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## Cold Spring's New Officer-in-Charge

*NYPD veteran says he likes to walk the beat*

By Michael Turton

In April, the Cold Spring Board of Trustees appointed Larry Burke as officer-in-charge of the village police department, succeeding George Kane. Burke, 51, who lives in North Highlands with his wife, joined the force in 2014 and now oversees 12 officers (all village officers, including Burke, are part-time). We spoke with him at the Cold Spring Police Department office on Main Street. His responses have been edited for brevity.

### Where did you grow up?

In Inwood, on the northern tip of Manhattan, just north of the Bronx and south of Marble Hill.

### As a youngster, what did you dream of becoming?

I didn't know what I wanted to do. I had always seen the officer walking around our neighborhood, keeping us in line when we needed it. He knew our parents and everyone in the neighborhood. I thought it would be a great job. You could take the police test when you were 16-and-a-half years of age. They called me when I was 18 and did a background investigation, although I couldn't go into the academy until I was 20.

### Is "cop" still considered a derogatory term?

Not for me, although "police officer" is more professional. Back in the day in the neighborhood, it was always, "The cop's on the block ... The cop this, the cop that ..."

### When did you join the police force?

I went to the New York City Police Academy in 1987. You were assigned to housing, transit or regular NYPD. I was assigned to transit and attended that academy and worked in the subway system until I joined the regular NYPD in 1992.

### What was it like being a police officer in New York?

When you're a rookie they put you in the high-crime areas, which for me was the 40th precinct in the South Bronx. You ran from job to job answering 911 calls. After that I got into community policing, which I loved. My patrol was 149th Street and Cortland Avenue to 151st Street. You went out every day, walked the beat, went into  
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Haldane kindergarteners sit with their new elm. See story on Page 19.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

## Roger Ailes Dies at 77

*Fox News founder was former Garrison resident*

By Chip Rowe

Roger Ailes, the former head of Fox News who spent the last decade of his life as a resident of Garrison and a political force in Philipstown, died on May 17 at age 77. According to a report by CNN, he fell at his Florida home eight days ago and hit his head, after which his condition deteriorated.

In a statement on May 17, his wife, Elizabeth Ailes, said: "I am profoundly sad and heartbroken to report that my husband, Roger Ailes, passed away this morning. Roger was a loving hus-

band to me, to his son Zachary, and a loyal friend to many. He was also a patriot, profoundly grateful to live in a country that gave him so much opportunity to work hard, to rise — and to give back.

"During a career that stretched over more than five decades, his work in entertainment, in politics, and in news affected the lives of many millions. And so even as we mourn his death, we  
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Roger Ailes Fox News photo

## Beacon Democrats Back Council Newcomers

*Committee declines to endorse two incumbents*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Democratic Committee has revealed its endorsements for this fall's local elections and is favoring newcomers for all four ward-based seats on the City Council.

Notably, the committee declined to endorse two Democratic incumbents, Omar Harper in Ward 2 and Ali Muhammad in Ward 4.

Instead, the committee will back John Rembert in Ward 2 and Amber Grant in Ward 4. It also endorsed Terry Nelson in Ward 1 and Jodi McCredo in Ward 3. None of the four have held political office before.

Peggy Ross, who represents Ward 1, and Pam Wetherbee, who represents Ward 3, said they will not run for re-election.

The Beacon Democrats also  
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Omar Harper, left, and Ali Muhammad

File photos



# Putnam SPCA Proposes Dangerous Dog Act

*Would place restrictions on animals and owners*

By Holly Crocco

After successfully lobbying Putnam County for a public registry of residents convicted of animal abuse, the Putnam Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has asked the Legislature to pass a Dangerous Dogs Act.

During the May 10 Rules Committee meeting, Putnam SPCA Chief Kenneth Ross explained the proposal, which would target dogs that have gone through the court system and been declared “dangerous” by a judge.

“We want to know where these ticking time bombs are,” he said.

While some municipalities have their own dangerous dog laws, most rely on state law, which allows victims, witnesses or law enforcement officers to file a com-

plaint. If a judge finds probable cause to believe the animal is dangerous, he or she can order it seized.

A hearing must be scheduled within five days, during which the complainant must prove by “convincing evidence” that the animal is dangerous. If a judge agrees, the dog can be neutered or spayed or must always be leashed and/or muzzled in public under the control of an adult age 21 or older.

Among other restrictions, its owner also must maintain at least \$100,000 in liability insurance.

If a dog is proven to have attacked without being provoked, has a history of unjustified attacks or has caused serious injury or death to a companion animal within

the last two years, a judge may order euthanasia or permanent confinement.

While the proposed Putnam legislation mirrors the state law, it includes a few additional provisions. For instance, any dog deemed dangerous would have to be

penned in by walls or fencing at least 8 feet high.

“When you have an animal like this living next door to you, we don’t want it to be able to jump over a fence,” Ross explained. An “in-

visible fence,” where the animal wears a shock collar that is triggered by a buried wire, would not provide enough protection because it could malfunction. A first responder called to the home in an emergency would also be at risk, Ross said.

In addition, the dog would be required

to wear a bright orange fluorescent collar and could not be penned within 500 feet of a school, hospital, nursing home, day-care center or public park. The property owner would be required to post 12-inch-square “Beware of Dog” signs facing in all directions with a photo of the animal.

Finally, the proposed law would require the owner to purchase a \$500 dog license.

“We should make it onerous,” said Ross. “We don’t want the dog in this county.”

Ross could not say how many dogs in the county have been deemed dangerous by a judge. “There’s no way to get a grasp unless you go town-by-town,” he said. For that reason, the SPCA is also proposing to legislators a registry that would include the dog’s breed, age and photo, the date the dog was declared dangerous, and the owner’s name and address.

Lawmakers agreed to forward the proposal to the county Law Department for review.



# Beacon Firehouse Plan Shifts from Dog Park

*Dutchess County partnership possible*

By Jeff Simms

The long-running effort to identify a site for a centralized Beacon fire station will continue, as the City Council has pivoted from a plan to put the station in Memorial Park, and is now setting its sights on the Dutchess County building at 223 Main St.

The council appeared in recent weeks to have settled on the Memorial Park dog-run area and was scheduled to vote on May 15, but opted to table the decision after a number of residents spoke out against the choice and Council member Lee Kyriacou questioned the long-term viability of the park.

Memorial Park emerged as the choice after a site selection committee whittled down a list of nearly 20 potential locations. However, at the May 15 meeting, it was Kyriacou who suggested reconsidering the committee’s original first choice — rebuilding and expanding the 106-year-old Mase Hook and Ladder station on Main.

Building on that site would cost more up front than Memorial Park, but could prove wise in the long run, Kyriacou said.

“If we were to choose the first choice selected by the committee, or another site on Main Street,” he said, “we would be able to kill at least four birds with one stone. It will be a firehouse, we could be talking about relocating City Hall, we could be talking about a community center and we could be talking about parking.

“All of those are structural facilities that, if we put them on Main Street, we could share.”

Kyriacou also pointed to the new Beacon Highway Department building on Camp Beacon Road as a facility whose out-of-the-way location limits the sharing of services.

That led Mayor Randy Casale to the Dutchess County building, which sits on the west end of Main and houses mental health facilities and the Department of Motor Vehicles. “I would like to talk to Dutchess County and ask if we could share services with them,” Casale said. “I’d like to ask if we knocked that [223 Main] building down and placed a new building on that whole site, then we might be able to put a couple of [city and county]

services in there.”

The council voted 6 to 1, with Ali Muhammad dissenting (he said the council needed to finally make a decision), to table the vote on the dog park, pending a discussion with Dutchess County. The feasibility of partner-

ing with the county is expected to be on an upcoming council workshop agenda.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has urged county and local officials to share resources as a means of reducing tax burdens. When asked whether the county would consider sharing a Main Street facility with the city, Dutchess County Legislator Jerry Landisi said: “I’m not sure how the county will react to this, but I feel it is worth looking into. I have always felt that location could be put to better use. This could potentially be that better use.”

Numerous studies have concluded that the city’s three aging fire stations should be consolidated, as maintaining the stations — two of which are more than 100



Beacon's Memorial Park dog lot

Photo by J. Simms

years old — has proven challenging.

The most recent study commissioned by the city in 2014 recommended a 21,200-square-foot station at the city-owned Cannon Practice Field at the corner of Verplanck Avenue and Matteawan Street. The site is no longer being considered because a 1920s deed restriction stipulates that the land only be used for children’s athletics.

Should the city return to the Memorial Park dog run, the land would need to be removed from the state’s park inventory before Beacon could build there. That process, said City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis, would involve Beacon making up for the loss by adding parkland elsewhere or making improvements to existing parks.

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# Letter to Merchants Raises Concerns

*Also, Village closes in on Dockside agreement*

By Michael Turton

**M**ain Street business owners in Cold Spring received a surprise in their February mail: A letter from the state Division of Human Rights that stated they are required to make their shops accessible to those with physical disabilities.

“A refusal to remove architectural barriers which prevent persons with disabilities from accessing a public accommodation may constitute an unlawful discriminatory practice,” wrote Human Rights Specialist Albert L. Jacobs III. “We ask that you remove the step at the entrance and install a ramp.”

About 10 merchants received the letter, Mayor Dave Merandy said at the May 9 meeting of the Village Board. The village owns the stoop in front of most Main Street buildings but was not copied on the correspondence. “I read the letter as a bit threatening and I think a lot of people did,” he said.

The mayor said he met with officials from the Division of Human Rights, who told him it wanted building owners to indicate whether they could comply. “That wasn’t

clear at all in the letter,” Merandy said.

“We’ll do whatever we can to help business owners mitigate the problem or at least tell them why compliance is impossible,” he said, adding that state officials said they “are willing to work with people.”

What is the policy when the village owns the stoop? “That was the one thing they would not answer,” Merandy said. “It was like asking a politician, I guess. They danced around that.”

Deputy Mayor Marie Early said only a few businesses received the letter because state officials “looked at a number of properties and concluded it was too expensive and not readily achievable to make the stores handicap-accessible.”

Merandy cited Doug’s Pretty Good Pub as an example. Compliance would be difficult because it has a village-owned stoop and a pole in front of a narrow entrance. He said state officials indicated they would accept an explanation as to why compliance isn’t possible. The pub’s owner, Doug Price, said he had referred the matter to his lawyer.

## In other business ...

- Village resident Cathy Carnevale has donated \$1,000 to cover the cost of three Main Street garbage cans. The village will match her contribution.
- Greg Phillips, the superintendent of

water and wastewater, told the board that a deteriorated sewer line on Fair Street can be relined without excavating. The cost savings means repairs to the Market Street sewer line can be done within budget.

- Trustee Fran Murphy said she had met with Jack Goldstein of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Chamber paying half the cost of maintaining the public restrooms near the pedestrian tunnel.
- Trustee Lynn Miller said Main Street merchants plan to lobby Putnam County legislators for a share of sales-tax revenues collected in the village.
- Trustees approved the sale of a village-owned stoop at 69 Main St. at \$4 per square foot plus legal costs. The board is also considering requests for the purchase of property on Moffat Road and at 37 Fair Street.
- The board approved the hiring of a full-time Highway Department laborer at \$16 per hour plus benefits.
- Philipstown Justice Court Judge Camille Linson was appointed acting judge for the Cold Spring Justice Court.



Illustration by Dana Wigdor

- The Cold Spring Boat Club has donated \$600 for tree and shrub plantings at the club site and will provide volunteer labor for fence painting.

## In May 16 business ...

- Merandy reported that an agreement that will allow the village to oversee Dockside Park has been sent to the state parks department for approval. Merandy said the village will be able to earn revenue from the property, including from the sale of alcohol at events. While the village will be responsible for basic maintenance, it will no longer be required to maintain shore protection proposed by the state.
- Trustees authorized the mayor to sell a 1,002-square-foot village-owned property at 26 Garden St. for \$4,008.

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, at a meeting held on the 10th day of May, 2017, duly adopted a resolution, a summary of which is published herewith **subject to a permissive referendum.**

Dated: May 17, 2017 Philipstown, New York,

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk

## BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 10, 2017

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO AND RECONSTRUCTION OF DAHLIA HOUSE IN AND FOR THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN, PUTNAM COUNTY, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$400,000 AND AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$400,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described has been determined to be a Type I Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”), for which all required steps under SEQRA have been satisfied; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, as follows:

**Section 1.** The construction of an addition to and reconstruction of Dahlia house, including incidental costs and expenses, in and for the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, is hereby authorized, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, at a maximum estimated cost of \$400,000.

**Section 2.** It is hereby determined that the plan of financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of the \$400,000 serial bonds of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 3.** It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is twenty-five years, pursuant to subdivision 12(a) (1) of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

**Section 4.** Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 5.** The faith and credit of said Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the

taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

**Section 6.** All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

**Section 7.** This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a longterm basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

**Section 8.** The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

1. Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
2. The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or
3. Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

**Section 9.** Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

**Section 10.** THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Flashing light

Almost as soon as we moved from Brooklyn to Cold Spring in February 2016, I noticed the busy and dark intersection at Route 9 and East Mountain Road did not have a flashing light.

A representative from Central Hudson agreed that the intersection could use a flashing light but said he would need approval from Philipstown. The town sent my request to the state highway department. I also wrote the agency myself. Three months later, it responded that (1) there had not been enough accidents at the intersection to justify a light, and (2) it was the town's problem.

I contacted Supervisor Richard Shea and Councilor John VanTassel without success. It was like playing a game of ping pong. Now they ignore me.

In the meantime, my daughter and I have both witnessed near-accidents at the intersection. The intersection is dark, so it is hard to identify where to turn. The

turn is sharp. It puts homeowners under constant danger. We refuse to become the statistics the state apparently needs.

We are talking about a single flashing light. How long should it take?

Saleh Shoua, Philipstown

### Haldane focus group

Thank you to the voters who on May 16 approved the release of funds from our capital reserve for repairs. They will have zero impact on taxes as we already have the money set aside.

With funding approved, the first step will be to replace the gym bleachers, which have been cited during insurance inspections as a potential safety problem. The pads on the gym walls also need to be replaced, and a student sitting area in the elementary library needs to be rebuilt. These repairs will be made over the summer.

Our next step is to form a focus group or steering committee to discuss the "wants" and "needs" for our buildings and campus. The group will be asked to hold

a few meetings to determine what the district should consider in a bond referendum that we hope to put before voters in May 2018, if the committee agrees. We anticipate the first meeting in June, with additional meetings in early fall.

If you would like to be part of the group, please call Linda Dearborn at 845-265-9254, ext. 115, or email ldearborn@haldaneschool.org.

Diana Bowers, Superintendent  
Haldane Central School District

### Watch your language

Handicapped?! Really, *Highlands Current*? ("Stonecrop Wants to Add More Parking, Better Handicap Access," May 12.) Use "visitors with disabilities" or "people who use wheelchairs," not "handicapped people/visitors." Use "accessible parking," not "handicapped parking."

The terms you use in the headline and throughout the article have been known to be disrespectful, insensitive, dehumanizing and offensive for decades. As writers and editors, you know how important inclusive language is. Do better.

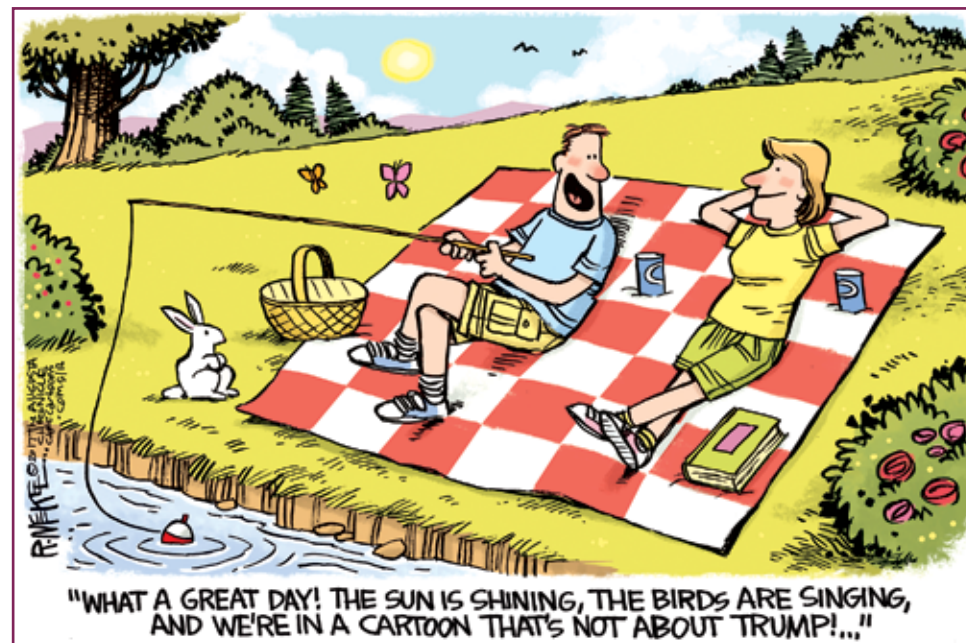
Suzanne Murray, Garrison

### Ailes for sale

Is this newsworthy? ("Real Estate: Ailes Move to Florida," May 12). Sounds more like a combination of gloating and an invasion of privacy. How about real estate stats for some of your well-connected board members?

Fred Fryer, Cold Spring

The editor responds: The Aileses were the most prominent residents of Philipstown, and Roger Ailes was all over the local and national news, including as an advisor to the future president of the U.S. If that were the case with any of our board members, we'd report on their real estate listings, as well.



## Taking it to the Street

By Michael Turton

### What's for dinner tonight? (Asked outside Foodtown)



"Grilled cheeseburgers with cheddar, pickles, onions and ketchup."  
~ Mark Dubiel, Cold Spring



"Blue Apron: Tandoori chicken with broccoli and potatoes over Jasmine rice."  
~ Angela Devine, Cold Spring



"Pulled pork.  
But I just stopped for cat food."  
~ Sharon Acocella, Beacon



# School Budgets Pass Easily

## Haldane Central School District

**Budget for 2017-18:** \$23.5 million (1.82 percent increase)  
Yes, 518; No, 180

**Proposition 2:** \$150,000 bus purchase  
Yes, 491; No, 202

**Proposition 3:** \$100,000 from Capital Reserve Fund for new bleachers, library renovations  
Yes, 532; No, 165

**Trustee** (one open seat):  
Peggy Clements (incumbent), 418  
Sandy McKelvey, 147

## Garrison Unified School District

**Budget for 2017-18:** \$10.56 million (2.86 percent increase)  
Yes, 117; No, 33

**Proposition 2:** Establish Capital Reserve Fund to replace current one  
Yes, 124; No, 34

**Trustee** (two open seats):  
Diana Swinburne (incumbent), 122  
Courtney McCarthy, 120

## Beacon City School District

**Budget for 2017-18:** \$68.6 million (2.81 percent increase)  
Yes, 864; No, 162

**Proposition 2:** \$380,000 to purchase buses and van  
Yes, 785; No, 226

**Proposition 3:** Student as non-voting member of board  
Yes, 845; No, 167

**Proposition 4:** Create 10-year Capital Reserve Fund  
Yes, 832; No, 182

**Trustees** (four open seats):  
Kristan Flynn (appointee), 819  
Anthony White (incumbent), 808  
Craig Wolf (appointee), 772  
Kenya Gadsden (incumbent), 761

Flynn, White and Wolf will serve three-year terms; Gadsden will serve one year.



Ned Flanagan

## Former Garrison Resident in Critical Condition After Crash

Ned Flanagan, 16, a former Garrison resident now living with his family in Stratton, Vermont, on May 3 lost control of a 2003 Ford Ranger he was driving on a dirt road in Stratton and hit a tree, according to the Vermont State Police.

Although wearing a seat belt, Flanagan suffered a severe brain injury and was airlifted to the Albany Medical Center Hospital. After being placed in a medically induced coma, he has started to respond to simple commands as the sedatives are reduced.

Friends of the Flanagan family have launched a GoFundMe campaign for medical expenses that so far has raised more than \$54,000. See [gofundme.com/ned-flanagans-medical-fund](http://gofundme.com/ned-flanagans-medical-fund).

## Indian Point Task Force to Meet

The Indian Point Closure Task Force will hold its first meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, at Cortlandt Town Hall, 1 Heady St., in Cortlandt Manor.

The task force was created in February by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to examine issues, such as its impact on the regional economy, related to the planned closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plant in 2022.

Its members include State Sen. Terrence Murphy of Yorktown, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown, and a number of union representatives. Commission documents can be viewed by searching for "17-00994" at [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov).

## Garrison School Board

### Notes from May 3 meeting

By Lily Gordon

- Garrison School Principal John Griffiths reported that 32 percent of elementary school students and 35 percent of middle school students opted out of taking the state mathematics assessments this month — more than had opted out for the English Language Arts tests in March.
- Garrison students have finalized their high school selections: 12 will attend Haldane, six are going to James O'Neill High School, and five to private schools.
- Richard Timmons will retire as supervisor of buildings, grounds and transportation effective Aug. 31.
- Students in Garrison's Class of 2013, who are now graduating from high school, were admitted to Duke, Middlebury, Tulane, Dartmouth and Skidmore, among other schools.

# DOLLY RETURNS in 2018!



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To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the filming of *Hello, Dolly!* (back in the summer of 1968) the Putnam History Museum will present an exhibit in 2018. If you have interesting photos, stories, or memorabilia you would like to share, please contact Christopher Radko at [www.DollyReturn2018.com](http://www.DollyReturn2018.com). Thank you!



## Cold Spring's New Officer-in-Charge *(from Page 1)*



Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke

Photo by M. Turton

stores and talked to people. You wound up being part of the neighborhood.

### Do you approach the job differently in a village?

It's still community policing. I like to walk up and down, go into stores, meet the people. That's how you get a feel for the place. People see you and after a while they get comfortable with you. You learn things that way.

### Most people want to put their mark on an organization when they are put in charge. What will your mark be?

I'm not looking to put a stamp on anything. My reputation speaks for itself. If people think of me as someone who came here, loved the community and gave back, that's all I'm looking to do.

### In the past, there have been break-ins at businesses. Can policing prevent that?

You can make suggestions to store owners. When you check stores, you see some of the back doors are not locked. If someone has a drug problem, it's easy to grab something to sell. I have worked midnights the last couple of months; I make sure doors are locked. I watch for people on the street whom I don't recognize. It's about more presence, patrolling so that everyone sees we're out there.

### What are your thoughts on the opioid problem?

I was in the NYPD narcotics division for 14 years before I retired. I did "buy and busts," search warrants and case work on gangs. To me, in a small village, it's more of a community thing, parents taking better interest in their kids. It's difficult. You want your kids to

have their privacy, I get that. But realistically at a certain age — and it's getting younger, between 12 and 16 — it's paramount to talk to your kids. There's always peer pressure. Sometimes mom and dad have to go through a kid's room to head off things.

When I've talked to parents who have lost a child to an overdose they have sometimes said they gave him or her their space when maybe they should have taken more action. For us it's about presence on the street. If parents come talk to me or one of my officers — that would be best.

### Are you involved in the community outside the CSPD?

I'm a firefighter with the North Highlands Fire Department and president of the firehouse. I'm also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

### What do you do to relax when you're not on the job?

I used to like riding my Harley, but I sold it. It's just being at home with my wife and having some down time. And we like to get away. The last few years we've travelled to Italy, Spain, Portugal, France, Croatia and Greece.

### What do you like most about being a police officer?

I love the whole thing — the good, the bad and the ugly. It's like being a referee in a hockey game. The home team likes you one day and the next day you have to call a penalty and then you're in trouble.

### What part of the job do you dread?

Getting to the scene of an overdose or a suicide, the hardcore stuff. It's not just about the person who passed away; you're trying to comfort the family. They have questions. Why did it happen? How could they have prevented it? That's the hard part.

## Building Coming Down?



SCGY Properties, which owns the former site of Carolyn's Flower Shoppe at 126 Main St. in Cold Spring, has asked the Historic District Review Board for permission to demolish the building. The board plans to visit the site on May 20.

Photo by Michael Turton

### HELP WANTED: SUMMER HELP

The Village of Cold Spring is seeking to fill two Temporary Summer Help positions. One is with the Highway Department with responsibilities that include lawn mowing, maintenance, street cleaning, etc. The second position is with the Village Clerk with responsibilities that include organization and classification of materials for records management and data input.

For more information contact the Village of Cold Spring at (845)265-3611.

Send Resume and Letter of Interest by May 25, 2017 to:

Mayor Dave Merandy, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516

### HELP WANTED: LABORER

The Village of Cold Spring is seeking a Full Time Laborer for the Highway Department. Responsibilities include lawn mowing and maintenance, street cleaning, garbage and recycling, etc. This position is for 40 hours/week.

For a detailed job description and qualifications contact Village of Cold Spring at (845)265-3611.

Send Resume and Letter of Interest by May 25, 2017 to:

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## Two Lives Saved

At the May 9 meeting of the Village Board, Cold Spring Police Department Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke praised Officer Terry Comiskey for his work on the April 29 midnight shift. Comiskey responded to a 911 hang-up, found a person who had stopped breathing and administered CPR until an ambulance arrived.

On March 20, employees at the Putnam County Office Building in Carmel saved the life of Robert Odell, 71, of Cold Spring, after he collapsed in a hallway on the first floor. Special Victims Investigator Jaemie Caban, who works in the District Attorney's office and is trained in CPR, began chest compressions after finding Odell had no pulse. Putnam County sheriff's deputies got Odell's heart beating with a defibrillator on the third attempt.



Undersheriff Paul Boscia, Special Victims Investigator Jaemie Caban, Robert Odell, Special Patrol Officer Teddy Young and D.A. Robert Tendy

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### HELP WANTED: TACONIC OUTDOOR EDUCATION CENTER

Taconic Outdoor Education Center (NYS Parks) seeks a year-round, part-time cleaner. Health insurance and benefits possible. Candidate must live locally and have reliable transportation. Must be a self-starter, able to take direction and work well with others. Responsible for cleaning 9 cabin units, 2 main lodges and assisting with other duties as assigned to meet the operational needs of the facility. Appropriate appearance, behavior and communication around school children required. NYS Parks is an equal opportunity employer.

Contact: John.Stowell@parks.ny.gov



## Beacon Democrats Back Council Newcomers *(from Page 1)*

endorsed the two incumbent at-large council members, George Mansfield and Lee Kyriacou.

Wetherbee, who is chairperson of the Democratic Committee, said it interviewed 10 candidates for the council seats, including the four incumbents who plan to run. After the interviews, "each of our committee members voted for who they felt would be the most qualified candidate," she said.

Harper, the Ward 2 incumbent, called Rembert, his potential primary opponent, a "great guy," saying, "I have a lot of respect for him."

Muhammad declined comment on the committee's endorsements but said he would run as an "independent Democrat."

The six seats on the council (the mayor is the seventh voting member) are contested at the same time, with the winners serving two-year terms. The city's charter review committee recommended in March that the at-large terms be extended to four years, but the council has not embraced the idea. The mayor serves a four-year term; that position will be on the ballot in 2019.

The Democratic Committee also interviewed four candidates for the 16th and 18th district seats in the Dutchess County Legislature — both of which include Bea-

con — endorsing Frits Zernike and Nick Page, respectively. The seats are held by John Forman and Jerry Landisi, both members of the Independence Party.

Landisi said this week that he will run for re-election; Forman has not made an official announcement.

The Beacon Republican Committee will issue its endorsements for local offices after Memorial Day, said Chairperson Justin Riccobono.

Candidates from the Republican and Democratic parties can begin collecting signatures on June 6 to get their names on the ballot for the primary election, which will be held Sept. 12. Petitions may be circulated through July 13. Dutchess County requires a minimum of 50 to 63 signatures for City Council candidates running as Democrats, depending on the number of registered party voters in the ward, and at least 14 to 20 signatures for Republican candidates. Candidates who hope to represent Beacon in the County Legislature must collect between 54 and 178 signatures, depending on the district and party.

Non-affiliated candidates may circulate nominating petitions between July 11 and Aug. 22. They are required to have at least 42 or 48 signatures, depending on the ward, and 137 or 160 for the county seats.



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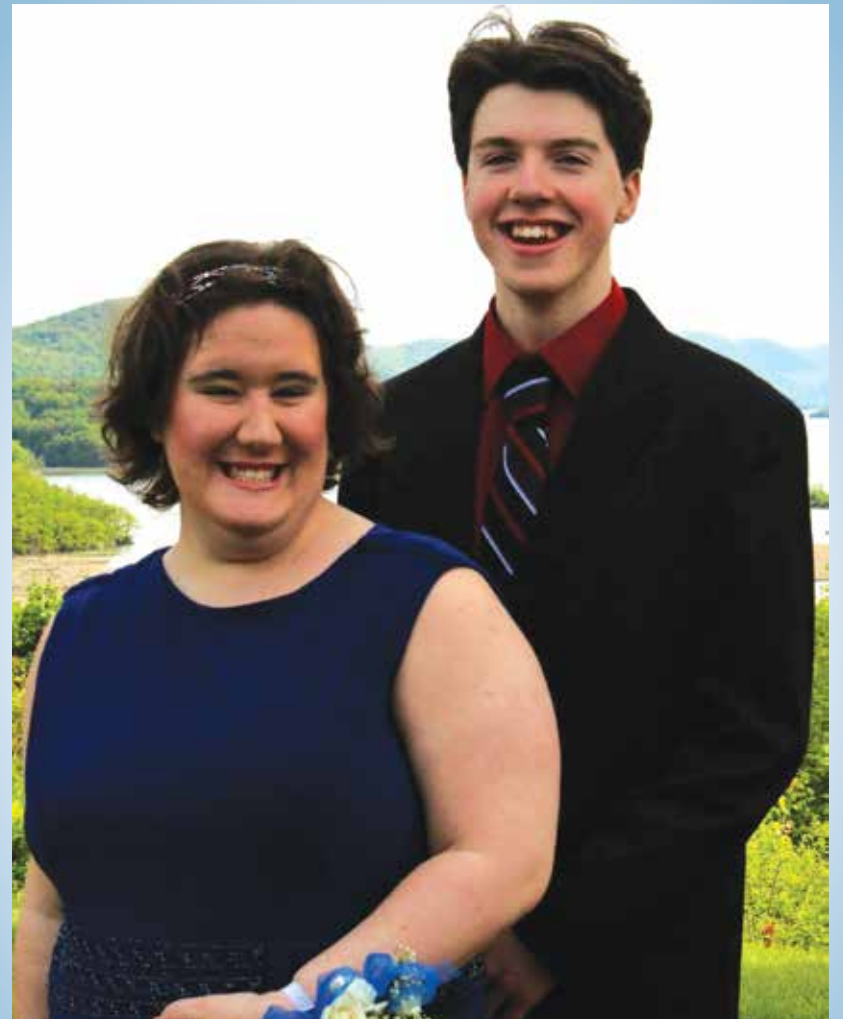
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**COLD SPRING ROYALTY** — Erin Ledwith and Dylan Byrne were named the Haldane High School queen and king at the annual prom, held May 12 at the Thayer Hotel at West Point. They are shown at Boscobel during the traditional pre-party photo shoot.

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## Roger Ailes Dies at 77 (from Page 1)

celebrate his life.”

“My doctor told me that I’m old, fat and ugly, but none of those things is going to kill me immediately,” Roger Ailes joked to *Vanity Fair* in 2013. “The actuaries say I have six to eight years. The best tables give me 10. Three thousand days, more or less. I’d give anything for another 10 years.”

“I’ve been prepared to face death all of my life,” he said. “When it comes, I’ll be fine, calm. I’ll miss life, though. Especially my family.”

The Aileses moved to Garrison in 2007 and a year later purchased the weekly *Putnam County News & Recorder*, based in Cold Spring. They proceeded to transform the paper into a vehicle that local critics assailed as a scaled-down version of the conservative Fox News, which Ailes founded in 1996. The couple moved to Florida late last year and sold the paper to its editor.

The Aileses were an influential but often contentious force in local politics. In 2014, they threatened to sue a Cold Spring Village Board member who wrote a critical post on Facebook, as well as a former board member who shared the post. Members of the Philipstown Town Board and Cold Spring Village Board frequently criticized the *PCNR* for its coverage and commentary, calling it inaccurate.

Ailes’ wider introduction to the community came at a 2010 public meeting over a draft revision of the Philipstown zoning code. Ailes demanded of the board: “Is it



Elizabeth and Roger Ailes, at left, are shown at a ceremony in 2015 to announce that a new senior center would be named for him.

*File photo by Michael Turton*

true that this document puts institutional interests above businesses and private citizens?”

Ailes resigned from Fox in 2016 after allegations by 25 women, including anchors Gretchen Carlson and Megyn Kelly, that he had sexually harassed them at some point during his 50-year career in television. (He denied the allegations.) After his resignation, the Aileses withdrew a \$500,000 pledge they had made toward a senior center to be constructed in Cold

Spring and named for Roger Ailes.

Ailes was born in Warren, Ohio, on May 15, 1940. In what biographers have said was his “Rosebud” moment, his abusive father told Roger to jump from his bunk bed into his father’s arms. But as he leaped, his father stepped away. “Don’t ever trust anybody,” Robert Ailes supposedly said.

In 1962, after graduating from Ohio University, Ailes landed a job at *The Mike Douglas Show*. According to *The Selling*

*of the President*, an account of the 1968 presidential race, Republican candidate Richard Nixon met Ailes on set in 1967 and said, “It’s a shame a man has to use gimmicks like this to get elected.” Ailes replied, “Television is not a gimmick.”

Impressed, Nixon hired Ailes to create campaign films. For better or worse, Ailes is credited with applying Hollywood and Madison Avenue to presidential politics, turning Nixon from a politician into a performer. Ailes became a sought-after political advisor and is credited with giving President Ronald Reagan the line from his 1984 debate when he was said to be too old: “I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent’s youth and inexperience.”

Ailes moved into the news business in the early 1990s, saying television was more powerful than politics. After Ailes created a cable channel called America’s Talking for NBC, Rupert Murdoch in 1996 asked him to start Fox News Channel, which would revolutionize cable news.

According to a biography by Zev Chafets, *Roger Ailes: Off Camera*, Ailes began putting items aside in “memory boxes” for his son when Zachary was 4 years old, to be opened after his father’s death. Ailes showed Chafets the contents of one, which included a pocket-size copy of the Constitution, an anniversary card from Elizabeth (“It’s important for him to know that his mommy loved his daddy”), a program from a Fourth of July celebration in Garrison at which Ailes and Zachary read patriotic texts, biographies of Ronald Reagan, \$2,000 in cash (“Here’s the allowance I owe you,” which Ailes said was an inside joke), gold coins (“If you have a little gold and a handgun, you can always get across the Canadian border”) and a copy of Sun Tzu’s *The Art of War*.

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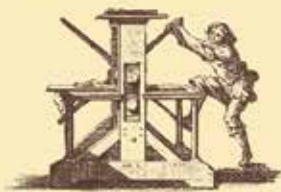
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# The Calendar

## Roman Holiday

*Actor Charlie Plummer jets to Italy for Ridley Scott film*

By Brian PJ Cronin



Charlie Plummer at the premiere of *The Dinner* at the Tribeca Film Festival on April 24

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There was a whirlwind of activity in the Plummer household in Cold Spring as son Charlie, who turns 18 on May 24, was days away from departing for a last-minute, months-long stay in Rome. Guide books are stacked on the table and Plummer is dealing with all the details that come with living overseas, such as phone chargers that fit European outlets.

"I would have gotten there and not been able to charge my phone until August," he said.

Plummer's trip isn't a summer vacation. He's moving to Rome to star in a forthcoming film, *All the Money in the World*, alongside Kevin Spacey, Michelle Williams and Mark Wahlberg. It will be directed by Ridley Scott, best known for his films *Alien*, *Blade Runner*, *Hannibal*, *Thelma & Louise*, *Black Hawk Down* and *The Martian*, among others.

The film is based on the story of John Paul Getty III, whom Plummer portrays, a teenage grandson of oil titan John Paul Getty who was kidnapped in 1973 in Italy and held for \$17 million ransom. Getty (played by Spacey) refused to pay because he thought his grandson was setting him up. Things went downhill from there.

What's going uphill is Plummer's career. This fall he will appear in three



Charlie Plummer in *The Dinner*

Photo courtesy of The Orchard

major films: *Lean on Pete*, with Steve Buscemi; *Behold My Heart*, with Marisa Tomei; and *Clove Hitch*, with Dylan McDermott. In 2015 he was nearly cast as the lead in *Spider-Man: Homecoming*, out July 7, but the role went to Tom Holland.

That's not a bad run so far for a kid who did everything he could not to be an actor. Growing up in Los Angeles with two parents in the film industry, Plummer was often asked if he was interested in getting in front of the camera. He demurred, he says, because he was too shy.

It wasn't until the family moved to Cold Spring in 2006 that he reconsidered.

Charlie's father, John Christian Plummer, was directing plays at the Depot Theatre on Garrison's Landing and contemplating strategies to get more boys involved in theater. He hit on the idea of staging an adaptation of *Star Wars* with an all-kid cast. It worked better than he imagined.

"I mean, it was *Star Wars*, it was a safe environment and I trusted my dad," says Charlie. "But I still thought theater was just a fun thing you did during the summer. Then I saw my mom in a professional show and found out that the kids in the show got paid. For some reason, it never occurred to me that theater could be" (Continued on Page 11)

## Bidding for Laughs

*Beacon stars of page and screen revive auction comedy*

By Brian PJ Cronin

It's been three years since David Rees and Sam Anderson performed their auction-themed comedy in Beacon, but the duo returns Saturday, May 20, for a benefit performance.

A few things have changed about the offbeat act, which focuses on the granular details of Beacon personalities and businesses: One of them no longer lives in Beacon. In an effort to remain on the cutting edge of relocation trends, Rees moved last year from Beacon to Brooklyn.

"Did you pioneer that path?" Anderson asked. "The reverse move? You're supposed to have kids in the city first and then move to Beacon to buy a house."

"I sold the kids in the city to have

enough money to buy a house in Beacon," replied Rees.

Their original shows took place at Hudson Valley Auctioneers on Main Street and the pair claimed that as part of their rental agreement they were required to auction at least one item during each performance. The May 20 show takes place at the LNJ Tech Services Building at 4 Hanna Lane as a benefit for Planned Parenthood, the United Nations Refugee Agency and the NAACP. They will keep the auction theme but ramp it up for the cause.

"David's comedy is weirdly suited to being an auctioneer," Anderson said. "He whips everyone into a frenzy and generates huge amounts of money for even the ridiculous prizes."

When the two men began working together in Beacon in 2010, neither of them were known as performers. But they shared a love of exploring minutiae in search of the ecstatic. Anderson is the critic-at-

(Continued on Page 12)



David Rees, artisanal pencil sharpener

Photo by Meredith Heuer



FRIDAY, MAY 19

**Pizza Night & Ice Cream Social**  
4 – 8 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department  
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring  
Call 845-265-7285 for takeout.

**Desmond-Fish Library Associates Awards Dinner**  
7 p.m. Factoria at Charles Point  
5 John Walsh Blvd., Peekskill  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Hear & Now: Jason Angell, Longhaul Farm CSA**  
7 p.m. Garrison School  
1100 Route 9D, Garrison | gufspta.org

**Anne of Green Gables**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

**Oak Ridge Boys**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

SATURDAY, MAY 20

**Cold Spring Farmers' Market**  
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

**Master Gardener Plant Sale**  
8:30 a.m. – Noon. Cornell Cooperative Extension  
1 Geneva Road, Brewster  
845-278-6738 | putnam.cce.cornell.edu

**All About Alpines Workshop**  
9 a.m. Stonecrop Gardens  
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring  
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

**Native Plant Sale**  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center across from 174 Angola Road, Cornwall | hhn.org

**Row of Honor Pancake Breakfast**  
9 – 11 a.m. Carmel VFW  
32 Gleneida Ave., Carmel  
845-808-1620 | putnamcountyny.gov/roh

**Shabbat Walk in the Woods**  
10 a.m. Little Stony Point (Railroad Bridge)  
3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-831-2012 | beaonhebrewalliance.org

**Charlotte's Web**  
11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

**Cleanup at the Camp**  
2 – 6 p.m. Settlement Camp House  
724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon  
facebook.com/BeaconRec

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

**François Chaignaud & Cecilia Bengolea (Performance)**  
3 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
3 Beekman St., Beacon  
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

**NashSkill Music Festival**  
3 p.m. – Midnight. Riverfront, Peekskill | nashskill.com

**Guided Tour with Cheese & Wine Reception**  
4 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens  
See details under Saturday.

**Jazz Vespers**  
5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

**Paintings by Jill Shoffiett (Opening)**  
5:30 – 8 p.m. Create Community  
11 Peekskill Road, Cold Spring  
845-202-3494 | facebook.com/createcommunity

**Silent Film Series: Sparrows (1926)**  
7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Anne of Green Gables**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

**Flamenco Jazz Concert**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SUNDAY, MAY 21

**Animal Rescue Foundation 5K Run/Walk**  
10 a.m. Memorial Park, Beacon  
845-793-0500 | arfbeacon.org

**Haldane PTA Family Game Night**  
1 p.m. Haldane School  
15 Craigsides Dr., Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneppta.org

**Anne of Green Gables**  
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

**West Point Band: Armed Forces Day Concert**  
2 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
845-938-4159 | westpointband.com

**François Chaignaud & Cecilia Bengolea (Performance)**  
3 p.m. Dia:Beacon | See details under Saturday.

**In the Unlikeliest of Places (Reading)**  
3 p.m. Putnam Valley Free Library  
30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley  
845-528-3242 | putnamvalleylibrary.org

**Sunset Reading Series: Jim and Karen Shepard**  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St., Cold Spring | sunsetreadings.org

**Walden Chamber Players**  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Depot Theatre Cocktail Party Fundraiser**  
5 p.m. Garrison Landing  
Riverfront Park, Garrison's Landing  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

**Scott Stapp of Creed**  
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

**Inside I'm Dancing (Documentary)**  
8 p.m. More Good | 383 Main St., Beacon  
storyscreenbeacon.com

MONDAY, MAY 22

**Public Hearing on Mental Health Services**  
6 p.m. Putnam Dept. of Social Services  
110 Old Route 6, Carmel  
845-808-1500 | putnamcountyny.com

**Garrison Fire District**  
7 p.m. Garrison Fire Company | 1616 Route 9, Garrison | 845-424-4406 | garrisonfd.org

TUESDAY, MAY 23

**New Moms & Infants Group**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
Email whiteside.ks@gmail.com

**Special Fire Company Election**  
6 – 9 p.m. North Highlands Firehouse  
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-9595 | nhfd21.org

**Panel Discussion: Healthcare Legislation**  
6:30 p.m. Mahopac Library | 686 Route 6, Mahopac  
845-628-2009 | mahopaclibrary.org

**Beacon Historical Society**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-0514 | beaonhistorical.org

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

**Tax Assessment Grievance Day**

**Desmond-Fish Library**  
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers  
1:30 p.m. Storytime | 3:30 p.m. Lego Club  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Farmer Training: Practical Fence Building**  
1 p.m. Glynwood Farm  
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring  
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

**Town Board Meeting**  
7:30 p.m. Town Hall  
238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

**Trojan Women**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

**Veterans' Group of Putnam County**  
6 p.m. Cornerstone Building  
Route 52 and Fair St., Carmel  
845-278-8387 | mhaputnam.org

**Inside Out (Film)**  
6 p.m. Stock-Up | 29 Teller Ave., Beacon  
storyscreenbeacon.com

**Darrell Hankins (Music)**  
6:30 p.m. Howland Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

**Students vs. Faculty Basketball Game**  
6:30 p.m. Haldane Gym  
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**Dance Jam**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier Café  
379 Main St., Beacon  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

**American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs (Documentary) with Q&A**  
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St., Beacon  
moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

FRIDAY, MAY 26

**Used Book Sale**  
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Kent Library  
17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes  
845-225-8585 | kentlibrary.org

**MayFest**  
2 – 11:30 p.m. Surprise Lake Camp  
Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring | mayfestnyc.com

**International Film Series: The Lady in the Van (British)**  
7 p.m. Howland Library  
See details under Thursday.

**Tony Garnier and Art Labriola**  
7 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St., Beacon  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

**Anne of Green Gables**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under May 19.

**Pitching Tents (Film)**  
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under May 19.

**Jason Kao Hwang Trio**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

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## Roman Holiday (from Page 9)

a career. That motivated me to try for Broadway. I never thought about TV or films."

Television is where Charlie ended up, again due to accidental prodding from his family. In 2012, John Plummer was hired as a writer for the cable series *Granite Flats*, which can best be described as a Cold War precursor to *Stranger Things* with less parallel dimensions and more Russian spies. The show centered on a group of children unraveling a series of mysteries in their small town, and the casting directors were having trouble finding suitable child actors in Los Angeles.

"I kept telling them, 'Go to New York and audition kids there and you'll find exactly what you need,' but they thought it would be a hassle," explains John Plummer. So he visited his son at the Williamstown Theater Festival, where Charlie was in a play, to film an audition tape.

Plummer submitted it, without saying Charlie was his son, as an example of the talent available outside L.A. The producers cast Charlie in the best way, without knowing the connection.

The show aired for three seasons and also starred Charlie's mother, Maia Guest, Parker Posey and one of Charlie's idols,



Charlie Plummer in *Granite Flats*



Charlie Plummer in *King Jack*

Christopher Lloyd. "He's such a sweet guy, and we had a lot of scenes together, but we're both very shy," says Charlie. "So in all that time I think we had about five conversations off-camera."

Since Charlie's schedule makes attending high school impossible, he's earning his degree online. "If you're not self-motivated, you can fall behind real fast," he observes. "It's tough because when I'm working, I'm too busy for it, and when I'm not working, I'm trying to work."

*"If I can continue to get these opportunities where I can work with people like Ridley Scott and Michelle Williams, I want to keep taking them and learning as much as I can."*

If he decides to attend college, Charlie says he would drop acting until graduation. "If I can continue to get these opportunities where I can work with people like Ridley Scott and Michelle Williams,

I want to keep taking them and learning as much as I can," he says.

If that sounds remarkably well-grounded for a teenager about to become a Hollywood star, his father isn't surprised.

"Well, sure," John says. "We're Buddhists."

## Charlie Plummer Filmography

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As Marcus Lang (with Marisa Tomei, Timothy Olyphant)

### **Lean on Pete** (post-production)

As Charley Thompson (with Travis Fimmel, Chloë Sevigny, Steve Buscemi, Thomas Mann)

### **The Dinner** (opened May 5)

As Michael Lohman (with Richard Gene, Laura Linney, Steve Coogan, Rebecca Hall, Chloë Sevigny)

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## Bidding for Laughs (from Page 9)

large for *The New York Times Magazine*, where he writes a weekly column called “New Sentences” that teases out the deeper meaning of sentences that catch his eye, whether they are poetic (“You’re so quiet you’re almost tomorrow,” by Ocean Vuong) or plain (“Switch-hitting is a decision you have to make over and over again,” by Chipper Jones).

Rees just completed the second season of his TV show, *Going Deep with David Rees*, which appeared first on the National Geographic Network and most recently on The Esquire Channel. The show, which Rees describes as “teaching you how to do the things you already think you know how to do,” had Rees traveling around the country (and frequently filming in Beacon) to interview experts on the best way to tie shoelaces, shake hands, dig a hole, light a match, swat a fly or climb a tree.

“I always loved going to a dinner party and sitting next to someone who knows a lot about something I’ve never thought about and then badgering them with questions,” said Rees.

The show sprang out of his well-received stint as an artisanal pencil sharpener. Shortly after he moved to Beacon in 2009, Rees retired his popular political strip about the Iraq war and the Bush Administration called

*Get Your War On*. The comic ran in, among other places, *Rolling Stone*, and earned him more than \$100,000 in syndication fees, which he said he donated to a group that removes land-mines in Afghanistan.

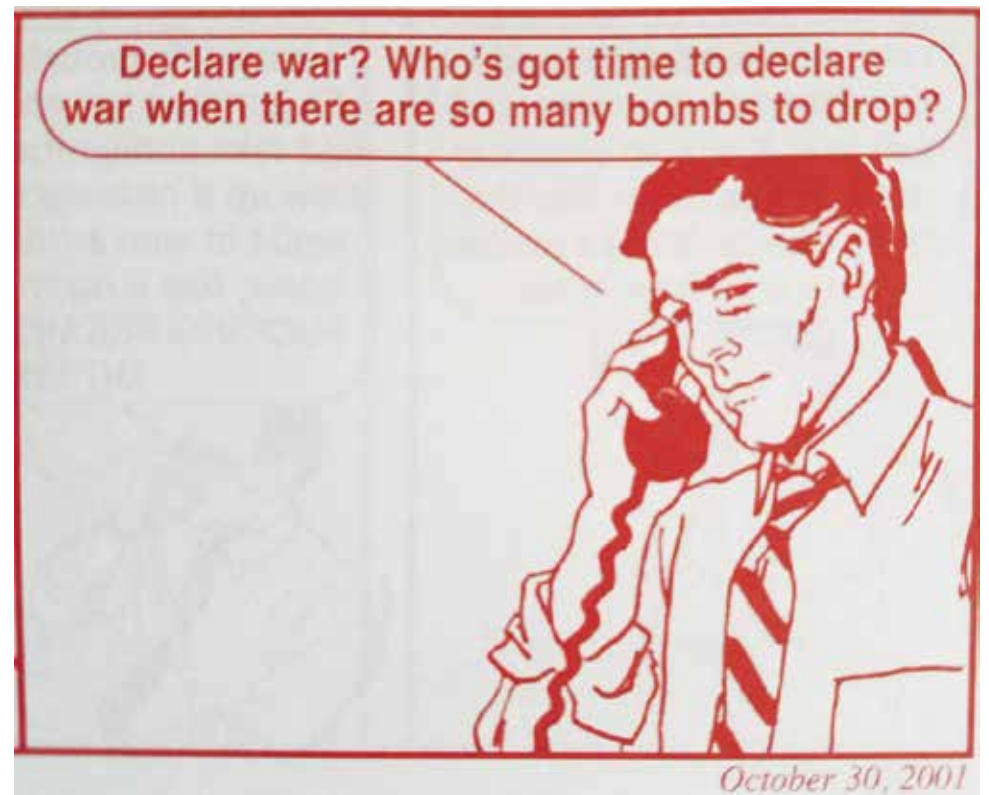
Newly divorced and broke, Rees took a job in 2010 at the Poughkeepsie office of the U.S. Census Bureau and became enamored with his government-issued pencils. He taught himself how to sharpen them using a variety of hand tools, which then led to his artisanal sharpening business.

On one hand, the business was a gag, poking fun at the wave of artisanal and bespoke businesses. On the other, Rees did painstakingly teach himself to sharpen pencils by hand, and the results can only be described as beautiful. Rees’ ridiculous premise was oddly poignant.

In 2013 Rees wrote a book, *How to*



David Rees and Sam Anderson performing at Hudson Valley Auctioneers Photo provided



A panel from *Getting Your War On*

*Sharpen Pencils*, which manages to be a straightforward manual of how to sharpen pencils, a moving record of a painful and transitional time for the author and a celebration of the satisfaction of hand crafting. The book also instructs readers how to break into someone’s house in order to destroy their electric pencil sharpeners. It received rave reviews.

“David has these gigantic reservoirs of both joyful enthusiasm and excoriating anger,” explained Anderson. “*Going Deep* embodies the first, and *Get Your War On* embodies the second. What’s fun about the comedy shows, is tapping into those reservoirs and watching them

geyser all over the place.”

“I’m working on a bit right now about Jeff Sessions’ face,” said Rees. “It will be very illuminating.”

Tickets for the show and auction, which begins at 8 p.m., are \$50 at Eventbrite (search for “LNJ Tech”). A dance party begins at 10 p.m. Parking is limited, so audience members are advised to bike or walk.

Rees has another request.

“I’m excited to come back to Beacon, so do you think we could get Randy there?” he asked, referring to Mayor Casale. “I just think it would be nice if Randy was there and I got the key to the city.”





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# 'Things Are Not What They Seem'

*Abstract artist goes full circle at Garrison Art Center*

By Alison Rooney

**M**arylyn Dintenfass, known for her innovative approach to materials and technologies as a painter, sculptor, print-maker and installation artist, also happens to be a part-time resident of Garrison. And so she offered the Garrison Art Center on Garrison's Landing something it might not ordinarily be able to book: a solo exhibit of her work.

The show, *Ocular. Echo*, opens Saturday, May 27, with a reception from 4 to 6 p.m., and runs through June 18. It features paintings from a series inspired by the Hudson Valley and created in and around Garrison.

The circle is a recurring symbol in Dintenfass' work, the "prism through which I consider my engagement with the visual variety of nature," she explains. "Color, shape and transparency are used as expressions of change; metaphors for ecosystems of water, earth, air, flora and fauna."

In her paintings, Dintenfass frequently experiments with paints, working on



Marylyn Dintenfass

Photo by Alvia Urdaneta

wood panels segmented into grids. In an essay in the monograph *Marylyn Dintenfass Paintings*, critic and curator Lilly Wei notes that after completing a painting, the artist "takes it apart, treating each panel as a discrete entity, exchanging panels between works in an aesthetic mix-and-match as she searches for interactions and relationships of color and form that satisfy her sense of visual excitement, sparked by the frisson of the dissonant."

Dintenfass' abstract imagery usually appears as stripes or circles arranged across translucent layers of matte and

glossy textures. "She took Abstract Expressionism and made it her own," explains Becky Gordon, the exhibition coordinator at the Garrison Art Center. "There are usually up to 20 layers, each saturated with color yet translucent. Each exists independent of each other, but they work together to create an ecosystem using basics of design and color as a metaphor for things which exist in the world. It's almost like looking through a microscope, blown up."

Born in Brooklyn in 1943, Dintenfass was exposed to others working in the Abstract Expressionist movement while getting her bachelor's in fine arts from Queens College. Initially she focused on sculpture devised from ceramic and elements like steel and wax coated with epoxies. Drawing inspiration from architecture, her sculptures became installations. (One example: a 30,000-square-foot installation on the exterior of a parking garage in Fort Myers, Florida.)

Whatever the medium, Dintenfass says "the overarching theme is things are not what they seem. Inherent in that is a sense of duality, and that sense is what intrigues me."

A show she mounted in 2015, *Oculus*, consisted of a dozen works that each measured 77-by-77 inches. Each depicted a circle. A critic for Artnet described them as "variously reminiscent of the iris of an eye, an oculus, a distant planet seen through a telescope, an archery target, or a nipple. In each case, however, a sense of swirling movement defined through color surrounds and offsets a solid central circle ... In spite of the apparent repetition of imagery, each picture provides a different visceral and visual experience ... These paintings are all about the meditative quality of color, how it vibrates and how revealing and concealing can impact our perspective."

"For me they're narratives," says Dintenfass. "If the color is maybe a character or the symbol, or the design, it's a narrative. The circles are not completely contained within the square. The reason for that is that they could slip away — at any moment life can change."

"People have seen different things in my work, molecular to the galactic. What matters the most to me is not what they see, but what the paintings inspire them to feel."

Dintenfass' work is held in more than 30 collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. Twice a fellow at The MacDowell Colony, she also taught for 10 years at Parsons School of Design.

As part of the exhibit, Lisa Mackie

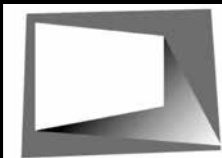


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will present a print workshop on June 10 called "Key Matrix," and Dintenfass will talk and take questions about her work on a date to be determined.



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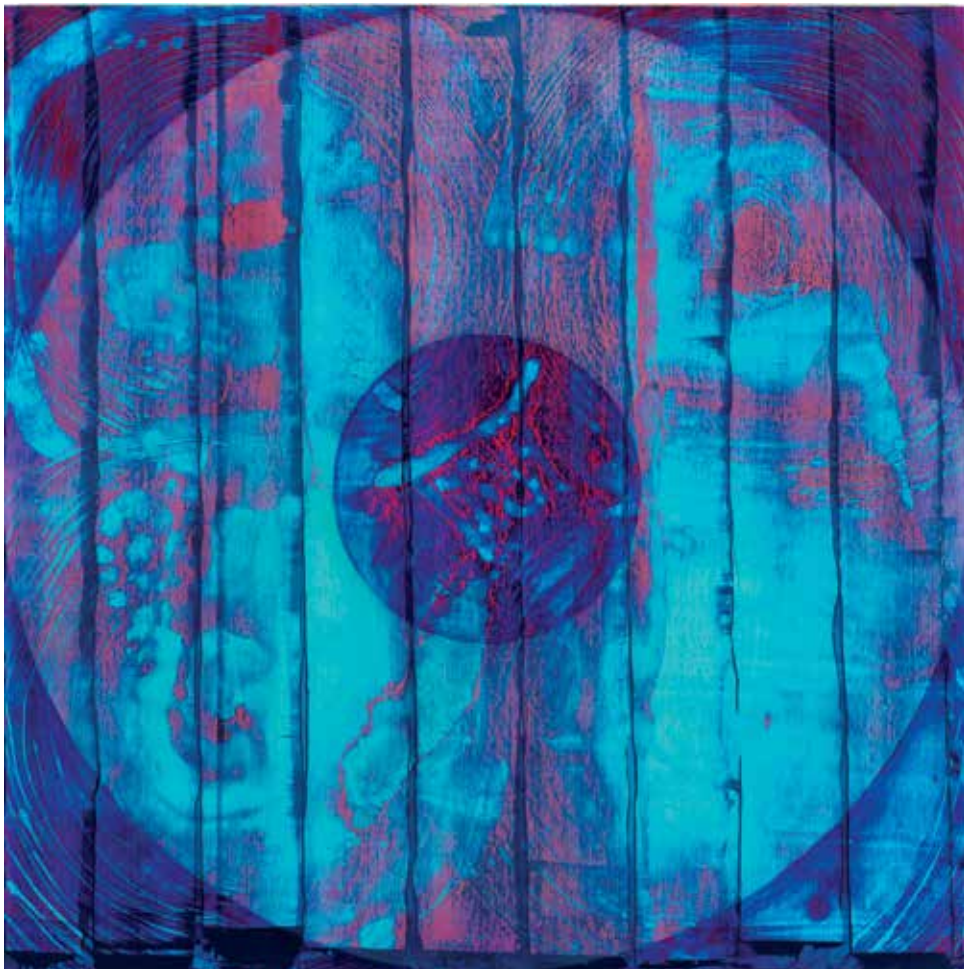
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## Bannerman Begins Tours

Also adds trail bridge

Bannerman's Island has started its two-hour tours on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through October. For a schedule and to purchase tickets, see bannerman-castle.org. A number of performances will be presented over the summer, including the one-man *American Soldier*, with Douglas Taurel, on June 17 and Frank Marquette presenting *Whiskey Women* on Aug. 19 and *War of the Worlds* on Sept. 16. The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will also present *Romeo and Juliet* on July 15 and 16.

A newly designed and erected trail bridge, constructed by West Point cadets led by Col. Brad Wambeke and engineering instructor Led Klosky, will be open. At the same time, the original Bannerman residence is being renovated by a crew led by mason Arik Morgan.



Arik Morgan works on the masonry on the original Bannerman residence.

Photo provided

## West Point Foundry Upgrades

\$500K project continues through fall

Construction begins this month on improvements at West Point Foundry Preserve in Cold Spring.

An overlook will be created on a 3.26-acre bluff, part of a 13-acre parcel Scenic Hudson purchased in 2009 that was home to

William Kemble, co-founder of the Foundry. His home and 9.42 acres of the site will be sold. The overlook will offer views of Foundry Cove, Constitution Island, West Point and parts of the Hudson Highlands.

In addition, a steel staircase will be installed to ascend the bluff from the marsh trail that leads into the preserve from the Metro-North Station. Five oversized landings in the staircase will accommodate benches and panels that explain the history of the Kemble property and its connections to the Foundry. The overlook will include a 15-by-32-foot wooden deck.

The park and its 1.5 miles of trails are open during construction. The \$520,000 project is being completed by Transitional Builders of Staatsburg under the direction of Heather Blaikie, Scenic Hudson's park planner. The nonprofit has so far invested \$8 million in the preserve.

## Cold Spring Filmmaker in Festival

Dunning Man will play Hoboken

*The Dunning Man*, a film produced by Kevin Fortuna of Cold Spring and based on his short story of the same name, will play the Hoboken International Film Festival on Tuesday, May 23. Directed by Michael Clayton, the film follows a down-and-out landlord as he tries to rebuild his life in Atlantic City with only three low-rise condos to his name. See hobokeninternationalfilmfestival.com.



James Carpinello plays small-time landlord Connor Ryan in *The Dunning Man*.

## Writer's Residency at Glynwood

Two weeks to highlight food systems

Glynwood has launched a program to host authors, journalists and columnists for one- or two-week residencies on its grounds to write essays and articles that highlight the Hudson Valley's food

systems and environment. For an application, see glynwood.org.

## Renee Bailey Returns to Jazz Vespers

Final concert of season is May 20

The final Jazz Vespers of the season will take place at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, with vocalist Renee Bailey. She will be backed by Rob Scheps on flute and soprano sax, Ed Xiques on alto sax, Tom McCoy on piano, David Winograd on bass and Mike Larocco on drums. A wine and cheese reception will follow the service. The event is free but donations are welcome.

## Haldane Foundation Raises \$22K

Will also award \$1,000 scholarship

The Haldane School Foundation raised more than \$22,000 at its Taste of the Valley fundraiser held April 29 at Glynwood Farm. The funds will be used to award grants to benefit the school district and its students.

Scanga Woodworking was the chief sponsor of the event, and more than 20 other Cold Spring and Philipstown businesses contributed.

The Foundation is accepting applications for a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to the graduating Haldane senior who best communicates how an HSF-funded program benefitted his or her education. Applications are due at the high school office by Tuesday, May 23.

For more information, see haldaneschoolfoundation.org.

## Health Care Discussion

Emphasis on single-payer bill

The Putnam County League of Women Voters will present a panel discussion at the Mahopac Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, on state and national

healthcare legislation. The panel will include researchers, teachers, advocates and a healthcare administrator. See mahopaclibrary.org.



A scene from *Stand by Me*, the first film of the Cold Spring Film Society's summer season, which will be shown on June 24.

## Free Summer Movies

Film Society releases schedule

The Cold Spring Film Society has announced its selections for its seventh annual free Summer Film Series, held on Saturdays at Dockside Park in Cold Spring, north of the gazebo at the foot of Main Street.

- June 24: *Stand by Me* (1986)
- July 8: *Double Indemnity* (1944)
- July 22: *Rushmore* (1998)
- Aug. 5: *Psycho* (1960)
- Aug. 19: *The Italian Job* (1969)
- Sept. 2: *Song of the Sea* (2014) / *Moby Dick* (1956)

All films start at sunset. Popcorn, lemonade, candy, tote bags and T-shirts are available for purchase. See coldspringfilm.org.

## Summer Camp Registration

Nature museum accepting applicants

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall is accepting applications for its summer science and nature camp for children ages 4 to 12. Weekly sessions begin July 3, and programs for children ages 9 to 12 and teenagers ages 13 to 16 will be offered starting July 17. The camp includes hikes, crafts, music and field trips. See hhn.org.

## Classical at the Chapel

Cellist and pianist to perform May 28

Cellist Julia Bruskin and pianist Aaron Wunsch will perform at 4 p.m. on Sunday, (Continued on next page)

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Aaron Wunsch and Julia Bruskin will perform at the Chapel Restoration. Photo provided

(From previous page) May 28, at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring. The performance includes Nadia Boulanger's *Three Pieces for Cello and Piano*; Claude Debussy's *Three Pieces for Piano*; Cesar Franck's *Sonata in A Major for Cello and Piano*; and Francis Poulenc's *Cello Sonata*.

Bruskin debuted at age 17 with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She frequently performs with Wunsch, her husband, who teaches chamber music at the Juilliard School. The concert is free but donations are accepted.

## Cold Spring Veteran Inducted into Hall of Fame

*Nominated for honor by state Sen. Serino*

Philip Schatzle, 82, of Cold Spring was inducted on May 16 into the New York State Senate's Veterans Hall of Fame. He was nominated for the honor by Sue Serino, who represents Cold Spring in the

State Senate.

Born and raised in Cold Spring as the middle of five sons, Schatzle joined the U.S. Army in 1956 at age 22. A sergeant, he served in Germany during the Korean War at the same camp as Elvis Presley.

After leaving the service, Schatzle taught science at Briarcliff High School for more than 30 years. He is a longtime member and former commander in the American Legion and VFW in Cold Spring and coordinated Memorial Day parades and the placement of more than 1,000 flags on gravesites of veterans.

## Anti-Bullying Project Receives Grant

*Cold Spring group organizes letters of support*

Unify Against Bullying, based in Massachusetts, on May 1 awarded its first out-of-state grant to See the Wish, a Cold Spring organization founded in 2009 by author Jennifer Young and composer January Akselrad.

The \$1,000 grant will help pay for postage and promotion of its Be-A-Friend Project, in which students write encouraging letters to victims of bullying. The letters are packaged by See the Wish and delivered as a large package of support.

The project began with a delivery of 75 letters to a sixth-grade boy in Pennsylvania and has since delivered nearly 5,000 letters. Most recently, it sent 393 letters to a seventh-grader in Amarillo, Texas, whose bullying was so severe the abuse was featured on the local news. Students from Jennifer Windels' fourth-grade class at Haldane Elementary contributed letters.

To participate, visit [seethewish.com](http://seethewish.com) or email [jennifer@seethewish.com](mailto:jennifer@seethewish.com).



Philip Schatzle (seated) and members of his family with state Senator Sue Serino (left) at the awards ceremony in Albany. Photo provided

## Beacon

### Documentary Follows Life of Activist

*Will be shown May 25 at church*

Movies that Matter Beacon will screen *American Revolutionary: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs* at 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 25, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beacon, with a discussion to follow. The 2013 documentary follows a 98-year-old Chinese-American woman in Detroit who devoted her life to an evolving revolution, which includes transforming yourself. See [moviesthat-matterbeacon.org](http://moviesthat-matterbeacon.org).



Grace Lee Boggs, the subject of a documentary to be shown by Movies That Matter Beacon on May 25

### Final Season to See Constellation

*Tours begin May 27 from Beacon*

Melissa McGill's light-based art project at Bannerman Castle in the Hudson, *Constellation*, has been extended through the summer. Weekend sunset tours depart from the Beacon riverfront from May 27 through Oct. 8. The installation consists of 17 points of solar lights on tall poles that slowly come on at dusk and hover over the island for two hours before fading. See [melissamcgillconstellation.com](http://melissamcgillconstellation.com).

## Music at the Library

*Singer-songwriter to play Howland*

Darrell Hankins, former vocalist and guitarist for the U.S. Air Force Band, will perform at the Howland Library in Beacon at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. His free hour-long performance will include originals and covers ranging from bluegrass and country to pop and rock.



Darrell Hankins will perform at the Howland Library. Photo provided

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# A Seat at Every Table

## Depot Theatre honors consummate volunteer

By Alison Rooney

**B**ob Bickford has done so much volunteer work in Cold Spring and Garrison over the past quarter-century that when he decided to slow down, it is viewed as a “retirement.”

On Sunday, May 21, Bickford will be honored by the Philipstown Depot Theatre at its Spring Benefit for his 19 years on its board. The event takes place at Riverfront Park on Garrison's Landing from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Garrison resident has served on nearly a dozen nonprofit boards since he and his wife, Wendy, moved to Philipstown in the early 1990s. But after stepping down this year from the boards of the theater and Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks, he will remain on just one: the MeKeel's Corners Chapel Association, which maintains the small church at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 301.

“It's just me and Eddie Cleary now,” Bickford says. “But we're gearing up for the Fourth of July celebration. We sing patriotic songs — it's fun!”

After moving to Philipstown, Bickford got his feet wet as a volunteer by joining the St. Philip's Church choir. “I knew two people already — Holly Evarts and Doug Banker — and then ran into a real powerhouse, Nan Gordon,” he recalls. “She told me — well, I suppose she asked me — to join the vestry of the church and the board of the Putnam County Historical Society [now called the Putnam History Museum]. I became treasurer of both organizations, and eventually I became president of the historical society.”

Bickford says his particular value on a board is that, as a lawyer, he is familiar with the tax filings required of nonprofits. (Among other stops in a long career after graduating from Harvard in 1956 and Harvard Law in 1960, he was associate general counsel at Kidder Peabody, counsel to the Vincent Astor Foundation and assistant corporation counsel for the City of New York's

Economic Development Division.)

“Bob's a legal eagle,” says Claudio Marzollo, who also serves on the Depot board. “At the time we proposed turning the depot into a theater, neither the Philipstown Recreation Department nor the Town Board knew anything about running a theater. Bob helped set up the 501(c)3” in 1996 that allowed it to operate as a nonprofit.

Marzollo also praises Bickford's deft negotiation skills. “The only difficulty is that because Bob has been on so many boards, sometimes one board makes him stay out of a discussion about the other!” he says. “But he's always been the calm, intelligent voice; the wise counsel; he's been tremendously helpful.”

### Bob Bickford's Volunteer C.V.

- Treasurer/Director, Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks (2008-2017)
- Board Member, Metropolitan Transportation Authority (2008-16)
- Trustee, Constitution Island Association (2007-10), Treasurer (2010)
- Putnam County Board of Ethics, Chair (2006-present), Vice Chair (2000-06)
- Member, Hudson River Valley Greenway Council (2001-2005)
- Treasurer/Trustee, MeKeel's Corners Chapel Association Inc. (1999-present)
- Vice President/Trustee, Building Bridges, Building Boats Inc. (1999-2010)
- Director, Canterbury Choral Society Inc., New York City (1998-2011), Treasurer (1998-2010)
- Vice President/Director, Philipstown Depot Theatre Inc. (1998-2017)
- Director, Hudson Highlands Land Trust (1997-2003)
- Director, Manitoga Inc. (1995-1997)
- Trustee, Putnam History Museum (1994-2004); President (1996-2003)
- Treasurer/Vestryman, St. Philip's Church (1992-1999)



Bob Bickford

Photo by A. Rooney

Bickford says that in his experience a well-functioning nonprofit board has “a good mission.” He noted the challenge of recruiting board members. If a potential candidate is working, he says, you only usually have him or her on the weekends. And if they're retired, “everyone wants them.” In addition, fundraising has never been easy for him. “It's a task I don't have a great deal of talent for; some do,” he says. “It is a problem locally as there are only so many pockets. The same group of people support all the local organizations — if there's a party, the same people come.”

Among his many volunteer positions, Bickford says working for the Depot Theatre has been particularly memorable. “It's my favorite because it always has such interesting things going on,” he says. “Every year it's a different season, different productions, different problems, and the board meetings are fun and substantive.”

Bickford has had other roles at the theater — the kind with entrances and lines. Although a member of Hasty Pudding Theatricals at Harvard, Bickford didn't appear on stage again until his involvement with the Depot.

“I always fancied myself an actor,” he admits, “but I didn't do anything until I became involved with the Philipstown Players [a group that performed at the Depot]. Marilyn Heberling was the first



Bob Bickford, right, with Steve Andreson in the Depot Theatre production of *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Photo courtesy of Amy Dul

director I worked with and we did a couple of Ionesco's and [Tom Stoppard's] *The Real Inspector Hound*. You get bitten. I always re-upped.”

Bickford's more recent appearances include *To Kill a Mockingbird* (as a lawyer) and *1776* (as a statesman).

Tickets for the Depot benefit, which start at \$125 each, are available at [brownpapertickets.com/event/2905571](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2905571). The event is preceded by a 2 p.m. performance of *Anne of Green Gables*.



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## Family Trails

## Where Did They Go?

By Valerie LaRobardier

When a genealogist fails to uncover an ancestor in one town, he or she must expand the search, mindful of the political or historical forces that may have moved someone to a neighboring area.

Putnam County provides a good example. Until 1812 it was part of Dutchess County. In 1697, all of what is now Putnam (except for a strip along the Connecticut border known as the Oblong) was granted to Adolphus Philipse. The family controlled this region until after the Revolutionary War. In 1806 a corner of Philipstown was annexed by Fishkill, placing some Putnam records in Dutchess County before and after the counties divided.

At the same time, land-hungry Connecticut residents migrated west into the county, while others migrated north through the Oblong, stopping in Putnam. Relationships with churches in Westchester County were common, as well. As a result, many of the records you're after may be in places you don't expect.

For Putnam, the County Historian Archives in Brewster is the best starting point. Call for an appointment (845-808-1420), followed by an email to [historian@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:historian@putnamcountyny.gov) with details of your search. (The office is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.) I was recently there looking into the family of Dr. William Clark, who lived in Ulster County from 1800 to 1818. His wife, Mary Myrrick (1777-1851), was the daughter of Joshua Myrrick, who lived in Putnam County prior to the war.

Upon arriving at the historian's office, I was presented with the Myrrick family folder and another with "certificates of competence to practice medicine, 1797-1843." I was not aware of this resource. We found no William Clark but there was a certificate for Theodorus Clark dated May 1, 1832. A Theodorus/Dorus Clark appears in *Families of Early Hartford, Connecticut*, as do the earlier marriages of a William Clark and a Dr. Nehemiah Clark, appearing to be in the right generations for perhaps a grandfather and great-grandfather of our Dr. Clark.

Was Theodorus a brother or cousin? Next stop: The Connecticut State Library in Hartford, just under a two-hour drive from the Highlands.

Having studied the area, I knew of another primary source, the ledger of Dr. Elias Cornelius, who practiced in Yorktown and Somers, both towns near Carmel, where Joshua Myrrick is buried. An abstract of its entries includes many mentions of Joshua, as well as one for Dr. William Clark and one for Widow Clark, in a 1797 claim against her estate by Peter Badeau Sr.

A further clue: a 1785 will filed in New York County and proved in Dutchess for Abigail Clark of Frederick's Burgh. It mentions a grown son, William, executors Elias Cornelius and Isaac Seacor; witnesses were Peter "Beadean" Sr. and Isaac "Badean." No doubt this was Peter and Isaac Badeau, whose names are found throughout the Cornelius ledger.

So what's missing? While "Widow Clark" was almost certainly Abigail Clark, above, and she had a son, William, we still lack ironclad evidence that she was the mother of the William Clark who married Mary Myrrick. Although, with all the other relevant names in proximity, the relationship seems likely.

Hoping to find more references, I went to the source. The Cornelius ledger is on microfilm at the New York Public Library. Unfortunately, it does not provide any information about when Dr. William Clark's children were born. I was hopeful because most of the abstracts noted that a wife or child had been the patient, and sometimes named them. But William Clark's entries were skimpy. He probably took care of his own family without the help of another doctor, but then why have


Date	Part	Dr. Wm Clark	Dr. Wm Clark	Dr. Wm Clark
May 1797	181	to medicines & 1 Phil	3 6	
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May 1797	183	to medicines	2 5	
May 1797	184	to Cash 17/6 medicines	18 0	
May 1797	185	by Cash 17/6 medicines		8 0
May 1797	186	by sundries	6 0	1 16 0
May 1797	187	by sundries		1 16 0
May 1797	188	to Interest Due & Paid 1796 on the balance	5 9 11	4 0 0
May 1797	189	by Ballhouse in full Phil note	5 14 1	5 14 1
May 1797	190	by Ballhouse in full Phil note	5 14 1	5 14 1
May 1797	191	to 1 Bottle Butcher oil	6	
May 1797	192	to 1 Bottle Butcher oil	2 0	
May 1797	193	to 1 Bottle Butcher oil	1 4 6	
May 1797	194	to 1 Bottle Butcher oil	1 7 0	

An entry for Dr. William Clark in a ledger kept by Dr. Elias Cornelius

an account with Dr. Cornelius? A few entries do show they bought or sold medicine and sundries to each other.

So unfortunately, the Cornelius ledger does not provide conclusive evidence to prove or disprove that William Clark of Ulster County was the son of Abigail Clark of Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County. But finding Abigail Clark with Secors and Badeaus suggests Huguenot roots. We may yet uncover her identity in the records of the French churches of New Rochelle and New York City.

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# UFOs Spotted in Philipstown and Beacon

*Authorities ask residents to remain calm*

After a review in *The New York Times*, a book by a couple in Syracuse, *U.F.O. Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015* has drawn attention to the phenomena of people seeing things in the sky they can't immediately identify, a.k.a. unidentified flying objects. The book is a statistical analysis of reports made to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC). Here are select sightings from the Hudson Highlands, edited for brevity. For more, see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com).

## Cold Spring, July 15, 1966

In 1966 I was 8 years old and at sleep-away summer camp at Surprise Lake. That night in our bunk, there was a light shining through the window. We figured a counselor must have set up a flood light. That night I dreamed two figures were standing over me looking down at me, one a typical grey with almond-shaped eyes. On the right, a round-headed, round-faced and round-eyed dude with a mouth stuck in the position like he was saying "Ooooh." The grey inserted a probe into my forehead.

I pulled the covers over my head. I figured it was a dream. The next evening the counselors transformed an indoor basketball court into a "spacecraft." A lot of kids were screaming in terror. In retrospect I realize that the



UFO photographed in Beacon, Aug. 10, 2016

whole encampment — 19 kids and five teen-aged counselors — had been abducted by the light, and the counselors subconsciously re-enacted the whole event.

## Garrison, June 1974

I was about 15 and was walking with a friend on Manitou Road west of Route 9D at about midnight. We were walking with our backs to the highway and noticed the sky light up. We turned and saw an object in the sky, about 1,000 feet up and half a mile south of us. I saw a white, glowing

disk that stood still and made no sound.

After a second or two, the disk moved closer and covered a half-mile almost instantly, stopping on a dime. After another second or two, it veered off to the east, in the area of South Mountain Pass. I have been encouraged by books like *Night Siege* to think that sightings in the Hudson Valley have not been unusual.

## Cold Spring, 1975

I was looking out the window of my elementary school classroom. Against the

backdrop of the mountains on the other side of the river, I saw a bluish-grey metallic oval object. It zipped around at high speeds at various angles, then would pause and shoot off. I watched for at least 15 minutes, I remember looking at the school clock, as I was starting to get bored watching it (hey, I was a kid).

When I'd finally made up my mind to tell someone about this, it was gone. I can't possibly have been the only one who saw this, yet I have never heard of anyone else who admits to having seen anything unusual.

## Garrison, Oct. 26, 2002

About 9:30 p.m. I saw an array of hovering red lights through the woods behind my house. Some were blinking. There was no sound. There is no tower or any houses for miles. I watched for about 10 minutes. I'm a nurse and have never seen a UFO and am not even sure they exist.

## Cold Spring, March 15, 2004

I was watching *The Tonight Show* when the cat jumped up to the corner of the window and pushed the drape aside. Curious, I looked out and saw what looked like a 747 going very slow. I went outside to get a better look. The craft was about 300 feet long, going 25 to 35 mph, no noise, maybe 600 to 1,000 feet up.

## Beacon, Dec. 28, 2011

I didn't want to be the first person to talk about this sighting so I've been scanning the internet for two months hoping

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## UFOs Spotted in Philipstown and Beacon

(from previous page)



A grey alien from the TBS comedy *People of Earth*, which is set in Beacon and has been renewed for a second season that begins later this year.

someone would post about it. This kind of thing makes you doubt your sanity. About 3 p.m. I was driving east on I-84 when I saw something strange. It almost looked like a derby hat hanging in the sky. (I know it's goofy but that's what it reminded me of). I could see the bulge in the middle and then what sort of looked like a brim sticking out at the sides.

I was doing 75 mph and it quickly passed in and out of my field of vision because of mountains and hills that the road cuts through. I came around that bend and there in the sky right above the highway was a massive object. As I went underneath, it looked almost diamond shaped and a matte gray. After I passed, I looked in my mirror but it was gone. This all transpired in about 30 seconds. People in other cars around me were also looking up.

When I got to the tollbooth, I asked the collector if she had seen it. Beaming, she said, "I finally saw one." The weirdest thing, it looked aquatic, almost like a manta ray and had two black circles underneath that looked empty, like holes. It was completely still and silent, and freaked me out. I wondered if it wasn't a military craft, but the woman at the booth seemed positive it was a UFO. I tried to snap a picture but all I got was the roofline of my car.

### Beacon, Aug. 10, 2016

At about 2:10 p.m., I was taking photos for landscaping paintings. When I was looking through my photos that evening, there was an object I didn't recognize. It didn't appear to be a bird. Many professional photographers said I should submit the photo to UFO experts.

### Beacon, Feb. 24, 2017

I was walking into my kitchen at about 11:45 p.m. and noticed an unusually bright white light over Mount Beacon. A series of smaller multicolor lights (red, blue and orange) began moving around the white light. This went on for over an hour, with the lights growing much larger, moving, dancing, and finally disappearing. There's definitely something happening there.



Haldane kindergarteners made leaves the morning of the tree planting to help welcome it to the upper campus. Photo by Anita Peltonen

## Garden Club Plants American Elms at Schools

*Resistant to disease, they should live hundreds of years*

The Philipstown Garden Club, in an effort to reintroduce American Elms to Philipstown, on May 11 planted one on the Haldane campus in Cold Spring and one at the Garrison School with the assistance of kindergarteners who added mulch and water.

Dutch Elm disease has had a devastating effect on elms, but a cultivar known as the Princeton Elm developed by a nurseryman in Princeton, New Jersey, in the 1920s is immune, explained Christopher Radko, a provisional member of the Garden Club. Some of the elms planted in Princeton have so far survived nearly 100 years. They are winter-hardy to minus 44 degrees, grow as high as 100 feet tall and can live several hundred years.

"What's so cool is that these two trees will become the kindergartners' own trees, and they will grow together," said Radko, who contributed funds to purchase the trees. "When these kids become adults, they can return to visit with their own kids to see the elm tree they helped to plant."

Members of the Philipstown Garden Club earlier visited each school on Arbor Day (April 28) to teach students about the



When kindergartener Mac Hendricks, left, graduates from high school, he expects the elm to be "taller than Haldane school." His classmate Gavin Lyons King predicts "it will be 100 feet high!" Photo by Anita Peltonen

elms and present a lesson on the significance of trees as providers of timber, shelter, food, shade, oxygen and beauty.

Besides Radko, Garden Club volunteers who worked on project include Susan Choi, Mishara Canino, Deb MacLeod, Pam Euler Halling, Barbara Price, Pamela Doan, Jeanne Clemente and Cathy Duke. The advisors were JoAnne Brown and Elise LaRocco.

The two 500-pound trees were purchased at Rosedale Nurseries in Hawthorne, which provided a discount, and transported by Tony Bardes, of Habitat Revival Co., to the schools at no charge.

At the Garrison School, Dick Timmons and Brian Butting dug the hole for the tree, while at Haldane that duty was taken care of by Michael Twardy and Tony Stronconi.

## Signs Sprout in Nelsonville Woods

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Wanderers glancing up in the Nelsonville woods might spot a piece of Hudson River driftwood in a most unlikely location — mounted high on a tree trunk and turned into a rustic sign.

About two dozen signs began appearing around May 7 along the footpaths between the Haldane campus and Main Street. They are the work of the Nelsonville Woods Stewardship Team, a group of students, teachers, parents and neighbors led by Haldane parent Lyn Berkley.

Sixth-graders from Mark Wick's ecology class painted the messages, the EcoKids and



A sign in the Nelsonville woods

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Explorer's clubs got the signs hung, and others from the school and community assisted with design and manufacture. A Yorktown Heights firm, Signs Ink, donated stencils.

One sign shares a reminder from Shel

Silverstein to be respectful: "Enter this deserted house, but please walk softly as you do. Frogs dwell here and crickets, too." Others pose questions: "When did it last rain?" "What did this place look like 100 years ago?" Others call attention to forest creatures: "I forage here" and "I hunt here."

Berkley hopes the signs help "strengthen connections between people and place" and promote stewardship of the woods. She said the signs are not expected to last forever in the elements, although two had already disappeared by the time she and Wick gave a tour on May 12 to Nelsonville Mayor Bill O'Neill, his wife and granddaughter. In any case, Berkley advised, "think of it as an installation."



## Sports

### Haldane Lacrosse Falls in State Tournament

*Defeated 9-4 by Hastings in Section 1 match-up*

By Leigh Alan Klein

The Haldane boys' lacrosse season ended on May 17 with a 9-4 defeat at Hastings, which will advance in the Section 1, Class D tournament to play top-seeded Bronxville. The Blue Devils were seeded No. 9 and Hastings No. 8.

It looked like trouble early when the Blue Devils broke out the black jerseys on the hottest day of the year so far. It was 92 degrees at game time and though it had a deeper roster than the Yellow Jackets, Haldane seemed to wilt in the heat.

Coach Ed Crowe said he would take the blame for the uniforms. "We were 1-0 on grass wearing black," he explained.

Haldane goalie John Hankel saw a lot of action early as the majority of the first period was played on the Blue Devils' side. Hastings junior Orin Jason often had the ball and took six of Hastings' nine shots; Haldane managed two. But neither team scored.

During the break, Crowe gathered his players in the shade and implored them "to push in transition."



Brandon Twoguns, who scored three goals against Hastings, in a game earlier this year *File photo by Ross Corsair*

Brandon Twoguns scored first in the second period to put Haldane up 1-0, but in the ensuing face-off, Hastings' Frank Carozza won the face-off, ran down the middle of the field and scored. The Yellow Jackets fired off four more goals in the period, two within a minute, putting Haldane in a 5-1 hole.

At half, the coaches tried to motivate their team. "Do you want to go out without a fight?" Crowe said. "They are more tired than you are."

In the third, after an Orin Jason miss, Blaine Fitzgerald went the length of the field, withstood a slash and powered through to the front of the net. The deficit was now 5-2. Eighteen seconds later, Brandon Twoguns bounced in a goal, making it 5-3.

But Haldane's momentum was short-lived. Hastings scored two goals in 40 seconds, extending its lead to 7-3.

With 8:42 to play, Twoguns scored his



The Haldane lacrosse team huddles during its May 17 game against Hastings.

*Photo by L.A. Klein*

third goal but Hastings answered 25 seconds later, and with 6:36 left, Jason scored his third of the game to make it 9-4.

"We played tough," said Crowe. "This is a hard-working group. We just had a tough time finding the back of the net. Too many dropped passes, and they capitalized."

He noted that the Blue Devils, who won only two games last year but six this season, will have 19 players returning. "I like the direction the program is headed," he said.

### Highlands Current Athlete of the Week



Eliana Lotero

*Photo by Dawn Sela*

#### *Eliana Lotero, Beacon High School*

Lotero, a senior on the girls' varsity lacrosse team, scored eight goals in the Bulldogs' 16-11 win over Pawling on May 8 and followed that up with four goals in a home loss to Sleepy Hollow on May 11.

Lotero led Beacon, which finished 2-14, in assists and was second in scoring behind senior Jessica Musacchio.

"Eliana has been fantastic on the attacking end," said Coach Brian Lange. "She reads defenses well, and is smart in her decisions to drive or distribute. Moving her from midfield to attack allowed her to take advantage. She worked hard on her cutting, and side-arm shot this season, and it has paid off in these later games. As a lefty, her ability to change pace and roll the crease has been effective."

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Allison Chiera, Haldane

All-State, Seventh Team (Class A)  
Lauren Schetter, Beacon

#### **Boys' Lacrosse**

Haldane 14, Peekskill 8  
Hastings 9, Haldane 4

#### **Girls' Lacrosse**

Pelham 1, Beacon 0  
Sleepy Hollow 12, Beacon 8

#### **Baseball**

Irvington 6, Haldane 5  
*Brian Haines home run*  
Haldane 7, Yonkers Montessori 6  
*Haines home run*  
Millbrook 2, Haldane 1  
Lourdes 8, Beacon 2  
Nyack 1, Beacon 0

#### State tournament

Saturday, May 20  
Yonkers-Gorton winner at No. 6 Beacon, 11 a.m.

#### **Softball**

Haldane 7, Putnam Valley 1  
Beacon 12, Lincoln 4  
*Olivia Dean (3-for-4)*

Beacon 9, Lincoln 8  
*Taryn Maloney (2-for-3)*  
Peekskill 2, Beacon 1

#### State tournament

Thursday, May 18  
No. 18 Somers at No. 15 Beacon, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 22  
No. 6 Solomon Schechter at No. 3 Haldane, 4:30 p.m.

#### **Track**

Section 1, League 3D Championships

#### *Haldane top finishers*

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1. Abbey Stowell (31-8.75)

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1. Nicholas Farrell (2:03.67)

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