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Researcher Says Resolution Twisted Her Findings

*Says legislature did not
acknowledge protest*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

A health professor whose work is cited in a resolution passed on April 2 by the Putnam County Legislature condemning the state Reproductive Health Act says her research was misrepresented.

Drafted by Robert Firriolo, the Legislature's lawyer, the resolution urges the state Legislature to repeal the RHA, claiming it is "essentially authorizing infanticide," will make abortions "less safe and more common" and can "allow violent criminal acts to go unpunished."

Enacted in January, the RHA allows any licensed and certified health care practitioner — not only a medical doctor — to perform abortions, and eliminates a requirement that a second doctor monitor an abortion at 20 weeks' gestation or later in case it results in the birth of a live child who would die without immediate medical care.

The law also revised the state criminal code, which had allowed someone who attacked a pregnant woman and killed her fetus to be charged with criminal abortion.

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MONUMENTAL CLEANUP —

The war memorial at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets in Cold Spring is getting a thorough cleaning in time for Memorial Day, with the Town of Philipstown paying for the work. "There is a lot of history in every job we do," said Tom Mitchell, vice president of Monumedic. Mitchell, shown here on April 9 applying a solvent to the rock, will return in three weeks to clean the bronze plaques.

Photo by Michael Turton



SWEET SOUNDS —
Trombonist Alaina Alster performs on Saturday (April 6) during a concert in Beacon by Collective Brass, a chamber group formed in 2016 and comprised of members of the West Point Band. See Page 14.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Energy Collective Reaches Its Tipping Point

*Enough municipalities
sign on to move forward*

By Jeff Simms

The Town of Fishkill on April 3 became the sixth municipality — joining Beacon, Philipstown and Cold Spring — in Hudson Valley Energy's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

program, which will negotiate electricity prices for residents and businesses in the region beginning later this year.

The CCA is just the second in New York, following one that launched in Westchester County in 2016. The other members of the collective are Marlboro and Poughkeepsie, which signed on two weeks ago. Beacon was the first municipality to join the program, then called Renewable Highlands, in January 2017, followed by Philipstown in February of that year and Cold Spring that March.

"We're in a good spot now," said program director Jeff Domanski, who lives in Beacon. "For everyone involved we're going to get a better price" than what Central Hudson charges.

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Who's on the Ballot

*Candidates file petitions
for November races*

Philipstown and Putnam

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

At least three candidates will be chasing two open seats on the Philipstown Town Board this fall. Robert Flaherty and Judy Farrell, both Demo-

cratic incumbents, will campaign to return to the board after the November election; they will be challenged by Christopher Lyons, who will appear on the Republican Party line of the ballot.

Town Clerk Tina Merando, a Republican seeking her fifth, 4-year term, will also have a challenger: Tara Percacciolo, a Democrat who is secretary for the town's Planning, Conservation and Zoning boards. Merando, who was deputy town clerk for a decade before being elected town clerk in 2003, defeated Ann McGrath-Gallagher in 2015 with 55 percent of the vote.

Supervisor Richard Shea and Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda, both Democrats, will not have Republican challengers. Shea is seeking his sixth, 2-year

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FIVE QUESTIONS: JOHN GUNN

By Jeff Simms

John Gunn is chairman of the Beacon Planning Board.

You said something during the meeting on Tuesday (April 9) about what the board can and can't do. Can you explain?

Some of the feedback we hear can be pretty emotional. I've been in Beacon for 17 years, so I'm aware of how one can think, "I like it just the way it is; how dare someone come and change things!" When change happens, those emotions can turn into, "How can the city let this happen?" It's understandable. People can best influence how development takes shape through involvement at the City Council and the conversation around how zoning laws are established. It's easy to get lost in the details and go down a road that may not be aligned with how city agencies work together and the actual role of the Planning Board.

Should people still speak at public hearings?

We absolutely encourage input. We put a lot of careful thought and time into considering how we're addressing concerns. The Planning Board has some leeway in interpreting laws, but we have to think about how we want to weigh in, within our purview, in a fair and thoughtful way. We have to do a delicate dance between our

roles as board members and our personal observations. It's easy to lose sight of the fact that every member of the board lives here, too. We have the same concerns.

How did you get involved in city government?

I moved to Beacon in 2002, right before Dia opened. I wanted to start a life with my then-young family outside of New York City. Beacon stood out, even in the condition it was in then. I got a call from Mayor Clara Lou Gould, who said: "I hear you're an architect. You have to join the Planning Board." She didn't give me an option! It was a great way to get to know the city. I sat on the board from 2003 until 2012 and then took a break. In 2018 I rejoined after Jay Sheers stepped down. My involvement has been based on a love for Beacon and the opportunity to make an impact on the only city my daughters have known. It's their hometown.

You engage a lot with the audience. Why is that?

It's far more impactful when you're having an exchange if the other person knows you're listening. Hopefully, it helps break the barriers between us, in our official capacity, and our neighbors. As much as people get emotional, I want them to understand that we get it. Sometimes people are angry. They see us as the enemy. I want to respectfully engage with people



John Gunn

Photo by Marisa Office

to remind them that we're human, too.

Some meetings go really late. Are you a zombie on the second Wednesday morning of every month?

It's important, even if it means some long days, to try to give back, so I'm willing to stick it out. I'd like to think that what we do matters.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

In your lifetime, what two news reports have shocked you most?

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The assassination of Martin Luther King and 9/11.

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~ Jeff Toland, Beacon

“

9/11 and Donald Trump being elected president.

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~ Emma Bauman, Beacon

“

The deaths of Elvis Presley and Joe Strummer.

”



~ Richard Corio, Cold Spring

NEWS BRIEFS

Cold Spring Resident Says He Foiled Robbery

Tells police thieves fled at sight of his gun

A Cold Spring resident told police that he foiled an attempted home invasion and robbery attempt last month by displaying his handgun.

The homeowner, who asked not to be identified because of concerns for his safety, said he answered his front door on March 16 to find two men who claimed to be looking for a nearby address. The resident said the men pushed him inside, knocking him against the front door and causing a minor cut to his arm.

The homeowner said that after he produced his .38-caliber pistol, one man fled, jumping over the porch railing. The resident said he subdued the other man momentarily but the suspect escaped while the homeowner was dialing 911.

"I don't usually carry my gun but for some reason I did that day," the homeowner said, adding that he has a permit for the weapon. He described the men as Hispanic males in their 20s.

Cold Spring police and Putnam County sheriff's deputies responded to the 911 call. The sheriff's office said it is investigating the incident.

Beacon Firefighters Rescue Sleeping Tenant

Smoke detectors in apartment had been removed

Beacon firefighters rescued the occupant of an apartment behind the All You Knead bakery on April 4 following an early morning blaze.

In a statement, the department said firefighters responded to a 911 call from a baker who had arrived at All You Knead at 308 Main St. just before 3:30 a.m. and discovered light smoke in the bakery's kitchen.

Firefighters located the fire in a rear apartment in the three-story building. After forcing open the door, they found the occupant asleep in a rear bedroom. The fire was confined to the apartment's kitchen but there was smoke damage throughout the unit.

Two smoke detectors in the apartment had been removed from the ceilings, the department said.

New Smoke Detector Law

Ban on devices with replaceable batteries

A new state law went into effect on April 1 that bans the sale of smoke detectors that require replacement batteries. Instead, the only detectors that can be sold in the state are those with sealed, non-removable lithium batteries or that can be hardwired.

The law passed in 2015 but included a four-year grace period so that manufacturers could sell their inventory of battery-powered detectors. Homeowners and landlords do not have to immediately replace detectors that use replaceable batteries but must do so before selling or renting a home or apartment.

Award Finalists Announced

Cold Spring and Dutchess nominees

In anticipation of its annual awards dinner on April 25, the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting votes for its People's Choice honors.

The nominees for new business of the year are Chapeau, Cold Spring Cheese Shop, Dolly's Restaurant, Poor George, Snowflakes Ice Cream and Split Rock Books. The nominees for "silver" firms, or those in business for at least 25 years, are Badey & Watson, Cold Spring Depot Restaurant, George A. Logan & Sons, Hudson House River Inn and Romeo & Juliet Salon.

To cast a vote, visit surveymonkey.com/r/2BYFGGD by April 21.

At the dinner, the chamber will honor Kim Conner and Nick Groombridge, who established the Old VFW Hall, with the James G. Lovell Community Award; Cockburn Farm with the Sustainable Business Award; and Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition and the Philipstown Community Congress with the Collaboration of the Year Award. For tickets, which start at \$65, see bit.ly/chamber-dinner.

Four Beacon-area institutions have been nominated for Dutchess Tourism Awards of Distinction.

Among the three finalists in seven categories are Fishkill Farms for overall distinction; BeaconArts for arts; and Bannerman Castle Trust and the Beacon Historical Society for history.

The sixth annual awards will be presented on May 7 at the FDR Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park. See dutchesstourism.com/awards for tickets.



THANK YOU!

The Current won **12 AWARDS** this past weekend from the New York Press Association for our stories, design and advertising in 2018.

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As a nonprofit that depends on its readers for support, we could not have done this without you. Thank you again!

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Second Place: Staff

How Hot? How Soon? Climate Change in the Highlands

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First Place: Michael Turton

Were You Just Thinking We Should Do a Story on Coincidences?

Second Place: Brian PJ Cronin

Out There: Nice Guys Finish Last

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Out There: The Endless List

Third Place: Michael Turton

Pond Hockey: Skating on Thick Ice

Honorable Mention: Michael Turton

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Abortion resolution

Thank you for reporting on the resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature calling for the repeal of the state Reproductive Health Act ("Putnam Approves Anti-Abortion Resolution," April 5).

Although you said the measure passed "after prolonged debate," there was no prolonged debate — there was no debate at all. These legislators introduced a deeply flawed resolution on March 18 with barely any notice to the public beyond to those who actively check the legislature's website, and approved it two weeks later despite much opposition, including from the researcher cited in the resolution, Diana Greene Foster, who wrote the legislature on March 28 to explain they had cited her research inaccurately and misunderstood the study used to support their position. No one made her letter public and the text of the resolution did not change in light of this. I had to write to Foster myself to find out.

The public was allowed to speak and spectators were deeply divided on the issue but that did not constitute a debate — the public comments didn't matter because the legislators acted on their own personal beliefs, rather than genuinely considering all the facts and nuance involved in the issue.

This is part of a coordinated national effort on the part of faith-based organizations to overturn the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade — it is shameful and embarrassing that Putnam County is behaving in similar fashion to the Bible Belt of Georgia. You do not work for

the church, Putnam Legislature. Those who proposed and support (and probably wrote) the resolution are mostly older, and the majority of legislators who voted in favor are men — the demographic this resolution actually affects broadly opposes it, according to every poll on abortion.

Read the resolution — it is straight out of *The Handmaid's Tale*. It claims that the RHA authorizes infanticide and that women get late-term abortions for reasons including "travel considerations" and inconvenience. When was the last time you met a woman who terminated or wanted to terminate a viable 8.5-month pregnancy because she couldn't go on vacation?

The resolution similarly suggests that anyone will now be able to perform abortions without having spoken to any actual doctors about how the process works. Women and doctors make the best choices on these issues, they do not need legislators with zero knowledge of any of the facts, the majority of whom have never and will never be faced with these decisions, to speak for them.

Please file a complaint with the state At-

torney General if you oppose this resolution.

Eileen McDermott, *Cold Spring*

Thank you, Legislator Nancy Montgomery, and others from our community for standing up for a woman's right to choose.

Emily Lansbury, *Garrison*

I'm not trying to change anyone's opinion regarding abortion rights or the RHA. Most people are uncompromising on this issue. What I will say is that taxpayer dollars were definitely spent preparing the resolution and holding public hearings. The time could have been spent focusing on infrastructure and other areas where local governments have a meaningful impact. This resolution that will have no real-world application.

Does everyone understand that one county legislature passing a resolution that says "we don't like your state law and you should repeal it" is a joke? This is going to have zero impact because, as we all learned in middle school, state law is above local law. State law is the rock and local law is the scissors in a game of rock, paper, scissors. Gotta keep it simple for this "venerable body."

Caroline Jensen,
via highlandscurrent.org

The level of ignorance in the Putnam County Legislature, with the exception of Nancy Montgomery, is beyond belief. People may want June and Ward Cleaver as their next-door neighbors, but I hate to break it to you: Wally would be divorced and living at home with the folks and paying child support and "The Beaver" would have a heroin habit that almost killed him twice but would refuse to admit he has a problem. It's kind of like the Legislature, which has a huge problem, too, but refuses to acknowledge it. Shame on you, Putnam County!

Gregory Bochow, *Cold Spring*

This resolution was a waste of time and resources. Come on, Putnam County. This was settled decades ago. Let's vote for people who want to move forward.

Carol Webster, via Facebook

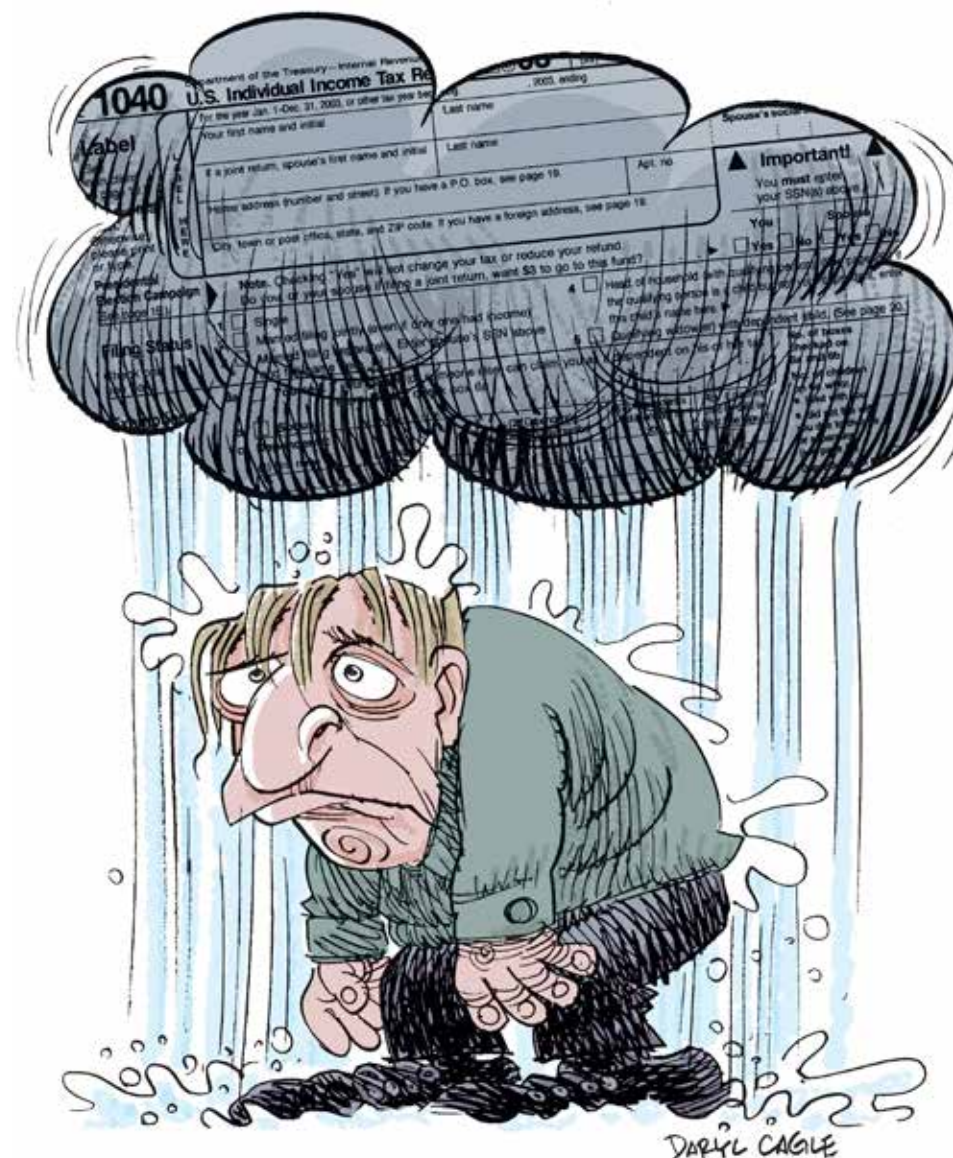
Not one of those legislators is young enough to get pregnant!

Joan Martorano, via Facebook

I'm in my 50s and still find myself perplexed by those willing to allow government involvement in what is a deeply personal decision. Reproductive choice is an essential and fundamental component of modern human rights.

Wade Hathaway, *Cold Spring*

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Land records

In her genealogy column in the March 29 issue (“Family Trails: Land Records and Brick Walls,” March 29), Valerie LaRorbardier noted that before 1850, “some 90 percent of the male population owned land.” I think she meant to say “some 90 percent of the white male population.”

Aaron Wolfe, Cold Spring

The editor responds: You might be surprised. Read on.

Like genealogists, land surveyors often search records dating to the early 1800s. When we retrace property lines, especially in rural areas, we often have to trace chains of title back more than 200 years.

Finding old names, following family relationship trails, utilizing old atlases and researching at the State Archives and historical societies are important parts of our jobs. My firm just finished a project where we traced a road in Dutchess County to pre-colonial times and applied a law from the early 1700s to determine the road width.

While the majority of the early property records deal with the white male population, we find lots of old records of land ownership by freed slaves, including communities founded and made up almost entirely of freed slaves in Dutchess County, some dating to before the Civil War. There

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SEEKING REPORT — Activists gathered in Cold Spring on April 4 to call for the release of the special counsel Robert Mueller’s report on Russian interference in the 2016 election. Attorney General William Barr said on April 9 he expected a redacted version of the nearly 400-page report to be ready “within a week.” Democratic leaders in Congress had asked for the report by April 2. Photo by Andrew Courtney

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown, Putnam County, New York will conduct a HEARING on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:30 pm, prevailing time at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516.

The purpose of the Hearing is to hear comments for/against the Annual MS4 Report. All Persons interested will be heard at that time, date and place specified above.

A complete copy of the Annual MS4 report is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of Philipstown, Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York where it may be examined during the Town Hall hours.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN Dated: April 5, 2019
Theresa Crawley, Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York on the 2nd Day of May, 2019 at 7:15 pm prevailing time, upon the question of Re-introducing a Local Law establishing a six (6) month moratorium on the submission and processing of applications for Land Use Approvals for “Vape Shops” with the Town of Philipstown.

All Persons interested will be heard at that time, date and place specified above.

A complete copy of the proposed Local Law is on file in the Town Clerk’s Office, Town of Philipstown, Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York where it may be examined during the Town Hall hours.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN Dated: April 5, 2019
Theresa Crawley, Deputy Town Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on March 25, 2019, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Beacon, New York, March 26, 2019.
Kelly Pologe
School District Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 25, 2019.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,620,160 BONDS OF THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BEACON, DUTCHESS COUNTY, TO PAY THE DISTRICT’S SHARE OF the cost of A CAPITAL PROJECT OF THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES OF DUTCHESS COUNTY.

Object or purpose: The District’s share of the cost of a Capital Project, being improvements at the BOCES Campus on Salt Point Turnpike: (i) minor additions and renovations of certain existing facilities, (ii) construction of a new alternative high school building: (iii) addition of parking, wastewater treatment, and possibly water supply facilities to accommodate these improvements, and (iv) the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection with the purposes for which such buildings, facilities and improvements are to be used

Period of probable usefulness: 30 years

Maximum estimated cost: \$2,620,160

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$2,620,160 serial bonds

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may well be good information there for someone searching.

Thomas Cerchiara, *Beacon*
Cerchiara is president of TEC Land Surveying in Beacon.

Open government

The next time you update your list ("Your Open Government," April 5), you might want to include the Howland Public Library District in Beacon. Public library districts are subject to many of the same open-records laws as other districts.

Phyllis Keaton, *Garrison*
Keaton is a former director of the Howland Library.

Beacon balconies

The apartment building under construction at 249 Main St. in Beacon appears to have balconies for the upper-floor residences which will overhang the sidewalk.

Does this mean that planters, containers of alcohol and the like will be falling onto the sidewalk from these upper levels? In wind will these objects fall onto parked or moving vehicles? Is this the approved design?

Frank Haggerty, *Cold Spring*
The editor responds: In November 2016, the Beacon Planning Board voted to amend the 249 Main St. project's architectural approval. According to Planning Board meeting minutes, the board agreed to allow project officials to add balconies

with black wrought iron rails on the front residential units and flush Juliet balconies on the rear elevation of the building.

Chessmasters

I'm so glad to hear that the Haldane chess program we launched in 2015 is continuing to grow and flourish ("All the Right Moves," April 5). I'm so proud of

these students for their commitment and success, and coaches Abby Marshall and Alanna Katz are truly fabulous. I hope to see many of my former students at Pocantico's chess tournament on May 19.

Brent Harrington, *Sleepy Hollow*
Harrington, a former elementary principal at Haldane, is now a principal in the Pocantico Hills district.



There Oughta Be a Law

(Federal Edition)

Bills introduced by Sean Patrick Maloney



By Chip Rowe

On March 28, U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands, introduced a bill in the House to prevent Medicaid funds from being used to pay for gay conversion "therapy."

"Conversion tactics are based on the idea that a person's gender identity or sexual orientation are diseases to be cured," Maloney said in a statement. "They have no legitimate medical application and should not be used anywhere."

Most states have not banned the use of Medicaid funds for the practice, Maloney said, so a federal law is needed. His bill, which has 69 co-sponsors, was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

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Holy Week

AT The Church of the Open Door
(First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown)
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Sunday, April 14, 10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY
The Easter Pageant is joyously performed by all the children, and we celebrate the story of Palm Sunday.

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM
MAUNDY THURSDAY
TENEBRAE SERVICE
This service is one of the most moving of our church year. As the service proceeds, the sanctuary gradually dims and concludes in total darkness. We then experience the sounds of the nails driven in the cross and leave the church in silence.

Sunday, April 21, 10:30 AM
EASTER CELEBRATION
Join us for the highlight of the Church year! ...featuring The Chancel Choir and a performance of *Hallelujah* from *Handel's Messiah*. Music includes strings, woodwinds, bass, drums & piano. The service is followed by the Great Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn. All are welcome!

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Maloney has introduced five other bills during the current session of Congress and introduced 35 in the 2017-18 session. A sample appears below.

HR1830: Requires the U.S. Treasury to make coins at the U.S. Mint at West Point that commemorate the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor.

HR1457: Allocates \$6.4 billion through 2025 to provide “green” grants for public schools to renovate or repair their facilities.

HR1322: Requires the U.S. Coast Guard to study the effects of climate change on its installations and facilities over the next 20 years.

HR6605: Enacts an excise tax of \$40 per ton of carbon contained in coal, oil and gas produced in the U.S. or imported.

HR6232: Prohibits federal agents without a court order from separating an individual with a developmental disability

and no permanent immigration status from his or her family at a port of entry or within 100 miles of the border.

HR4259: Provides grants for public libraries to purchase anti-opioid antidote (naloxone) kits and train librarians how to use them.

HR5827: Extends funding for the federal dam safety program through 2024. Maloney noted that nearly 100 of the 800 dams in the Hudson Valley are designated as “high hazard,” meaning their failure would likely cause death and major economic damage. [Passed as part of the Water Resources Development Act.]

HR2485: Requires airline medical kits to include child-sized dosages. [Passed as part of reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration.]

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 14 – Palm Sunday

8:30 am - Black Coffee & Prayer (BC&P)

10:30 am Holy Communion

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

7:30 pm - Holy Communion and Tenebrae Service

April 19 – Good Friday

12 noon - Ecumenical Good Friday Service with Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's Church, Cold Spring

7:30 pm – Choral Concert

The Choir will perform

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten
and *Lux Aeterna* by Morten Lauridsen.

Organist James Fitzwilliam will accompany the Choir.

April 21 – Easter Sunday

8:30 am - Black Coffee & Prayer (BC&P)

10:30 am - Holy Communion with Easter Egg Hunt

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2019-2020 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2019-2020 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 1, 2019, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2022).

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2019-2020 School Year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 11, 2019, authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$450,000; authorizing the issuance of \$450,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

D. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for the purposes of voting, the School District has been divided into two (2) election districts and that an accurate description of the boundaries of these school election districts is on file and may be inspected at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular work hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2019 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth:

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

Description: First Ward, First and Second Districts; Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts; Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts; Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County; south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the of Fishkill and Wappinger, east by Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Union Free School District No. 3, Town of Fishkill, south by Beacon City line and west by Hudson River.

Bounded northerly by former Common School District No. 4 in the Town of Fishkill and Wappinger, easterly by Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Such petitions must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2015, 2016, 2017 or 2018 calendar years.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the register of voters so prepared shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., prevailing time, beginning fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Said register will be open for inspection in each of the polling places during the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

Dated: March 11, 2019

By the Order of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District

Kelly Pologe, School District Clerk

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EPA Defers Judgment in Hudson Cleanup

Agency certifies dredging as 'properly completed'

By Brian PJ Cronin

General Electric is not off the hook yet.

That point was emphasized repeatedly by Pete Lopez, regional administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency, during an April 11 news conference on the status of a federally ordered cleanup of the Hudson River.

After decades of legal sparring, GE was ordered to dredge the Upper Hudson to reduce the amount of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that its factories had discharged into the river over a 30-year period.

Environmental groups, lawmakers and Gov. Andrew Cuomo said they feared the EPA would issue a Certificate of Completion to the firm, which would clear GE of further responsibilities and shield it from lawsuits.

Instead, the agency issued a Certificate of Completion of the Remedial Action, which states only that GE finished the required dredging. A Certificate of Completion is not expected to be issued for at least 50 years, as both the EPA and the state Department of Environmental Con-

servation will widen their tracking and monitoring of the river to determine the effectiveness of the cleanup.

The certification that his agency issued "is not the EPA saying that we have concluded that no dredging will ever be needed," said Lopez. "It simply says that GE has performed the construction and other dredging work that was specifically required. If new information comes in that causes the EPA to conclude that more work is needed to protect public health and the environment, we can and will require GE to take that action."

Concerns had been raised by environmental groups in the past that once GE removed its dredging equipment and dewatering plant from the river, it would be difficult to get the company to return. But Lopez said that "if we have to reinstall, we'll do that. It's not uncommon. Temporary dewatering facilities can be put back in place, and if it has to be, it has to be."

Lopez also said that, contrary to reports by the state DEC, there has not been substantial recontamination of PCBs in dredged areas.



Dredging the Hudson River to remove PCBs

Photo by Ned Sullivan/Scenic Hudson

"Some movement of sediment between dredged and non-dredged areas has always been expected," he said. "But it is not seen as an obstacle to achieving protectiveness over time."

The administrator also discounted the existence of so-called "hot spots" in the Upper Hudson that still contain an unusually high amount of contamination. Instead he said there were only three "areas of interest" — one in the river near Northumberland and two near Mechanicville — which were identified as having somewhat elevated levels of PCBs and will continue to be monitored.

The EPA isn't off the hook, either. Just hours after the news conference, Cuomo and Attorney General Letitia James announced the state will sue the agency over its decision. Cuomo said that the EPA had "failed to hold GE accountable for fulfilling its obligation to restore the river" and that the state would demand "a full and complete remediation."

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands, also disagreed with the decision, saying "the EPA has failed New York" and that its ruling was "completely unacceptable and a der-



EPA Regional Administrator Pete Lopez

eliction of duty."

In response to the possibility of a lawsuit, Lopez said the agency's goal "is to make sure we're making the right decision, based on science and the law. Based on [advice from] our counsel, we feel that we are legally bound to issue this certification. And it's OK if it's tested in the courts. That's part of our democratic process. If they do advance that, we're expecting it will lend itself to greater clarity about this."

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- Etc, etc

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Energy Collective *(from Page 1)*

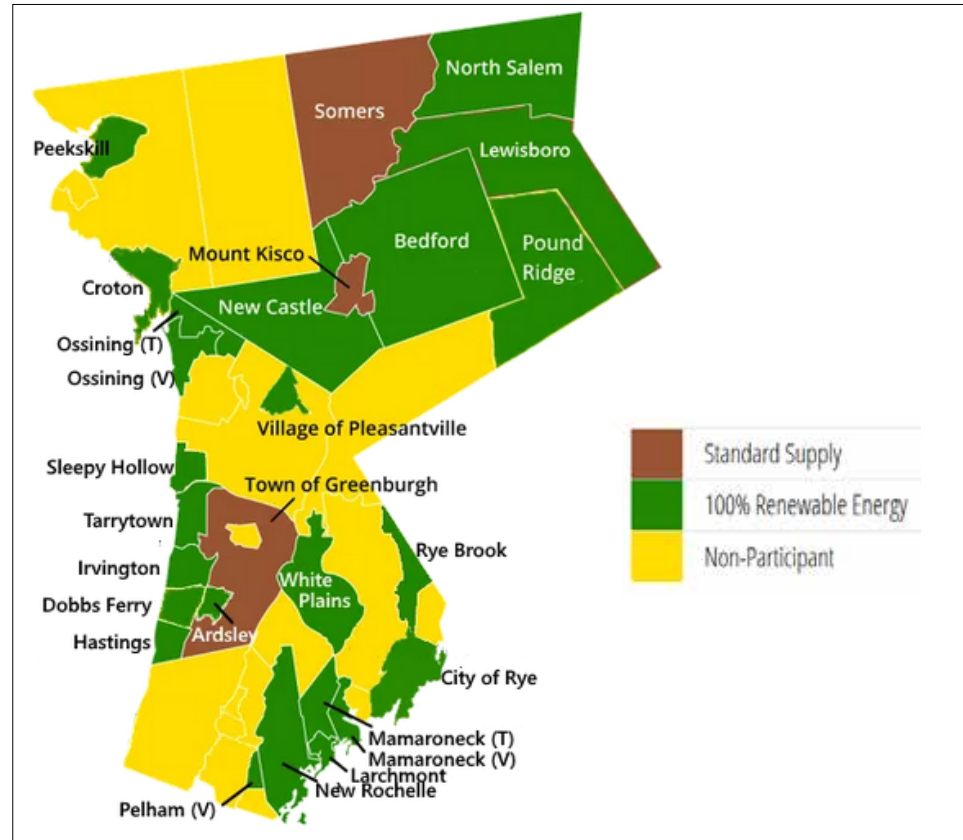
He said that while some people have been confused about the benefits of switching to a new provider, “this partnership with the communities at the lead makes it easier by removing that burden.” Electricity will still be distributed and billed through Central Hudson, and residents can opt out of the CCA at any time, he added.

The next step for the newly formed collective is to solicit bids from energy suppliers, Domanski said. The contract between that supplier and Hudson Valley Energy will guarantee both a “green” energy option and a better rate than what Central Hudson charges, on average.

The Westchester Power CCA, which includes Peekskill and 26 other municipalities, covers about 110,000 homes and businesses. When it entered into its second, 2-year contract in January with an energy supplier, Constellation NewEnergy Inc., the residential rate was set at 7.96 cents per kilowatt for renewable energy. It also negotiated a rate for standard supply at 7.71 cents/kwh. Nineteen of the 20 municipalities in the Con Ed territory opted for renewable, the CCA said, including three who switched from standard to renewable.

Newburgh plant

The owners of a seldom-used Newburgh power plant are awaiting approval to build a new facility that they say will produce more and cleaner energy. Environmental



The map above shows the municipalities in Westchester County that are members of its CCA and the source of their electricity.

Westchester Power

groups don't agree.

Danskammer Energy asked the state Public Service Commission last year for permission to build a fast-starting, air-cooled facility to replace its nearly

70-year-old natural gas-powered plant. If it's approved, company officials say the facility will provide energy for about 500,000 homes and businesses and complement the state's increased usage of

renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and hydropower.

The facility would still use natural gas but would significantly cut its emissions, Danskammer CEO Bill Reid told the Beacon City Council on April 1. The company expects to be asked to generate more power once the Indian Point nuclear plant closes in 2021, he added.

“We have a very, very old car that we're running up and down the highway,” Reid said. “Our goal is to put in a much more efficient facility that uses a lot less natural gas and to help the state get to a more renewable grid.”

Last month Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper and other environmental groups told the state they opposed the changes at Danskammer, which they argued runs counter to the New York's plans for increased renewable energy usage, will harm air quality and strain regional water supplies. Scenic Hudson hosted a forum in Wappingers Falls on April 8 to rally residents against the proposal.

New York State Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose district includes Beacon, said this week that he had no comment on Danskammer's proposal. But a Highlands resident, Tara Vamos, urged the City Council during the April 1 meeting to push back against the expansion, saying that burning natural gas “will cause pollution here and will cause pollution that affects climate change globally.”



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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 • *Quill Writing*



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SATURDAY, APRIL 20

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AROUND TOWN



◀ **WATER RIGHTS** — Beavers are known for their work ethic but they’ve been too industrious for Greg Phillips, Cold Spring’s superintendent of water and waste water. In his report on April 9 to the Village Board, Phillips described how a dam on Foundry Brook poses a problem for the water supply. As temperatures rise, organic material in the water caught behind it could create taste and odor problems. The village has secured a permit from the state to trap the beavers and slowly remove the 3-foot-high dam to prevent a surge. *Photo by Michael Turton*



EGG-CITING — The Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 6 at the Tots Park in Cold Spring. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

◀ **PROM PREP** — Haldane students Tatiana Vidakovich, Jamie Calimano and Julia Rotando asked the Cold Spring Village Board at its April 9 meeting for permission to take prom photos on May 31 at the bandstand at the foot of Main Street. The traditional event is usually held at Boscobel but this year there is a scheduling conflict with a wedding, they explained. The board gave the OK. The girls are shown with Philipstown Town Board member Judy Farrell, who was attending the meeting. *Photo by Michael Turton*



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The Calendar



Pete Salmansohn explains the characteristics of the mourning dove.

Photo by Ross Corsair

By Alison Rooney

With spring around the corner, the reappearance of songbirds from the south has begun, making it an ideal time to learn how to identify them.

"This is a class where you'll be doing all the work," said Pete Salmansohn, education chair for the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society, to about 40 people who came to Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison on March 31 for a lesson.

Based on a show of hands, most of those in attendance were ornithological novices. But Salmansohn reassured everyone that bird identification is "pretty easy, once you get the basics in terms of what to look and listen for."

He cycled through a few common birds — chickadee, robin, goose, great blue heron — pointing out identifiers such as neck shape, or calls. Location matters, too. "Would you expect to see a great blue heron at a bird feeder?" he asked.

Other clues are size, patterns, colors, features, what a bird does with a specific feature, like a crest, or a combination of any of these factors. A cardinal's triangular beak, for instance, helps it crack open seeds.

After dividing into smaller groups, the participants studied a pack of 10 color photos of unidentified birds and responded to a questionnaire with inquiries such as "Which bird can easily grab onto tree bark?" (downy woodpecker and nut hatch) or "Identify two birds which look closely related, by shape."



Participants studied bird photos that Salmansohn asked them to identify. Photo by Ross Corsair

NAME THAT BIRD!

*Participants
puzzle over
avian IDs*

Reverse Commute

Can you identify these birds that winter in the Highlands but mostly breed elsewhere?



Answers: Dark-eyed Junco;
white-throated sparrow;
common merganser

THE WEEK AHEAD

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



EASTER EGG HUNTS

SAT 13

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Christ Church
60 Union St. | 845-831-0365

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade can celebrate with crafts, snacks and an egg hunt at dusk. Call for reservations.

SUN 14

GARRISON

2 p.m. Continental Village Clubhouse
49 Highland Drive
facebook.com/continentalvillage

WED 17

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. United Methodist Church
216 Main St. | facebook.com/14319

Children ages 12 and younger are invited to bring a basket.

WED 17

BEACON

Noon. Mount Gulian
145 Sterling St. | 845-831-8172
mountgulian.org

Children will experience an authentic tradition in the period home. Includes children's tea.
Cost: \$25 (\$17 children)

SAT 20

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | csfarmmarket.org

The Cold Spring Farmers' Market will host an egg hunt on the church lawn. Younger children will go first.

SAT 20

BEACON

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Memorial Park
59 Robert Cahill Dr.

Activities will include an egg hunt for children ages 1 to 12, a visit from the Easter Bunny, bike and basket raffles, a petting zoo and the annual presentation of the Mayor's Egg.

COMMUNITY

SAT 13

Earth Day Celebration and Cleanup

BEACON

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | beaconearthday.com

Sign up at the website to help clean up any of six sites, then enjoy a barbeque at the Beacon Recreation Center at 23 W. Center St. from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and a performance from Arm of the Sea Theater at 2 p.m. *Free*

SUN 14

Wildlife Through the Hidden Lens

COLD SPRING

1 p.m. Old VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave.
845-424-3358 | bit.ly/hhlt-wildlife

For the annual Hudson Highlands Land Trust community forum, Ed McGowan, director of the Trailside Museums & Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park; Scott LaPoint, a scientist with Black Rock Forest; and Brent Boscarino of the Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management will explain how they use cameras and other technology to understand the natural world. Registration required at website. *Cost: \$10 donation*

SAT 20

Green New Deal and the Climate Crisis

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Science journalist Andy Revkin will speak at this community forum about the potential impact of the Green New Deal. *Free*

SAT 20

Making Seed Balls

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

In this Earth Day project, participants will use recycled paper, soil and a mix of seeds to create a ball that can be dropped on a woodland trail or taken home. *Cost: Free with admission (\$6 to \$18)*

KIDS & FAMILY

MON 15

Spring Break Fun

COLD SPRING

9:30 a.m. & 1 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

The two-hour program will include a tour of the historic home and a craft. For ages 5 and older. Also WED 17. *Cost: \$12 (\$8 members)*



Leslie Bender, April 14



Kurt Steger, April 20

TUES 16

Lego Adventures with Star Wars

BEACON

3 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Star Wars and Lego fans ages 5 to 10 will create a galaxy and take home a robot. Registration required. *Free*



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 13

Highlands Poetry Reading

GARRISON

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

Twelve poets will share their work to open a new monthly series. *Free*

SAT 13

Kathy Curto & Irene O'Garden

COLD SPRING

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

The poets will read from their latest collections. *Free*

SAT 13

An Evening with Paul Schrader

PEEKSKILL

5:30 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA
1701 E. Main St. | 914-788-0100
artindustrymedia.com

The screenwriter and director

will discuss the film business in an appearance sponsored by MOCA, the Peekskill Film Festival and the two-day Art Industry Media Festival, which continues on SUN 14. See website for schedule. *Cost: \$25 (\$20 members, \$30 door)*

WED 17

Disney's Beauty and the Beast

BEACON

11:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconplayers.com

The cast of the upcoming Beacon High School performance will provide a sneak peek of the musical. *Free*

SAT 20

Pissi Myles Drag!

BEACON

6 p.m. Denning's Point Distillery
10 N. Chestnut St. | 845-476-8413
denningspointdistillery.com

The entertainer will perform her signature act. *Free*

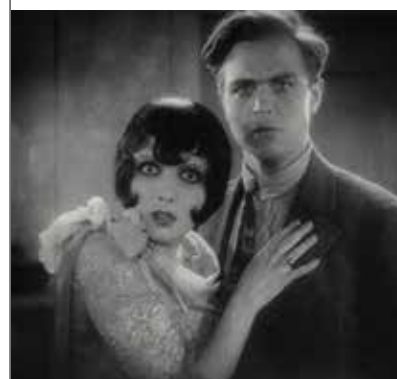
SAT 20

Asphalt (1929)

COLD SPRING

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

Gustav Frohlich and Betty Amann star in the proto-noir feature that will be shown as part of the library's ongoing Silent Film Series. Cary Brown will provide live accompaniment. *Free*



SUN 21

The Bible According to Broadway

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012 | hvti.org

The Hudson Valley Theatre Initiative will perform songs from *Godspell*, *Two by Town*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, among other shows. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door, \$5 children)*

VISUAL ART

SAT 13

Tableware for the 21st Century

PEEKSKILL

Noon - 2 p.m. Peekskill Clay Studios
1000 N. Division St. | 914-939-2529
peekskillclaystudios.com

During this opening reception, artists Brooke Evans, Jane Herold, Sarah Heitmeyer, Connor McGinn and Lindsay Rogers will participate in a panel. *Free*

SUN 14

Leslie Bender

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-809-5750
garrisonartcenter.org

The artist will discuss her colorful paintings in *Tumbling to the Light*.

SAT 20

Kurt Steger

GARRISON

3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-809-5750
garrisonartcenter.org

The artist will discuss his sculptures in *Environmental Works*.

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 13
Both Sides of the Creek
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Oak Vino | 389 Main St.
845-765-2400 | oakvino.com

The exhibition will feature works by Allison Frost and Sarah Beinstein that showcase the beauty of the valley and its history.

SAT 13
Wet
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.com

Faith Adams, Carla Goldberg, Russell Ritell and Melissa Schlobohm will display ceramics, drawings, sculpture and prints of sea creatures found in the depths of the ocean. In the Beacon Room, Eva Drizhal will mount a solo show, *Enigma*.

SAT 13
Bots, Bubbles & Luna
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St. | 212-255-2505
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

SAT 13
Bruce Pileggi
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
162 Main St. | 845-440-0068
hudsonbeachglass.com

Pileggi's abstract and representational paintings explore the relationship between shape, line and color.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 13
Opening of the Fields
WAPPINGERS FALLS
1 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | 845-231-4424
commongroundfarm.org

Take a contemplative walk through the early spring fields guided by the farm's director, Sarah Simon, and local faith and community leaders. *Free*

SAT 13
Remarkable Life of Clinton J. Peterson
COLD SPRING
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St. | 845-265-4010
putnamhistorymuseum.org

Jeffrey Sammons, a professor of history at NYU and author of *Harlem's Rattlers and the Great War*, will speak about Major Peterson, an African-American whose parents as he grew up were in and out of the Putnam County poorhouse and whose later account of his experiences in World War I was serialized as "My Year in France." *Cost: \$10 (members free)*



Peterson



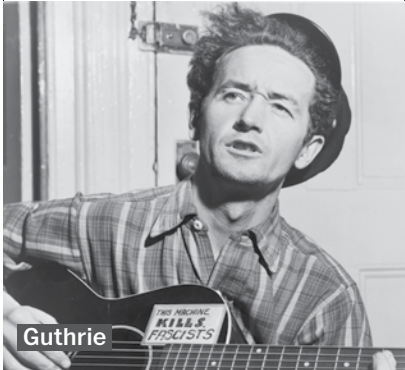
The Big Takeover, April 19

SAT 13
Ways of Looking at a Woman
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbks.com

Caroline Hagood will read from her book-length essay that uses personal experience, film and literary history to explore what it means to be a woman, mother and writer. *Free*

MON 15
Woody Guthrie and 'Old Man Trump'
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive | 845-463-4660
beaconsloopclub.org

Will Kaufman, who has written three books about Guthrie, will perform a musical and spoken-word documentary on the battles Guthrie had with his landlord, Fred Trump. *Free*



TUES 16
Advance Healthcare Planning
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Alison Anthoine, an end-of-life doula, will discuss living wills, aka advance directives. *Free*

TUES 16
Microsoft Office 2010 for Beginners
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

The series will cover Word, Excel and Powerpoint. Also, THURS 18, TUES 23. *Free*

WED 17
Herbalism at Home
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
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Phoebe Violet and Colin Wright of the Permaculture Arts Collective will demonstrate how to make medicine from local plants. *Cost: \$20*

THURS 18
A Gathering of Laureates
BEACON
6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
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Come to hear Beacon's poet laureate, Peter Ullian, and his predecessors, Larry Sansone and Tony Pena. The Dutchess County poet laureate, Raphael Kosek, will also read. *Free*

SAT 20
Birding for Beginners
BEAR MOUNTAIN
9 a.m. Bear Mountain Inn
Hessian Drive | trailsidezoo.org

Meet at the Bear Mountain Inn for a presentation and take a walk. Suitable for ages 10 and older. Email courtney.larson@parks.ny.gov to register. Parking is \$10. *Free*

SAT 20
Life and Ride of Sybil Ludington
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6 p.m. Split Rock Books | 97 Main St.
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Vincent Dacquino will read from his book, *Patriot Hero of the Hudson Valley*, which tells the story of the Revolutionary-era teen who rode more than 40 miles through Putnam County to warn the colonists about impending British raids. *Free*

MUSIC

SAT 13
Classic Country
BEACON
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
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Jennifer Dreaper will perform country hits from the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s accompanied by Eric Garrison and Patrick Stanfield Jones. *Free*

SAT 13
Aaron Jonah Lewis and Jake Sanders
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road | 845-528-7280
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Lewis, a fiddler and banjo player, tours as a solo performer and with the Corn Potato String Band and Lovestruck Balladeers. Sanders is a guitarist, bandleader and arranger who plays jazz and American traditional music. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 13
9 Horses
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4614
9horses.brownpapertickets.com

This chamber jazz ensemble features Joe Brent on acoustic and electric mandolin, 2018 Grammy nominee Sara Caswell on violin and Andrew Ryan on bass. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SUN 14
Michael Musgrave
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | 845-265-5537
chapelrestoration.org

The scholar will present a lecture about Robert Schumann and short performances of the composer's piano music. *Free*

FRI 19
The Big Takeover
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

This seven-piece band, fronted

by Nee Nee Rushie, plays music rooted in Jamaican reggae, ska and rocksteady. The Brighton Beat will open. The concert is part of the Peekskill Brewery Takeover Concert Series. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 19
The Strawbs
BEACON

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

The Strawbs (a shortened version of their original name, The Strawberry Hill Boys) is on a 50th anniversary tour. The group began as a bluegrass band and progressed through folk, progressive and glam rock. Its song "Part of the Union" hit No. 2 on the British charts in 1973. *Cost: \$40 (\$45 door)*

SAT 20
Mighty Girl
BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012
mightygirl.brownpapertickets.com

Lena Fahringer (vocals, guitar), Bill Fahringer (drums), Mark McNutt (guitar) and Ed Sikora (bass) will return to the Howland for an encore. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

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TUES 16
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The Strawbs, April 19



Branching Out

Collective Brass, a chamber group comprised of members of the West Point Band, performed on April 6 at St. Joachim's Church in Beacon. The group, which formed in 2016, has a new album called *In Thy Sweet Name*, a collection of Renaissance songs arranged for brass, guitar and drums. See collectivebrass.com.

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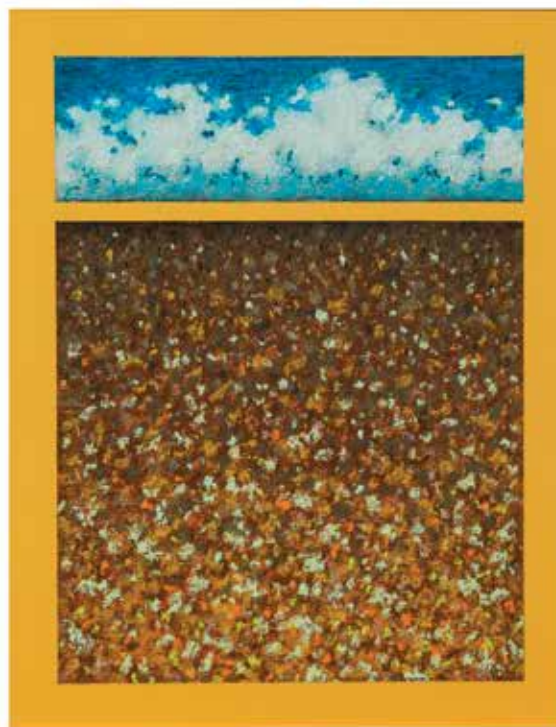
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"I think it's me," says Kingon of the black figures in her recent work. "Where can I hide?"



A Sturdy Foundation

Beacon artist draws and paints on wood

By Alison Rooney

Margot Kingon figured that raising her son in the Beacon area would be less fraught with worry than her own upbringing in Manhattan.

That was not the case.

After her son, Jameson, was born, Kingon found that maternal fears could find ways to sneak through the Highlands' forest beds as easily as they might on pavement. But she also found that acknowledging those fears and processing them through her art let her hang some out to dry.

Kingon, who along with Catherine Welshman and George Mansfield will be exhibiting art at the Catalyst Gallery at 137 Main St. in Beacon through April 28, combines paint, ink and photography in her work, and many of her recent pieces involve placing a photograph of a silhouetted figure into various backgrounds on blocks of wood. "I am most interested in removing a subject from its environment and putting it into a new environment," she explains.

She uses wood as a canvas because she has "never liked the whiteness of paper. The wood tone is like a neutral gray. I like the sturdiness, the heartiness of it."

She adds: "In some pieces you'll notice line drawing: a ropey vine, maybe a mass

of snarled-looking something? That's drawn with ink. The newer pieces in this show have very little drawing but more intricate painting."

After Jameson, who is now 12, came into the picture, Kingon said she grew concerned about losing her creativity to motherhood. "When I was pregnant I had a strong feeling that I wanted my son to know me as an artist," she explains. "He would only know this if I was diligently doing it. I started doing pieces, and I stuck to it, using the time right after he went to sleep."

New challenges arose after the baby became a toddler. "I thought, there's my venturing boy, at the beginning stages of independence," she recalls. "He has no idea of the monsters around him: slippery rocks, bullies, my own family demons. You need a way to exorcise those demons."

Kingon recalls that when she started creating with wood she was "thinking a lot about the idea of a firm foundation — all the stuff that comes up when you have a child. I wanted to start with something solid, durable, not ethereal, so that no matter how awful the art came out, I couldn't fault myself for the solid effort."

Growing up in Manhattan, Kingon says, she "always did art." She attended



Margot Kingon

Photo by A. Rooney

the High School of Music & Art and SUNY Purchase, hoping to become a photojournalist. After a stint as a studio assistant, she began a career in film and television as an electric and lighting technician.

"There was a time in my life when I was focused on making my art my career," Kingon says. "Now I like that I don't rely on my art to support myself. My art has a rich life on its own. I'm trying to figure out how to work without deadlines. I love that my stuff goes out into the world and doesn't collect dust, but to have to make a living at it makes me uneasy."



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Out There

The Ups and Downs (and Ups and Downs) of Breakneck

By Brian PJ Cronin

Three months and 3,000 miles ago, I was sitting in a cabin filled with dozens of trail runners on an island in the Pacific Northwest.



It had taken me a few days to get here, and along the way, when I mentioned to anyone that I was from Beacon, they typically would stare at me blankly until I said, "It's an hour and a half north of New York City."

By contrast, when I told other trail runners where I was from, many immediately smiled.

"I've been to Beacon!" they said. "I went there to do the Breakneck Run."

This Saturday, April 13, Red Newt Racing will put on the fourth annual Breakneck Point Trail Runs, a marathon and half-marathon that make their way through the steepest elevations in the Highlands.

Almost entirely by word-of-mouth, the run has gained a reputation as one of the most brutal and beautiful races around. Its co-director is Ben Drew, who lives in Cold Spring. He said the reason the race has become popular is its name.

"Going up Breakneck is a big draw," he said. "You and I probably take it for granted, but going up for the first time during the race is spectacular, especially this time of the year when there aren't any leaves on the trees."

There's also the bagpiper — this year it will be James Hartford, also of Cold Spring — who serenades runners as they ascend the first summit.

As great as the views and music are, you

don't get to experience them until you've done some serious climbing. That leads to the second reason for the race's wide appeal: The extraordinary amount of "vert" (vertical gain) that runners must endure.

"Even though the highest points aren't all that high, it's relentless," said Drew. "You're going straight up or straight down the whole time."

The most prestigious ultra-marathon in our area is the 50-Mile North Face Endurance Challenge at Bear Mountain, a race that Drew has run and will run again next month. The best trail runners in the country every year ascend and descend Bear Mountain and the highest, toughest trails throughout Harriman State Park for 6,880 feet of climbing.

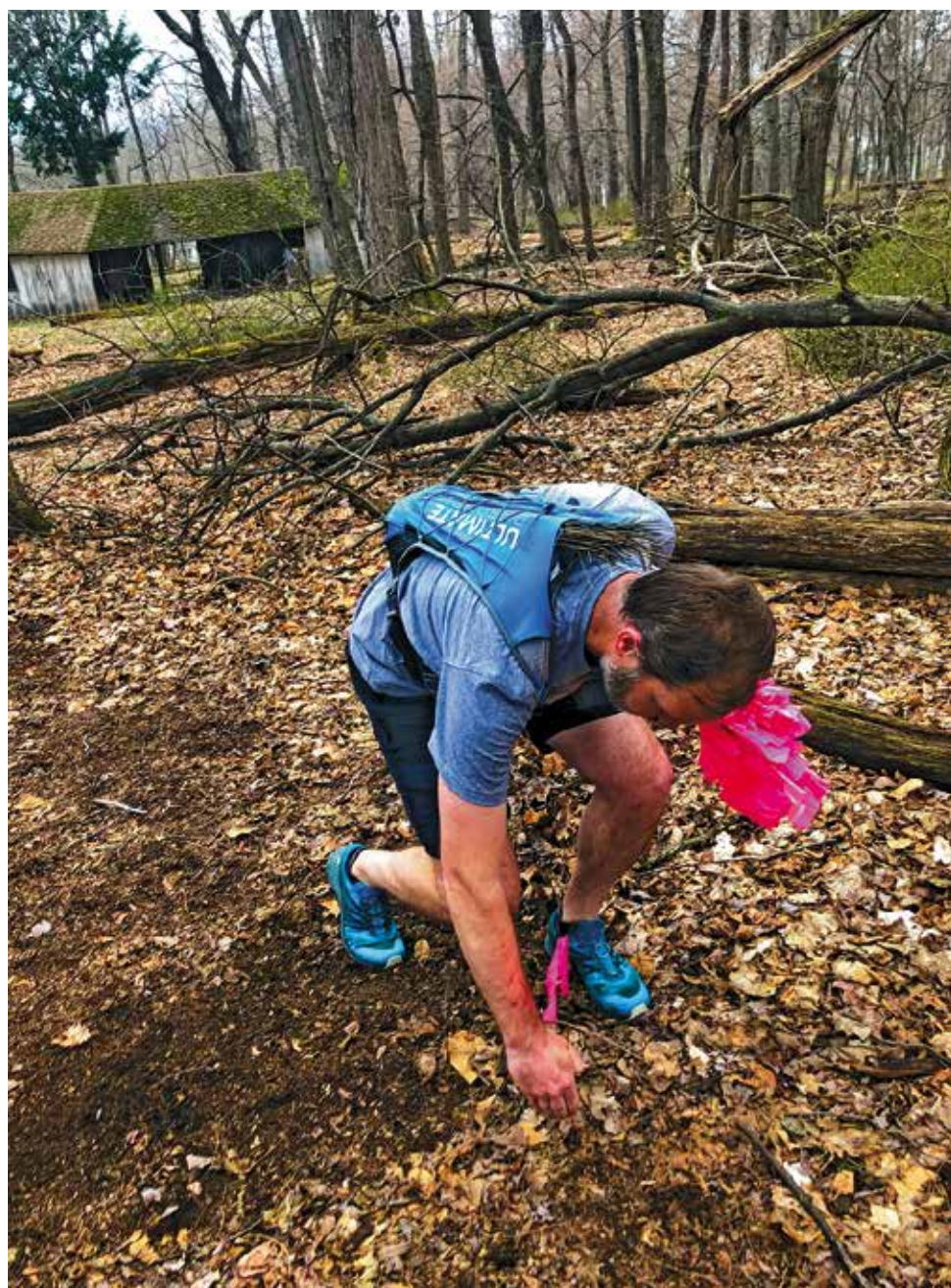
The first few miles could be runnable, especially if you're in good shape. But if you do, you're going to kill yourself before the big climbs.

And yet the Breakneck Marathon, with about half the distance, has between 8,000 and 10,000 feet of elevation. "For a marathon, that's unheard of, especially on the East Coast," Drew said.

Drew and the race's other director, Ian Golden, tweak the course from year to year to have a road-accessible aid station every 5 or 6 miles. Mount Taurus (Bull Hill) will not be part of this year's course because there weren't enough volunteers to crew these stations, Drew said, so the majority of the run will be on the Dutchess side of the mountain.

Runners will begin at the University Settlement Camp in Beacon and head up Mount Beacon's rocky south side to the fire tower, an infamous scramble nicknamed the Devil's Ladder. It's one of Drew's favorite parts of the course. "You have these nice views, but it doesn't have the cachet of Breakneck, so not a lot of people know about it or go up that way."

From the fire tower, runners will head south along the ridge, dropping to Route



Ben Drew begins marking the course for the Breakneck Point Trail Runs. Photo by B. Cronin

9D at the Wilkinson Trailhead before making the namesake climb. After summiting Breakneck, the course backtracks on the south of the ridge and returns to the Settlement Camp, where half-marathoners will put their feet up and crack open a beer while the rest of us ascend the Devil's Ladder a second time.

For the second half of the marathon, the course turns north, hammering down the Mount Beacon Casino Trail and cutting over to Dry Brook Falls on the Pocket Road Trail. Runners will top out near The

Pines and head up Fishkill Ridge for a loop around Lamb's Hill and Bald Hill. It's (mostly) downhill from there, passing the reservoir before dropping into Squirrel Hollow and the finish line at Settlement Camp.

As in years past, Drew will be too busy to run the course himself, but he has invaluable advice for first-time participants.

"The first few miles could be runnable, especially if you're in good shape," he said. "But if you do, you're going to kill yourself before the big climbs."

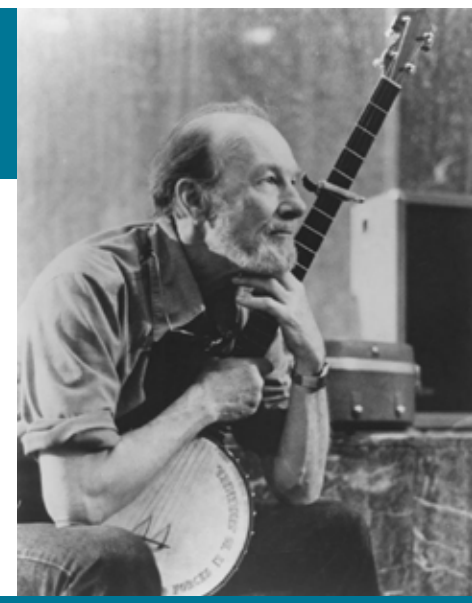
REMEMBERING PETE



May 3 would have been Pete Seeger's 100th birthday.

For our issue that comes out that day, we would like to celebrate Pete's life with a collection of personal photos and remembrances.

Do you have a favorite memory of Pete? A favorite snapshot you took of or with him? Email either or both to editor@highlandscurrent.org or write us at 161 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516. (Photos also can be dropped off at our office for scanning.) The deadline is Tuesday, April 30.



Abortion *(from Page 1)*

The Putnam resolution passed 8-1 in a contentious April 2 meeting of the legislature. Only Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and is the panel's lone Democrat, voted against the measure. In a 4-0 vote on March 6, the Carmel Town Board also called for the RHA to be repealed.

The Putnam resolution cites research by a professor of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive science, stating:

"As reported by Diana Greene Foster of the University of California, San Francisco — the lead investigator of the largest-ever study of women seeking late-term abortions: 1) fetal abnormalities 'make up a small minority of later abortions'; 2) abortions prompted by threats to the health of the mother are even rarer; and 3) women's reasons for late-term abortions include many not related to rational conceptions of 'health,' including travel considerations, expense, indecision and disagreements with the father."

After legislators on the Health Committee approved the resolution on March 18 and sent it to the full Legislature for consideration, Foster wrote to the Legislature "to correct a misrepresentation in my work."

For one thing, her letter noted, the research excluded cases where women sought abortions because of a fetal anomaly or danger to the woman's life. "So the data on why women seek later abortions cannot be used to determine the relative



Legislator Nancy Montgomery makes a point on April 2 in defense of the Reproductive Health Act.

Photo by Ross Corsair

frequency" these reasons occur, she informed the legislators.

Moreover, she wrote, the study focused

on abortions in the 20th to 24th weeks of pregnancy, during the second trimester. The RHA particularly affects abortions in

a later stage, the third trimester, she observed. "There is no evidence that women

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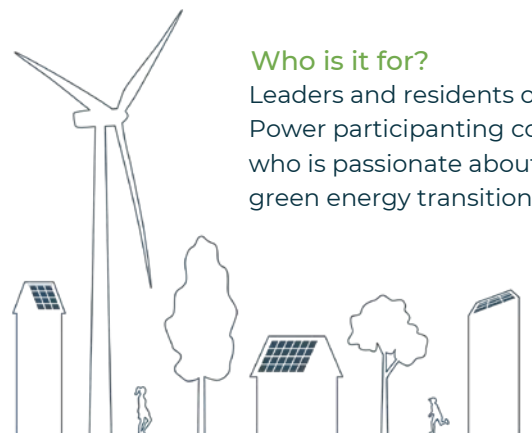
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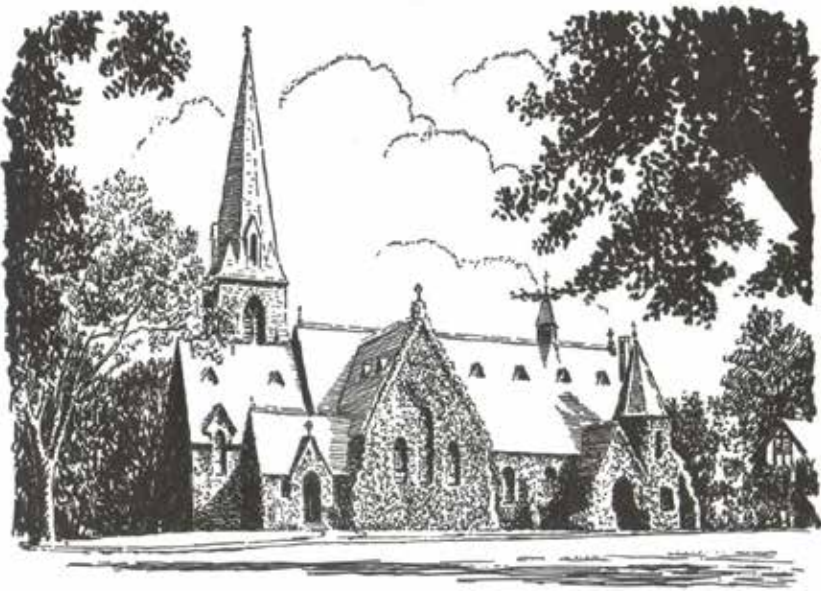
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BABY and DOG



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? Michael and Melinda Moyer of Cold Spring shared this shot of Henry with their daughter, Josephine, who is now 4. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

CLIP & SAVE

Poem in Your Pocket Day, an annual event that began in 2002 as part of National Poetry Month, is Thursday, April 18. If you don't have a favorite poem, here's one to clip and carry. It's by Raven Howell, a children's author and poet from Cold Spring.



Crocus

By Raven Howell

No special scent
Nor frilly flair
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Ballot *(from Page 1)*

term and Frisenda his second, 4-year term. Town Justice Stephen Tomann also will run unopposed as a Republican for his seventh, 4-year term. Tomann has not had an opponent since winning the position in a three-way race in 1995.

Farrell was appointed to the Town Board in January to complete the term of Nancy Montgomery, who was elected to the Putnam County Legislature. Flaherty also joined the Town Board by appointment, in 2015, to fill a vacancy created when Dave Merandy was elected as Cold Spring's mayor. Flaherty was elected that fall to a full, 4-year term.

In Putnam County, District Attorney Robert Tendy, a Republican elected in 2015, will have no Democratic opponent, but Legislator Carl Albano, who represents Carmel and parts of Lake Carmel and Patterson and is seeking his fourth, 3-year term, will face a challenge from Democrat Rebecca Swan. Republicans Paul Jonke, who represents Southeast, and Neal Sullivan, who represents Carmel and Mahopac, will not face Democratic challengers for their second terms.

To appear on the November ballot, every candidate running on a party line had to meet an April 4 state deadline for filing nominating petitions. That's earlier than in the past because the state Legislature this year passed a law that scheduled local, state and federal primary elections for the same day in June. In the past, federal primaries took place in June and local and state primaries in September.

Because none of the Philipstown or Putnam County candidates are being challenged by a fellow party member, there will not be a primary in June for those positions.

In Cold Spring, where the election is non-partisan, candidates have until May 28 to file nominating petitions with the county Board of Elections. (Until this year, the village held its elections in March.) Dave Merandy has said he will seek a third, 2-year term, as have incumbent Trustees Fran Murphy and Marie Early, who are also running for their third terms. Former Trustee Chuck Hustis said he plans to challenge Merandy, who defeated Alison Anthoine in 2017 in a close race.

Beacon and Dutchess

By Jeff Simms

Two-time incumbent Randy Casale and longtime City Council member Lee Kyriacou will face off in November in the race for mayor.

Casale has filed nominating petitions to run on the Independence Party and Republican ballot lines; Kyriacou is a Democrat and also will appear on the Working Families line.

Casale, a former highway superintendent and City Council member, was elected to his first 4-year term as mayor in 2011. Kyriacou was elected to the council in 1993 and, with two breaks, is in his ninth term. He was first elected as the Ward 2 representative but for most of his tenure has been one of two at-large members. He will give up his seat to run for mayor.

A third candidate for mayor, Terry Hockler, filed a petition with the two signatures required to appear on the Green Party line. The Beacon Democratic Committee has filed an objection that is pending with the Dutchess County Board of Elections.

On the City Council, incumbents Terry Nelson (Ward 1) and Jodi McCredo (Ward 3), both Democrats, have filed for re-election. John Rembert (Ward 2), also a Democrat, will not seek to retain his seat.

Nelson and McCredo will be joined on the ballot by first-time candidate Air Rhodes (Ward 2), and Dan Aymar-Blair and Kelly Ellenwood, who are both running for the Ward 4 seat. The Ward 4 incumbent, Amber Grant, will be on the ballot for Kyriacou's at-large seat. The other at-large member, George Mansfield, has also filed to run for his sixth term.

Because there are two Democratic candidates for Ward 4, a primary election will be held between Aymar-Blair and Ellenwood on June 25. Ellenwood also filed a petition for the Independence Party line, so, regardless of the primary result, she will appear on that line on the November ballot for the Ward 4 seat.

The other six Democratic candidates — Nelson, McCredo, Rhodes, Aymar-Blair, Grant and Mansfield — will appear on the Working Families line, as well.

On the Republican side, two candidates have filed petitions to run for City Council. Andrew Gauzza, who ran unsuccessfully in 2017, will pursue the Ward 3 seat and Estefano Rendon, a newcomer, will be on the ballot for an at-large seat. Gauzza also filed Independence and Conservative party petitions.

In the Dutchess County Legislature, both Democratic incumbents from Beacon — Frits Zernike in District 16 and Nick Page in District 18 — have filed for re-election for their second, 2-year terms. Both also will appear on the Working Families line.

Republican Michael Justice, a Beacon resident, filed to challenge Page on the Republican and Conservative party lines. Zernike does not have a challenger.

Voters who are not registered must do so by May 31 to participate in the June primary and by Oct. 11 for the general election.

At the federal level, although the election will not take place until November 2020, Republican Chele Farley announced plans this week to run to represent the 18th District in the House of Representatives, a seat held by Democrat Sean Patrick Maloney. Farley, who vowed on Facebook to fight the "wave of socialism that is taking over Washington," challenged Kirsten Gillibrand last year for her Senate seat but lost by a wide margin.

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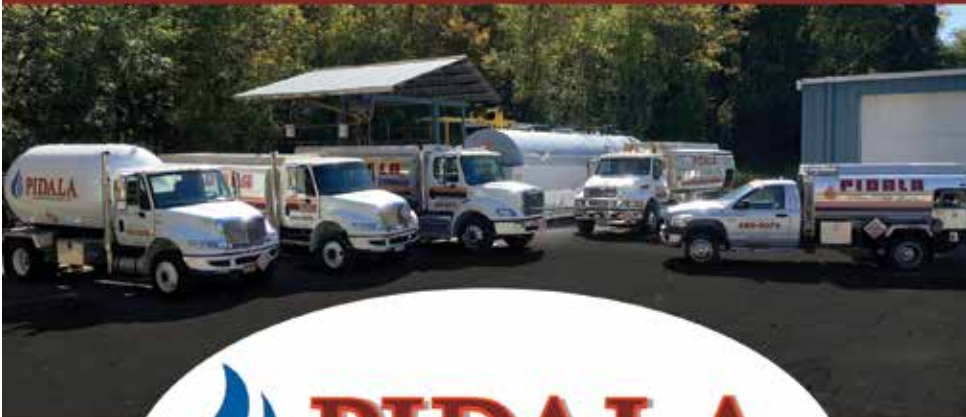



Easter Beauty

Paula Holt led a class at the Garrison Art Center on March 30 in which students used beeswax to inscribe eggshells in a Ukrainian tradition known as psyanky.

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Abortion Stats

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75%

of women who got an abortion are poor or low-income

59%

already had at least one child

60%

were in their 20s

51%

said they were using contraception when they became pregnant

24%

of women have had an abortion by age 45

Abortion (from Page 17)

seeking abortions in the third trimester are just like those in the second trimester," Foster noted.

She also told the legislators that her study's results "strongly indicate that the well-being of women, children and families is strengthened when women are able to terminate unwanted pregnancies, consistent with the intentions of the Reproductive Health Act."

Foster told *The Current* on Wednesday (April 10), that neither the county Legislature nor any legislators responded to her letter or acknowledged receiving it. While Foster's study was published in 2013, she said that only recently has it been cited in anti-abortion arguments.

Foster's letter of protest was not mentioned during the April 2 meeting of the Legislature, nor was it included in backup material provided to the public and press. The backup also did not include an 11-page memo written by Firriolo to rebut Montgomery's March 18 critique of the resolution. *The Current* has requested that memo under the Freedom of Information Law. The Putnam resolution also cites data compiled by the Guttmacher Institute that "at least 12,000 late-term abortions take place every year in the United States," claiming that "almost none of which are done out of medical necessity."

That figure comes from a study by the institute using 2014 data that estimated 1.3 percent of 926,200 abortions that year took place after 21 weeks, which would be during or after the second trimester. However, the institute did not discuss the reasons for



The Putnam County Legislature meeting on April 2 included dueling signs among spectators.

Photos by Ross Corsair

late-term abortions. Instead, it cited a 2005 study that said of all women who receive abortions, 89 percent of which take place in the first 12 weeks, about three-quarters said they could not afford a child or were not ready to become a mother.

Further, the Putnam resolution says the

RHA has allowed "violent criminal acts to go unpunished," citing two recent cases in which pregnant women were stabbed. In Queens, the resolution said, a prosecutor was "unable to charge a violent assailant with the stabbing death of a woman's unborn baby" and in the Bronx, a prosecutor "was forced to drop criminal charges against a violent assailant who stabbed a woman who survived but tragically killed her unborn baby."

In the Queens case, Anthony Hobson was accused of stabbing to death his former girlfriend, who was 14 weeks pregnant, on Feb. 3. He was charged with second-degree murder. Because the RHA removed abortion from the criminal code, the prosecutor said he could not justify a separate charge of "second-degree abortion."

In the Bronx case, Oscar Alvarez was

accused of stabbing his fiancée, who was 26 weeks pregnant. She survived but her fetus did not. Alvarez was charged with attempted murder and second-degree abortion, although it's not clear if the latter charge has been dropped.

In March, State Sen. Pamela Helming, a Republican, in Albany introduced a bill that would establish the crime of "assault on a pregnant individual," whether the fetus is harmed or not. The bill's co-sponsors include Sue Serino, a Republican, whose district includes the Highlands.

Read the Resolution

The resolution passed by the Putnam County Legislature is posted at highlandscurrent.org.



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Obituary

Gwen Nerrie (1919-2019)

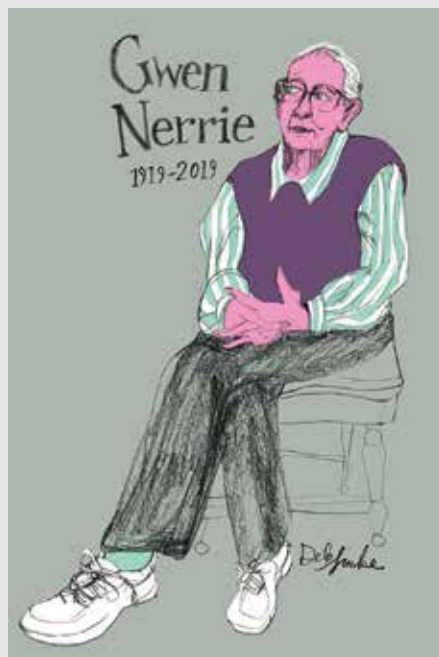
Gwendolen Ruth Nerrie, 99, of Beacon, and a native of Chester, England, died April 4, 2019. She was featured in a comic by Deb Lucke in the Oct. 5 issue of *The Current* (highlandscurrent.org/gwen-nerrie).

Gwen was born on April 30, 1919, the daughter of Robert and Emily Evans. She emigrated to Beacon following World War II, married Capt. Irving Nerrie (whom she met while serving with the British High Command Hospital Unit near Liverpool), and worked at Nerrie Pharmacy.

She was a longtime volunteer, teaching Sunday School at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, coordinating the Grey Ladies at St. Francis Hospital, managing the lunch program at the Salvation Army, and, more recently, working the Welcome Table Soup Kitchen at the First Presbyterian Church and at the Beacon Reads bookstore operated by the Friends of the Howland Public Library.

She also hosted toastmistress' evening events, as well as "I would like them to say nice things about me while I'm alive" wakes during the past few years.

Gwen is survived by her son, Dr. Brian Nerrie (Suzanne) of Colonial Heights, Virginia, and five grandchil-



dren: Travis Nerrie (Lindsay) of Washington, D.C., and Erik Nerrie (Kelsey) of Los Angeles, and the three children of her late daughter, Judith Ann Tengen: Cheryl Sundlun (David), Denise Garcia (Ben) and Stacy Tengen. She also is survived by four great-grandchildren.

Gwen's body was donated at her request to New York Medical College. Memorial donations may be made to the Howland Public Library, 313 Main St., Beacon, NY 12508 (beaconlibrary.org) and the First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty St., Beacon, NY 12508 (beaconpresbychurch.org).

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Current

7-Day Forecast for the Highlands

Saturday

75/50

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

POP: 10%

SW 6-12 mph

RealFeel 79/48

Sunday

64/55

Cloudy and cooler; a touch of afternoon rain

POP: 65%

NE 4-8 mph

RealFeel 63/49

Monday

69/44

Rain tapering to a couple of showers

POP: 90%

SW 8-16 mph

RealFeel 67/34

Tuesday

58/41

Partly sunny and cooler

POP: 5%

WNW 10-20 mph

RealFeel 55/39

Wednesday

58/42

Clouds and sunshine

POP: 15%

NE 4-8 mph

RealFeel 65/40

Thursday

61/50

Cloudy, a couple of showers possible in the p.m.

POP: 30%

SE 6-12 mph

RealFeel 59/41

Friday

67/46

Cloudy with rain possible

POP: 35%

SSE 10-20 mph

RealFeel 64/36

Pollen

High

Moderate

Low

Absent

Grass

Weeds

Trees

N.A.

Molds

Source: National Allergy Bureau

SUN & MOON

Sunrise Sat., 4/13

6:20 AM

Sunset Sat. night, 4/13

7:34 PM

Moonrise Sat., 4/13

12:47 PM

Moonset Sat., 4/13

2:56 AM

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Apr 19

Apr 26

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8. Help a hood

12. Weeding tool

13. Laugh-a-minute

14. Pianist Peter

15. "— Town"

16. Taj Mahal city

17. Right on the map?

18. Including the latest info

21. Household member

22. Welcome sight?

23. Certain card

26. Chaps

27. Praise in verse

30. Author Wister

31. Prickly plant part

32. Old woman's home?

33. Longing

34. Predicament

35. Grandfather, for one

36. "Oh yeah? — who?"

37. Prompt

38. Suspensefully timed out

45. Medicinal plant

46. Rembrandt works

47. Canine

48. New Balance competitor

49. Entanglement

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50. Trail behind

51. Busy one

52. Cruising

53. Type measures

DOWN

1. Grand

2. First course, often

3. Saucy

4. Tool used on cheese

5. Two cubed

6. Extra

7. Speak haltingly

8. Concerning

9. Suitor

10. Formerly, formerly

11. Pledge-drive gift

19. Admitting clients

20. Author Fleming

23. Bliss

24. Have bills

25. Barbie's friend

26. Silent

27. Discoverer's cry

28. Dopey pal?

29. "A mouse!"

31. Rocket launcher

32. Passel

34. Lustrous black

35. Hill that's steep on one side

36. Villainous look

37. Actress Sevigny

38. "Phooey!"

39. Hodgepodge

40. Heard reveille

41. Supermarket stack

42. Between jobs

43. Wander

44. Early birds?

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Answers for April 5 Puzzles

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Answers will be published next week.
See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive versions.

SPORTS



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VARSITY SCOREBOARD

Softball

Fox Lane 9, Beacon 5
Hendrick Hudson 13, Beacon 5 (ppd.)
Haldane 33, Palisade Prep 0
Putnam Valley 14, Haldane 2

Girls' Lacrosse

Sleepy Hollow 17, Beacon 11
Tessa Nilsen (7)
Ardsley 9, Beacon 8

Boys' Lacrosse

Haldane 18, Rye Neck 3

Boys' Tennis

Walter Panas 4, Beacon 3
Beacon 5, Walter Panas 2
Beacon 4, Sleepy Hollow 3
Beacon 5, Ketcham 2

Baseball

Beacon 12, Harrison 5
Brewster 10, Beacon 9
Beacon 6, Hendrick Hudson 0
Beacon 12, Nanuet 2
Hastings 10, Haldane 0
Hamilton 3, Haldane 2

Track & Field

Beacon @ Pirate Relays

Girls' high jump
3. Tamar Adams 4-06
Boys' 4x800
3. Beacon 9:31.68
Boys' high jump
1. Jason Komisar 5-08
Boys' discus
3. Mark Guzman 100-11

Haldane @ New Paltz Early Bird

Girls' 100 meters
5. Liliana Westerhuis 13.58
Girls' 200 meters
6. Liliana Westerhuis 28.19
Girls' 800 meters
8. Shannon Ferri 2:35.44

Beacon
SPORTS
Preview

By Skip Pearlman

SOFTBALL

The squad took a 9-5 loss at Fox Lane on Monday (April 8) and then was rained out in the third inning of its game against Hendrick Hudson on Tuesday with the Sailors leading 13-5.

In the Fox Lane game, senior captain Kamryn Haran took the loss on the mound for the Bulldogs (1-4). At the plate, senior leftfielder Lia Muscat went 2-for-3 and drove in a run, junior Cierra Lassiter went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, Mia Ricottilli went 3-for-4, and senior catcher Eisley Gebman was 2-for-4.

"Everyone had one hit, so it was a good day offensively," said Coach Brian Antalek. "We did have a few mistakes that led to unearned runs, and that was the difference. But the girls kept each other up; they have each other's backs."

Last year's team finished 11-11 and lost in the first round of the playoffs to eventual Section 1 champion Ardsley.

The captains this season for the Bulldogs are Haran, Muscat, DaVonia LaMar (who is injured) and junior Trista Maloney. Also returning are senior Olivia Dean, sophomore Kelly Murphy, and juniors Hannah Alfieri and Kyrstin Lawrence.

Haran will do most of the pitching. "She doesn't let game situations get to her, whether we are struggling defensively, or if she's



Beacon players are all smiles during a 6-0 win over Hendrick Hudson.

Photos by S. Pearlman

having a tough day," Antalek said. "We're also expecting a lot from Muscat, a third-year varsity player, our No. 3 hitter, and a great defender. She keeps the girls loose."

Antalek is hoping his team can return to the playoffs.

"We're hoping for at least 10 wins," he said. "We have it in us to make a run in the sectionals. It's not how you start — it's more how you finish."

The Bulldogs will host their Dawgfest Tournament at Beacon High School and Memorial Park on Monday and Tuesday.

BASEBALL

The squad is off to a strong start, with only one loss in five contests.

After a tough, one-run loss to Brewster on Monday, the Bulldogs rebounded with a 6-0 victory over league rival Hendrick Hudson on Tuesday at Dutchess Stadium and a 12-2 drubbing of previously unbeaten Nanuet on Wednesday.

In the win over Nanuet, Mike Lepere hit his first career homer, went 2-for-3 at the plate, and drove in four runs for Beacon (3-1-1). Jayen Lare drove in two runs and also went 2-for-3, and Kai Jacketti and

Nick Lepere each had two hits.

Besim Dika picked up the victory on the mound in his first varsity start, going four innings and allowing one earned run while striking out four. Nick Lepere pitched the final two innings to earn a save, striking out two.

"Dika threw a lot of first-pitch strikes, had a good curve and change. He made a good debut," said Manager Bob Atwell.

A day earlier, senior righthander Joe DeCandia threw five innings, striking out four batters and allowing only three hits in a shutout of the Sailors. He is now 2-0. Lare earned a save in relief.

"DeCandia has been overcoming an injury, and also had to pitch around the rain," Atwell said.

At the plate, Mike Lepere and Lare each tripled, and Dillon Kelly and Nick Lepere had RBI singles. Dika and Shane Green also each had an RBI.

This year's team returns a solid core from last year's 13-9 squad that lost in the sectional quarterfinals. "We have a great combination of experience and quality underclassmen," Atwell said.

DeCandia, an All-Section pitcher and infielder, leads a group of seniors that includes All-League catcher Andrew Schneider, Lare (who also plays shortstop), outfielder Mike Manzoeillo and Nick Lepere (who also plays outfield).

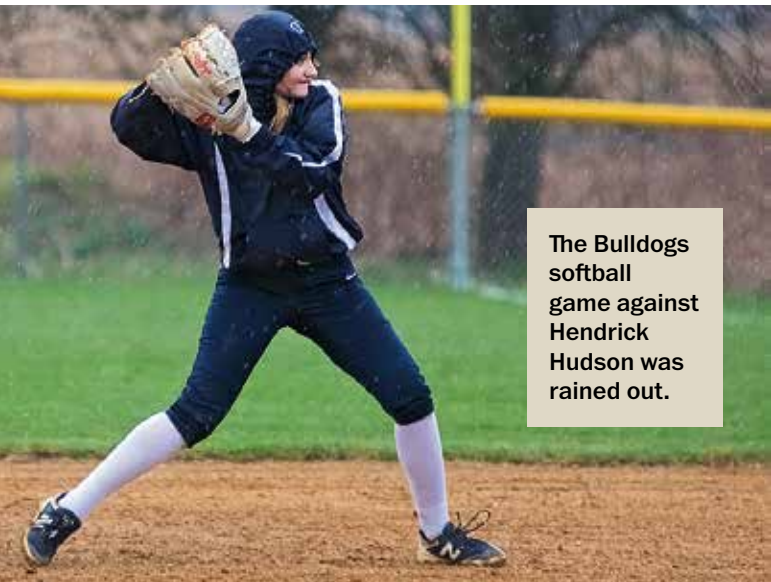
"DeCandia and Lare are two of our top pitchers," Atwell said. "Lare has pitched nine scoreless innings to start the season, so he's off to a great start. Both of them pound the zone."

The Bulldogs will also count on a group of arms that includes sophomore Matt Manzoeillo, junior Dika, junior Ty Long, sophomore Mike Lepere and junior Shane Green. "These guys got their feet wet in scrimmages," the coach said. "All of them throw well."

The Bulldogs are scheduled to visit Nyack on Saturday, April 13, before hosting the three-day Spring Bash Tournament starting Monday.



Third baseman Haleigh Zukowski guards third base



The Bulldogs softball game against Hendrick Hudson was rained out.