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ROAD BLOCK — A tractor-trailer that jackknifed on I-84 near Beacon closed the westbound lanes for several hours on Tuesday night (Jan. 29).

Photo by Rick Gedney



Gov. Andrew Cuomo, right, met with gun-control activists in Albany on Jan. 29.

Photo by Mike Groll/Office of the Governor

## How They Voted on Abortion Rights, Guns

*Local reps split on major legislation in Albany*

By Chip Rowe

On Jan. 22, Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed into law the Reproductive Health Act, which removes abortion from New York criminal statutes and which supporters say provides a buffer should the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* ever be overturned.

State Sen. Sue Serino, a Republican whose district includes the Highlands, voted against the bill, which passed the Senate 38-24. In the Assembly, where it passed 95-49, Democrats Sandy Galef (whose district includes



Philipstown) and Jonathan Jacobson (whose district includes Beacon) both voted for it.

"Women's reproductive rights should not be subject to the whims of the Trump administration or Supreme Court," Jacobson in a statement. Serino, in contrast, called the act "an extreme proposal that goes far beyond the current standard" of abortion rights.

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## Nelsonville in Settlement Talks Over Cell Tower

*Village discusses protecting Secor parcel from development*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

While negotiating with companies that sued Nelsonville after it rejected their cell tower plans, the Village Board is also considering inclusion of 4 acres on Secor Street (once a potential cell tower site) in an easement protecting the Nelsonville woods.

In addition, board members are drafting

a 5G telecommunications law.

The board discussed all three developments at its monthly meeting on Jan. 22, and Mayor Bill O'Neill later elaborated in phone interviews.

At the meeting, the mayor announced that negotiations were underway with Homeland Towers and its partner Verizon Wireless, as well as with AT&T, to settle lawsuits the firms filed after Nelsonville

refused to allow construction of a tower on a ridge overlooking Cold Spring Cemetery. Homeland and Verizon sued on June 29, and AT&T filed a separate lawsuit the same day, saying it had intended to use the Homeland-Verizon tower. (Homeland and Verizon also sued Philipstown after it

rejected a tower near Route 9.)

O'Neill declined to offer details of the negotiations on Jan. 22, saying it "would impede the ability to come up with options." However, he promised that "once we've come to some pathway — it doesn't guarantee there will be a settlement — with the wholehearted support of the

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**"I don't see the urgency to move on this. Secor [Street] is not in play. There's no plan to put a cell tower there."**

- Mayor Bill O'Neill



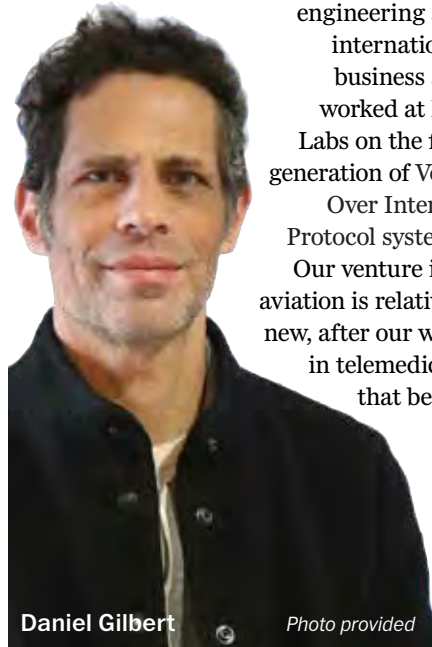
# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: DANIEL GILBERT

By Michael Turton

**D**aniel Gilbert is the founder and CEO of CloudVisit Aviation, a firm based in Philipstown that creates software for the remote inspection, repair and maintenance of aircraft.

## Which interest came first — aviation or computer science?

I've always been interested in large infrastructure — planes, trains, ships. Like that old saying, the difference between men and boys is the size of their toys. I have master's degrees in telecommunications engineering and international business and worked at Bell Labs on the first generation of Voice Over Internet Protocol systems. Our venture into aviation is relatively new, after our work in telemedicine that began



Daniel Gilbert

Photo provided

10 years ago. We developed online video conferencing systems and learned that the challenges in telemedicine are similar to other industries, including aviation and renewable energy.

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## What are the "remote connectivity guidelines" that the Federal Aviation Administration requires?

The FAA has acknowledged that remote inspections are needed and it has finally signed off on the concept. There is no law prohibiting remote-inspection technology, but at the same time the FAA has an obligation to protect the public. It's traditionally been slow-moving, but it's developing guidelines for how this technology can be used. The Aeronautical Repair Station Association has been working with the FAA and industry to develop high-level requirements. They are interested in working with us as a vendor because we developed software in the telemedicine field long before there was a vision for a similar system for aviation.

## Philipstown isn't exactly aviation central. Why locate here?

I'm from New York and moved back to be close to family, and I love the outdoors. It's the best of both worlds. There is talk of this area becoming more tech-oriented, with the government doing more to help companies set up shop. Being here proves the merits of technology, of working remotely. I've never even met 97 percent of our clients. It's a nice part of this business, to connect with intelligent, forward-thinking people from all around the country and the world.

# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

## What have you done for fun this winter?

“

I went to England, where it was unseasonably warm and dry. Plus, it was great to come back to longer days!

”



~ Jena Hershkowitz, Cold Spring

“

I explored the Hudson Highlands, connecting with the process of winter that nature is going through, just as I am.

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~ Martin Fowler, Beacon

“

I got in the habit of reading each morning before work. It relaxes me and I've read three books! I relish the cozy parts of winter.

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# Beacon Board Pushback, Small-Cell Wireless and Legal Pinball

## Catching up with the City Council

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is expected to reappoint three members of the city's Planning Board and two members of the Zoning Board of Appeals at its Feb. 4 meeting, but the votes aren't coming without some (sometimes tense) discussion.

The five board members — Gary Barrack, Jill Reynolds and J. Randall Williams from the Planning Board and David Jensen and Robert Lanier from the ZBA — were scheduled to be reappointed, along with other volunteers who serve on various boards and commissions, at the council's Jan. 22 meeting. But Council Member Jodi McCredo said she was reluctant to approve the reappointments for the Planning Board and ZBA, two of the city's higher-profile boards, without knowing more about the candidates. The council ultimately asked Mayor Randy Casale to have the five planning and zoning board incumbents attend a workshop first.

Barrack, however, took exception during the Jan. 28 meeting.

"I don't know why I have to stand here this evening," said Barrack, who was first appointed in 2013. "The inference was that there was some type of malfeasance on behalf of the members of the Planning Board."

McCredo countered that some of her constituents had questioned Planning Board decisions on contentious projects such as the Edgewater and 344 Main St. residential developments. "There are people in this community that are very upset about certain [decisions] and I feel it is my duty to help them get answers," she said.

The council on Jan. 28 also asked for more information from Verizon regarding its applications to place small-cell wireless facilities at 2 Red Flynn Road and 7 Cross St.

The unit at Red Flynn, which would be affixed to an existing utility pole, would improve wireless coverage near the Metro-North station, said Scott Olson, an attorney representing Verizon. The Cross

Street proposal would require extending an existing pole.

Council members were critical of both plans, saying Verizon had been lax in finding the best locations for the units.

But Olson argued the company has received undue scrutiny. "It's a utility pole, folks," he said. "Really, there are no visual impacts with this pole" on Cross Street.

Both proposals will be referred to the Beacon Planning Board and an independent consultant for review.

### In other business ...

- The City Council on Jan. 22 repealed a law allowing "amusement centers" to have only vintage pinball and arcade games. An amusement center on Main Street (with games from any era) will still require a special permit, but locations elsewhere, such as on Fishkill Avenue, where Industrial Brewing Arts has proposed a tasting room with an arcade, will not.

- The council has held several public hearings but its members have been unable to agree on how to regulate signs in the city after its existing law was determined last year to likely be unconstitutional. Council Member Lee Kyriacou has

argued for a "minimalist" approach.

- Michael Manzi will be confirmed as superintendent of streets on Feb. 4, removing the interim tag he received after being named to the post in August. He must still complete a six-month probationary period.

- The council plans to reject three bids to make improvements to the Beacon Pool at University Settlement camp. The bids to rebuild restrooms and a storage facility, along with site maintenance, all came in at more than twice the \$350,000 budget. The city will rebid the projects, perhaps after the upcoming season, said City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero.

- The city is also planning to sell a sliver of land used for parking near Bob's Corner Store at 790 Wolcott Ave. to the property owner, Rafiq Ahmed, for \$17,500. The sale will relieve Beacon of potential liability, said City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis.

- The council will vote on Feb. 4 to transfer \$60,000 in state funding from a South Avenue Park project to Green Street Park, which needs rehab. The money will be used to create ADA-compliant parking spaces and for repairs to an entrance to the park. A plan for more upgrades at the park is expected later this year for public review.

- The council will hold a public hearing during its Feb. 4 meeting on the 2019 capital project plan. The \$1.4 million proposal includes several pieces of equipment for the Highway Department, road repairs, a police vehicle, a Building Department vehicle and repairs to the roof of the Memorial Building at 413 Main St.

## How They Voted *(from Page 1)*

Serino also criticized the removal by the act of the criminal charge of "abortion in the first degree," which could be applied when an attacker caused the loss of a pregnancy after 24 weeks. State penal law now defines a homicide as applying only to a "human being who has been born and is alive."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, at least 38 states have fetal homicide laws, and in 29 the laws apply from conception. Serino said in a statement that she supports a bill introduced on Jan. 24 by Sen. Cathy Young, a Republican whose district is south of Buffalo, that would establish the felony of "assault on a pregnant woman," even if the attack does not cause the loss of the pregnancy.

### Gender identity

Two bills addressing sexual orientation and gender identity were signed by Cuomo into law on Jan. 25:

Establishes that efforts by mental health professionals to attempt to change sexual orientation on patients under 18 years of age is a form of misconduct.

Passed Senate, 57-4 (Serino voted yes)

Passed Assembly, 141-7 (Galef and

Jacobson voted yes)

Prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or expression and adds offenses based on gender identity to the state's hate crimes statute.

Passed Senate, 42-19 (Serino voted no)

Passed Assembly, 105-43 (Galef and

Jacobson voted yes)

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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Early editorial

It was certainly refreshing to read this wonderful editorial from a 1922 issue of the *Cold Spring Recorder* that denounced racism ("The KKK: No Percent American," Jan. 25). It is reassuring to know that our forefathers were very forward-thinking people, considering that this was not too far after the Civil War. So many of these words are so powerful, and can be applied to many of the situations going on in the U.S. now. Thank you for publishing this wonderful piece of history. Is there any way that you can find out the people or person who put this editorial together?

Michael Lyons, *Hopewell Junction*

*Editor's note: Otis Montrose was the publisher of the Recorder at the time; the*

*editorial was reprinted from a longer version that appeared in the Nov. 30, 1922, issue of the weekly Christian Advocate, which was published in New York City by the Methodist Church and to which Montrose must have subscribed.*

### Affordable housing

Overpriced housing is one reason the City of Beacon Fire Department is losing volunteer firefighters ("With Housing, What's Affordable?" Jan. 25). The younger generation simply can't afford to live in Beacon. That fact has a cascading effect on the fire department as well as other volunteer public safety agencies in the Hudson Valley.

Joseph Pedro III, *via Facebook*

Affordable housing and workforce housing is still not here in Beacon. In the new

### Corrections

In the Jan. 25 issue, we misidentified the photographer of the super blood wolf moon that lit up the sky on Jan. 19 and 20. It is Gary Ditlow.

The Binnacle Book Club will meet on Feb. 7 not at the store but at Denning's Point Distillery at 10 N. Chestnut St.

construction on Fishkill Creek only three small apartments that wrap around the elevator and are under 600 square feet each are the "affordable" ones. Listening to an elevator day and night and knowing this was designated as "workforce" because no one else wanted it is a slap in the face. To make matters worse, the rent is based on incomes that the Beacon workforce does not earn.

It is up to the City Council in each municipality to set the base upon which affordable rent is calculated. Until this is done and the number of apartments — good ones — are set aside, we will not have affordable workforce housing. The only people who win are the developers.

Naomi Canaan, *Beacon*

### School project

It's wonderful that they're doing this, but I wonder why they're not making a track around the new artificial-turf field at Beacon High School? ("Beacon Schools Project Expected to Begin in April," Jan. 18). The running program in Beacon is huge and produces scholarship winners. Why not give these athletes the same running facilities offered at schools like Roosevelt or Wallkill?

Megan Migliore, *via Facebook*

I can't wait for the bake sale to pay for this!  
Chris Ungaro, *via Facebook*

### New laws

The key word in the new state law that requires people convicted of domestic abuse to turn in their firearms to the police is *convicted* ("More New State Laws," Jan. 18). It's not based on suspicion, allegations, an arrest or the filing of charges, but only on conviction. Otherwise, it would be unjust.

Christopher Rowley, *via Facebook*



## How They Voted *(from Page 3)*

### Gun control

These bills passed the Senate and Assembly in late January but have not been signed by the governor:

Allows a court to issue an Extreme Risk Protection Order that prohibits a person determined by a court to be a threat to themselves or others from purchasing or possessing a firearm for up to one year. A family member, law enforcement officer or school administrator can ask a judge for the order.

Passed Senate 42-21 (Serino voted no)

Passed Assembly 100-37 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)

Establishes a waiting period of up to 30 days before a gun can be sold to an individual who has not cleared a background

check. (Under federal law, a potential buyer whose FBI check comes back as "delayed" could be sold the gun after three days if the agency has not completed the check.)

Passed Senate 40-23 (Serino voted no)

Passed Assembly 82-52 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)

Requires people who have homes in New York but don't reside here to waive the confidentiality of their home-state mental illness records when applying for a firearm license.

Passed Senate 62-1 (Serino voted yes)

Passed Assembly 145-1 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)

Prohibits school administrators from arming teachers or other school employees in K-12 schools, with the exception of law enforcement officers and security guards.

Passed Senate 41-22 (Serino voted no)

Passed Assembly 104-40 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)

Creates a Municipal Gun Buyback Program administered by the New York State Police that allows individuals to turn in illegal firearms in exchange for a cash reward and immunity from criminal possession charges.

Passed Senate 50-13 (Serino voted yes)

Passed Assembly 108-36 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)

Bans the purchase of devices such as "bump stocks" that can turn weapons into machine guns. It is illegal to add the devices to firearms but not to purchase them.

Passed Senate 49-14 (Serino voted yes)

Passed Assembly 134-11 (Galef and Jacobson voted yes)



## Cell Tower *(from Page 1)*

board, we will fully disclose what that [pathway] is and give everyone the opportunity to weigh in."

The next day, O'Neill said residents' feedback "would weigh very heavily" in board decisions. He noted that in 2017, the board rejected a proposal to allow a tower on a village-owned, 4-acre parcel on Secor Street after residents objected.

### Saving Secor

At the Jan. 22 meeting, several residents urged the board to protect that 4-acre lot from commercial development by allowing the Open Space Institute to add the parcel to a 113-acre conservation easement it holds in the Nelsonville woods.

Board members said they didn't oppose that idea but had to weigh other options, as well. "I don't see the urgency to move on this," said O'Neill. "Secor is not in play. There's no plan to put a cell tower there."

Trustee Michael Bowman, who drafted the agreement with OSI, could not attend the meeting. But in a letter, he argued that adding the village parcel to the easement would "protect it from further cell-tower discussions" while preserving "the rights of the village government to utilize or build upon the land for the public good." Further, he said, "it will cost the village almost nothing to make it happen."

The draft contract states the village would be able to place a playground, public restroom, education center or similar facility on the parcel.

### Sheriff's antenna

In a related development, O'Neill said the Putnam County Sheriff's Department considered installing an 80-foot antenna tower on its Nelsonville substation on Main Street but found the project unfeasible because of the building's structural limitations.

"Of course, if there were a cellphone tower, that [antenna] could go on top of the tower," the mayor said. "If the sheriff says we have a problem with communications, that's a very serious matter. We can't ignore that."

He hinted that a lawsuit settlement might address the law enforcement antenna as well as a cell tower. "We're looking to come up with some comprehensive answers, in conjunction with the county and conceivably the plaintiffs," he said.

The mayor also proposed that Nelsonville, Cold Spring and Philipstown jointly hire an independent expert to assess what the area needs in telecommunications services. The cell tower companies claim the tower is needed to fill a service gap.

### 5G future

Fifth-generation (5G) systems, which use smaller towers but require more of them, also entered the discussion.

"5G is barreling down the pike," David Limburg, who was among about 20 audience members at the meeting, told the board. "It's coming whether we like it or not."

Trustee Alan Potts replied that the board is drafting legislation to regulate 5G.

O'Neill noted that the technology "is not without its opponents. We need to come up with a strong zoning code to protect the interests of this community."



An agreement with OSI would add a 4-acre Secor Street parcel once seen as a possible cell tower site (at right of road) to a conservation easement protecting the Nelsonville woods.

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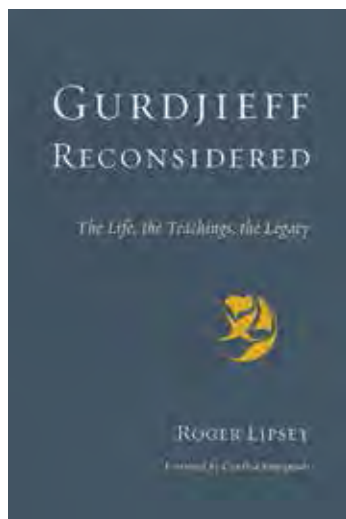


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## Man Rescued After Falling Through Ice

*Went through while riding ATV in Putnam Valley*

A Putnam Valley man who fell through the ice on Lake Oscawana was rescued after neighbors, a firefighter and a sheriff's deputy pulled him to shore with an extension cord.

Brendan Foran, 49, fell into the water at about 7 p.m. on Jan. 23 after the ice gave way under his ATV, according to the Putnam County Sheriff's Department. Deputy Jonathan Bradley responded and was led to the scene by Zachary Kuttruf, 14, a sheriff's cadet who lives nearby.

Foran had been in the water for about 10 minutes when Putnam Valley volunteer firefighter Jonathan Cummings fashioned a "figure-eight-on-a-bight" rescue knot in an extension cord provided by Zachary's parents, Bruce and Jennifer Kuttruf, that was thrown to Foran. He was pulled to shore by Cummings, Bradley, and Zachary and Bruce Kuttruf and taken to a waiting ambulance.

## Maloney Elected Maritime Chair

*Will lead House subcommittee*

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district in the U.S. House includes the High-



**HALDANE SMARTS** — The team named Seven-Sided Bananas won the annual Haldane School Foundation trivia night held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on Friday (Jan. 25). The event raised \$6,000 for the foundation, which provides grants to teachers and community members to benefit the Haldane school district. *Photo provided*

lands, was elected by other Democrats on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee to serve as chair of its Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee. Besides the Coast Guard, the subcommittee has jurisdiction over seafaring vessels and their crews and the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Maloney said in a statement that one priority as chair would be to protect the Hudson River "from all threats." In 2016, the Coast Guard proposed allowing the construction of 10 anchorage sites on the river between Yonkers and Kingston but abandoned the idea after receiving 10,000 negative comments and opposition in Congress, including from Maloney.

## Taxing State Land

*Audit examines exempt acreage*

An inventory conducted by the state Department of Taxation and Finance found that the Beacon City School District could receive another \$315,000 annually if all state-owned land in Dutchess County were taxed. The City of Beacon would receive another \$29,000 annually.

Land owned by the state cannot be taxed by local authorities unless the state waives its "sovereign immunity." In many cases, it has done so, agreeing to pay taxes or make payments in lieu of taxes. In Dutchess, the state pays taxes to school

districts for 6,900 acres, and to entities except the county on 835 acres, sending the county \$2.44 million in annual revenue.

In Putnam, the state pays taxes on 25,000 acres, sending \$4.7 million that is divided between the county, school districts and local governments.

State auditors found that, based on local assessor valuations that are probably outdated, Dutchess would receive another \$3.3 million and Putnam another \$166,500 annually if all state-owned land were taxed. In Dutchess, that would mean \$726,000 in additional revenue for the county, \$314,734 for the Beacon school district and \$28,730 for the city. The audit did not break down the potential distribution in Putnam.

## Applications Open for Girls' State

*Philipstown legion will select one junior to attend*

The American Legion Auxiliary in Philipstown will select a high school junior from the area to attend the legion's Girls' State program at The College of Brockport. Interviews will take place in mid-February and the weeklong program begins June 30.

Girls' State asks participants to assume the role of government leaders, campaigning in mock races to become mayors and county and state officials. Applications are available at [empiregirlsstate.org](http://empiregirlsstate.org).

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# The Calendar

## THE BIG BURN

*Artist outlines process for large works, from sketches to etchings to prints*

By Alison Rooney

**S**haron Lindenfeld thinks big by starting small. The printmaker, whose etchings are featured in *Iterations*, an exhibit that opened last week at the Garrison Art Center, begins in a traditional way: with sketches of external or internal landscapes.

She scans details from her drawings and plays with them digitally before transferring the image to a copper plate to be etched with an acid bath. After inking, she wipes off the excess and puts it through a press to transfer to paper.

The show includes smaller, more recent pieces as well as *Reverie*, an oversized series of etchings printed from the same two plates but in various combinations of colors, layers and transparencies.

"People think I'm crazy for making things of this size, but I want people to feel surrounded by them," explains Lindenfeld. "It's unusual to see copper plates this big."

She adds: "It's physical work creating a landscape. You're creating the grooves and ridges, and there's a kind of erosion or other geologic process going on. The plate leaves the evidence behind of all you've done to it and with it."

Below Lindenfeld documents each stage of her work.



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**1** This is the original drawing, done in a sketchbook made of Nepalese fiber paper. It's from the cathedral on Piazza San Marco in Venice; I drew it there, looking up at the dome.

**2** Then I invert it and turn it into black and white. All the fibers became stars, celestial places made up from a mix of architecture and cosmic space.

**3** I blow the digital image to 4-by-5 feet, invert it again, tile it, laser-print it, put it facedown and rub it with acetone, so the toner transfers onto the copper. If you put it into a bath of acid, it "eats" the copper except for the black toner dots.

**4** I prepare the plate for etching.

**5** My friend and I built a bath large enough to etch the plates. I put each one in and out of acid multiple times. The longer you leave it in, the darker it prints.

**6** I put ink all over the plate, then wipe it off. The grooves hold the ink. You become delirious doing it — it takes 30 minutes to put the ink on but three hours to wipe it off, because you have to do it so carefully.

**7** I place the copper on the press and, through printing, discover the final result. It's always different than planned. It's a partnership between me and the press, a call and response. I need help with the printing press. The plate is thin, but it's so large that it becomes awkward to move around without spilling chemicals.

**8** All done.



# 25 Years of African-American Artists

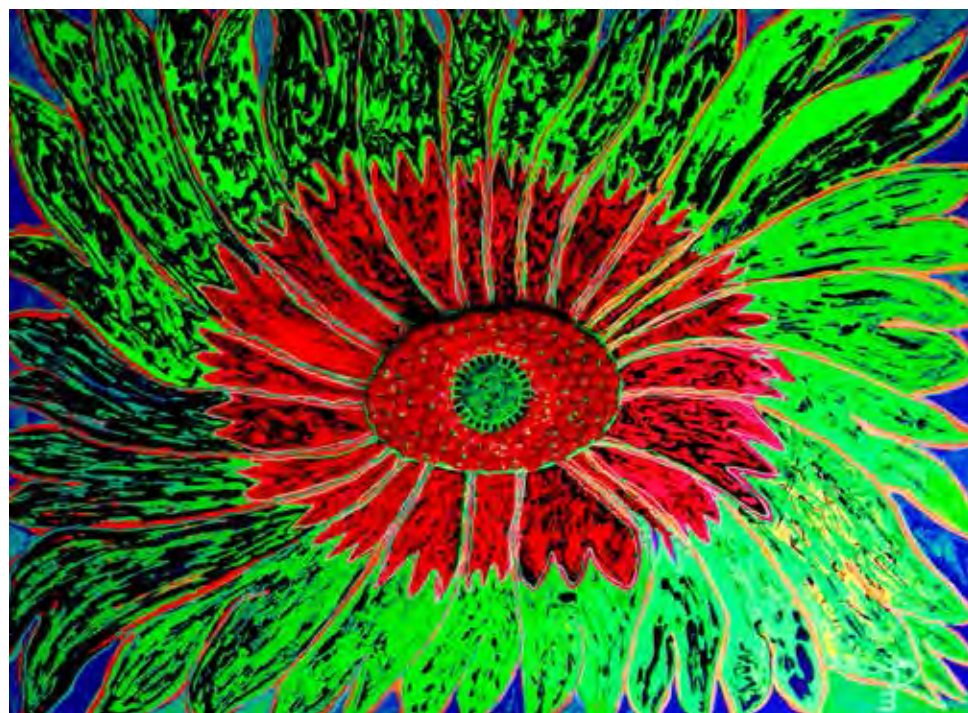
*Howland opens its latest exhibit in annual series*



Painting by Jordan Pollard



Painting by Corey Lightfoot



"Sunflower" by Eddison Romeo

By Alison Rooney

Nonprofit organizations usually have mission statements. It was the mission statement of the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon that propelled the first of what is now 25 annual

celebrations of work by regional African-American artists, including Eddison Romeo, Oliver Spearman and Eleanor Thompson from Beacon and Richard Outlaw and Samantha Outlaw from Newburgh.

"It occurred to us that our mission is to focus on culture, but also to recognize the

culture of our community," explains Florence Northcutt, who has been at the HCC even longer than the exhibit she helped create. "We lived and live within a diversified community, yet we hadn't featured it in a group setting — only as individual artists or subjects."

This year's show opens on Feb. 2 with a reception from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and continues through Feb. 25. Timed to coincide with African-American History Month, it is joined each year by three other curated exhibits tied to national observances: Women's History (March), Asian/Pacific American Heritage (May) and Hispanic Heritage (September).

"It's not just presenting the artists, it's connecting the art to the history," Northcutt explains. "So many incredible events have taken place in our lifetimes."

Josephine Green, whose photography has been featured in a number of the exhibits over the years, returns for a second year as curator. The former Beacon resident, who now lives in Poughkeepsie, says she sees art everywhere.

"Wherever I'm at, New York City, everywhere, I look for artists," she says. "After all, the Hudson goes down to the city!" The subject matter knows no limit. "Just because we're black artists, we don't need to do black history," she says. Northcutt adds: "It's about the composition, the scope, the angle, the eye."

Green says that, as with any curator, the most difficult part of her work is having to reject submissions. The process is admittedly subjective, "so it's tough having to give a reason," she says.

This year's show includes a tribute to Kyra Husbands, a Beacon High School graduate who is a freshman at the School of Visual Arts and last year was honored by the Dutchess County executive for her "exceptional promise" in the arts.

The opening reception always draws an engaged crowd. "The artists really, really love this event," Green says. There will also be a cabaret at 8 p.m. featuring Kofi & Sankofa, a drum-and-dance ensemble. The Howland Center is located at 477 Main St.; the gallery is open Friday to Monday from 1 to 5 p.m., except for Feb. 17 and Feb. 24, when other events use the space.



**Chip Taylor**

With guitarist John Platania

Feb. 1 at 7:30

Excellent Creature: Dialogues with Drama

**Gross Indecency:  
The Three Trials  
of Oscar Wilde**

By Moises Kaufman

Feb. 2 at 7pm

Depot Docs:

**Far from  
the Tree**

Feb 8 at 7:30pm

**The Importance  
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## Roots and Shoots

## Seedling Trees for a Greener Future

By Pamela Doan

What if every homeowner in the Highlands planted a tree this spring? There are 3,580 households in Philipstown and Beacon has 5,347. That would be nearly 9,000 trees.



Trees do this amazing thing: They hold CO<sub>2</sub>, which keeps it from being released into the atmosphere where it contributes to climate change. Polar vortex, anyone? According to the carbon calculator at tree-benefit.com, a formula based on protocols developed by the USDA Forest Service, a sugar maple that's 12 inches in diameter lowers CO<sub>2</sub> levels by 350 pounds per year. For context, driving a car and using one gallon of gas releases 20 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>. (Check out coolclimate.org to calculate your personal carbon footprint.)

If reducing your carbon emissions isn't enough of an incentive, consider that trees clean the air and water, absorb storm water, cool us with shade, and are home and food sources for birds, insects and wildlife. Feeling stressed? Research shows that even a short nature walk helps.

Spring's mild temperatures and steady rainfall are ideal for seedling trees. The Soil

and Water Conservation Districts in Putnam (putnamcountyny.com/keepputnam-green), and Dutchess (dutchessswcd.com/store) counties recently announced their annual seedling sales and the Arbor Day Foundation (arborday.org) has a diverse selection. It's an affordable way to make an impact. For instance, get 10 blueberry or raspberry bushes for \$35, day lilies for \$2 a bulb, or 10 flowering dogwood trees for \$15.

If that's too many seedlings for your landscape, share with friends and neighbors or give them as gifts. As a bonus, every order at the Putnam sale includes a pack of common milkweed seeds to support the endangered monarch butterfly.

The biggest advantage of planting a seedling is that it's easy. Digging a hole in our rocky, heavy-clay Hudson Valley soil takes some effort, but the smaller the hole, the easier the task. Seedling trees are typically bare root and look like long twigs; they aren't encased in a container with soil. Planting while they're dormant lets the tree wake up and begin establishing roots right away. Simply spade in a seedling, making sure the roots spread out.

The challenge will be protecting it from wildlife. Deer, mice and voles love tender, young trees, and deer are one of the main culprits behind the lack of forest regeneration in New York. The large popula-



A tree shelter is a tube that protects a seedling tree.

Arbor Day Foundation

tions browse baby trees before they have a chance. But "if you can get a seedling established in the first year, it's got a good chance of survival," says Peter Smith, the urban forestry program manager for the Arbor Day Foundation.

Tree shelters can help. These are tubes of translucent material that allow sunlight, air and water in, while surrounding the growing tree. They come from 1 to 5 feet tall and create a greenhouse effect, storing moisture and heat. The tubes can be left on until the trunk fills it. Some are designed to split apart as the trunk gets wider, but the best thing to do is remove it. The tube protects the seedling until it's big enough that if a deer nibbles on it, it can still survive.

For larger planting areas, a fence that's at least 6 feet high is probably more eco-



Someday your seedlings will create a winterscape like this.

Photo by P. Doan

nomical. The tubes run from \$4 to \$8 each, and they are easy to assemble.

Some trees can develop weaker trunks from growing in tubes because movement in the wind makes a trunk grow thicker. Smith said these same trees will get taller faster, though. Look for a tube with vents that allow air to circulate.

Prevent birds from getting stuck in the tubes by covering the top with plastic mesh. Stake the tube firmly to the ground (but not in the ground) to prevent mice from nesting. Keep the area around the seedling clear of weeds. Smith recommends covering the ground in a 1- or 2-foot-wide circle around the tree with a layer of newspaper weighed down by mulch.

So, Philipstown and Beacon, let's start planting some trees.



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## An Interview on Wheels!

Lou Ferreira drives cars a lot. He drives them to find out what's wrong. He drives them to make sure they're truly fixed. He drives them to places like Newburgh Auto Glass and drops them off so they can get things like windshields. Then he needs a ride himself. Which is how this cartoonist and the busy mechanic came to be talking over a steering wheel.



It needed a new engine. I couldn't find one. I called up and down the East Coast. Then, one day, I saw a tow truck go by with a Miata. The top was off... it was filled with leaves... water... it had been abandoned. I assumed it was going to the junk yard.



So I called and asked, "Did you just get a Miata in?" "How did you know?" they said. I bought it, took out the engine, fixed my car, and sold the body back to the junk yard.



Same interview, different car.



The owner calls me and says:



We get AllData, which is a bulletin from dealers. Their advice tends to be excessive fixes that cost a lot of \$\$\$\$. On this car, AllData said to replace the fuel tank. I found an online forum that said dirt in the fuel canister is clogging it up. So we replaced just that part.

Kelly McCarvel  
Mechanic  
Ferreira's Auto



After confirming the tank will now take \$36.50 in gas, we continue the interview in yet another vehicle. This one has an extra engine in the back-- It's headed to Riech's Machine Shop.



When cars overheat, the head can warp or crack. I pressure-test them--fill them with air to see if there's any leaks. Then I cut them down so they're square and clean.



Shawn Jackson  
Auto Machinist  
Riech's Machine Shop

Next stop, the ignition and alternator place. I only work with repair shop owners [like Lou] that know what they're doing. A mechanic could replace an alternator without asking why it has gone bad. If a bad battery caused it, it burns out the new alternator. Then, they try to return the part!



Lucho Lee  
Orange Auto  
Electric

Parts are getting more and more complicated. A Toyota came in that had a problem with the computer. So I buy a new computer. The dealer has to flash it to tell the computer to work with this car--you put in the VIN number. It's the same with a lot of parts. How can I buy a machine that will only work on a Toyota... a Honda... a Hyundai... a BMW? Each machine is \$6,000. IMPOSSIBLE! So I buy the part, install it, tow the car to the dealer, and have them flash it.



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**Saturday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.**  
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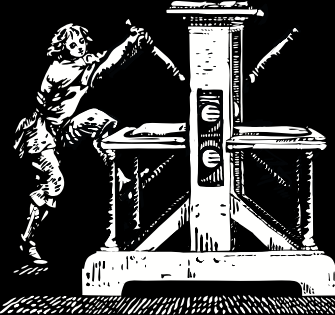
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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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For a complete listing of events, see [highlandscurrent.org/calendar](http://highlandscurrent.org/calendar).



Eagle Fest

Photo by Larry Fitzpatrick

## COMMUNITY

SAT 2

### Tu B'ish V'at Service

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. St. Mary's (Parish Hall)  
1 Chestnut St. | 845-265-8011  
[philipstownreformsynagogue.org](http://philipstownreformsynagogue.org)

The Philipstown Reform Synagogue will celebrate "the New Year of the Trees," a festive seder at which fruits and nuts are eaten, along with wine, to recognize the beauty and bounty of God's world. All are welcome to attend the service, which will be led by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. RSVP by emailing [cathye95@aol.com](mailto:cathye95@aol.com).

SAT 2

### First Responders Recognition Dinner

BEACON

6 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave. | 914-474-1891  
[facebook.com/groups/beaconelks1493](https://facebook.com/groups/beaconelks1493)

This 10th annual dinner will recognize Dale Plumer from the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Steve VanBuren from the Beacon Fire Department (Tompkins Hose Co.), Brian Lawrence from the Beacon Police Department and John Miller from the Dutchess Junction Fire Department, along with Doug Zukowski, Steve Buchman, Brian Marron, Mike Zingone, Kayleigh Maupin, Andrew Molitoris, Mark Matthews, Dennis Cable, Mark Mathews Jr. and Robert Dross. Tickets are available at the lodge after 2 p.m. and usually sell out. *Cost: \$25*

SUN 3

### Sunday Swap

BEACON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Compass Arts  
395 Main St. | 917-648-4454  
[compassarts.org](http://compassarts.org)

Donate or shop for secondhand clothing, accessories, shoes, jewelry and small housewares.

THURS 7

### Art Class for Seniors

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Philipstown Friendship Center  
1756 Route 9D | 845-808-1705

Continues weekly through February. *Free*

THURS 7

### Dancing for Seniors

COLD SPRING

12:30 p.m. Philipstown Friendship Center  
1756 Route 9D | 845-808-1705

Continues weekly with instructor Rich Barnett through February. *Free*

THURS 7

### Chamber of Commerce Mixer

COLD SPRING

5:30 p.m. Fred Astaire Dance Studio  
3182 Route 9 | [explorecoldspringny.com](http://explorecoldspringny.com)

SAT 9

### Eagle Fest

GARRISON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638  
[teatown.org/events/eaglefest](http://teatown.org/events/eaglefest)

Naturalists from the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society and Constitution Marsh Audubon Center will help visitors spot eagles on the river. *Free*

SAT 9

### Gardening in the Age of Climate Change

BEACON

1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Horticulturist Kim Eierman will explain how to adapt to climate change's effects and create habitat for pollinators and wildlife. Sponsored by the Philipstown Garden Club and Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. *Free*

SAT 9

### Drawdown Dinner

NELSONVILLE

7 p.m. Create Community  
11 Peekskill Road | 845-264-9565  
[drawdowndinner.bpt.me](http://drawdowndinner.bpt.me)

*Drawdown*, a book edited by Paul Hawken, offers 100 solutions to reduce the greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. This potluck will feature stories, songs and other performances based on one of the solutions. Bring a dish to share that is vegan or less than .25 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per

serving (see [foodemissions.com/foodemissions/Calculator.aspx](http://foodemissions.com/foodemissions/Calculator.aspx)). The organizers say there will also be a "time-limited seating available at a Table of Despair; should you wish to spend time considering a world where we continue on our current trajectory." *Free*

SUN 10

### Floats for Felines

BEACON

1 – 4 p.m. Beacon Bath and Bubble  
458 Main St. | 845-440-6782

During this fundraiser for Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, make a float with soda pop and ice cream. Litter and cat food donations will also be accepted.

SUN 10

### Spirit of the Hudson Gala

GARRISON

3 p.m. The Garrison | 2015 Route 9  
845-265-8080 | [clearwater.org](http://clearwater.org)

Adam Green, founder and executive director of Rocking the Boat, and John Mylod, the retired executive director of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, will be honored at this fourth annual benefit for environmental advocacy and education on the Hudson River. Long Steel Nail will provide music. *Cost: \$250*

## VISUAL ARTS

SAT 2

### African-American Artists of the Hudson Valley

BEACON

2 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614  
[howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org)

It's the 25th year of this annual Howland exhibit, which includes sculpture, paintings and photography. See Page 8.



Jean Benoit

SUN 3

### Bodily Fluids and Functions in Western Art

PEEKSKILL

3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA  
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100  
[hudsonvalleymoca.org](http://hudsonvalleymoca.org)

In an hour-long presentation, part of the museum's Art History with a Twist series, art historian Marcy B. Freedman will discuss bodily fluids such as blood and breast milk and their depiction in art. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students and seniors, \$15 members)*

MON 4

### Instawhat?!

PEEKSKILL

7 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA  
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100  
[hudsonvalleymoca.org](http://hudsonvalleymoca.org)

Curator and gallery director Ken Tan will share practical tips for artists working to develop their online brand personas and build a digital presence through a website and social media. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students and seniors, \$15 members)*

THURS 7

### Great Gatsby Winter Costume Ball

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery  
2 Churchill St. | [beaconopenstudios.org](http://beaconopenstudios.org)

This fundraiser will raise money for Beacon Open Studios, the free city-wide event that is scheduled for May 17-19. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 9

### Napkin Basket Weaving

GARRISON

10 a.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
[garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org)

Kimberly Carver will take participants step-by-step during this Cabin Fever Workshop from the flat weave through the final rim row to create a basket that is the ideal size for paper table napkins. Registration required. *Cost: \$50 plus \$20 materials*

SAT 9

### Indigo/Shibori Dye

GARRISON

2 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
[garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org)

Shibori is cloth that is given shape (stitched and gathered; pleated and bound; folded and clamped; or wrapped around a pole) and dyed. Katrin Reifeiss will demonstrate in this three-hour Cabin Fever Workshop. Participants need to bring their own materials to dye. Registration required. *Cost: \$50 plus \$5 materials*

## SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 9

### Zachary Skinner: Troubled Waters

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. BAU Gallery  
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584  
[baugallery.com](http://baugallery.com)

Skinner uses photography and painting to explore climate change. "In my work I attempt to represent human encounters with a damaged post-industrial landscape," he says. Works by Carla Goldberg and Melissa Schlobhom will be on display in the main gallery.



SAT 9

### Group Show: Cycles

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery | 137 Main St.  
845-204-3844 | [catalystgallery.com](http://catalystgallery.com)

This show, organized by the Blood Art Archive, will feature works that explore the complexities of menstruation. It continues through Feb. 18. A women-only space called a Red Tent will be held on SUN 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. (\$10).

SAT 9

### [In]Action Figures 7

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery  
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505  
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## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 2

### Groundhog Day Talk and Walk

CORNWALL

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506 x204  
[hhnm.org](http://hhnm.org)

Children ages 4 and older will learn about groundhogs and the history behind Groundhog Day, then take a walk and try to find their shadows. *Cost: \$8 (\$6 children; \$5/\$3 for members)*





SAT 2

Love Your Library  
Day Party

GARRISON

1 – 3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

This annual event will include crafts, treats and a scavenger hunt. *Free*

SUN 3

Youth Open Mic

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2:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-401-4062 | townecrier.com

Miss Vickie will host this open mic for students ages 18 and younger. There is a two-song limit. Registration by phone is required. *Free*

TUES 5

Kindergarten  
Registration

GARRISON

9:15 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.  
Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 x221 | gufs.org

Children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 31 can be registered for the 2019-20 school year. Also WED 6. See the website for a list of documents to bring, which include an original birth certificate, immunization records and proof of residency.

FRI 8

Chasing Coral

GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

This 2017 documentary, which examines how these important ocean ecosystems are vanishing fast, is part of the Reel Life Film Club for middle-school students. It will be followed by pizza and a discussion. *Free*

SAT 9

Black Beauty

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Topfield Equestrian Center  
115 Stonecrop Lane  
bit.ly/topfield-beauty

Meet the center's own black beauty, Onyx, and enjoy a screening of a 1994 film adaptation of Anna Sewall's 1877 book. Rated G. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult. *Cost: \$10 donation*

MUSIC

SAT 2

Kofi & Sankofa

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8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
koficoncert.brownpapertickets.com

The drummers and dancers return to the Howland for another evening of traditional African folk and African-inspired contemporary music. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SAT 2

Bert Rechtschaffer  
Jazz Trio

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Chill Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | 845-765-0885  
chillwinebarbeacon.com

Trained as a dentist, but schooled

[ THE WEEK AHEAD ]



Harlem Dance Theatre, Feb. 9

in jazz, the Garrison resident will lead his trio during its regular gig at the wine bar. Asked what dentistry and jazz piano have in common, Rechtschaffer once said: “They both take a certain amount of dexterity.” *Free*

WED 6

Roger’s Folly Dance

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org

This new weekly dance party will feature swing, blues and waltz music. Come at 7 p.m. for a dance lesson. *Cost: \$12*

THURS 7

Joni 75: A Birthday  
Celebration

NEWBURGH

7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center  
19 Front St. | 845-561-3686  
downingfilmcenter.com

This two-hour documentary of two concerts staged in November in Los Angeles in tribute Joni Mitchell on her 75th birthday includes performances by Brandi Carlile, Emmylou Harris, Norah Jones, Chaka Khan, Diana Krall, Kris Kristofferson, Los Lobos, Graham Nash, Seal, James Taylor and Rufus Wainwright. The promoters say it will only be shown in theaters for one night. *Cost: \$10 (\$9 seniors, students, military; \$8 members)*



Mitchell in 1974

SAT 9

Chaotica II

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012  
howlandculturalcenter.org

Ben Neill, Carl Van Brunt, Amarildo Costa and Mimi Goese will create an immersive experience of music and animation. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SUN 10

Doo Wop Brunch

BEACON

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Elks Lodge  
900 Wolcott Ave. | 914-474-1735  
facebook.com/groups/beaconelks1493

Times Square will perform at this benefit for Elks charities. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 members)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 2

Open Auditions  
for Nunsense

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Jenn Lee, Christine Bokhour and Todd Hulet will hold auditions for this musical comedy, which begins rehearsals on Feb. 21, with performances in May. The cast includes five nuns in key roles and an ensemble of six nuns, and all performers must sing and dance. Email a headshot, resume and preferred audition times to toddhuletproductions@gmail.com.

SAT 2

Gross Indecency: The  
Three Trials of Oscar  
Wilde

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-4618  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

This reading of the Moisés Kaufman play about the scandals and trials that the writer Wilde endured is part of the Dialogues with Drama series. *Cost: \$20 donation*

SAT 2

Exit Laughing

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
countypayers.org

When their bridge partner dies, three Southern ladies find adventure and a new way of looking at life. The show continues on weekends until Feb. 16. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 seniors, children)*

THURS 7

Slate Yourself

BEACON

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

This comedy shares the “found footage” that inspires an indie filmmaker and actor as they realize what it takes to make it. A discussion with director and actor Justin Van Voorhis will follow. *Free*

FRI 8

Far from the Tree

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-4618  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Based on Andrew Solomon’s book, this 2017 documentary looks at the views of people with Down syndrome, autism, dwarfism and the family of an 18-year-old imprisoned for life for the murder an 8-year-old boy. A discussion with the author and director Rachel Dretzin will follow the screening. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 9

Dance Theatre of Harlem

WEST POINT

7 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

The theater was founded in 1969 by Arthur Mitchell and Karel Shook to offer children — especially those in Harlem — the opportunity to learn about dance and the allied arts. Its 17-member professional company tours the world. *Cost: \$45*

TALKS AND TOURS

THURS 7

Helen Zuman:  
Mating in Captivity

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6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
helenzuman.org

Zuman will read from and discuss her memoir about the five years she spent living at Zendik Farm, which some have characterized as a cult.

FRI 8

Roger Lipsey:  
Gurdjieff Reconsidered

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.  
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

Lipsey will discuss his book on the Fourth Way teachings of the provocative Greek-Armenian spiritual leader who taught that most people live in a “waking sleep” until they are able to awake their consciousness.

CIVIC

SAT 2

Town Hall  
with Sandy Galef

GARRISON

10 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 914-941-1111  
nyassembly.gov/mem/Sandy-Galef

Galef, whose district in the New York State Assembly includes Philipstown, will lead a discussion of issues being considered in Albany and the 2019-20 state budget.

MON 4

City Council

BEACON

7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

TUES 5

Garrison and Haldane  
School Boards

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane School (Room 211)  
15 Craigside Drive  
haldaneschool.org | gufs.org

TUES 5

Putnam Legislature

CARMEL

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse  
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800  
putnamcountynyny.com

TUES 5

Board of Trustees

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Village Hall  
85 Main St. | 845-265-3611  
coldspringny.gov

THURS 7

Philipstown Town Board

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Town Hall  
238 Main St. | 845-265-5200  
philipstown.com



Chasing Coral, Feb. 8



The HIGHLANDS

Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

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Saturday

37/26

Not as cold with times of clouds and sun

POP: 5%

SW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 32/27

Sunday

42/30

Times of clouds and sun

POP: 10%

WSW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 40/28

Monday

51/39

Milder with times of clouds and sun

POP: 15%

S 4-8 mph

RealFeel 51/36

Tuesday

55/31

Mild with intervals of clouds and sunshine

POP: 25%

WSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 55/30

Wednesday

41/25

Ice possible in the morning, then rain possible

POP: 35%

E 4-8 mph

RealFeel 38/28

Thursday

44/18

Cloudy

POP: 25%

NW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 38/4

Friday

31/18

Sunshine and colder with a snow shower possible

POP: 30%

WNW 10-20 mph

RealFeel 19/8

Snowfall

Past week6.5"

Month to date10.5"

Normal month to date11.2"

Season to date18.8"

Normal season to date18.4"

Last season to date24.0"

Record for 1/307.0" (1966)

SUN & MOON

Sunrise today7:07 AM

Sunset tonight5:13 PM

Moonrise today5:41 AM

Moonset today3:18 PM

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CLUES

1 kissing (10)

2 eighth note (6)

3 home of the NFL's Bills (7)

4 biggest city on Hawaii (4)

5 "2012" director Emmerich (6)

6 from Thailand, formerly (7)

7 trimming a bonsai (7)

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## SPORTS



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# Beacon Improves to 10-4 with Win Over No. 23 New Paltz



# 19.6

Points per game scored by junior Dayi'on Thompson of Beacon, the highest average among Dutchess County high school varsity players as of Jan. 28. His teammate Aaron Davis is 15th, at 14.3 points per game.

## Dayi'on Thompson leads all Dutchess scorers

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School boys' basketball team hit the road on Sunday (Jan. 27) to take on New Paltz High School in the Officials vs. Cancer showcase at SUNY New Paltz.



Manny Garner (21) drives to the basket against New Paltz.

The Bulldogs got off to a slow start but a strong third quarter led to a 67-61 victory and the squad's 10th win against only four losses.

New Paltz led 19-16 after one quarter and 33-32 at halftime. But Beacon won the third quarter, 22-14, to take a seven-point lead over the Huguenots (10-3), who are ranked No. 23 among Class A schools in the state by the New York Sportswriters Association. (Beacon is unranked.)



Aaron Davis led Beacon with 17 points against the Huguenots

Photos by Rem Dinio

"Anytime we take care of business on a college court, it's a good win," said Coach Scott Timpano. "We got some clutch free throws and shots and took care of the ball well down the stretch."

Senior Aaron Davis led Beacon with 17 points, four rebounds, three assists and five steals. Junior Dayi'on Thompson, who is the leading scorer in Dutchess County with a 19.6 points-per-game average, added 16.

Junior Shane Green contributed 12 points and four rebounds off the bench, junior Tre Smith had 10 points and five rebounds, and senior Manny Garner recorded 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

"Green made two big 3-pointers and took two huge charges," Timpano said. "He's a hustle player. He also hit 4-of-4 free throws. Garner had a huge game for us — he does the dirty work — and Aaron and Dayi'on were phenomenal."

Timpano also noted that senior Kai Jacketti had eight rebounds, three assists and two blocks. "He's a defensive monster, and he's been playing some great basketball," he said.

After its games this week against Poughkeepsie (ranked No. 10 in Class A) and Hendrick Hudson were postponed due to weather, the Bulldogs are scheduled to travel to Lourdes today (Feb. 1) for a 6:15 p.m. tipoff and will host Hendrick Hudson on Monday, Feb. 4, at 4:30 p.m. Beacon defeated Lourdes at home earlier in the season, 64-52.

## Varsity Scoreboard

### Boys' Basketball

Beacon 67, New Paltz 61  
Haldane 58, Schechter 46  
Haldane 47, Bronxville 44  
Haldane 60, Saunders 57

### Girls' Basketball

Poughkeepsie 46, Beacon 42  
Putnam Valley 55, Haldane 19

### Wrestling

Beacon 56, Walter Panas 28

### Boys' Swimming

**Beacon @ Conference Championships**  
Team finish 7 of 12  
50-yard freestyle  
4. James Patino (23.94)  
100-yard freestyle  
5. James Patino (53.11)

500-yard freestyle  
5. David Paschal (5:44.52)  
200-yard freestyle relay  
4. Beacon (1:40.33)  
400-yard freestyle relay  
4. Beacon (3:36.75)

### Indoor Track

**Beacon @ Northern County Championship**  
Girls' team finished 6 of 10  
Girls' 55-meter dash  
2. Brianna Richardson (7.50)  
Girls' 300-meter  
4. Naomi Anderson-Benjamin (44.15)  
Girls' 4 x 200-meter relay  
3. Beacon (1:53.74)  
Girls' 1,500-meter race walk  
3. Gabriela Ferrone (8:58.55)  
Boys' team finished 4 of 11  
Boys' 600-meter run  
2. Kaleb Istvan (1:26.18)

Boys' long jump  
1. Mark Guzman (19-08.5)  
Boys' triple jump  
2. Nolan Hillhouse (40-06)  
Boys' shot put  
3. Joshua Rivera (39-10.25)

### Haldane @ Northern County Championship

Girls' team finished 7 of 10  
Girls' 300-meter  
6. Ashley Haines (44.84)  
Girls' 600-meter run  
3. Ashley Haines (1:44.74)  
Girls' 1,500-meter run  
3. Shannon Ferri (5:14.37)  
Boys' team finished 9 of 11  
Boys' 1,000-meter run  
3. Adam Silhavy (2:40.37)\*  
Boys' 1,600-meter run  
3. Frank Bubbico (4:40.77)  
\*School record



Seconds left for visiting Haldane against Saunders High School on Jan. 28 when sophomore Dan Santos stole an inbounds pass and hit a 30-foot jump shot to win the game for the Blue Devils, 60-57. See the video at [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).