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## New Member for Centenarian Club

*Longtime Beacon resident looks back on his 100 years*



Phil Mattracion, a longtime Beacon resident, turned 100 on Dec. 22. Photos by Meredith Heuer

By Jeff Simms

Salvatore “Phil” Mattracion claims he’s lived “kind of a dull life.” But once he starts talking about his 100 years, that’s hard to believe.

Growing up just outside Beacon, Mattracion first came to the city on an 8-cent train ride from the hamlet of Chelsea. At 13, following the death of his stepfather, he and his family moved to Beacon looking for work. And after Mattracion returned from his Navy service in World War II at age 26,

he raised his family in the city, which by then was a thriving industrial hub.

Mattracion became a centenarian on Dec. 22, celebrating with a party at the Memorial Building on Main Street. His 90th birthday party was held at the Southern Dutchess bowling alley on Route 52 (since closed). He lives now with his daughter, Mary Ann, in Wappingers Falls, and looks in excellent health, of sound mind and body, with stories aplenty.

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Matt and Kim Montleon and their sons

Photo provided

## Struggling with Motherhood

*What happens when a mom can't connect?*

By Alison Rooney

Every parent has bad days. For Kim Montleon, a Beacon mother of two who is at the center of a documentary called *Wrestling Ghosts*, just about every day was bad.

In the film, directed and produced by

filmmaker Ana Joanes, also a Beacon resident, Montleon’s many childhood traumas crash to the shore, impeding her relationship with her sons and her husband.

The project began differently. Joanes had already made two documentaries (*Generation Meds*, about mental illness, and *Fresh*, about the American food system) but had a baby and a toddler and was feeling frustrated with her parenting skills. “I had no younger siblings, never did baby-sitting, so it was all new,” she recalls.

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## Bracing for Impact

*Feds rescind oil-train braking regulations*

By Brian PJ Cronin

It was called the Fixing American Surface Transportation Act, or FAST. Signed into law in 2015, it was meant to prevent accidents involving the lengthy oil trains that travel past the Highlands along the west shore of the Hudson River.

The name of the act is proving ironic, as one of its central safety provisions — requiring the trains to be installed with electronically controlled pneumatic brakes so they can slow down in time to

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A locomotive pulling oil cars travels along the west side of the Hudson. Photo by Matt Kierstead

## Langley: How We Work with Feds

*Sheriff says partnership ‘opens your eyes’*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Working with federal agents on issues such as immigration, terrorism and human trafficking “really opens your eyes as to what’s going on in the community,” Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley told county legislators last week.

The sheriff, a Philipstown resident, briefed the Legislature’s Protective Services Committee on Feb. 13 on his department’s relationship with the Department

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: MEGAN BRIEF

By Alison Rooney

**M**egan Brief, who grew up in Garrison, has an ongoing field journal on a platform created by National Geographic called Open Explorer. See [bit.ly/meganbrief](http://bit.ly/meganbrief).

## You started the field journal in October. What was the goal?

I wanted to shed light on how natural spaces in the Hudson Valley are being compromised at the expense of tourism. Breakneck, which is home to endemic species such as timber rattlesnakes and Skink lizards, is a microcosm for the potential damage that can be enacted on the environment on a global scale. We are able to measure how wildlife responds to the continuous foot traffic, noise and plastic pollution. Combating environmental issues can be daunting and difficult to grasp on a global scale. But this is a backyard exploration.

## It's called "Anthropocene on the Hudson." What does that mean?

The word *anthropocene* has been suggested to describe the modern era of human influence on the planet. That includes our effects on the climate, the landscapes and atmosphere, biological diversity and geology.

## How did you get interested in the natural world?

I grew up climbing trees, swimming in the Hudson and taking photos of insects and birds. In the digital age, it's easier for people to disassociate from other species and cultures. I wanted to reimagine landscapes where wildlife could thrive.

## Can tourism ever be beneficial?

There has been a surge in "sustainable" tourism. Natural Habitat Adventures and the World Wildlife Federation, for example, provide carbon-neutral and conservation-focused travel. That means that the host communities benefit financially but the stewardship helps them, too.

## You plan to continue at least through the spring. Then what?

I'll be attending the Rhode Island School of Design in the fall for its master's program in nature, culture and sustainability. I may pursue photojournalism, or environmental education. I would love to study the conflicts that result from poaching, trading and overpopulation, and also to write novels for students that focus on conserving endangered species and the importance of leading sustainable lives.



Megan Brief on Breakneck Ridge

Photo provided

# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Is there more intelligent life out there in the universe?

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Life is so well-designed it implies a designer from beyond this planet.

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~ Delvin Solkinson, Wappingers Falls

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Absolutely. There is something out there greater than all of us.

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~ Betsy Matos-Carone, Cold Spring

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As Carl Sagan said, "If it's just us, that's a lot of wasted space!"

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~ Jesse Kaplan, Beacon

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# Merandy Says He Will Run Again

## *Cold Spring election shifts to November*

By Michael Turton

Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy said this week he plans to run for re-election in the fall, and Deputy Mayor Marie Early and Trustee Fran Murphy also said they will run. The incumbents are each seeking their third term on the Village Board.

Merandy was elected mayor in 2015, defeating Barney Molloy by a wide margin. He won again two years later, edging out challenger Alison Anthoine in a race that wasn't finalized until the absentee ballots were counted.

Charles "Chuck" Hustis III, a former village trustee, said he "could not confirm or deny" reports that he planned to challenge Merandy.

This is the first year that Cold Spring residents will vote in November during the general election. Past village elections had been held in March but voters approved the switch in 2016.

### In other business ...

The village tax levy will increase by 2.7 percent, or about \$44,000, in 2019-20, which is within a state-imposed cap. The village accountant, Michelle Ascolillo, told the board at its Feb. 19 meeting that a tentative budget must be prepared by March 20 and a balance sheet adopted by April 23. Budget workshops will be held on March 5 and 12.

The Cold Spring Police Department responded to 63 calls in January, and its officers issued 44 parking and 14 traffic tickets and made arrests for reckless endangerment and contempt of court. Trustees approved Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke's request to establish a workstation at the Putnam County Sheriff's Department substation in Nelsonville because prisoners processed at Cold Spring Village Hall must be escorted up a long, steep flight of stairs while handcuffed, often at night, and with no police backup. Burke said that processing arrestees in Nelsonville will be safer.

Recreation Commission Chair Ruthanne Cullinan Barr recommended that an elec-



Dave Merandy

File photo

trician review the service at the bandstand, Mayor's Park and McConville Park after an informal inspection raised concerns.

At its Jan. 25 workshop, the Planning Board approved a reduction from five rooms to four as part of the conversion of the ground floor of the former Silver Spoon Cafe into a hotel. The building's second floor has five rooms. The change was necessary, the board said, to maintain a storefront.

Greg Phillips, superintendent of water and wastewater, reported that the New York City Department of Environmental Protection will begin work near the village on the Catskill Aqueduct this fall. The waterline cuts across Nelsonville near Route 301 and provides an emergency backup to the Cold Spring water supply. New York City requires that the village abandon its connection to the line during construction but will find a new spot to tie in for water emergencies.

Merandy was authorized to discuss a contract with Pitingaro and Doetsch Engineering to succeed Bart Clark, who has provided engineering services to the village for more than 25 years but accepted a position in Connecticut.

Village Highway Department workers collected 51 tons of garbage and 19 tons of recyclables in January. "We should be doing a lot more recycling," said Crew Chief Robert Downey, who noted that many recyclable materials, including glass and paper, are being thrown by residents into the trash.

# Beacon: Ready; Verizon: Mum

## *City prepares for influx of wireless*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council has amended the second of its two communications laws as it prepares for the potential influx of small-cell and other wireless facilities. But the wireless company that appears to have Beacon on its radar won't divulge its plans for the city.

The council last year passed regulations for small-cell facilities, the low-powered radio antennas expected to power the forthcoming 5G network. On Tuesday (Feb. 19), the council revised an older law, first adopted in 2002 to regulate radio towers and other technologies, to more closely align with the more recent small-cell law.

There are three wireless applications pending in Beacon, all submitted by Verizon. The first two, both for small-cell units on Beacon's west side, will be reviewed by the Planning Board. The third, an application to install a 52-foot wooden utility pole on private property on Howland Avenue, will be considered by the council.

Wireless providers must obtain a special-use permit from the council to install small-

cell units on poles that are higher than 50 feet, within 20 feet of a home or have equipment less than 8 feet from the ground.

Tuesday's ruling means that all other (non-small-cell) wireless facilities now require a special-use permit, as well. Both laws include a priority list of locations

where wireless equipment can be placed, with private property and residential and historic districts identified as the least desirable. Whenever possible, wireless facilities should be attached to buildings or structures or use "stealth" designs, the city said.

Under federal law, municipalities cannot regulate wireless placement based on health concerns.

A map submitted by Verizon as part of its Howland Avenue application shows three sites "at various stages of develop-

ment" in addition to the locations already being reviewed. The map is blurry and includes almost no additional information, but the new sites appear to be near Rombout Middle School, South Avenue Park and the intersection of Main Street and North Brett. A Verizon representative would not comment on the plans.

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## A MEMO TO RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF NELSONVILLE...

Winter parking and snow removal regulations in the Village of Nelsonville:

In case of inclement weather, parking will be banned on Village Streets between midnight and 6am. Residents are asked to call the Village office (845)265-2500 after 3pm any day there is inclement weather predicted.... The message will advise whether or not parking is permitted that night.

A limited amount of overnight parking is permitted in the areas so designated, on North Pearl Street. Overnight parking during those nights when the winter parking ban is in effect, will no longer be permitted on Adams Avenue. All vehicles parked in this area must be removed by 9am, in order that the lot can be cleared.

The Nelsonville Village Board reminds residents that it is a violation of section 1219 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic law to throw snow into the roadway. Residents must comply with this law if the streets are to be properly cleared.

Finally, property owners and/or occupants are required to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice.

If the sidewalks are not clear, the village will have no choice but to have them cleared and the residents will be billed for this service.

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## Beacon school stats

For years, minorities have been overlooked and seen as threats in Beacon schools ("Study Finds Disparity at Beacon Schools," Feb. 15). How are we supposed to function properly in an environment that was built to tear us down every time we try to build ourselves up?

Julissa Reyes, *Beacon*

If Beacon High School offered minority students the same opportunities they do for white people, maybe grade point averages would be higher and there would be less conflict. Instead they profile us as if we're bad children and treat us like we don't know how to act.

Erika Morton, *Beacon*

Is this racism or a lack of support at home to assist these children to succeed?

Jennifer Rotando, *via Facebook*

Teachers do what they can. It's up to students to follow through, and showing up helps.

Cindy Coupart, *via Facebook*

From the start parents or parent must be involved 100 percent with the child and school. They can't miss school meetings dealing with the child where programs are explained; state law requires that every child who needs it must get specialized help. It's not racism. It's too many single moms trying to do it alone without a family support system.

John Vreeland, *via Facebook*

As someone who went through the Beacon school system, I can't label it as racism, but there is an extreme lack in equity. Attention and awards are given to students who excel academically and athletically, but there is not enough of the *right* attention given to students who come from extremely troubled and low socio-economic standards, which is widespread in Beacon.

Many students do "act out," which can be due to hormones; frustration; lack of attention at home; personal hardships; or just poor grades and understanding of the curriculum. They are often shamed. There are

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Tell us what you think

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teachers and faculty/staff who try to understand but there is also a lack in diversity.

Can't that be said of most schools in New York? The problem with Beacon is that with its high diversity rating, the parental, student and athletic cliques hold back outsider or minority students from trying out for opportunities, sports and programs due to fear of being rejected, because many are, time and again. At the same time, these prejudices propel students who fit in a box, aka predominantly white students.

Emely Pena, *via Facebook*

### Climate action

In her letter to *The Current* in the Feb. 15 issue, Krystal Ford mentioned Greta Thunberg, the Swedish student whose efforts have led to school strikes around the world, and a worldwide strike scheduled for March 15. I hope that Garrison and Haldane students are angry enough about inaction toward climate change to skip school that day.

Perhaps the parents of teens who are like Greta Thunberg could drop some hints. If we're lucky, these young people will wrest power away from the adults who've been equivocating and dawdling while the planet burns.

Aaron Wolfe, *Cold Spring*

### Snow and ice

Last year I wrote to *The Current* commenting on snow days and snow delays from school. Not much has changed. This habit of closing or delaying school for every weather warning is one of the most exasperating aspects of life for working parents in the Hudson Valley. Sometimes school is closed or delayed when just an inch of snow is predicted. Parents must cancel work at the last minute, sometimes missing opportunities that have been planned months or weeks in advance, and scramble to find and pay for alternative

childcare that might not be available the moment a snowflake shows up.

It snows here and gets cold and icy every winter. Climate change or not, it will likely still snow here and get cold and icy every winter. Is it not possible for the school districts to collaborate with the municipalities to factor this into their planning? Is it not possible to get the plows and sanders out in time for the school run? Or to have an alternative bus route for snowy mornings?

Everyone else seems to manage pretty well. The economy does not stop. Shops, banks, offices and the railway remain open, and yet children are left behind because school shuts its doors. If we continue like this, Hudson Valley children are guaranteed a stunted education while their parents struggle more than ever to make ends meet, all because of the weather.

Zoe Antitch, *Cold Spring*

Main Street merchants should be reminded that they must shovel and clear the ice in front of their businesses. The same goes for the bed-and-breakfast and houses on lower Main, who in my experience rarely shovel. On Feb. 15 I was walking to the train and slipped on black ice in front of Ellen Hayden Galleries. I was thinking to myself as I approached — wow, they finally cleared the snow! And wham, down I went. I was soaking wet and had to go home and change. I missed my train and was late for work.

Janet Roman, *Cold Spring*

*Editor's note: According to the Village of Cold Spring code, owners and occupants of each building in the village have up to 18 hours after a snowfall to clear a 3-foot-wide path in front of their buildings. In addition, the sidewalks in front of businesses must be clear between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. If ice can't be removed within 18 hours, the code says it must be covered with enough sand or calcium chloride (rock salt and salt are prohibited) that pedestrians can walk over it safely.*

### Divestment

Taxpayers complain that state pensions cost them money. When the same pension funds make money through sound investments, including in oil and gas production, reducing costs to the taxpayer, they should be applauded. While some elected officials are calling for the state pension fund to divest ("Divestment Tougher Sell Than Fracking," Feb. 15), it should stop being used as a political football. The fund should be free to invest in whatever makes the most money. You can't have it both ways.

Charles Symon, *Beacon*

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**Bridge congestion**

The call by Jonathan Jacobson, who represents Beacon in the state Assembly, for the Department of Transportation to do something about the traffic backup on Route 9D at I-84 is a good example of why our civilization will never seriously address the dilemmas we face ("Letters and Comments," Feb. 8). Unlike the letter writer last week who suggested building up the ferry service, Jacobson stamped his feet but made no mention of any solutions other than further accommodation of automobile traffic.

Route 9D has already been widened into a busy highway that cuts residents off from the waterfront and makes Beacon less bikeable and walkable, supposedly a goal in the comprehensive plan. Will we ever walk the walk?

How about, in addition to re-energizing the ferry service, adding bike lockers at the train station, or creating a safe bike lane from the bridge exit to the station, or developing incentives for those who arrive at the train station without an automobile surrounding them, including fare reductions?

Elon Musk will not be leading an armada of electric, self-driving SUVs to Mars anytime soon, so we might want to start behaving more sanely, or waiting a couple of minutes to cross a bridge will be the least of our children's problems.

Mark Roland, *Beacon*

I would like to second the call for increased and improved ferry service. If it ran for both morning and evening rush hours, more people would use it. Every person who rides the ferry to Newburgh is likely one less car on the road.

Gabe Berlin, *Newburgh*

When discussing improving the ferry service between Beacon and Newburgh to alleviate congestion on Route 9D, there is a far bigger issue at hand: the chronic underinvestment over so many decades in the transportation infrastructure along I-84 and, most glaringly, at and near the bridge.

Even though the Newburgh-Beacon bridge was built decades after those to the north (the Mid-Hudson) and south (Bear Mountain), it does not compare to either in terms of capability, reliability, appearance and safety. It needs to be replaced.

At the same time, a great deal of the commuter and truck traffic needs to be transferred to east-west passenger and freight rails running along or near I-84. This could connect, for example, the Hudson Line at Beacon Station with Stewart Airport, and perhaps go as far as Connecticut and Pennsylvania. It likely also means a rail tunnel under the river, or two.

That kind of project would cost tens if not hundreds of billions of dollars and could take decades to complete. But it should have been done long ago.

Frank Haggarty, *Cold Spring*

# Remembering Dr. King

## Seven Beacon students awarded in essay contest



Front row: Daisy Okoye, Oliva Lapaz, Carlos Lampon, Gabrielle Khalil, Cameron Just, Joshua Fleming, Farhana Antora. Back row: Organizers Bonnie Champion, Sharlene Stout and Gigi Rapetti

Photo by Ross Corsair

On Feb. 16, the Southern Dutchess Coalition announced the winners of its sixth annual Martin Luther King Jr. essay contest for Beacon students. Below are excerpts from each of the entries. The announcement and a parade to honor King were postponed from the Jan. 21 holiday due to weather.

Martin always said while he was going to jail, "Love your enemies." No matter what, he would not use violence as a weapon, he always believed in peace. We should all follow Martin Luther King Jr.'s directions. Martin Luther King Jr. is a legend to all of us, and he will remain symbolic to history. People will remember him because of his hard work to make the lives of many Americans fair and peaceful. Martin Luther King Jr. was an example of an intelligent man.

Farhana Antora, Grade 5  
*South Avenue Elementary*

Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech was the greatest demonstration for freedom in the U.S. He led a campaign against discrimination to make a stand for all the people thought of as inferior. The sheer act of courage and determination influenced the lives of so many people and without his words the history of our nation would not be the same. It is our duty as Americans to come together in harmony and work to a greater goal, one in which everyone can live happily like what Dr. King envisioned.

Joshua Fleming, Grade 12  
*Beacon High School*

Have you ever been left out because of how you look? Have you ever done this to someone else? Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech had many powerful and inspiring quotes and words. Some of his quotes were: "Hate can't drive out hate, only love can do that." "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the full staircase." All of these quotes mean the same thing: to always stand up for your beliefs and be kind to everyone. It also means that you can't judge someone by how they look, but you can judge their actions.

Cameron Just, Grade 5  
*Glenham Elementary*



Dr. King

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Martin Luther King Jr. was a great man. He was a civil rights activist from the mid-1950s to 1968. He said, "All men should be guaranteed the inalienable equal rights of life and liberty." I'll tell you what this means to me right from the heart. This powerful and motivating quote will apply to my life greatly. When I walk through the street, I won't be rude to people who look different. Dr. King said: "I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." I shall stick with love as well, for how may I accept myself for hating others? If I decided to judge somebody by looking different, it would be a bad thing to do. Dr. King said these wise words that are most definitely true: "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools." Dr. King will always be remembered as a civil rights leader who paved the way for equality for everyone.

Gabrielle Khalil, Grade 5  
*Glenham Elementary*

Do you discriminate against people for being different? If so, would you like it if you got a taste of your own medicine? So if you do any of these things, you need to stop. Ask yourself this: "Is what I'm doing OK?"

Carlos Lampon, Grade 5  
*Glenham Elementary*

Dr. King taught in such a way that it was like a spectrum. On one side is fear, and the other is love. Somewhere in the middle is respect. Mahatma Gandhi said, "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Oliva Lapaz, Grade 7  
*Rombout Middle School*

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Village of Cold Spring will hold its first organizational meeting of the 2019 Independence Day Committee on Tuesday, February 26th. All interested parties – event organizers, volunteers, participants, vendors etc. are encouraged to attend as we plan for an event that is fun and memorable for all. All volunteers and ideas are welcome!

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, February 26th

**Meeting Time:** 7:00 PM

**Meeting Location:** Village Hall, 85 Main Street

If you can't attend the meeting but would like to be involved, please contact Jeff Vidakovich, Village Clerk, at 845-265-3611 or [vcslclerk@coldspringny.gov](mailto:vcslclerk@coldspringny.gov)

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## Bomb Trains *(from Page 1)*

prevent derailments — has been rescinded by the Trump administration.

Nicknamed “bomb trains” by environmental activists and known to the industry as High Hazard Flammable Unit Trains (HHFUT), the trains have drawn scrutiny for their propensity to derail and explode. Many carry highly combustible fuel, are difficult to slow down because of their length, and have cars whose walls are thin and more likely to puncture.

The decision has been celebrated by railroad companies who lobbied against being forced to add the brakes, citing their cost.

The rule change comes as Scenic Hudson released its first Hudson River Spill Risk Assessment, a seven-party study that examines the impacts of an oil spill on the river and the ways it could be cleaned up.

“Actions that will enhance spill prevention and response on the Hudson are more important than ever now that the U.S. Department of Transportation has

repealed safety regulations that would have lowered the risk of spills,” said Hayley Carlock, the director of environmental advocacy for Scenic Hudson.

Jon Bowermaster, who made a short film, *Bomb Trains on the Hudson*, as part of his larger Hudson River at Risk project, said he was not surprised to learn that the safety regulations had been scrapped. His film drew attention to the trains when it was posted in 2015 on the website of *The New York Times*.

“The film is still, I hate to say, ‘popular,’ but despite the notoriety of the trains, people still don’t know quite what they are carrying and where they’re going,” he says. “The train traffic has slowed a little bit as oil prices have leveled off, but they continue. I see them rolling through Kingston every day.”

The Department of Transportation said the rule change is necessary because adding new

brakes would cost more over 20 years (between \$376 million and \$491 million) than the value of their benefits (between \$131 million and \$198 million).

The calculations in the agency’s Regula-

**Nicknamed “bomb trains” by environmental activists and known to the industry as High Hazard Flammable Unit Trains (HHFUT), the trains have drawn scrutiny for their propensity to derail and explode.**



A 2014 spill put 92,000 gallons of oil into the Shela River in Bangladesh. It eventually spread over 140 square miles.

Photo by Kallol Mustafa

## Oil Spill on the Hudson

One of the 77 scenarios prepared by Scenic Hudson assumes that the contents of 16 or 17 derailed oil-train cars, or enough oil to fill 11,000 barrels, spilled into the Hudson near the Newburgh waterfront. A spill of that magnitude has occurred three times in the U.S. in the past 15 years, the organization says.

After the spill, about 40 percent to 50 percent of the oil would evaporate, and most of the remainder would flow into the river, according to Scenic Hudson. If the spill happened in the spring, much of the oil would reach New York Harbor because of the high flow rate of the river. Especially if spilled at low tide, a smaller amount would evaporate or come ashore compared to other seasons.

The percentage going ashore would range from 4 percent to 40 percent, depending in part on wind conditions. It would cover about 60 miles of shoreline in winter and about 35 to 40 miles in the spring and summer. If the oil ignited, about 5.3 acres would be affected by the burn. If it exploded, about 34 acres would be affected. “There is a significant possibility of human injuries and fatalities,” the report states. “Evacuation of about one-half mile around the spill site would be recommended.” If the oil burns, much less would enter the river.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Philipstown Resident Charged with Hate Crimes

*Accused of anti-Semitic graffiti in Nelsonville*

A Philipstown resident has been charged with hate crimes stemming from an incident on Oct. 31 in which a swastika and anti-Semitic slur were painted inside a house under construction in Nelsonville. The property is owned by a Jewish resident.



Weber

Louis Weber, 18, was arrested by Putnam County Sheriff's Investigator Paul Piazza on Feb. 20 and charged with three hate crimes: felony burglary; felony criminal mischief; and misdemeanor criminal trespass. He also faces misdemeanor graffiti charges.

Weber was released from the Putnam County jail on Feb. 21 after posting \$2,000 bail. His next court appearance, in Nelsonville Justice Court, has not been scheduled.

In November Piazza made two other arrests in connection with the vandalism. A 17-year-old Garrison resident and an 18-year-old resident of Highland Falls were charged with felony burglary, criminal mischief and trespassing as well as graffiti misdemeanors. Both are eligible to be adjudicated as youthful offenders and were not named.

## Dutchess by the Numbers

*Executive submits annual report*

Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro submitted his annual report for 2018 to the county Legislature, providing an overview of the county's finances and data on the activities of the executive branch. Among its numbers:

- Emergency dispatchers handled 254,197 calls to 911.
- Officials inspected more than 4,600 weight and measuring devices for accuracy. They also inspected 3,400 food service providers.
- The county preserved 226 acres of farmland and open space from development.
- More than 1,500 people were diverted



**MYSTERY MAN** — Patrick O'Sullivan of Limited Editions Realty in Cold Spring found this locket in a home on Constitution Drive. It had fallen through a crack in the floor boards in the back of a closet. "It could be from several owners ago," he noted. If anyone recognizes the man, email O'Sullivan at [patrick@limitededitionsrealty.com](mailto:patrick@limitededitionsrealty.com) so he can return it to the rightful owner. An insignia on the locket resembles that of Princeton University. Photo provided

from jail into alternative sentencing programs.

- More than 1,700 children were evaluated for early intervention and preschool special education.
- The county facilitated 40 adoptions.
- More than 1,800 people were trained to use Narcan, the opiate overdose antidote.
- Officials made more than 1,500 site visits to inspect public water supplies.

## Maloney Wins Battle Over Tampons

*House agrees to allow purchase for offices*

The House Administration Committee agreed to allow members of the U.S. House to purchase feminine hygiene products, including tampons, for their offices with official funds after a challenge by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands. The committee also will have the House Office Supply Store stock the products.

Before the Democratic Party took control of the House, Maloney's request that feminine hygiene products be included among

the supplies that could be purchased with official funds had been denied. But after he made the request again, it was approved within a day. Last year, Maloney was told to write a personal check to reimburse the House after he submitted an expense report for tampons for the restrooms used by his staff and visitors.

## Buffer in a Bag

*Free trees for land near water*

The state Department of Environmental Conservation has launched a new program called Buffer in a Bag to increase riparian buffers. Landowners who qualify may receive a free bag of 25 tree and shrub seedlings to plant along streams, rivers or lakes to stabilize banks, decrease erosion, protect water quality and improve wildlife habitat.

To qualify, landowners must have property that borders at least 50 feet of a stream, river or lake, and provide photos and map coordinates of the planting location. Landowners with 100 feet or more may apply for up to two bags each year. See [dec.ny.gov/animals/115903.html](http://dec.ny.gov/animals/115903.html). The deadline is April 3.

## Nelsonville Debates Proposed Secor Easement

*At issue: whether it would violate state constitution*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

When the Nelsonville Village Board met on Tuesday (Feb. 19), a topic not on the agenda — protecting a wooded Secor Street parcel through a conservation easement — provoked heated debate.

At issue was whether an easement would violate the state constitution and limit the village's options.

Under a draft agreement, the village would add the 4-acre Secor site, once seen as a possible home for a cell tower, to an easement established by the village and the Open Space Institute in 2000 to safeguard the 112-acre Nelsonville Woods.

With a conservation easement, property owners retain ownership of the land but accept restrictions on its development.

The board took up the Secor proposal after audience members brought it up, including one who urged the board to "proceed very, very carefully" and referred to charges that OSI "pulls the wool over people's eyes" in pursuit of easements.

Mayor Bill O'Neill advocated caution, and he and Trustee Michael Bowman both recalled that Robert Lusardi, the village attorney, recently said that the proposal violates a provision in the state constitution that prevents municipalities from giving away land.

They then argued over the validity of Lusardi's comment.

"When your attorney tells you you're violating the Constitution of New York, you have to take notice," O'Neill said.

Bowman, who collaborated with OSI to create the draft agreement, called Lusardi's remark "a false statement." He said Lusardi contended the state constitution bars municipalities from giving away land but that "we will not be giving away any property."

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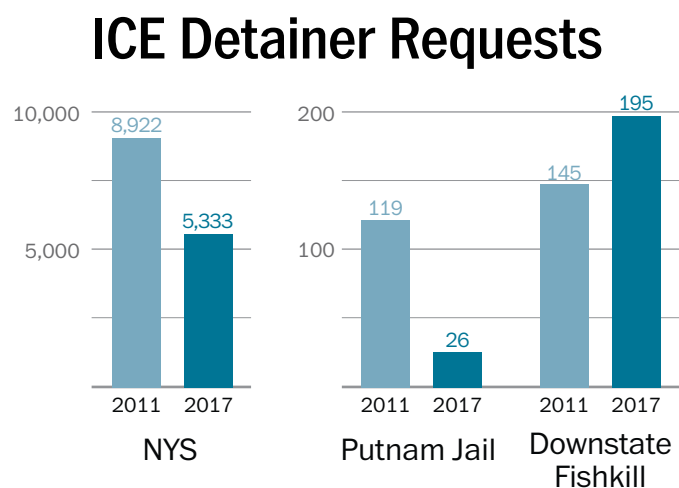
## Sheriff *(from Page 1)*

of Homeland Security, which includes Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Department of Justice, which includes the FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

He noted that the Sheriff's Department does not work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, "because ICE operates independently. They come in under the cover of darkness. They don't let us know. And I respect that." However, he added, "we're here to assist them if they need help."

According to Langley, whenever someone is logged into the county jail in Carmel, his or her name is entered into a federal law-enforcement database. If the person is in the country illegally, ICE software "will match it up." Should the person spend time in the jail, the Sheriff's Department will notify ICE agents of the release date, he explained. In response, ICE can issue a "detainer," or request that the person be held for 48 hours, excluding weekends and holidays, to give immigration officers time to come to the jail.

Langley said Putnam County will not hold anyone past his or her release date, even if ICE requests it. He said recent legal rulings make clear that detaining someone after release could expose the Sheriff's Department and the county to a lawsuit. "I would not place the county in that position; nor will I place myself in that position," he said. "But we do everything we



Source: Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (trac.syr.edu)

can to cooperate with ICE."

An American Civil Liberties Union list of municipalities' settlements with individuals held because of ICE detainer requests includes some last year from San Juan County, New Mexico (\$350,000); Los Angeles County (\$255,000) and Maricopa County, Arizona (\$80,000).

#### Human trafficking

Langley said the Sheriff's Department also works with Homeland Security to address human trafficking. In 2018 two cases occurred in Putnam County that "we know about," he reported. "There are more taking place."

Victims, including children, "basically are sex slaves," he said. "I can't get into [specifics of] active investigations," but the most recent one involved a woman

selling her daughter as a prostitute. Frequently, human trafficking cases also involve child pornography, he noted.

Typically, he said, Homeland Security collects information and obtains warrants before "the cases get assigned and trickle down to the local agencies" such as the Sheriff's Department.

#### FBI / DEA

Langley said that while the FBI leads investigations of terrorism threats, the Sheriff's Department may participate.

"If we have a situation that arises, we do address it," he said. "Like with any other investigation, there is information that we cannot release, that we cannot discuss, because it would compromise a case. We will not do anything to jeopardize the

safety of our community."

The sheriff added that the department also works with the DEA, which shares assets such as cash and automobiles seized from suspects. The Sheriff's Department uses these funds to buy equipment, he said.

In 2018, the Putnam County District Attorney reported it had collected \$59,000 the previous year through asset forfeiture and used the money to pay for ballistics vests, computer equipment, victim services and officer training.

On Feb. 20, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that states cannot seize property or other assets from suspects charged with crimes if their value amounts to an excessive fine. The case involved an Indiana police department that seized a man's \$42,000 Land Rover after he was arrested for selling \$225 worth of heroin.

#### Federal funds

After Langley spoke, the three legislators on the Protective Services Committee endorsed a plans to spend a \$275,000 grant from Homeland Security and FEMA for anti-terrorism efforts, hazardous materials management, rescue equipment and related purposes. Twenty-five percent of the money, or about \$69,000, must be spent on terrorism prevention.

Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown, asked if DHS grants can be used to repair firehouses, such as in Cold Spring, but Sgt. William Meyer of the Sheriff's Department said the funds cannot be used for such capital improvements.

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## 'A Trivial Comedy for Serious People'

*Depot Theatre to present Oscar Wilde's classic farce*



At left, Nancy Swann plays Lady Bracknell. At right, Michael Gardiner as Algy Moncrieff and Katharine Ariyan as Cecily Cardew share an onstage moment

Photos by Ross Corsair

By Alison Rooney

Carin Jean White is well-acquainted with *The Importance of Being Earnest*. When just out of college, she directed a production of the Oscar Wilde comedy for a small theater company, sort of. The experience was straight out of Wilde, except it wasn't nearly as wickedly funny.

The production would christen the company's new theater. "The set was done, the costumes were ready and load-in [setting

up for the show] was about to happen," White recalls. "There was just one more inspection taking place," by the fire marshal.

His verdict? "You can't bring the public in here."

The company had no money to make the necessary fixes, "so we were never able to perform it. I directed it, but no one got to see it."

Years later, that's about to change. Equal parts farce, burlesque, melodrama and satire, *The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People* will be per-

formed at the Philipstown Depot Theatre on Garrison's Landing beginning Friday, March 1, and continue on weekends through March 17. The cast includes Katharine Ariyan, Michael Gardiner, Angus Hepburn, Stephanie Hepburn, Matt Marino, Danielle Shimshoni, Nancy Swann and Laurence Wallace.

The plot is elaborate, but things get rolling right away when two bachelors, Jack Worthing and Algy Moncrieff, create alter egos named Ernest to escape their bur-

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The plot is elaborate, but things get rolling quickly when two bachelors create alter egos named Ernest to escape burdensome social obligations.

## How to Wrangle Wikipedia

*Edit-a-thon will focus on women, gender*

By Alison Rooney

On Saturday, March 2, at more than 500 locations around the world (including the Howland Library in Beacon), groups of volunteers will edit Wikipedia.org.

Participants will learn how to make changes to the massive online encyclopedia, including creating articles, checking facts, uploading images, adding citations, checking grammar and editing text to make it easier to read.

The gathering will be "casual, fun and community-spirited," promises Rajene Hardeman, a Beacon resident who is a freelance librarian and experienced Wikipedia editor. She organizes the "edit-a-thons" in Beacon with another librarian and city resident, Gina Shelton.

The edit-a-thons began in response to perceived biases on Wikipedia because most of its contributors are college-educated white men who live in the U.S. and Europe. As a result, organizers say, there is not enough material devoted to women, people of color and LGBTQ, among other groups.

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Participants made changes to Wikipedia during the Art+Feminism edit-a-thon last year at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

Photo by Hanneke Wetzter/MU

# THE WEEK AHEAD

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

## COMMUNITY

SAT 23

### Eagle Walk

GARRISON

9:30 a.m. Audubon Center  
127 Warren Landing Road  
845-265-2601 x15  
[constitutionmarsh.audubon.org](http://constitutionmarsh.audubon.org)

The education team will lead a short hike to observe bald eagles over the Hudson River. *Free*

SAT 23

### Maple Sugar Tours

CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
[hnm.org](http://hnm.org)

Learn all about how syrup and other products are produced from the sap of maple trees and see the process in action. Take a short, guided tour or a longer one-mile hike. Continues each weekend through March 17. *Cost: \$10 (\$8 children ages 3 to 17; members \$8/\$6)*

SUN 24

### Narcan Training

BEACON

1 p.m. Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp  
1 Arquilla Drive | 845-831-4540 opt. 5  
[beaconvac.org](http://beaconvac.org)

Receive training in administering the opiate overdose antidote Narcan. RSVP requested by phone or email to [narcantraining@beaconvac.org](mailto:narcantraining@beaconvac.org), but walk-ins also welcome. *Free*

MON 25

### Coffee with a Cop

BEACON

9 – 11 a.m. Bank Square | 129 Main St.

The Beacon Police Benevolent Association invites the community to ask questions of its officers or chat.



THURS 28

### Art Class for Seniors

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Philipstown Friendship Center  
1756 Route 9D | 845-808-1705  
[putnamcountyny.com](http://putnamcountyny.com)

Seniors are invited to join artist Maggie Ryan for classes that include painting, water color and sketching. *Free*

SAT 2

### Art and Feminism Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

BEACON

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Howland Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

A communal event to update Wikipedia on subjects related to art and feminism is part of an international effort. See Page 9. *Free*

SAT 2

### Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day Parade

WAPPINGERS FALLS

1 p.m. W. Main at Delavergne  
914-469-6661 | [dcsppc.org](http://dcsppc.org)

The 24th annual parade, which includes thousands of participants, draws marching bands, elected officials and community groups.

## KIDS & FAMILY

SUN 24

### Children's Storytime

COLD SPRING

10:15 a.m. Split Rock Books  
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080  
[splitrockbks.com](http://splitrockbks.com)

Author and illustrator Julia Sarcone-Roach will share her latest book, *There Are No Bears in This Bakery*.

WED 27

### Battle of the Books Info Session

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Students in grades 5 through 8 can learn about what it takes to compete in the regional reading event, including the books that will be read and the schedule.

THURS 28

### How to Talk with Your Kids About Sexuality

BEACON

7 p.m. Wyld Womyn  
378C Main St. | 845-440-8300  
[wyldwomynbeacon.com](http://wyldwomynbeacon.com)

Elizabeth Greenblatt, a sexuality and community health educator, will lead the discussion. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 2

### Infant CPR Class

GARRISON

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

Babies and siblings are welcome at this 90-minute, non-accrediting class. Email [beautifulmamas123@gmail.com](mailto:beautifulmamas123@gmail.com) to register. *Cost: \$10*



Free day at Dia:  
Beacon, Feb. 24  
Photo by Peter Dutton

## VISUAL ARTS

SAT 23

### Turkish Marbling

GARRISON

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

Learn from Christina Di Marco how to create images by practicing ebru, or cloud painting. The technique can be used to create works on paper as stand-alone artworks, cards, origami or covers. *Cost: \$85 plus \$15 materials*

SAT 23

### Balancing Almost Anything

GARRISON

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

In this four-hour workshop, sculptor and woodworker James Murray will show participants how to use tools and various materials to create hanging mobiles. *Cost: \$75 plus \$10 materials*

SAT 23

### Guided Tour: Death is Irrelevant

PEEKSKILL

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

Stop by for an in-depth tour of selections from the Marc and Livia Straus Collection. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 seniors, students, children 8 and older; members free)*



Drawing Night,  
March 1

SUN 24

### Hudson Valley Free Day

BEACON

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
3 Beekman St. | 845-440-0100  
[diaart.org](http://diaart.org)

Residents of the Hudson Valley, including Dutchess and Putnam counties, receive free admission with identification that shows address.

FRI 1

### Drawing Night with Summer Pierre

COLD SPRING

6 – 8 p.m. Split Rock Books  
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080  
[splitrockbks.com](http://splitrockbks.com)

Drink wine, draw and hang out with the illustrator and *Current* contributor during Cold Spring's First Friday. *Free*

## STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 23

### 13: The Musical

BEACON

2 & 7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road | 845-350-2722  
[beaconperformingartscenter.com](http://beaconperformingartscenter.com)

In this performance of the Broadway production, a boy from New York City tries to find his identity at a middle school in a sleepy Indiana town. *Cost: \$12 (\$8 seniors, 18 and younger)*

SAT 23

### The Magic Lantern

GARRISON

2 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D  
845-265-3638 | [boscobel.org](http://boscobel.org)

Watch a demonstration of a magic lantern, an early projector that uses hand-painted slides. *Cost: \$22 (\$15 children; ages 4 and younger, free; members \$18/\$11)*

SAT 23

Laurel & Hardy

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Laugh along with three short films by the comedic duo: *The Finishing Touch* (1928), *Liberty* (1929) and *Big Business* (1929). Cary Brown will provide live accompaniment for the latest installment of the library's Silent Film Series. *Free*

THURS 28

Mildly Offensive Musical Comedy Night

BEACON

7 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St.  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbeacon.com

Julia Green, an artist who sings, will be joined by someone named Derek on ukulele. They claim to write insensitive, dark and possibly funny songs. *Free*

FRI 1

The Importance of Being Earnest

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
philipstowndepottheatre.org

Carin Jean White directs the farcical Oscar Wilde play. Also SAT 2, SUN 3. See Page 9. Continues weekends through March 17. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 seniors/students)*

SAT 2

Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre Gala

POUGHKEEPSIE

8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.  
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The 37th annual gala features students performing jazz, ballet and modern dance works choreographed with faculty. Also SUN 3. *Cost: \$11 (\$9 students)*

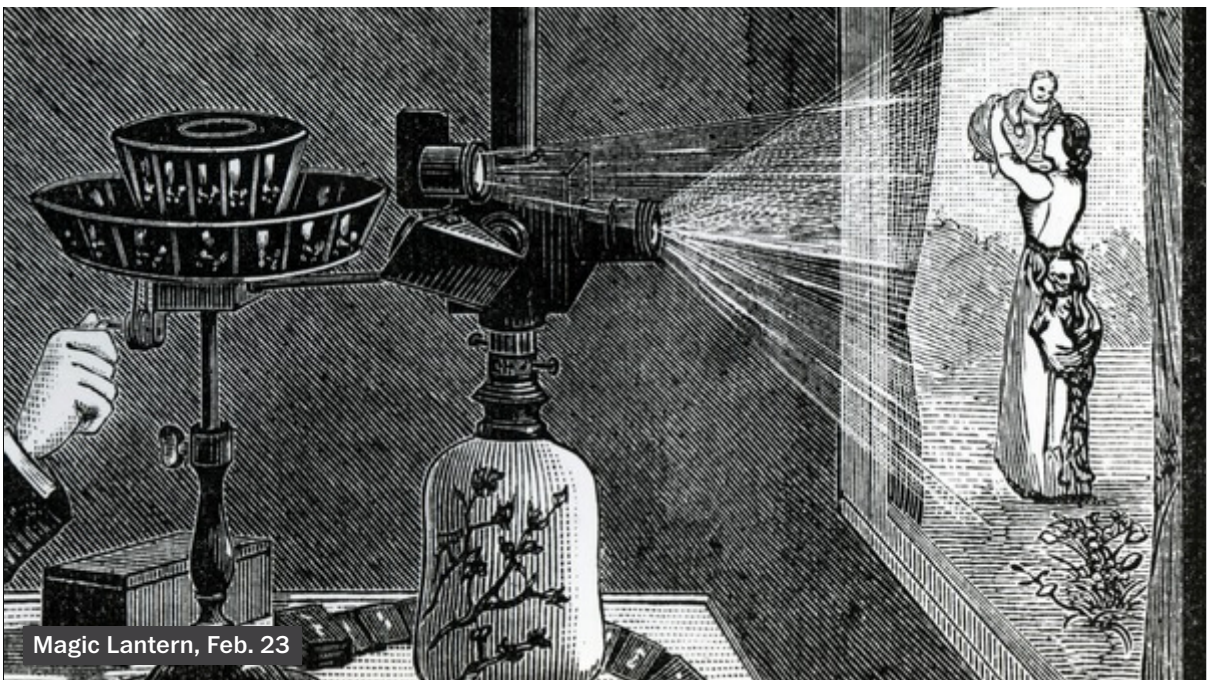
SUN 3

The Illusionists

WEST POINT

3 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre  
Pitcher Road | 845-938-4159  
ikehall.com

This traveling Broadway show features five magicians performing dazzling tricks. *Cost: \$45*



Magic Lantern, Feb. 23

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 24

Poetry Reading

COLD SPRING

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

Mike Jurkovic, Heller Levinson, Mary Newell and Irene O'Garden will read from their latest collections. The event was rescheduled from Jan. 20 due to weather. *Free*

WED 27

Writer's Circle

GARRISON

6:30 p.m. Garrison Institute  
14 Mary's Way | 845-424-4800  
garrisoninstitute.org

The collaborative, monthly workshop lets writers share their work with time for reflection, meditation and writing together. *Free*

FRI 1

Dragonfly Story Hour

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Share a true story without notes in under 4 minutes. Drew Prochaska, a storyteller from Beacon, is the featured guest. *Free*

SUN 3

Answers to Questions About Climate Change

GARRISON

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

The C-Change Conversations Primer is designed to explore scientific research that will help explain climate change. *Free*

MUSIC

WED 27

Roger's Folly Dance

BEACON

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

The dance party features swing, blues, and waltz. Come at 7 p.m. for a lesson and dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. *Cost: \$12*

FRI 1

Téada

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | 845-855-1300  
townecrier.com

This traditional band from Ireland has performed together since 2001. Its most recent album is *Ainneoin na stoirme / In Spite of the Storm* on the Gael Linn label. *Cost: \$35 (\$30 advance)*

SAT 2

Beacon Rising Women's Choir and Key of Q

BEACON

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

Gina Samardge, who leads the women's choir, says its repertoire is a fusion of resistance and triumph. It will be accompanied by Key of Q, a 30-member group of LGBTQ and allied singers. The concert will raise funds for Article 20 Network, a nonprofit that defends the right to freedom of assembly. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 2

Blame It on the Bossa Nova: A Brazilian Cabaret!

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

The Judith Tulloch Band will perform bossa nova songs, a mixture of samba and jazz popularized in Brazil in the 1950s and 1960s. The phrase means "new trend" or "new wave." *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

CIVIC

MON 25

City Council

BEACON

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

MON 25

School Board

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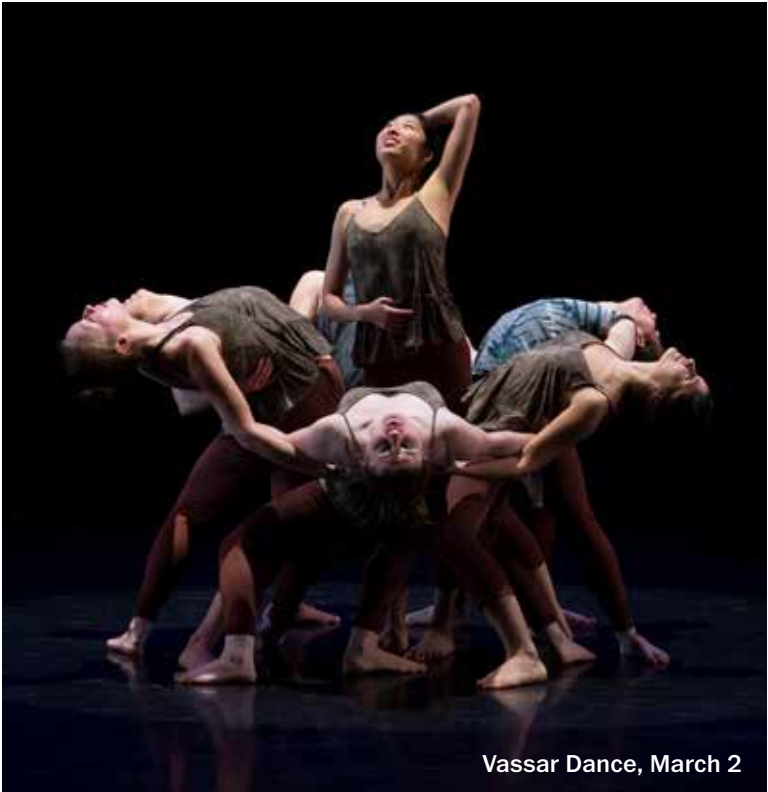
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*Turtle Diary*, by Russell Hoban  
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TUES 19, 7 P.M.

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## Tompkins Corners Adds Board Member

*Garrison resident is music educator*

The Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley has named Linda Thornton, a resident of Garrison, to its board of directors.

Thornton has operated Music on Hudson, based in Croton, for more than 25 years. She joins Mark Weiss, Kate Hoekstra, Mike Doeblinger, Chris Rosen, Judy Allen, Jan Hoekstra and Bill Molloy on the board of the cultural center, a former church, which presents concerts, play readings and other events from March through December.



Thornton

the committee to appoint a successor.

Meanwhile, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro appointed Raphael Kosek, who lives in Hopewell Junction, as the county's poet laureate for 2019.

Kosek's first assignment will be to read her poetry at Molinaro's State of the County address on Feb. 27 at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park.

"I hope to empower communities to find their voice for their dreams, goals, and aspirations," said Kosek, who was selected by a panel of literary professionals and community members organized by Arts Mid-Hudson. Nominations for the 2020 poet laureate will be open this summer.



Kosek



Ullian

## Poet Laureates Named

*Beacon and Dutchess fill posts*

Peter Ullian has been appointed to a two-year term as Beacon's fourth poet laureate.

Ullian, who is also a playwright, attended Oberlin College and holds a master's degree in theater arts from the University of Iowa. He succeeds Tony Pena, who served from 2017 to 2018.

The poet laureate presents poetry readings at schools, the Howland library and civic celebrations, as well as serving on

## Writing the Wall

*Deadline approaching for 13th annual event*

The deadline for submissions to the 13th annual Writing the Walls Poets' Walk, which will take place on May 11, is Feb. 27. Writers are asked to interpret artwork from the exhibit *Death is Irrelevant*, on display at Hudson Valley MOCA in Peekskill, into poems and one-page plays.

The works selected will be performed during the poet walk and will hang alongside the artwork through July. See [bit.ly/poet-walk](http://bit.ly/poet-walk) for guidelines.

## Pete Seeger Inspires

*Howland calls for entries for show*

The Howland Cultural Center has issued a call for entries for an art exhibit to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the May 3 birth of folk singer Pete Seeger, a longtime Beacon resident.

Paintings, photographs or works in other visual media that express an experience with Seeger are welcome for the juried show. The deadline is March 15. See the posting at [howlandculturalcenter.org](http://howlandculturalcenter.org) for details.

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Laurence Wallace as Jack Worthing (left) with Michael Gardiner, who plays Algy Moncrieff



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## Earnest *(from Page 9)*

densome social obligations. When they attempt to woo two women, the men struggle to keep up with their deceptions, and their lives are quickly entangled.

*Importance* was written and produced just before a series of complications that altered the course of Wilde's life. The Irish poet and playwright was married with two children but also had a longtime lover, Lord Alfred Douglas. He had other lovers, too, but, in keeping with Victorian moral codes and legalities (homosexual acts were a criminal offense), kept every-

thing compartmentalized and secret.

Lord Alfred's father, the marquess of Queensberry, sought to end the relationship and expose Wilde, who sued for libel. But he withdrew the action after much of the testimony showed Queensberry's accusations to be true. Wilde was convicted of indecency and, just months after the opening of *Importance* at the St. James Theatre in London on Valentine's Day 1895, sentenced to two years of hard labor. After his release, Wilde moved to France, where homosexuality wasn't illegal, and died in Paris three years later at age 46.

White was especially intrigued by the play,

she says, after reading that Wilde had described it as "by a butterfly, for a butterfly."

"Wilde's life was much like a caterpillar-to-butterfly transformation — very hidden," she says. "There's such an effort made by the caterpillar in making that transformation; they basically liquefy. We forget about how much effort it takes to become these light, beautiful things. There's also so much butterfly lightness in the play. So I thought of this play with ideas of secrets and transformation."

White says she "imagines that some people will come to the play because they're familiar with it. It's not unlike

Shakespeare or Chekhov; there are expectations." For those who haven't seen it, "the surprise is probably how it's not stodgy," she says. "Wilde was wonderfully irreverent. I told the cast, 'When you really look at this play, they're just like us.' That's why the humor lasts."

*Tickets for The Importance of Being Earnest are \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students. See [brownpapertickets.com/event/4072614](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/4072614). Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday performances at 3 p.m.*

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Phil Mattracion moved to Beacon as a teenager in the 1930s.

## Centenarian *(from Page 1)*

After finishing the eighth grade in 1932, Mattracion had to find work to support his mother and eight siblings.

"I wasn't quite 14," he recalls. "I lied about my age so I could work at the Lewittes Furniture factory. It was piece-work. How much money you made was based on how ambitious you were."

"For this thing," he says, pointing to a section of the couch, "I would get a dollar."

From there, Mattracion moved to a position at the Brockway brickyard on the north side of Beacon. The clay deposits along the shorelines of the Hudson were so plentiful then, "you could walk from Chelsea to Beacon on a rainy day without getting wet," he says. It was around this time that Mattracion met Helen, the woman who would become his wife. Just teens when they met, the two were together until her death in 1984.

Mattracion cast bricks at Brockway until it closed in 1960, then worked in maintenance at IBM until retiring in 1984 at age 65. He also worked as a handyman for St. Joachim-St. John Roman Catholic Church, where he still attends Mass.

Mattracion served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1945, transporting soldiers aboard the USS Makassar Strait to and from combat zones in Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He survived a bombing on the Makassar and participated in the invasion by the Allied Forces of Sicily in 1943. On the way home



Mattracion on his wedding day, with his bride, Helen

*Photos by Meredith Heuer*

after the war ended, a shipmate offered Mattracion a job with an upstart frozen food company, but it would have required moving his family south.

"I said no; I want to go home," Mattracion says. His daughter quickly adds: "The guy's name was Swanson."

Mary Ann, who graduated from Beacon High School in 1972, says she has nothing but fond memories of growing up in Beacon. "Everybody knew everybody," she says, "and nobody locked their doors. It was a great place."

The family moved around the city, living on Verplanck Avenue and Kent Street before settling in a home on North Chestnut Street. Mattracion once built a house by hand on Red Schoolhouse Road, but his wife vetoed that move. "At that time that was the woods," he recalls. "She didn't want to live out in the woods."

After retiring, Mattracion remained busy with odd jobs while continuing to bowl, chop wood and stay active well into his 90s. "He's probably healthier than me," Mary Ann says. "He's a good man, and we were very lucky our whole lives. We always had whatever we needed."

The family remains close, with most relatives, including another daughter, within a two-hour drive. A son, Phil, died in combat in Vietnam in 1967. A second son, Ralph, died five years ago.

One of Mattracion's most charming stories involves the 1994 film *Nobody's Fool*, which was filmed, in part, in Beacon. A friend convinced Mattracion — who, in his mid-70s, was not an aspiring actor — to audition for the role of a maintenance worker. Mattracion was a finalist but did not land the part.

The reason he didn't get it? He says he was told he looked too much like the movie's star, Paul Newman.

A "dull life," indeed.

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## Wikipedia *(from Page 9)*

The movement was spurred in part by a *New York Times* op-ed in 2013 which noted that Wikipedia editors had been quietly moving female novelists from the American Novelists category to a subcategory called American Women Novelists because they felt the main category was too large.

Edit-a-thons are organized locally around the world, throughout the year. Each has a theme, such as Translate-a-thon, Black Lives Matter, California Public Policy and Jazz History of Kansas City. Art+Feminism, an organization based at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, each March during Women's History Month promotes edit-a-thons to improve coverage of women and feminism. Its focus for 2019 will be improving coverage for "gender non-binary" artists and activists.

The edit-a-thons organized by Art+Feminism are "about dismantling systems of thought that ignore the presence and input of women in the room and diminish or erase entirely their place in history," according to the group. Since 2014, it says more than 7,000 volunteers on six continents have created or edited 11,000 articles.

Hardeman trains librarians and teachers how to wrangle the vast amount of infor-

mation found on Wikipedia. "Gina and I want to bring the ideas of Wikipedia to Beacon, to the Hudson Valley," she says. "We hope, someday, to do an edit-a-thon specifically on the history of Beacon."

She emphasizes that participants don't have to be experts on the theme. "Last year we prepared lists of female artists in the Hudson Valley who have articles written about them that needed work," such as additional information, photos or better citations, she says.

The first hour of the workshop, which takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include training on how to make edits. "What's most important is to choose a topic you are passionate about," Hardeman says. "You can make small but helpful changes because it's something you



A poster created for the 2016 edit-a-thon at MOMA

know about. Sometimes it's surprising what people find. At an edit-a-thon I attended, someone discovered that all the Chinese names were written with the first and last names flipped, and she was excited to be able to fix them."

If you'd like to participate, creating a Wikipedia account in advance is helpful but not required. Registration is requested at [bit.ly/wikipedia-beacon](http://bit.ly/wikipedia-beacon). You also will need to bring a laptop and power cord.

## Nelsonville *(from Page 7)*

Moreover, he asked, "if granting a conservation easement on a piece of property that's municipally owned violates the state constitution, how do we own 112 acres that have a conservation easement?"

Bowman pointed out that the village also owns a park on Main Street that has a conservation easement and that Lusardi was the village's lawyer when those arrangements were completed.

Lusardi did not respond to a request for comment.

Jeff LeJava, the associate general counsel for OSI, said on Thursday (Feb. 21) that a conservation easement does not violate the state constitution.

"If the village wants to grant a conservation easement, it has the authority to do so," he said, adding that while the constitution includes a prohibition on municipal gifts, two appellate courts have ruled that a conservation easement is not a gift because the group holding the easement must care for the property.

The draft agreement allows the village to make non-commercial improvements to the land such as an education building, youth center, public washroom or playground.

"I just do not see how this is not a win for the community," Bowman said at the Village Board meeting. In addition to the other benefits, an easement would ensure that a cellphone tower could not be built on the land. "The problem going forward is that cellphone towers aren't going away," as smaller 5G structures become more common, he said.

Bowman also rejected allegations "that OSI is an evil organization that pulls the wool over people's eyes. I'd have to see the proof. The Open Space Institute has done

more for this village than any other person or organization."

O'Neill said that the Secor site represents less than 4 percent of the 112-acre woods and that adding it to the easement would have no "momentous impact." Further, "to relinquish control of that property also forecloses potential uses." He noted that in the past the site has been considered for low-income senior citizen housing and wells to end reliance on the Cold Spring water system.

The mayor argued that the board must take

time to "fully review" the draft agreement and other potential proposals. "If we want to preserve the land, there are other ways" to do it, he said, such as creating a park. He acknowledged that even then, a future village board could turn a park into something else.

"Perhaps the idea of insulating it from future changes is good," O'Neill conceded. "But it's not a time-is-of-the-essence matter." It should be debated, he said, "and then there should be consensus on what to do or not do."

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## Small, Good Things

# Warming Up to Winter Fish

By Joe Dizney

For such a globally embraced culinary staple, salt cod is sometimes a tough sell for a culture such as ours enamored of “freshness.”

An innovation of European exploration and discovery in the northwestern Atlantic, salt cod is the result of plentiful populations of a sought-after fresh seafood.

Coupled with one of the oldest known methods of preservation, drying, salted codfish has a shelf life of several years, although I would advise looking for fresher stock. The process not only preserves the nutritional value and texture of this firm, white fish, but also somehow makes it tastier, due almost certainly to the ample salt.

Cod and salt both contributed mightily to a burgeoning world economy and their stories make for entertaining history in Mark Kurlansky's *Cod: A Biography of the Fish that*



*Changed the World* and *Salt: A World History*.

Due to the seemingly limitless supply of Newfoundland cod, by the mid-16th century, about 60 percent of all the fish consumed in Europe was cod. Brits salted and dried it to establish a year-round market, hence the British epithet, “winter fish.” Salt cod made its way back to Europe and was embraced by the French, Spanish and Portuguese. From there it was further passed on to the West Indies, supplying island staples such as Jamaican ackee and salt fish.

In the New World, salt cod remains a Mexican staple, particularly on Christmas Eve, where it appears dressed in a spicy tomato sauce with almonds and green olives, after a Spanish antecedent which included cured ham and dried chilies.

Notes about prep: I secured salt cod through Marbled Meats in Philipstown but have seen it in one- and two-pound boxes in supermarkets. Be sure to thoroughly soak and rinse the fish and note that no additional salt should be added until tasting near the end.

Also, you can buy blanched almonds but usually will only find them slivered. Blanching your own is a simple process. The advantage is textural because they become almost giant pignolis. As for green olives, almost any will do, but look for Spanish Manzanilla or Gordal varieties.



## Winter Fish Biscayan

Serves 4 to 6

- 1 pound salt cod (soaked and rinsed)
- 1/2 cup whole raw almonds, blanched
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped medium
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup cured ham such as Serrano or guanciale, diced (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 14.5-ounce can chopped tomatoes in juice (Muir Glen organic fire-roasted chopped tomatoes are best)
- 1/2 cup cured and pitted green Spanish or Italian olives, chopped roughly
- 2 tablespoons chopped, pickled jalapeno peppers, plus 2 tablespoons of the pickling juice
- Cooked rice, potatoes or polenta for serving

1. Soak cod in a large bowl of cold water, refrigerated, for 8 to 12 hours, draining and changing water at least five times. Cover cod with cold water, breaking it apart into large chunks. Pick through to remove any skin or bones and drain again.
2. While soaking cod, blanch almonds for 1 minute in rapidly boiling water. Drain and rinse in cold water to cool. Drain and dry on paper towels until dry. Peel off loose skin and reserve.
3. Put drained and flaked cod into a medium pot, cover with cold water, and boil over medium-high heat until tender (about 15 minutes). Drain and set aside.
4. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add onions and garlic (and ham, if using). Cook, stirring often, for 10 minutes until onions are cooked through. Add cloves, pepper, marjoram and thyme, cooking and stirring for 2 minutes. Add tomatoes, lower heat and cook for another 10 to 15 minutes. Add cod, increasing heat to medium. Cook, stirring and breaking fish up often for about 10 to 15 minutes. Add almonds and olives, cooking until just heated through (about 2 to 3 minutes). Remove from heat and stir in jalapenos and juice before serving over rice, potatoes or polenta.

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Kim Montleon with one of her sons in *Wrestling Ghosts*Matt and Kim Montleon in *Wrestling Ghosts*

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## Wrestling Ghosts *(from Page 1)*

"I used to have fights about the wearing of a jacket on cold weather days and feel destroyed and shaken by the episodes. And incompetent. I had no obvious models to follow, especially about discipline."

A friend recommended the book *Parenting from Your Heart*, by Inbal Kashtan, which delves into Nonviolent Communication (NVC) between parent and child. "That one completely spoke to me," she says. "Parenting is about your inner work; it's an opportunity to go on your own journey." She and her husband received coaching, and Joanes began to ponder a film about how NVC might affect other parents.

She began looking for three families by

posting fliers around Beacon. "The idea was for each of them to have one [filmed] year of counseling with a specialist in NVC," she says. Many people who replied said they were willing to undergo the training and talk about it, but not on camera.

But one couple, Kim and Matt Montleon, who own the Main Street tattoo parlor, Honorable Ink, stood apart. "Other families reached their 'Can you turn off the camera now?' moments," says Joanes. "With Kim, I had a person willing to keep shooting."

Kim's honesty about the lack of connection she felt with her boys shifted the focus of the film. It became less about NVC and more about a young mother's attempt to break the cycle of trauma, particularly childhood trauma.

Through many devastating scenes, Joanes documents Kim's resolve, over several years, to not feel she will pass her trauma to her children. In intimate footage of counseling sessions and unfiltered domestic life, Kim slowly moves from being overwhelmed with guilt to having compassion for herself.

"I knew right away that filming would go for more than a year because Kim is so dramatic and so open," says Joanes. In fact, the director shadowed the family for four years and took hundreds of hours of footage. "There were so many stories in it — it's all about finding the one," she says.

When she had close to a final cut, Joanes showed the film to Kim and Matt at their home. "I was so nervous," she recalls.

"It could have been terrible. But they were happy with it." Kim and Matt, who met in high school and have been together since, have said they hope the film will help others who are struggling.

The Beacon premiere of *Wrestling Ghosts*, on Feb. 23 at Story Screen, in the newly opened Beacon Theatre complex at 445 Main St., sold out quickly. A second show has been added at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 10. The director and Kim and Matt Montleon will answer questions after both screenings. For tickets, which are \$15, see [wrestlingghosts.ticketspice.com/beacon-screening-2](http://wrestlingghosts.ticketspice.com/beacon-screening-2). For more on the film, see [wrestlingghosts.com](http://wrestlingghosts.com).

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Garment workers listen to the funeral service for Martin Luther King Jr. on April 8, 1968.  
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## MLK Essays *(from Page 5)*

King watched the nation around him attempt to diminish the humanity of his black community, employing everything from the repressive Jim Crow laws to physical violence and horrific lynchings.

Early in the 21st century, a teenaged girl from New York sees a world unfolding that is inlaid with violence and hatred along with the potential for peace and beauty.

I, the girl, who has only just begun to dig, view Dr. King's words as a mouth for the glimmering river of hope that is all colors and vibrancy without taglines,

shortcuts or misinterpretations.

I believe that Americans must undertake in the spirit of our revolutionaries. One for the entitlement of students to be able to enter their schools without the fear of their lives being taken in an English classroom, two for the rights of children to enjoy their innocent freedom from the clutches of those who would exploit and abuse them, and three for the liberty of African-American citizens to be free of the fear of becoming the next Philando Castile, Johnathan Edwards, Alton Sterling, Walter Scott, Michael Brown, Eric Garner or Trayvon Martin.

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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? Tracy and Bernard Bunye of Cold Spring shared this photo of their daughter, Alice (now 4), with Amos. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to [editor@highlandscurrent.org](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.org).

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The HIGHLANDS

Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

Saturday

43/33

Periods of clouds and sun

POP: 25%

SSE 4-8 mph

RealFeel 47/29

Sunday

51/31

Rain in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy

POP: 70%

SW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 46/18

Monday

41/23

Very windy; cooler with times of clouds and sun

POP: 5%

WNW 20-30 mph

RealFeel 28/13

Tuesday

36/22

Partly sunny

POP: 5%

WNW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 34/19

Wednesday

44/22

Considerable cloudiness

POP: 30%

NNE 6-12 mph

RealFeel 41/18

Thursday

39/23

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

POP: 20%

E 4-8 mph

RealFeel 41/28

Friday

36/24

Cloudy with a chance for a rain or snow shower

POP: 30%

SSW 3-6 mph

RealFeel 38/11

Snowfall

Past week2.5"

Month to date6.0"

Normal month to date6.3"

Season to date25.0"

Normal season to date25.1"

Last season to date32.9"

Record for 2/2012.0" (1934)

SUN & MOON

Sunrise today6:40 AM

Sunset tonight5:39 PM

Moonrise today10:39 PM

Moonset today9:16 AM

Last

New

First

Full

Feb 26

Mar 6

Mar 14

Mar 20

POP: Probability of Precipitation; The patented AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature® is an exclusive index of the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

# CROSSCURRENT

By  
Chip Rowe

## ACROSS

1. Alliance

5. Out of business

9. Listening in at United Nations

14. Word of honor

15. Lacquered metalware

16. African antelope

17. One eighth of the sky

18. Steak sauce

19. Being four more than 70

20. Fewer coins than expected

23. Mamie's man

24. Infinitesimal amount

25. Roof route

27. Let it be

30. After taxes

32. Busy during riot

33. Making up

36. Historic Scottish county

37. Fulton's power

38. Churchill's sign

39. Maids and sitters

42. Makeup problem

44. Animals with new homes

45. So very much

46. First move in burning home

48. Knocked off, in a way

49. California's Fort \_\_\_\_

50. Remains of long fruit

56. Tolerate

58. "No problem"

59. Bright thought

60. Stubble remover

61. Astronaut Slayton

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60							61					62		
63							64					65		

62. Grand hit equals four

63. Brit slang for door latch

64. Palmist, e.g.

65. Overstated

DOWN

1. Unhappy audience

2. Fifth power of ten

3. Beetle Bailey pooch

4. Royal transport

5. A sweet spice

6. Fuss

7. Arm bone

8. Romeo or Juliet

9. Remedy for bad habits

10. Daughter of Chaos

11. DeNiro on wheels

12. Similar

13. Pavement specialist

21. A load

22. Goes with doom

26. Holiday mo.

27. Ho-hum

28. It has its ups and downs

29. Suppertime pig

30. Homeys

31. Wood sorrels

33. Round-trip light time (abbrev.)

34. Faithful and true

35. Mysterious: Var.

37. Nasal dividers

40. Tokyo, formerly

41. Chain mail tunic

42. Views, alt.

43. Emotional fakeness

45. Lowest ionosphere

46. Nature calls

47. Concentrated, in a way

48. Lowlife

51. Go-aheads

52. Poisonous tropical fruit

53. Sans purpose

54. Half-moon tide

55. Ditto

57. Elmer, to Bugs

# SUDOCURRENT

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Answers will be published next week.  
See [highlandscurrent.org/puzzle](http://highlandscurrent.org/puzzle) for interactive version.

## Answers for Feb. 15 Puzzles

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3	6	7	4	5	1	9	8	2
4	9	8	7	2	3	5	6	1
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9	7	5	3	4	8	2	1	6
8	4	6	1	7	2	3	5	9



## Beacon Boys Advance in State Tournament

*Defeat Yorktown for chance to face Somers*

By Skip Pearlman

The Beacon High School boys' basketball team, seeded No. 11 among Section 1, Class A schools, defeated Yorktown, 62-47, on Feb. 16 to advance in the state tournament.

The Bulldogs (14-7) were scheduled to play No. 6 Somers on Thursday (Feb. 21), with the winner advancing to Saturday's semifinal against the winner of a game between No. 3 Greeley and No. 14 Peekskill.

The Bulldogs took control of Saturday's game from the start and led 33-17 at halftime.

"We played one of our better games of the season," Coach Scott Timpano said. "We controlled the tempo, and our defense was excellent. They weren't able to get the ball down low, and we got in the passing lanes."

Manny Garner led the Bulldogs with 15 points, six rebounds and four assists. Aaron Davis had 13 points, Dayi'on Thompson had 12 points, six rebounds, four assists and five steals, Kai Jacketti had 11 points and 14 rebounds, and Shane Green had eight points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals.

"Kai played an excellent game, he was super-aggressive on their big man and limited his touches," Timpano said. "And he was a monster on the boards. Manny also had a great game, he guarded a big, and came up big for us."

Timpano and the Bulldogs know they'll need a complete game to upset Somers (16-4).

"Somers plays a lot of zone defense," Timpano said. "They press and try to force turnovers. We have to take care of the ball and get good movement. We have to stay under control."

### Haldane

The Haldane girls' and boys' teams were scheduled to play their first Section 1, Class C tournament games at the Westchester



Dayi'on Thompson scored 12 points for the Bulldogs against Yorktown.



Shane Green scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds.



Coach Scott Timpano talks with his players during a timeout in Beacon's playoff win over Yorktown.

Photos by S. Pearlman

County Center on Thursday (Feb. 21). The girls (5-15), seeded No. 3, were matched against No. 2 Hamilton (8-12); the No. 2 boys (14-6) also faced Hamilton (14-6),

seeded No. 3. The winners of each game advance to the final at Pace University. For results, see [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).

## Beacon Runners Qualify for State

*Richardson, Cader will compete on Staten Island*

By Skip Pearlman

Two members of the Beacon High School track team qualified on Feb. 17 for the state championships to be held March 2 on Staten Island.

Racing at the Armory in Manhattan, junior Brianna Richardson qualified by finishing third in the girls' 55-meter dash in 7.44 seconds.

"She was not seeded in the top three," noted Coach Jim Henry. "She had a great race and a great start. It's a testament to the amount of work she has put in. She overcame a false start, and ran her second best time at that distance."

Sophomore Zach Cader qualified to run the 1,000-meter leg of the boys' inter-sectional relay. "Zach and that relay team are medal contenders," Henry said. "He's one of the best distance runners we've had in quite a while." Two weeks earlier, Cader set a school record in the 1,000.

"If either of them can set a PR [personal record] at the state meet, that's great," the coach said. "But I'm hoping they can enjoy the experience and plan to be back."

Other Beacon competitors who finished in the top 10 at the qualifiers were sophomore Mark Guzman, who was fifth in the long jump at 20-04.50, and junior Kaleb Istvan, who came in ninth in the 300-meter run in 36.29.

### Haldane

Two Haldane runners competed in the state qualifier on Feb. 17 but did not advance. Senior Adam Silhavy was seventh in the boys' 1000-meter run (2:42.04) and 15th in the 600-meter run (1:27.76), while senior Ashley Haines finished seventh in the girls' 600-meter run in 1:40:49, taking two seconds off her school record.



Haldane runners Ashley Haines and Adam Silhavy at the state qualifier on Feb. 17

Photo by Michael Haines



**SHARP SHOOTERS** — Six Philipstown students advanced on Feb. 17 in the annual Knights of Columbus free-throw contest. Representing Loretto Council No. 536, the boys and girls will shoot again in the Hudson Valley championship on March 10 in Poughkeepsie. From left: Milo Shuk, 12; William Bradley, 13; District Deputy Ed McKenna; Bryce O'Halloran, 10; Jake Powers, 11; Chloe Rowe, 14; and Maggie Gordineer, 12.

Photo by Dan Dillon