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## Nelsonville Denies Permit for Cell Tower Near Cemetery

*In 3-2 vote, majority cites 'adverse visual impact'*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Ending 10 months of discussion, including fierce public debate, the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3-2 on Wednesday (May 30) to deny a special-use permit for a cellphone tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

The ZBA members who voted “no” said

the 110-foot, pole-like tower would have an “adverse visual impact” and conflict with village law that safeguards scenery.

The two members who voted “yes” cited the possibility of improved wireless service and the merits of making a decision in Nelsonville rather than putting the village at the mercy of a federal court if the applicants file a lawsuit.

Homeland Towers and Verizon Wireless proposed the tower for a rocky hillside off Rockledge (Continued on Page 6)



The audience waits at Town Hall on Wednesday night for the Nelsonville ZBA to vote on the Rockledge Road cell tower application. Photo by L.S. Armstrong

## Back to Basics

*Couple plans bookstore in Cold Spring*

By Alison Rooney

Heidi and Michael Bender are eager to open the doors to Split Rock Books on Main Street in Cold Spring — the village's first bookstore since Merritt Books left in 2008 — but last week were waiting on a crucial piece of equipment: Shelves.

Besides the carpenter, they also had an appointment on Wednesday (May 30) with the sign painter.

“The hardest part [about the preparations] has been not being able to work in a bookstore every day,” says Heidi. “We can't wait to open.”

They expect that to happen this month. The couple, who were married last year in Garrison before moving to Cold Spring from Brooklyn, have no illusions about the challenges of owning a bookstore in a small village, or anywhere. Both are experienced booksellers.



Heidi and Michael Bender in front of the future home of Split Rock Books at 97 Main St.

Photo by A. Rooney

“Some people love books and have great intentions, but it's a lot of hard work, navigating people and situations,” says Michael. People (Continued on Page 8)

## How Hot? How Soon? Climate change in the Highlands

### Part 4: Into the Wild

By Chip Rowe

If you're a warbler or hummingbird spending the winter in Central America, you figure out when to fly thousands of miles to your summer home in the Highlands by watching the position of the sun.

The problem is, while the sun's position is reliable, global warming due to carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) trapped in the atmosphere has changed when your food arrives. Plants “green up” and the insect population peaks sooner. The clock falls out of sync.

Climate change is already putting some species at risk. A study published last year in *Scientific Reports* found that nine of 48 species of songbirds weren't able to reach their North American breeding grounds at the optimal time, because that time was constantly shifting. Global warming is moving too fast for them.

Among animals that hibernate, the warmer temperatures fool them into thinking it's later in the spring, but when they emerge they find the food isn't ready. American black bears, for instance, are waking too early, or having trouble hibernating in the first place. Because of warmer winters and abundant food supply, they never get the signal to hit the sack. A 2017 study predicted that by 2050 black bears could be awake 15 to 39 more days per year, leading to more interaction with humans, and more conflicts when food is scarce.

“My prediction is we will have fewer cubs survive the winter, and so many bear conflicts that residents will want

them to be hunted off again just like the 1800s,” Rae Wynn-Grant, of the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, told *The New York Times*. “Except this time we have climate change to blame.”

Nature is a big, tangled web, so one small change can have a cascading effect. Species that once never interacted come face to face; others never see each other again. With less snowfall, deer will find enough food to survive the winter at the expense of smaller animals that depend on the same plants. Less snow will also mean less runoff and lower streams, which could affect fish.

Scientists are also now looking at how global warming is affecting oceans and inland lakes, and the creatures that live in them. The higher level of carbon, for example, has made seawater more acidic, thinning the shells of oysters and other animals. The effects can be unpredictable. In one study of mussels, one species relaxed in water high in CO<sub>2</sub>, while another clamped shut.

Insects love warm weather. It allows them to grow faster, breed more frequently, become larger and make more eggs. Tick nymphs that used to peak in June are showing up in mid-May. Within a couple of decades, it may be early May.

Even the fall foliage could be at risk. Drought conditions stress trees out, and dry weather browns their leaves and sends them to the ground before they can turn yellow or red and bring green to the local economy. Heat also makes trees more vulnerable to disease and infection, which also causes them to shed their leaves before the fall.

In this, the fourth part of our series on climate change in the Highlands, we will look more closely at how global warming will affect the animals, plants and trees that live around us. As temperatures rise, we'll say goodbye to some and hello to others, but we don't get to choose.

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# 5 Five Questions: TINA TOBIN

By Michael Turton

**T**ina Tobin has been a volunteer firefighter for 10 years with North Highlands Engine Co. No. 1 in Philipstown.

## What are the challenges of being a firefighter?

Fires are physically demanding. Climbing a ladder is torture for me; I don't like heights but I'm able to address my fear. You also deal with people in bad situations. I hate seeing people get hurt, but I enjoy helping them.

## How do you manage having a family and being the company treasurer, a railroad supervisor and a Philipstown Ambulance Corps volunteer?

I function much better when my plate is overflowing. Sometimes it's a little too full, but I get everything done. My kids are used to it and my husband, Chris, was the fire chief in Cold Spring. We're all involved.

## North Highlands has seven female firefighters. What is the dynamic between the men and women?

It's good. Women are a big part of this firehouse. No one gets treated differently. Once you're in your gear, gender doesn't matter — as long as whoever you're work-



Tina Tobin

Photo by M. Turton

ing with has your back.

## How do you unwind after a serious house fire or traffic accident?

We decompress at the station. If it's really bad, counseling is available. I go home, enjoy my kids, watch TV, play with my dogs and think of something happy.

## A proposal in Albany would require all state laws to refer to firefighters instead of firemen. What do you think?

It's ridiculous. Personally, you can call me anything you want. I get the job done just like anybody else. I'm not at all offended being called a fireman.

## NEWS BRIEFS

## Taconic Outdoor Center to Get Rehab

*State awards \$2.5 million for park project*

**A**s part of its 2018-19 budget, New York State will distribute nearly \$13 million to 10 parks in the Mid-Hudson Valley, including \$2.5 million to rehab the Highland Lodge at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center at Fahnestock State Park in Philipstown.

Fahnestock will also receive \$250,000 to install a potable water system for the beach complex and campground, which will be closed this year for construction. Hudson Highlands State Park will receive \$400,000 for energy and sustainability improvements and Bear Mountain will get \$120,000 to enhance the Appalachian Trail at the Trailside Museum and Zoo.

## Putnam County Names Seniors of Year

**T**he Putnam County Office for Senior Resources has named Donna Anderson (below left) of Garrison as one of its two Seniors of the Year. She was presented with the award by County Executive Mary-Ellen Odell in a ceremony on May 23 at the Putnam County Golf Course. Mary Bodor of Patterson was the other recipient.

Anderson, 77, is a longtime volunteer in Philipstown, and has been particularly active pushing for the senior center that is expected to open this year in the Butterfield redevelopment. A Peekskill native, she moved to Garrison with her husband, Paul Anderson, in 1975. Married for 55 years, they have two children, Christine and Paul III (both of whom are nurses) and five grandsons.

When asked her advice about volunteering, Anderson said, "Don't slow down — stay involved."

## Haldane to Test Traffic Pattern

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**T**he Haldane school district plans to experiment with a new traffic pattern on



Donna Anderson

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## NEWS BRIEFS (from previous page)

campus in the fall.

The change is the result of discussions with the Cold Spring police and fire departments about cars parked in the circle at the center of campus, which has a fire lane. School officials said that in two cases where the fire department was called to the school during the morning rush, first responders were slowed by traffic as parents and buses dropped off students.

During the pilot program, access to campus via Craigsides Drive will be restricted to teachers, staff and buses. Parents will enter via the Cedar Street Spur for drop off and pick up and loop around to exit onto Mountain Avenue. Cars will no longer be allowed to park in the circle during the day.

## Hiker Dies at Bull Hill

*Falls while climbing off trail*

A hiker died on May 24 at Bull Hill after falling about 100 feet during an off-trail climb.

Kenny Steier, 25, of LaGrange, was with two friends on the Washburn Trail near Cold Spring, according to the state parks department. They were climbing at the old Mount Taurus quarry without equipment when Steier fell about 6 p.m.

Members of the state park police, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department and the Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded.

Steier graduated from Arlington High



Kenny Steier

School and attended Dutchess Community College and SUNY Oswego. He worked at Raymour & Flanigan and was a member of Grace Bible Church in Wappingers Falls. He is survived by his parents and five siblings.

A Brooklyn man, Jason Kindopp, 48, died at Breakneck Ridge, to the north, last July after falling about 30 feet.

## Putnam Sheriff Makes Arrest in Philipstown

*Suspect allegedly nearly hit officer with car*

Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. arrested an Oklahoma man on May 15 after he allegedly nearly hit the officer with his car during a traffic stop.

According to the Sheriff's Department, at about 6:15 p.m. Langley noticed a vehicle on the property where he lives in Philipstown. As he was speaking with the driver, later identified as Brant D. Carter, 33, of Stillwell, Oklahoma, Carter sped away.

Langley followed in his squad car and stopped Carter on Route 9 near Appalachian Market. He ordered Carter repeatedly to turn off his ignition but, according to the Sheriff's Department, Carter sped off, nearly striking Langley.

After being boxed at the intersection of Routes 9 and 403 by traffic and debris from that day's severe storm, Carter fled on foot. After a struggle, during which Langley was slightly injured, Carter was arrested, police said.

Langley was assisted by members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Co. and passersby, including Charlie Polhemus of Polhemus



Brant Carter

Construction.

According to police, Carter failed sobriety tests and officers found several open containers of alcohol as well as marijuana and drug paraphernalia in his vehicle. He was not carrying ID but was identified through fingerprints.

Carter was charged with felony assault, reckless endangerment, resisting arrest and driving under the influence. After posting bail, he was released until his next court date.

## Cortlandt Couple Dies from Fumes

*Apparently left car running in garage*

A Cortlandt couple apparently died of carbon-monoxide poisoning on May 23 after leaving their car running in the garage of their home.

On Saturday, the New York State Police were alerted by a neighbor who saw three days of newspapers outside the Skytop Drive residence. Officers discovered the bodies of Cornelius Dennis, 86, and Joan



Joan and Cornelius Dennis

Dennis, 85, inside the home.

The couple, who had been married for 62 years, are survived by three children and nine grandchildren. A funeral service was held May 31 in Ossining.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless poisonous gas produced by vehicles and faulty furnaces, among other sources. State law requires carbon-monoxide detectors to be installed in all residential dwellings.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Proud of students

Thirty-five Haldane sixth-grade students, along with Haldane teachers Simon Dudar and Kim McCollum, on May 18 hosted a Learning Lunch panel discussion to talk about a project called Why I am More than Just a Number.

In February, each sixth-grader was paired with a seventh-grader at a school in St. Vincent and the Grenadines during a school field visit my family and I made representing my nonprofit organization, Denniston International. Via video chat, the students spoke with each other about what it was like being a student in the U.S. versus being a student in the Eastern Caribbean.

We know the adolescent brain is ripe for risk-taking. The more positive risk-taking opportunities we give our young people, the less likely they are to seek out risk in less healthy ways. From start to finish, this project and the teachers who spearheaded it gave the sixth-graders a chance to take positive risks: meeting young people from a different culture, presenting their work in essay and art form, and speaking as part of a panel, answering questions from the superintendent and other adult guests.

I was very proud of every one of them, and proud to be a parent in a school that values learning in this way.

Danielle Pack McCarthy, *Nelsonville*

*McCarthy is the Town of Philipstown addiction prevention and treatment coordinator.*

### Thanks for support

The Beacon High School Parent Teacher Student Organization (PTSO) would like to thank the many Beacon area businesses who donated food and other items for our Staff Appreciation Lunch on May 3. We are grateful for the support we received from restaurants and retailers to make the teachers and staff at the high school know they are appreciated for all their hard work.

The following businesses made donations: Leo's Italian Restaurant, Brother's Trattoria, Antonella's, Homespun, Sukhothai, Yankee Clipper Diner, Laby's Pizzeria, Robbie's Deli, Beacon Pantry, Shop Rite of Fishkill, Durant's Party Rental, Dollar Tree, Market 32 by Price Chopper, The Chocolate Studio, Ella's Bellas, Toppings of Wappingers Falls and Adams Fairacre Farms of Wappinger.

Donna Green, *Beacon*

### In memoriam

Thanks to Michael Turton for all the effort and care he used in writing about my uncle, Warren Eitner, to make sure that he was remembered as more than a name inscribed on a memorial ("Remembering Warren," May 25).

I had never heard the stories about who he was as a person and not just about his last tragic day. The 1949 film *Twelve O'Clock High* and subsequent TV series by the same name is based on Uncle Warren's unit. It is good to remember that these young men all had their own stories, families and personal lives which they managed to "check at the door" when they climbed into those B-17s.

On Veterans' Day, I hope people will remember those who were willing to make that sacrifice but were fortunate enough to survive. Many — Warren's older brother, Walter, included — refused to talk about their own experiences, perhaps from survivors' guilt. On behalf of our family, thank you for helping to preserve the memory of everyday people who fought and died for freedom.

Richard Pfarrer,  
*Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Thank you for this beautiful remembrance. It brought Warren's story and his sacrifice — and the sacrifice of his loved ones — to life. Perfect Memorial Day reading!

Peter McFadden, *Nelsonville*



Warren Eitner (not shown) was a crew member on the B-17 known as Miss Patricia, shown here with its distinctive nose art. *American Air Museum in Britain*

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**FLAGS TO REMEMBER** — On Memorial Day, local Boy Scouts and their parents and grandparents, as well as members of the Philipstown Cemetery Committee, placed flags on the graves of veterans at the Mountain Avenue and Cedar Street cemeteries in Cold Spring. The Scouts and their leaders are shown near the crypt on Mountain Avenue of Major Gen. William Hopkins Morris (right), who commanded brigades at Harper's Ferry and Gettysburg during the Civil War and was severely wounded at the Battle of Spotsylvania Court House.

*Photo provided/National Archives*





# Should You Be Able to Deduct Your Taxes?

*State and federal government clash over proposal*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Empire State's feud with the Trump Administration over federal tax law changes escalated last week after the IRS denounced state plans to mitigate the revisions' effect on those who — like more than half of Putnam County taxpayers — itemize on their federal tax returns.

Promoted by President Donald Trump and passed by the Republican-controlled Congress in December, the new law caps, at \$10,000, the amount taxpayers can deduct on their 1040s for paying state and local taxes.

Previously, no such ceiling existed. The changes take effect with 2019 tax returns. The average total of itemized deductions in New York state, \$36,000, is the nation's highest.

In response, New York State authorized an alternative: Instead of paying local taxes per se, taxpayers could donate the money to a charitable foundation established by a local government — including school districts and counties. In return, they would receive a credit for up to 95 percent of the donation, which they could claim as a charitable tax write-off on their federal return.

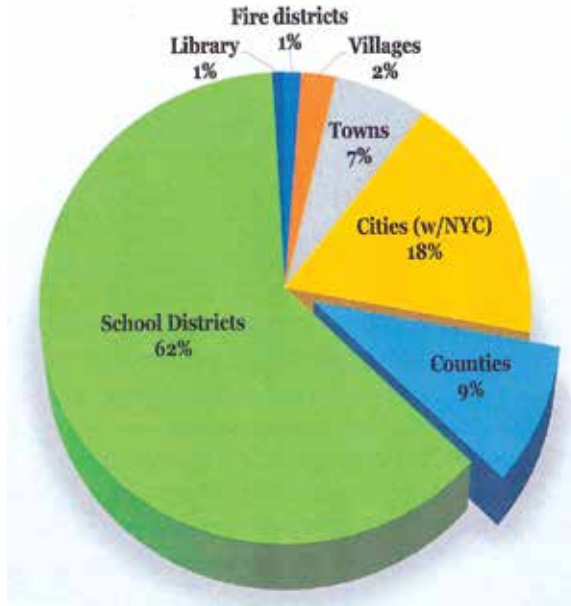
A local government would then transfer money from its charitable foundation to its general fund. Local governments or school districts who create foundations could limit how much of a taxpayer's donation qualifies for a tax credit.

Other states are pursuing similar initiatives, but on May 23 the Internal Revenue Service dismissed the plans as "efforts to circumvent" federal law.

In a preliminary notice, the agency warned taxpayers that only the federal government can decide what constitutes a deductible charitable contribution. The IRS promised to soon release a comprehensive opinion.

Firing back the same day, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo asserted that "the IRS should not be used as a political weapon" and pledged that state officials "will continue to fight against this economic missile with every fiber of our being." A number of states are joining forces to challenge the tax law in court.

In a memo to municipalities this spring, Barbara Van Epps, deputy director of the New York Conference of Mayors, observed that the IRS definition of charitable activities includes "advancement of education or science; erection or maintenance of public buildings, monuments or works; lessening the burdens of government";



A New York State Association of Counties graph displays the breakdown of taxing in the state, by jurisdiction.

providing for "relief of the poor, the distressed or the underprivileged," and "combating community deterioration."

The issue has drawn attention in Putnam County, as well. According to the IRS, more people itemize on their federal returns in Putnam than any other county in the state. About 51 percent of Putnam residents itemize, and 41 percent in Dutchess. The state average is 34 percent.

On April 19, County Executive MaryEllen Odell asked the county Legislature's

Rules Committee to "thoroughly vet the charitable trust option" to help "determine the best course of action for Putnam County."

The three-member committee began to do that on May 14 but after a few minutes postponed deliberations.

"This is a really complex issue," said Neal Sullivan, who chairs the committee. "The amount of work, on the county side, and the town side, required to put some of these ideas into place would be" significant. Nonetheless, he said, "if the IRS says we can do it, then we have to explore it."

The New York State School Boards Association has recommended its members take a measured approach.

"We are advising districts that it would still be a good idea to proceed with caution," said Julie Marlette, the association's director of governmental relations. "We always anticipated that the IRS would weigh in on this. Ultimately, its interpretation will dictate whether a federal tax benefit materializes."

The New York State Association of Counties, of which Odell is president, noted that "downstate New York is disproportionately impacted by the significant curtailing of the deductibility of state and local taxes." Its executive director, Stephen Acquario, in April called the new federal policy an unprecedented "intrusion into state and local taxation."

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## Nelsonville Denies Permit for Cell Tower *(from Page 1)*

Road. The ZBA denial represents the second setback for Homeland Towers in Philipstown this year. In February, after the Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals voted to deny a special-use permit for a tower proposed for a hillside off Route 9 near the intersection with Route 301, Homeland Towers sued.

The May 30 meeting, held at Philipstown Town Hall, drew a standing-room-only audience. Many carried signs opposing the Rockledge tower.

Members of the Nelsonville Planning Board joined the ZBA on the rostrum but did not vote. Had the ZBA approved the tower, the Planning Board would have

had to OK the site plans.

Before voting down the special-use permit, the ZBA unanimously rejected two proposed tower designs. The first was for a tower disguised as a "monopine" fake fir tree and the second for a 120-foot pole.

Homeland Towers also proposed a two-tower configuration; a flagpole; and an obelisk, but the state parks department rejected the latter two. However, it said the a monopine or a pole painted a neutral color would be all right visually.

ZBA member Peggy Clements said that even a single pole still threatens the view. "Access to views is really very precious," she said. She voted against the permit.

ZBA member Chris Keeley said he was unconvinced the tower was needed because of a crucial gap in coverage, and he agreed that the Rockledge location "undoubtedly has a significant, adverse impact" on its surroundings.

"There's a lot of reasons" it presents problems, "not the least of which is that it's right on top of the Cold Spring Cemetery," he said. Under the zoning code, the Rockledge Road site "clearly is not appropriate," he added, before voting "no."

ZBA member Judy Meyer likewise opposed the application. Chairman William Rice and Member Steve Merando supported it.

"This tower is probably necessary in this village to give us better service," Merando said. "I know I'm going to make a



Before the Nelsonville ZBA meeting, Eliza Matthews and her children, Zade and Maisie, expressed their opposition to a cell tower proposed for Rockledge Road.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

lot of enemies, but I vote yes."

Rice observed that "everybody has cell phones and iPads, yet there is opposition to a cell tower." He expressed concern for stay-at-home parents, professionals

working from home offices, tradespeople, emergency responders and others who utilize wireless communication.

Rice also pointed out that when Cold Spring Cemetery was created during the Civil War, a prominent neighbor was the massive West Point Foundry — with multiple smokestacks, deforested environs and noise. "I very much doubt" that Foundry executives like Robert Parrott, whose grave is in the cemetery, "would be offended" by a cell tower, he remarked.

Rice said the village had "an opportunity to mitigate the impact of this cell tower by selecting a stream-lined, authentic wireless tower, as opposed to the monopine. Instead of a U.S. court judge dictating our future, I suggest we seize the moment," he said.

After the meeting, Robert Gaudio, the Homeland Towers attorney, said he and his colleagues had no comment.

"They will go to court," predicted Todd Steckler, an attorney for the village.

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# Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

## Highlights from May meetings

By Michael Turton

At the May 22 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, trustees took no action on a request from the Recreation Commission for \$5,100 to purchase an apparatus to clean up goose droppings at Mayor's Park. The board discussed other, less expensive solutions, including the use of fake coyotes or creating a dog park to discourage geese from landing.

The board approved a request from Lee Cone to operate a food cart on Fair Street near Mayor's Park. Trustee Lynn Miller abstained, saying the cart would compete with Go-Go Pops, the Main Street shop she co-owns with her husband. Cone initially asked to set up a cart on upper Main Street near the pedestrian tunnel.

The board approved a flat, \$10-per-unit quarterly increase in the sewer rate, effective July 1.

The board approved a contract with the Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association that ends May 31, 2020.

The village received a grant of \$2,500 from the John T. Sloper Community Fund to purchase portable automated external defibrillators (AED) that can be applied to someone undergoing cardiac arrest.

The board approved a contract with Managed Technologies to provide the village with telecommunications services.



A pair of Canada geese

Photo by James DeMers

Robert Downey Jr., crew chief at the Highway Department, was given the OK to sign a new, four-year agreement to share services with the state Department of Transportation.

Ralph Lauren was given permission to conduct a fashion shoot on May 31 in the village.

### From May 8 ...

Larry Burke, the officer-in-charge of the Cold Spring Police Department, briefed trustees on meetings he attended with school officials about traffic control at Haldane School, especially for vehicles entering before school from Route 9D. (See Page 2.)

Merandy complained that communication with Haldane on the issue has been poor.

"It seems like the last people to learn about this is the Village Board of Trustees," he said. "It irritates me to no end."

Merandy said he was informed of the proposed changes by Superintendent Diana Bowers in a letter, but that she did not ask for village input. "It hasn't been the first time Mrs. Bowers has shown little respect for my office," he said, adding that the Village Board should have the final say

on any traffic changes.

Burke also reported that his officers answered 54 calls for service in April and issued 56 parking and 20 traffic tickets. He urged residents to fill out a "dark house" form at the village office before leaving on vacation so that officers know to check on those homes while on patrol.

Greg Phillips, the superintendent of water and wastewater, reported that he has been assured by the Putnam County Highway Department that no pesticides will be used as they were last year along Fishkill Road, which parallels Foundry Brook, the source of Cold Spring's water supply.

The Code Update Committee has completed draft documents evaluating flood and steep-slope standards and is in the process of producing a draft for a ridge-line protection overlay district.

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**Leonard & Karen Lindros, 593 Route 9D, Garrison, TM# 81-1-33.**

The applicants are seeking approval to build a new, 24 x 24-foot, detached garage which requires a variance for a sideyard setback. The applicant is proposing a setback of 10 feet, where 30 feet is required under the Town of Philipstown Code Chapter 175 Dimensional Table. The property is located in the RR Zoning District.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

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## Back to Basics *(from Page 1)*

don't imagine "the constant cleaning of the bathroom, the red wine spilled over books, the kid chewing on a book, the sweating from lifting things all day."

Heidi adds, with a laugh: "After all that, if you still love it, and you love the customers, it's working for you." She says her "endorphin moments" are when she recommends a book that a customer loves.

The store, which will be located at 97 Main St., the former home of The Country Touch, is named for a trail in Nelsonville: the couple saw parallels between a split rock and an open book. They envision the store as "a place to explore and find things you didn't know you wanted."

The Split Rock stock will include fiction, nonfiction, history, politics, wellness and

spirituality, poetry and graphic novels, as well as local interests such as farming and gardening. There will be books from independent presses and "books that get overshadowed and books you know you deserve more attention," says Heidi.

Though thousands of books have already arrived, there will be plenty of fine-tuning after "we discover what people around here love," says Michael. They plan to host storytimes for younger readers, book groups for adults and middle readers (8- to 12-year-olds), and readings.

Michael, who grew up near New Haven, Connecticut, and majored in history at Fordham, had his first taste of bookselling as a clerk at a Barnes & Noble. While earning a master's in library science at Long Island University, he worked at Ur-sus, a rare book dealer in Manhattan, and Brooklyn's Bergen Street Comics, which specialized in comics and graphic novels. He also was employed at the New York University library.

"I liked sharing the excitement over books in bookstores, but found the NYU job isolating," he recalls.

He left the library and, after Bergen Street Books closed, found a job at Community Bookstore in Park Slope, which was founded in 1971. (The original owner still lives over the shop.)

"That cemented it," he says. "I didn't want to do anything else."

Heidi, a native of Connecticut and western Massachusetts, earned a degree in English literature from Vassar. After spending

time in Paris and Thailand, she took a job at Book Culture in Manhattan. She de-camped to Auckland, New Zealand, where she obtained a master's degree in poetry, while employed at Unity Books there.

Upon her return, she worked at the non-profit Housing Works bookstore in Soho for nearly four years. "Everywhere I worked, I've learned something different," she says.

The couple met through mutual friends at Housing Works, where each of them worked but not at the same time. On their first date, they discovered they both dreamed of opening their own bookstore.

They chose Cold Spring for their joint venture because, Heidi says, "after being in the bookstore business, you get a sense of the kind of stores which are complementary." They liked the fact that the village has a thriving Main Street and is easily walkable, yet had no bookstore.

They hope their timing is right. "There was a time when cheapest and fastest was the motivator for everything," says Heidi. "But it feels like there's a growing sense that people want great spaces in their community and are willing to spend a few extra dollars" to support them. "We've had such a positive response."

Even before it opens, Split Rock formed a partnership with the Sunset Reading Series, whose next event, a reading by Benjamin Taylor, author of *The Hue and Cry at Our House*, is scheduled for Sunday, June 24, at the Chapel Restoration. It will sell books at the readings and donate a portion of the proceeds to the series and the chapel.



Early arrivals

Photo by A. Rooney

## Summer Reading

We asked booksellers Heidi and Michael Bender to recommend a children's title, a novel and a work of nonfiction.



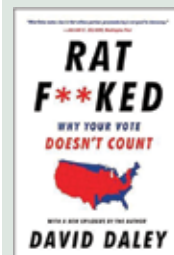
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# Julia Sniffen: 20 Years at Haldane

*High school principal, formerly a teacher, recounts changes*

By Alison Rooney

Julia Sniffen pulls out a framed photo from a shelf in her office and points to a child. “I called him in recently and showed it to him and told him he was in diapers then, now he’s 18 and graduating,” she says.

Soon the Connecticut native will be able to say that frequently, as this marks her 20th school year with the Haldane Central School District in Cold Spring. She began as an elementary school teacher in 1997-98, (when she was Julia Marchinkowski) and is now the high school principal.

In a recent conversation, Sniffen reflected on her time at Haldane. Her remarks have been condensed.

## What has brought you the greatest satisfaction?

Watching the students grow, seeing them making good decisions, to hopefully be a positive influence — that’s the greatest reward. My role is, first, to be sure that the school is safe, and then to allow each student to find his or her own voice, not to tell them what their voice should be. Mental health is the most important thing, making kids feel good about who they are.

*“Watching the students grow, seeing them making good decisions, to hopefully be a positive influence — that’s the greatest reward.”*

You get so proud of your students through the years; you become so involved at stages of the lives; whether they’re getting a job, or have found an incredible BO-CES [vocational] program that’s just right for them, it’s exciting. You always want to know how they’re doing. I’ve even seen a few become teachers here themselves. When I started, Tom and Joe Virgadamo, Ryan McConville, Kristin Peparo and Michelle Grasso were all still students.

## Did you always want to be a teacher?

There was never a question. When I was hired at Haldane as a student teacher for the third and fourth grade, my mom said, “I’m so glad I’m not a student anymore” because of all the times I had made her play school as a kid.

I also coached varsity girls’ soccer. I took over Mrs. Battersby’s third-grade class when she was on maternity leave. Then I taught fourth grade and also moved into other areas, mainly in technology.

In 2005, when the new high school was built, my title was (Continued on Page 10)



Julia Sniffen

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## Julia Sniffen: 20 Years at Haldane *(from Page 9)*

middle school coordinator. When Brian Alm arrived as high school principal, my title changed to assistant principal, elementary/middle school. After eight years of being a teacher, I felt a need to learn more. The administrative piece fit right in with that.

The approach to instruction has changed tremendously. When I arrived there was no internet. Now, teaching kids how to be problem-solvers is huge. We're asking them to think more deeply, not just skim the surface. There used to be so much more memorizing. Now it's about analysis, synthesizing, making connections. Things which used to start in college are woven through all grade levels.

Social media has complicated things. I believe in human interaction, face to face, so you can see emotions. I try hard not to go near it, although I also think, as a principal, that you need a presence.

### What are the benefits of staying at one school?

I've worked for three elementary principals, five high school principals, four superintendents, and many directors of special education. When you don't need to learn the culture of the school you can observe and learn more easily. Brian and I were the longest and closest in terms of being able to debate, discuss, process and argue, but when the door opened, we were a team.

### How did you get the high school job?

Dr. Bowers [Superintendent Diana Bowers] split the middle school from elemen-

tary, so we had three principals instead of two. I was assistant middle school principal, so I shifted to principal. When [high school principal] Peter Carucci left in 2017, Dr. Bowers asked if I could pitch in.

I couldn't have been a high school principal five years earlier; I wasn't ready. But my own kids are older [William is 13 and Caroline, 11] and I don't have to spend as much time with them as I did earlier, and I also have had life experiences that can help me help an 18-year-old.

### How have your concerns about security changed?

I was here when Columbine happened [in 1999]. The world was so different; I didn't even hear about it until our board meeting that night. Sandy Hook changed my philosophy and theory of safe schools. It used to be all hugs and friendliness. Now we need to be sure our kids are safe. Mental health is a big part of it. The relationship I've had with each of our SROs [school resource officers] has given me the perspective of someone trained in a different way that I am, and that's valuable; otherwise we could miss something.

### Does Haldane help prepare its high school students to leave?

It's a gradual release, almost equivalent to what happens between kindergarten and third grade. There are touchpoints along the way, like getting released for 10th period with no supervision, or not needing an adult to get them off the bus.

*"Sandy Hook changed my philosophy and theory of safe schools. It used to be all hugs and friendliness. Now we need to be sure our kids are safe. Mental health is a big part of it."*

It begins in high school with freshmen having to spend lunch in the cafeteria. By the time they're seniors they have all kinds of off-campus privileges which don't require them to be here every period. For the seniors, we have a panel of our college freshmen come in at the end of their first year to talk to them.

This will be my second graduation speech. Last year, I had only been in the job for three months, so I called on Brian and Stephanie [Impellittere, the former Garrison School principal] for help, because, for instance, the Garrison kids barely knew me. This year's speech will be the first one that comes directly from me.

### Where did you meet your husband, Jeff?

I was teaching third grade. He came to the door and said, "I'm your sub." And I said, "No, you're not — I'm here, so I don't need you." Those were our first words! A year later, we went out to dinner. A couple of years after we met, we were engaged. We kept it under wraps. He was a sub, then a leave replacement, then he taught kindergarten, second grade, eventually

sixth. We were constantly juggling the same classes of kids in different years.

Our relationship has never not known Haldane. It used to be harder, both of us here; now it's easier, because I'm not running the middle school faculty room. Jeff is an awesome teacher — I think I'm allowed to say that! — though I've never observed him formally, of course! And our kids are so active now that there's not a lot of conversation about Haldane at home. We looked at buying a house in Cold Spring when the kids were younger but realized they would be "The Sniffen Children" and needed to weigh that.

### What are three positives about Haldane?

Our students are spectacular role models. I'm constantly impressed. That's coupled by the care and concern of this high school staff for these kids. Finally, the community; if I need something I can pick up the phone. The love is deep. So many people have been deeply involved for so many years. We have people who graduated 50 years ago always coming back here, with pride.

### How about three challenges?

Ensuring in a small school that all students have what they need to grow and learn to be all they can be. The inability for people to have differences of opinion and to be able to work together to come up with a consensus. And the fiscal constraints are different that they used to be. You want to do everything, but you get stuck.

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# The Calendar



"Beware of Childhood," paint, paper and fabric on canvas



Orly Cogan in her Nelsonville studio

Photo by A. Rooney

## Sew Cool

*Artist updates the classic stitch*

By Alison Rooney

When Orly Cogan began creating artwork on fabric — cast-off sheets, vintage table runners, yard-sale samplers — the words *fiber* and *artist* were not often seen together.

Today, there's a fiber-art movement, and Cogan's work is very much part of it. Her latest solo show, *Summer Lovin'*, opens at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in Peekskill on June 10 with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m., and a panel talk at 5:30 p.m.

"Embroidery and fabric materials have been dismissed historically as not being a high art," she says. "I've been working in that vein for years and am so happy that feminism, activism and craft as high art are being recognized and celebrated."

The artist says her use of vintage materials is calculated: she wants to acknowledge the struggles of the women who first used the items.

"With hand-stitching, I update the content of the vintage embroidery to incorporate the unladylike reality and wit of contemporary women; their struggles and the stereotypes which must now be overcome," she explains. These struggles are likely far different from the women of earlier generations who embroidered the textiles to "feminize" their homes.

Cogan grew up in New York City and trained as a painter at Cooper Union and the Maryland Institute College of Art. In the mid-1990s, her mother signed up for a quilt workshop at the American Folk Art Museum. When she had a conflict and couldn't attend, she suggested Orly go instead.

"I was there with a small group of elderly ladies," Cogan recalls. "After I made my quilt piece, I took another and embroidered

a small, naked figure, almost hidden between the seams of the piece work."

The other students loved it. "The figure took the old-fashioned quilt square out of the domestic realm and into something perverse, contemporary and kind of magical," she says.

Cogan continued to play with materials. When a curator visited her studio to see her more traditional work, "he focused on the experimental pieces," she recalls. "I started doing fabric pieces and began thinking of putting them into paintings. I didn't know anyone who was working with craft materials and with personal and pop-culture references."

Cogan says she enjoys the intimacy of the used fabrics. "I discover them at tag sales, then elevate them to the gallery wall," she says. When she began working with thread, her figures were small, with thick, dense thread, "frolicking among funky printed and patterned fabrics."

As her storytelling became more focused, the lines became lighter. "It's drawing with threads," she says. "I have an idea and I figure out how to achieve it. I don't know how to use a sewing machine."

Four years ago, Cogan, her husband (who runs a photography gallery in New York City) and their young



"Fly Away Home," handstitched embroidery, appliqué, crochet and paint on a table runner

daughter relocated to Putnam Valley. Soon afterward, Cogan chanced upon studio space in Nelsonville. There, in her workroom, sheets and decorative runners are pinned to the walls.

Describing the elements of one painting, "Beware of Childhood," she says she was "thinking of childhood and what I'm relearning through my daughter: how big our emotions are, how scary. The unsteady ground, the whispering, fairy tales, beware, rumor, but still positive and so forgiving: birds and flowers. The work is left unfinished, as childhood is."

The Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, at 1701 E. Main St., is open Friday to Sunday. See hvcca.org. *Summer Lovin'* continues through July 31.



"Detail of Mystery," handstitched embroidery and paint on linen



# Wrenches in the System

*Temperatures warm, ranges shift and systems are disrupted*

By Jeff Simms

Constitution Marsh is in danger of drowning.

The 270-acre wildlife sanctuary in Garrison, which has been managed by Audubon since 1970, could be overrun by sea-level rise caused by global warming by the end of this century.

"The rate and volume of sea-level rise that we're seeing is unprecedented," says Eric Lind, who has been the director of the Audubon Center at the marsh since 1998. "The vegetation here grows in a 'window' of water depth, and there's a strong possibility that with too much water the vegetation in these habitats will be drowned."

One of five large tidal marshes on the Hudson, the preserve provides foraging, nesting and resting habitat for more than 200 species of birds and 30 species of fish.

But because the river is an estuary, or arm of the Atlantic, as sea level rises, so too will the river. When it does, the mix of grasses, sedges and reeds that make up the marshes may be submerged, forcing inhabitants such as the marsh wren and other migratory waterfowl to move along, or die.

In other locales, marshes could move



inland to higher elevations. But at Constitution Marsh, Lind says, the habitat is "hemmed in by steep slopes — the Hudson Highlands, essentially."

One solution would be to build up the river floor, giving the marsh a "platform" to grow on, which is happening naturally, but probably not quickly enough, as more frequent and intense storms dump huge volumes of sediment into the river.

Lind and his colleagues at Constitution Marsh have installed nine measuring stations to assess whether the sediment is being held by the marsh or flowing through to the Atlantic.

"It's unlikely that there will be enough sediment entering the river to maintain pace with sea-level rise," Lind concedes. "But nobody knows. The point is it's a dynamic natural system."

That may have been the greatest takeaway from my visit last week to Constitution Marsh. The natural world is infinitely complex, and it is that exceptional quality, a connectedness that runs layers and layers deep, that makes it difficult to quantify the effects of global warming on plants and animals.

Some changes are easier to observe than others. As temperatures warm, ani-

mals move to higher elevations to find temperate waters and reliable food sources. This is true for many species — fish or fowl, flora and fauna.

Similarly, the populations of invasive species like the hemlock woolly adelgid, a tiny, brown, aphid-like insect, have been jumpstarted in the Highlands by the warmer spring weather. Their voracious feeding sucks fluid from and eventually destroys hemlocks, a tree that grows along the sides of streams and helps with flood and erosion control.

There are so many corollary and intersecting effects that it's virtually impossible to say that climate change caused *this* but not *that* in the natural world, notes Lynn Christenson, a Vassar College associate professor of biology. The impacts are intricately woven together.

However, what global warming clearly threatens is biodiversity, or the healthy variety of life. But why, I asked Christenson, is a variety of life forms — from humans to habitat to microscopic organisms — important? Why does it matter?

"Biodiversity enriches the environment at the most basic level," she explains. "When we lose it, we lose functions and relation-

*(Continued on next page)*

## Resilient Landscapes

*Mapping tool says we're more than halfway there for the region*

By Jeff Simms

The Hudson Highlands — with its steep slopes, marshy wetlands, valleys and ravines — represent the type of complex landscape that conservationists are seeking when it comes to protecting wildlife habitat, especially in the era of rapid climate change.

Diversity is a key characteristic of "resilient" landscapes, a term first used by The Nature Conservancy about a decade ago to describe the wildlife habitat most suited to endure the rapidly changing climate.

The two main characteristics of resilient lands are complexity — an assortment of "microclimates" that create a range of temperature and moisture options for species — and connectedness, which supports the continued rearrangement of species as they respond to global warming.

The thinking, says Nava Tabak, director of science, climate and stewardship for Scenic Hudson, a nonprofit environmental group, is that it's hard to predict where species will end up as their ranges shift.

"The best we can do is conserve a diverse landscape," she says, "and the Highlands is one of those places."

Clarence Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands state parks score high for resiliency, which is one reason why conservation organizations have consistently acquired and added lands to these swaths.

In 2016, Scenic Hudson introduced the Hudson Valley Conservation Strategy, a mapping tool that identifies the most "efficient" conservation projects to preserve biodiversity, resilience and connectivity.

"This doesn't give you marching orders to go out and get this or that property," Tabak says, "but it shows us important areas where there are opportunities."

In the 11-county Hudson Valley region, almost 900,000 acres have been protected by the state and private organizations such as Scenic Hudson, including the 6,000-acre Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve between Cold Spring and Beacon that provides habitat for bald eagles, black bears and timber rattlesnakes, among many other species.

On the other side of the Hudson, thousands of acres — Harriman, Bear Mountain and Storm King state parks — protect a major spring and fall flyway for migratory birds.

It's impossible to predict exactly how much more land needs to be conserved, but Scenic Hudson's tool suggests 750,000 more acres in the 11 counties would "give us a pretty good portfolio of places that would enable species to adapt with climate change," Tabak says.

That's a tall order, "but it's not out of the realm of possibility," she says. "It's something to strive for."



Eric Lind at Constitution Marsh

Photo by Meredith Heuer



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ships that have long-term connectedness.

"Every time something shifts, there's a whole new arrangement with organisms that have to share that space. And when a system gets disrupted, the ability of diseases and pathogens to move through that system can increase. If we have poor nutrition or we don't have a safe place to live, we're more susceptible to catching a virus or a bacterial infection. That's why biodiversity is important."

Back at Constitution Marsh, Eric Lind tells me during a hike why he is drawn to the natural world. While growing up in Putnam County, being outside was a huge part of his childhood, he says. "I found things and heard things," he recalls. "I realized how full the world was. Later, when I began to study things like migratory birds or fishes, I realized these were connections that I had with the rest of the world."

"As a child, I heard a bird singing in a treetop in my neighborhood one day. It was a scarlet tanager," which is now threatened by climate change, Lind says. "It was this incredibly clear spring day. The bird was vivid red, the trees were vivid green and the sky was vivid blue. When I saw that, it seared the image. It was unforgettable."

The idea that images like that could someday be lost is painful.

"The news is bad," he says. "It gets worse every year. It's troubling at best and terrifying at times. We're talking about decades, but it's difficult to think beyond what you have to do next week. Day-to-day, the changes here just aren't that obvious."

## Saying Goodbye

We asked Audubon's Eric Lind to identify three birds seen at Constitution Marsh that face dire circumstances due to global warming. He notes that "these examples are already under pressure due to habitat degradation or loss, collisions with buildings and other man-made structures, environmental contaminants and invasive species. Major stresses from climate change add to a fate that is complex and uncertain."

### Least bittern

"Currently listed as a threatened species in New York state, it needs large freshwater and brackish marshes with tall and dense emergent vegetation, interspersed with patches of open water. The numbers are stable in the marsh, likely due to our management of invasive plants. It may experience a shift in range from the South to our area, but this won't matter if the marsh is severely diminished from sea-level rise."

### Bald eagle

"The increasing severity of storms threaten its chicks, as the large size of the nests make them prone to being blown down. By 2080, only about 25 percent of the bald eagle's current range is expected to remain. While new areas may open up with the warming climate, they will not assure a sustained population. Forested areas adjacent to large bodies of water with abundant, large fish are also needed. In New York, we are seeing eagles breeding earlier in the season."

### Louisiana waterthrush

"They nest only along clear, clean streams that flow through hilly dense forests. Audubon's climate model projects a 97 percent loss of current breeding range in eastern North America by 2080."



Louisiana waterthrush



Least bittern



Bald eagle

## Could Trees Save Us?

### Don't hold your breath

By Jeff Simms

Bill Schuster, a biologist and the executive director of the Black Rock Forest Consortium, the nonprofit organization that manages the nearly 4,000-acre Black Rock Forest in Orange County, says there has been a perception since climate change entered the lexicon that "trees will save us" because they remove carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from the air.

That's true, but a study conducted in part at the forest suggests the outlook is not so cheery.

Research published last fall found that plants emit more CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere than believed. While plants and trees during photosynthesis capture about 25 percent of the carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fu-

els, the research found that when they "exhale," or respire, they emit around 30 percent more CO<sub>2</sub> than previously predicted.

In practical terms, this means that as the planet warms, plant respiration will increase significantly, likely reducing the earth's ability to absorb emissions from burning fossil fuels, explains Kevin Griffin, president of the consortium's board and a professor at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University.

Griffin and his team sampled leaves from deciduous trees at Black Rock before comparing their findings to more than 4,000 measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> respiration from plants around the world. The next phase of the team's research will be to gather data on the growth respiration of leaves, which will provide information on how much CO<sub>2</sub> is released when trees add new leaves each year.



Bill Schuster

Photo by J. Simms





## So Long, and Thanks for All the Fish

*As the climate changes, the Hudson gets weirder*

By Brian PJ Cronin

No forecasting about the climate and ecological health of the Highlands can be made without taking into account how global warming will affect the most important and vulnerable part of its landscape, the Hudson River. But when it comes to the effects of climate change on the estuary, the future is here.

For years, scientists have looked at the declining numbers of migratory fish returning to the Hudson, such as shad, sturgeon and striped bass, and blamed aggressive offshore fishing operations. But now many are thinking that rising water temperatures may be at fault, as cold-water species bypass the river for cooler latitudes.

"We're seeing evidence of what sure looks like climate change affecting distributions of where fish are, and seeing habitats that no longer are as good as they were before," says Karin Limburg, a professor at SUNY's College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse.

At the same time, invaders arriving from the South are working their way upriver from the Atlantic. Over the past 15 years, scientists have seen a steadily increasing number of "tropical marine strays" in the Hudson, she says.

How these species will coexist with na-

tive fish, and what diseases they may bring with them, is anyone's guess. But unlike birds migrating north, many fish species will never reach the Highlands. "They can't just hop on the bus," says David Strayer, a freshwater ecologist at the Cary Institute. "There's going to be this asymmetry for at least a few centuries. We'll see more extinctions than arrivals."

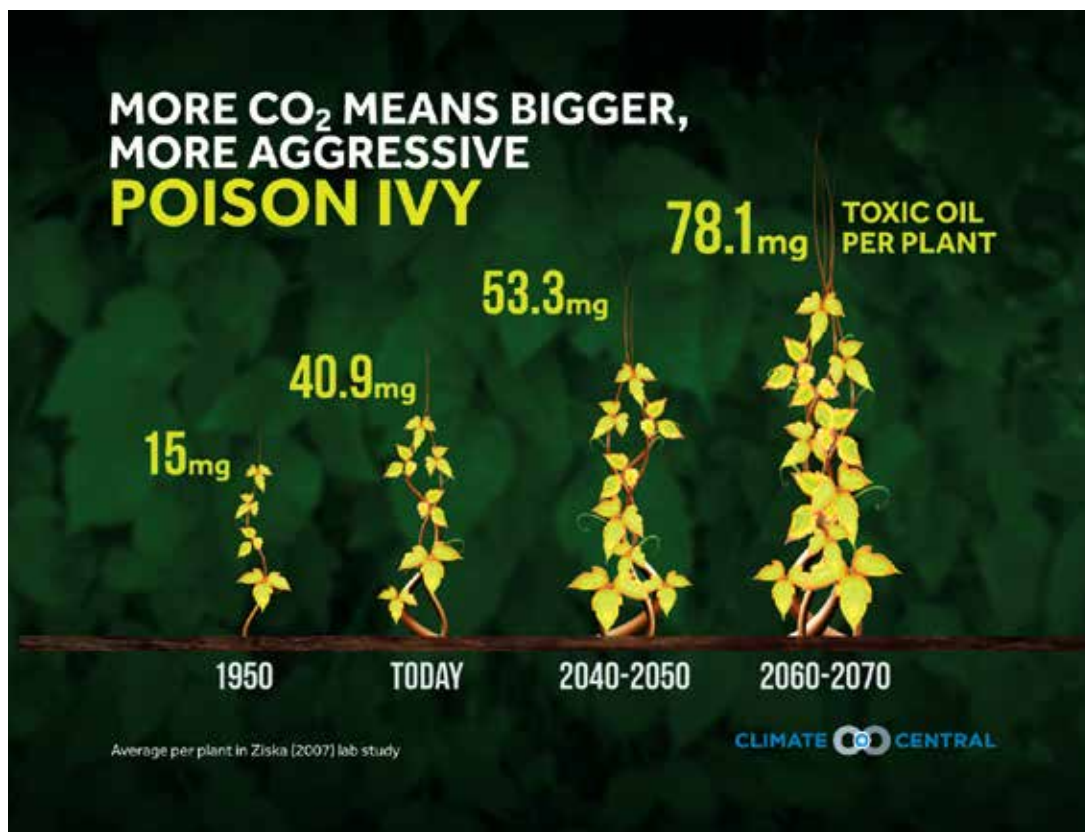
Meanwhile, the warmer water temperatures will make life rough for some unwelcome transplants, such as the zebra mussel. Native to Russia and the Ukraine, the voracious plankton feeders began showing up in American waterways in the late 1980s after stowing away in the ballast of ships. Although they quickly wreaked havoc on ecosystems, the bivalves are extremely sensitive to temperature changes, and even minimal increases could cause massive die-offs.

Does that mean some aspects of climate change in the river could be ... *beneficial*?

"There's going to be a wide range of impacts," says Strayer. "It very much depends on your viewpoint. The Coast Guard spends a lot of money breaking ice in the river to maintain its navigability. So if there's less ice because of warmer temperatures, the Coast Guard will rejoice, but the ice boaters will weep."

Global warming will expose the Hudson's vulnerabilities. The river has one of the world's highest "nutrient-loading rates," a measure of the concentration of organic matter coming in from outside sources.

With the Hudson, that's mainly sewage. If the sewage sticks around, it gets consumed by microbes, which leads to



*"We know that the storms are changing in intensity, frequency and magnitude, but there are probably going to be more droughts too."*

runaway algae blooms that can suffocate marine ecosystems. For now, the Hudson flushes itself well, clearing out organic matter before it turns into blooms, but Limburg notes that flow rates can change. "We know that the storms are changing in intensity, frequency and magnitude, but there are probably going to be more droughts, too. And in droughts, the flow rates drop way down."

Finally, there's the question of how the river will react to whatever we construct to counter the effects of climate change. For instance, a flood gate near Manhattan could impede the flow of migratory fish.

If Metro-North builds bulkheads to raise the train line, the infrastructure could further isolate the river from the floodplains, altering the river's flow rates even further.

If the infrastructure is designed thoughtfully, with its ecological impacts in mind, the damage to the river could be minimized. But if it ends up being designed and implemented quickly in response to an immediate disaster, scientists worry these considerations won't be taken into account.

"Ecologists are always accused of responding to everything with 'Well, it depends,'" says Strayer. "But in this case it really does depend. All we can say is that these actions are going to range from having a modest to an enormous ecological impact."

## The Climate for Lyme

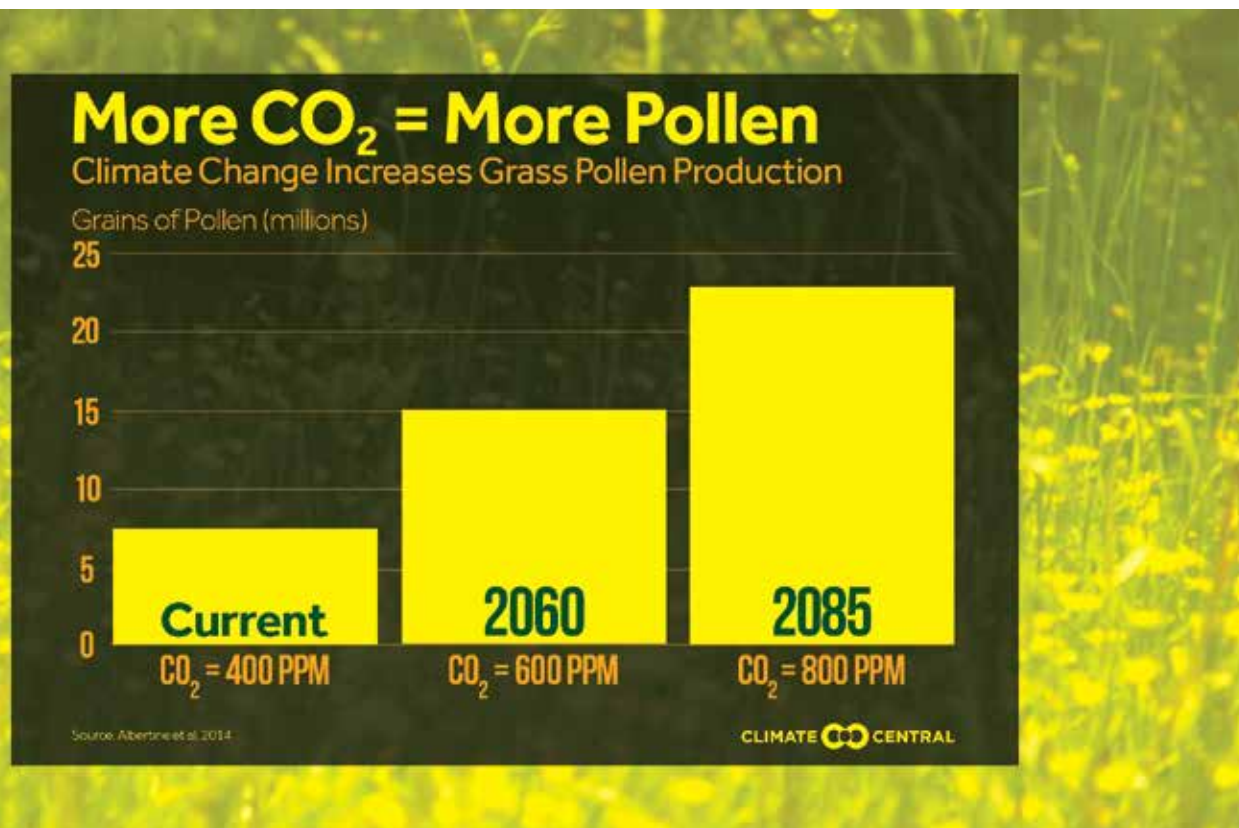
*Reporter traces connection between ticks and warming*

By Michael Turton

In her new book, *Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change*, former *Poughkeepsie Journal* reporter Mary Beth Pfeiffer examines how the dramatic increase in Lyme disease in the U.S. since the 1970s correlates with climate change. In an interview last week, she discussed her findings and the risks facing the Highlands. Her responses have been condensed.

**You reviewed quite a bit of research on Lyme disease, which is spread through tick bites. What did you find most compelling?**

What clinched it for me was a 2014 Environmental Protection Agency report that listed (continued on next page)







Mary Beth Pfeiffer

Photo by Jim Smith

(from previous page) three health indicators used to track climate change: the longer, earlier and more intense weed pollen season; the number of health-related deaths; and the number of Lyme disease cases. Lyme is the only disease the government uses to track climate change.

Scientists are finding that as places become warmer, there are more ticks. In Canada, ticks are moving farther north each year. And data in the 1950s showed that ticks only survived at a certain altitude on a mountain in Eastern Europe. Forty years later, ticks were found at much higher altitudes. That is a microcosm of what is going on around the planet.



Pfeiffer removes a tick from her dog, Bushwick.

Photo by Janet Graham Gottlieb

It's not just the black-legged tick, which is common in the Northeast, that is moving because of climate change. The lone star tick has migrated from the South and arrived in Long Island, where it is causing big problems.

#### How do birds factor into the spread of Lyme?

For eons birds carried ticks as they migrated north from South and Central America. But in the past, if they dropped a tick from Brazil in the Eastern U.S., the tick would die. Now they survive, and they also carry more pathogens.

#### If the Highlands become hotter and drier, would that reduce the tick population?

It's unlikely we will get too dry. We may have periods of drought and intense heat that make it more difficult for ticks. But even in the South, where it's very hot and getting hotter, it's still very humid. Ticks can go beneath leaves or into the soil and stay moist, coming out when it's humid enough to survive.

#### In the book, you discuss how the threat of the Zika virus was reduced by genetically modifying mosquitoes so they only produced male offspring. Could that work with ticks?

A mosquito has a two-week life span; ticks live for two or three years. It would take many generations of ticks for that approach to take hold. But I would love to see research along those lines.

#### Are there more promising solutions?

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook is conducting a five-year

tick project aimed at controlling ticks in neighborhood yards. But we need a lot more money spent on figuring out how to control ticks, such as a vaccine that would kill a tick when it bites a human. A vaccine could also be used to kill ticks as they feed on mice and deer. It could stop the epidemic dead in its tracks.

#### What can be done in the meantime?

People need be vigilant. Cover up when you go outside, check yourself when you come inside. Use permethrin-impregnated clothing; it kills or causes ticks to fall off when they come in contact. That cloth-



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ing is rather expensive although permethrin itself isn't. You spray it on, let it dry; it survives about six launderings.

We need to protect our children; 5- to 14-year-olds are the largest group infected each year. Make your yard safe. Don't have leaf or brush piles. Open it up to the sun. Ticks generally don't like hot, sunny areas.

#### Can we stop Lyme?

We have the ability to conquer it. I'm a little pessimistic because we haven't had the will or put the money into it. We need to convince the powers that be that this is a serious, underestimated epidemic that leaves many people ill long after they're infected. Then, the will and the money will follow.

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**Part 3: Farm = Food (May 25; see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com))**

## What's Ahead

#### Part 5: What Now?

A state initiative called Climate Smart Communities has pushed towns and cities to make changes; Kingston, a river community of 25,000, was an early adapter. But what are the political challenges, and who, in the end, will pay?





FRIDAY, JUNE 1

**Marco Anelli: *Building Magazzino* (Reception)**  
5:30 – 8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | [desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

**Group Show: *Mokuhunga Woodcut Prints* (Opening)**  
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery  
121 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5145 | [busterlevigallery.com](http://busterlevigallery.com)

**Country Music Night**  
7 p.m. Beacon Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | [beaconelks1493.com](http://beaconelks1493.com)

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

**Lisa Lampanelli (Comedy)**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St., Peekskill  
914-739-0039 | [paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

**Peekskill Open Studios**  
[peekskillartsalliance.org](http://peekskillartsalliance.org)

**Snapping Turtle Walk**  
7:30 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-3638 | [boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org)

**Eastern New York Soccer Festival**  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Newburgh | Delano-Hitch Park, Newburgh | 516-766-0849 | [enysoccer.com](http://enysoccer.com)

**NYNJTC Trail Cleanup**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Breakneck/Brook Trailhead Parking  
[nynjtc.org/civicism/event/info](http://nynjtc.org/civicism/event/info)

**iPhoneography Workshop**  
10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery | 172 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-2880 | [riverwindsgallery.com](http://riverwindsgallery.com)

**Tag Sale**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | [stmaryscoldspring.org](http://stmaryscoldspring.org)

**Bannerman Island Paint Out**  
11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.  
Boat departs from Beacon dock  
845-831-6346 | [bannermancastle.org](http://bannermancastle.org)

**Glynwood**  
11 a.m. Farm tour  
2 p.m. Cider tasting workshop  
362 Glynwood Road, Philipstown  
845-265-3338 | [glynwood.org](http://glynwood.org)

**Victorian Hat Decorating**  
1 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org)

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***The Dance of Life, The Life of Dance* (Recital)**  
2 and 6:30 p.m. Bardavon  
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie  
845-831-1870 | [balletartsstudio.com](http://balletartsstudio.com)

**Group Show: *The Art of Balance* (Opening)**  
3 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-561-1259 | [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

**Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival Gala**  
5 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-809-5750 x12 | [hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)

**Israel Putnam: Hero of the Revolution (Talk)**  
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4010 | [putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

**Woody Mann Film and Concert**  
7 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley  
845-528-7280 | [tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)

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

**Damn the Torpedoes: A Tribute to Tom Petty**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

**Susan Alcorn**  
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon  
845-561-1259 | [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

**Peekskill Open Studios**  
[peekskillartsalliance.org](http://peekskillartsalliance.org)

**Kids Fishing Derby**  
9 a.m. – Noon, Garrison Fish and Game  
Philipse Brook Road, Garrison  
[facebook.com/garrisonfishandgameclub](http://facebook.com/garrisonfishandgameclub)

**Putnam County Veterans of World War I (Book Launch)**  
2 p.m. Centennial Golf Course  
185 John Simpson Road, Carmel  
[southeastmuseum.org](http://southeastmuseum.org)

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

**Helen Zuman: *Mating in Captivity* (Reading)**  
5 – 8 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St., Beacon  
[helenzuman.com/events](http://helenzuman.com/events)

**Roger's Folly Swing Dance**  
7:30 p.m. Inn and Spa at Beacon  
151 Main St., Beacon | [facebook.com/rogersfolly](http://facebook.com/rogersfolly)

MONDAY, JUNE 4

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

**Beacon School Board**  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | [beaconk12.org](http://beaconk12.org)

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

**Backyard Farm Skills**  
3:45 p.m. Glynwood | See details under Saturday.

**Farmer Recovery Fundraiser**  
5 – 9 p.m. Barber and Brew  
69 Main St., Cold Spring | [bit.ly/farmer-recovery](http://bit.ly/farmer-recovery)

**Exchange Club Award Dinner**  
5:30 p.m. Villa Borghese  
70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls | 845-831-9102

**Putnam County Legislature**  
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse  
44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel  
845-208-7800 | [putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com)

**Haldane School Board**  
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)  
15 Craigside Dr., Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | [haldaneschool.org](http://haldaneschool.org)

**Ward 3 Town Hall**  
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St., Beacon  
[jmccredo@cityofbeacon.org](mailto:jmccredo@cityofbeacon.org)  
[npage@dutchessny.gov](mailto:npage@dutchessny.gov)

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

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

**Binnacle Book Club: *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi**  
7 p.m. Denning's Point Distillery  
10 N. Chestnut St., Beacon | [binnaclebooks.com](http://binnaclebooks.com)

**Garrison School Board**  
7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3689 | [gufs.org](http://gufs.org)

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

**Creating Comic Characters with Deb Lucke (Teens)**  
3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

**Paper Cutting Workshop**  
5:30 p.m. Howland Public Library | See details above.

**Creative Completion (First Session)**  
6 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | [butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

**HVSF: *The Taming of the Shrew* (Preview)**  
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-265-9575 | [hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)

**Handmade Happy Hour**  
7:30 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St., Beacon  
[handmadetogether.com](http://handmadetogether.com)

**Philipstown Town Board**  
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-5200 | [philipstown.com](http://philipstown.com)

**Celebrating the Music of Billy Joel**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

**PTA End of Year Celebration**  
3 – 6 p.m. Haldane School | [haldanepta.org](http://haldanepta.org)

**Family Camp-Out**  
6 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center | 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall | 845-534-5506 | [hhnm.org](http://hhnm.org)

**Little League Fundraiser: Ladies Night Out**  
7 p.m. North Highlands Firehouse  
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring  
Email [eelena8@optonline.net](mailto:eelena8@optonline.net).

**HVSF: *The Heart of Robin Hood* (Preview)**  
7:30 p.m. Boscobel | See details under Thursday.

**Pete Seeger: *The Power of Song* (Film)**  
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center  
See details under Saturday.

***The Music Man***  
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
See details under June 1.

**Max Weinberg's Jukebox**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
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## Small, Good Things

## It's So Easy Being Green

By Joe Dizney

A recent trip to Adams Fairacre Farms in Wappinger uncovered bags of almost marble-sized red new potatoes begging to become the base of a spring salad. My culinary confidante and shopping companion, Z, suggested a Ligurian version of potatoes, green beans and pesto, but a bin of perfect softball-sized globe artichokes was too good to pass up — as were the first of the shell peas I'd seen this season.

A stop at Vera's Marketplace on Route 9 in Philipstown on the way home uncovered asparagus, which I also find hard to pass up, and a few fava beans, a little early but at a reasonable price.

To most Americans, potato salad is made with a rich mayonnaise dressing, eggs and pickles. While Z's suggested Ligurian version is tasty, fresh and healthy, I had something even lighter in mind.

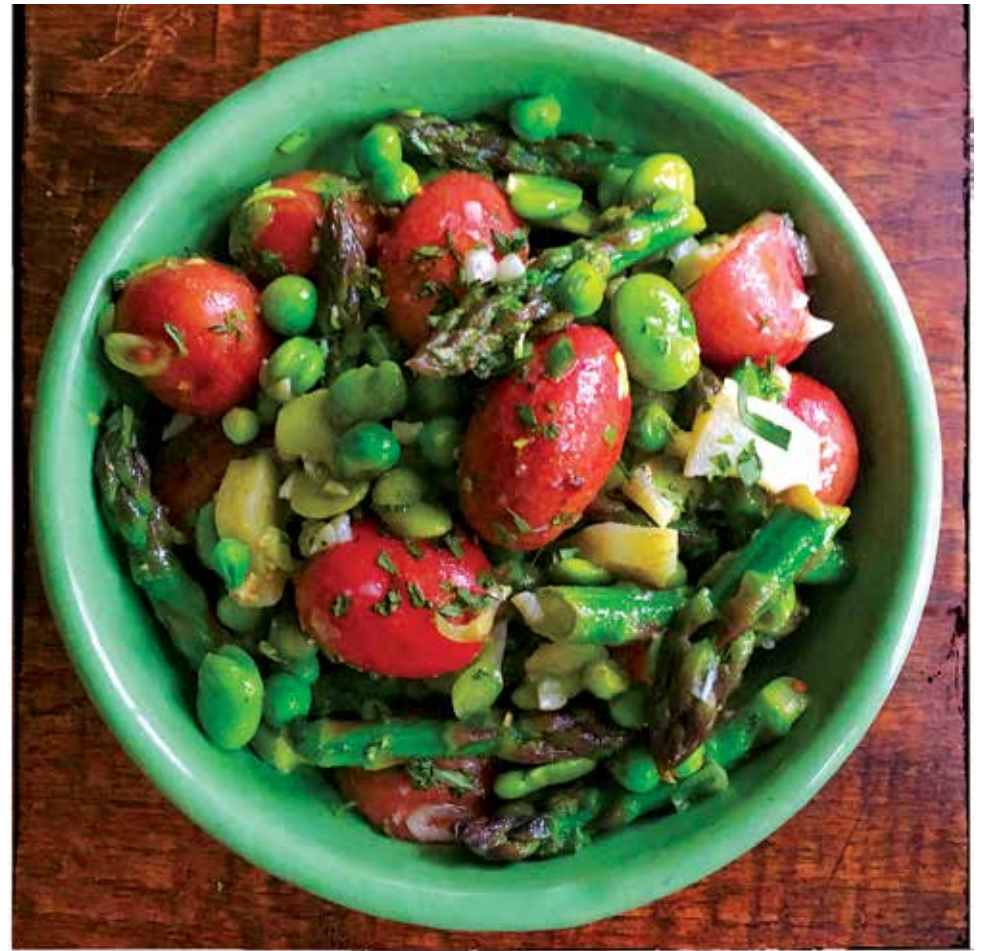
Admittedly, German cooking is in no way considered light, but there is a tech-

nique used in German potato salad — dousing the warm potatoes with vinegar or dressing so that they absorb a bit before you add the remainder of the ingredients — that makes sense.

Rather than use straight vinegar, which could be a bit too assertive, I followed a more Mediterranean spirit and split the dose between lemon juice and white-wine vinegar and a healthy amount of extra-virgin olive oil. The latter harmonizes with the green vegetables as well as the tarragon and mint I imagined as herbal high notes.

Your salad might be very different: substitute snowpeas, fennel or spring onions. Notice what's local and fresh and makes sense to you. Even the red new potatoes are negotiable — small Yukon Golds or fingerlings will work. I found myself imagining the addition of Jerusalem artichokes instead of globe artichokes. The herbal top notes are equally flexible depending on what you have on hand or desire and what your accompaniments are.

Almost anything goes. The dressing will hold it together. Just keep it in — and don't forget to enjoy — the season.



Spring Potato Salad

Photo by J. Dizney

## Spring Potato Salad

Serves 4 to 6

1½ pound small (1 to 1½-inch diameter) new red potatoes (cut to size before boiling)

¼ cup extra-virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

2 tablespoons fresh-squeezed lemon juice

Salt & freshly ground pepper

1 teaspoon minced garlic

Tips from one bunch asparagus (slice and reserve stalks for an omelet or stir-fry)

1 cup shelled peas (about 1 pound in the pod)

1 cup shelled, blanched and peeled fava beans (about 1 pound in the pod)

1 small bunch scallions, white and green parts thin-sliced on the bias (Optional: 3 to 4 globe artichoke hearts, blanched, cooled and diced large)

1 tablespoon chopped tarragon

1 tablespoon chopped mint

1. Boil the potatoes, covered, in a pot of generously salted water for 10 to 12 minutes. While they boil, whisk together the olive oil, vinegar and lemon juice, adding salt and pepper to taste. When the potatoes are done, drain them and toss the warm potatoes, minced garlic and olive oil dressing in a large bowl. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate to cool.
2. Prepare an ice water bath. Blanch the asparagus tips, shelled peas and peeled fava beans for 2 to 3 minutes in a pot of solidly boiling salted water, drain and immediately plunge into ice water bath. When cool, drain thoroughly and reserve.
3. When the potatoes are completely cool, add the blanched vegetables and scallions and toss lightly to mix. Add more oil if dry and adjust salt and pepper. Just before serving, add tarragon and mint and toss again. Serve chilled or at room temperature.

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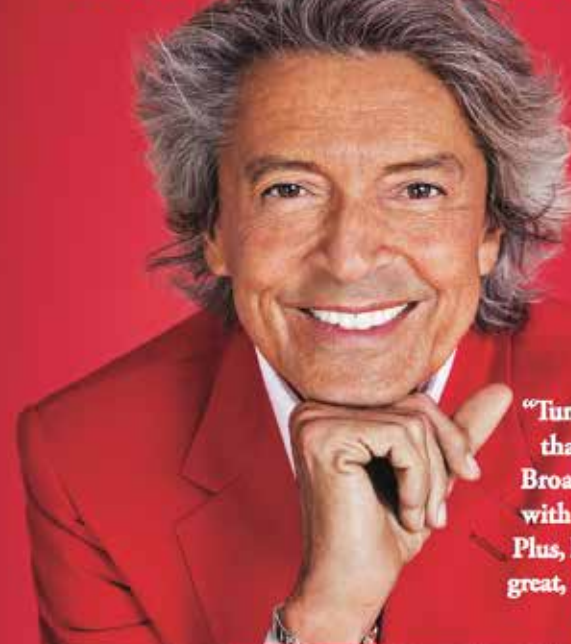
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## Help Local Farms

### Fundraiser for storm damage

Many farmers suffered damage during the severe May 15 storm. On Tuesday, June 5, Barber and Brew in Cold Spring and Glynwood in Philipstown will host a benefit to help the Hudson Valley CSA Coalition rebuild.

From 5 to 9 p.m., Barber and Brew, at 69 Main St., will serve beer and small food plates for a \$25 donation, with all funds benefiting farmers. The proceeds from all regular-priced haircuts will also be donated. See [bit.ly/farmer-recovery](http://bit.ly/farmer-recovery).

## Free Playwriting Workshops

### HVSF will host in Philipstown, Beacon

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will hold community playwriting workshops at three libraries in June.

A session will be held on Saturday, June 9, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring at 10 a.m.; on Sunday, June 10, at the Howland Public Library in Beacon at noon; and on Saturday, June 16, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison at 2 p.m. RSVP at [hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org).

After attending, participants may submit a short play on the theme "coming home" to HVSF, and select works will be staged by actors at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in August.



**KID STARS** — Four young actors will appear this summer in the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's production of *The Heart of Robin Hood*. From top, Samuel Bates, 12, of Philipstown, and Adam Cabo, 13, of Beacon, will alternate in the role of Jethro, while Phoebe Bokhour, 9, of Cold Spring, and Talia Hird, 9, of Philipstown, will share the role of Sarah. *HVSF*

## PTA Celebrates Summer

### Plans end-of-year bash

The Haldane PTA will host a family celebration to mark the end of the 2017-18 school year from 3 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 8, at the elementary school. There will be games, storytelling with Jonathan

Kruk, music, crafts and food trucks. Tickets are \$5 at [haldanepta.org/upcoming-events](http://haldanepta.org/upcoming-events). The rain date is June 14.

## Church Tag Sale

### St. Mary's event on June 2

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring will hold a tag sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 2, at the church. It will include baked goods. All proceeds benefit the church.

## Glynwood Events

### Tour and farm dinner planned

On Saturday, June 2, at 11 a.m., Glynwood will host a guided tour of its property and operations. At 2 p.m., Artisan Wine Shop of Beacon will present a hard-cider tasting workshop at the farm to kick off Cider Week Hudson Valley.

On Saturday, June 16, Glynwood will host a farm dinner that also features cider. It will accompany a farm-to-table meal prepared by Alex Burger, chef at the Amsterdam in Rhinebeck. Tickets are \$150 at [glynwood.org](http://glynwood.org).

## Painters Up!

### Little League benefit on June 8

Create a masterpiece at the Paint and Party Ladies Night Out to support the Philipstown Little League. The fundraiser takes place at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 8, at

the North Highlands firehouse in Philipstown. RSVP to Luz Bailey at [eelena8@optonline.net](mailto:eelena8@optonline.net).

## Seeking Musicians

### Orchestra preparing for holidays

The Putnam Symphony Orchestra is looking for musicians for a performance in November. The concert will have a holiday theme and weekly rehearsals begin in September. Call Christine Smith at 845-228-4167.

## Story Slam

### Will be held on Constitution Island

The Butterfield Library's story slam for adults, the Dragonfly Story Hour, will be held on Constitution Island at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 10. The theme is "constitutional." To sign up to share a four-minute, nonfiction story, email [jblhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:jblhappenings@gmail.com).


## Museum to Host Book Signing

### Celebrating WWI veterans in Putnam

The Southeast Museum will host a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, at the Centennial Golf Course in Carmel, for the release of *Putnam County Veterans of World War I*, an annotated roll of service members in the Great War by Roderick Cassidy.


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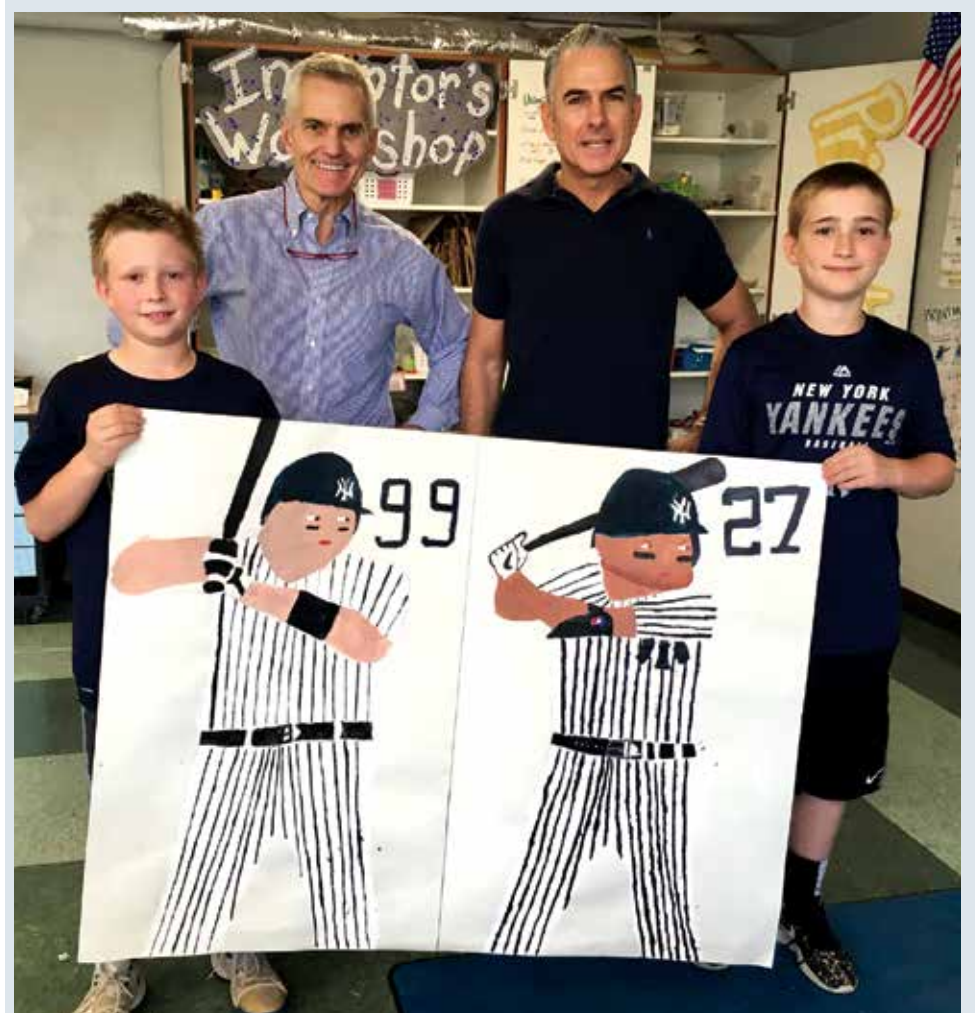
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**SOLD!** — Randy Federgreen and Larry Weisler visited the Haldane School on May 21 to purchase artwork they had admired in a student display at Foodtown in Cold Spring. The price was not disclosed. "Bronx Brothers" was created by Jeremy Hall (left) and Ryan Van Tassel.

Photo provided



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) Cassidy will talk about his research and share World War I memorabilia. The golf course is located at 185 John Simpson Road.

**Beacon****It's Strawberry Season**

*Sloop club festival is June 10*

Rain or shine, the Beacon Sloop Club will hold its annual Strawberry Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 10, at Seeger Riverfront Park. The club will be selling strawberry shortcake and smoothies, and there will also be music, performances, games and free sails on the Woody Guthrie. See [beaconsloopclub.org](http://beaconsloopclub.org).

**Pollinator Gardening**

*Workshop at One Nature*

Timothy Stanley will lead a workshop at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 9, at One Nature Garden Center in Beacon on native plants and attracting pollinators to your garden. Tickets are \$25 at [onenaturellc.com/events](http://onenaturellc.com/events).

**Swingin' on the Roof**

*Dance party on rooftop*

Swing dance on the rooftop of the Inn Sand Spa at Beacon on Sunday, June 3, with La Familia Singing Blues Band. Emily Vanston will offer swing lessons at 6 p.m. for intermediate dancers and at 7

p.m. for beginners. Tickets are \$20. See [facebook.com/rogersfolly](https://facebook.com/rogersfolly).

**Town Hall Meeting**

*Ward 3 reps host on June 5*

Representatives of Ward 3 will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beacon. Jodi McCredo, who represents the ward on the City Council, and Nick Page, whose Dutchess County Legislature district includes Ward 3, will answer questions.

**Binnacle Books**

*A club meeting, and a launch*

Binnacle Books on Main Street in Beacon will hold its monthly book club at Denning's Point Distillery at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 6, to discuss *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi. On Saturday, June 9 at 7 p.m., Binnacle will host a release party for Mike Faloon's *The Other Night at Quinn's* with music by Joe McPhee and Michael Bisio.

**Paper Art Workshop**

*Cut, fold and share*

Learn how to cut and fold paper into art at the Howland Public Library in Beacon at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7. Sine Hjort will explain different types of paper, how to handle them and cutting patterns. Register at [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org).



**Baby and Dog**

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? Dana Hammond of Cold Spring shared this shot of her son, Elliott, hanging out in the backyard with Mischief and Grandpa. 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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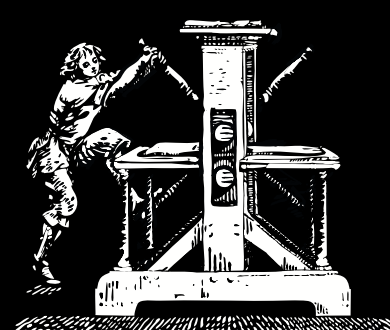
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**AMAZING RIVER VIEWS!** The panoramic Hudson River views speak for themselves from the deck and backyard of this colonial style home located in BEACON. This home offers 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths on a pristine .36 acre piece of property just a hop, skip and a jump to the Beacon train station and walking distance to Beacon's happening Main Street with its shops, restaurants, galleries and antiques. **Offered at \$554,900**



to yard & roughed in plumbing just waiting for your finishing touches, perfect for extended family. 2-car garage & a huge attic give you all the storage you will need. Walking distance to park, Main Street's galleries, shops, and restaurants. Minutes to train, and I84. **Offered at \$529,900**

**This 4BR light-filled Colonial home** built in 2004 has been meticulously maintained and sits on .22 acres on a cul-de-sac. It has a grand entrance, vaulted ceilings & fpl in the FR, Kitch w/island, spacious rms, laundry/mud rm, cherry hw flrs, MB suite w/wlkin closet & jacuzzi tub. Enjoy evenings & weekends on your 16x20 oversized deck. Home has full walk-out basement with high ceilings, large windows, sliding drs



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**Brick Carriage House.** This unique 1890 home with brick carriage house has been lovingly restored to its original charm. Beautiful private perennial gardens, stone walls and slate walkways to patio. The home offers 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, custom kitchen with Capital gourmet stove and hardwood floors throughout. The home was restored in keeping with the original character and charm. The brick carriage house is presently used as artist studio on the top floor with 16ft ceilings and great northern light. The main floor was used to restore Steinway Grand Pianos and basement has cement floors with exterior access. The building has 200 amp service and central a/c and heat. **Offered at \$749,900**







# THE BLUE PRINT

## COMMUNITY EDITION

Five times each year, the members of Ashley Linda's journalism class at Haldane High School publish a school newspaper, *The Blue Print*. With support from the Haldane School Foundation, reporters and editors from *The Current* are working with the students to craft their stories and share their reporting with the community. Selections from the May issue are reprinted here.

### HALDANE STUDENTS VISIT PRISON

By Grace Campanile

On March 14, students in Haldane's sociology and criminal justice classes took a trip to the maximum-security Green Haven Correctional Facility in Dutchess County.

The trip, made possible by the Youth Assistance Program (YAP), is organized and run by inmates who volunteer their time. It is not to be confused with a Scared Straight program, because the intent isn't to scare students but to educate them about the harsh realities of prison in hopes that they will make the right choices and never end up behind bars. During the trip, students had discussions and predictions about prison life and the prison population, and the trip served to break down a lot of their preconceptions.

Once at the prison, every student removed their shoes and walked through a metal detector. Each student was also required to present a valid form of ID. After entering the prison, students were



Haldane High School students signed a banner on March 14 that was sent to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Photo by Jesse Des Marais

ordered to line up against a wall as a group of men in handcuffs walked out followed by guards; many of these men were convicted murderers.

Students who stepped out of line or laughed were immediately silenced just by a stare from one of the inmates. After this initial encounter, all students and the group of inmates sat in a huge circle, the inmates sitting at random amongst the students. Within this circle, students were told that any information they gave was confidential and couldn't be used against them outside of the prison.

Sharing information allowed for a unique rapport to develop and in turn each inmate told a part of their story,

of how they ended up behind bars. The majority of them were convicted of murder, assault with a deadly weapon, possession of illegal firearms, or robbery. Most of them had been in prison for 10 or more years and were still facing 30 to 40 more.

After the group discussion, the tour began. Students walked through the cold hallways, having to pause every so often to wait for a locked gate to open. The prison yard was the next stop. A few payphones, some workout equipment and a small TV were the only things in the open space surrounded by high walls. Students were told to look up to see the tall towers on the corners of the prison. Up top, students saw an armed guard who is trained to shoot and kill if necessary.

Another silent walk through the halls led the group to the cells, towered on top of one another. The students weren't allowed to walk through the cells, but just a glance at them was enough to understand the conditions of cell life.

The dining hall was described as a hot spot for fights. The inmates shared that on the way out of the dining hall prisoners are typically strip-searched. This process was described as dehumanizing and one of the most humiliating things that many of these men go through on a daily basis. The reason for this is the fact that most contraband is smuggled through prisons within the anal cavity.

The tour ended back in the room where the first discussion was and lunch was served. Students sat and ate with the inmates and talked about many things, life, the choices they make, the people

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they hang out with. Students enjoyed this part of the experience and getting to know the inmates in the program.

One senior commented, "I respect how these men wanted to change for the better and have goals that they might not [have had] before." A sophomore stated, "This program has changed my perspective on life completely."

### HALDANE HONORS PARKLAND

By Blue Print Staff

Haldane students came together on March 14 in remembrance of the 17 people who lost their lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida the month before. In addition to students walking out to raise awareness about strengthening gun laws, Haldane marked the day with optional activities from 10 to 10:17 a.m. to coincide with the National School Walk-out, and continued activities during the students' lunch period.

Immediately following the schoolwide Pledge of Allegiance at 10 a.m., about 50 students chose to walk out of their classrooms and gather in solidarity on the front steps of the high school. They were joined by several middle-school students and Superintendent Dr. Bowers, high school Principal Ms. Sniffen and high school social worker Mr. Many.

The remainder of the students chose to stay in their classrooms, where they could hear the names of the 17 victims read aloud, followed by a quote about the importance of kindness and positivity. Students were provided with optional activities such as reading articles, making cards, coming up with ideas for 17 acts of kindness, or working silently.

During lunch Mr. Many, Ms. Mosco, Mr. Piazza, and Mrs. Rosanno, the school psychologist, ran a discussion in Room 211 on mental-health issues. About 15 students attended. Ms. Mosco also created a "De-Stress Before the Test" board in the lobby, and Mr. Many is exploring options to bring Mental Health First-Aid Training to the high school.

This impactful day took time to plan. On (Continued on Page 22)



Green Haven Correctional Facility

Photo by Jordan Clark



## THE BLUE PRINT

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March 1 students packed Room 211, wall to wall, to brainstorm safe activities that would bring students together during lunch and 10th period. Mrs. Sniffen, Dr. Bowers and Mr. Salumn, as well as teachers Ms. Linda, Mrs. Preparo and Mrs. Granese, were all present to listen to students' concerns.

The events that took place on Haldane's campus on March 14 reflect the collaboration of students and faculty members. The Haldane community was able to come together, despite different backgrounds and personal opinions, and everyone was able to commemorate a significant day in modern history in their own way.

## HEARD IN THE HALL

By Anna Rowe and Natalie Sandick

*What weird food combo can't you live without?*

**Broccoli and mac 'n' cheese**  
~ George Leiter, Grade 12

**Mac 'n' cheese and fries**  
~ Kate Dwyer, Grade 11



Kate Dwyer

**Chips and ice cream**  
~ Theo Bates, Grade 11



Theo Bates

**JAMMIN' IN THE KITCHEN WITH JULIE**

By Julie Geller

## Pupcakes

Has your dog been good lately? Of course! So why don't you reward your best friend with a healthy, delicious treat they will love. Make these amazing Pupcakes for a happy you and a healthy pup!

### Ingredients

1 cup wheat flour  
1 cup bananas, mashed  
1/3 cup honey

1/4 cup peanut butter  
1/4 cup coconut oil  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1 teaspoon baking soda

1 egg, beaten

### Frosting

1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt  
1/4 cup peanut butter

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large bowl add egg, peanut butter, coconut oil, vanilla and honey. Whisk until all of your ingredients are combined and smooth.
3. Add in mashed bananas, the less clumpy the better.
4. Add in flour and baking soda into mixture and fold in until all the ingredients are incorporated.
5. Spray 12 cupcake liners with nonstick spray and put in the batter evenly into the cupcakes.
6. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until you can stick a toothpick in and it comes out clean.
7. Mix together yogurt and peanut butter, and when the pupcakes are cool, frost 'em.
8. Give to your dog and watch him enjoy!

**Cucumbers and cream cheese**  
~ Allie Ferreira, Grade 10

**Maple syrup on barbecue chips**  
~ Ben McPherson, Grade 10

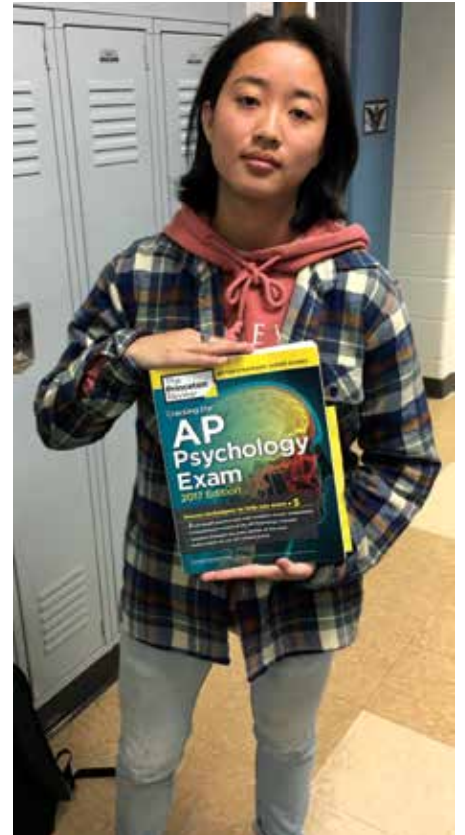
**Hot dogs and chocolate**  
~ Essie Florke, Grade 9

**Honey and bacon**  
~ Ben McEwen, Grade 9



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**Pizza and ranch dressing**  
~ Heather Winnie, Grade 12



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Obituary

Dan Einbender (1949-2018)

Daniel Einbender, 68, died May 25, 2018, at Ryder Farm in Brewster.

Born Nov. 14, 1949, Dan was a songwriter, storyteller, sloop singer, sailor, educator, stage manager, festival organizer, cook, activist, organizer, host, camp counselor, music teacher, gardener, history buff and music therapist.

At age 7, while attending Camp Willoway, he met Pete Seeger, who inspired him to learn guitar. He studied theater at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he co-founded the counterculture venue Amazingrace Coffeehouse.

In 1980 he became an educator for Clearwater, which Seeger had founded and where Dan worked for 30 years.

Dan is best known as a musician for his song, "It Really Isn't Garbage," from his album, *Dinner Alone is a Bore*. He was instrumental in creating a program in the Beacon elementary schools to encourage children to sing, which led in 2010 to a Grammy Award as one of the three producers of Seeger's *Tomorrow's Children*.

At the end of his life, Dan grew a beard, vowing not to cut it while Donald Trump was president.

His survivors include two sisters, Deborah Einbender and Paula Einbender, and two step-siblings, Lauren Resnick and Don Brown, as well as four nieces and two nephews. A memorial service is being planned.

Obituary

Anthony David Burton, 89, of Garrison, died on May 24, 2018, at Emerald Peak Nursing home in Peekskill. Among his survivors is his wife of 49 years, Leonora Burton, owner of The Country Goose in Cold Spring.

Born April 3, 1929, in Birmingham, England, he was the son of George and Ethel Burton. He grew up in Birmingham and Coventry with his brother, George.

After leaving school, Tony became an apprentice reporter for a local Birmingham newspaper before landing a job at the *London Daily Mirror*. Several years later, he moved to the U.S. and, after a stint at *The Knickerbocker News* in Albany, was hired in the late 1950s by the *New York Daily News*.

He met Leonora Fairclough, a native of Newport, Wales, in the Oak Room of the Plaza Hotel. (She had moved to the U.S. in 1967.) They were married in the British Virgin Islands.

During his time at the *Daily News*, Tony covered everything from the arrival of the Beatles in 1964 (he called it "the Beatle bounce" because spectators at CBS Studios bounced in their seats during a performance on *The Ed Sullivan Show*) to the Attica prison uprising in 1971 and the death of Louis Armstrong that same year.

Tony Burton (1929-2018)



Tony Burton

In 1967 he was on a team at the *Daily News* that was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for helping a woman from the Bronx adopt a young Mexican boy who had been chained to a kennel for many years.

In 1973 he wrote his first book, *Solo: Self Portrait of an Undercover Cop*. His work at the *Daily News* brought him into contact with the undercover cop whose code name was Solo. He later wrote several novels: *The Embrace of the Butcher*, *The*

*Coventry Option* and *The Department of Corrections*. His most recent, *Jackie True*, was published this year,

He left the *Daily News* in 1990 to work as a foreign correspondent for the *London Daily Mail*.

In 1978 the couple's twin boys, Robert and David, were born. The family moved to the Highlands from New York City in 1983 because Tony's newly widowed mother was relocating to the U.S. from a small Welsh town to live with the family.

"She would not have enjoyed the city," Leonora once recalled. "She needed a place where Tony could commute and where our 5-year-old twins could go to school. We found Cold Spring."

For a number of years Tony ghostwrote a column in *The Current* called "Sitting on the Bench," under the byline of Tara, the resident dog of The Country Goose.

Besides his wife, Tony is survived by his sons, Robert John Burton (Cathrine) of South London, and David Ross Burton (Deanna) of Plantation, Florida, as well as two grandchildren, Eliza Burton and Betsy Burton.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison, NY 10524 ([desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)).

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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.

CLUES

SOLUTIONS

1 incorrect (8)

2 X-Men, for example (7)

3 bead-based calculators (8)

4 herbal skin cream ingredient (9)

5 tiny cash advance (9)

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## A Moment of Thanks

**P**hilipstown residents, including many military veterans, gathered on Main Street in Cold Spring on Monday (May 28) for a parade and memorial service to remember and honor Americans who lost their lives at war. For more photos, see [highlandscurrent.com](http://highlandscurrent.com).

*Photos by Ross Corsair*



Rick Valentine of Cold Spring and Tony Sexton of Philipstown



Members of the Haldane marching band prepare for the parade.



A garden of remembrance was set up on the lawn of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.



Hadley Scuccimarra, age 3, with her parade program



Local fire companies turned out in force.