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Beacon Council to Discuss Rent Limits

*Part of regional push to
stabilize rising costs*

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council could add its support on Monday (April 1) to a campaign that's gaining momentum in the region to stabilize the rents residents pay in New York State.

Newburgh and New Paltz in the last month have adopted resolutions encouraging state officials to renew the expiring Emergency Tenant Protection Act (ETPA), which limits residential rents in New York City and Westchester, Rockland and Nassau counties, and to expand the legislation statewide.

Adopted in 1974, the ETPA caps annual rent increases to a percentage determined by a local board. However, the ETPA is not automatic; each municipality must vote to adopt it.

Two years ago, state legislators also proposed a number of modifications to the ETPA, including controls on residential rent increases when leases are being renewed and preventing landlords from removing apartments from rent regulation if tenants move out.

With the clock ticking on the original legislation, which expires this year, Beacon City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis said



QUALITY TIME — Mayor Dave Merandy of Cold Spring stopped by the Butterfield Library on March 22 to read one of his favorite books, UI De Rico's *The Rainbow Goblins*, during the Friday story hour. The children also made a craft and enjoyed refreshments.

Photos by Ross Corsair

that municipalities are asking the state "to expand the scope both geographically as well as substantively."

The resolution adopted in New Paltz calls on state leaders to "strike the geographic restrictions from the ETPA" and allow municipalities to "take an active role addressing the cost of rental housing."

In Beacon, City Council Member Terry Nelson asked his colleagues to consider a similar measure.

"I've had a few constituents who have had problems with landlords, and I get a lot of complaints about poor conditions in housing," he said. "A few people told me

their rents have doubled."

Although a resolution wouldn't create any new regulations in Beacon, it's a show of support for residents, Nelson said, and may encourage state leaders to act. "Our people are not disposable. People want to live here and they want to work here."

Affordability could return to the City Council's agenda later this year because several members have said they would like to revisit an earlier discussion of the city's affordable housing regulations, last revised in 2017. The revision expanded the city's below-market rate housing stock but

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There Oughta Be a Law

*A sampling of
bills introduced
in Albany*



Serino



Galef

By Chip Rowe

On Page 6 is a list of some of the 66 bills introduced since January in the state Senate by Republican Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, and the 64 introduced in the Assembly by Democrat Sandy Galef, whose district includes Philipstown. Democrat Jonathan Jacobson, who was elected to the Assembly in November and whose district includes Beacon, has not yet introduced a bill, although he has been a co-sponsor.

When introduced, a bill is assigned to a committee, which is where most of them remain, although some will be approved in the Senate or the Assembly, but not both. Both chambers must approve a bill for it to reach the governor. Those that don't end up on his desk for a signature or veto in one session are often introduced again in the next.

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PANCAKES AL FRESCO — In a shot taken from inside the visitor's center, volunteers prepare pancakes during the Little Stony Point Citizens Association's annual Maple Syrup Day on Sunday (March 24) at the Cold Spring park.

Photo by Ross Corsair



FIVE QUESTIONS: STEVE LAMBERT

By Brian PJ Cronin

Steve Lambert, a conceptual artist who lives in Beacon, is cofounder of the Center for Artistic Activism and the creator of SelfControl, a Mac program that blocks access to the internet with a timer, and Add-Art, a Firefox browser add-on that replaces ads with artwork.

You combine art with activism. Why is that?

If you look back at whatever you consider successful activism, it has elements of performance, visuals, creativity and story. Combining these things helps people better understand issues and enlivens their engagement, so it's not as draining. Uncreative activism can seem like a slog.

Why did you create the Center for Artistic Activism?

I was making art about issues, but I was skeptical that it was doing anything. I started looking at how politics works, and how change actually happens, and how to be better at having an impact. I also was working with Stephen Duncombe, who was wondering the same thing about his activism. It came out of our doubts.

Has the political climate made people more receptive?

We used to have to make this argument that politics isn't rational, that facts and



Steve Lambert with his piece, *Capitalism Works for Me! True/False*.

Photo provided

reason aren't the only things people take into account when making political decisions. We don't have to do that anymore.

Are the online tools you created a form of artistic activism?

All artistic activism exists on a spectrum between being effective, like SelfControl, which helps you get stuff done — and affective, like Add-Art, which moves you and helps you understand things on a

gut level. There's plenty of research papers about how being online and advertising affect people, and you could read those, but experiencing it for yourself is different.

You lived in San Francisco during the dot-com boom years and say your art was informed by its rapid gentrification. Do you see that in Beacon?

In San Francisco, development became about cash grabs. There was a building on my block that was clearly designed by the contractor who built it, who thought: If we just get this thing up, we can make lots of money. It's not a conscious planning process — it's people trying to make as much money as they can in the shortest possible time. I haven't quite seen that here in Beacon, although I've seen signs that it might be happening. In San Francisco, you have all this water, which limits the amount of space you can build on. Here, although the buildings going up may not be to my taste, they ease the pressure on existing housing. We're far enough away from New York City that I hope it all balances out, but I'm on guard.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's the best thing about spring?

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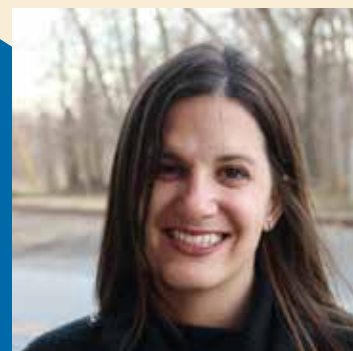


~ Richard Butensky, Philipstown

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The sound of birds chirping in the morning — not any one bird, all of them together.

”



~ Sabrina Rose, Beacon

“

The longer evenings, the increased daylight.

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~ Tito Chatzis, Philipstown

NEWS BRIEFS

Haldane Principal Resigns

Will depart at end of school year

David Wallick, who was hired in June 2017 as the principal of Haldane Elementary School, resigned on March 19, effective at the end of the school year. He said by email that he was leaving for personal reasons but declined to elaborate.



Wallick

A resident of Katonah, Wallick came to Haldane from the Bicycle Path School for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students on Long Island.

Haldane Settles Special Education Complaint

Parents argued district had to do more

The Haldane Central School District in December agreed to pay the parents of a student up to \$70,000 to settle a claim that it did not provide their child, who has a disability, with the educational opportunities during the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years that are required for special education students under federal law.

The district responded that it had offered the student what is known as a “free appropriate public education” but agreed to settle the case to avoid litigation.

The Current received the settlement agreement through a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request. The names of the student and parents were redacted by the district.

The district agreed to reimburse the parents half the tuition they paid to an unidentified private school where they enrolled their child during the current and most recent school year, up to \$34,026 per year.

In return, the parents agreed to allow the student to be evaluated and observed at the private school by Haldane’s Committee on Special Education to develop an Individualized Education Program required for students who receive special education services.

Beacon High School Closes for Cleaning

Advised after bacterial infection case

Beacon High School closed on Wednesday (March 27) for cleaning following a confirmed case of Clostridiolides difficile (*C. diff*), a bacteria that can cause diarrhea and colitis. Superintendent Matt Landahl said in an email to parents that the staff learned of the case on Tuesday and was advised by Dutchess County to disinfect hard surfaces in the school to prevent its spread.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says *C. diff* infects 500,000 people in the U.S. annually and can be deadly, especially in people ages 65 and older.

West Point Could Help Fund Wall

Projects would be canceled for border

U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district covers the Highlands and West Point, protested to the Department of Defense after it confirmed that four projects at the United States Military Academy could be canceled to contribute \$250 million for a border wall promoted by President Donald Trump.

The Pentagon confirmed that the president’s declaration of a national emergency put the funds at risk, Maloney said. The projects cited as being “vulnerable” were an engineering center, enhancements to the West Point Cemetery, a water treatment plant and a parking structure.

Beacon Library Looking for Trustees

Election is April 25 for Howland

The Howland Library has two seats on its nine-member board of trustees open for an election to be held on Thursday, April 25. Both positions are for five years. Petitions, which are available at the library, are due by April 3. See beaconlibrary.org/how-to-become-a-trustee.

Cold Spring Chamber Has New President

Eliza Starbuck succeeds Katie Liberman

The board of directors of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce appointed Eliza Starbuck, co-owner of Flowercup Wine, as its new president. She will complete the term of Kate Liberman, which



Starbuck

ends in December 2020. Liberman, who became president in January 2017, will remain on the board.

Jack Goldstein served as acting president while Liberman was on maternity leave. The chamber was founded in 1910 to promote commerce in Philipstown.

Book Drive for Beacon

Get Lit sponsoring for high school

Get Lit Beacon is sponsoring a book drive to add libraries to the special education English classrooms at Beacon High School. The teachers have created a wish list at Binnacle Books, 321 Main St., in Beacon, or books can be purchased and dropped off at the Oak Vino Wine Bar. See getlitbeacon.com. The books will be presented to the high school in May.

Fort Montgomery Gets Trail Grant

\$50K will pay for improvements

New York State’s Environmental Protection Fund on March 19 awarded a \$50,000 matching grant to the Fort Montgomery Battle Site Association to improve the trail system at the state historic site.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Welcome to Beacon

Beacon prides itself on being open. A recent example is this post from City Council Member Jodi McCredo:

"I stand with the people of New Zealand and with Muslims around the world. Words lead to actions. Hate needs to be called out and silenced. Compassion and understanding need room to grow."

Most of us would agree with Jodi about hate. And yet when we use the word *anti-development*, aren't we just finding a way to justify our fear of, and potentially our hatred for, new people? Development is about more than buildings: it is about who will want to live in those buildings.

Outside the council meetings, in quiet conversations in person and online, people talk about whether new people "will fit in." What is that about, except fear of the unknown?

In my experience, the new people moving here are terrific. I have had a chance, as an example, to meet quite a few tenants new to Beacon. They are artists, state troopers, ministers, accountants. They are young couples. Baby boomers. Roommates. Most of them are people who Beaconites who rail against development would like to meet.

When we think about it, in our better selves, we know that our children benefit from meeting kids who have grown up elsewhere. We get that Main Street needs people with ideas to thrive. And all of us know that Beacon, with its 100-year-old infrastructure, is going to need a lot of us to shoulder the burden of fixing what we can and replacing what we can't.

The sign that read "no hate, no fear, everyone is welcome here" is not true. The strongest anti-development positions are held by people who welcome others as tourists but not as residents. There are those who despise the idea of a wall at the Mexican border, and yet would gladly have a virtual wall around Beacon that keeps people out by restricting their opportunities to find a place to live and a place where all of us can grow.

Will Hough, *Beacon*

Tell us what you think

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Abortion resolution

I am wondering how Legislator Ginny Nacerino determined that the majority of Putnam County residents stand "shoulder to shoulder" with her on her resolution in opposition to the Reproductive Health Act ("Anti-Abortion Draft Ignites Debate at Putnam Legislature," March 22). Did she conduct polling, or is she engaging in alternate-fact creation?

The majority of Americans support a woman's right to make her own decisions when it comes to her body. That's a fact established over many years and countless polls. Voting the way "one thinks" represents only one limited opinion. Officials are elected to enact the will of people. I, for one, would rather the Legislature spend its valuable time on matters that will have a positive impact on the lives of Putnam residents. This resolution is certainly not the work that the people sent Legislator Nacerino to do.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*
Shea is the Philipstown supervisor.

I attended the March 18 meeting in which the Health Committee, chaired by Legislator Toni Addonizio, tried to rush approval of the resolution seeking repeal of the Reproductive Health Act. The legislators were clearly not pleased to hear opposing opinions. Legislator Amy Sayegh was dismissive, as was Legislator Addonizio. Legislator Ginny Nacerino got angry when I tried to speak and identified myself as being from Cold Spring. "They're all from Cold Spring!" she snapped. To clarify, Kathleen Foley of Cold Spring

accused the second "expert" speaker, a retired policeman turned pastor, of proselytizing (which he did), not the Legislature or the committee. The best quote was from Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown, saying that she was offended that the authors of the resolution accused the hundreds of people in the state Legislature who voted for the RHA of "authorizing infanticide."

Several audience members made thoughtful speeches, Tara Vamos of Cold Spring among them. But in spite of well-reasoned arguments and passionate statements from audience members, the three-member committee voted to "move it forward" to the full Legislature on April 2.

Legislator Joseph Castellano's invitation to call and write our legislators struck me as pro forma and not a sincere promise to consider other viewpoints. I am not comfortable with a Legislature that so cavalierly ignores the wishes of its constituents to pursue the personal agendas of its members. There was one positive note, though: Montgomery made a cogent point-by-point rebuttal of the deeply flawed resolution, to represent constituents whose opinions were otherwise unsought by the committee. Kudos to our District 1 legislator.

David Limburg, *Nelsonville*

With the invention of the ultrasound — the "window into the womb" — and other scientific documentation depicting the miracle of human life, I don't understand how anyone could advocate abortion. People have the right to make choices that affect them; however, when that choice adversely affects another person, it is no longer a good option.

Women can choose to abstain from sexual activity if they do not want to get pregnant. Even married women can learn the natural family planning method to avoid pregnancy. Those who advocate abortion in the name of "reproductive health" need to remember some basic science: If a woman has sex and becomes pregnant, she is in optimal health and her body is working perfectly!

Marie Sangalli, *Southeast*

Parking meters

To counter Jodi McCredo's argument, metering parking at certain "premium" times on Main Street could actually be a boon to merchants ("Could Parking Meters Come to Beacon?," March 22). Logically, with a time constraint, people will move their cars more frequently, allowing new customers to park.

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Conversely, with no limit (or unenforced limits), drivers will likely leave their vehicles for longer periods, limiting turnover. The meters can be programmed to be in force for the premium times, i.e., from Friday through Sunday. Residents and people who work on or visit Main Street can park without feeding the meter during the rest of the week.

The goal is to encourage more walking and biking and use of public transportation. My family is making a habit of taking the Beacon Free Loop when we can, especially Thursday to Saturday.

Kelly Ellenwood, *Beacon*

At \$8,625 per meter, the city can do better things with that money.

Stacy Christensen, *via Facebook*

There are many facets to the dilemma of where to put our personal 3,000-pound vehicles during the 94 percent of the time we're not driving them, and some of the ideas for mitigation are, at first glance, counter-intuitive. For example, the notion that meters are bad for merchants has been disproven; they eliminate long-term parking at the curb.

Unfortunately, the best time to tackle this is before, or at least along with, zoning codes. The city has never made changes as part of an overall plan, and it also has failed to take into account that Beacon is a small river town hemmed in by a mountain, so one-size-fits-all solutions offered by planning consultants are not necessarily going to work. Bus service is not a solution; they are used in Beacon mostly by people who don't have a car in the first place.

Council Member Amber Grant and others have employed the feel-good phrase that we should make the city "more walkable and bikeable," but paving over the woods next to the Madam Brett house will not move us in that direction. Nor will continuing to look for ways to accommodate automobiles within the town center, because the problem is not parking, traffic or overdevelopment. It's too many cars trying to occupy our 5 square miles.

We can talk, put in meters, pass a resolution, put down more pavement, or make another zoning change. But is anybody seriously going to give up their personal steering wheel? In the immortal words of Charlton Heston, "From my cold, dead hands."

Mark Roland, *Beacon*

Meters would penalize Beacon's year-round residents once again.

Theresa Butler, *via Facebook*

Poor parking hurts Cold Spring; would it hurt Beacon?

Michael Confield, *via Facebook*

I led the Cold Spring Parking Committee, a subcommittee of the Special Board for a Comprehensive Plan, in 2008, when it prepared a report on parking in the village. The committee of a half-dozen volunteers studied parking reports from three or four similar communities around the country to see how professionals approached the subject.

"We can talk, put in meters, pass a resolution, put down more pavement, or make another zoning change. But is anybody seriously going to give up their personal steering wheel?"

The committee read the latest research on parking, which included Donald Shoup's *The High Cost of Free Parking*. Going in, I thought metered parking would be an inconvenience, a business killer and another tax on ordinary folks. Shoup's book was an eye-opener. Through a careful historical and statistical review, Shoup demonstrates how keeping parking free leads to poor access (no available spaces), and an endless demand for more and more land that never quite seems to meet the need for parking spaces.

We presented our recommendations to a well-attended meeting at the village firehouse in October 2008. Residents were astounded that a village of about 2,000 people has 2,500 public spaces, not including driveways. Some residents demanded that a residential permit zone guaranteeing access to a space in front of their homes be established, but such a permit zone would be illegal in New York State. Some argued that parking meters would destroy the character of the village. Some doubted that meters would improve access, and some believed they would harm local businesses.

In the end, the village limited the investment in parking meters to a single multi-space meter in the municipal lot, and never ventured any further. Close to \$2 million in revenue has been lost in the decade since our study, money that could have been improved the public restrooms at the foot of Main Street, rebuilt the Cold Spring boathouse and improved or replaced the firehouse.

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

Lessons from *Cabaret*

Congratulations to the student actors and technicians of Haldane Drama, as well as the faculty advisers and community volunteers, for their remarkable production of *Cabaret* presented earlier this month ("The Party's Over," March 8).

I would like to particularly commend director Martha Mechalakos for selecting such an important title. Sadly, we don't live in an era where *Cabaret* seems dated or irrelevant. Instead, it is more timely than when it premiered in 1966.

I hope that the performers and audience members will take time to reflect on the most important theme of the play: The Third Reich was not propelled to power by hatred alone; apathy had a starring role.

Sean Conway, *Cold Spring*

Soul of Main

Mrs. Barbara of BJ's Restaurant is a true gem of Beacon ("The Soul of Main Street," March 22). As new faces come to the area, they can have the opportunity to experience the love and hometown feel you get at BJ's. My grandbabies love Mrs. Barbara, her phenomenal fried chicken wings and amazing cornbread!

Rhonda Figueroa, *via Facebook*

Legal pot

What we have here is nothing less than a biased status quo attempting to squash the justified legalization of a substance which has repeatedly been scientifically proven to be less harmful than alcohol, tobacco, sugar and driving a car ("County Legislators Discuss Pot Legalization," March 22).

It is well-documented that William Randolph Hearst originally lobbied Congress to make hemp illegal because it represented a threat to his financial interests in promoting the lumber industry as the sole resource for the manufacture of paper used in newspaper production.

It is also well-documented that Richard Nixon ordered cannabis to be designated as a Schedule 1 drug because he needed an excuse for arresting liberal-leaning anti-Vietnam War protesters, because he believed they were more apt to smoke cannabis.

Cannabis use and possession has been used as a tool for disproportionately profiling, arresting and jailing minorities, discrediting socially progressive politicians and shaming members of our community whose lifestyle choices don't fall in line with those of the so-called "moral majority."

The argument that legalizing cannabis represents some kind of new threat to our youth is false, because legalization efforts include calls for regulation which mirror those for the sale and use of alcohol and tobacco. In short, cannabis prohibition is morally, scientifically and socially unjust.

Jon Lindquist, *Cold Spring*

Historic records

In "Records Made to be Broken" (March 22), the Haldane records listed for the boys' 200, 400 and 800 meters are from 1960 or earlier, at a time when the races were 220, 440 and 880 yards. The 440 (quarter-mile), for instance, is 402.3 meters, or more than 6 feet longer than the 400 meter. The 440-yard Haldane record adjusted to 400 meters would be 50.84 seconds, or about 0.3 seconds faster than stated.

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Further, outdoor races decades ago were run on cinder tracks, not modern synthetic surfaces, which could have added a second or more to a 440 time. In the interest of accuracy, an asterisk might be needed on future charts to call attention to the longer distances.

David May, *Cold Spring*

Cricket Valley

Last year, Dutchess County Comptroller Robin Lois conducted an audit of the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). It revealed that the Cricket Valley Energy Center under construction in Dover Plains received a \$101 million tax break in 2017 and will receive similar breaks until 2050, totaling more than \$1 billion, through Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) programs.

Cricket Valley Energy is constructing a 1,000-megawatt plant that will burn fracked gas to produce electricity for the Lower Hudson Valley and New York City. The state Department of Environmental Conservation calls it a "major source" of emissions, i.e., pollution.

In 2017, in exchange for not having to pay property taxes of \$11.7 million annually, Cricket Valley Energy made a PILOT payment to Dover for \$109,521. Under the same agreement, Cricket Valley Energy avoided \$59 million in school taxes — its payment to Dover's district was \$552,559. Other taxes given up by the state and Dutchess County will total about \$23 million.

Members of the Dutchess County IDA who made this agreement with Cricket Valley Energy are appointed, not elected. They give away public funds as they see fit. In the case of Cricket Valley Energy, the money went to a company that will have 28 employees and put hundreds of tons of pollutants annually into the air of Dutchess County and Connecticut.

Charles Davenport, *Wappingers Falls*

NOTICE

The Village of Cold Spring's Code Update Committee will conduct its fourth public meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7pm at the Cold Spring firehouse.

The Code Update Committee is responsible for examining 29 topics identified by NYSERDA (the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority) to determine what changes to these topics, if any, should be made to the Village Code. Once the Code Update Committee has completed its work on these 29 topics, the committee will make recommendation to the Village Board for Village Code changes. The Village Board will then evaluate these recommendations and then proceed to a Public Hearing. Once completed, the Village can then proceed in completing the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program.

Three prior public meetings have been held covering topics in the "Use" category (10 topics), in the "Appearances" category (7 topics), and in the Environment category (5 topics). All materials from these public meetings are available on the Village website. An additional public meeting will be held in the future covering the topic "Consistency and Clarity" category (2 topics).

The purpose of the public meeting on April 3 is to obtain public input on the "Procedures" category that will be presented. The five topics are: Evaluate Permitting Conservation Easements/Façade Easements; Evaluate Outright Demolition of Existing Structures; Evaluate Permitting Conservation Subdivisions; Amend Subdivision Regulations; and Evaluate Adopting Waterfront Consistency Review Law. An overview of each topic will be presented along with the committee's recommendations for changes. All are welcome to attend.

Oughta Be a Law *(from Page 1)*

Sue Serino

S1016: Directs the state to develop informational materials on endometriosis and other menstrual disorders for distribution in school districts.

S1241: Establishes a tax credit for grocery donations to food pantries.

S1242: Exempts motorists in Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland and Orange, which are considered "commuter counties" but have only one vote among them on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, from paying registration fees to the MTA that amount to \$17 million annually.

S1251: Allows a judge to forbid a person accused of domestic violence from having contact with any pet cared for by the victim.

S1294: Allows a person to be charged with manslaughter or promoting suicide if his or her conduct contributes to the death of an elderly person or an incompetent or physically disabled person. The bill cites the death of Bailey Bates, a 19-year-old autistic man from Poughkeepsie who killed himself after being scammed out of his disability assistance.

S1297: Requires teachers and school nurses to notify parents when they remove a tick from a student.

S1299: Requires a two-thirds majority of the state or any local legislature to approve bills that raise taxes.

S1309: Prohibits sex offenders from working as school bus drivers.

S1310/S1311: Allows children to testify via closed-circuit TV in legal proceedings involving charges of murder and assault. The practice has been allowed since 1985 in cases involving sexual abuse.

S1314: Requires low-level sex offenders to verify their addresses every six months instead of annually. High-level offenders must verify every 90 days.

S1315: Prohibits sex offenders from having unsupervised access to residential units, such as being employed as a building superintendent, and from working on vehicles that sell frozen desserts.

S1318: Allows all veterans, not just those who are disabled, to ride Metro-North for half price.

S1350: Prohibits lobbyists, political action committees and unions from loaning money to candidates.

S1354: Allows county sheriffs to assign deputies as school resource officers at private schools.

S1422: Allows vehicles delivering human organs for transplant to operate with flashing lights and sirens.

Sandy Galef

A00389: Prohibits pharmacies from selling tobacco products.

A01490: Requires a judge to consider convictions for boating while intoxicated within the previous 25 years as the equivalent of driving-while-intoxicated convictions, and vice versa, at sentencing.

A1498: Requires retailers to provide a 60-day raincheck for any sale item that is out of stock.

A03640: Allows employees to take paid family leave to care for siblings.

A04634: Prohibits members of the state Legislature from providing grants or discretionary funds to businesses or nonprofits in which the member or close relatives

hold an official or legal position.

A04743: Allows school districts to refuse to allow its buildings to be polling places.

A05404: Classifies spent fuel rods at the Indian Point nuclear power plant as "real property" rather than equipment, allowing the local assessor to give them a value so they can be taxed. That, in turn, could provide a financial incentive for the plant's owner to send the rods to Europe and Asia for processing that can pull more energy from the uranium.

A05748: Limits to \$1,000 the amount that an individual or business that has a state contract worth more than \$15,000 can contribute to any elected official who voted to approve the contract.

A05896: Prohibits homeowners' associations from restricting the installation of solar-power systems.

A05950: Prohibits political fundraisers within a 15-mile radius of the Capitol when the Legislature is in session.

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AROUND TOWN



< SHOWING IMAGINATION
Seven third- and fourth-graders from the Garrison School competed on March 16 in the Destination Imagination tournament in Ossining. (From left: Sebastian Rasic, Elspeth Darhansoff, Gwendolyn Gordon, Elsa Minkin, Amelia McCarthy, Ari Barta and Ellery Gordon.) The team had to create a performance with costumes, props and sets centered on a monster making a surprise appearance.

DAD GIVES A TOUR >
U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney took a selfie with sophomores from Haldane High School (who include his daughter) during a class visit on March 27 to Washington, D.C.
Photos provided



< SWEET DREAMS
A team of crafters gathered at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on March 19 to create colorful pillowcases to distribute to the homeless.
Photo by Ross Corsair

HORSES FOR HEALING >
The Topfield Equestrian Center and the Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition have partnered to offer a program to families affected by substance abuse in which they can interact with horses to enhance communication and relationship-building. For information, email John MacEnroe at info@topfieldcenter.org.
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Retail Rents

The Newburgh and New Paltz resolutions address only residential rents, but Beacon City Council Member Terry Nelson says he's heard of similar increases forcing Main Street merchants from their shops. He would like to include language in any resolution asking for action on commercial rents, as well.

Katy Hope opened Beetle and Fred, a sewing supply store, at 171 Main in 2016. She said this week that she was fortunate to find an affordable space, but she, too, hears of other business owners whose rents are unsustainable.

"You definitely see rents and think: How can anybody possibly work that into their numbers, especially with the offseason here in the winter?" Hope said. Commercial rent in Beacon is cheaper than in New York City, she said, but businesses here see far fewer customers. "It's a long, slow winter week."

Beacon Rents *(from Page 1)*

"grandfathered" developments that had already been approved by the Planning Board and are now being occupied.

Current data on rents in Beacon is hard to come by. While a 2018 report by Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress, a nonprofit that monitors housing costs, found that 50 percent of the city's apartments could be considered "affordable" (meaning the tenant paid less than 30 percent of his or her monthly income for rent), its numbers are based on 2017 statistics.

During the City Council's March 25 meeting, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale questioned whether regulating rentals would be fair to property owners.

"People can sell their house and make 300 percent but we're going to tell landlords they can only make so much money? I don't get it," he said. Although Airbnb and other short-term rentals are not legal in Beacon, Casale said a property owner could make much more in that market than operating a traditional (and possibly regulated) rental.

"You're just playing right into the game," he said.

Council Member Lee Kyriacou said he wasn't sure if ETPA-type legislation should be implemented statewide. It could be expanded to Dutchess and other counties in the immediate metropolitan area, he said, but "I don't think it's Buffalo" that's driving the issue.



Work continues on a residential building under construction at South Elm and Main Street in Beacon.

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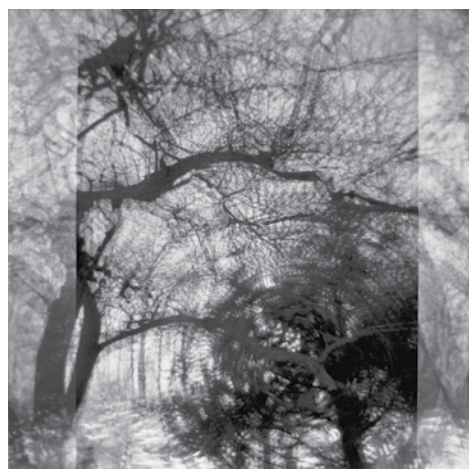
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The Calendar



BRIAN NICE RETURNS WITH NEW SHOW



By Alison Rooney

On his website, Brian Nice divides his artwork into two galleries: pre-injury and post-injury.

The injury was a brain bleed in 2009 that left him in a wheelchair. An accomplished fashion and commercial photographer, he was forced to confront what he calls a “severely contracted reality” and the fact that he might no longer be able to create art. But then a friend gave him a point-and-shoot camera.

In 2012, at the Garrison Art Center, he mounted *Point of View*, a solo show of his photos, which have double exposures and layering that reflect his diminished motor skills and his view of the world through damaged eyes. On Friday, April 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m., the Buster Levi Gallery at 121 Main St. in Cold Spring will host a reception to open his latest exhibit, *Another Point of View*. The show, which runs through April 28, is dedicated to Brian’s father, artist Don Nice, who died earlier this month.

In recent years, Nice moved from Garrison, where he lived with his parents until his mother Sandra’s death in 2017, to a home in Cold Spring, where he lived with his father and now lives with an aide. Brian took a cross-country photography road trip in 2013 but lately has focused on what is nearby: fields.

“Soon there’ll be no more of them, just

Brain injury changed his perspective but not his drive

houses,” he explains. “When I got sick I learned you don’t have to go all over the world to make nice pictures, you just have to take the time. I’m a man in a wheelchair. I’m a captive audience. When I see something, I stare at it for a long time. It’s my personal project now.”

Nice says his love of natural beauty “came

from growing up here, though when I was young all I thought was: ‘I’m outta here, there’s nothing to do.’ But I started appreciating the beauty when I was a bit older.”

Because his shaking hands make it difficult for him to hold the camera still, he engages an assistant to snap the shutter after he selects the lighting conditions.



Brian Nice in his studio

Photo by A. Rooney

“I know good light when I see it,” he says. “I choose the settings that reflect what I see and then I give directions to the person who takes it for me. Sometimes I’ll try to hold the camera. It depends on how much coffee I’ve had! Some days are good, some days not.”

Not that he’s complaining. “In the hospital, there were four people in the room, complaining,” he recalls. “Nobody wanted to be around them. If you’re nice, people pay attention. I took my disability and put it to work. Most people don’t come back from this kind of brain injury. I got lucky; I’m lucky to be alive. Physically I’m 58, mentally I’m 18.”

His life over the past 10 years has been physically challenging. “One of my eyes sees things in an up-and-down motion, and the other sees things going left and right,” he explains. “Each eye is focused that way. The brain gets tired. By the end of the day I’m exhausted. People pay a lot of money for psychedelic mushrooms just so they can feel like me, but after 24 hours, it’s enough, let me tell you.

“When this happened, I went into a coma,” he recalls. “When I woke up, I couldn’t move anything, except raising my middle finger when the doctor said I’d never walk again! The brain’s plasticity takes a long time to repair. Thanks to my photography, it’s happening. It’s pretty unique, re-

(Continued on Page 10)

Feeding the Meter

Local poets in spotlight in April

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the three public libraries in the Highlands will each hold readings in April.

In Cold Spring, the Butterfield Library will welcome Raphael Kosek, the Dutchess County poet laureate, Lucia Cherciu and Jo Pitkin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. Kosek will read from her forthcoming collection, *American Mythology*; Cherciu, a

professor of English at SUNY Dutchess, will read from her most recent book, *Train Ride to Bucharest*; and Pitkin, a Nelsonville resident, will read from her

collection, *Renderings*.

In Garrison, the Desmond-Fish Library will host a gathering of regional poets from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, to kick off

a new monthly Hudson Highlands Poetry Reading Series. They include Pitkin and T.R. Hummer of Cold Spring, Mary Newell of Garrison and Edwin Torres of Beacon.

In Beacon, the Howland Public Library will present a reading at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, with the city's poet laureate, Peter Ullian, as well as two of his predecessors, Larry Sansone and Tony Pena, and Kosek.



Pitkin



Cherciu



Kosek

The Mollusk

By Jo Pitkin

The mollusk we find in Scituate
where the sea flattens and releases
is not Ponge's oyster but is, as
his is, a world stubbornly closed.
On a far strand bitten with wind,
you pry and pry. That viscous
mass you cannot see does not yield.
Its curved, hinged lid stays shut.
As you clutch its whitish valves,
I see you not as you are, apart,
but as you once were: observant
boy, determined boy, galled boy
scooping, cupping, keeping
the shallows, who will not let
anything go. Not the sharp stalks,
the yellow marsh, the turn of the shore,
not the heavy rope of surf.
Not the awful beautiful
pearl of the possible born of
want, water, grit, salt, luck.

Learning A Name

By Lucia Cherciu

When I was a child, my father used to ask me
the name of everyone we met, and when I failed
to remember, he was disappointed and he'd say
that I took after my mother. Later, I learned
that learning a name traces a ritual like stencil
on light, repetition of gestures that matter.
Soul and breath. Sacred as rhyme in a prayer,
naming builds a ladder of salt, soothes sobbing.
Like walking on the same trail, abates fear
and restlessness: every step, a salutation
of a tree whose name I finally discover as if
its wood and leaf burn me. To a weary traveler
walking at dusk, having learned a name will offer a ride
on a deserted road even before having to ask.

The Miracle Flower

By Raphael Kosek

Our white bells
trumpet the miracle
of large, open whiteness.

Don't you see how
We fill this world,
her tired canvas,
with buoyant promise?

We are the mind unjumbled,
excellent voice that calls
the dark spin of your life
into question. Our opening
shuts the door on doubt,
our lifting heads wag in blue wind,
gracious leaves curl in concert
with the white stretch of our throats.

We are never far from ourselves
like you,
yet we lean into blue sky
and that is miracle enough.

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Brian Nice (from Page 9)

ally. I don't think that anyone else is doing this. I have to keep moving forward."

The injury did not affect his sense of humor. In a blog post he wrote not long before his father died, he described their life together.

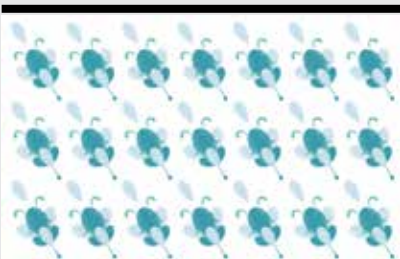
"My father sold his house and he downsized to a smaller house in town," Nice wrote. "I'm living with him. It's a small stone house by the side of the road. Pretty cool for me because I can go into town in my power chair. It's pretty funny living together because I can't talk [well] and he can't hear. You should see us trying to use the TV remote. We're like two chimpanzee monkeys that found something shiny. Never a dull moment. And you wonder why the dog stares at us all the time. Anyway, we make it work."

Nice's quest to create a representation of what he is perceiving has helped others. "One guy who got in touch with me said he couldn't explain to his doctor how he saw," he says. "He was very thankful because with my photos he was able to show his doctor how things looked to him."



Sandra and Don Nice with Brian

Pattern Repeats Explained



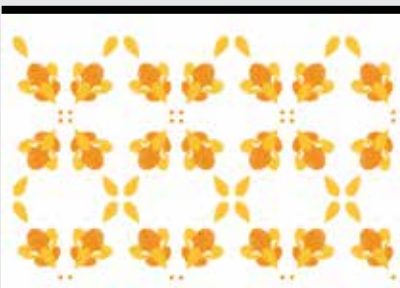
Full Drop Repeat

The simplest repeat multiplies the motif along the same line horizontally and vertically.



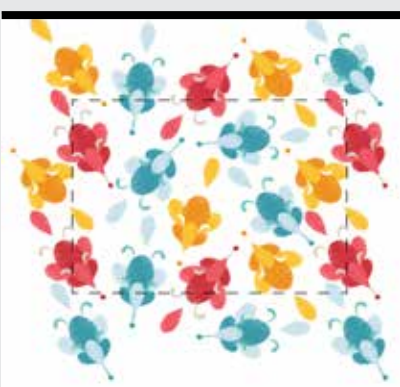
Half Drop Repeat

This breaks up the uniform look of a full drop repeat. The motif is stepped horizontally and the top of the second motif is aligned to the center of the first. Both motifs are then duplicated along the same horizontal and vertical lines.



Mirror Repeat

The motif is duplicated horizontally and mirrored. Both motifs are then duplicated along the same horizontal line.



Continuous Repeat

The most difficult repeat begins by designating a shape, such as a square. The motif is placed so that it overlaps one edge of the shape. This motif is duplicated and placed in the same position on the opposite side of the shape.

Mereton Textile

Art on Repeat Art on Repeat Art on Repeat

Fabric artist specializes in pattern recognition

By Alison Rooney

When Donna Durr thumbs through a fashion magazine with a pair of scissors in her hand, she's not looking for the latest trends.

"I see colors, and I see how those colors can become a leaf, or a type of flower," the Cold Spring fabric artist explains.

This is the beginning of a process in which she creates prints that she hopes will be turned into manufactured textile designs. Samples of her work are on display at The Main Course in Cold Spring through the end of April.

After studying textile design at the Fashion Institute of Technology, Durr, who grew up in Utica, jumped right into studio jobs in New York City. The studio's owner or design director would direct painters such as Durr.

"It would be along the lines of 'I want an all-over design of pansies,'" she explains. "Or, it might be, 'I want a pretty floral.' As a designer, I'd ask 'What for? Apparel? A shower curtain?' You'd work up a repeat [see left]. That repeat went to the engraver, and from there to the printer.

"The industry was booming," Durr recalls. But the camaraderie has diminished, she says, since design work has been digitized. "Everyone's behind their computer; it's a lot less fun."

Durr, who says she knew by the third grade she wanted to be an artist, studied fine arts in college before discovering textile design. She worked for many years in San Francisco, including a stretch with



A floral design by Donna Durr



Durr, scissors in hand, at her home studio

Photo by A. Rooney

Eileen West, where she assisted with product lines such as apparel, wallpaper, bath products and bedding.

After returning to New York City, Durr worked as a freelancer until it became clear that digital was here to stay. "The last company I worked for had an allegiance to a local printer and went under because of it," she says. "I lost my job and wasn't sure which way to turn. I had always said if I had to sit in front of a computer, I'd quit. I should have gone to school to learn, but I didn't."

By then, she was living in Cold Spring, tinkering with new ways of doing design. "I wanted to change my medium," she says. "I always loved doing collage."

One day about six years ago, she says, she started cutting up a stack of magazines and weaving the strips together. "I joke that spending \$10 a year [for a magazine subscription] gives me a palette. It occurred to me that this could be something that is not just a beautiful design, but could be put into repeat and reproduced and manufactured for the masses. Now, it's more design; I think commercially."

Durr begins with tracing paper. "As I draw the pattern I think of how it's going to repeat, how this flower is going to have to fall next to that one," she says. "It's important that you can't see where it seams together." Once she has the design, she works with Pat Kennedy, her "digital person," to make it seamless, then sends it to The Highland Studio in Philipstown for printing.

Eventually, Durr hopes to create her own line of fabrics. "I think in coordinates: duvet cover/pillow," she says. "And I look for fabrics which can be washed and dried [without bleeding]. When I began, you dreaded getting caught in a rainstorm. All of this has stemmed from experimenting. It was just a process that kept working, and I keep incorporating more and more into it."



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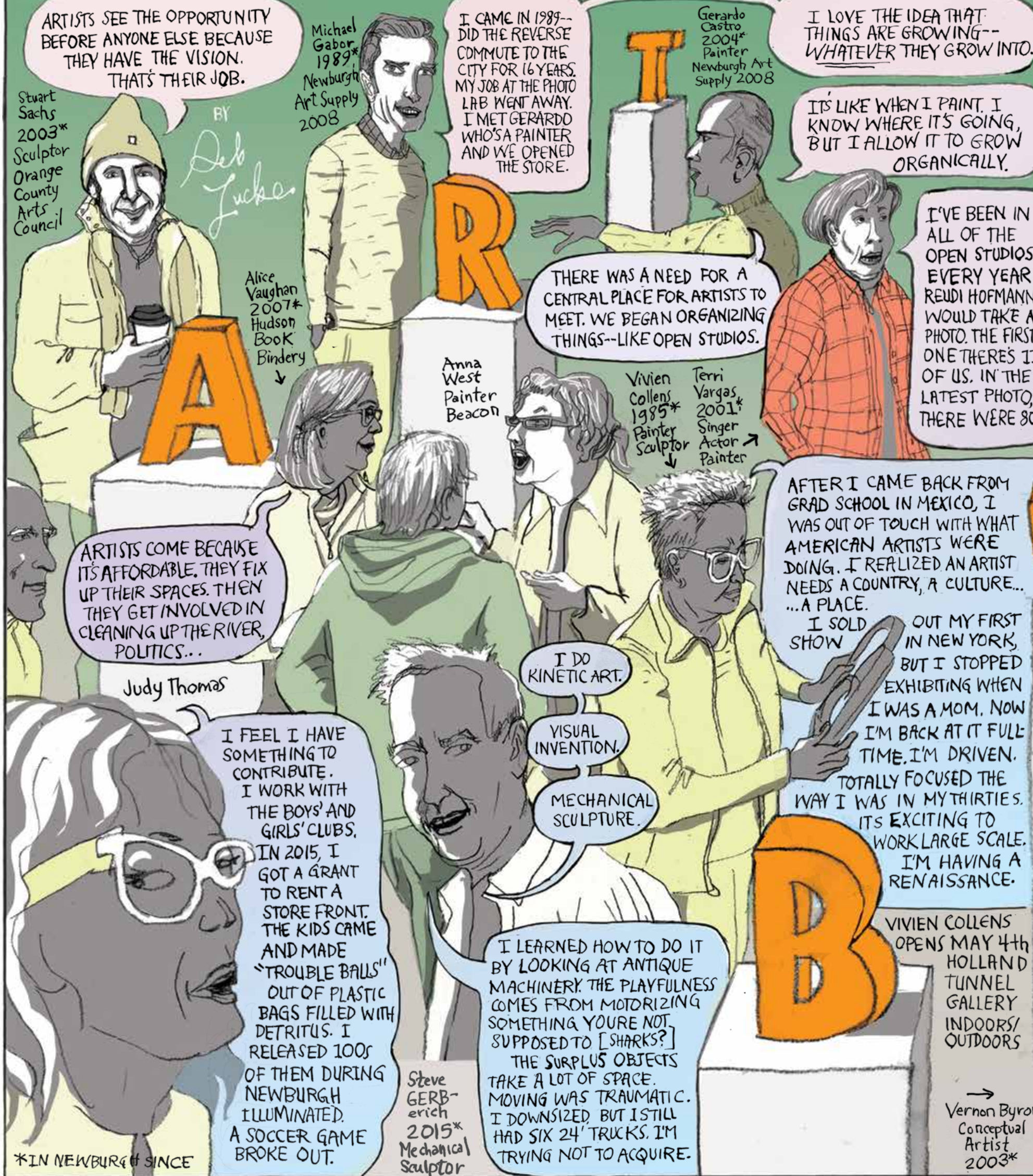
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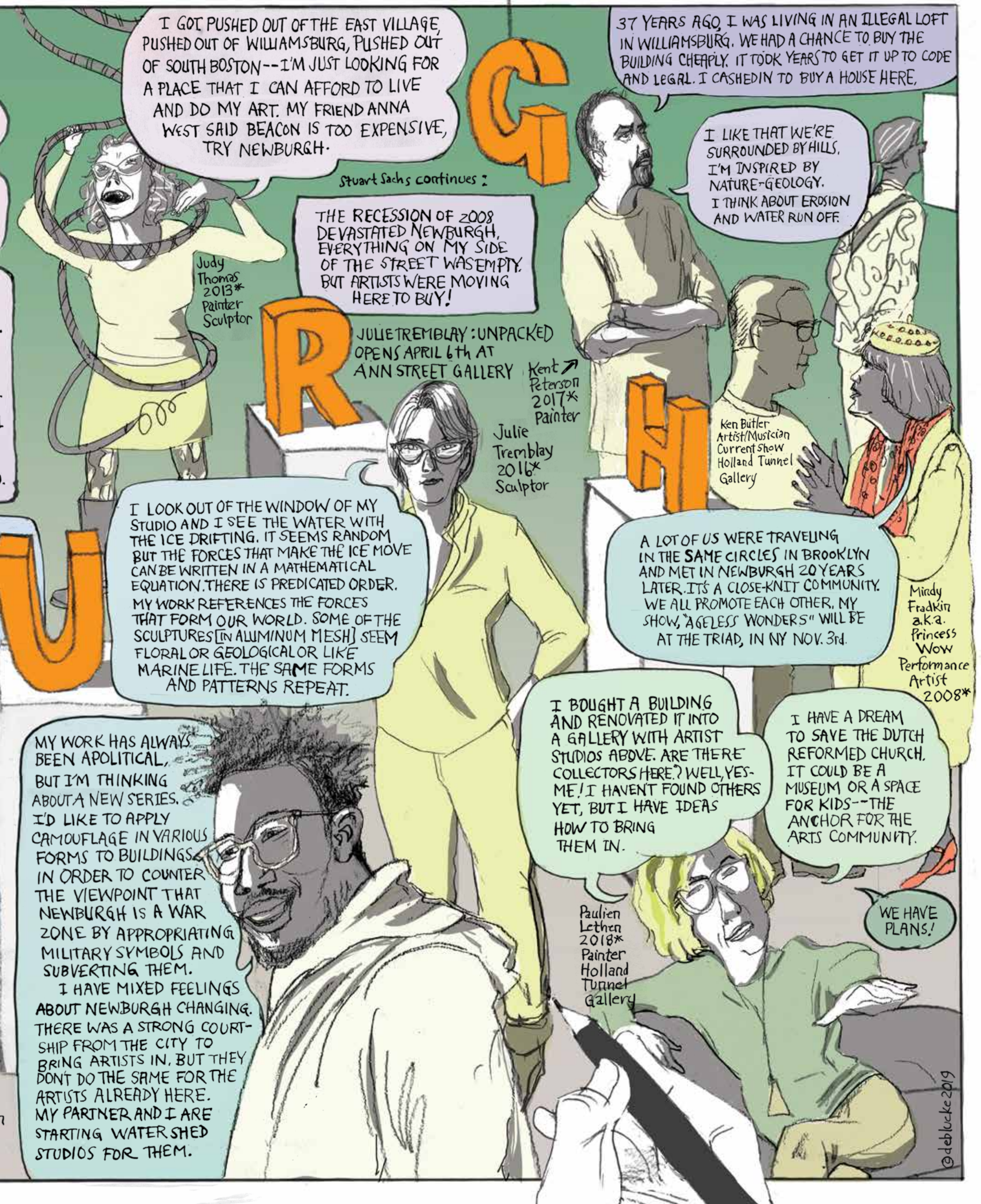
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The artists are moving to Newburgh and nothing is the same. Pop-ups are popping up. Happenings are happening. The smell of turpentine is in the air. So who are these harbingers of change and what are their stories? Deb Lucke grabs her sketchbook and heads over the river to talk to a few.





THE WEEK AHEAD

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



Pet Portrait Auction, April 1



COMMUNITY

SAT 30 Tattoo Fest

POUGHKEEPSIE

2 – 11 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
hudsonvalleytattooofest.com

More than 200 artists will show their work and take appointments. There will also be live music, food and a “puppy burlesque” show with adoptable dogs. Also, SUN 31. *Cost: \$24*

SUN 31 Castle to River Run

GARRISON

7:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive | 845-424-4618
bit.ly/castle-river

This annual race, rescheduled from November, features views of the Highlands. Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with the 50k race (\$65 fee) at 8 a.m., the half-marathon (\$45) at 9 a.m., the 5K (\$25) at 9:30 a.m. and the youth 1-mile (free) at 11:30 a.m.

SUN 31 Soup4Greens

BEACON

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. VFW Hall
413 Main St. | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Purchase bowls of soup donated by restaurants and individuals to benefit Greens4Greens, a food program organized by Common Ground Farm and the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County's Green Teens.

MON 1 Pet Portrait Auction

BEACON

7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Beacon Bagel
466 Main St. | 845-440-6958
beaconartadventures.com/pet-portraits-2019

Bid through April 11 on children's portraits of dogs and cats waiting for adoption at Mid-Hudson Animal Aid, the Animal Rescue Foundation and other shelters. Above are Dixiedoo, Radda and Tyke, who says by way of introduction that he is “a friendly little dude with good manners and a sturdy constitution. I am quite agile and will dance on my hind legs for a treat.”

WED 3 New York Harbor and Tributary Study Public Meeting

POUGHKEEPSIE

5 p.m. Hudson Valley Community Center
110 Grand Ave. | bit.ly/hudson-trib-study

Get an update from the Army Corp of Engineers and share your thoughts on the options being considered for the Hudson River to manage sea-level rise and increased flooding. Or email comments to nynjharbor.tribstudy@usace.army.mil.

WED 3 Welcome to Cold Spring

COLD SPRING

6:30 – 8 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

New to the village? Stop by the library for an introduction and to meet friends.

FRI 5 Coffee with a Cop

PHILIPSTOWN

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Pantry
3091 Route 9 | 845-225-4300
putnamsheriff.com

Join Putnam County Sheriff's Deputy Anthony Tolve for coffee and conversation.

SAT 6 White Elephant Sale

GARRISON

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. St. Philip's Parish House
1101 Route 9D | 845-424-4209
stphilipshighlands.org

Shop for toys, clothing, books and gently used household items at this annual fundraiser for the St. Philip's Nursery School. Early birds can pay \$5 for entry at 8:30 a.m.

SAT 6 Putnam Highlands Audubon Society Annual Dinner

COLD SPRING

5 – 9 p.m. Old VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave.
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Eric Lind, the former director of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center, will be honored for his decades

of conservation work, and birders Ian Kingsley, Charlie Roberto and Kyle Bardwell will discuss their citizen scientist work. *Cost: \$60*



Eric Lind

SAT 6 Spring Thaw

BEAR MOUNTAIN

6 – 10 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn
3020 Seven Lakes Drive | gcef.net

The annual Garrison Children's Education Fund event will include dancing, dinner, drinks and a silent auction. *Cost: \$115*

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 30 Student Chess Tournament

COLD SPRING

9:45 a.m. Haldane Elementary
15 Craigside Drive | bit.ly/haldane-chess

Trophies will be awarded to the top five players in each section, which includes unrated rookies (grades K-4, four rounds, no clocks), reserves (K-12 rated up to 700) and championship (players 700+). Scholarships are available. Register online. *Cost: \$35 (\$45 door)*

SAT 30 Lily Red's Journey Through Tale Town

GARRISON

3 & 4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
brownpapertickets.com/event/4189693

The Depot's Young Players (Wyatt Rose Chadwick, Allegra Clementson, Carla Coleman, Nomie Karetny, Diem Lee, Gabriel Marzollo, Caelan Mcdermott, Emily McPherson, Dean Moyer, Ora Nobel, Suvi O'Shea, Natalie Taylor, Sophia Taylor and Emily Wynn) will present this play written by Kalista Sale Parrish. *Cost: \$3*

FRI 5 Brooklyn Castle

COLD SPRING

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

This 2012 documentary follows five members of the chess team at an inner-city junior high school that has won more national championships than any other in the country. It is part of the Reel Life Film Club for students in grades 6 to 8. *Free*

SAT 6 Easter Egg Hunt

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. McConville Park
4 High St. | 845-265-3191

The Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold its annual community event for children ages 8 and younger. Bring your own basket.

SAT 6 Lambing and Kidding

COLD SPRING

Noon. Glynwood | 362 Glynwood Road
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Meet baby animals while learning about how to care for sheep and goats. *Free*

SUN 7 The Babysitter from Another Planet

COLD SPRING

10:15 a.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

Author and illustrator Stephen Savage will read from his latest book. *Free*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 30 Ajuma

PEEKSKILL

3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100
hudsonvalleymoca.org

The spoken-word and visual artist Katori Walker will present this one-person show based on seminal moments in generations of her family that involved escape, abuse, love and legacy. A

question and answer session will follow. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 members)*

FRI 5 Ariane One-Act Play Festival

GARRISON

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

In this ninth annual event to honor Ariane Orenstein, an Aery Theatre member who died of cancer in 2011 at age 51, actors will perform six one-act plays written by local playwrights. For mature audiences. Also SAT 6, SUN 7. *Cost: \$22 (\$17 students, seniors)*

SUN 7 Comedy All Stars

FISHKILL

5 – 8 p.m. Ramada Inn
524 Route 9 | 845-838-0096
facebook.com/pitchforkids

The eighth biannual comedy show, which features Joey Gay, Dan McRitchie, Adam Izzo and Gene Trifolo, benefits the Hudson Valley Renegades' Pitch for Kids program. Phone to reserve tickets, or email zolz@hvrenegades.com. *Cost: \$24*

VISUAL ART

SAT 30 Forces of Nature

NELSONVILLE

6 – 9 p.m. Create Community
11 Peekskill Road
createcommunityspace.com

Samantha Palmeri, a painter and former director of Beacon Open Studios, curated and is part of this show with Jean Brennan and Greg Slick.

FRI 5 Another Point of View

COLD SPRING

5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St. | 845-809-5145
busterlevigallery.com

Brian Nice, a photographer who suffered a brain injury in 2009 that changed his vision, presents some of his latest work. See Page 9.



Brooklyn Castle, April 5

SAT 6
Members Show

BEACON
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
howlandculturalcenter.org
The work of more than 40 artists will be included in this annual exhibit curated by Jan Dolan and Jean Noack.

SAT 6
Catherine Welshman, George Mansfield and Margot Kingon

BEACON
5 – 9 p.m. Catalyst Gallery | 137 Main St.
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com
The group show, which features new work by each artist, will continue through April 28.

SUN 7
Pysanky Egg Masterclass

PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100
hudsonvalleymoca.org
Jennifer Santa Maria will explain the historical significance of the traditional Ukrainian craft of pysanky before leading students as they design and create their own by layering beeswax and dyes over an eggshell. Bring an empty egg carton. Recommended for ages 12 and older. *Cost: \$40 (\$35 members)*



TALKS & TOURS

SUN 31
Land Use and Forest Regeneration in Putnam County

PUTNAM VALLEY
11 a.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org
Hiker and historian Ed Illiano will recount the story of Putnam through the lens of land use and forest regeneration. *Free*

SUN 31
How to Identify Birds

PHILIPSTOWN
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Pete Salmonsohn of the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will lead an interactive program on bird identification for adults and children ages 8 and older. *Free*

THURS 4
Israel Putnam: Hero of the Revolution

FORT MONTGOMERY
7 p.m. Fort Montgomery | 690 Route 9W
845-446-2134 | parks.ny.gov
Robert Ernest Hubbard is the author of a new biography of Gen. Israel Putnam (1718–1790), who played key roles in both the French and Indian War and the American



Eric Gales, April 6

Revolution. (It was Putnam who reportedly gave the command “Don’t fire until you see the whites of their eyes” at the Battle of Bunker Hill.) Reservation by phone required. *Cost: \$5 donation (\$3 members)*

FRI 5
Erin Somers: Stay Up with Hugo Best

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com
Somers, who lives in Beacon, will read from her debut novel about a writer’s assistant who, after losing her job on a comedy show, spends a weekend with the much older comedian she worked with.

SAT 6
Writing the Voice of the Body

BEACON
10 a.m. Beahive
291 Main St. | beahivebzzz.com
Led by poet Edwin Torres, this is first of four two-hour creative writing workshops that feature performance, movement and sensory exercises. *Cost: \$35 (\$100 for series)*

SAT 6
Community Eco-Action Day

GARRISON
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Speakers organized by the Philipstown Garden Club will discuss how to reduce your carbon footprint, including through home-energy efficiency, net-zero construction and transportation. Register at eco_action_day.eventbrite.com. *Free*

MUSIC

SAT 30
Jim Kweskin and Samoa Wilson

PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280
brownpapertickets.com/event/4034168
The duo plays “a mixture of

jazz, swing folk, blues and old-timey music with a contemporary style.” Back in the day, the Jim Kweskin Jug Band opened for Janis Joplin; Peter, Paul, & Mary; Linda Ronstadt and The Doors. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 students and seniors)*

SAT 30
Thumbscrew

NEWBURGH
8 p.m. Atlas Studios | 11 Spring St.
845-391-8855 | atlasnewburgh.com
Mary Halvorson, Michael Formanek and Tomas Fujiwara will play original jazz and their interpretation of the standards. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*



SUN 31
Alexi Kenney and Renana Gutman

BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandmusic.org
The violinist and pianist will perform, as part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle series, a program that includes *Sonata for Violin and Keyboard BWV 1016* by Bach, *Airs du Rossignol et Marche Chinois* by Stravinsky, *Sonata No. 10, Op. 96* by Beethoven, *L'Eraclito Amoroso* by Strozzi, and *Sonata No. 3* by George Enescu. *Cost: \$30 (\$10 students)*

SUN 31
Celtic Woman

WEST POINT
5 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Pitcher Road | 845-938-4159
ikehall.com
The four members of Celtic Woman — vocalists Mairéad Carlin, Éabha McMahon and Megan Walsh and violinist Tara McNeill — celebrate the music and cultural heritage of Ireland. The group is accompanied by an orchestra and a band of drums and pipes, along with dancers. *Cost: \$45*

SAT 6
Collective Brass Quintet

BEACON
7 p.m. St. Joachim’s Church
51 Leonard St. | 845-838-0915
collectivebrass.com
The group, formed in 2016, will perform selections from its latest release, *Thy Sweet Name*.

SAT 6
Pluck and Rail

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
howlandculturalcenter.org
George Gierer (guitar, banjo, lead vocals), Andrew Sussman (cello, mandolin, vocals), Zach Swanson (bass) and Nicholas Lieto (trumpet, flugelhorn, percussion) will play acoustic originals. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 6
Eric Gales

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Gales grew up in a musical family with four brothers, three of whom (including Eric) learned to play guitar upside-down and left-handed. Gales recorded two albums for Elektra Records (the first at age 16) before he and his brothers teamed up for a third called *Left Hand Brand*. Chris Raabe will join him. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 7
Women’s Work: Sisterhood of Harmony

BEACON
2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
howlandculturalcenter.org
Women singers, songwriters and bands — including Lydia Adams Davis; the B2s; the Beacon High School Singers with Susan Wright; Judy Kass; Marji Zintz; Noga & Phoebe; Goldee Greene; Colleen Kattau; Amy Laber; and the Trouble Sisters, among others — will perform at this benefit for the Sloop Woody Guthrie. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SUN 7
Richard Shindell

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Shindell, a singer and songwriter who divides his time between the Hudson Valley and Buenos Aires, released his first album, *Sparrow’s Point*, in 1992, and his most recent, *Careless*, in 2016. He will be joined by Chihoe Hahn, who lives in Cornwall. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

CIVIC

MON 1
City Council

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

TUES 2
Putnam County Legislature

CARMEL
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountyny.com
The Legislature is expected to vote on a resolution that asks the state to repeal the recently enacted Reproductive Health Act.

TUES 2
School Board

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane Music Room
15 Craigside Drive | 845-265-9254
haldaneschool.org

TUES 2
Board of Trustees

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

TUES 2
Swearing-In Ceremony

NELSONVILLE
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov
Following the March 19 election, three newcomers to the Village Board — the mayor and two trustees — will be sworn in.

WED 3
Code Update Committee

COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Cold Spring Firehouse
152 Main St. | 845-265-3611
coldspringny.gov

At this public hearing, residents will be invited to provide input on the Procedures category, including: Conservation and Façade Easements; Demolition of Structures; Conservation Subdivisions; Subdivision Regulations; and Waterfront Consistency Review Law.

THURS 4
Town Board

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

CAMP GUIDE

4th Wall Theatre Camp (Wappingers Falls)

845-226-8099 | 4thwallproductions.org

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845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

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Hudson Valley Shakespeare (Cold Spring)

845-809-5750 x13 | hvshakespeare.org

Kid's Place (Beacon)

845-838-9934 | kidsplacebeacon.org

Manitoga Nature & Design (Garrison)

845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Manitou School (Cold Spring)

845-809-5695 | manitouschool.org

Philipstown Recreation

845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Renegades Baseball (Wappingers Falls)

renegadesbaseballcamps.com

Stony Kill Farm (Wappingers Falls)

845-831-3800 | stonykill.org

Surprise Lake Camp (Cold Spring)

845-265-3616 | surpriselake.org

SUMMER CAMPS



Down and Dirty on the Farm (Camp)

Stony Kill welcomes summer explorers

By Michael Turton

What sets the Stony Kill Summer Explorers camp apart is that campers not only get a taste of nature, they also get a helping of life on the farm.

The camp is located at the state-owned Stony Kill Farm and Environmental Education Center on Route 9D just north of Beacon amidst 1,000 acres that include rolling countryside, farmland, ponds, woodlands, meadows, and cultivated and fallow fields.

"We have sheep, cows, chickens and pigs," explains Program Director Stacey Lynch-Adams. "We're smaller, so our campers have one-on-one interaction with our counselors and educators." Head counselors are educators who have worked on the farm for one to three years.

The camp's size means bonds develop easily. "We often join together for group activities and many times the older chil-

dren work with our younger campers to complete projects," Lynch-Adams says.

The Stony Kill Foundation has operated the camp, which accepts children ages 4 to 12, since 2011 through an agreement with the state Department of Environmental Conservation, which acquired the site in the 1970s. It adds elements each year but also sticks with proven favorites.

"Kids love our weekly tractor rides around Stony Kill," Lynch-Adams says, adding that there is always food such as burgers made with local beef or vegetables harvested from the student garden. "The pond and our livestock, including Snowflake the lamb" are big draws, she says.

As part of Life on the Farm week, campers learn where their food comes from and what life is like for a farmer in the Hudson Valley. "Campers are surprised how difficult it is to run a farm and take care of even a small number of livestock," she says.

Children who don't want to get their hands dirty should look elsewhere for a camp. At Stony Kill, campers may find themselves working with livestock in

the barn, getting down and dirty with earthworms, searching for insects in the fields or digging in the gardens.

Bad weather does not grind Summer Explorers to a halt. On rainy days, programs shift to the air-conditioned barn classroom, upper barn and barnyard, lower barn workshop and the greenhouse.

The camps fill quickly because many kids return year after year. There are openings in the weeklong camp beginning June 17 (Project Discovery) but camps beginning June 24 (Life on the Farm), July 1 (The Great Outdoors) and July 8 (Wildlife) have waiting lists.

An overnight Girl Scout camp on July 15-16 and Boy Scout camp on July 18-19, as well as individual Monday and Thursday day camps offered from July 22 to Aug. 29, are still accepting participants. The latter focus on topics such as farm-to-table gardening, animal husbandry, pond ecology and homesteading.

The camps are \$250 per week (\$225 for members) or \$50 for the day camps. See stonykill.org.

Photos courtesy Stony Kill Farm

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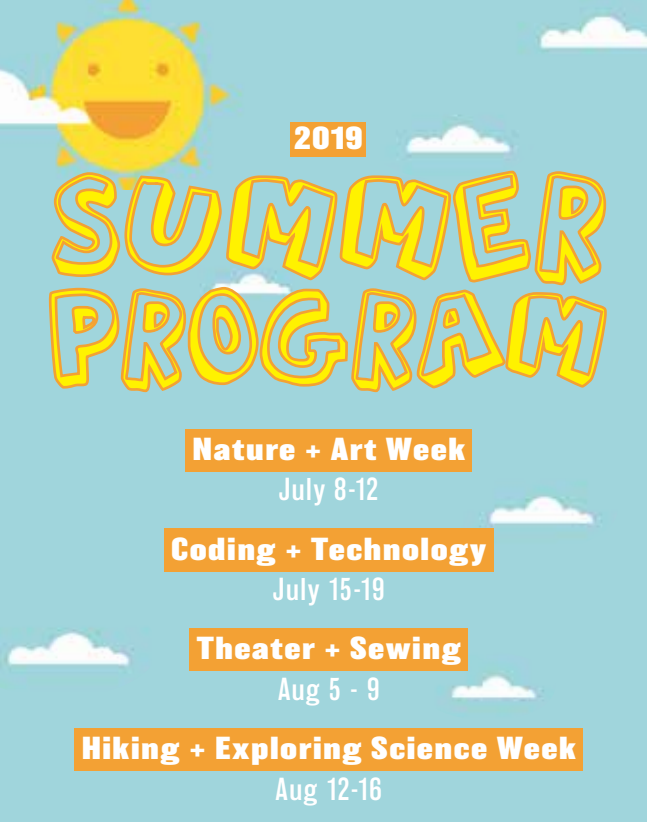
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April book club selections

Civil Rights Book Club

SUN 7, 2 P.M.

"The Discovery of What It Means to Be an American," in *Collected Essays*, by James Baldwin
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison

Helen Savoit Book Club

TUES 9, 1:30 P.M.

Pichinko, by Min Jin Lee
Howland Library, Beacon

Fiction Book Club

THURS 11, 7 P.M.

Who Was Changed and Who Was Dead, by Barbara Comyns
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Graphic Novel Book Club (for Adults)

TUES 16, 7 P.M.

Piero, by Edmond Baudoin
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

History Book Club

THURS 18, 7 P.M.

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States, by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Kids' Book Club

THURS 25, 4 P.M.

Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring

Beacon Book Club

THURS 25, 7:15 P.M.

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay, by Michael Chabon
Location available to members
meetup.com/Beacon-BookClub

Edible Book Club

SAT 27, 1 P.M.

VB6: Eat Vegan Before 6:00, by Mark Bittman
Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison
Call 845-424-3020 for location.

Butterfield Book Club

MON 29, 7 P.M.

Little Fires Everywhere, by Celeste Ng
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring

BABY and DOG



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Spencer Soloway and Alex Berke-Soloway of Beacon sent this shot of their son, Miles, with Zazie. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

ART BRIEFS

Council Awards Grants

Shakespeare Fest, Garrison Landing receive funds

The Putnam Arts Council awarded \$12,000 in grants for its annual Arts Link program after considering requests for about \$88,000 in funding.

Among the grants was \$2,000 to the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to support its family nights and free family matinees; \$1,000 to Collaborative Concepts for its annual sculpture exhibit at Saunders Farm in Garrison; \$800 to the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley for a Friday night film series; and \$1,000 to support the annual Aery Theatre Company one-act play competi-

tion at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, which this year begins April 5.

Awesome in Newburgh

After votes, foundation awards three grants

The Awesome Newburgh Foundation on March 19 awarded \$1,000 grants to three projects after hearing 15 proposals and raising \$3,000 from spectators during a "pitch party."

Girls to Ladies will produce a teen-led, anti-violence, cooperative quilt called Making Piece; the Youth Arts Group, part of the Rural & Migrant Ministry, will organize a workshop on empowerment focused on art, justice and the disenfranchised; and

Newburgh Repair Cafe will create meeting places with tools, materials and on-hand experts for repairing objects.

The foundation's sponsors include the Cold Spring Cheese Shop and More Good Beacon. It was created in June to support artists, activists and small businesses with \$1,000 grants.

Call for Hudson Valley Photos

Ossining gallery to host exhibit

The Mariandale Center in Ossining has issued a call for entries for an exhibit of Hudson Valley photography it will mount in June.

Entrants in *The Hudson Valley Through a Lens* may price their entries for sale, with 25 percent of the sales price going to the center. All entries must be received by May 1 and address a nature theme. The entry fee is \$15 per image. See mariandale.org for guidelines.

Call for Miniature Dioramas

Garrison Art Center plans show

The Garrison Art Center has issued a call for miniature dioramas for a juried exhibit scheduled for June.

The dioramas may represent the interior of a room, or any interior, and can be realistic or abstract. They cannot weigh more than 5 pounds. The deadline is May 1. See bit.ly/gac-diorama for an entry form and guidelines.



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Family Trails

Land Records and Brick Walls

By Valerie LaRobardier

Courthouses provide genealogists with a rich source of records tailor-made to break down the worst research “brick walls.”

Because they are difficult to understand and find online, these records are often looked at last, or ignored. But keep in mind that, before 1850, some 90 percent of the male population owned land, making this an excellent way to learn about your ancestors.

Before you can research land records, you must select a geographical target. By composing a brief profile of your earliest known ancestor, you can make some deductions about where his parents likely lived when he was born.

Census records are a good place to start. If you are fortunate enough to have ancestors who lived in New York, its census records for 1825 through 1875 identified land ownership of the head of household.

Tax lists also are a valuable resource, provided they separately identify real and personal property. Even if they do not break it out, finding your ancestor on a tax list points to the likelihood he owned or leased land.

Don't overlook newspaper notices of foreclosures and auctions. Don't take it too hard — it was quite common at various periods of history and does not necessarily speak to failure of character.

While researching newspaper databases, copy any references that do not relate to land transactions. They will be helpful as your research progresses, and it may not be easy to find the same clipping a second time.

To ensure you are looking in the correct jurisdiction, refer to Alice Eichholz's *Red*



The original Putnam courthouse at one point held the county records. Detail from an 1854 map of Putnam County that shows property ownership

File photo by L.S. Armstrong

Book: American State, County and Town Sources, which is online at bit.ly/HC-red-book. It has tables for each state that show when each county was formed; its parent county, if any (e.g., Putnam County was taken from Dutchess); and how far back its records go. For New England states, the listing is by town, rather than county. The table is keyed to a map so you can spot neighboring areas.

It is always a good idea to delve into the history of an area using Google, USGenWeb.org or the American Local History Network (sites.rootsweb.com/~usallhn). The more you know about your target and the region, the better equipped you will be to find records.

Land records are not the easiest records to research. Familiarize yourself with the vocabulary:

GRANTEE: Buyer, person to whom property is transferred. Party of the second part.

GRANTOR: Seller, person transferring ownership to another. Party of the first part.

QUITCLAIM: A statement that the person signing relinquishes claim on the property, nothing more.

DEED OF TRUST: A notice that a debt is involved.

SURETY: One who guarantees payment of the debt.

DOWER: A wife's interest in her husband's property, inheritable at his death.

An excellent resource for these type of records is Christine Rose's *Courthouse Research for Family Historians*. Much of it will not make a lot of sense until you have gone through the process of finding and analyzing a few deeds. Use it as a reference and learn as you go — it will get easier with each trip.

I would also recommend that you practice reading the handwriting of whichever clerk made the entries. When researching names such as Lawson, for example, you may find that the name appears as “Loffing.” (Happened to me!)

When you arrive at the courthouse, make a beeline to the indices. For deeds, there will be two for each “chunk” of the alphabet, a grantee and a grantor index. Finding the page for your target surname can be a bit of a challenge. Let's say you are looking for your Bigalo ancestor who arrived in Putnam County around 1830. First consult the grantee index A-D for 1812-1869.

These books use what is called a Graves Tabular index, so we want to look at the

B table; go down the side to the I rows; and then look across in the row that includes G to find that the page number is 120. Easy, right?

The tables are usually found on the inside cover or near the front of the book. Make a list of the volume and page number of any deeds that look promising and repeat the process with the other indexes. When you locate the deeds, make copies of those that appear relevant because you will likely need to study them carefully later to glean all the information.

Because we live in the digital age, you don't need to visit the courthouse or records office: The Family History Library in Salt Lake City has posted scans of New York records at familysearch.org, organized by county. See bit.ly/HC-land-records. The original deeds in Putnam are housed at the County Archives in Brewster.

This will all seem far less daunting when a deed uncovered this way gives you a boost over your brick wall.

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Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (March 1869)

Cold Spring held its annual election, and 402 voters turned out. There were eight candidates for trustee, six for assessor, two for collector, two for treasurer, two for clerk, four for street commissioner, four for fire warden and two for poundmaster. However, one elected trustee, Samuel Burrows, refused to serve, saying he had been nominated without consent, so the village



William H. Osborn as a young man

board had only four members.

The editor of the *Putnam County Recorder* marked its fourth year of existence by noting that “the difficulty of doing right, as a journalist, will be readily seen, if we reflect [on] how few there are who agree upon the course which is right.”

Edward Hein, the proprietor of the Fountain Head House, corrected a report that John Powers had been robbed of his watch at the establishment. He said that the watch had been found the next day in the wagon that Powers and his friends took home.

A destitute German woman and her toddler got off the train at Cold Spring in search of a relative or friend who had worked several years earlier at the Nelsonville brewery. She was taken in by a resident for a few days and given new clothes and a train ticket to Buffalo.

After shooting and wounding an eagle on Constitution Island, David Robinson gave the bird to Mr. Batterfuss to kill and stuff.

Charlotte Purdy of Cold Spring charged Carpenter Aickley of Peekskill, whom she married the previous fall, with bigamy. In Cold Spring court, Aickley was confronted by three women “who did not appear to be so angry with him as they did with each other,” the *Recorder* noted. One testified she and Aickley had been married for 12 years and had five children.

A disheveled woman who apparently spent a night in the mountains was brought by ferry to Cold Spring by William Rose, who lives opposite the village. The woman said she had escaped from a Newburgh workhouse and was climbing the rocks to reach her friends in Peekskill.

125 Years Ago (March 1894)

James Smith arrived with a train carload of western horses from Kansas that received considerable attention as they were led up Main Street.

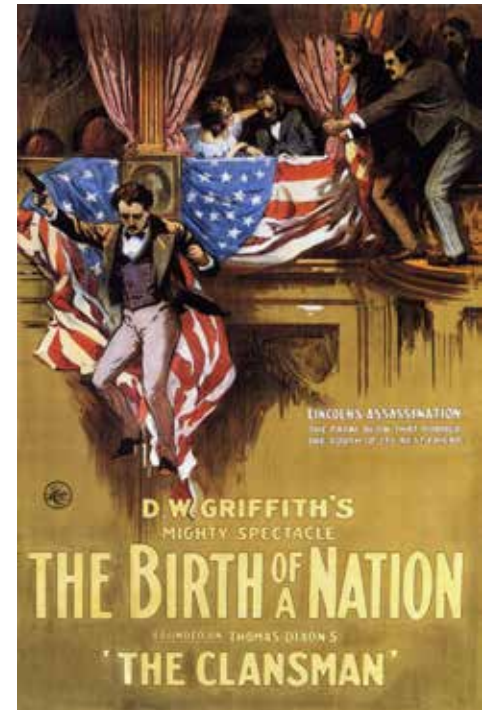
The keeper of the West Point lighthouse was removed from duty after a report that he had led a political parade while in uniform.

Dr. Longnecker, the village dentist, announced he had added to his instruments a Weber-Perry Cord Engine and a Buckingham Engine Mallet.

The state approved an application by the Cold Spring Fish and Game Association for 20,000 trout fry to be placed in Philipstown streams.

Thomas Coe hosted a “pillow-case-and-sheet” party in which the men and women retreated to separate rooms, were encased in the bedding and a mask, and proceeded to the parlor for a series of marches accompanied by piano.

The body of William H. Osborn, 74, was brought from New York City to Garrison for burial at St. Philip’s Church. Osborn was a retired railroad executive and noted philanthropist, particularly for the New York Society for the Relief of the Ruptured and Crippled. He owned a large home in Garrison.



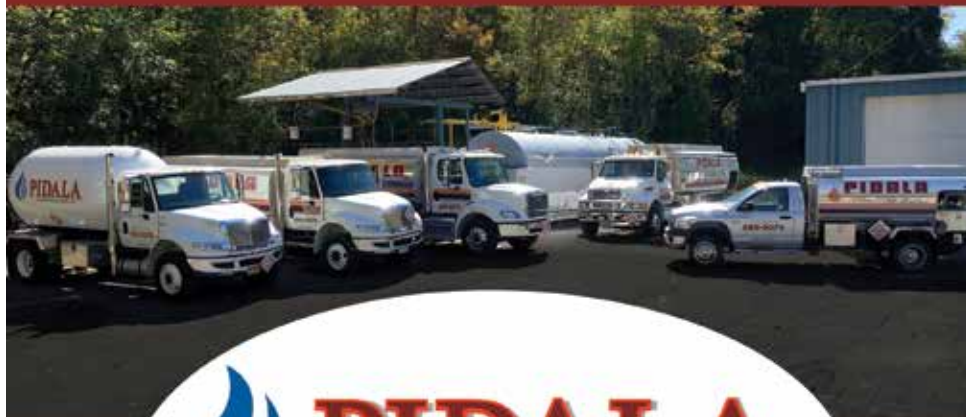
In 1919, a Peekskill theater showed D.W. Griffith’s film daily on a loop.

The Haldane Debating Club considered the questions: “Resolved, that idleness should be forbidden by law, and work be provided by the State for all those who cannot find employment for themselves” and “Resolved, that Canada will in time become an independent nation like the United States.”

Francis Butterfuss reported a locket containing pictures of himself, his wife, mother-in-law and child was taken from

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his coat pocket as he slept in his barber chair. (It was found four days later on the floor in a corner.)

The Presbyterian Church held a “pie social” in which each guest was given two random pieces and tried to write out the recipes.

James Parker, a former resident of Cold Spring, was in town as a traveling salesman for the Keebler-Weyl Baking Co., which makes cakes and crackers.

It was reported that as many as 50 garter and adder snakes, measuring 10 inches to 2 feet, were killed within two days at the north end of Constitution Island.

A man attempted to give a baby to the village overseer of the poor, William King, who refused, saying he was a bachelor and knew nothing about babies. He suggested the man take the infant to the Garrison poormaster.

100 Years Ago (March 1919)

The state attorney general sent a representative to a Cold Spring Village Board meeting to investigate why the provisions in Julia Butterfield’s will to build a hospital and a library had not yet been fulfilled.

The state noted that in Putnam County, one of every 11 people owned a car. There

also were six auto dealers, 45 motorcycles and 288 men employed as chauffeurs.

The Colonial Theatre in Peekskill advertised a *Birth of a Nation* promotion in which D.W. Griffith’s blockbuster, adapted from a novel called *The Clansmen*, was screened continuously daily from 1:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

75 Years Ago (March 1944)

In a basketball fundraiser in Haldane’s gym to benefit the American Red Cross and the Philipstown Milk Fund, the Junior CYO team defeated St. Patrick’s Senior CYO of Newburgh, 36-27, and the St. Joachim Cardinals of Beacon edged the St. Patrick’s Junior CYO. The event raised \$150 [about \$2,200].

Sgt. Fred Brewer of Beacon, whose sister lived on Cherry Street in Cold Spring, was killed in action on March 13 during a bombing raid over Germany.

Leo Dillon, Putnam County’s newly appointed agricultural agent, noted that men younger than 26 were still eligible for farm deferments from military service.

50 Years Ago (March 1969)

WBNR in Beacon raised \$12,000 [\$85,000] during a radiothon for Mary Ann Cox Daniels, 22, a parishioner at Our Lady of Loretto who needed a kidney transplant.

Dr. Joseph Pittelli, a Cold Spring pediatrician, spoke to members of the Butterfield Hospital Auxiliary about raising children. He noted that doctors had discovered that amphetamines were effective in treating hyperactivity.

The newly formed United Taxpayers Association, with about 40 members, held

its first meeting at the Plaza Restaurant in Cold Spring. “We better wise up or be wiped out, tax-wise,” the group announced.

John Zuvic, Haldane’s all-time leading basketball scorer, was named the sectional player of the year. “John is the best player ever to come out of the school,” said Coach John Rath.

William Dardess Jr., who was mayor of Cold Spring from 1942 to 1951, died at age 67. He was a charter member and the first president of the Cold Spring Lions Club and a charter member of the Philipstown Rod & Gun Club.

David Boulanger of Nelsonville, a member of a Marines mortar crew, received a Purple Heart after being injured in Vietnam.

Anthony Mazzuca defeated incumbent Nelsonville Mayor Douglas Knapp, 144-77, and challenger Louis Rodino unseated incumbent Trustee Carlyle Tompkins, 115-100.

James Corless, the rural mail carrier, had a close call during his rounds when the driveshaft of his 1969 station wagon dropped out on Lake Surprise Road. A nut was missing on a bolt that held up the rear end.

A model of a proposed Cold Spring Lions Recreational Park and Swimming Pool was placed in the showcase of Sam Sunday’s barber shop for public inspection.

A panel of six Haldane seniors shared their views at a PTA gathering on the issues of the day. They were asked for their opinions on student activists, the “black revolt” and the high school’s new dress code.

Beacon Pop Warner Football announced that the Philipstown Packers would join its league.

25 Years Ago (March 1994)

Sean McDonald, 26, a New York City police officer who had moved to Cold Spring with his wife and three young children the year before, was shot and killed on March 15 while attempting to arrest two robbery suspects in the Bronx. Both suspects were caught within 48 hours, convicted of murder and sentenced to 25 years to life. His killers became eligible for release this month and will have their next parole hearings in 2020.

The Putnam County Legislature agreed to solicit bids to re-assess all properties in Philipstown. One issue on the table was the disparity in school taxes between the Haldane and Garrison districts.

U.S. Sen. Alfonse D’Amato announced that he would not seek the Republican nomination for governor, instead endorsing state Sen. George Pataki, a resident of Garrison. At the same time, U.S. Rep. Hamilton Fish announced he would not run for a 14th term because he was battling prostate cancer.

Brian Kenny, the tax assessor for Phil-



What they drove in 1919: a Ford Model T pickup

ipstown, expressed concern that the 3,000 acres acquired by the Open Space Institute, including the Malcolm Gordon School, would mean the loss of \$420,000 in revenue if the land all became tax exempt.

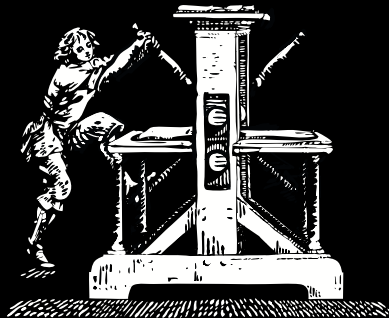
Three people — a couple from Peekskill and a man from Ossining — were charged with distributing crack cocaine in Cold Spring.

More than 70 volunteer firefighters battled a blaze at a boys’ dormitory at St. Basil’s Academy in Garrison started by an

unattended candle while the boys were at a prayer service.

The Haldane girls’ basketball team reached the Final Four of the state Class C tournament but lost to the eventual champion, St. Johnsville, 64-58. Before facing Haldane, the Saints had won 52 straight games by an average margin of nearly 50 points. The Blue Devils were led by Jen Moran, who ended her five-year Haldane basketball career with 1,776 career points, three Final Four appearances and a team record of 97-15.

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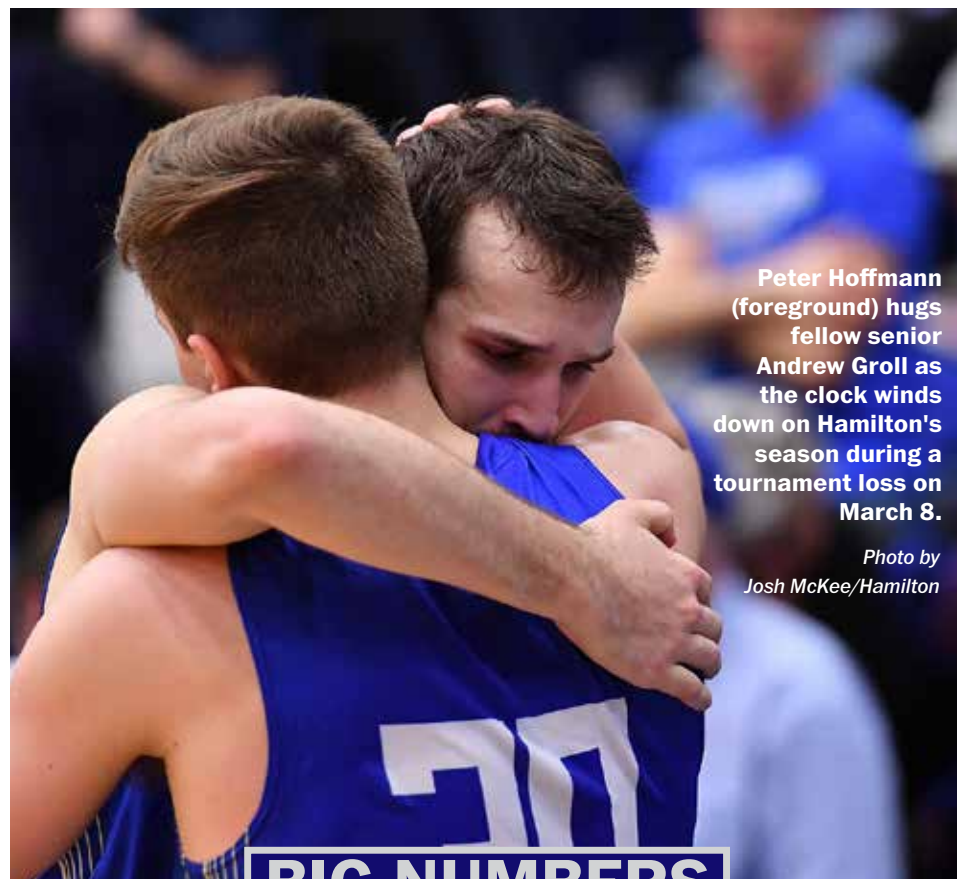
Student Athletes Honored for Academics

State names scholar-athlete teams

Four Haldane and six Beacon winter sports teams were recognized for their collective scholastic achievement by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

To qualify as a Scholar-Athlete team, 75 percent of the roster had to achieve a grade-point average of 90 or higher. At Haldane, the boys' and girls' basketball and track teams qualified, and at Beacon, the bowling, track, boys' swimming, and girls' basketball teams received the honor.

To be named an individual scholar-athlete, a student must have a GPA of 90 or higher. Haldane had 13 basketball players and 15 track athletes who were honored, while Beacon had 15 basketball players, 15 bowlers, 44 track athletes, 10 boys' swimmers and five wrestlers named.



Peter Hoffmann (foreground) hugs fellow senior Andrew Groll as the clock winds down on Hamilton's season during a tournament loss on March 8.

Photo by Josh McKee/Hamilton

BIG NUMBERS

1,488

Points scored by Peter Hoffmann (Haldane Class of 2015) during his four-year basketball career at Hamilton College. The season ended for the Continentals (25-5) on March 8 when they lost in the third round of the NCAA Division III tournament. In February Hoffmann was one of 10 players selected for the all-conference team of the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

PETER HOFFMANN

51

Career field-goal percentage

ALLIE MONTELEONE

82

Career free-throw percentage

1,138

Points scored by Allie Monteleone (Haldane '15) during her four-year basketball career at Pace University. The Setters (10-18) did not qualify for the post-season. Monteleone's teammate, sophomore Lauren Schetter of Beacon, earned an honorable mention for Pace on the all-conference team.



Dan Santos returns to the mound this season for the Blue Devils.

File photo

Haldane Sports (from Page 24)

BASEBALL

The team opened its 2019 campaign on Monday (March 25) on the road, and the results were good — the Blue Devils offense flexed its muscles in a 14-4 victory over Alexander Hamilton.

Sophomore right-hander Dan Santos picked up the victory in relief of starter Alden Dobosz. Senior third baseman and captain Adam Hotaling provided three RBI, going 3-for-5, with a double. Sophomore first baseman Vincenzo Scanga also drove in three runs, going 3-for-5, and Dobosz, a senior shortstop and another captain, went 4-for-5 and drove in a run.

"We were a little better offensively than I expected," said Manager Simon Dudar, who took over this year when Tom Virgadamo stepped down after 10 seasons. "We had 14 hits, but we also had 16 strikeouts, which is way too many. We played errorless ball until the sixth inning, and our pitchers only allowed one earned run."

Haldane returns a strong nucleus from last year's 10-10 team, which lost in the Section 1, Class C semifinals. It will miss four-year starters Dan Rotondo and Aiden Siegel, gone to graduation, but returns six starters, including five seniors who are four-year veterans of the varsity.

"We'll look to improve on last year's success," said Dudar. "We'll continue doing

things as we have been doing them. I'm excited about the opportunity to move into this position, and I'm looking forward to playing for a championship with these guys. I know the guys and they know me, so it's easy for them to make the transition."

The returning starters include Dobosz, Hotaling, senior outfielder/pitcher Kyle Kisslinger, senior second baseman/pitcher Matt Mikalsen and senior centerfielder Devin Siegel. Also returning are junior rightfielder Kole Bolte, Santos, sophomore catcher Jonathan Bradley and Scanga. Sophomore Alex Ferdico and juniors Blake Bolte and Christian Alvarez also return.

Dobosz, Santos and Hotaling will be the top pitchers, with Mikalsen and freshman righthander Robert Viggiano available for spot starts.

"We have three solid pitchers, and a solid defense," Dudar said. "We're hoping that will carry us through games."

Santos, Siegel, Hotaling and Dobosz will fill the top four spots in the lineup, and Dudar is hoping for lots of excitement.

"Adam is our big popper," he said of Hotaling. "We like to get the table set for him. The rest of the guys are trying to get on and get over. We want to get a couple of runs across and slam the door shut" with pitching and defense.

The Blue Devils are scheduled to play Tuckahoe at Dutchess Stadium at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, before traveling to Hastings on April 4.

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Current

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Saturday

68/48

Variable cloudiness

POP: 25%

S 6-12 mph

RealFeel 66/49

Sunday

51/29

Cloudy and cooler with spotty showers

POP: 70%

NNW 7-14 mph

RealFeel 49/25

Monday

48/27

Sunny

POP: 5%

N 7-14 mph

RealFeel 49/25

Tuesday

50/32

Mostly cloudy

POP: 10%

ESE 6-12 mph

RealFeel 50/22

Wednesday

50/32

Partly sunny

POP: 15%

NE 8-16 mph

RealFeel 43/28

Thursday

57/41

Milder with times of clouds and sun

POP: 15%

SSW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 57/39

Friday

62/40

Chance for a couple of afternoon showers

POP: 30%

SW 4-8 mph

RealFeel 64/38

Snowfall

Past week

Trace

Month to date

5.8"

Normal month to date

4.1"

Season to date

31.5"

Normal season to date

31.2"

Last season to date

50.9"

Record for 3/27

2.0" (1959)

SUN & MOON

Sunrise today

6:43 AM

Sunset tonight

7:18 PM

Moonrise today

4:05 AM

Moonset today

1:55 PM

New

First

Full

Last

Apr 5

Apr 12

Apr 19

Apr 26

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CROSSCURRENT

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ACROSS

1. Jewel

4. Appointment

8. Con job

12. Boxing legend

13. Big story

14. — Major

15. Medieval entertainer

17. Anger

18. “— lazy river ...”

19. Extreme

21. Assault

24. Heavy weight

25. Hawaiian neckwear

26. With it

28. Complete range

32. Exam format

34. Illustrations

36. Soybean paste

37. Eastern potentate (Var.)

39. LummoX

41. Profit

42. Needlefish

44. Aplenty

46. Graham of “Monty Python”

50. Bay State sch.

51. Humdinger

52. Alternatives to station wagons

56. Israeli airline

57. Carbon compound

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59. Roll up

60. Almost black

61. Knock

DOWN

1. Leg, slangily

2. Yale student

3. Little details

4. Break off

5. Spring mo.

6. Layer

7. Brilliance

8. Older spelling for a South American country

9. Gator’s cousin

10. Largest continent

11. Shoppers’ mecca

16. Hot tub

20. Pooch

21. Lotion additive

22. Expression

23. Sedona automaker

27. Expert

29. Labyrinth beast

30. Addict

31. Carry

33. Humorous hoax

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Answers for March 22 Puzzles

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Haldane SPORTS Preview

By Skip Pearlman

LACROSSE

The boys' lacrosse team flexed its muscles in its season opener on March 20, with the Blue Devils controlling Irvington in a 9-4 victory that was never in question.

"We were in control," said Coach Ed Crowe, "and we got going as the game progressed."

The Haldane team, which went 11-7 last season before losing in the Section 1, Class D quarterfinals to eventual state champion Pleasantville, returns virtually its entire starting lineup. They are 2-1 so far this season after a 9-4 loss to Eastchester and a 13-5 victory over Newburgh.

Against Irvington, junior attacker Mame Diba had two goals and two assists (including his 100th career point), sophomore midfielder Darrin Santos had two goals, and junior Jagger Beachak and senior captain Sam Giachinta each had a goal and two assists. Henry Weed, Riley Johansson and Thomas Percacciolo each had a goal, and keeper John Hankel had 12 saves.

"To have seven guys be scoring threats against a good Irvington team, that's always nice," Crowe said.

(Giachinta, who had four goals against Newburgh, joined Diba in the 100-point club in that game.)

The Blue Devils lost All-Section midfielder Brandon Twoguns and All-League mid-



Sam Giachinta (right) had a goal and two assists in the Blue Devils' season-opening lacrosse win over Irvington.

Photos by S. Pearlman

fielder Kyle Zimmerman to graduation in 2018, but senior Will Westerhuis, Beachak and Diba again lead the attack, Giachinta, Santos and Johansson are at midfield, and senior captain Josh Lisikatos, senior Brad Dowd and junior Alex Kubik anchor the defense. At goal, Hankel is in his fourth year as a starter.

"We have some good pieces in play," Crowe said. "If they continue to buy into sharing the ball, we have the potential to be very good."

Joining the team are juniors Jesse Sher-

man and Zeph Barrios, and Percacciolo, a senior, at midfield. "Their energy, aggressiveness, and ability to learn has impressed me," Crowe said. "Our depth will be one of our strengths."

SOFTBALL

The Blue Devils opened their season at home Monday (March 25) with an easy, 20-0 victory over Eastchester behind the pitching of junior Shianne Twoguns, who went five innings and allowed one hit while striking out eight.

"Shianne threw the ball very well," said Coach Nick Lisikatos of his co-captain. "The emotions were running on opening day, but she worked hard finding spots. We're always working toward fewer walks [Twoguns gave up four] and learning to find the corners."

Junior first baseman Abigail Platt went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs with a triple. Freshman catcher and co-captain Molly Siegel went 3-for-4 with two doubles and drove in two runs. Eighth-grader and All-League second baseman Mary Mikalsen drove in two runs and had a triple, and sophomore third baseman Sydney Warren went 3-for-3 with two RBI.

"We haven't seen much live pitching, but we had a plan to attack the strike zone," Lisikatos said. "Some of them need to be

more patient, and some need to be more aggressive."

He said junior Athena Stebe-Glorious did well in her first start in right field. She finished with three stolen bases, two hits and two putout throws.

The Blue Devils return nearly their entire lineup from last year's team, which finished just under .500 and lost in the first round of the Section 1 playoffs to eventual champion Pawling.

"Our expectations are to win a state championship," the coach said. "We want to get into sectionals, win some games and then anything is possible."

Besides Siegel and Twoguns, the other captains are junior shortstop Bela Monteleone and sophomore centerfielder Maria Barry. Sophomore leftfielder Rachel Iavicoli also returns.

The team will be looking to Twoguns, Mikalsen, Platt and Monteleone to provide offense at the top of the lineup.

"They'll be our catalysts," Lisikatos said. "Our strength will be pitching and defense — and some timely hitting."

The Blue Devils were scheduled to host Beacon at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 1, before traveling to Peekskill on April 2 and Palisades Prep on April 4.

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Junior softball captain Shianne Twoguns earned an opening-day victory with 8 strikeouts in five innings.