet-

ing fending off criticisms from Carmel and Kent officials.

Robert Kearns, a member of Carmel’s Town Board, said the disbanding “seems like a power grab,” and Kevin Owens, chief of the Kent Police Department, said no one alerted him to concerns about the team before he received the Law Department’s letter. “We feel like it was backdoored intentionally,” he said.

Michael Cazzari, Carmel’s supervisor and a former police chief for the town’s police department, said he was involved in forming a countywide team rather than continuing to wait for tactical teams from the state police and Westchester County to arrive at emergency scenes in Putnam.

“It’s foolish to go the route that you’re going and I don’t think it’s insurance,” he said. “We were covered; Kent’s covered.”

Their officers and sheriff’s deputies assigned to the ERT have negotiated with armed suspects at a number of incidents.

The unit responded in September 2021 to an hours-long standoff in Putnam Valley when medics answering to a call about a person with chest pains were confronted by a man armed with a shotgun. The incident

ended when the man used the shotgun to commit suicide.

Negotiators with the ERT convinced, in March 2020, an armed, suicidal man in the Town of Southeast to surrender after a two-hour standoff. They also negotiated the surrender, in November 2019, of an armed man barricaded for six hours inside a residence in Carmel.

McConville told the Protective Services Committee that the Sheriff’s Department is finalizing an internal response team that will be led by Capt. James Schepperly, who has been consulting with the state police and Westchester County, who each have response teams.

Westchester County has already scheduled training sessions with Putnam’s deputies, said Schepperly. McConville also said that the team could eventually expand to include officers from other municipalities.

Who controls an expanded team is the “elephant in the room,” said Montgomery. “We understand that Carmel and Kent will be allowed back on this team, but what’s not being answered is does it remain under the sheriff’s control,” she said.

NEWS BRIEFS

Putnam Doctor Accused of Sexual Assault

Allegedly disabled victim with anesthesia

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office said on Wednesday (Jan. 3) that its deputies had arrested a Southeast doctor on charges of sexual assault.

The sheriff said a woman told investigators on Dec. 29 that she had been given anesthesia by an acquaintance without her knowledge and was sexually assaulted.

The next day, investigators arrested Dr. Paul M. Giacobelli, 59, an anesthesiologist with Northwell Health and privileges at Putnam Hospital Center. He was arraigned on four counts of felony sexual abuse and one count of felony assault and remanded to the Putnam County jail. Anyone who has further information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 845-808-4377.

Police Arrest Philipstown Burglary Suspect

Accused of breaking into home in 2022

Putnam County sheriff's deputies on Dec. 14 arrested a New Jersey man accused of a residential burglary in August 2022 in Philipstown.

Steven Moye, 23, of Haledon, was detained at the White Plains City Court, where he was appearing for an unrelated matter. He was arraigned in the Town of Philipstown Court and remanded to the Putnam County jail.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department said that at midnight on Aug. 3, 2022, deputies responded to a call from a residence on Route 9D after the tenant came home and found a sliding glass door was

broken and items missing. Deputies collected surveillance camera footage and blood and fingerprint evidence. After seeing the footage, the MTA Police told the sheriff that its officers had encountered the suspect at the Garrison train station earlier that evening. That and DNA evidence helped identify Moye, the sheriff said, and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Dutchess DA Names Chief Assistant

Former assistant was opponent in race

The newly elected county district attorney, Anthony Parisi, who took office Jan. 1, announced that his chief assistant will be Michael Brady, a former senior assistant DA.

The former chief assistant, Matthew Weishaupt, who retired, was Parisi's opponent in the race to succeed William Grady, who held the DA job for 40 years.

Brady has been the principal law clerk for state Judge Jessica Segal since June 2021 and is a former senior assistant district attorney for the county.

On Wednesday (Jan. 3), new County Executive Sue Serino recommended that the Legislature appoint Margaret Walker as public defender to succeed Thomas Angell, who retired Dec. 31 (see Page 2). Walker, a native of Wappingers Falls, is the bureau chief and director of training for the Public Defender's Office.

The first woman to serve as the county's public defender, Walker will oversee 35 lawyers, social workers, investigators and others who provide representation to indi-

gent clients in criminal and family courts. Meanwhile, William F.X. O'Neil, the former county executive, told *Mid-Hudson News* that he plans to stay on as an adviser to Serino until his retirement takes effect at the end of March.

Dutchess, New York State Award Grants

Nonprofits benefit from funding

New York State announced Dec. 28 that it planned to award \$46 million in grants to help low- and moderate-income families make repairs or safety upgrades to their homes, replace manufactured homes and provide down-payment assistance for first-time buyers.

Nonprofits in the Mid-Hudson region will receive \$3.125 million. The disbursements include \$600,000 to Hudson River Housing for tenant rental assistance, \$100,000 to Putnam County Housing Corp. for emergency repairs for elderly homeowners and \$75,000 to Rebuilding Together Dutchess County for accessibility modifications.

On Dec. 27, Dutchess County said it planned to distribute nearly \$2 million to 32 nonprofits, including \$53,300 to Land to Learn for SproutEd, its nutrition assistance program for elementary students in Beacon.

Other recipients include Cornell Cooperative Extension, which is to receive \$284,000 to support its Beacon-based Green Teen

program, as well as its 4-H, No Child Left Inside, Parenting and Support Education, and Relatives as Parents initiatives.

NewYork-Presbyterian Fined by State

Hospital will pay \$300,000 for data breach

The state attorney general announced Dec. 27 that NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital will pay a \$300,000 fine for disclosing the health information of at least 54,000 people who visited its website between 2016 and 2022.

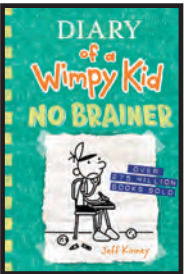
Attorney General Letitia James said in a statement that her office's investigation had found that the hospital used tools that collected and shared private and personal information with third-party tech companies when visitors searched for doctors or booked appointments, in violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

NewYork-Presbyterian operates 10 hospitals, including one in Cortlandt. The attorney general said that snippets of code sent information to Facebook that, in some cases, could identify patients and what they searched for. The hospital was alerted in June 2022 after an investigation by TheMarkup.org, which found that 33 of the nation's top 100 hospitals were using the Meta Pixel tracker.



Local Bestsellers

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



	TITLE	AUTHOR
ADULT	1 <i>The Creative Act: A Way of Being</i>	Rick Rubin
	2 <i>North Woods: A Novel</i>	Daniel Mason
	3 <i>The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder</i>	David Grann
	4 <i>The Fraud: A Novel</i>	Zadie Smith
	5 <i>Tom Lake: A Novel</i>	Ann Patchett
	6 <i>The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store: A Novel</i>	James McBride
CHILDREN	6 <i>So Late in the Day</i>	Claire Keegan
	1 <i>No Brainer (Diary of a Wimpy Kid 18)</i>	Jeff Kinney
	2 <i>Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh!</i>	Mo Willems
	3 <i>Cat Kid Comic Club: Influencers</i>	Dav Pilkey
	4 <i>Taylor Swift: A Little Golden Book Biography</i>	Wendy Loggia
	5 <i>How Does Santa Get Down the Chimney?</i>	Mac Barnett

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AROUND TOWN



▲ **ELKS GIFT** — Cathy and Patty Lamoree of the Beacon Elks presented the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation, which serves the Hudson Valley, with \$4,025 in proceeds from a fundraiser. They are shown with Pari Forood (right), the organization's executive director.



▲ **PANTRY HELPERS** — Volunteers who gather every Friday at the St. Andrew & St. Luke Church food pantry in Beacon last month prepared holiday food packages and goodies for distribution. Toys were donated by the AF Foundation and SNK Petroleum Wholesales in Hopewell Junction.

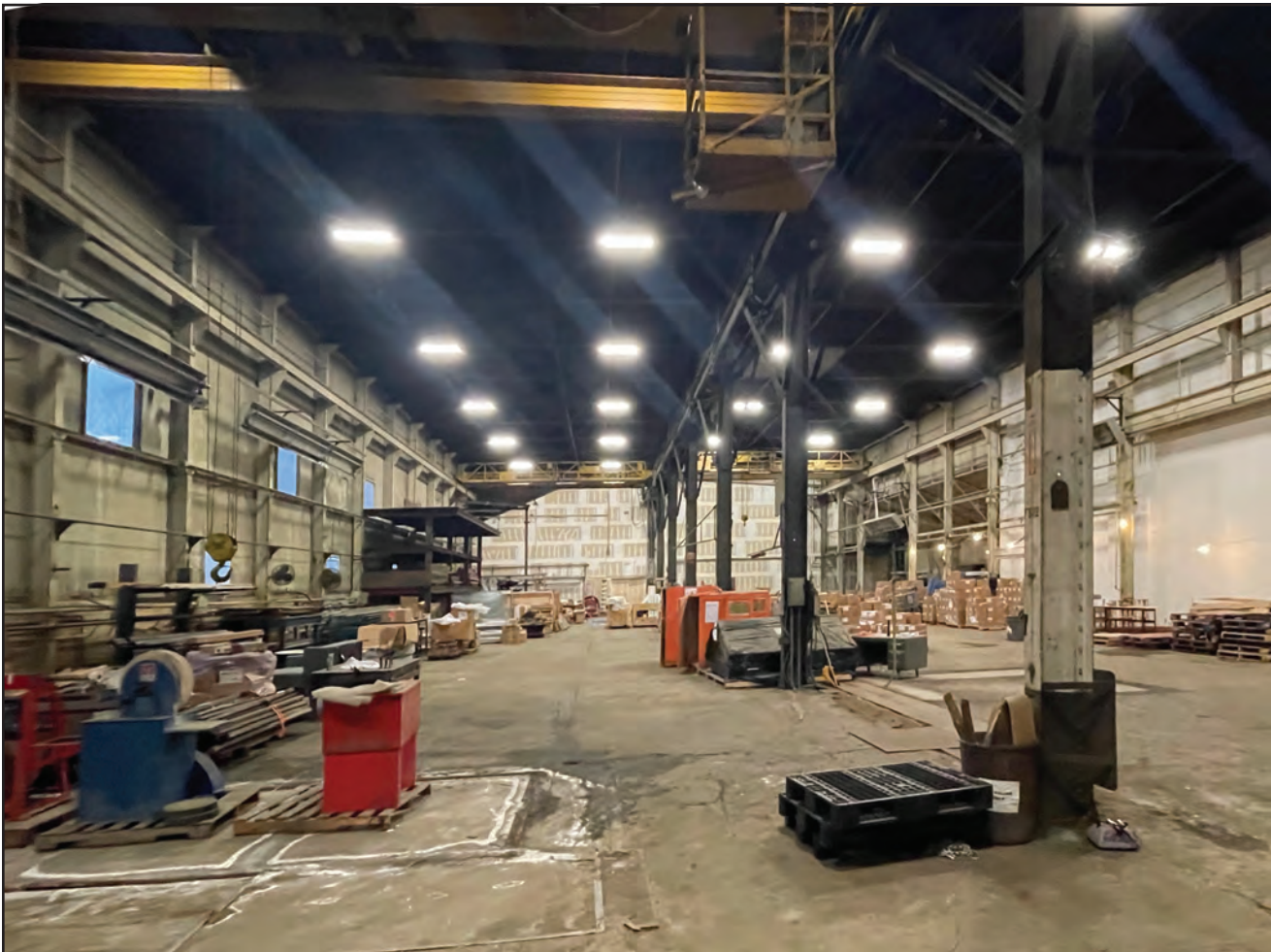


◀ **STUDENTS HONORED** — The Beacon Elks honored three Haldane Middle School students on Dec. 21 for their academic work in November. From left are eighth grader Max Kupper, seventh grader Everett MacIntyre and sixth grader Eleanor Pearson. In the back row, from left, are Jeanine McAuley, Cathy Oken and Michael Zanzarella of the Elks. Students are nominated by teachers for the award.



◀ **NEW OFFICERS** — Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville (left) recently welcomed deputies Brianna Coyle and Brian O'Connor to the ranks. The officers graduated from the Westchester County Police Academy on Dec. 8 and were assigned to the patrol division for 10 weeks of field training.

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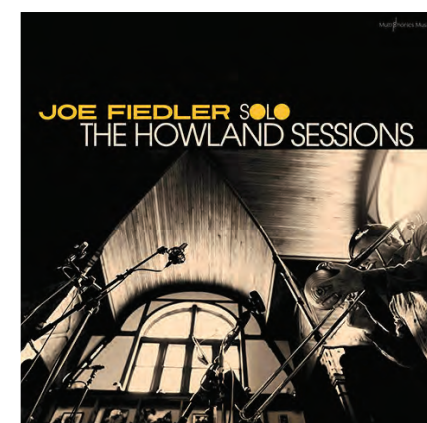
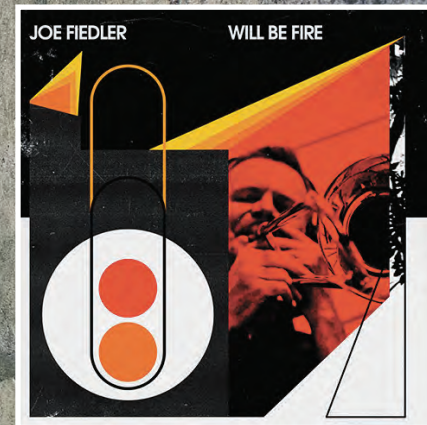
T IS FOR TROMBONE

*Joe Fiedler takes the slide
to unexpected places*

By Alison Rooney



Photo by Jacob Blickenstaff



If you haven't imagined the many ways a trombone can contribute to a piece of music, Joe Fiedler will let it slide. The former Beacon resident has spent decades expanding and experimenting on the instrument, in jazz, rhythm and blues, classical, Latin and avant garde, in solo, quartets and quintets — and on *Sesame Street* (more on that later).

In 2022, Fiedler released *The Howland Sessions*, his first solo album, which he recorded at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. It marked the 50th anniversary of innovative German trombonist Albert Mangelsdorff's first solo performance at the 1972 Munich Olympic Games in which he used multiphonics, or several notes produced at the same time.

This past November, Fiedler released *Will Be Fire*, which marked the debut of his New Quartet, with electric guitar, tuba and drums — put those sounds together! — featuring Jeff Davis, Pete McCann and Marcus Rojas. The goal, he says, was to capture the spirit of the late 1970s and early '80s Columbia Records releases of alto saxo-

phonist and composer Arthur Blythe.

Over time, Fiedler, who now lives in Peekskill, has become one of the "first-call" trombonists, featured on more than 100 recordings. He grew up in Pittsburgh, where two older cousins who played trumpet inspired him to pick it up. Alas, it was not meant to be.

"They spent weeks of trying out trumpet mouthpieces on me," he recalls, before giving up. "I became an unintentional trombonist. I had a method book and taught myself. I played in the school band and orchestra, but there was no jazz band."

Fiedler was planning on studying music in college but also had athletic opportunities at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He didn't play music for three years until he transferred to the University of Pittsburgh, where he ran into a friend who knew of a jazz band looking for a trombone player.

He earned his degree in math but decided to pursue music. Then 21, he realized he was behind his peers and waited until he was 28 to move to New York City. "I knew if I went

too soon I'd be underprepared," he says. "At that time in New York it was freelance work, and there were just two or three trombone players able to make a living. And they were in their 40s, with retirement far away."

Once he made the move, he says his eyes and ears were opened to the array of innovative styles. "I was listening to classic trombonists, but I was also hearing jazz at the after-hours places downtown," in particular, by Ray Anderson.

Fiedler was able to slot himself into many bands, from small groups that recalled the 1940s and typically included drums and upright bass, to bigger bands reminiscent of the 1970s and '80s at venues where "25 bucks got you a plate of spaghetti," he says.

"I wanted to make my living as a professional trombonist, which meant I'd play parades, brass quintets, low-level classical orchestras and salsa bands," he says. "I also wanted to be a jazz soloist, but you can't make a living that way. I could have made a living doing the wedding band circuit but that boiled my blood."

"Luckily, I'm a good sight-reader, which is a huge advantage. The Latin bands became popular later, but there were no trombones until Eddie Palmieri brought them in; I wound up playing with him for 17 years and also worked with Celia Cruz. By then three guys alternated in one slot, because we were all so busy."

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That connection with Latin bands brought Fiedler his steadiest gig, unexpectedly. "I got a call out of nowhere to play with what became [Lin-Manuel Miranda's] *In the Heights*. Bill Sherman, the orchestrator of the show, hired me to write the horn arrangements and play in the studio."

That led to another job, on a revival of the PBS children's show *Electric Company*,

(Continued on Page 14)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.



BAU Gallery, Jan. 13



Visual Memoirs, Jan. 13

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 13 Focus on Photographers

BEACON
1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org
Works by Sandra Belitza-Vazquez, Jane Soodalter, Pierce Johnston, David Burnett, William Snyder, Tony Cenicola and William Loeb will be on view. At 2:30 p.m. Snyder and Burnett will discuss their work. Through Feb. 25.

SAT 13 Mary McFerran | Olivia Wargo

BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org
McFerran's show, *Cords and Knots*, will be in view in Gallery 1, while Wargo's drawings and paintings in *Spur* are planned for the Beacon Room and smaller works by BAU members are in Gallery 2. Through Feb. 4.

SAT 13 Visual Memoirs: Portraits, Self-Portraits and Selfies

BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
The group show of portraits, self-

portraits and selfies was curated by Diana Vidal and Darya Golubina.

STAGE & SCREEN

FRI 12 The Matrix

COLD SPRING
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

For its Bucket List Movie Night series, the library will screen the top 100 movies according to IMDB, beginning with this 1999 sci-fi action film. Registration required.

FRI 12 Lit Lit

BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org
Arrive by 6:30 p.m. to sign up to read up to five minutes of an original piece of writing in any genre. *Cost: \$3 to \$5 donation*

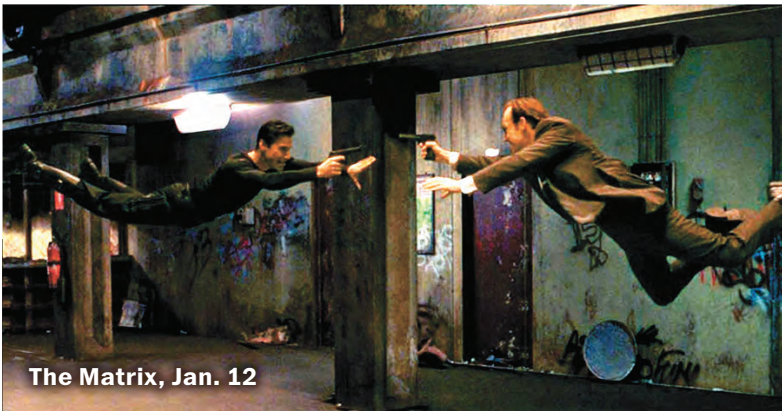
SAT 13 Nabucco

POUGHKEEPSIE
1 p.m. Bardavon
35 Market St. | bardavon.org
Watch a live stream of the Metropolitan Opera's performance starring Liudmyla Monastyrskya (soprano), Maria Barakova (mezzo-soprano), Seok Jong Baek (tenor) and Dmitry Belosselskiy (bass), set in ancient Babylon. *Cost: \$30 (\$23 ages 12 and younger)*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 6 Play Sets

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 Dan Flavin's work. *Free*



The Matrix, Jan. 12

TUES 9 Stamps & Stencils

GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
In this creator's workshop, children can make tools to customize and decorate items. Registration required.

FRI 12 Free Throw Contest

GARRISON
6 p.m. Philipstown Recreation
107 Glenclyffe
Students ages 9 to 14 are invited to compete in the annual Knights of Columbus contest organized by Loretto Council No. 536. Winners will advance to the district competition. Bring proof of age. The snow date is FRI 19. *Free*

SAT 13 Learn Latin

COLD SPRING
2 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Students in grades 4 to 7 can join a language program led by Nina Hackley that will meet twice a month. Registration required.

SAT 13 SEL Storytime

COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Children in kindergarten through second grade are invited to participate in the new social and emotional learning series. This session will focus on managing the grumpies. Registration required.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 6 New Year's Intentional Workshop

GARRISON
10 a.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
Create a visual map to set a path for yourself in the New Year. *Cost: \$40*

SAT 6 Kakizome

POUGHKEEPSIE
1:30 p.m. Arts Mid-Hudson
9 Vassar St. | 845-454-3222
artsmidhudson.org
Learn and practice the art of ritualized Japanese calligraphy to draft inspirations and wishes for the New Year. *Free*

THURS 11 Agroforestry

BREWSTER
Noon. Via Zoom | cceptutnamcounty.org
Learn from the Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County how to integrate forest farming into your landscape and grow food in the woods. *Cost: \$5 to \$15*

THURS 11 Music of the Civil War

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org
Marc Ferris, the author of *Star-Spangled Banner: The Unlikely Story of America's National Anthem*, will play historical songs on guitar and piano and discuss their origins. Join in person or watch via Zoom. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

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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.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, January 18th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.**

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Planning Board January 2024.

SAT 13
The Gee's Bend Quilting Tradition
POUGHKEEPSIE
2 p.m. First Congregational Church
269 Mill St. | mhahp.vassarspaces.net
Lisa Gail Collins, a professor at Vassar, and Narcita Medina of the Mid-Hudson Anti-Slavery History Project will talk about the narratives created in quilts from a small Alabama town. *Free*



VISUAL ARTS

SAT 6
Winter Show
COLD SPRING
Noon – 5 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St. | busterlevigallery.com
Works by John Allen, Ada Pilar Cruz, Gretchen Kane, Bill Kooistra, Martee Levi, Pat Hickman, Lucille Tortora, Rick Brazill, Grey Zeien, Grace Kennedy, Tim D'Aquisto, Jenne Currie and Maria Pia Marrella will be on display. Through Feb. 28.



MUSIC

SAT 6
David Fung
NEWBURGH
5 p.m. Calvary Presbyterian Church
120 South St. | thornwillowinstitute.org
The pianist's program will include compositions by Beethoven, Dett and Schubert. *Free*



SAT 6
Sharkey & The Sparks
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Sharkey McEwen will play covers and originals with his son, Ben, and their band. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 7
Take Five
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The Kenyon College jazz a capella group, with Haldane High School grad Conrad White, will perform. *Cost: \$10 donation*

THURS 11
Here Comes the Sun
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band celebrates the musical complexity of the Beatles. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

FRI 12
Magic of Motown
POUGHKEEPSIE
7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org
Fifteen vocalists and a six-piece

band will perform the music of Aretha Franklin, the Temptations and others. *Cost: \$60 to \$90*

FRI 12
The Whiskey Treaty Roadshow
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The Americana and rock band will play music from its new release, *Late Night, Laid Back and Live*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 13
Chris O'Leary Band
BEACON
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The former singer for the Barnburners will play music from his latest release, *The Hard Line*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 13
Westchester Jazz Alliance Quartet
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Charles Krachy (saxophone), Dave Frank (piano), Stan Fortuan (bass)

and T-kash Inuoe (drums) will perform. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 14
Last Minute Soulmates
BEACON
7 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The band will play covers and originals. *Cost: \$15 food/drink purchase*

CIVIC

SAT 6
Swearing-In Ceremony
BEACON
3 p.m. Memorial Building
413 Main St.
The mayor and other members of the City Council will take their oaths.

MON 8
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

MON 8
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

WED 10
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 10
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

WED 10
HVSF Public Hearing
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com
The Town Board will hear comments on the proposed rezoning of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival property at the former Garrison Golf Club.



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Though our coffers may feel flush, money and the uncertainty it engenders need to play a far less central role in our lives.

That sentiment, along with plenty of evidence to back it up, is a focal point of Beacon writer Jeff Golden's book, *Reclaiming the Sacred: Healing Our Relationships with Ourselves and the World*, which won the 2023 Nautilus Book Awards grand prize — the first self-published title in at least 10 years to do so.

The Nautilus Book Awards, founded in 2000 to “celebrate and honor books that support conscious living and green values, wellness, social change, social justice, and spiritual growth,” present one to three gold awards in 35 categories; Golden's was one of two winners in Personal Growth & Self-Help for small presses and self-published titles. The judges then selected one book to receive the grand prize.

Reclaiming the Sacred, says Golden, “takes a deep dive into purpose, belonging and the way that money becomes an obsession. “How is it that money and possessions have come to be so central?” Golden asks, pointing out that suicide rates, a surge of people who feel alone and other measures of unhappiness are well-known but deflected when it comes to fiscal matters.

“There's a level on which generally all of us are among the converted, where money substitutes for things that matter,” he says.

Reclaiming the Sacred

Beacon writer wins Nautilus Book Awards grand prize

By Alison Rooney

He notes that research shows that “money counts for just 2 to 4 percent of things that matter to us.

“The immense material wealth that we have is inconceivable to our ancestors,” he notes. “How much do people really need? This is a conversation around that. The book suggests you reflect on, even during those times when you were lacking, what is more important to you.”

In a tonal shift, the latter part of the book “dives into almost mystical ideas congruent to the first section,” says Golden. There, he pursues the thought that “what does serve us best benefits the globe as well.”



He asks: “How do we step off this careening train and drop into something that serves us? Getting engaged in politics is somewhat the arc of the book. Though there's plenty of finger-pointing, finally we shift to, ‘How do we step back into what's more nourishing?’”

Golden, who founded Beacon Prison Action and co-founded the Common Fire Community, began writing *Reclaiming the Sacred* in 2011. “It was all meant to be, and it had a way about it that carried me through those years — a coming together of many important elements,” he says. “Writing a book was never a goal. Like most art, there's what we bring to it and what emerges. This experience was one of me being patient, a

beautiful dance.”

The original idea was a short dive into key issues of our time. “The first chapter had to be about money and happiness,” he recalls. “It evolved into a complete flip, about money and issues of consumption, then a deeper dive not on my radar. I feel that somehow I was in the right place for this book to come through me. It has allowed me to deepen my presence and belonging in the world.”

Asked if he felt optimistic, Golden was quick to reply: “Where we're at politically doesn't bode well, but when it comes to possibility for individual change, there is enormous potential for each of us for a greater purpose. If each of us can walk this path, obviously we win, and that feeds into the bigger picture, which is only positive and good.”

Golden will host a reading and “experiential exercise” at 4 p.m. on Jan. 13 at Beahive, 6 Eliza St., in Beacon. *Reclaiming the Sacred* is available at Stanza Books and the Beacon Natural Market, or through reclaimingthesacred.net.



Golden

Fiedler (from Page 11)

which led to his current position 14 seasons ago as music director of *Sesame Street*. (He has released two albums of jazz — *Fuzzy and Blue* and *Open Sesame* — with tracks such as “Put Down the Duckie,” “Elmo's Song” and “Somebody Come Out and Play.”)

That stability allows Fiedler to choose his projects, including his own label, which he founded in 2013. He plays about 50 nights a year and has recorded 13 albums.

“Back in the day you were finished play-

ing when you were in your 60s,” he says. “The trombone is a demanding instrument physically, but nowadays many trombonists are playing into their 70s. I cycle, do yoga. I practice two hours a day, 365 days a year. It's a regimen; if you don't have one, you risk injury.”

To stream or download Fiedler's albums, see joefiedler.com. On March 3, Joe Fiedler's *Open Sesame* will perform at *The Falcon in Marlboro*.



Joe Fiedler in the recording studio



Photos by Jacob Blickenstaff

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Each year, the members of Ashley Linda's journalism class at Haldane High School publish a newspaper, *The Blue Print*. With support from the Haldane School Foundation, *The Current* is working with the students to share their reporting with the community. Selections from the two most recent issues appear below.

Faculty Advisor: Ms. Linda **Senior Editor:** Eloise Pearsall

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Gotta Get Goats...?

By Will Busselle and Henry Foley-Hedlund

Baa! is a noise that Haldane High School students may soon get used to.

The Habitat Revival Club is seeking funding from the Haldane School Foundation to keep several on campus beginning in the spring. The proposal has the goats stay in a fenced space behind the high school next to the parking lot. The job of the goats would be to clear brush from the land and eat invasive species.

The effort to bring in goats is being led by Sofia Kelly, who serves as founder and president of the Habitat Revival Club, which was started last year. According to Kelly, the idea came from maintenance director Adam MacNeil.

"The goats would be lent by Green Goats Rhinebeck, a farm dedicated to lending goats to remove unwanted invasive species from public land," stated Kelly. "They are trained and have been used to remove invasives from places like Bard College, the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic in Hyde Park, and multiple schools across the East Coast. The goats are incredibly friendly, interactive creatures, and some goats have even been used as therapy creatures."

Why goats? Goats will eat all sorts of plants, and even tree bark. Instead of clearing the land by hand, the goats can slowly remove brush while feeding themselves. According to the American Goat Federation, goats can access areas that may be difficult to reach for humans in a diverse range of landscapes.

The AGF also states that the environmental impact of using goats to clear land is far better than using popular alternatives such as chemicals, machinery and controlled fires. Even the waste

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Haldane Welcomes Back Students, But Not Phones

By Will Busselle

As we re-acclimate back into the school year, there is one popular student fixation that we are trying to rid our classrooms of: obsessive phone use.

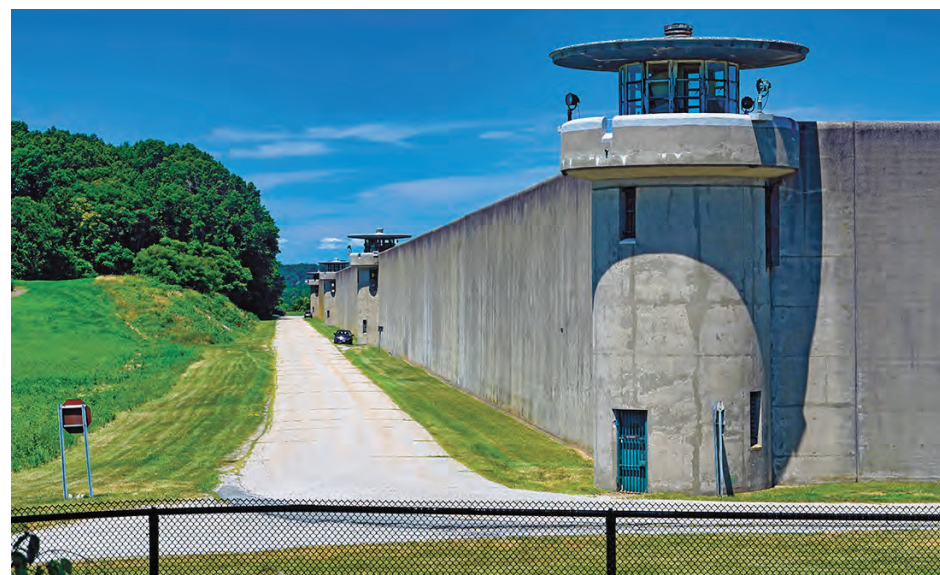
At the beginning of the 2023-24 school year, each classroom was equipped with a phone holder — a series of little pockets made out of cloth and plastic, hung on walls or behind doors.

The rule is that your phone must remain in

a pocket for the duration of the class period, unless told otherwise by the teacher. Some teachers have been using these items for a while now, so the phone holders have gotten some clever nicknames such as the No-Cell Motel" or "Phone Jail." With the schoolwide adoption of these phone holders, we sought out to answer one question: why?

We reached out to Mr. Sassano, teacher and chair of the math department, who

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Haldane Students Visit Correctional Facility

By Eloise Pearsall

On Oct. 25, Haldane's criminology class visited Green Haven Correctional Facility, a maximum-security prison in Stormville. The sociology class will visit the prison, as they do annually, in April.

Haldane students have been attending trips to Green Haven for several years. They are given the opportunity to tour the prison and hear various stories from inmates, some of whom were open about their experiences.

Green Haven Correctional Facility opened in 1941 and covers 925 acres, holding more than 1,800 inmates, in addition to 750 workers (550 who are correctional officers). Green Haven initiated the Program for a

Calculated Transition (PACT) in 1978, which is an "inmate-run social, education, and philanthropic organization that sponsors educational programs as a way to strengthen members' ties to the communities they come from," according to Yale Law School.

"The guards we talked to were friendly and although the prisoners were intimidating at first, they became less scary," said Finola Kiter. "I was surprised by a specific prisoner who was trying to reduce his sentence. He claimed he was unfairly sentenced and wanted reparations."

Students were prohibited from wearing green (as the prisoners at Green Haven wear

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Haldane's Debate Club Hones Skills

By Corinna Mueller

The Haldane Debate Club, comprised of 13 high school students, had a busy fall.

On Oct. 27, the club hosted a scrimmage against Poughkeepsie, where two topics were debated: (1) The driving age should be raised in New York to 18, and (2) There should be a mandatory national civil service program requiring 90 consecutive days of civil service from all Americans between ages 18 and 26.

Helena Kottman, a senior at Haldane and club president, said that Poughkeepsie "had one fantastic team of seniors, and the rest were less experienced but very enthusiastic. There was a great atmosphere of camaraderie and support."

"The less experienced debaters said they were glad to get to debate against more practiced debaters because they had a role model and goal to work toward. The more seasoned students were also supportive and encouraging, so I think everyone went home feeling grateful that they came."

Scrimmages typically last for an hour. Once the topic is revealed, the debaters find out who they will be opposing, which adult will judge their debate, and if they

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Helena Kottman, president of the Haldane Debate Club



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are debating in favor of the topic or not in favor.

The two teams and their adult are then sent to a classroom and sit next to each other, facing the opposing team. The adult is sitting in the middle, usually connecting the line between the two teams. After they are situated, sometimes pizza is brought in. When it is everyone's turn to speak, they stand in the front of the room with their speech and state their case.

Haldane A, with senior Gabriel Lunin-Pack, junior Keira Shanahan and freshman Lincoln Wayland, were the "winners" in that they were the only team to win both debates.

Another scrimmage was scheduled at Poughkeepsie with Haldane, Poughkeepsie, Arlington, Newburgh and Red Hook. The two topics were: (1) The U.S. should implement a carbon tax on corporations at the same tax rate as the European Union to help combat climate change, and (2) Child labor laws should be loosened.

Kottman reflected: "We have debated a lot with Poughkeepsie and Arlington, but we don't get to see Red Hook and Newburgh as much, so it should be fun to debate against some new competition. Although it would be nice if Haldane won something, I will consider the scrimmage a win if we get to learn something new from other teams, and step out of our comfort zones a little to have interesting conversations with other bright students."

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was an early adopter of the phone holder system. "I found that it keeps people more focused in class," he said. "It takes away a lot of the temptation."

"I don't really have a feeling one way or the another" commented physics teacher Mr. Lynch, but he understands why this policy has been put into place. "A student has to pay attention." He added: "If a device goes off, you're naturally prone to look at it. I try to treat students as college students. But if you don't have the self-control and pull it out, I will enforce it."

The policy is, in part, an effort to help create a better learning environment for all students. "We have a population of students that really struggle with distraction and attention," stated Principal Julia Sniffen.

A factor that played a role in developing the new phone policy in the high school was data from student surveys. According



to Mrs. Sniffen, when looking at responses about attention and distraction she noticed, "that data was not great." She admitted: "We don't have solid evidence that phones are one of the things that are distracting

[students] from engagement, but we would like to change a variable to see if maybe it is in fact the phones.

"I will tell you, anecdotally, in talking to teachers, they have seen a change" she recounted. "I wish we did it a couple of years ago."

Jonah Mangan, a sophomore, believes that issues around attention stem from elsewhere, stating, "I disagree with it strongly. The teachers are just not engaging enough."

Senior Vanja Booth believes students "need to develop some discipline" on their own. "Just put it in your bag."

Mrs. Sniffen claims that ninth graders "were the most vocal." According to the freshmen I interviewed, phones had to stay in their lockers in middle school for the duration of the day and this policy was well enforced by the principal. Freshman Graham Wepler said "it's better [than the middle school] but it's a little annoying that we have to hang our phones up."

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produced by the goats benefits the landscape because it helps fertilize the soil.

The use of goats to clear land has faced controversy though. According to the *Detroit Free Press*, in 2017, the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees filed a grievance against Western Michigan University for its use of goats. The AFSCME argued that the goats had taken jobs away from union workers who were laid off.

We went to the hallways to interview students and staff to get an understanding

of how they felt about the idea. Students and staff expressed a range of opinions.

"I think it is dangerous to have goats," said senior Lola Mahoney. "Students who respect goats will be nice to them but those who don't respect teachers may not respect goats."

Senior Ryan Van Tassel feels differently and supports the idea, "Goats are a great idea" he explained. "It would be fun; they are better than humans."

Sophomore Jenny Knox stated she was worried about the smell but said she "would try and pet the goats."

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green), wearing jewelry, or bringing personal belongings like phones or water bottles.

These rules were carefully followed, especially after hearing about the lockdown that occurred at the prison in early October, before Haldane's trip.

Jacqueline Muth expressed that although it was "extremely terrifying at first," she was glad that she attended and would recommend it to anybody who has the chance.

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Francis J. Lahey (1929-2024)

Francis “Terry” Lahey passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 2, 2024, surrounded by his family, at the age of 94.

He was born in Cold Spring, NY on Nov. 19, 1929, to Grace Schatzle Lahey and Joseph N. Lahey. He grew up in Cold Spring and attended Our Lady of Loretto Catholic School and Haldane High School with his six brothers and sisters.

Terry received an engineering degree from Westchester Community College and served in the U.S. Army as Sergeant First Class in the Engineering Combat Unit during the Korean War.

He married Joan Mary Matthews on April 9, 1951, and they raised nine children together in the Village of Cold Spring. Terry worked for over 32 years for the NYS Facilities Development Corporation as a construction engineer.

Terry loved his community of Cold Spring and was very active in community service. He was a member of the Cold Spring Fire Department for over 60 years. He served on the Cold Spring Village Board 1963-1972, Philipstown Recreation Commission 1975-1978, Philipstown Town Board 1978-1988, and Philipstown Town Supervisor January 1988 through December 1989.

He was proud of his service to his country and was a member of the James Harvey Hustis VFW Post 2362. He was a lifetime member of Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church.

Terry was predeceased by his parents and his six siblings; his beloved wife, Joan; his son, Francis Patrick Lahey; two infant children; his grandson, Patrick Terrence Lahey; and his infant great-granddaughter Gracie Naeder.

He is survived by eight children: Terrence Lahey (Connie), Kevin Lahey (Amy), Kathleen Percacciolo (Joseph), Bridget Immorlica (Joseph), Joseph Lahey, Eileen Lahey Dahlia, Joanne Percacciolo (Anthony), Matthew Lahey (Melissa), and his daughter-in-law Bonnie Lahey (Patrick). He is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way.

Friends may call on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Clinton Funeral Home, 21 Parrott St., Cold Spring, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair St., Cold Spring. Interment with military honors will follow in Cold Spring Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Terry’s memory to James Harvey Hustis VFW Post 2362, 10 Cedar St., Cold Spring, NY 10516, or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516 (woundedwarriorproject.org).

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Savannah Acuti, Lily Amundson, Molly-Rose Archer, Emma Bellis, Giovanna Botti-glieri, Casey Brandstrom, Juniper Breault, Hartley Brickman, Myasia Burch, Isabella Bustamente, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Jason David, Angeleah Decker, Christopher Diaz, Ethan Diaz, Naim Dika, Daniel Echevar-ria, Ayham Ghazzawi, Analyah Gonzalez, Maliah Graham, Elidonya Hudson, Aaliyah Iciano, Hailee Jennings, Teanna Jennings, Syeira Kozlik, Ava Lassiter, Isaac Long, Ryan Mowen, Luna Neyra, Ray Noble IV, Brianne Papo, Nicholas Perry, David Ramirez, Noah Sanderson, Jeremiah Sellers-Richards, Za'layni Shand, Neji Simon, Jamir Spence, Adryanah Sweat, Madison Thompson, Brevin Timm, Connor Varricchio, Slater Way, Ny'el Woods, Piper Yewchuck

For middle-school honor rolls, see highlandscurrent.org.

NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing – January 18th, 2024

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 18th, 2024 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 to consider the following application:

RKB Materials LLC, 39 Horseman's Trail, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#16.12-1-7

Project: Major Site Plan, Amended Site Plan; Construction of a 50' x 70' garage and overnight parking of six tri-axle dump trucks.

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

Application and supporting materials for this application can also be seen at the below links:

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/planningboard/september>

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/planningboard/october>

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 16th day of November, 2023.
Neal Tomann, Acting Chair

NOTICE

KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Haldane Central School District is beginning the Kindergarten registration process for the 2024-2025 school year. Children turning five on or before December 1, 2024 who live in the Haldane Central School District are eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents are invited to attend a Kindergarten Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 p.m.** (2/14 Snow date). Enter Haldane Middle School through the Main Entrance, Orientation will be held in Elementary Room 116.

To register, please complete the registration packet on our website: **www.haldaneschool.org**. Click on Parent Quick Links, Registration then Kindergarten Registration. Fill out and submit the required forms along with supporting documentation then kindly schedule a phone appointment with **Tanesha Watkins @ 845-265-9254 ext. 122 between Feb 20 and 29 (8:15 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)** to complete the registration process.

Parents requiring in person registration or having additional questions should contact Mrs. Watkins directly.

Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. Melville captain

5. Male swans

9. Luau dish

12. Humorist Barry

13. Med. plan options

14. PC program

15. Barrel bottom bit

16. Concerning

17. Old Olds

18. Voice in an iPhone

19. Half of XIV

20. Rooters

21. Formerly called

23. *Morning Edition* aier

25. Humidor contents

28. Salad base

32. Maxim

33. Sean of *Rudy*

34. Bequest

36. Surround with light

37. Judge Lance

38. Approves
39. Iowa crop

42. WWII service member

44. "See ya!"

48. Some

49. *Legally Blonde* role

50. Branches

51. Wish otherwise

52. Intend

53. Harvest

54. Curvy letter

55. *Garfield* dog

56. Catches some rays
- DOWN
1. Totals

2. Mata —

3. Say it's so

4. 2013 Keira Knightley film

5. Sour cream tidbits

6. Hotel chain

7. Ho-hum

8. Away from NNW

9. Brazilian rubber
10. Frank

11. Wall St. debuts

20. Clean slate

22. Upright

24. Bit of mischief

25. Baseball's Ripken

26. Chemical suffix

27. Joke

29. JFK info

30. Goose egg

31. — -cone

35. Cried in pain

36. Tertiary Period epoch

39. Give a darn

40. Burden

41. Deli loaves

43. Jai —

45. Bailiwick

46. Eliot Ness, e.g.

47. Nile vipers

49. Punk rock offshoot

SUDOCURRENT

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9			6	1		8		4

WORDLADDER

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

HAPPY

LANDS

MICRO
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. U.S. Open winner

Naomi _____

6. Sheet music symbol

7. Film critic, often

8. Get hitched in Vegas,

maybe

9. Touch, for one
- DOWN
1. Shrek and Fiona's kids

2. Deli counter item

3. *Good Eats* host _____

Brown

4. Doesn't chuck

5. "It's _____ country!"

T	R	O	T		S	O	B		S	T	E	M
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6	1	7	3	9	5	8	2	4
3	5	2	6	7	8	4	9	1
8	4	6	2	1	9	5	7	3
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4	9	8	7	2	6	1	3	5
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Derek Fortes (20) rises for a jump shot against Arlington on Dec. 28.



Reilly Landisi (1) scored 11 points but Beacon fell to Saugerties on Dec. 28 for its first loss of the season.



Daveya Rodriguez drives against Saugerties. No. 22 is Rayana Taylor.

Photos by Cadence Heeter

Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' BASKETBALL — In their first game in eight days, the Blue Devils easily defeated visiting Chester, 72-42, on Dec. 29. Haldane never trailed and led by as many as 39.

Matt Nachamkin had another dominant performance, scoring 34 points, followed by Michael Murray with 19. Coach Joe Virgadamio cleared his bench at the end of the game, and Dylan Rucker, Jordan Hankel, Peter Ruggiero and Erik Stubblefield played for most of the fourth quarter. "They're just playing for each other and having fun," the coach said.

The Blue Devils (5-1) hosted North Salem on Thursday (Jan. 4) and travel on Tuesday (Jan. 9) to Sleepy Hollow. The New York State Sportswriters Association this week ranked Haldane fourth in the state among Class C schools.

Meanwhile, Matteo Cervone, a 2023 Haldane graduate who plays for Bowdoin College in Maine, has appeared in eight games for the Polar Bears (6-7). He scored six points and grabbed seven rebounds in a win on Dec. 9 over Gordon College.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — The Blue Devils played their first game in nearly a month on

Wednesday (Jan. 3), defeating the Barack Obama School of Justice of Yonkers, 45-28.

Haldane played without Marisa Peters, who was sick, and lost Kayla Ruggiero temporarily in the second quarter when she landed awkwardly while driving to the basket. She returned in the third quarter, but Obama used its height advantage to score in the paint and dominate the boards and cut Haldane's lead to seven. But the Blue Devils went on a 14-4 run to put the game away.

The fourth quarter included a mid-range jumper from eighth-grader Lainey Donaghy for her first points of the season. "She's our youngest on the team and doesn't get much playing time, but she certainly made the most of it," said Coach Charles Martinez.

Camilla McDaniel, who at one point hit three straight 3-pointers, led Haldane with 19 points, while Ruggiero scored 14.

The Blue Devils (5-4) travel on Saturday (Jan. 6) to Yonkers Montessori Academy and on Friday (Jan. 12) host undefeated Alexander Hamilton at 6:15 p.m.

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

BOYS' BASKETBALL — After opening the Duane Davis Memorial Tournament at



Jazziah Whitted (2) leads the offense for the Bulldogs.

Lourdes with a win over Monroe-Woodbury, Beacon lost in the semifinals on Dec. 28 to Arlington, 69-47, and in a consolation game to Ketchum, 65-50.

The Bulldogs traveled to Monticello on Wednesday (Jan. 3) but fell in overtime, 66-62. Beacon (2-8) will host Liberty on Monday (Jan. 8) and Pine Bush on Thursday. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL — After winning

five straight to start the season, Beacon dropped its first game, losing to Saugerties, 44-37, on Dec. 28. Reilly Landisi scored 11 points, while Daveya Rodriguez had 10 plus eight rebounds.

The Bulldogs came back on Wednesday (Jan. 3) with a 54-16 win over Spackenkill behind 11 points, eight rebounds and five blocks from Rodriguez.

Beacon (6-1) will host Port Jervis on Tuesday (Jan. 9) at 4:45 p.m. and travel to Hyde Park on Wednesday to take on Franklin Roosevelt.

WINTER TRACK — On Dec. 29 at the Marine Corps Holiday Classic at The Armory in New York City, Zachary Schetter picked up fifth-place finishes in the long jump (18-11) and triple jump (37-3). Jayden Mihalchik tied for fifth in the pole vault at 9-6 and Tye Elias placed 16th among 99 runners in the 200-meter dash in 24 seconds. For the girls, Mikaela Sanchez was 36th of 68 runners in the 55-meter dash in 8.34 seconds and Stella Reinke was 23rd of 57 runners in the 800 meters in 2:47.61.

WRESTLING — Beacon wrapped up the Mid-Hudson Tournament with two wrestlers competing on the final day. Jude Betancourt placed sixth at 152 pounds and Avery Davis was eighth at 170 pounds. The Bulldogs hosted Cornwall on Wednesday (Jan. 3) and travel to Newburgh on Tuesday (Jan. 9).