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**CLOSE CALL** — A driver escaped injury when a large tree fell on her vehicle as she drove north on Route 403 in Garrison at the height of Tuesday's violent storm. Garrison Volunteer Fire Company Chief Fred Reich said the driver was alone and was able to exit the car on her own. A second vehicle at the scene was boxed in by fallen trees but not damaged. Route 403 was closed until 6 p.m. Wednesday, some 24 hours after the storm hit.

Photo by Michael Turton

## Girl, 11, Killed by Tree in Newburgh

*Crews working to restore power after storm*

By Chip Rowe

A quick and brutish thunderstorm that blew through the Highlands late Tuesday afternoon (May 15) caused extensive damage and power outages and led to the death of an 11-year-old Newburgh girl.



Gina Garzón

The girl was helping her mother unload groceries from an SUV outside a home on Robinson Avenue at about 4 p.m. when a falling tree crushed the vehicle. Newburgh firefighters extricated her but she was pronounced dead at St. Luke's Hospital, police said.

Police did not release the girl's name, but a fundraiser established online for funeral expenses identified her as Gina Garzón and said she had just made her First Communion the previous Saturday. Her mother suffered minor injuries, police said.

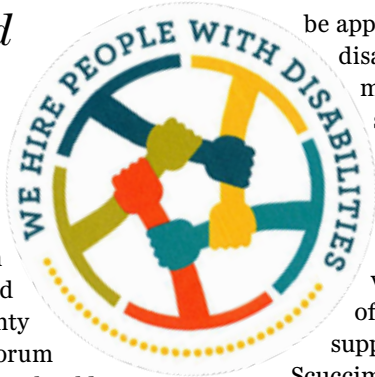
Other storm fatalities were Lauren Svendsen, 41, a fine-arts teacher at North Salem Middle/High School, whose car was struck by a tree in New Fairfield, Connecticut, near her home; Lisa Resnick, 58, of Rosendale, who died in her parked car at about 5 p.m. on the grounds of Mount Saint Mary College Desmond Campus in the Town of Newburgh, where she was attending (Continued on Page 6)

## Putnam Offers Decal to Firms that Hire Disabled

*Idea spearheaded by Philipstown legislator*

By Holly Crocco

When Marian Heinzinger told Putnam County lawmakers during a forum last year that businesses should



be applauded for hiring people with disabilities, Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown, took note.

"We thought that recognizing businesses who hire people with disabilities, and the rest of the public, to go there and support those establishments," Scuccimarra said.

Heinzinger, whose adult son Kevin has Down syndrome, described how his job at Spins Bowl in Carmel benefits not only him but other employees and everyone who patronizes that business.

"It's turned out to be a terrific association," said Heinzinger. "They like him; he likes it."

Further, she said, promoting the fact that the bowling alley has given someone with a disability an opportunity to earn a living attracts (Continued on Page 3)

## Four New Faces for School Boards

*Haldane, Beacon, Garrison voters approve budgets*

By Chip Rowe

The Haldane and Beacon school boards have a total of four new faces after school district elections on Tuesday (May 15) that were interrupted by a violent storm.

In Cold Spring, John Hedlund and an incumbent, Margaret Parr, won the two

open seats on the five-member Haldane board from a slate of five candidates. Hedlund received 337 votes and Parr, 303, to return for her second, three-year term.

In Beacon, Flora Stadler, James Case-Leal and Elissa Betterbid were elected from a slate of six candidates, replacing incumbents who chose not to run to retain their seats on the nine-member board.

Turnout was low (5 percent of registered voters in Garrison, 7.5 percent in Beacon and about 15 percent at Haldane), but those who made it to the polls easily

approved the three district budgets. The weather forced the postponement of student concerts at Beacon High School and the Garrison School that usually bring parents to the schools to vote.

**Haldane**

Voters approved the proposed \$24 million budget, 471-142.

Hedlund will fill a seat vacated by Evan Schwartz, who has served since 2007 but did not seek re-election. The other three candidates were (Continued on Page 5)



Our series will continue next week with farming and food. To read Part 1 (Runaway Train) and Part 2 (Rising Waters), see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com).



# 5 Five Questions: CALI SCHWEIKHART

By Brian PJ Cronin

On April 29, Cali Schweikhart of Cold Spring won the New Jersey Spartan Beast Race, a 13.5-mile course with 4,500 feet of elevation and more than 30 obstacles. On Saturday (May 19), the 2014 Haldane grad will compete in Big Bear Lake, California.

## How did you get started running Spartan races?

I was recruited to play soccer at Boston University, but after a year I realized it wasn't the right fit so I came home to figure out what I wanted to do next. A friend suggested I try a Spartan race, because I had always been interested in fitness.

## This was your fourth time running the course. Did that give you an advantage?

I think so. It's on a ski resort in Mount Vernon, so you have to be prepared for the elevations. It also helps that the trails here have loose rocks and uneven terrain. I live near Breakneck Ridge, which is the perfect place to train.

## How do you train?

Originally I had just been trying to do minimal running and more weights and some circuit training. But to be competitive, you need to be a strong runner. You also need grip strength because of obstacles like the monkey bars and rigs. For the long mountain runs and power hiking, it's about endurance.

## How much of the course is power hiking?

Since I've been working on my running, I can probably run about 75 percent of the course. Of course, there was one climb that was 15 minutes straight up. No one was running that. Sometimes power hiking is more efficient, because you save energy. On the downhill, if you're good with your feet, you can make up time.

## What advice do you offer beginners?

Once you do a Spartan race, you're going to know quickly whether you want to do another one. You'll learn what your



Cali Schweikhart competing in the New Jersey Spartan Beast Race

Photo provided

weaknesses are. See if you can find someone to do it with you. It's one of the most supportive communities I've ever been in. Whatever your level, you'll have a million friends.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Change in Wording

The New York State Assembly on May 1 unanimously passed a bill that would replace *fireman* with *firefighter* and *police* with *police officer* in state laws and official documents.

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown, was one of the 23 co-sponsors of the bill, a version of which passed the Senate, 56-2, on March 12. Sue Serino, who represents Philipstown and Beacon there, voted yes.

### 13 Dealers Convicted

Thirteen members of a Newburgh drug gang have pleaded guilty to distributing heroin and cocaine, the U.S. Attorney General's Office said on May 11.

The arrests were part of a 10-month undercover investigation that centered on Darnion Jackson ("Toe-Toe") of Newburgh and his supplier in Paterson, New Jersey. It was part of an initiative that began last year known as the Suburban and Upstate Response to the Growing Epidemic (SURGE).

Besides bulk heroin and cocaine, officers seized hundreds of doses of heroin in glassines, a kilo of meth, 49 pounds of marijuana, three illegal handguns, a sawed-off shotgun, a shotgun and more than \$36,000 in cash. Officers said that the defendants cut the cocaine with baking soda to increase their profits.

Jackson will be sentenced to 12 to 18 years in prison. The other Newburgh defendants and their sentences were: Frederick Blue ("Fredo"), 13 years; Dwaine Tate ("Devil"), 10; Kevin Maldonado ("Kels"), 10; Steve Cohen ("Lonkie"), 7 to 9; Andrew Hutchinson ("Jimmy"), 7; Oneil Mitchell ("O"), 5; Adrian Hutchinson ("Travis"), 4½ to 9; Demetrius Kelly ("Meech"), 7; Kenny Maldonado-Irizarry ("Ken Block"), 5; Monique Bentley ("Cola"), 4½; Tykwon Burks ("Chop"), 2 to 6; and Ethan Santana ("Edai"), 2 and 6.

### Fourth of July Dates

The Village of Cold Spring will hold the Fourth of July celebration and mark the bicentennial of the West Point Foundry on Saturday, June 30, this year. There will be a parade down Main Street beginning at 4 p.m. with prizes for bike decorating and patriotic pets. There will also be live music, food vendors, a pie-baking contest and fireworks to cap off the day. The rain date will be Sunday, July 1.

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# Maloney Applies – Briefly – for State A.G. Job

*Among 16 candidates to succeed Eric Schneiderman*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents the Highlands in Congress, toyed with pursuing the interim post as New York State attorney general, a position left vacant by the sudden resignation of Eric Schneiderman after allegations of sexual misconduct in his private life.

Maloney dropped out of the running on Monday (May 14), saying he thought the acting A.G., Barbara Underwood, who has applied to continue in the job through Dec. 31 but says she will not run for the post, was the best choice.

"She is a tremendously qualified candidate who could serve out the remainder of this term free of any political considerations," he said in a statement.

After interviewing candidates in public hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday, a bipartisan committee sent its recommendation to the full Legislature.

The attorney general position is one of the offices on the ballot in November. The New York State legislature could select an interim to fill the position or wait until No-

vember and appoint the election winner, who will serve a four-year term.

Maloney, a Democrat, said on May 14 he is "considering whether to run for the office."

The congressman was among the 16 initial applicants for the job, according to a list released by the Legislature. He ran for state attorney general in 2006 but was third in the Democratic primary behind Mark Green and Andrew Cuomo, who won the general election and is now governor. Maloney was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012.

The attorney general's office became vacant on May 7, when Schneiderman, also a Democrat, resigned. Underwood, the solicitor general, is handling the attorney general's responsibilities.

Maloney has filed paperwork indicating he is running this year for his fourth term in the House. Earlier in his career, he served on the White House staff under President Bill Clinton and worked for two New York governors. He has an undergraduate degree in international relations



Sean Patrick Maloney

File photo by Michael Turton

and a law degree, both from the University of Virginia.

After Schneiderman's resignation, Maloney said in a statement: "These allegations are horrific and inconsistent with the increasingly important job of New York Attorney General. New Yorkers should be able to count on the fact that the highest law enforcement official in our state does not engage in this type of conduct. Survivors of abuse are telling their stories, and it's time for us to listen."

## Who Applied?

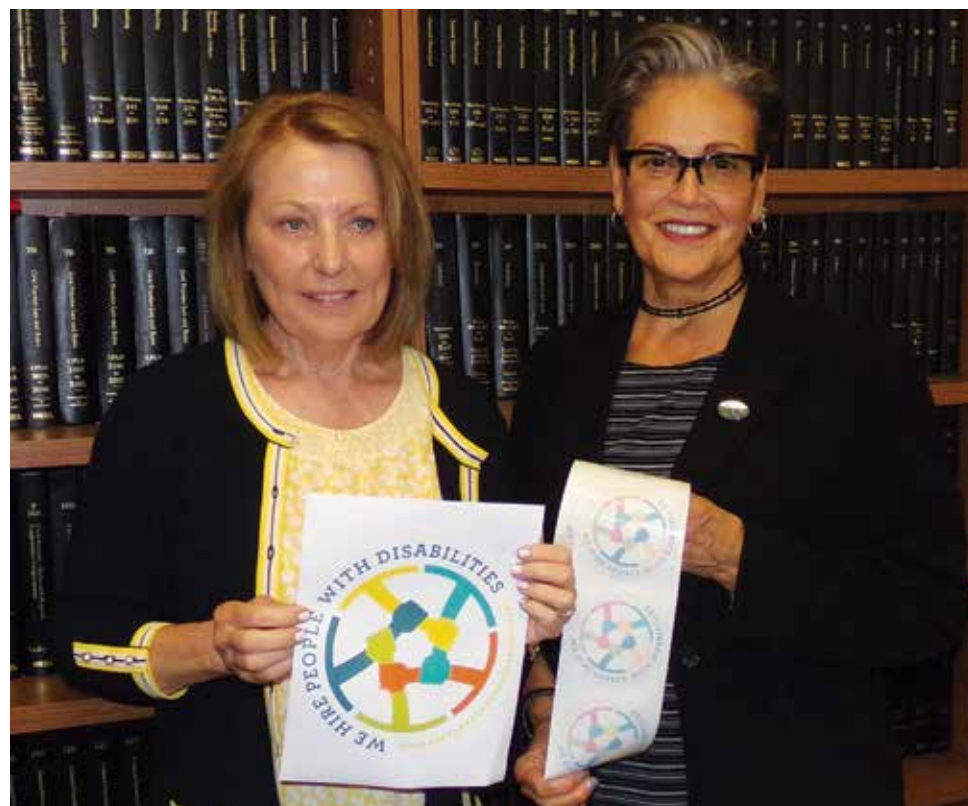
1. Assemblyman Thomas J. Abinanti (Westchester County)
2. Lloyd Constantine (former adviser to Attorney General Eliot Spitzer)
3. Michael D. Diederich Jr. (attorney)
4. Jose W. Fernandez (former assistant Secretary of State)
5. Nicole Gueron (deputy trial counsel under Andrew Cuomo)
6. Elizabeth Holtzman (former U.S. representative)
7. Thomas Humbach (Rockland County Attorney)
8. State Supreme Court Judge Doris Ling-Cohan
9. Assemblyman Daniel J. O'Donnell (Manhattan)
10. U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney
11. Mina Quinto Malik (former director, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board)
12. Leecia Roberta Eve (Verizon executive, ran in 2006 for lieutenant governor)
13. Jennifer P. Stergion (attorney)
14. Barbara D. Underwood (acting attorney general)
15. David Yassky (dean of Pace University School of Law)
16. Alex Zapesochny (attorney, CEO of iCardiac Technologies)

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customers.

"Let them be known as the place that

hired Kevin," she said. "We should not only recognize people for hiring some-



Barbara Scuccimarra and Susan Limongello display the logo design and decals for businesses that hire people with disabilities.

Photo by H. Crocco

body with special needs, but recognize them for thinking outside the box, and honoring people. It's a reflection on the establishment."

After hearing Kevin's story, Scuccimarra reached out to the Putnam chapter of The Arc of New York, a nonprofit that serves children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She and Executive Director Susan Limongello came up with a plan.

Scuccimarra contacted a friend who is a graphic designer, Jen Giachinta of Cold Spring, who created a We Hire People with Disabilities logo. The logo was printed on stickers by Grey Printing of Cold Spring, with Scuccimarra paying for them out of her pocket. She presented the stickers to The Arc of Putnam last week.

Limongello said close to 50 businesses hire people who are receiving services

through The Arc of Putnam. "To recognize them is a wonderful thing," she said. "It's also recognizing that people with disabilities are being accepted in Putnam County."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) praised the project, saying she worked at a high school where many students with disabilities were "phased out" at age 21, and that being able to find a job is important for everyone's self-worth and self-confidence.

"It's important to the families, too, because they want their children to be able to go beyond their own home environment, especially as they get older," she said.

Any business that hires employees with disabilities may request a decal by contacting The Arc of Putnam at 845-278-7272 or [info@arcputnamny.org](mailto:info@arcputnamny.org).

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Letters to the Editor

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### Police body cams

Thank you for your writing on and investigation of the Beacon Police Department's body camera program ("Beacon Police Release Body-Cam Policy," May 4).

You noted that Beacon police officers are able to review footage taken by their body cams before writing up their reports. I don't believe that there is anything wrong with footage assisting officers in writing up accurate incident or arrest reports in most cases, particularly because human perception and memory is quite fallible.

I am concerned with allowing officers access in circumstances where their conduct is being investigated. The best policy would be to allow officers to access the video only for cases that do not involve the use of force. This would be an easy policy to implement as "use of force" is clearly defined in the police manual.

One of the cases in recent years in which an officer was held accountable for unjustly shooting a civilian was Walter Scott's death in North Charleston, South Carolina. The officer gave an egregiously false account of what happened before he knew there was footage, so he wasn't able to tailor his account to the video.

I served on the Beacon Speaks Out committee that was a collaboration between former Police Chief Doug Solomon and community groups designed to prevent a tragedy like Scott's death from occurring in Beacon. We also hoped to build more trust in the Beacon police.

In a city like ours where the police department was under federal monitoring for more than five years due to excessive incidents of use of force, it is important we implement intelligent and just law enforcement policies. I urge Chief Kevin Junjulas and Mayor Randy Casale to make this change.

Laurie Dick, *Beacon*

### Coming to Haldane

I look forward to joining the Haldane Central School District community as su-

perintendent on July 1 ("Haldane Hires New Superintendent," May 4). I have visited each of the schools and been introduced to many students, faculty, staff and administrators. I could not have asked for a more gracious welcome. Thank you to Superintendent Diana Bowers and school board President Laura Hammond for facilitating the visit.

The selection process and my visits to the area have affirmed how much the community cares for the experiences that students have while at Haldane. It is my hope that you will find me to be approachable, thoughtful and student-centered. I look forward to working with parents to ensure that students meet Haldane's high academic standards while balancing those demands to make certain they have an enriching social and emotional experience, as well.

In the coming months I will be meeting with a cross-section of community members to "hit the ground learning." I have asked for the entry plan that I developed for the board to be posted at [haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org). Transparency is important to me and I want the community to have a sense of how I plan to approach my initial work.

My wife, Kerri, and our two sons, Cole and Luke, look forward to meeting many more members of the Haldane community in the near future.

Philip Benante, *Arlington*

### Dirt roads

Asphalt roads fail from erosion, too ("Will Climate Change Kill Dirt Roads?" May 11). Remember when a bridge failed

a few years ago on Snake Hill Road? The asphalt road buckled when the supporting subsurface was eroded by stormwater. Flowing water scours the base of asphalt roads and can cause major cracks and even surface failure. Proper asphalt road maintenance is expensive and the production and mixing of asphalt paving has a huge greenhouse gas effect.

Concerning climate change, a recent study has shown that the installation of one mile of asphalt surface produces more than 1.6 million kilograms of greenhouse gases, particularly carbon dioxide. This must be a consideration whenever asphalt paving is being proposed, but to the best of my knowledge, it is never been factored into the equation.

Philipstown Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda's practices are reducing costs and improving maintenance of dirt roads. The surfaces are harder and drainage is improved.

Over the years, some have suggested that those living on dirt roads should pay extra tax for road maintenance. If that is the case, perhaps those living on dirt roads should be exempt from paying taxes for asphalt roads? These suggestions are just laughable and plain wrong! We are *one* town, all together enjoying the benefits of the special ambience of a semi-rural Philipstown.

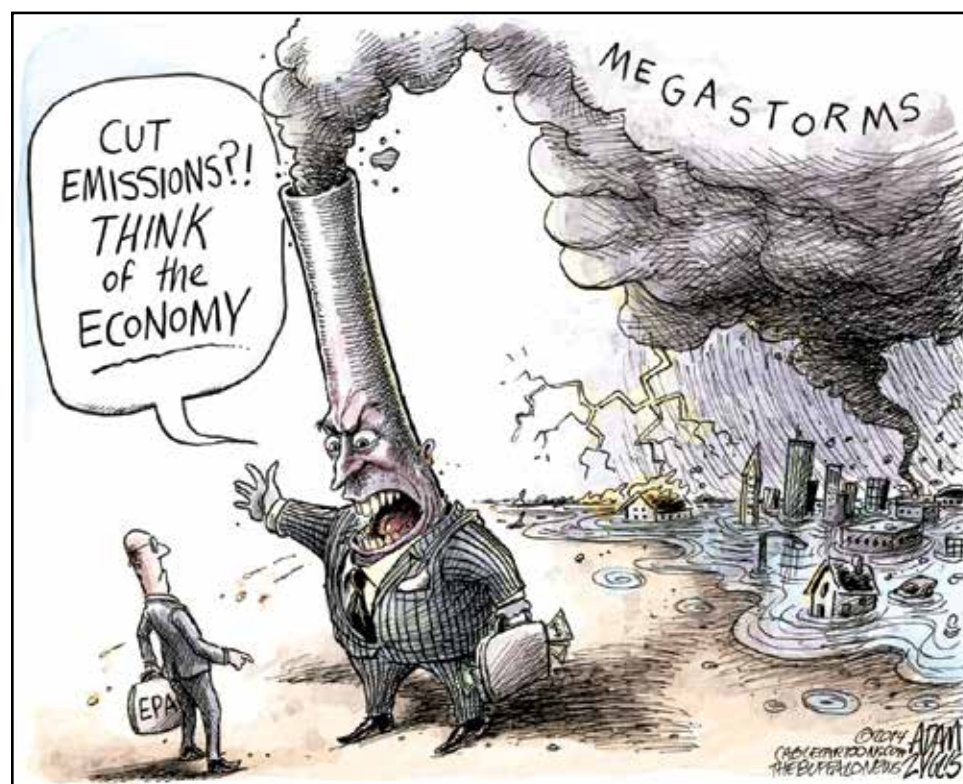
In the case of Old Albany Post Road, the provincial legislature established it officially as a post road in 1669 ... 350 years ago in 2019! It has experienced the Little Ice Age (circa 1700s), floods, wars, hurricanes, and even the occasional tornado and earthquake. It has endured many changes in climate through those years, and will continue to do so, especially with the good work of our highway superintendent, crews, and elected officials.

Terry Zaleski, *Philipstown*  
Zaleski is president of the Old Road Society of Philipstown.

### Corrections & Updates

In the May 11 issue, we reported that Barbara Scuccimarra, who presents Philipstown in the Putnam County Legislature, had scheduled a kick-off fundraiser for her re-election campaign for June 2. In fact, it will be June 6 at the Bird and Bottle Inn in Garrison. Scuccimarra also called after the press deadline to confirm she is seeking to retain her seat for a third term.

Spot an error?  
Email [editor@highlandscurrent.com](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.com).





## Four New Faces for School Boards *(from Page 1)*

Keith Anderson (116 votes), Sandy McKelvey (209) and Laura O'Connell (163).

Voters also approved two propositions, one to spend up to \$55,000 on a school bus (446-166) and the other to create a 10-year facilities improvement reserve fund of up to \$1 million (488-124).

Hedlund is vice president of U.S. issuer marketing for Mastercard. He has two children at Haldane, in the third and fifth grades, and has been involved with the Haldane School Foundation since 2013. He will join the board on July 1.

Parr is the registrar of vital statistics for Bronxville. A former PTA president, she has two children who graduated from Haldane, in 2016 and 2017.

### Beacon

Stadler (601), Case-Leal (555) and Betterbid (552) received the most votes and will join the Beacon school board on July 1. The other candidates were Christine Galbo (517), Ali Muhammad (446) and Joshua Galarza (271). The only candidate with previous board experience was Galbo, who served two terms but did not seek re-election in 2016.

District voters approved \$70.5 million in spending for the next school year, 883-214, and up to \$380,730 for school buses, 802-239.

Betterbid works in media and advertising and has three children attending school in the district — a freshman at Beacon High School, a sixth-grader at Rombout Middle School and a fifth-grader at Glenham Elementary. She is the former president of the Packanack Lake Mothers Club, a women's organization in Wayne, New Jersey, with more than 1,000 members.

Case-Leal, a college educator and visual artist, is the father of twin fourth-graders at J.V. Forrestal Elementary. He led the team of students that made last year's Spirit of Beacon Day float at Forrestal and co-

ordinated with the district and the city's parks and police departments to organize the April 20 protest at Memorial Park against gun violence in schools.

Stadler is a PTA board member at South Avenue Elementary and the mother of two boys who are students there. She volunteers for the Wee Play Community Project and Advocates for Beacon Schools and works part-time for two Beacon-based companies.

The three open seats are held by Kenya Gadsden, Georgia Patchen and William Zopf.

When the new board is seated, the only member who will not be in his or her first elected term is its president, Anthony White, who joined the board in 2014 and was re-elected in 2017. School board members serve three-year terms.

The board has suffered its share of upheaval over the past few years, with two



John Hedlund



Margaret Parr

members and the superintendent resigning in 2016 and an incumbent being soundly defeated that same year. The district has had nine superintendents since 2006.

Because of the thunderstorm that knocked out power late Tuesday, the Beacon school board delayed counting the votes until Wednesday. The board said it will draft two resolutions asking the legislature to amend state laws to allow districts to extend voting hours in circumstances such as a severe storm.



Stadler, Case-Leal and Betterbid campaigned together in Beacon.

Photo provided

### Garrison

Only 103 residents voted on the district's \$10.9 million budget, which passed, 71-32. Three incumbent board candidates, running unopposed, retained their seats. Raymond O'Rourke received 91 votes and David Gelber and James Hoch each received 85.

## School Boards

These are the members of school boards in the Highlands and the year each was elected to his or her first three-year term. The chief responsibilities of a school board are to oversee district spending and hire a superintendent.

### Beacon

Anthony White (2014)  
Meredith Heuer (2016)  
Michael Rutkoske (2016)  
Antony Tseng (2016)  
Craig Wolf (2017)\*  
Kristan Flynn (2017)\*  
Flora Stadler (2018)  
James Case-Leal (2018)  
Elissa Betterbid (2018)

\*Wolf and Flynn were appointed in 2016.

### Haldane

Jen Daly (2013)  
Margaret Parr (2015)  
Peggy Clements (2015)\*  
Laura Hammond (2016)\*  
John Hedlund (2018)

\*Hammond was appointed in 2015. Clements was initially elected to a one-year term.

### Garrison

Diana Swinburne (2005)  
Raymond O'Rourke (2009)  
Derek DuBois (2013)  
David Gelber (2015)  
James Hoch (2015)  
Jill Lake (2016)  
Courtney McCarthy (2017)



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a function; and an 80-year-old woman who died in Ramapo in Rockland County when her car was hit by a falling tree.

The National Weather Service said a station in Beacon at 4:20 p.m. recorded wind gusts of 78 mph. Wind speeds hit 50 mph in Putnam. By searching for telltale signs such as a narrow path of damage and leaf splatter, investigators confirmed that tornadoes struck in Newburgh (EF-0, 85 mph, 674-yard path), Kent (EF-2, 110 mph, 100 yards) and Patterson (EF-1, 100 mph, discontinuous 75 yards). The NWS continues to investigate other reports.

There had not been a tornado recorded in Putnam County since 1990, and the last one to cause injuries was an EF-2 in 1989 that hit Carmel and Brewster.



A roof was torn off of a structure on Liberty Street between Washington Street and Grand Avenue in the City of Newburgh. The debris tore down power lines and knocked down a tree during the storm on Tuesday, May 15.

Central Hudson

A macroburst was also confirmed along the I-84 corridor in Wappingers Falls on Tuesday, cutting a path about 3 miles wide and 8 miles long with wind speeds exceeding 100 mph. (In a tornado, trees fall in many different directions, while in a macroburst they show a pattern.)

Falling trees caused widespread power outages and forced Metro-North to suspend service on the Hudson Line during the Tuesday rush hour. It stopped service between Croton-Harmon and Poughkeepsie until about 12:15 a.m. to clear trees.

Central Hudson said that 74,000 customers were affected by the storm. As of 7 a.m. Thursday, it said about 37,000 customers remained without electric service, including 9,700 in Dutchess County and 1,600 in Putnam.

Nineteen distribution circuits and two transmission lines were damaged and its crews, which include 185 line workers and 180 personnel to clear trees, still needed to visit at least 425 locations for repairs. Another 270 mutual-aid line workers were expected to arrive in the region on Wednesday from locations such as Niagara Falls, Vermont and Michigan.

The utility said the "vast majority" of its customers would have power by 11 p.m. today.

"Crews are working methodically, beginning at substations



A UPS truck was crushed by a tree in Fishkill. The driver was reportedly pinned against the steering wheel and suffered a broken vertebra.

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and working outward along distribution circuits to repair damage and restore electric service," said Charles Freni, a Central Hudson spokesman. "While electric service for most of our customers will be restored by Friday night, there are pockets of significant damage that will take longer to repair."

On Thursday morning, he added: "The amount of tree damage remains a concern, as substantial work remains to restore electric service to all our customers impacted by the storm. Repairs will begin to restore service to fewer and fewer customers, as we work in neighborhoods and along individual streets."

The utility said its focus on Wednesday

*"We'll be bringing in an additional 1,100 [people] to help clean up the mess."*

was clearing trees from roadways. As of noon that day, there were 144 roads closed in Putnam County, including Route 403 in Garrison. The county worked through a priority list, which included getting power restored at Putnam Hospital Center.

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro declared a state of emergency and restricted travel in the southern part of the county, including Beacon, at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, *(Continued on next page)*

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## Girl, 11, Killed by Tree in Newburgh *(from previous page)*

and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell did the same for Putnam. Gov. Andrew Cuomo visited Putnam Valley on Wednesday to survey the damage and deployed 125 members of the New York National Guard.

"We'll be bringing in an additional 1,100 [people] to help clean up the mess," Cuomo said. He said the state could provide hundreds of generators and 60,000 prepared meals. "There has been an issue in terms of utility response and when you're without power, any delay is too long and we understand that," he said.

Odell said officers from the New York State Police, Putnam County Sheriff's Department and local departments provided traffic control at intersections where signals were not working. Putnam 911 handled 1,800 calls in a seven-hour period, she said.

Mayor Bill O'Neill of Nelsonville said Wednesday morning that Central Hudson

had been "as responsive as all get-out," and that he had spoken to Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy, who reported that village crews were doing clean-up.

O'Neill added that Odell and Ken Clair, the acting county emergency services commissioner, called him Tuesday after the storm to check on the situation in the village and described county officials as also being "completely responsive."

Schools in the Highlands were closed on Wednesday but re-opened Thursday.



Hail fell in Ulster County

Central Hudson



Rush-hour traffic crawled on Route 9 after the storm blew through on Tuesday.

Central Hudson



A tree hit the corner of this home in Beacon.

Central Hudson



A transformer caught fire on Route 9D south of Beacon.

Photo by Tara Vamos



Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro surveyed the damage from a helicopter.

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# House Planned at Manitou Raises Questions

*ZBA calls for Conservation Board input*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday (May 15) delayed its review of plans for new construction in flood-prone Manitou and called for Conservation Board input on the project.

The new home would be located on Hudson River Lane, a narrow strip between the river and the Metro-North tracks that contains 17 homes. Emergency responders rescued nine residents there during Hurricane Sandy in 2012.

Dana and Kevin Reymond, who live in

Manhattan, own two homes, at 28 and 30 Hudson River Lane, which were apparently built in the 1940s as fishing cottages. The couple hopes to demolish the structures, as well as a shed and garage, then combine the parcels, and construct a raised two-wing residence designed to better withstand flooding and harsh weather.

The 2,312-square-foot house would consist of two one-story structures separated by a boat ramp but linked by a 22-foot outdoor walkway.

The proposal requires seven variances from the ZBA.

“That’s a lot,” observed ZBA Chairman Robert Dee at the board’s Monday hear-



A drawing of the proposed home at 28 and 30 Hudson River Lane

ing. The variances cover such discrepancies as the distance between the house and the side yard line — 5 feet 9 inches, when the law specifies 20 feet — and the space between a proposed backyard deck and the property line — 6 inches, when the law requires 20 feet.

The Reymonds also need permission from the Army Corps of Engineers and state Department of Environmental Conservation for one or more aspects of their plans.

Michael Liguori, an attorney who represents the Reymonds, said the couple had started the approval process with the ZBA and not the Conservation Board because “you drive our design” with variances and “getting that locked down is critical.”

Likewise, he added, “it’s the construction and the impact of the construction that will govern” decisions of the Conservation Board, which has jurisdiction over

wetlands and water courses. He noted that a good portion of the property extends into the river and is under water.

Dee responded that the ZBA would not consider the application until the Conservation Board had reviewed it. Moreover, he said, “there’s a lot of things missing,” including details on the garage design. “We have to know what it looks like.”

On their application, the Reymonds said they envision the structure as a retirement home. They have spent weekends at the property for five years and cited problems with the existing houses. No. 28, they wrote, “has never been renovated, maintained or properly insulated,” while No. 30, also insufficiently insulated, has a misengineered foundation, creating a slant.

They said the new home would have no adverse effect on the neighborhood, and would be a “visual plus” for neighbors and passing boaters. *(Continued on Page 19)*



These two homes on Hudson River Lane in Manitou would be torn down.

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# The Calendar

Tavares Strachan, *Sometimes Lies are Prettier*

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## Artists Tackle Climate Change

*Storm King: 'Glad to be part of conversation'*

By Alison Rooney

The Storm King Art Center doesn't often hold guest exhibitions. With the many sculptures and installations on its 500-acre campus in New Windsor, it's not easy to add work on a temporary basis. Its last such undertaking, *Light and Landscape*, was in 2012.

Now it has asked more than a dozen artists to address climate change. The exhibit, *Indicators*, opens Saturday, May 19, and continues through Nov. 11.

The parameters provided to the artists by curators Nora Lawrence and David Collens, and their assistant, Sarah Diver, were broad.

Jenny Kendler, *Birds Watching* (digital mockup), featuring the eyes of species threatened by climate change

"We asked the artists to respond to our site and express how climate change has related to them personally," Diver says. "We're looking to a generation of artists to help in understanding what can be a massive issue."

Founded in 1960, the Storm King Art Center is located on land donated by the Ralph E. Ogden Foundation; the Star Expansion Co., co-owned by Ogden and H. Peter Stern, also donated 2,100 acres of Schunnemunk Mountain (now a state park) to preserve the art center's views.

Although Storm King was envisioned as a museum devoted to Hudson River School painting, by 1961 its founders had committed to modern sculpture. Early purchases were positioned near the museum building. However, with the 1966 purchase of 13 works from the estate of sculptor David Smith, Storm

King began to place works throughout the landscape.

Today the center's rolling hills, woodlands and fields of native grasses and wildflowers provide the bucolic setting for more than 100 sculptures, including one by Maya Lin (best known for her Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C.), whose *Storm King Wavefield* is seven parallel rows of swelling peaks. It is installed in what was once a gravel pit used to quarry materials for the New York State Thruway.

Diver says that because Storm King is an outdoor gallery, and the environment has a direct impact on its exhibits, "the dialogue between art and nature has always been important here."

John P. Stern, Storm King's president, says that from the beginning, "we have prioritized environmental projects, including land conservation, reclamation of industrial sites for sensi-

tive landscaping for art, using native plants, and preservation of wildlife habitat corridors in the Hudson Valley." But he says *Indicators* is intended to also speak to broader issues of ecological health.

Adds Diver: "It's about taking something local, having it speak globally. We're glad to be a part of the conversation."

Besides Lin, the participating artists and collectives are David Brooks, Dear Climate, Mark Dion, Ellie Ga, Justin Brice Guariglia, Allison Janae Hamilton, Jenny Kendler, Mary Mattingly, Mike Nelson, Steve Rowell, Gabriela Salazar, Tavares Strachan, Meg Webster and Hara Woltz.

See [stormking.org](http://stormking.org) for workshops, activities and lectures during the exhibit. The Storm King Art Center is located at 1 Museum Road in New Windsor. Its hours through Sept. 1 are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Wednesday to Sunday, and until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Mary Mattingly, *Proposal for Storm King in Zone 10*Hara Woltz, *Vital Signs* (digital mockup), with weather instruments



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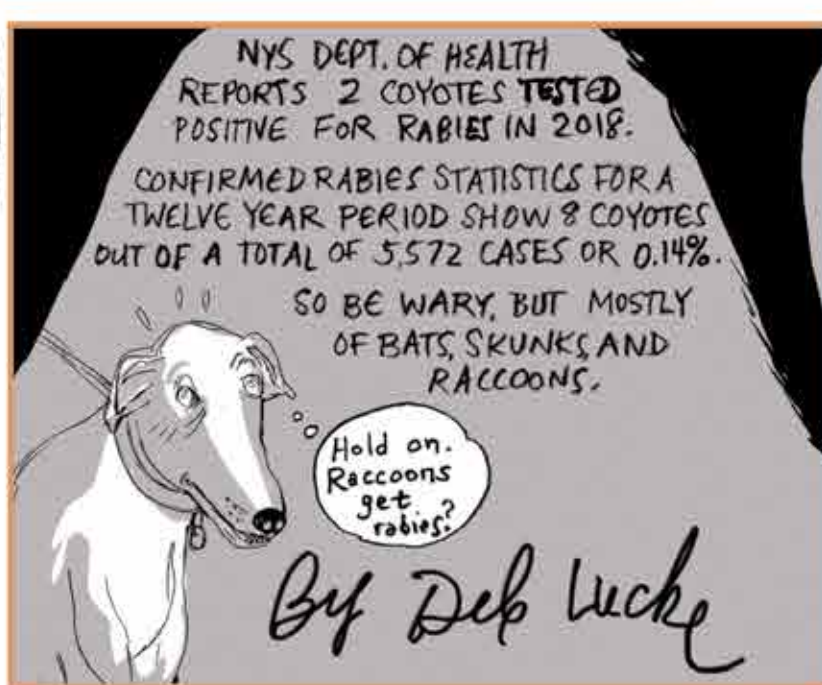
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FRIDAY, MAY 18

**The Matchmaker (1958)**  
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**Classical Principles for Modern Design (Talk)**  
6:30 p.m. Boscobel  
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**Open Mic Night**  
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Guys and Dolls**  
8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls  
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

**Zeppelin Complete**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

**Master Gardener Volunteer Plant Sale**  
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**Birding by Ear for Beginners**  
9 a.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site  
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery  
845-446-2134 | nysparks.com

**Native Plant Sale**  
9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
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**Used Book Sale**  
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845- 265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**DIY Backyard Design**  
10 a.m. One Nature | 321 Main St., Beacon  
onenaturellc.com/events

**Introduction to Pour Painting**  
10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery | 172 Main St., Beacon  
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**Hat-Making Class (First Session)**  
11 a.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St, Beacon | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Community Safety Day**  
Noon – 4 p.m. Elks Lodge  
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**Royal Wedding Celebration**  
Noon – 3 p.m. The Country Goose  
115 Main St., Cold Spring  
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**Hudson Landscape Hike**  
2 p.m. Manitoga  
584 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

**International Artists Residency Reception**  
3 – 7 p.m. Red Barn  
Long Dock Park, Beacon  
[beaconarts.org](http://beaconarts.org)

**Beacon Xtreme Girls Softball Pasta Dinner**  
4:30 – 8:30 p.m. Lewis Tompkins Hose Co.  
13 South Ave, Beacon

**Historical Antecedents of Hello Dolly! (Talk)**  
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

**Sons & Daughters of Italy Pasta Dinner**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. St. Joachim’s Church  
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**Rock Around the Clock Block Party**  
6 – 10 p.m. Main Street, Fishkill  
[fishkillbusinessassociation.com](http://fishkillbusinessassociation.com)

**Fragile Explosion: Nina Simone (Musical)**  
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details above.

**Betty and the Baby Boomers (Music)**  
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley  
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

**Peers Partnership 25th Anniversary**  
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
[peerspartnership.org](http://peerspartnership.org)

**The Music Man**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison  
[philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

**Broken Shadows Quartet (Music)**  
8 p.m. The Gallery at Atlas Studios  
11 Spring St., Newburgh | [atlasnewburgh.com](http://atlasnewburgh.com)

**Guys and Dolls**  
8 p.m. County Players Theater  
See details under Friday.

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

**5K Walk/Run with the Dogs**  
10 a.m. Memorial Park, Beacon  
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**Used Book Sale**  
Noon – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library  
See details under Saturday.

**Armed Forces Day Concert**  
2 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
655 Pitcher Road, West Point  
[westpointband.com](http://westpointband.com)

**Guys and Dolls**  
2 p.m. County Players Theater  
See details under Friday.

**The Music Man**  
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Saturday.

**Allison Pataki: Beauty in The Broken Places (Reading)**  
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
See details under Friday.

**Calidore Quartet**  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Sunset Readings: Joshua Ferris and Eliza Kennedy**  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St., Cold Spring  
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**Depot Theatre Spring Benefit**  
5 p.m. Riverfront Park, Garrison’s Landing  
845-424-3900 | [philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

**MONDAY, MAY 21**

**Open Auditions for #QueenE The Musical**  
5 – 8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Beacon City Council**  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon  
845-838-5011 | [cityofbeacon.org](http://cityofbeacon.org)

**Nelsonville Village Board**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
258 Main St., Nelsonville  
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TUESDAY, MAY 22

**Philipstown Property Tax Grievance Day**  
3 to 5 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m. Town Hall

**Open Auditions for #QueenE The Musical**  
5 – 8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

**Healing Power of Reflexology (Talk)**  
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
See details under Sunday.

**Cold Spring Village Board**  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3611 | [coldspringny.gov](http://coldspringny.gov)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

**Beacon Property Tax Grievance Hearings**  
2 to 4 p.m. & 6 to 8 p.m. Beacon City Hall

**Dementia Conservations Workshop**  
1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
See details under Friday.

**Philipstown Communities That Care**  
3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison | [philipstownnctc.org](http://philipstownnctc.org)

THURSDAY, MAY 24

**Desmond-Fish Library**  
3:30 p.m. Build Your Own Light Saber  
6 p.m. *Rogue One* (2016)  
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

**International Film Night: Fuse (Bosnia)**  
7 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

**The Music Man**  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under Saturday.

**Black Girls Rock – The Musical**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
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Photos by Ross Corsair



Above, Christopher Daly, Jay Philippi and Jeff Amato move the mulch, which was donated by Sal and Annette Pidala of SP Landscaping. At left, Wyatt Daly



Parker Fyfe gets a push from her grandfather.



At left, Travis Fyfe tills the sandbox. Above, Jay Philippi and his son, Caden



Jarren Vink cedes the right-of-way to his daughter, Birdie.

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## Roots and Shoots

# A Garden in a Bale

By Pamela Doan

**S**traw-bale gardening enthusiasts can sound like an infomercial for solving all of a gardener's troubles. Bad soil? Straw bales! Hate weeding? Straw bales! Too much watering? Straw bales!

Spend a little time searching for "straw bale gardening" online and you'll be convinced. It's a low-cost alternative to creating raised beds, buying containers or designing a landscape. As a bonus, after the growing season, the straw can be composted.

The Wee Woods nature playground designed by One Nature at Memorial Park in Beacon uses straw bales in its design, with live cuttings of *Salix discolor*, or pussy willow.

"The idea is to form an allée, a tunnel of willows, for children to travel through on their way to the woodland," explains Bryan Quinn, founder of One Nature. As the trees grow, the straw will disintegrate and fall away, leaving the trees as the outline.

Straw bales were useful because the site's soil was dry and compacted and needed work to prepare, he says. "It would have been a huge amount of labor to drill holes and drive stakes into the ground."

Straw bales have excellent water absorbency and retention, making them a smart option for spaces where watering is a challenge, like a park. Since you're not planting in ground that has a seedbed, weeds will be suppressed under the bale, allowing the plant to grow without competition.

Joel Karsten, a horticulturist in Roseville, Minnesota, and the author of *Straw Bale Gardening*, found that the key to success is creating the right level of decomposition in the straw. His method involves conditioning the bale for two weeks prior to planting.

"Adding a source of nitrogen, either organically or with

something like blood meal or a lawn fertilizer stimulates bacteria growth," he says. The rapid colonization of bacteria generates heat. After 10 to 12 days, it cools enough to be planted in. Karsten noted that this warmer medium can be planted in earlier than soil, which extends the growing season.

Quinn says the straw bale medium worked well for pussy willows, which are used to the shifting soils of riverbanks, but that trees like oaks or maple wouldn't appreciate the same treatment.

Karsten has found that plants that thrive in pH-balanced conditions will succeed. Plants such as blueberries that like more acidic soil, or rosemary, which likes more alkaline conditions, don't grow well. And perennial vegetables like asparagus aren't good candidates since the bale decomposes.

However, he says, "there are very few things that won't grow well. Even things that I would never try in soil here in Minnesota, like sweet potatoes, produce marvelously."

With Karsten's method, nitrogen is the key to get the bacteria moving. His book has a chart that gardeners can use to calculate the exact amount for their bale.

"The goal is to bring the carbon-nitrogen ratio of the straw down to 20:1," he says. For example, the ratio in wheat straw is 80:1. Applications of nitrogen shift the balance; the bale breaks down into nitrogen ions a seedling can absorb.

"The existence of worms, insects, fungi, mold and bacteria in the bales is a miraculous thing to see," he says. "However, the most important part of the process is the bacteria, which can only be seen with a microscope."

While I looked into bales out of curiosity, Karsten says they have the potential to change lives in impoverished nations. "With five bales of waste rice straw, a sheet of paper and a starter pack of seeds, within 60 days they are already harvesting crops and feeding themselves," he says.



A willow growing from a cutting inside a straw bale at the Wee Woods nature playground in Beacon.

As a growing medium, straw bales are low-maintenance and can have many uses. Photo by P. Doan

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# Beacon Youth Police Academy: A Bridge to the Badge

*Weeklong summer program changes perceptions*

By Jeff Simms

In 2016, Isabella Nocerino was like almost every other teenager on the planet. She didn't know what she wanted to do over the summer, much less long-term.

A family friend suggested she register for the Beacon Youth Police Academy, a free weeklong course created a year earlier by Joe and Christine Galbo. Surprised but inspired after going through the academy, she enrolled less than a year later in the more intensive Town of Fishkill police cadet program, where she trains weekly as she prepares for a career in law enforcement.

"Isabella has this sense of community service now and wanting to make an impact," says her mother, Donna DeLuca. "She's learned to be calm and cool in stressful situations, too. She has an affinity for this, even though she didn't know it before she participated in the program."

Now a sophomore at Beacon High School, Nocerino will be back this summer at the academy, which runs for five

days beginning July 16. Applications are available at facebook.com/beaconyouthpa or by emailing beaconyouthpa@gmail.com. The deadline is June 15.

The academy is led by Joe Galbo, a retired Mamaroneck police officer, and Beacon Police Sgt. Joe Conti. Funded by private donations (see gofundme.com/beacon-youth-police-academy-2018), it focuses on establishing positive relationships between officers and teens.

"The program provides the student with the chance to connect with an adult," says Galbo, who began his career, along with Conti, at the Fishkill Correctional Facility. "It's a mutual-respect relationship."

About 60 students have participated in the academy, which has expanded its scope in each of its four years. For 2018, organizers are working with Beacon High School to set up an obstacle course in the gym. Physical fitness, Conti says, is an often overlooked component of the civil service exam that officers must take before they're eligible to be hired.

Participants also act out crime and emergency scenes — the high school's Beacon Players troupe helped with last year's drills — while interacting with

other cadets who are further along with their training. Field trips are designed to give trainees a look at various aspects of a career in law enforcement.

Last year students visited the New York State Police Academy in Albany; this year they will travel to the Westchester County Police Department and Westchester Supreme Court in White Plains.

Beacon Mayor Randy Casale says one of his goals when taking office in 2012 was to establish a police youth program, and he reached out to Galbo. "It gives kids structure and team-building — skills that will always be valuable," Casale says.

The success of the academy led to the creation of a similar program with the Beacon Fire Department that runs this year from July 23 to 27. Many students attend both, and organizers have suggested the Volunteer Ambulance Corps launch one, as well.

Even if teens opt not to pursue a law-enforcement career, going through the academy can change perceptions — for both officers and participants.

"The kids get much more comfortable with the police," DeLuca says. "They feel like they could joke with them. Isabella saw the difference; it created goodwill and understanding."

Conti said he, too, never had as much interaction with teenagers before the academy began. "I've had several kids who went through the program come up and talk to me while I'm on duty," he says. "Before, that never happened."



Students last year visited the Dutchess County Courthouse.

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Isabella Nocerino is a Town of Fishkill police cadet.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Women of Revolution

*Fishkill to honor female heroes*

The second annual Heroes of Fishkill Day on Saturday, May 26, will honor women who made contributions to the Revolutionary War. There are 57 women buried at Rombout Rural Cemetery on Route 52 in Fishkill, a site that was used to treat injured soldiers, who will be recognized. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will

be reenactments, talks, tours of the cemetery and a wreath-placing ceremony. See [fishkillsupplydepot.org](http://fishkillsupplydepot.org).

## Children's Story Time

*New bookstore to host*

Split Rock Books, which will open soon on Main Street in Cold Spring, will host a story time and sing-a-long for children at the Cold Spring Farmer's Market

at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. The market is located at Boscobel.

## Two Exhibits at Garrison

*Art center reception on May 26*

The Garrison Art Center on Garrison's Landing will open two exhibits with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 26. In *Lighting Darkness*, Karen Gunderson displays her paintings done in black, depicting water, moons and mountains. In *Off the Grid*, Dorothy Robinson of Peekskill shares her depictions of nature shattered and restored. The exhibits are on view through June 17.

## Hello, Dolly! Through History

*Talk at museum on influences*

Preston Pittman will speak at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring on the historical antecedents of *Hello, Dolly!*, which was filmed in part in Garrison and elsewhere in Philipstown. An exhibit on the film opened at the museum on May 13. Pittman will trace the story to ancient Greek and Roman tales. The talk is free for members and \$10 otherwise. Call 845-265-4010 to reserve a seat.

## Allison Pataki to Discuss New Book

*Will read from memoir at library*

Allison Pataki of Garrison will read from and discuss her newly published book, *Beauty in the Broken Places: A Memoir of Love, Faith and Resilience*, at 4 p.m. on May 20 at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. The account is based on letters Pataki wrote to her husband, Dave, while he was recovering from a stroke that damaged his memory.

## Reading in the Forest

*StoryWalk opens May 26*

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will open StoryWalk on Saturday, May 26, at its Outdoor Discovery Center. The guided hike focuses on the children's book *Forest Bright, Forest Night*, a story by Jennifer Ward that was illustrated by Jamicheal Henterly. Children ages 2 to 6 and adults look for clues along the path about animals included in the book. Admission is free for members or \$3 otherwise.



StoryWalk opens on Saturday, May 26, at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Cornwall. Photo provided

## Symphony on the Lawn

*Orchestra to perform at Boscobel*

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform during a picnic on the lawn at Boscobel on Saturday, May 26. The program includes Jean Sibelius' *Finlandia*, Percy Grainger's *Country Gardens*, Strauss' *On the Beautiful Blue Danube* and Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*. The music begins at 5:45 p.m. Tickets are \$15 to \$28. See [boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org).

## Quartets at the Chapel

*Final spring concert is May 27*

The final concert of the spring series at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring on Sunday, May 27, will include Mozart's *Piano Quartet in G Minor* and Strauss' *Piano Quartet in C Minor* performed by David Chan on violin, Mark Holloway on viola, Julia Bruskin on cello and Aaron Wunsch on piano. The free concert begins at 4 p.m. Donations are welcome.

## Festival Highlights

*Clearwater announces lineup*

Clearwater has announced its lineup for its Great Hudson Revival on June 16 and 17 at Croton Point Park. First-timers include the Carolina Chocolate Drops, Jeff Tweedy and Rhiannon (To next page)



WET PAINT — Despite the rain, artists canvassed the Hudson Valley on Saturday (May 12) as part of the Garrison Art Center's Plein Air Revival. Photo by Ross Corsair

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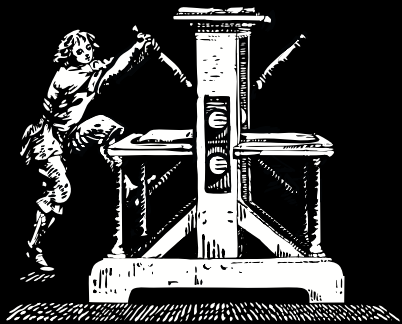
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS



**FAMILY PORTRAIT** — During a Family Art Day on May 6 at Dancing Dialogue in Cold Spring, Cori Werner painted a portrait of her daughter, Ilana, 6, who in turn drew pictures of her mother, father, brother and a sibling on the way saying "Goo." See [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com) for more photos.

Photo by Ross Corsair

(from previous page) Giddens, while Ani DiFranco, Tom Chapin and The Mavericks plan to return. Passes are available at [clearwaterfestival.org](http://clearwaterfestival.org), and children ages 11 and younger are admitted free.

## Row of Honor Breakfast

*Set for Carmel on May 20*

The Row of Honor season leading to Memorial Day will begin with a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 20, at the Carmel VFW Hall on Route 52 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. There is a suggested donation of \$10 per person or \$15 per family.

Twice a year, for Memorial Day and Veterans Day, 100 flags with the names of lost veterans line the shore of Lake Gleneida in Carmel. With a \$100 donation, the name of a loved one can appear on a flag. The proceeds will pay for a visit to Carmel by the Vietnam Traveling Wall exhibit.

To RSVP or order a flag, call 845-808-1620 or visit [putnamcountyny.com/ROH](http://putnamcountyny.com/ROH).

## Beacon

### Yoga with a View

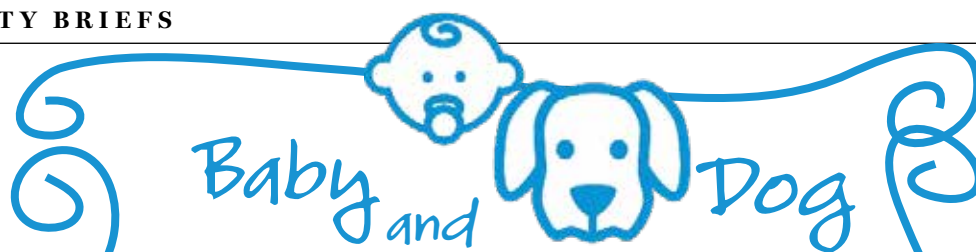
*Beacon Inn offers rooftop classes*

The Inn and Spa at Beacon is offering one-hour yoga classes in its rooftop garden at 7:30 and 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Each class is \$10. See [innspabeacon.com](http://innspabeacon.com).

### Backyard Design

*Workshop on May 19*

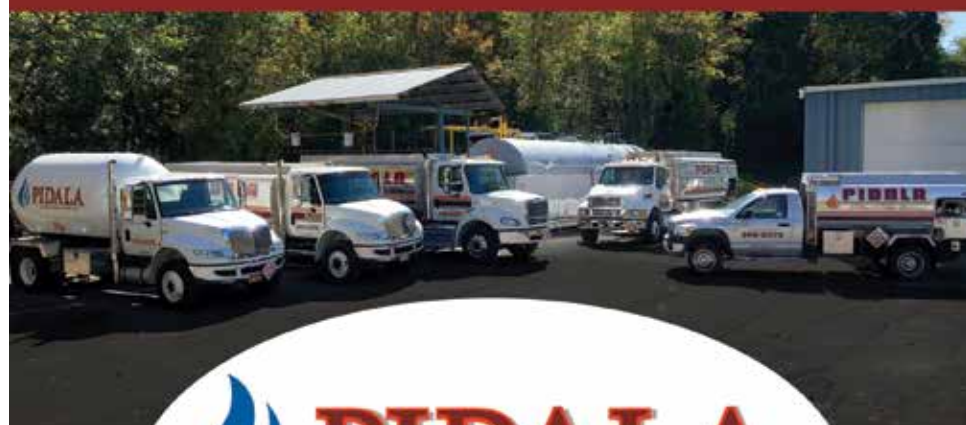
The One Nature Garden Center at 321 Main St. in Beacon will host a workshop with landscape designer Blair Patterson at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 19. Bring photos and a survey or Google Map view of a property and Patterson will help create a design for environmentally impactful habitats. Tickets are \$25; register at [onenaturellc.com](http://onenaturellc.com).



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Susan Hurd of Cold Spring submitted this shot of her grandson, Jonah, in deep conversation with pup Miley. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to [editor@highlandscurrent.com](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.com).



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**COLD SPRING TALENT** — Butterfield was among the Putnam County libraries that hosted a talent night on May 11 for children and teenagers.

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# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (May 1868)

Two dead steers found by the railroad tracks were not hit by a train as first thought, but had been trampled to death in a cattle car and thrown off by the crew when the engine stopped for wood and water.

A Philipstown resident who was born in North Carolina and fought for the Union shared a letter from a relative who fought for the Confederacy and protested that freeing the slaves had been a blatant violation of the Constitution.

James Findly caught a 13-inch trout in Foundry Brook that a friend believes was released years ago by Raymond Kemble.

The small son of Mr. Schoenfeld got ahold of a bottle of sulfuric acid kept to test gold and swallowed a bit, burning his mouth and throat.

Main Street received a new coat of gravel.

## 125 Years Ago (May 1893)

Helen Nelson was expected to recover after she slipped on Table Rock and rolled down the mountainside. Her playmate, Lizzie Bailey, ran to the home of W.H. Haldane, who summoned Dr. Giles.

H.H. Reilly, a West Point graduate who grew up in Garrison and Cold Spring, has launched a maritime journal called *Steam and Sail*.

U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish Jr. planned to



A view of the 1893 Chicago's World Fair

visit the World's Fair in Chicago for two weeks with his brother, Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, who will travel in a private car.

The Nelsonville trustees placed notices warning bicycle riders to stay off the sidewalks.

The "Orthopedic" base-ball club of Cold Spring defeated Garrison, 36 to 10.

Several sailors who were among the 70 men who deserted the Royal Navy while their warship, HMS Blake, was docked at New York Harbor for the International

Naval Review were in the village looking for work but left for Newburgh.

William Knapp, a wealthy farmer in the North Highlands, was awoken at 11 p.m. by knocking at his kitchen door. When he opened it, a masked man put a gun to his chest. Knapp grappled with the assailant, who knocked the farmer out with a blow to the head about the time Knapp's adult son pushed the man out and locked the door. He noticed a second masked man behind the first.



Stuyvesant Fish

## 75 Years Ago (May 1943)

Corp. James Ricevuto was seriously wounded in action in North Africa and Corp. Joseph Etta was injured when an Army truck overturned in the African theater. The two men enlisted three years ago and have been overseas for six months.

Three of Broadway's top songwriters, Al Hoffmann, Jerry Livingston and Allen Roberts, entertained campers at Surprise Lake Camp, including sharing a preview of their latest number, "He Looks Like an Angel, but Fights Like the Devil."

## 50 Years Ago (May 1968)

A team sponsored by Hammond's Grocers of Cold Spring won the Ladies' Night (To next page)

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# Looking Back in Philipstown *(from previous page)*

Owl bowling league at the Holiday Recreation Center in Wappingers Falls. The team was Ruth Lloyd, Jessie Hammond, Mary Hickey, Snookie Percacciolo and Julie Rodino.

A reception was held in honor of Edna Jackson, who retired after 33 years as a teacher at Haldane Elementary. She graduated from Beacon High School in 1916 and in 1924 began teaching at Philipstown No. 1 School on Route 9, which in 1968 was the home of the Trimble family.

More than 20 men met to form the Philipstown Area Jaycees. Frank Milkovich was elected as interim chair, Michael Raplje as secretary, George Baltich as treasurer and John LaDue as membership chair.

## 25 Years Ago (May 1993)

Eighty-nine Haldane Elementary students took part in the Jump Rope for Heart and raised \$4,894.06 for the

American Heart Association. Amy Peterson collected the most pledges (\$157.50).

State Sen. George Pataki reported that the budget sent to the governor included a provision for “payment in lieu of taxes” in which Putnam County municipalities would receive funds to replace those they could not collect on parkland. [The governor vetoed the provision.]

A Putnam chapter of the Libertarian Party held its first meeting at Smalley’s Inn in Carmel. Bill Deegan, a Republican on the Philipstown Town Board, said he planned to join, and Patty Villanova, a member of BEST (Better Action and Supportable Taxes) and ACTA (All County Taxpayers Association) was also there.

The first of five signs to promote the county’s anti-drug hotline, 225-DRUG, was installed in Mahopac. Another was to be installed on Route 9 in Philipstown.



The champion Hammond's Groceries team

# Sports



Coach Michael Impellitteri Hood College

## Haldane Grad is Coach of Year

Hood College baseball coach Michael Impellitteri (at left) was named the Middle Atlantic Conference Commonwealth Coach of the Year in voting by conference coaches. Impellitteri, a 2009 Haldane grad, is in his first year at Hood, which is located in Frederick, Maryland, and guided the Blazers to a 29-win season and the third seed in the league tournament. Hood won its first 14

games of the season, the fastest start in the program’s four-year existence.

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## House Planned at Manitou Raises Questions *(from Page 8)*

As for flooding, they said they can either “run the gauntlet with the existing homes,” which are not valuable enough to renovate or raise, or build a new home that is raised “to avoid catastrophic loss.”

After the meeting, Dana Reymond said flood insurance is not an issue. “We have flood insurance,” she said. “We weren’t able to purchase the house without flood insurance.”

In fact, she said, a new home that accounts for flooding could reduce their insurance costs. Asked if hurricanes are likely, especially with climate change, she replied: “I’m not God. I can’t answer the question.” But she said that if they occur, her house should not flood, while those nearby will probably suffer.

Nine neighbors sent letters to the ZBA supporting the Reymonds, and nine others wrote to oppose the construction.

“It will be good to see more new development as it spruces up our lane, making it a more desirable place,” Karry Choy

wrote. Similarly, Christine O’Neill and Jack Ward said that “all of us on the lane will enjoy the significant economic and aesthetic benefits that the new home will bring.”

However, the plans prompted criticism from Martin Lang, Jim and Melanie Matero, William Schlich, Kiri Martin and Alfonso Romeo, Jack and Alice Gish, and Zshawn Sullivan, who wrote in a letter that “rarely is there such a potentially negative environmental impact.” They also questioned whether acceptance of the Reymonds’ design could set a development precedent.

“Will any two structures, regardless of lot size, be able to be joined by a deck and qualify as a single residence?” they asked.

Further, they foresaw implications for “in-law apartments, guesthouses,” Airbnb-type rentals and related uses, and charged the project has a “significant potential for damage to both the community and the town, but most of all, to the environment.”

## 7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

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3 required (7)	_____
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5 baby born early (7)	_____
6 voicing disapproval of (10)	_____
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See answers: Page 3

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# Sports

## Lenny!

*With 98-mph fastball, Beacon pitcher awaits MLB draft*

By Skip Pearlman

Lenny Torres Jr. is chasing a dream, and on June 4, he'll find out just how close he has come.

That's the day of the Major League Baseball draft, and the Beacon High School pitcher is considered the 51st best player among the top 100 prospects, according to MLB.com. (Other mock drafts rank him higher.)

A finalist for the USA 18 and Under national team last year and an All-State selection, the right-handed senior has been drawing interest from pro scouts all season, with dozens attending Beacon games with radar guns to measure the speed of his pitches.

He plans to play for St. John's University next year, but major league teams are eager to sign him up.

"The number of scouts is one thing, but the type of scouts is a different thing," says his father, Lenny Torres Sr. "There are about eight or nine levels, and we're seeing the top level at his games."

Torres Sr. says while the family has been having a blast with the process, it's also bittersweet. "It will be the end of his high school career," he says. "It's all happened so fast. We see new faces every week, and the interest is getting more intense as we get closer to the draft."

The Bulldogs finished the season 12-10. Ranked No. 8 in Section I, Class A, they begin the playoffs on Saturday, hosting No. 9 Tappan Zee.

Lenny finished with a 4-1 record and a 0.20 earned-run average. In 34.2 innings, he struck out 75 with 11 walks. His fastball has been clocked at 98 mph but is typically in the 94 to 96 mph range. He also throws a slider and a changeup; his curveball and cutter are being refined.

Beacon Coach Bob Atwell says he has been impressed with his star pitcher's mindset and work ethic, as well as his skills.

"Lenny has proved a lot, and he will prove more," he says. "Some MLB pitchers aren't throwing 98 mph. And he's a leader, humble. He has the personality to deal with it extremely well."

Atwell credits Lenny's parents. "His mom [Ana] is a former student of mine," he says. "It's a great family, and great people who he's grown up with."

Lenny began receiving instruction from pitching coaches at age 9, his father says, and at 14 teamed up with Angel Lugo at Extra Innings in Wappingers Falls. He also credits strength and conditioning coach Lou Torres from Triumph Strength and Athletics in Beacon for his son's development.

If chosen high enough in the draft, Lenny could skip college and head straight to a minor league team. "All options are open," says his father. "I have a feeling we'll hear his name in the first or second round. I'll probably pass out. I know he's in a good position, and hopefully can play the game at the next level. When the moment comes, we'll know it's right."

Ray Fagnant, a scout for the Boston Red



Lenny Torres Jr.

Photos by S. Pearlman

Sox, was at Dutchess Stadium earlier in the season watching Lenny pitch.

"Our job is to find guys who will be in the big leagues in four or five or six years," he explained. "Lenny is very athletic, with a good arm, a knack for pitching, and he competes well. And he's certainly physically gifted."

But Fagnant said what impressed him most was Lenny's improvement since his junior season. "He improved his delivery, he throws strikes, he mixes three pitches, and he's shown he's worked hard. We also look for intangibles, and Lenny comes from a good family. He's just a good kid to be around."

The scout said he tells prospects to enjoy the game. "We all grow up wanting to be in the big leagues," he said. "But it's so difficult. The most important thing is to have fun for as long as you can, no matter what level you're at."

Lenny, who grew up rooting for the Yankees, said he is ready for whatever comes next. "Of course it would be awesome to hear the Yankees call my name," he says.

"But no matter what team it was, I would certainly play my hardest. It's a dream to be drafted."



Locked and loaded



Lenny struck out 75 batters in 34.2 innings this season.

## Varsity Scoreboard

<b>Softball</b> Pawling 7, Haldane 1 Croton 22, Haldane 3 Putnam Valley 3, Haldane 0 Beacon 21, Ossining 6 Beacon 23, Ossining 10 Putnam Valley 8, Beacon 7 Beacon 23, Blind Brook 13 <i>Bulldogs finish 10-10</i>	<b>Boys' Lacrosse</b> Carmel 8, Haldane 6	Long jump 1. Vincent Compagnone (19-09.50)
<b>Baseball</b> Pleasantville 9, Haldane 1 Haldane 23, Palisade Prep 0 Beacon 10, Yonkers 0 <i>Bulldogs finish 12-8</i>	<b>Girls' Lacrosse</b> Sleepy Hollow 17, Beacon 10	Shot put 2. Sean Alston (35-04.75)
	<b>Track &amp; Field</b> <i>Beacon Boys at Middletown Invitational</i> 100-meter dash 3. Kaleb Istvan (11.87)	<i>Girls at Glenn D. Loucks Games</i> Shot put 2. Abbey Stowell, Haldane (32-10.5)
	110-meter hurdles 3. Ethan Burgos (15.72)	Pentathlon 5. Stowell (2,759)
	400-meter hurdles 1. Ethan Burgos (57.92)	4x400 Relay 2. Beacon (4:20.80)