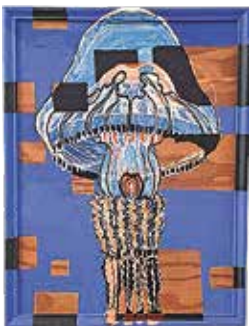


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PLANTING SEEDS — Scoutmaster Tara O'Sullivan distributes seeds to her Cub Scouts from Troop 137 during the opening of the new community garden on May 7 at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring. For more photos, see Page 17. Photo by Ross Corsair

The Shrinking Golf Course

Owner donates 74 acres to Highlands land trust

By Chip Rowe

Chris Davis, who owns The Garrison in Philipstown, has donated 74 acres of the 299-acre property to the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, the nonprofit announced on Wednesday (May 12). The land, located along Snake Hill and Philipse Brook roads in Garrison, is part of an 18-hole golf course that Davis plans to close later this year. Last year he donated 52 acres of the property to the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, which has started the review process with the Town of Philipstown to move its operations there from Boscobel in 2022.

The HHLT board voted to accept the donation and will take possession later this year or in 2022 when the course closes. It said in a statement that it plans to “permanently protect this land and intends to oversee habitat restoration, while simultaneously working with the community to develop a thoughtful plan for public access.”

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Counties Ready to Vaccinate Older Kids

Approval for adolescents comes as cases plummet

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam County’s health department and pediatricians in Dutchess County will begin administering Pfizer vaccines to adolescents between 12 and 15 years old in response to federal approval, a step that comes as the shots drive down COVID-19 cases in the state and locally. Putnam officials said they had not finalized their plans as of Thursday (May 13), but Dutchess will order Pfizer doses to distribute to local pharmacies, primary care doctors and pediatricians, including the Children’s Medical Group, CareMount, Premier Medical and Bambini Pediatrics, who will administer the shots. Colleen Pillus, a county representative,

Monthly COVID-19 Cases			
	DUTCHESS	PUTNAM	STATE
NOVEMBER	1,789	1,023	145,530
DECEMBER	5,025	2,053	335,446
JANUARY	6,917	2,447	428,453
FEBRUARY	3,091	985	217,516
MARCH	3,843	1,194	230,640
APRIL	2,468	864	168,899
MAY	387	101	25,030

Source: New York Department of Health, as of May 11

said the county also will continue to partner with Neal Smoller, a Woodstock pharmacist who has held vaccination clinics at Dover, Pine Plains and Poughkeepsie high schools for teenagers over 16. Additional clinics will be organized at other schools, although Rombout Middle School and Beacon High School have not yet been scheduled, she said. By Wednesday night, New York had changed the online portal for booking appointments at the mass-vaccination sites it runs to reflect eligibility for adolescents as young as 12.

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Beacon: Sewer Ban Stinks

City seeks approval to sell excess capacity

By Leonard Sparks

Under a change made nearly three decades ago, Beacon became lumped in with New York, Poughkeepsie and six other cities prohibited by state law from allowing private companies and individuals outside their boundaries to send sewage to their treatment plants — a potential source of revenue. Now, Beacon is seeking to reverse the ban behind legislation introduced by state Sen. Sue Serino and Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, whose districts include Beacon. The city says it is the victim of a mistake made in 1993 when city officials petitioned the Legislature for an exemption from a requirement that Beacon have a plumbing board. The previous year, the board’s duties had been transferred to the city’s Building Department under a charter change. The request was granted, but the change

also voided Beacon’s ability to sell its excess sewer capacity outside city limits. Under the law being proposed by Serino and Jacobson, Beacon would only be exempted from the part of the law that applies to plumbing boards. The bill did not generate any questions or objections before the Assembly’s Cities Committee on Tuesday (May 11), said Jacobson, suggesting it may reach the floor for a vote. “I see no reason why it won’t pass,” he said.

“The city has invested a lot of money over the last decades in maintaining and upgrading its water and sewer infrastructure.

~ City Administrator Chris White

The issue was discovered during research about the legality of a request to tap into Beacon’s sewer system made by the Healy Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership on

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: KAREN SIEDLECKI

By Leonard Sparks

Karen Siedlecki, who lives in Cold Spring, is the director of the Memory and Aging Lab at Fordham University (memoryandaginglab.com).

What do you study?

I'm interested in age-related differences in cognition, with a focus on memory, especially episodic memory, which are memories that have a time and place associated with them. We study that by asking participants to remember things like lists of words or pictures. But we also look at autobiographical memories. If you have a memory and you're able to hold on to it for 50 or 60 years, that memory's salient and less likely to be lost. Every experience, every event, is a memory except for the current moment. Memory is such a foundational construct in terms of who we are and what we can do.

Does memory change over time?

It's multidimensional. Some aspects of memory are adversely affected by age and others aren't. Usually we have more difficulty remembering words we wanted to say — the tip-of-the-tongue phenomenon. We also have worse memory for episodic details, like the name of the author of the



book you just read. Short-term memory stays pretty much intact. Semantic memory for information and facts increases as we grow older and tends to plateau in our 50s and 60s. Another type of memory that we preserve across age is implicit memory, for things like how to ride a bike or how to type on a keyboard. As we grow older, the ratio of positive as compared to negative information that we remember increases.

How about cognition?

Research shows that our memory, our processing speed, our visual-spatial ability

and our reasoning all tend to peak in our mid-20s and there tends to be a fairly linear decline across age. If I told you to keep the numbers 5 and 7 in mind, that's not affected as we grow older. But if I ask you to multiply those numbers and divide by 6, that's working memory and that tends to be affected. But we also show an increase in knowledge and experience that helps compensate for those declines.

Anything else get stronger as we age?

A lot of people view getting older as completely negative, but in fact there are a lot of gains. We've talked about gains in expertise and knowledge, but there's evidence older adults are better able to regulate emotions. They actually have increased well-being. If you ask people to rate their happiness, older adults are just as happy as younger adults, if not happier. Aging isn't all bad.

What are your favorite memories?

Two of my favorites include the days that my children, Gwendolyn, who is 8, and Griffin, who is turning 5, were born. We spent months anticipating their arrivals and we were so excited to meet them. I love sharing details of the days they were born with them, especially on their birthdays.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

When was the last time you went to a drive-in movie?

“Back when *Jaws* came out, at the Fishkill Drive-In, where ShopRite is now.”



~ Kathleen Plumer, Beacon

“I saw *Rosemary's Baby*, completely by accident, 11 years ago, somewhere in Pennsylvania.”



~Joe Sheerin, Cold Spring

“At least 10 years ago in Hyde Park. It was probably a Batman movie.”



~ Beth Dimilia, Beacon

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Residents Air Views About Airbnb

Board hosts public hearing on proposed regulations

By Michael Turton

The May 6 public hearing on Cold Spring’s proposed law to regulate short-term rentals set the stage for a May 18 workshop at which the Village Board will consider possible revisions. More than 50 residents attended the hearing, held via Zoom.

The proposed changes to the village code include about 20 provisions that would govern short-term rentals such as those booked through Airbnb — and range from using a lottery system to select operators, allowing a maximum of 34 in the village and prohibiting any from operating within 300 feet of each other, to limiting rentals to owner-occupied buildings, allowing a maximum of 60 rental nights per year and requiring two-night minimum stays.

One resident, Eliza Starbuck, hinted at the challenge the board faces. “There are 655 houses and 655 points of view in this village” on the issue, she said.

Starbuck covered various points, including the need to prevent people from “playing Monopoly with our village, buying up properties and turning them into Airbnb hotels.” When that happens, she said, “we lose a lot,” including “the families in those residences and kids in school and playing on the block.” She advocated a tiered system with fees and regulations that consider different scenarios.

Aaron Wolfe felt the proposed law was “very good. It’s fascinating to hear people say something is being taken away from them when STRs have been illegal in the village since the [current] code was put in place,” he said.

Alex Miller, who has hosted more than 350 guests in his Main Street rental over eight years, said he has had no complaints from neighbors. “People are much more respectful of a true shared property” where the owner also resides on the property, he said. He said his unit conservatively generates \$20,000 a year in business for restaurants and retailers.

Irene Pieza said she uses short-term rentals when she travels but also has three operating within sight of her Paulding Avenue home and understands concerns that neighborhoods can be turned into “more of a business district.”

John Lane is part of a group of Cold Spring operators that has written to the board expressing concern over the proposed law. Lane said he supports requiring rentals to be owner-occupied but opposed several provisions such as the lottery and regulated minimums and maximums.

Phil Heffernan, who operates an Airbnb on Church Street with Denise Friedly, said his first impression was that the law is “a solution in search of a problem.” He called the proposal “a place to start” but compared it to putting fingers in holes in the dike when there is no impending flood.

Matt Francisco, who is a candidate for the Village Board, disagreed, calling it “a thorny

Polling the Renters

Phil Heffernan and Denise Friedly, who operate an Airbnb rental on Church Street in Cold Spring, have since 2017 surveyed their guests about their stays. The results below are based on 106 responses.

79% spent two or three days	62% planned to return
73% came for a “quick getaway”	55% said it was first visit
48% came by car	32% spent more than \$300 shopping/eating
48% came by train	12% said they used public restrooms

issue” that “needs to be addressed,” noting that the contentious 2019 public meeting made it clear some regulation is desired.

David and Melia Marzollo, who run a short-term rental on Main Street, said the proposals should be relaxed because of the pandemic. “This is one of the most trying financial times,” David said. “Having an STR has saved a lot of people.” With their regular business closed, “it was the only way we could pay our mortgage,” Melia added. She urged the board to select one or two key areas and develop regulations to address them.

Regulating excess noise was one issue that brought widespread agreement. Tom O’Quinn, who owns a short-term rental in Palm Springs, California, said the city imposes stiff fines that have put an end to problems. “You cannot have any music outside your house — ever. Guests get fined \$1,000,” he said.

Michelle McCoy and Shelley Gilbert both complained of excessive noise, outdoor parties and other disruptive behavior at Airbnbs near their Mountain Avenue homes.

In response, Nadia Lee, who operates one at 27 Mountain Ave., was apologetic for the behavior of some of her guests in the past, saying as hosts they had learned from their mistakes and no longer allowed large groups. Their STR has remained closed during the pandemic, she said. She advocated a “mid-range approach” to regulations, so the rules don’t “destroy opportunities for hosts.”

Tracy Bunye fears the proposed law would be detrimental to families who rent their homes only occasionally. “We go on two short vacations a year” that are paid for by renting out their home, she said. “This law is clearly not meant for people like us.” A number of Cold Spring families also rent out their homes once a year, during West Point graduation.

The village clerk will accept written comments on the proposed law by mail or email until 4 p.m. on Tuesday (May 18).

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Crosswalks

Using crosswalks in the village does not feel as safe as it should, especially with young children (*Letters and Comments*, April 30).

A simple fix would be to install Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), which are activated by pedestrians. These immediately alert drivers to the presence and intention of pedestrians and have been shown to drastically reduce accidents.

Tom Stephens, *Cold Spring*

Sometimes pedestrians seem to come out of nowhere and cross here, there and everywhere, expecting two-plus tons to come to an immediate stop. It is up to us, the expecting drivers, to think ahead when we notice a pedestrian near a crosswalk. However, something should be done in the way of fines for jaywalkers.

Leonard Lindros Jr., *Garrison*

Garrison vote

We are longtime residents of and parents of three daughters who have attended or are attending the Garrison Union Free School. We have been impressed with the dedication that the educators, staff and board members have shown toward our children's educa-

tion. With that in mind, we as a community must take into consideration the quality and character of whom sits on the school board to ensure that our student's needs are met with the highest standards.

We are excited that Kent Schacht has expressed his desire to serve on the Garrison school board. We have known Kent and his wife Courtney for more than 13 years and could not think of a better candidate. His professional background, as well as his dedication to his family and our community, makes him perfect for the position. Knowing that he will be on the board provides us comfort that it will continue with the high quality of diligence and care to our children's education.

Carl and Karen Nelson, *Garrison*

Ballot lines

Thank you for your recent coverage of state Republicans' unsuccessful attempt to undermine the Working Families Party with a baseless lawsuit that would have knocked dozens of legitimate and endorsed candidates off the WFP line this year ("Republicans in Working Families' Clothing?" April 30).

This action typifies broader Republican strategies nationwide. Republicans can't

win on a level playing field, so they try to pass laws to make it harder to vote, take advantage of loopholes and file expensive lawsuits to disenfranchise voters.

Locally, we see this with the upcoming primary for Beacon City Court judge. Democrat Greg Johnston is endorsed by the Beacon Democratic Committee and the WFP. Incumbent Tim Pagones is forcing Democratic and WFP primaries against Johnston, using a loophole that allows judicial candidates to run outside their own party or without an endorsement from the parties.

In your story, Pagones claimed that "a judge should appear impartial, and that is why I am not affiliated with any political party." This self-serving statement belies the fact that Pagones didn't leave the Republican Party until 2019, when it became a political liability for his reelection.

Similarly, while we applaud the long-overdue shift in Beacon's drug court reported in your May 7 issue ("New Beacon Court Hopes to Prevent Overdoses"), Pagones has long required a guilty plea before ordering treatment for drug addiction. The timing of this sudden change in an election year, like his recent exit from the Republican Party, strikes us as opportunistic and insincere.

Forcing a primary against Johnston is a cynical attempt to try to deny Beacon voters any choice in November. We are confident that the Democrats and WFP voters of Beacon won't be fooled.

Lisa Jessup, *Beacon*

Jessup is the chair of the Beacon Democratic Committee.

PTSO says thanks

The Beacon High School Parent-Teacher-Student Organization would like to thank The Bagel Shoppe Fishkill/Beacon, Fishkill Farms, Market 32 by Price Chopper and the Yankee Clipper Diner for donating items for our Teacher/Staff Appreciation lunch on May 5.

We are grateful for the amount of support we receive from local businesses and our members throughout the year.

Donna Green, *Beacon*

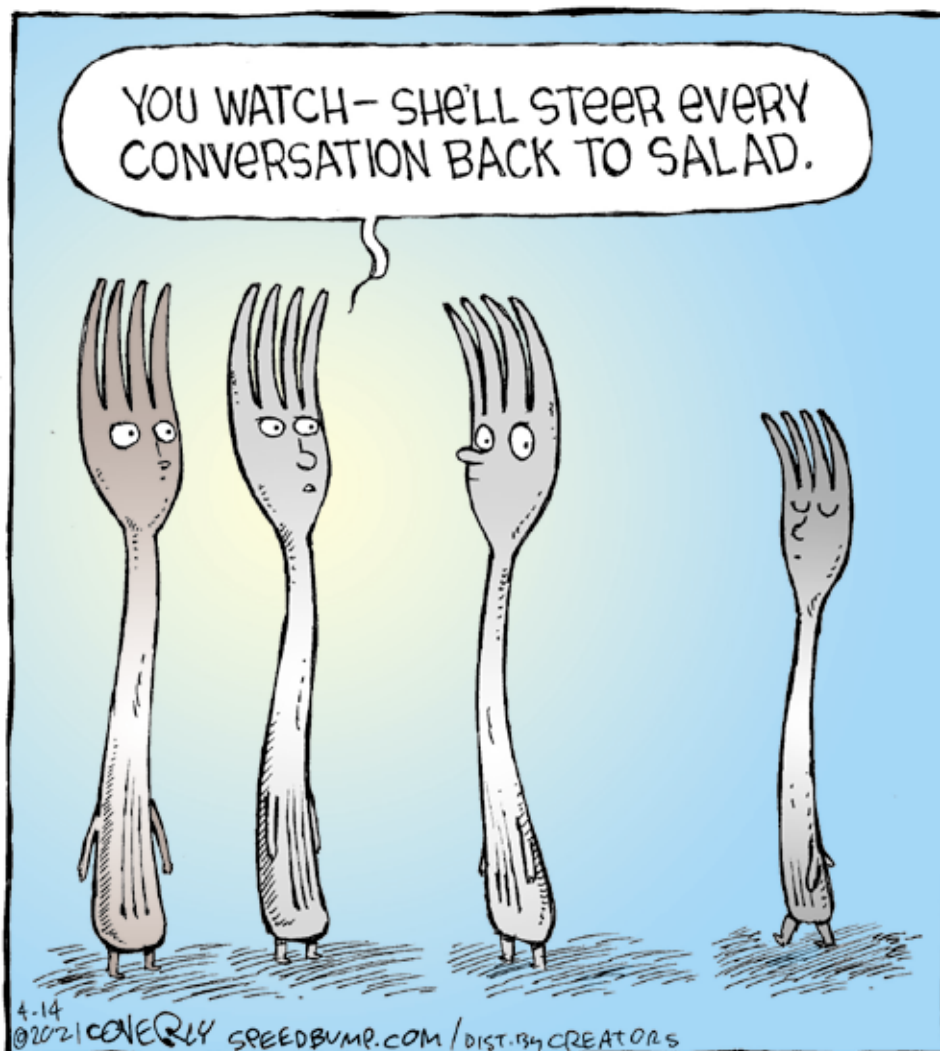
Green is the treasurer of the PTSO.

Garrison aides

As part of the budget process, the administration and board of the Garrison Union Free School decided to eliminate three full-time teacher aide positions "based upon an assessment of our students' needs," according to the superintendent. Two of those aides are myself and Sally Martini.

Sally has lived in Garrison for 43 years and has worked at the school for 18 years in total. She has a master's degree in psychology and extensive experience working with

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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special-needs children. I have worked at the school for 17 years, primarily with students with special needs. Before that, I was a director of residential services at the Rhinebeck Country School and Community Living Corp. for 28 years.

Sally and I will lose the opportunity to reach the 20-year retirement mark to collect our full benefits. Sally has been denied the option of her medical insurance benefit because she is a year shy of the 15 consecutive years needed. She worked for four years, left to raise her family, and came back. I chose to retire — a forced retirement with fewer benefits.

We each had a conversation with Superintendent Carl Albano. When asked how we were selected out of the eight aides, he said there was no formal criteria, that it was subjective. It should be noted that aide salaries range from \$27,000 to \$28,500 annually and the board was able to find money for two new positions: a director of technology and administrative services (aka assistant principal?) and a treasurer, and also to write off \$85,000 in health insurance premiums that were not collected because of a business office error.

Your support, attendance and public comments at board meetings would be greatly appreciated. It seems like these decisions were not collectively viewed or fully understood. The impact it has on us individually, collectively and, most importantly, on our students and the Garrison community, is paramount.

Barbara Rifenburg-D'Alessio, Garrison

Road projects

The vote on road projects by the Putnam County Legislature was not accurately presented in your May 7 issue. The article implies I voted against an infrastructure project in my district, and that could not be further from the truth.

For clarification, there were two bonds before the Legislature on May 4. One was for road repairs in District 1, including Snake Hill Road and a portion of Fair Street. I voted yes for these much-needed improvement projects.

I voted no, however, on the requested 15-year, \$500,000 bond for the purchase of

highway vehicles, in large part because the need for the vehicles was not clearly identified. Further, I don't agree with the Legislature's approach to funding equipment purchases. We frequently bond for equipment purchases. Highway vehicles take a lot of wear-and-tear and their lifespans can be shorter than the bond period. Taxpayers can end up paying off bonds for vehicles no longer on the road. Bonds are for major projects with long-term public benefit, not buying trucks, snowplows and the like.

I continue to press the Highway Department and my colleagues in the Legislature to develop a planned equipment replacement schedule, appropriately funded from the general fund. Without such a plan, the taxpayer doesn't have a good sense of just how much they may be overpaying for debt service on vehicles. Not for nothing, all of my colleagues who voted to borrow and spend will be out of office before this vehicle bond is paid. The taxpayer will be left holding the bag.

Nancy Montgomery, Philipstown

The editor responds: Montgomery represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley in the Putnam Legislature. This situation was a little convoluted, but she is right in saying the vote against the \$500,000 bond for road equipment should not be construed as a vote against infrastructure projects in Philipstown. The vote we reported on was to use more bonds to buy road equipment. Later in the meeting, as Montgomery points out, a second resolution came up to amend the 2021 budget to finance projects across the county using money that included funds from the bond-letting authorized earlier in the evening. With the second vote (including a "yes" from Montgomery), the Legislature announced it was OK to proceed with various public works projects.

Airbnb

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce is pushing for more Airbnbs in the village (Letters and Comments, May 7)? Doesn't the proliferation of private short-term rentals in the village undermine the local inns? Who's looking out for their interests?

Gaston Alonso, via Facebook

It's important to understand that the

combination of existing rules — parking, zoning, permitting — around short-term rentals (called "tourist homes" in the existing code) make nearly all short-term rentals illegal in Cold Spring. When I was on the Zoning Board, I asked if any permits had ever been issued for tourist homes and the answer was "no." The fact that the village has not enforced these regulations and doesn't have fines for violations does not make STRs legal.

The effect of unregulated and unenforced STRs is like the invisible gases coming out of our cars. They have a cumulative negative effect that's hard to reverse and are gradually making life less pleasant in a variety of ways.

I know of an STR home that was rented for something like \$10,000 a month to a guest using it only on weekends. That puts enormous pressure on the housing market, property taxes and probably prices of more general items like groceries. (Have you seen the \$80 jars of New Zealand honey at Foodtown?) People are cashing in and moving out to more affordable places.

And then there are the slower and far less visible effects: fewer real neighbors, fewer familiar faces on the streets, fewer people involved in local activities.

If the proposed regulations, which are far more generous than what exists now, can be enforced, the village will benefit in the long run. The regulations considered too burdensome are exactly what will preserve the community while allowing many resident homeowners to benefit from renting out their own homes.

The proposal is a good step that vastly expands the legality of short-term rentals, and the village should approve and enforce it.

Aaron Wolfe, Cold Spring

I live in Chestnut Street and do not operate a vacation rental from my home. However, I have friends in the community who do and I have experience both using and operating vacation rentals in the past.

I agree that there should be some regulations around short-term rentals, but they should be entirely about safety issues and disruption of neighborhoods. I disagree with almost all of the proposed regulations, which essentially put so much burden on

homeowners they make renting out a room, or an entire home on occasion, not feasible. The Village Board should not be spending its valuable time and effort creating rules to solve problems that do not exist.

Todd Seekircher, Cold Spring

Mortgage tax

The mortgage tax was one of the most infuriating taxes in New York ("Mortgage Tax Income Soars for Philipstown," May 7). When we bought our first house in New York — in Putnam Valley — a couple of years ago, I felt penalized for our inability to buy with cash. It seemed like one more tool to keep the rich richer. And I'm not one to be anti-tax just for the sake of it; I only saw this as an unequal tax.

Gary Larson, via Facebook

Star of Bethlehem

I'm glad the Star of Bethlehem building on Main Street is being sold to a developer ("Historic Church May Leave Beacon," May 7). Now, after 60 years, maybe someone will pay property taxes on some prime real estate in Beacon.

Mark Giordano, via Facebook

The Rev. Daniel Blackburn said parking was one reason the church decided to move. But there's a lot of parking at the train station, West Main Street and along Wolcott Avenue. Plus, there's a shuttle that runs on Sunday that is almost always empty.

The so-called parking issue on Main Street is really about people wanting to park outside of the front door of the business or building they're frequenting and not compromise on walking or taking a shuttle.

Mark Hall, Beacon

I am sorry to hear that the Star of Bethlehem was outbid for the beautiful and historic Reformed Church building on Wolcott Avenue that was recently sold. Preference should have been given to the congregation of an active church rather than selling it to a developer who will turn it into an entertainment venue. Besides the obvious and more appropriate use, it seems to me we could stand a little more soul and a little less greed in Beacon.

Mary Fris, Beacon



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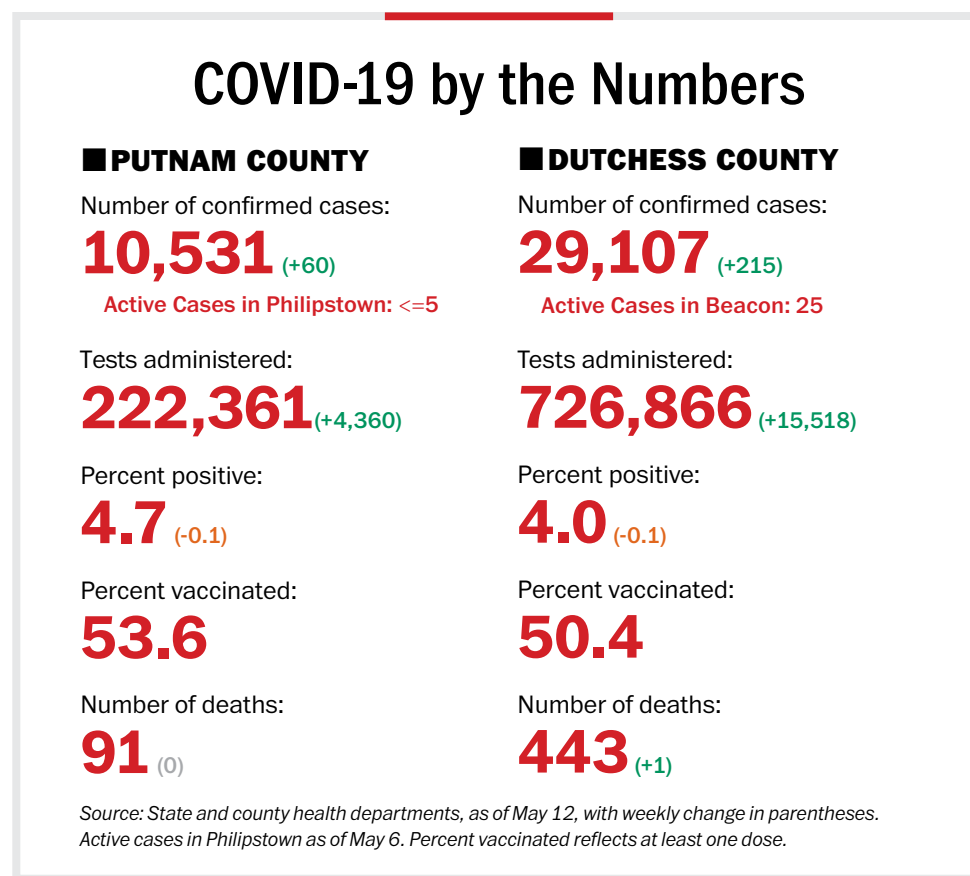
The pivot follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendation on Wednesday that states start administering the Pfizer vaccine “right away” to kids between 12 and 15. The drug, which had already been approved for 16- and 17-year-olds, received authorization for emergency use from the Food and Drug Administration on Monday (May 10).

While children infected with the virus that causes COVID-19 usually experience no more than mild symptoms, some cases have resulted in serious illness and deaths, and young people can infect others in their households. More than 1.5 million COVID-19 cases and 127 deaths involving adolescents and teens between 12 and 17 years old were reported between Jan. 1, 2020 and April 30, according to the CDC.

With Dutchess County's vaccination sites largely staffed by volunteers, partnering with doctors to administer doses to adolescents is the best approach, said Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro during his weekly Facebook town hall on May 5.

“We want to be very sensitive when it comes to giving vaccines to young people, and we believe that a doctor's office or a physician's facility is the safest way to do that,” he said.

More than half of Dutchess and Putnam residents had received at least one vaccine dose as of Wednesday (May 12), and more than 40 percent were fully vaccinated, although a falloff in demand statewide has led health departments to begin allowing



people to show up at their clinics without making an appointment.

Despite the slowdown, public officials say vaccinations have helped fuel a downturn in COVID-19 cases.

Three months after reaching pandemic highs, both Dutchess and Putnam counties are seeing infections, hospitalizations

and deaths plummet. Overall cases in April fell by nearly two-thirds in Dutchess and Putnam from January highs and, as of Wednesday, the cases for this month are on pace to be far below April in both counties.

Hospitalizations in Dutchess stood at 21 as of Wednesday after topping out at 172 on Jan. 27, and cases had fallen to 352 from

a high of 2,576 on Jan. 16. Putnam, which provides updated COVID-19 case data weekly, reported 53 cases and three people hospitalized at Putnam Hospital Center as of May 6. On Jan. 15, the county reported 451 active cases and 25 people hospitalized.

All of the data points are “trending in the right direction,” Molinaro said.

Michael Gusmano, a professor of public health at Rutgers University and a scholar with The Hastings Center, a bioethics think tank based in Garrison, said “the change in weather and the fact that people are spending more time outside contributes” to the fall in cases. But, he added, “there is a pretty strong correlation between the increase in vaccination and the reduction in infections, hospitalizations and deaths.”

Another sign of the pandemic waning: In March 2020, as coronavirus cases began proliferating across the state, Dutchess County partnered with Nuvance Health to open a testing site at Dutchess Stadium in Fishkill.

This week the county, in partnership with a company called ProPhase, is once again offering COVID-19 testing at the stadium. But this time, the target market is people attending events that require proof of vaccination or a negative test.

Molinaro, speaking Wednesday at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in Rhinebeck to announce the fair's reopening from Aug. 24 to 29 after being canceled in 2020, said Dutchess is “through the emergency.”

“The public health crisis is now transitioning to a rebuilding effort,” he said.

To our Garrison neighbors

The three of us are running for re-election to the Board of Education after a year that's been -- -- challenging! Because we love working with each other (and with the other board members), we're hoping you'll keep our team intact. We're proud of what we've accomplished this year. **We guided the district through the Covid pandemic** and offered both in-person and remote learning options. We've managed the capital campaign so that **construction can start on schedule this summer**. We approved a budget that includes **an environmental education teacher** and **stays within the budget cap**. Most important, **we found superb, experienced leadership** in Carl Albano and Allison Emig. They're transforming a good school into a **GREAT** one.

David Gelber, Madeline Julian, Courtney McCarthy

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The Philipstown Town Board hopes federal aid will help pay for replacement of the deteriorating Highway Department garage.

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Philipstown Could Get \$2 Million to Replace Highway Garage

Continues Upland ban; talks birds, bees and dogs

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

With the Town Hall renovation behind it (and, literally, around it), the Philipstown Town Board last week turned its attention to replacing the Highway Department garage, a project slated to receive \$2 million in federal money if local hopes and congressional aspirations become reality.

Meeting in person for the first time since 2019 at the newly renovated Town Hall, the board at its May 6 meeting also considered birds and bees, dogs, and roads deemed

unfit for development.

The town had moved its offices to other locations during the renovations to the 1867 building on Main Street near the Cold Spring-Nelsonville border, and met by Zoom during the pandemic. Now, the renovations are complete and all five board members have been inoculated against COVID-19.

Applause from socially distanced and masked members of the audience greeted the board's return to Town Hall, where "everything old is new again," as Supervisor Richard Shea put it. "A lot of people said we should abandon it, should have torn it down," but the board disagreed and many residents were "very attached to it," he added. "We're hoping it's good for another 100 years."

In what he described as "a big deal," he reported that a town application for a \$2 million grant to replace its highway garage "is in the queue" to obtain federal aid in fiscal 2022 if all goes well. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Philipstown resident and Democrat whose congressional district includes the Highlands [see box], proposed it, along with 19 other projects in his district. Maloney's backing notwithstanding, the garage upgrade faces House Appropriations Committee review before it can be included in the spending legislation brought to the House and Senate for votes.

"I'm hopeful they'll be able to come to some accommodation down in Washington," Shea said. He said the country desperately needs support for bridges, road surfaces and buildings like the deteriorating 1957 highway garage, which the board wants to demolish so it can construct an energy-efficient facility that includes solar panels.

"Since we do have a shovel-ready project, it puts us in a good place" for funding, Shea said.

In other business ...

■ Citing its ongoing review of land-use laws, the board extended its 1-year-old moratorium on development along three private roads — Upland Drive, Cliffside Court and Ridge Road — because of their poor condition. "These roads cannot handle the addition of another single-family home," Shea said. "There will be changes in zoning coming, wholesale changes. If you're considering a property" that "looks like a bargain on those roads, it may not be. 'Let the buyer beware.'"

■ The board approved the installation of a pollinator garden at Town Hall, although birds and bees must wait to enjoy it. "It's a great idea, but we simply don't have the money right now," Shea said, given the estimated \$15,000 cost.

■ Shea proposed fencing a section of the dog run in the town park on Route 9 in North Highlands so that smaller pooches aren't "bowled over" by larger counterparts. His wife, Karen Shea, had written the board suggesting changes after the couple adopted Linus, a 35-pound rescue dog. Dogs can play

Maloney Requests Money for Projects

Asks for funds to be added to spending bills

By Chip Rowe

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney on May 5 announced requests he made for funding 20 community projects in his district, which includes the Highlands, although not all will be approved.

Such requests, known as "earmarks," were banned by Congress in 2011 but legislators earlier this year decided to again allow them while increasing control and requiring they be made public. Maloney's requests include \$14 million in funding for four projects in Putnam County and \$4 million for three in Dutchess. Examples include:

- \$2 million to replace the Philipstown Highway garage.
- \$4.35 million for the proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail between Cold Spring and Beacon.
- \$400,000 for a study of the Interstate 84/Route 9D corridor in Beacon and Fishkill to reduce congestion and improve access to the Beacon train station.
- \$4 million to enlarge the Newburgh pier and provide a floating dock for Newburgh-Beacon Ferry transfer passengers, transient mooring slips for recreational boaters and shaded seating and space for outdoor events.

Like other representatives, Maloney asked the chairs of House committees — in this case, Appropriations and Transportation/Infrastructure (he is a member of the latter) — to add his earmarks for government or nonprofit projects to larger spending bills.

The House Appropriations Committee allowed each member to submit up to 10 proposals but noted that "only a handful may actually be funded" because House rules limit Community Project Funding to 1 percent of discretionary spending.

off-leash in the run and Richard Shea said Linus "has taken some serious licks out there." Councilors Robert Flaherty and Judy Farrell, who also own smaller dogs, echoed his concerns. Shea agreed to research dog run fencing while Flaherty looks into similar park enhancements.

■ Flaherty urged the public to get COVID-19 vaccinations to enable a return to normal activities. He observed that vaccination rates have fallen across the U.S. "That's not what we want to see."



CHILD INJURED — A 6-year-old bystander suffered a foot injury following a three-car accident on Sunday afternoon (May 9) on Main Street in Beacon. Police said one of two vehicles involved in a collision at the intersection of North Cedar Street jumped the curb and struck the boy, whose foot was trapped beneath a rear tire. Bystanders freed him and he and the two drivers were transported to hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries. Several tickets were issued, police said.

Photo by Jean Noack

3 Questions

Garrison School Board Candidates

Five hopefuls for four seats

Five candidates are running for four open seats on the nine-member Garrison Union Free School (GUFFS) board. The election, along with a vote on the budget, takes place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday (May 18) at the school. Three of the four seats are for 3-year terms and one for a single year to complete the term of Jill Lake, who resigned. The candidate with the fourth-highest number of votes will fill the one-year term.

The proposed 2021-22 budget, adopted by the board on April 20, includes \$11.69 million in spending, or about \$322,000 more than this year, an increase of 2.83 percent. The district proposes raising \$9.7 million through property taxes, receiving \$976,000 in state aid and using \$894,000 from fund balance.

To review the proposed budget, see gufs.org/domain/167. To receive an absentee ballot, bring the application at bit.ly/gufs-absentee to the school by Monday.

Why are you running?

DAVID GELBER: I serve on the school board's Facilities Committee and the Planning Committee, both of which are engaged in important initiatives I'd like to see through. In my six



Gelber

years on the board, I'm pleased to say that we're evolving from a good school to a great one. That's due to the leadership of Superintendent Carl Albano and Principal Allison Emig, as well as the faculty, which is the best it's been since I've been on the board. It's a privilege and a joy to play a role in helping GUFFS become an exemplar of what's possible in K-8 education.

MADELINE JULIAN: I'm the proud mother to twin boys, Max and Myles, who are in the third grade at GUFFS. My husband Robert and I moved our family to Garrison three years ago. We are deeply vested in this community and passionate about the success of our unique school district. The ongoing capital construction project is an opportunity for me to positively influence our school's future. With my expertise in construction management, project budgeting and scheduling, I will be able to advocate on behalf of the district to lower major construction risks. I believe that as a working mother and architect I bring a diversity of experience which uniquely complements our current board. My focus on health care design and construction management has led me to a very satisfying career that combines my passion for design and giving back to the community. Designing and building spaces that are patient- and human-centered is very important to me — knowing that at any given time any one of us or our loved ones can become a patient. Additionally, it takes resilience, grit and passion to succeed in these circumstances and we are fortunate to have Carl Albano and Allison Emig leading the way. I also fully support my fellow running mates, Courtney McCarthy and David Gelber, and hope we can continue our fine work together.

COURTNEY MCCARTHY: My husband and I moved to Garrison nine years ago from Peekskill, when our two daughters were in second grade and preschool. We deliberately chose Garrison for its size and reputation and immediately sought out ways to become involved in our new community. From being a class parent to chairing Drop Everything and Read week (which I still do!), running a read-a-thon sleepover in the gym each fall, serving as communications chair on the board for the Garrison Children's Education Fund to serving on the school board for the past four years, I am proud of the personal connections I have made and the deeper understanding of Garrison I have gained through this work. Although my passion for excellence in our schools has not changed since we first arrived, my perspective and appreciation for how far we have come is now more vital than ever.

NED RAUCH: My wife, Liz, and I have two kids: Louise is in kindergarten at GUFFS and Auggie, 3, will follow soon. I want them and all students in the district to love their school, look forward



Rauch

(on most days, at least) to going to class and to receive a top-shelf education. If I can, I'd like to help. Meantime, as a parent, I've had the chance to get involved with the school, sitting on a pair of planning committees and joining the PTA. To my surprise, I've found it all — the discussions about pedagogy, the curriculum, policy — interesting. That tells me I ought to pursue it further. Vying for an open seat — I'm not hoping to oust anyone — seems like a good way to (a) follow my curiosity and (b) help the district. If I can nudge the school to increase its use of the School Forest and offer foreign languages to younger students along the way, so much the better.

KENT SCHACHT: I've lived in Garrison for more than 15 years with my wife, Courtney, and our three children attend GUFFS. I know firsthand that Garrison's teachers and administrators provide top-level support

beyond terrific academics, from Individualized Education Program services to the arts and physical education, outdoor education and the incredible adaptations made to learning with the onset of



Schacht

COVID-19. I'm a big believer in public school education, and I'm a product of it. To thrive and progress as a community and society, it's essential to invest in and prioritize education. My years in public school helped lay the foundation for my career as a business executive and management consultant. My family is and has been active in the GUFFS community for years, but a silver lining of the last year is that I am now able to get more deeply involved with the school. I've jumped in with both feet to participate as a parent representative in the selection process of our terrific new principal, Allison Emig, as well as working collaboratively with the Strategic Coherence Plan committee made up of administration, teachers and parents to craft the vision of a future GUFFS graduate. I'm ready and excited to get more involved.

What qualifications and experience would you bring to the board?

GELBER: My board experience includes six years on the Swarthmore College Board of Managers. I spent several years teaching a journalism seminar at The Horace Mann School. I'm especially passionate about initiatives to make the curriculum more coherent and more inventive, goals shared by Carl and Allison.

JULIAN: I am a licensed New York State architect with 24 years of professional experience. I've worked on national and international projects, ranging in scope



Julian

from small renovations to world-class medical facilities. I am quality-driven and have worked at Skidmore Owings and Merrill and two of the best health care institutions: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center and the Mount Sinai Hospital System, where I am senior director of project development. I was appointed to the board last year during the pandemic and promptly completed the required board training sessions on education policy, finance and budget. I got up to speed with the other board members quickly and we faced one of the most unpredictable years in recent times. As a New York State School Board Association delegate to the district, I was reminded several times that GUFFS was able to achieve what many school districts in the state couldn't: provide families the option of a safe, in-person, full-time education during a worldwide pandemic.

MCCARTHY: I have served on the Garrison school board for four years and am presently vice president. Over the last year, the

board has worked exceptionally hard to bring in experienced leadership in all facets to the school. Additionally, we guided the school through the pandemic and ensured that all



McCarthy

students in the district were given both a full-time, in-person or remote option for the current school year. We initiated the development of the Anti-Racism and Equity Task Force and the design and implementation of the strategic plan, which demonstrates the board's commitment to responding to the needs of our entire community.

RAUCH: Oddly, perhaps, I'm the president of the PTA. Much of our achievements during this strange, pandemic-restricted year are due to the work of the three other parents on the officers' committee, Krys, Liz and Jake, and as a team, we've found ways to support the GUFFS community and help it feel a little closer to normal. Additionally, I joined the Strategic Coherence Planning Team, which convened over the fall and winter to establish a new vision of the GUFFS graduate — that is, what attributes and dispositions the school should nurture and develop within its students. That introduced me to other parents and teachers I hadn't met and bolstered my relationships with Carl Albano and Allison Emig. Before that, I served on the school's Reopening Committee, which met over the summer to figure out how to safely open the school in the midst of the pandemic. I come to all this having spent much of my career as a newspaper reporter, during which I covered, among other topics, education. That job put me in school board meetings and in conversations with superintendents, budget officers, teachers, parents and students in districts from Mount Vernon to Lake Placid. To cover schools well, you have to be able to understand what's at stake and explain it clearly. I've done that, and it's a good skill for a would-be board member to have.

SCHACHT: I have been a business executive and consultant for sports and media companies for nearly 20 years. I have advised the senior leadership of several major sports and media companies on improving their businesses and have extensive experience in that effort with budgets and financial management, driving positive change in all types of organizations. I believe this experience making decisions while balancing short- and long-term fiscal and organizational needs will add a diverse and necessary perspective to the board. I know the importance of building consensus in challenging situations and understand the need to relate and listen to concerns and framing issues with the context from which they're presented. If elected, I promise to do the same for every constituent in the Garrison community.

What challenge facing the district needs immediate attention?

GELBER: The most immediate challenge is to

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3 Questions

Haldane School Board Candidates

Three hopefuls for two seats

Three candidates are running for two open seats on the five-member Haldane school board. The election, along with a vote on the budget, takes place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday (May 18) in the cafeteria of the middle school.

The proposed 2021-22 budget, adopted by the board on April 20, includes \$25.95 million in spending, or about \$685,000 more than this year, an increase of 2.71 percent. The district proposes raising \$21 million through property taxes, \$3.1 million in state aid, \$721,000 in non-resident tuition, and using \$645,000 from fund balance and \$410,000 from reserves. Voters will also be asked to approve spending \$175,000 on buses.

For information on the budget, registering to vote and/or absentee ballots, see haldaneschool.org/board-of-education/annual-budget.

Why are you running?

MARK DAISLEY:

Having been drawn to this community 11 years ago by the town's incredible natural resources and excellent school district, I am now the father of two Haldane students in



Daisley

the second and fifth grade and vice president of finance and operations at Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming. I came to the U.S. from England, became a citizen and am proud to call Cold Spring home. I feel that volunteering for the Board of Education is the best way to use my skills and experience to serve this community.

JOHN HEDLUND: First, I believe in participating in our community. I've been on the boards of the Haldane Foundation, the Cold Spring Farmers' Market, and the Philipstown Soccer Club, and I have perspective and experience that will help Haldane continue to improve. Second, while we've accomplished a lot recently with the Strategic Coherence Plan and an infrastructure bond, there is more to be done. We could be better at assessing how the district is doing year-on-year in educating our children, and how our investments in technology, training and programs are making an impact. This year the administration has reported on the measureable impacts of COVID-19 and how they're being addressed, but we need to do more of this. Finally, we should expand our view beyond graduation. If our students struggle after they've been at Haldane for up to 13 years, we hold some responsibility. Haldane's success should be evident long after graduation, but we don't know holistically how our students do after they leave, or what we can do to prepare current students to be more successful.

MARY (MAGGIE) VALENTINE: I'd like to bring a wider range of Haldane family voices and perspectives to the table. After making my way from San Francisco to New York City for work after college, I married a Springer in 2009 and found myself a newcomer in a group whose families have attended Haldane for two and three generations.

Today I'm amazed by many of the ideas newer families are bringing to the district. I see myself as somewhat of a bridge between many different groups.

What qualifications and experience would you bring to the board?

DAISLEY: In my role at Glynwood, I am responsible for the fiscal health of the organization, the running of the facility and the human resources that serve the mission. I feel that experience in these areas, which include budgeting, building and infrastructure management, and staff development, are key crossover skills. Working for a nonprofit in the same town as I live requires diplomacy and discretion, which are also vital skills for the Board of Education. Before Glynwood, I worked at Bloomberg, where I ran international projects that required collaboration across diverse teams with different skills and viewpoints. In addition to this process-oriented leadership experience, I've loved volunteering as a Haldane garden parent and at the Tots Park. Through my kids' unique gifts and challenges, I've developed a deep investment in Haldane.

HEDLUND: My first job was as a teacher. I taught second grade in Houston, which was the hardest thing I've ever done. It showed me what we ask of our teachers — the creativity, discipline



Hedlund

and flexibility that the job requires — and what districts can do to help them be more successful. Since then, I've held a series of roles in financial services that were basically problem-solving: you got asked to solve something that you didn't know much about, you had to get smart on the issue, ask a bunch of questions, build relationships with a lot of people, be creative in identifying challenges and solutions, and make a recommendation. It's much of what school board work is, and those skills have been essential over the past three years. And now, after a term on the board, I've built solid knowledge of the complexities

of our district. Having worked through budgeting challenges, tax levy discussions, contract negotiations, the adoption of our Strategic Coherence Plan, and COVID, I feel this working knowledge makes me a valuable contributor for what I think is an exciting new chapter for Haldane.

VALENTINE: I have 21 years of experience working as a financial journalist, from managing different sections of a national business magazine to supervising editorial coverage of the



Valentine

tech sector for a global news wire. Besides overseeing various team budgets, I've made a career out of finding questions and stories within the budget lines of organizations of all sizes. I have a first- and fourth-grader at Haldane. Volunteering in my kids' classrooms as a class and garden parent and yearbook adviser has lent itself well to seeing how the district's budget translates directly to Haldane's most important touchpoints — interaction between teachers/staff and students. I love asking questions and hearing everyone else's stories.

What challenge facing the district needs immediate attention?

DAISLEY: The current board has done a great job over an incredibly difficult year. They have prioritized in-person learning and brought our children back into the classroom in a safe manner while accommodating those that needed to remain online. Now that a return to normality is in sight, the district can continue to implement the Strategic Coherence Plan, but to do this in a period of funding constraint will require making a long-term budget plan to "future-proof" the district and grow the resources that have come to define a Haldane education.

HEDLUND: Immediately, we must plan to strategically use the projected increase in state aid. Since 2007, districts have not received their full aid allocation, but over the next three years we will be made whole. For Haldane, that's an incremen-

tal \$700,000, adding about 1 percent to our budget in those years — a meaningful increase on a budget that grows roughly 2 percent. But without careful planning, this opportunity could be overwhelmed by annual budgeting challenges. With a smart strategy, however, we can take into account what we see before us — our Strategic Coherence Plan, a shifting student population, opportunities for new programs and increased social-emotional support — laying the groundwork for what we want Haldane to be not just next year, but when our kindergarteners are getting ready to ring the bell at graduation.

VALENTINE: The superintendent and board did an amazing job navigating the district through the pandemic. Boosting academics and gauging students' emotional wellness should be the top priorities now, along with making sure classrooms have enough support to foster different learning styles. We also need to get back on track with rolling out the Strategic Coherence Plan and make sure what's going on inside the K-12 classrooms aligns well with the plan's ultimate objective: ensuring Haldane grads are prepared for success out in the world. I'd like to see wider, more proactive communication between Haldane and families as it relates to the big things: updates in curriculum, how our kids are doing and district hiring practices.

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Beacon School Board Candidates

Four incumbents run for four open seats

Four incumbents are running for four open seats on the nine-member Beacon school board. The election, along with a vote on the budget, will take place from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday (May 18) at Beacon High School or Glenham Elementary School (for district voters who live in the towns of Fishkill or Wappinger).

The budget includes \$76.9 million in spending. The district's state-mandated tax cap for 2021 is 2.35 percent, which translates to a \$42.6 million tax levy, or \$980,000 more than last year. It estimates a \$97 property tax increase on a \$300,000 home in Beacon that participates in the STAR tax relief program. (The estimated increase would be \$121 in Fishkill and \$120 in Wappinger.) Money received from federal stimulus packages is not part of the budget; in most cases, it must be spent on pandemic-related expenditures.

Voters will also be asked to approve the district's sale of 33 acres underneath and around Dutchess Stadium, the home of the Hudson Valley Renegades. Proceeds from the \$627,000 sale to Dutchess County, if it's approved, would go toward a \$22 million-plus capital project that the district plans to present to voters this fall.

For information on absentee ballots, see beaconk12.org/Page/1576. The top three vote-getters will serve three-year terms and the fourth-place finisher will complete the final year of the term of Michael Rutkoske, who resigned in July.

What challenge facing the district needs immediate attention?

ELISSA BETTERBID: Grappling with the effects and after-effects of the pandemic on our students, faculty and staff as we prepare for 2021-22. My hope is that students and teachers will be back in classrooms five days a week and will return to a more normal

routine in the fall. This will present challenges, including greater need for social and emotional support, additional resources for learning losses and intervention, continued professional development and an evolving strategy for COVID-19, which is likely to remain a threat. Along with those challenges, the coming school year presents exciting opportunities, such as summer programming, new extracurricular programs and a renewed sense of school



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community and pride. I'm proud of the way the district has weathered this public health crisis and I look forward to serving the community for a second term.

JOHN GALLOWAY JR.:

Diversity throughout our district. When you are working and learning with people from a variety of backgrounds in the classroom, students gain more of an understanding of the subject matter. It also teaches students how to use their own strengths and points of view to contribute to a more diverse working environment. It gives students with different backgrounds a better chance of succeeding.



Galloway

JASMINE JOHNSON:

The mental health of our children. COVID-19 has brought on isolation, causing more roaming on social media, which can bring up feelings of insecurity, contempt, fear, anger and anxiety. It's difficult for many adults to navigate through subconscious chatter, so as growing children it is only imaginable how intense they are feeling. There's constant display of murders on all platforms, along with grappling with regular childhood trials. Creating different protocols on how to handle stress and a sense of healthy structure would be best: developing a model, possibly a "Beacon model," with a four- to five-step process on combatting negative thoughts, feelings and actions when dealing with such isolation. It



Johnson

involves (1) Identifying the root of the problem, (2) Identifying how they got there, (3) Having resources for them specific to their problem, (4) Having someone who can follow up with kids and/or parents and make sure they are using the resources, and (5) Keeping a collection of wins to show that the system works. We usually view children as resilient and needing more tough love. I agree with this, but they also need patience, compassion, direction and protection.

FLORA STADLER:

After the trauma of the last 12-plus months, I'd like to focus on social and emotional support for students, staff and families. The district has been doing things already — the meal program, home visits, a return to in-person school. But there's more to do, and I'm glad we have the budget to prioritize it. Once the planned social-emotional assessment of students is complete, I'd like to see the district respond with more professional development around trauma-informed practice, additional social workers or mental health professionals if needed, and other supports, maybe in partnership with local organizations. It's also about social well-being: for example, strengthening a sense of safety and belonging by continuing the work of responsive classrooms and restorative justice. All of this work needs to be supported by consistent communication, to build trust and foster a sense of community. That approach will help us come back together and create an environment where students can thrive emotionally and academically.



Stadler

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ensure the successful completion of the capital project. We're very lucky that my fellow board member, Madeline Julian, an architect and a candidate for re-election, is providing indispensable expertise on the capital project. Another board candidate, Kent Schacht, who has years of experience in business and finance, can provide expertise when it comes to project oversight and cost control.

JULIAN: The critical issue is to continually review our long-term finances, stay within our tax cap and not cut institutional programs. In addition, supporting the roll-out of the Next Generation standards and the implementation of the Vision of a Garrison Graduate and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Coherence Plan. The next school year will require ongoing construction, phasing and temporary relocation of classrooms. The timeline and phasing need to be reviewed carefully. There should also be a noise-mitigation plan and the construction areas left clean and safe at the end of each day. The goal is to make sure that there are minimal disruptions to our students' education. It will be a challenging year, but if there is something that 2020 has taught us is that

with the right protocol, oversight and planning, obstacles can be overcome.

MCCARTHY: I enthusiastically support this year's budget, which includes a full-time environmental educator for grades K-8 and reinforces our commitment to technology while staying within the tax cap. I look forward to continuing to serve the Garrison community as a member of the Board of Education and ask for your vote as well as my fellow board members, Madeline Julian and David Gelber.

RAUCH: The biggest challenge facing the district is the need to navigate through tumult. Adding to the disruption caused by the pandemic will be the capital project, which will cause a huge mess in the process of creating something quite terrific. The project will require keen oversight. The students, teachers and staff will deserve extra support, flexibility and creative thinking from the administration and board. Parents, meanwhile, should expect clear, up-to-date communication about what to expect. On top of all that, we have to prepare our students to thrive in a changing world. Social norms are evolving quickly, and our environment is demanding our attention and action. It's a lot. I'd like to help.

SCHACHT: Led by a great board and strong administration, GUFS is on a great path with incredible potential. To ensure continued progress, the next board will need to manage multiple priorities with an eye toward long-term planning and the ability to adapt to what will likely be an unpredictable world, full of challenges from a budgetary and policy perspective. The most pressing single issue the next board will need to tackle will be careful and thoughtful management of the capital project. As decisions have to be made with regard to the ongoing progress of this vital initiative, it will be vital that board members see all perspectives and navigate a good path forward for the group that balances short-term financial stewardship with smart long-term planning. Beyond that project, I'm eager to advocate that our administration continue to maximize assets unique to Garrison, like outdoor education in the School Forest, as Superintendent Albano has made a priority. Additionally, I'm excited to focus on the integration of the work done by the Strategic Coherence Committee. I believe that our school can build individual success for every student and parent. A school that accomplishes that will significantly lift its community. I am excited about the prospect of playing a leadership role in this process.

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The Calendar

By Alison Rooney

The folks at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival (HVSF) have been more than a little distracted over the past year. What with the cancellation of their 2020 season because of a pandemic shutdown and a town full of diverging opinions about the scope of the plans for a new home at the Garrison golf course, it's easy to forget that ultimately the play's the thing.

Overshadowed somewhat by offstage drama, the festival's two 2021 productions will be its last at Boscobel in Garrison, where HVSF has set up camp for 32 of the past 33 summers after its first season at Manitoga in 1987.

The first show, *The Most Spectacularly Lamentable Trial of Miz Martha Washington*, by James Ijames, will open June 24 and run for five weeks, through July 30. Shakespeare's *The Tempest* follows on Aug. 5, running for five weeks through Sept. 4. Unlike previous seasons, which saw three or four shows in repertory, this year's uncertainty, plus ongoing health and safety considerations, determined that streamlining was the most efficient way to produce the season.

Taking into account ever-changing New York State and Actors' Equity Association regulations on the maximum number of people allowed entrance at specific times, and the myriad other public gathering compliance components, flexibility was key, say Kate Liberman, HVSF's managing director, and Davis McCallum, its artistic director.

With all these preoccupations, it wouldn't have been surprising if HVSF had thrown in the towel for 2021 to focus on the pending move. Yet, that was never in the cards, Liberman says. "We spent the better part of the year not being able to do any theater-making. As an organization, we have a mission to bring the community together, so how could we go on without trying? Davis and I are theater people at heart, and our board felt it was important to bring the community back together rather than taking a pass, particularly during our last season at Boscobel."

McCallum adds: "There are arts organizations all over the country frantically trying to figure out how to perform in a tent; well, we know how! There was this once-in-a-lifetime potential to be back performing, even with daunting finances, and we thought, 'We have to put ourselves in position to be able to seize it.'"

He says the wisdom of the decision

“There are arts organizations all over the country frantically trying to figure out how to perform in a tent; well, we know how!

~ Davis McCallum, HVSF artistic director

BACK UNDER THE TENT

HVSF prepares for final season at Boscobel



The HVSF tent will make one last appearance this year at Boscobel.

Photo by Phil Bulla

was confirmed for him when he attended Haldane's performance of *The Greek Trilogy* and the debut of *The Scream*, a musical co-written by Cold Spring's Ray Bokhour, at the Philipstown Depot Theatre. "It was the two first times I've been back in a theater in — I don't know, 14 months — and I found the experience thrilling. To be in a place where humans bear witness and get up and tell stories — I felt a flood of relief just sitting there, and I can't wait to follow that example under the tent."

The HVSF tent will be in place at Boscobel, but there will be a number of changes, Liberman says. "Audience capacity will be limited to 33 percent — a state mandate — and each group has to be socially distanced. Both plays will be performed without inter-

missions to reduce the complexities of keeping everyone safe. We've also simplified the bathroom situation to trailers with individual stalls."

In addition, all theater-goers will be required to provide proof of vaccination or negative test results through the state's digital Excelsior Pass or by presenting a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of arrival. There'll also be symptom screening and contact tracing, along with timed entry. There will still be picnicking, but with reservations and in designated circles on the lawn.

For those who remain uncomfortable in groups, or otherwise are unable to attend or can't get tickets because of the reduced capacity, one performance of each show will be recorded and streamed online.

"There have been years when 8,000 tickets were sold in the first week of sales opening," Liberman says. "This year we have just 8,000 tickets available, period. If [the state's] rules change, we will try to put more seats on sale."

In *The Most Spectacularly...*, Martha

How to Get an Excelsior Pass

Provided by New York State, the Excelsior Pass provides digital evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results. The vaccination pass is valid for 180 days after the final dose (when it can be renewed); the PCR (nasal swab test) Pass is valid until midnight on the third day after a test; and the Antigen Pass is valid for six hours from the time of a test.

The passes can be stored on a smartphone with an app from the Apple or Google stores or printed. They also can be retrieved at epass.ny.gov. You also will need to present photo ID that shows your name and birthdate.



Kate Liberman and Davis McCallum, in front of the HVSF office

Photo by A. Rooney

Washington's slaves appear to be waiting on her but are instead waiting for her to die so they can be freed. They pass the time messing with her head, playing out a wild series of comic sketches.

"I'd never read anything like it," says McCallum, who initially considered adding it to the HVSF repertory in 2019. "It has a huge breadth of imagination, a powerful set of ideas. The audience's presence and point of view is the place where the drama is focused, and that's similar to Shakespearean dramaturgy. The tent 'wants' a play where the audience is present and a part of the play."

"My favorite Shakespeare plays are those,

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see
highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

COMMUNITY

SAT 15

Funminster Dog Show

PATTERSON

Noon – 3 p.m. Rec Center | 65 Front St.

All friendly, leashed dogs are welcome to compete in any of eight categories, including Wiggly Butt, Largest Dog, Smallest Dog and Best Senior, during this third annual fundraiser for Putnam Service Dogs. Register from noon to 1 p.m. for \$20 per dog. *Cost: \$15 (\$5 ages 10 and younger)*

SUN 16

Toy and Collector Show

NEWBURGH

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Showtime Cinemas
1420 Route 300 | facebook.com/
TheLocalINTS

Find toys, pop-culture collectibles and comics. *Cost: \$5 (free for 12 and younger and anyone wearing a costume)*

TUES 18

Cooking for a Cause

BEACON

7 p.m. Hudson Valley Eats
bit.ly/cooking-arnoff

Brian Arnoff, the chef behind Kitchen Sink and Meyers Olde Dutch in Beacon, will lead a virtual cooking demonstration for spring pea lasagna. The proceeds will benefit organizations that fight hunger in the Hudson Valley. The fee includes Newburgh Brewing Co. Cream Ale and the recipe and ingredients list. *Cost: \$50*



THURS 20

Farmers' Market Picnic

PHILIPSTOWN

6 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | bit.ly/csfm-benefit

Enjoy the grounds of the art center with picnic fare from Fresh Company to support the nonprofit organization behind the Cold Spring Farmers' Market. *Cost: \$85*

SAT 22

Master Gardeners Plant Sale

CARMEL

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gypsy Trail Road
845-278-6738 x 220
putnam.cce.cornell.edu

Find annuals, perennials, native plants and shrubs, plus all the vegetables your garden needs, at this annual fundraiser.

SAT 22

Shredder Day

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – Noon The Nest
44 Chestnut St.
coldspringlions.org/shredder

Bring your papers sans staples and have the materials securely and safely shredded at this event to benefit Cold Spring Lions Club programs.

SAT 22

Modern Makers Market

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Riverfront Park
2 Red Flynn Drive
hopsonteHUDSON.com

Check out work by more than 100 artisans and artists as well as food trucks and entertainment. Because of pandemic restrictions, only up to 500 people will be admitted to each of two sessions (10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 5:30 p.m.). Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID-19 test is required. Also SUN 23. *Cost: \$17 (\$7 ages 6 to 16 and free under 5)*

SUN 23

Empanada Wars

BEACON

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Rocco Society
26 S. Chestnut St.
bit.ly/empanada-wars

This fundraiser for the Beacon Community Kitchen will feature Tommy Que Empanadas and EmpaNANI. *Cost: \$15*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 15

ArtQUAKE

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

David Provan curated this exhibit with 18 artists whose works are an optical illusion or spin, whirl, walk or move. Also SUN 16.

SAT 15

Drawing Within and Without

GARRISON

10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Christina Di Marco's workshop will kick off a series of eight, 1-day classes covering painting, silk screening, bookmaking, knitting and other crafts. Class will be held outside, weather permitting. Register online. *Cost: \$55*

SAT 15

Sandbox | Schism

BEACON

Noon – 6 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | 845-440-7584
baugallery.org

Lukas Milanak's interactive installation will explore the hidden world of nature, while John De Marco's abstract landscapes will be on view in Gallery 2 and a group show will be in the Beacon Room. Through June 6.



SAT 15

Low Fidelity

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211
loftsatbeacon.com

The exhibit will showcase photographs by Bobby Grossman of the New York City downtown scene from 1975 to 1983, with shots of David Bowie, Jean-Michel Basquiat and others. Through July 17.

THURS 20

Louise Bourgeois

BEACON

Noon. Dia Beacon
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Museum educators will discuss Bourgeois' sculptures and smaller works in this webinar. Register online.



Deborah Lecce, May 22

SAT 22

Paper Arts Workshop

PUTNAM VALLEY

Noon. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

In this first of two, 3-hour outdoor sessions, Christina Di Marco will teach bookbinding techniques based on Japanese paper art traditions. Also SUN 23. *Cost: \$60*

SAT 22

Deborah Lecce | Holly Sumner

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Guardians of the Land is an exhibit of Lecce's ceramic animals. Sumner's show, *Saints and Samurai*, will feature her paintings on wood panels of microscopic life (see Page 15). Through June 20.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 15

Poetry Sculptors Poetry Circle

COLD SPRING

2:15 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Led by eighth-grader Rain Lee, this group for students ages 9 to 15 will read and share poems.

FRI 21

Ree-Play Sale

BEACON

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. University Settlement
700 Wolcott Ave. | weeplayproject.org

Find gently used clothing, toys and gear for children at this annual sale to support recreation activities and improve play areas in local parks. Also SAT 22, SUN 23.

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 15

Life Among the Lenape

FORT MONTGOMERY

10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. 690 Route 9W
845-446-2134 | parks.ny.gov

Learn about what life was like for local Native Americans and see demonstrations of skills they used.

SUN 16

The Inspired Garden Journal

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Supplies for Creative Living
suppliesforcreativeliving.com

In the first of two sessions via

Zoom, participants will learn how to record and observe the natural world and track their gardening project's progress. *Cost: \$65*

MON 17

Medieval Masterpieces of the Cloisters

COLD SPRING

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

Michael Norris, who spent two decades at the Met and Cloisters Museum, will lead a virtual tour of its collection. Register online.

WED 19

Navigating Freedom in the Mid-Hudson Valley

POUGHKEEPSIE

4:30 p.m.
Underground Railroad Consortium
urcnys.org/webinars

Peter Buntin of the Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project will discuss how the Underground Railroad story played out in the Mid-Hudson Valley, and why the U.S. remains a space of danger for Black people.

WED 19

Scam-Proof Your Life

GARRISON

8 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Learn in this webinar about how to protect yourself from common scams including robocalls and ransomware. Register online.

THURS 20

The Decade That Will Decide the Climate Fight

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
845-463-4660
bit.ly/beacon-mckibben

Bill McKibben, climate activist, author and founder of 350.org, will discuss via Zoom actions we need to take immediately to prevent the worst impacts of climate change. Register online.

SUN 23

Searchers in Winter

GARRISON

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

Owen Pataki, a Garrison native and author of *Searchers in Winter: A Novel of Napoleon's Empire*, will discuss his book with his sister, Alison Pataki, who is also a bestselling author, via Crowdcast.

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MUSIC

SAT 15
William Parker

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
onthestage.com/howland-cultural-center

The jazz musician will perform and speak with Cisco Bradley, author of *Universal Tonality: The Life and Music of William Parker*. The 24 in-person seats are sold-out but the show will be available by livestream. *Cost: \$20*

SAT 22
Deni Bonet with Chris Flynn

PUTNAM VALLEY
6:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The singer/songwriter and violinist will perform quirky, melodic and fun folk-rock for all ages on the lawn with Flynn, a guitarist and singer. *Cost: \$20 donation*

SUN 23
Junction Trio

KATONAH
3 p.m. Caramoor
914-232-1252 | caramoor.org

Violinist Stefan Jackiw will perform in a livestream with pianist Conrad Tao and cellist Jay Campbell. The program includes work by Shostakovich and Beethoven. *Cost: \$15 to \$45*

SUN 23
Cassatt String Quartet and Ursula Oppens

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
alivemusica.org

In this livestream, Oppens, a pianist, will perform with the quartet in an all-female program that includes Amy Beach's *Piano Quintet in F-sharp Minor* and the online premiere of *Blue and Green Music* for string quartet by composer Victoria Bond. *Cost: \$20 donation*



STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 15
The Freedom Project

GARRISON
6:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

This project, presented in three parts, will pair contemporary and vintage plays. For Part 1, *The Secret Secrets of Wonderland County*, by John Pielmeier, can be viewed with *His Honor, The Mayor*, by Orson

Welles. The performances will be available online until 8 p.m. on SUN 16. *Cost: \$15 (\$10 students)*

THURS 20
Literary Open Mic

BEACON
7 p.m. Via Zoom | donnaminkowitz.com

Listen or read from a written work for five minutes as Donna Minkowitz revives the program online.

CIVIC

MON 17
City Council

BEACON
7 p.m. Via Zoom
845-838-5011 | beaconnny.gov

MON 17
Village Board

NELSONVILLE
7:30 p.m. Via Zoom
845-265-2500 | nelsonvillenyny.gov

TUES 18
Budget and Trustee Vote

BEACON
6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road | beaconn12.org
For district residents in Beacon

Glenham Elementary
20 Chase Drive | beaconn12.org
For district residents in Fishkill and Wappinger



Deni Bonet, May 22

TUES 18
Budget and Trustee Vote

COLD SPRING
7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Haldane
15 Craigsides Drive | haldaneschool.org

TUES 18
Budget and Trustee Vote

GARRISON
7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | gufs.org

WED 19
School Board

GARRISON
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Haldane School, Cafeteria, 15 Craigsides Drive



NOTICE TO BIDDERS

New Town of Philipstown Highway Department Headquarters

The Town of Philipstown hereby invites the submission of sealed bids to furnish materials and labor for the New Town of Philipstown Highway Department Headquarters.

The work will be performed as multiple prime contract basis. Each bid shall be on a stipulated sum basis for the following contracts:

Contract No. GW.1	General Work
Contract No. P.1	Plumbing Work
Contract No. H.1	HVAC Work
Contract No. E.1	Electrical Work

Bidders may bid on any or all of the four (4) prime contracts, provided that a separate bid must be submitted for each contract on which the Bidder wishes to submit a Bid.

Sealed bids submitted on appropriate bid forms included within the Project Specification Manual, will be received by the Town of Philipstown at the Philipstown Town Clerk's Office at 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, NY, 10516, **until 2 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, June 1st, 2021** at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Courtroom located on the second floor of the Town of Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY. Bids received after that time will not be accepted and returned to Bidder unopened. It is deemed the responsibility of all prospective bidders to ensure that bids are delivered to the location indicated herein within the permitted timeframe.

Bid Documents will be available as of Tuesday, May 11, 2021 as follows:

Complete digital sets of Bidding Documents, drawings and specifications, may be obtained online as a download at www.Revplans.com under 'public projects'. The cost to obtain digital sets is the responsibility of the bidder. Complete black and white printed sets of Bidding Documents, Drawings and Specifications, may be obtained from REV Printing, 330 Route 17A, Suite #2, Goshen, New York 10924, Tel: (845) 978-4736, upon payment of the nonrefundable sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each combined set of documents. Checks or money orders shall be made payable to Town of Philipstown. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs.

Bid and Contract Documents may be examined at no charge upon appointment at the offices of Highlands Architecture PLLC, 3212 Route 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

Prospective bidders may request clarification of the bid documents in writing addressed to Highlands Architecture, attention Justin Kacur via e-mail (jkacur@highlandsarchitecture.com). No interpretations of the meaning of the plans, specifications or other contract documents will be made to any bidder orally. Every question for such interpretations shall be in writing using the correct form and must be received one (1) week prior to bid due date in order to be considered.

A **pre-bid meeting** will be held at the existing Town of Philipstown Highway Department located at 50 Fishkill Road, Nelsonville, NY, on **Tuesday, May 18th, 2021, from 1 – 4 p.m.** Attendance by bidders is recommended, but not required for submitting a bid. Architect will be in attendance at the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, on the Bid Form bound within the Project Manual.

Bidders are required to execute and submit a non-collusive bidding affidavit pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §103-d to certify on the Bid Form that Bid prices have been arrived at without collusion.

As required by New York State Finance Law §139-1, Bidders are required to submit the following statement subscribed by the Bidder and affirmed by the Bidder as true under the penalty of perjury: "By submission of this Bid, the Bidder and each person signing on behalf of the Bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that the Bidder has and has implemented a written policy addressing sexual harassment prevention in the workplace and provides annual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its employees. Such policy meets the minimum requirements of section two hundred one g of the Labor Law." If a Bidder cannot make the foregoing certification, such Bidder shall so state and shall furnish with the Bid a signed affidavit setting forth in detail the reasons therefor.

Bid Security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each bid in accordance with the Instruction to Bidders. One hundred percent (100%) Labor and Material Payment Bond and one hundred percent (100%) Performance Bond will be required of the successful bidder(s) prior to signing the contract.

The Owner reserves the right to consider all Bids for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening before awarding the Contract and reserves the right to waive any formalities or to reject any and all Bids.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to equal employment opportunity, prevailing wages, and all other Federal, New York State and local requirements. Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprises (WBE) are encouraged to submit bids.

Attention of bidders is called to the requirement that all employees engaging in work on the project under the subject contracts must be paid prevailing wages as recited in the proposed contract documents.

Subject to the provisions of Article 28, Part III of the New York State Tax Law and the provisions of the Contract Documents, the Town of Philipstown is exempt from payment of sales and compensating use taxes of the State of New York and cities and counties on all materials supplies to the Town pursuant to the contracts being bid.

The Town of Philipstown is a supporter of the Putnam Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Agreement and encourages the employment of Philipstown residents.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN



Playwright James Ijames

Photos provided



Ryan Quinn, who will direct *The Tempest*

HVSF (from Page 11)

like *Measure for Measure* and *Cymbeline*, where the tone is hard to pin down. The audience has to wake up and participate. *Martha* is hilarious, but also like a horror movie; the audience has to navigate."

He adds: "Among many other things, the pandemic has laid bare structural inequity in our society. James' play speaks to the legacy of slavery in America: How can we go forward without reckoning with what came before? Both plays turn on questions of justice."

It will be directed by Taylor Reynolds, who is new to HVSF. "She directed this awesome play called *Plano* at Clubbed Thumb [theater], which I saw three times," McCallum says. "When I read James' play I immediately thought of Taylor."

On the other hand, *The Tempest's* director, Ryan Quinn, knows his way around the tent, having spent nine seasons there as an actor, beginning soon after he received his M.F.A. in acting from Yale. Quinn is the artistic director and a co-founder of Esperance Theater Co.

Because it is the last season at Boscobel, McCallum says it seems fitting to have many other veterans returning, including Jason O'Connell, Britney Simpson, Zach Fine, Kayla Coleman, Sean McNall (who is also associate artistic director) and Kurt

James' play speaks to the legacy of slavery in America: How can we go forward without reckoning with what came before?

~ Davis McCallum, HVSF artistic director

Rhoads and Nance Williamson.

McCallum says he always chooses the plays in combination with each other. In this case, *The Tempest* "is in great conversation with James' play: They're both about accountability, forgiveness and justice. Also, I think *The Tempest* is on some level about theater-making. We don't know if it's Shakespeare's final play, but the last line, 'As you from crimes would pardon'd be / Let your indulgence set me free' is a fitting way to pay tribute to the 35 years of history we have at Boscobel. It's only the third time we've produced it, and it seemed like a potent metaphor."

Tickets to both shows are available to HVSF members until May 27, when sales open to the general public. See hvshake-speare.org.

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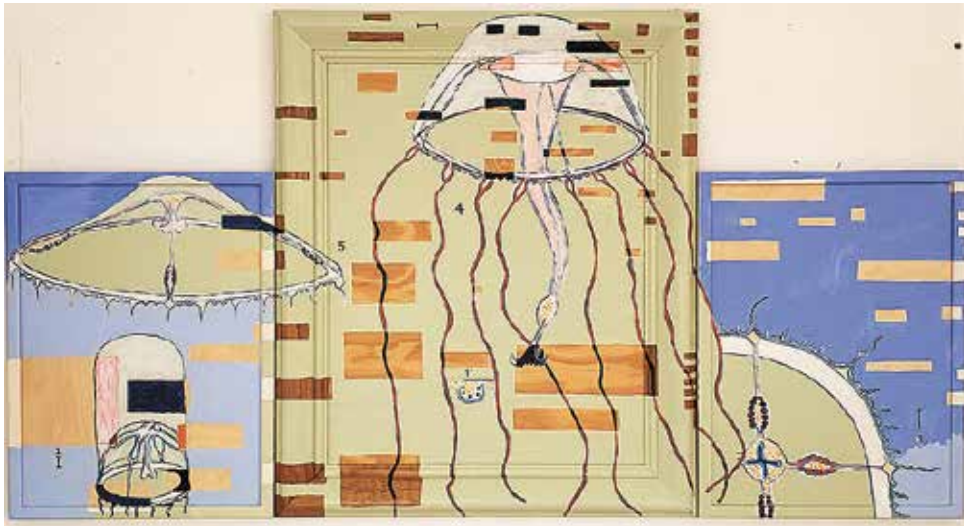
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Portraits of Plankton

Beacon artist inspired by microscopic life

By Alison Rooney

The majority of Holly Sumner's painting subjects are "not something you would normally see," she says. Entranced by the microscopic organisms she encountered through her biologist husband's research, Sumner has brought them to visible scale through portraiture that will be the focus of *Saints and Samurai*, a solo show at the Garrison Art Center that opens Saturday (May 22).

Her husband, now retired, worked at Woods Hole, the oceanographic institution on Cape Cod, where he studied the gases that come off the organisms, Sumner explains. While visiting him there, she came to appreciate the organisms' visual beauty and the scientific data that defined them.

"My husband studied plankton, so I grabbed what was nearby, gleaning from what was at hand," she says. "Scientists aren't all that different from artists. Spending all this time with these organisms you can't see except through a microscope, you start anthropomorphizing them, finding visual hints about their lives, like Whistler's old lady with the fan in her hand, which you then employ in making portraits of them."

In her notes for the show, Sumner expands on this: "When the *radiolaria* were lining the walls of my studio I saw them as my protective radiolarian samurai. The *siphonophores* are leisurely, elegant, gentle and refined. The *medusae* are iconic and private. The *hydozoa* are colonial, gracious and social."

Sumner's portraits are presented with backdrops of geometric data, which, she reveals, were used by her husband in his work. "His contribution is with those little squares in the back — all those rectangles were part of his program, which would take a sample from something here and mix it with something else. I try to be less literal

with them; it's a representation of the study of the environment."

Her pieces are not based in art history as much as other works, she says. "It's based on guidebooks and scientific tomes," although "a lot of my formatting and the way I paint has been influenced by spending time in the Metropolitan Museum looking at older works."

At the time, she was teaching a "Drawing at the Met" class at The New School and New York University and led students through its various areas: Asian, African, European, drawing. "I got to know the Met very well," she says, including the variety of ways that its art is framed, something she's emulating in some of her work. "Staring at multiple panels, often used with religious works, I noticed they actually folded, and there were other paintings on the back. When priests would set them up, they became like a folding church."

In these polyptych paintings, the work is divided into sections, or panels, with the central, main panel usually the largest, and the others smaller. Another form Sumner is working with are engaged frames, which are "attached, like icon paintings — everything in the Garrison Art Center show is on wooden panels."

During her time studying art — she has a bachelor of fine arts from Alfred University and an MFA from the University of Colorado at Boulder — Sumner largely painted landscapes. "There was always a horizon line," she says. "My work evolved, and part of it was moving to New York City and staying for 30 years before moving up to Beacon in 2004. Maybe it's because I wound up having more of a people-oriented life rather than a landscape one."

*The Garrison Art Center, located at 23 Garrison's Landing, is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Tuesday to Sunday. Call 845-424-3960 or see garrisonartcenter.org. *Saints and Samurai*, along with an exhibit of ceramic sculpture by Deborah Lecce, will continue through June 20.*



Holly Sumner



"Yasuke"

Photos provided

“ Scientists aren't all that different from artists.



Mouths to Feed

Open-Faced

By Celia Barbour

W e’ve all gone very DIY about bread and cheese in the past few decades. Chances are, if you’ve visited a friend’s house for lunch or cocktails any time since the Reagan administration, and your host served bread or crackers with cheese, charcuterie or, say, smoked fish, you were expected to put the components together yourself.

You didn’t think twice about shouldering this burden. You simply selected a piece of bread from basket or board, sliced yourself off a couple wedges of cheese, speared a salami round, scooped up some bluefish paté, and went off to compose and consume your acquisitions. You host might have nudged you toward certain combinations — placing a fat wedge of blue cheese beside a cherry compote, for example. But the rest was up to you.

Last week’s profligate May sunshine got me thinking about a place and time when a different model prevailed — namely, my house in the 1970s. You may wonder what sunshine has to do with bread and cheese (besides the fact that one can now differentiate between Humboldt Fog and Summer Snow after 8 p.m.). Well, my mother is a Finn, and, like most Scandinavians, she feels the approach of midsummer the way an old sailor feels an oncoming storm: deep in her bones. The weeks clustered around the solstice are a time when her entire spirit goes into celebration mode. Scandinavia also happens to be the home of exquisite, open-face sandwiches. Pretty as majolica tiles, these stunning *smorrebrod* treats (known in Finland as *voileipa*) are ubiquitous, and a key part of any festive gathering.

When I was growing up, my mom would



have no sooner expected her party guests to compose their own hors d’oeuvres than asked them to belly up to the stove and cook their own meatballs. I suspect many 1970s hostesses felt similarly. Back then, you couldn’t assume your guests were confident enough around food to participate in its construction.

Echoes of the era persist to this day, of course, in the canapes and crostini passed at catered gatherings. But for the most part, hosts no longer presume to know how many cornichons a guest likes with her ham, how much membrillo to put with Manchego.

Even my friend Annette, a host of breathtaking grace and virtuosity, now serves cheeses etc. on their own boards and platters, and breads etc. on others. But when she first came to the U.S., after growing up in Germany and Sweden, she recalls, “I thought my guests would consider me lazy if I made them do the work themselves.” Eventually, she overcame these qualms.

Now that the vaccine has allowed us to begin connecting with friends again, entertaining can feel a bit like moving to a new country, or at least like moving back to an old country after a long time away. There are days when hugging an old (vaccinated) friend or talking face-to-face (outdoors) makes me feel as awkward and amazed as a traveler in a foreign land.

But even as we resume our strange, atrophied habits, we well hesitate before diving back into certain customs. For example, the one where everyone sticks their fingers into the same chip bowl, and double-dips their carrots into the dip. Maybe this is the perfect moment, in other words, to revisit the era of composed sandwiches.

I have another reason for championing these treats: butter. Excellent butter is essential to any true Scandinavian *voileipa*/ *smorrebrod*. It’s pricey, yes, but no more so than a half-decent cheese. And while most everyone secretly loves superb butter, few guests would be caught dead in public smearing it on their bread. It’s up to you, as host, to perform this kind and generous act for their benefit — as a gift to their bright, summer spirit.

Scandinavian-style Open-Face Sandwiches

THESE SANDWICHES HAVE ONLY A FEW ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS:

- Dense, nutty rye, pumpernickel or whole grain bread
- The best cultured butter you can afford
- One protein (meat, cheese, fish, egg). Note: In Scandinavia, proteins are rarely combined — you wouldn’t layer a meat and a cheese, for example.
- One or more vegetable (cucumber, onion, lettuce, asparagus, sliced beets)
- One or more flavorful herbs, sauces, sprinkles or toppings, to taste (the mustard aioli recipe goes well with all the combinations featured here)

TO MAKE:

- Generously spread four slices of bread with butter. If the butter is unsalted, sprinkle with a little sea salt.

TOP WITH:

- Fresh goat cheese, thinly sliced roast beets (recipe below), orange slices, fennel, mustard aioli (recipe below)
- Crème fraîche, smoked salmon or gravlax, steamed asparagus, lemon zest, mustard aioli
- Cucumber, medium-boiled egg, dill, mustard aioli
- Ham, cornichon slices, red onion, pea shoots, mustard aioli

Roast Beets

I like to roast beets in a small Dutch oven; if you don’t have one, use a small pan, like a brownie pan, and cover tightly with tin foil instead. The beets can be made up to two days in advance and stored between layers of wax paper or parchment in an airtight container.

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| 1 bunch small beets | Salt and pepper |
| ½ teaspoon olive oil | Splash of mild vinegar, such as white wine or cider |

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Clean and trim the beets, leaving about 1 inch each of leaf stems and “tail” attached. Place in Dutch oven, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle generously with salt and pepper. Transfer to oven and roast until a sharp paring knife easily penetrates the flesh, about 40 to 50 minutes, depending on the beets’ size and freshness.

Remove beets from oven, turn oven off as usual, but leave its door closed; you’ll use the residual heat later. When the beets are cool enough to handle, slip or peel away the skins and cut off the stems and tail.

Using a mandoline or sharp knife, thinly slice the beets. Spread the slices on a sheet pan, sprinkle a little vinegar and salt over them and return to the still-warm oven to dry out.

Mustard Aioli

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| 1 teaspoon finely minced shallot | 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice, plus more to taste |
| 1 teaspoon white wine vinegar, or other light vinegar, plus more to taste | Up to 1 cup canola or other mild oil |
| 1 egg yolk separated from a very fresh egg (see note) | 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard, plus more to taste |
| | Salt and white pepper, to taste |

Combine the finely minced shallot and vinegar in a teacup or small dish and set aside.

In a very large bowl using a large balloon whisk, whisk together the egg yolk and half the lemon juice until pale and slightly thickened, about 1 minute. While whisking continuously, drizzle in the canola oil in an extremely thin stream, no thicker than a pencil lead (if you can get a partner or kid to help with this, I recommend you do so). Once the aioli begins to emulsify and thicken, you can pour the remaining oil a little faster.

When all the oil is incorporated, add the mustard, reserved shallots with their vinegar and salt and pepper. Mix to combine. Taste and adjust seasonings, adding more lemon, mustard or salt as needed. Store, refrigerated, in an airtight container and use within 2 hours.

Note: Pregnant women, small children and anyone with compromised immune system should avoid raw eggs. Everyone else should only use them if you know and trust the farm where they came from.



GETTING THEIR HANDS DIRTY

A new community garden opened at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring on May 7 with assistance from Cub Scout Troop 137, which helped Patrick Reinhardt construct it as his Eagle Scout project. Scoutmaster Tara O'Sullivan distributed flowers and seeds for the boys to plant.

Photos by Ross Corsair



Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (May 1871)

The Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees ordered 400 affidavit forms for people who wanted to make a claim against the village.

The village Board of Excise met to consider the application it received from the Pacific Hotel for an annual liquor license. However, it noted that the year before at least five establishments had served liquor. The board also received two applications for grocers' licenses.

Justices Ferris and Ladue competed against their two respective sons in a "trial of skill" to shoot 22 birds from trap, with 18 yards rise and 80 yards boundary. The younger men won.

Burglars broke a window overnight to gain entry to the News Office and Variety Store and made off with tobacco, cigars and confectionaries.

An anonymous reader wrote the *Cold Spring Recorder* to ask "whether there is a law forbidding certain individuals that come under the name of 'loafers,' who generally hang around corners of public buildings (more particularly in the lower part of this village), from insulting respectable persons who necessarily have to pass them day and evening. Even ladies cannot pass them without hearing some low epithet uttered loud



"Washington and Lafayette at Mount Vernon, 1784," by Thomas Rossiter, is owned by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

enough to be distinctly heard."

The pupils of District No. 10 visited John Rusk at his home on Paulding Avenue to present their retiring principal with a gold pen.

A detective searched the trains at Cold Spring for two soldiers who deserted from West Point.

The Village Board discussed building a sidewalk from Town Hall to the Methodist Church.

Henry Rossiter, 80, and his son, Thomas Rossiter, 52, a painter best known for his portraits of historical scenes, died in the same week. Henry was found outside his home after he apparently fell from a second-floor window overnight. Thomas died of an unspecified illness three days later. Thomas had moved to Philipstown with his family in 1860 and designed a house, Fair Lawn, overlooking the river near Cold Spring.

The excavation of the tunnel at Breakneck continued, with many of the laborers making their homes in Cold Spring.

After attempting to use soaped timbers to move the Garrison train depot, workers managed to reposition it with rolling stocks. At the same time, a ferry slip was being constructed opposite the depot.

A sudden jerk of the reins dislocated Thomas Jaycox's shoulder. Several neighbors offered to reset it, but he sought out Dr. Murdock.

Washburn's Sensation performed at Town Hall. The troupe included 20 performers, including gymnasts, "character delineators" and clog dancers. Washburn arrived in town via Fair Street and made a tour of the streets with his band and procession of wagons.

The two daughters of Jeremiah Lynch were brought home to Philipstown to recover after falling ill in New York City with smallpox.

100 Years Ago (May 1921)

The Village Board gave C.C. Griffin the OK to put up a "No Parking" sign in front of his home on Chestnut Street.



An 1875 poster for Washburn's Sensation

The board raised the fees paid by peddlers and vendors by 50 percent to cover the cost of the police officer assigned to enforce local ordinances.

The Lending Library Committee closed its list to new members.

The ferry company in Garrison began building an ice cream parlor in part of its ticket office. At the same time, it expanded the office to allow two agents to work at the same time.

A crucifix imported from Munich that measures 12 by 4 feet, with a 5-foot-8-inch figure of Jesus, was installed at Our Lady of Loretto by Miss Alice Casey in memory of her brother, Sgt. George Casey, who died in France in 1918.

Madam Sani noted in an advertisement that she would advise clients in love or business by reading palms at the Woods building daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Bessie Jaycox sold the lot in front of the Hill Country House resort in Garrison to New York City developers who planned to construct a restaurant and service station.

The body of Sgt. R.E. Burns, who died in France, was returned to Cold Spring. His

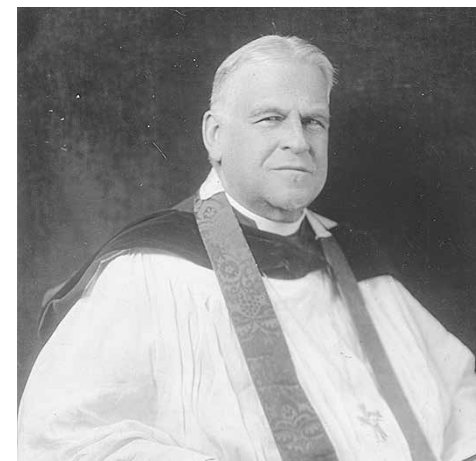
coffin was taken by members of the American Legion from the train to the Knights of Columbus Hall to lie in state until interment at Cold Spring Cemetery.

Among the residents who had moved from New York City to their summer estates in Garrison were Stuyvesant Fish at Glencliff; Samuel Sloan at Lisburne Grange; Vanderbilt Webb to his farm; Hamilton Fish at Rocklawn; and William Church Osborn at Forest Farm.

75 Years ago (May 1946)

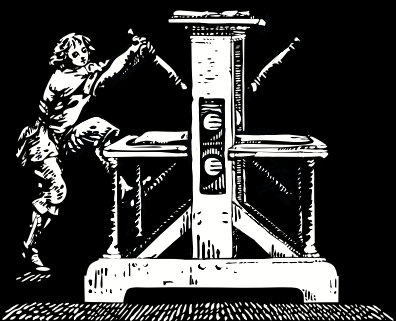
The Rev. Elbert Floyd-Jones, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, died at age 79 at his desk in the rectory. He was discovered by taxi driver Owen Devine, who had been summoned to pick him up to visit a parishioner. Dr. Coryell Clark declared him dead. Just a few minutes before the call, Floyd-Jones had been in the parish house helping arrange tables and prizes for a benefit card party for Butterfield Memorial Hospital. He had been rector for 51 years and the month before had published *A History of the Village* in connection with Cold Spring's centennial celebration. He was also the author of histories of highway milestones and of the Cold Spring Fire Co. Growing up, the minister had spent his summers in Garrison and was ordained

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The Rev. Elbert Floyd-Jones was the rector at St. Mary's for 51 years.

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into the priesthood at St. Philip's Church there in 1894.

50 Years Ago (May 1971)

Mayor Ray LeFever reported that he had met with Clay Fonda to discuss his K-9 Dog Kennel on Route 9 becoming the village dog pound. However, the mayor said Fonda's \$1,095 annual fee was too much, especially since he didn't own a vehicle to actually pick up any loose dogs. At a Village Board meeting, trustees asked why the county dog catcher couldn't patrol Cold Spring, since all the dog-license fees were sent to Carmel.

LeFever expressed displeasure that his request for a list of police court proceedings, including the names of defendants and their punishments, had been ignored.

A Monday night Haldane school board meeting that lasted until 3 a.m. was attended by nearly 250 parents, students and faculty members to discuss three coaches relieved of their duties and two teachers who were not given tenure. The coaches also happened to be the leaders of the teachers' union. During the 7.5-hour meeting, five probationary teachers also were dismissed.

On the following Wednesday, at another meeting also attended by about 250 people, the board reversed itself and granted tenure to the teachers and rehired the coaches. The only member of the board not present was its president, Joseph Perpetua, who missed his seventh consecutive meeting.

The O. Rundle Gilbert collection of 100,000 U.S. Patent Office model inventions submitted between 1790 and 1890 was put up for sale, with about 7,000 on exhibit at the Garrison Inn on Route 9D.

Letters to a New Generation (For Today's



REMEMBER WHEN — Charlene Clauss shared this photo from the early 1970s of the Philipstown Packerettes. "My mom, Joan Clauss, made our uniforms," she said. Many locals spotted friends (and themselves) when she posted the image on Facebook.

Inquiring Teen-Age Girl), by Gladys Denny Shultz, was added to the Butterfield Library. The Garrison resident began her career as a reporter for *The Des Moines Register* and later created the Department of Child Care and Training at *Better Homes and Gardens*, which she ran for 18 years. She also spent 15 years at *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 137, led by Scoutmaster Richard Hastede, planted 5,000 balsam, larch, pine and hemlock seedlings along Route 9D from Boscobel to the Country Florist Shop.

A two-hour parking limit went into effect on Main Street in Cold Spring.

Haldane won all seven of its league matches and tied for first among smaller schools at the 28th annual Dutchess County Scholastic League Track and Field Cham-

pionships. At one match, Jeff Macaluso set a school record of 15.7 seconds in the 120-yard high hurdles.

The ribbon was cut for the opening of the last 6 miles in Putnam County of the newly constructed Interstate 84.

An estimated 5,000 people watched a parade down Main Street in Cold Spring that included 1,000 participants to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Cold Spring Fire Co. The procession included 29 fire companies and three 50-year Cold Spring members: Robert Grindrod Sr., Guy Mosher and Gilbert Forman. The North Highlands Fire Co. won the trophy for best presentation.

25 Years Ago (May 1996)

About 1,800 customers along the Route 9D corridor lost power when a storm hit

on Saturday night at 5 p.m. The Depot was the only restaurant in the village to lose power, and six trains were delayed north of Garrison because of a fallen tree. A tent also collapsed with about 150 people inside at the Garrison Art Center, which was holding its annual Artists on Location auction, but no one was injured.

The Carolyn Lahey Pavilion at Butterfield Hospital was renovated at a cost of \$250,000 as a medical center for a dozen doctors.

A Putnam County teenager was charged with stealing musical instruments from Haldane and selling them to a store in Manhattan.

More than 100 Haldane High students were shown a staged two-car accident at the school campus arranged by the school's substance abuse coordinator. The accident was said to have occurred on prom night because of a drunken driver. The Philipstown Ambulance Corps, Cold Spring Fire Co., Putnam County sheriff and Alamo Ambulance Service extricated three student actors from the wrecks.

Jeremy Timmons carried a no-hitter in 90-degree heat into the seventh inning of a Little League game. He had 14 strikeouts before an error cost his team the shutout.

Zachary Petkanas, 10, a student at the Garrison School, was cast as the lead in Gian Carlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* during the Festival of Two Worlds in Spoleto, Italy. Most recently, Petkanas had appeared in a Paramount Theater production of *A Christmas Carol* at Madison Square Garden, playing Scrooge at age 8. He also appeared in 1994 on the soap opera *As the World Turns*. [He is now a political strategist who directed rapid response for Hillary Clinton in 2016 and later built the "Trump War Room" for the Democratic National Committee.]

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Roots and Shoots

Garden Time

By Pamela Doan

As we pass the last frost day on May 15, gardeners are lining up at the gate and the race is on for the first tomato and summer bloom. As the temperatures this week demonstrate, though, it's a less of a race and more of a chess game. The weather moves a pawn (temperatures below 40 degrees) and I shift my queen (planting schedule).

Observing phenology, planting according to temperature and knowing your next move will keep your garden in play for the season. Noticing the cycles of bud break, leaf out, blooms and fruit set on other plants and trees offers clues to the impact of spring. Are plants showing signs of early stress from high temperatures, too much rainfall or too little rainfall? So far, things are looking OK, although the rainfall has been a bit low.

The question, "When do I ...?" is always on a gardener's mind. Timing is the key to having something blooming or ready to harvest in all seasons, the way to control weeds, and a strategic way to lower your carbon footprint in the garden. Here are some examples.



Ready, set, go! Frost-free planting is finally here, but pay attention to soil temperatures.

Photo by P. Doan

The right time for...

■ Planting tomatoes: when the soil temperature is 65 to 70 degrees.

■ Planting okra, pumpkins and squash: when the soil temperature is 85 to 95 degrees.

■ Tilling the soil: This is practically never necessary and breaks up soil microbes while bringing seeds of undesirable plants to the surface to germinate.

■ Planting a tree: spring and fall or whenever you have a space or a tree.

■ Mowing the lawn: when it is more than 4 inches high and then only cut off an inch and leave the clippings on the lawn for best growth and a lower carbon footprint.

■ Watering the lawn: never if you're like me or when the lawn has less than 1 inch of rain

per week. Measure rainfall with a rain gauge and measure the output of a sprinkler with 1-inch deep container like a tuna can set in the ground. Also note that when grass is brown during a hot, dry summer, it is dormant and will usually revive once the rain returns.

■ Watering newly planted trees: every day or every few days, depending on heat and rainfall. As a best practice, water deeply to the roots each time.

■ Watering native perennials: If you've planted the perennials in the right conditions, i.e., a plant that likes dry shade in dry shade, then after the first season, the plants won't need supplemental water unless there are extreme conditions like an extended drought. If you're trying to grow a plant in conditions other than its optimal setting, it will need help.

■ Fertilizing the lawn: Do a soil test first before assuming it needs extra feeding. A light layer of compost may be sufficient. More fertilizer run-off from home lawns impacts waterways than run-off from agriculture. Responsibility and knowledge can prevent a lot of environmental issues.

■ Pruning spring-blooming shrubs: Lilacs and forsythia, two of the most common, can be pruned after they bloom without affecting the next season's blooms.

■ Protecting plants from wildlife: as soon as you plant them. It is always disheartening to discover your carrots or just about to bloom flowers disappeared overnight. This year I've noticed deer have browsed on previously untouched plants like boxwood, hellebores and peonies, which indicates a lot of pressure on their food system. An average sized deer consumes 8 to 12 pounds of green forage per day. Don't let it all be your garden.

■ Weeding the vegetable garden: This is an ongoing task. While disliked by many gardeners, it's a big part of the job. Weeds have annual, biannual or perennial life cycles just like other plants, and there are spring, summer and fall weeds. By keeping weed pressure low on your plants, they get more nutrients and water.

■ Mulching: anytime is good for adding mulch. Use it to suppress weeds, hold moisture in the soil and add nutrients as it decomposes.

■ Planting a vegetable or flower garden: anytime. There are plants that will thrive whenever you've got time or space.

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Sewage *(from Page 1)*

Route 52 in Fishkill, said City Administrator Chris White and Ed Balicki, the city's water and wastewater superintendent.

Beacon's wastewater plant processes between 3 and 3.5 million gallons of sewage and wastewater each day, but that's only about half its capacity of 6 million gallons.

Allowing private companies and individuals to connect is not only less expensive for them but brings revenue to Beacon without affecting capacity for future development in the city, said White.

The city "has invested a lot of money over the last decades in maintaining and upgrading its water and sewer infrastructure" and outside entities, who would be charged about twice the rate of city residents, can help underwrite the city's maintenance and repair costs and keep rates

lower for residents, he said.

"The ability to sell that to people and companies that are right on the border of Beacon is a win-win," said White.

Beacon can process sewage for other municipalities and has an agreement with the Town of Fishkill that also includes the Village of Fishkill, said Balicki. The city also sells water to the Town of Fishkill and to the state Department of Corrections for the Fishkill and Downstate prisons.

Outside companies already cover more than 30 percent of the cost of operating the plant, said White, because commercial haulers pay to dump materials such as leachate and waste pumped from septic tanks.

Healy has a holding tank for its sewage and would pump its wastewater overnight when usage is at a low point, said White. "Our collection system can easily take that additional amount," he said.



Beacon's wastewater treatment plant is located on Dennings Avenue.

Photo by L. Sparks

Land Donation *(from Page 1)*

The land trust said it also is working with Davis on a conservation easement covering another portion of The Garrison — 100-acres of woodlands off Snake Hill Road.

In a statement, Davis said the goal for the Garrison Golf Club property is "to permanently protect 300 acres at the heart of our community and put in place a program with organizations that share our love for the Hudson Highlands and will serve as vigilant stewards."

While much of the 74 acres was developed for golf, the property includes forest, wetlands and wildlife habitat, HHLT said. The group said it would "solicit significant community and stakeholder engagement as it develops the restoration and management plans for the project." It plans to survey the land and complete an environmental assessment over the next several months, followed by public forums.

When announcing in April that the golf course would be closed, Davis said he would offer easements and/or ownership of about

155 acres for conservation. The remaining 145 acres will include The Garrison's hospitality businesses, the acreage given to HVSF and a parcel for a single-family home, all of which he said will be protected through deed restrictions and/or conservation easements. He said the HVSF would receive more acreage than planned to provide more flexibility for its site design in response to the town's ongoing review.

When HVSF announced Davis's gift in August, it said he planned to divide the 155 acres into four parcels: 52 acres for HVSF;

95 acres for a nine-hole course (a plan since abandoned); 28 acres for Davis' residence; and 27 acres along Route 9 that might eventually also be given to HVSF.

Davis is a member of the board of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, which he chaired for more than 15 years, and chairs the group planning the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail between Cold Spring and Beacon. He also is a vice chair of the American Museum of Natural History, a former director of Scenic Hudson and a financial supporter of HVSF.

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Lenny Torres pitched on Sunday (May 9) for the first time in two years.
Photo by Gary Streiffer



Elijah Hughes in a game against the Phoenix Suns
Photo by Melissa Majchrzak/NBAE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Haldane to Name Athletic Director

Administrator comes from Hyde Park

Haldane Superintendent Philip Benante this week announced he would recommend to the school board on Tuesday (May 18) that it hire Daniel Cowan as the district's director of athletics, health, physical education and dean of students.

Cowan emerged as the candidate "after an extensive review process" that included parents, teachers, coaches, students, administrators and board members, Benante said in a statement.

Cowan has been a teacher and administrator for the Hyde Park Central School District for the 17 years. If approved by the board, he will succeed Chris Salumn, who left in August to become the athletic director for the Carmel district.

Renegades Drop Home Opener

First game at The Dutch since 2019

The Hudson Valley Renegades played their first home game at Dutchess Stadium near Beacon since September 2019 on Tuesday (May 11), falling to Maryland's Aberdeen IronBirds, 4-0.

The 2020 minor league baseball season was canceled because of the pandemic shutdown.

The Renegades (4-4 through Wednesday) changed their affiliation earlier this year from the Tampa Bay Rays to the New York Yankees and also moved up to Single-A and a longer, 60-game season. See hvrengades.com or call 845-838-0094.

Catching Up with Our Pros

By Chip Rowe

Lenny Torres, a 2018 Beacon High School grad, on Sunday (May 9) returned to professional baseball two years after he underwent Tommy John surgery on his pitching arm. He was ready to return a year ago but the Minor League Baseball season was canceled because of the pandemic shutdown.

Torres, 20, was drafted by the Cleveland Indians as the 41st pick of the 2018 draft. He initially played in the Rookie League in Arizona and on April 29 was assigned by the Indians to the Lynchburg Hillcats in Virginia, which is a step below the level of the Hudson Valley Renegades.

He pitched two innings for the Hillcats in an 8-4 win over the Fredericksburg Nationals, giving up three runs on a single, a double, two walks and a hit batter in the first inning but striking out two and holding the Nationals scoreless in the second.

He has a 3.12 career ERA in seven career games, with six saves and 24 strikeouts in 17.1 innings.

Elijah Hughes, 23, of Beacon, scored six points on two-of-three shooting from three-point range during the last six minutes of a Utah Jazz blow-out victory on May 5 over the San Antonio Spurs. He also had an assist. Hughes, a rookie who was drafted out of Syracuse,

plays sparingly for the Jazz, which has the best record in the Western Conference. In 18 appearances through Wednesday, he is averaging 1.7 points per game.

He also spent time with the Salt Lake City Stars in the NBA's developmental league earlier this year while recovering from an ankle sprain.

At a news conference on March 29, Hughes said he isn't upset with his playing time, given that he is a member of one of the NBA's best teams. "It's a learning process that everybody goes through during their rookie year," he said, noting that veteran players have been telling him how important it is to "take care of your body. It's a long season. I've been surprised by the travel, how much that can get to you going from time zone to time zone."

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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Borscht veggie

5. Nourished

8. Great Lakes fish

12. Choir voice

13. “— been real”

14. Plane-related

15. Pear variety

17. Fury

18. Away from WSW

19. Mine yield

20. Say

21. Snoop

22. Upscale auto

23. Golf great Sam

26. Husband of Eurydice

30. Level

31. Genetic letters

32. Sicilian peak

33. New Mexico’s capital

35. Director DeMille

36. “Nasty!”

37. Cowboy’s sweetie

38. Brag

41. Gaiety

42. Mauna —

45. PAC-12 sch.

46. Cocktails garnished with olives

48. Avoid

49. Ostrich’s kin

50. Sultry Horne

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51. Male turkeys

52. — Moines

53. Retain

DOWN

1. Innocent one

2. Flair

3. French 101 verb

4. Preschooler

5. Red-hot

6. Diminutive suffix

7. “Spring ahead” hrs.

8. Sideways somersault

9. Miami team

10. Desire

11. Afrikaner

16. Byron or Tennyson

20. Strike caller

21. Devoted supporters

22. Bikini top

23. Rds.

24. Actress Long

25. Still, in verse

26. Small bill

27. List-ending abbr.

28. Half of bi-

29. Bando of baseball

31. *Bobby* subj.

34. Do something

35. Quitter’s word

37. Mentors

38. Small statue

39. Twice cuatro

40. Grad

41. Notoriety

42. Leg joint

43. Aachen article

44. Now, on a memo

46. Club —

47. Sort

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7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

1 actor Oscar of “Star Wars” (5)

2 what fence-sitters do (9)

3 bean also known as borlotti (9)

4 makes a fist, perhaps (8)

5 adding a pattern to the wall (8)

6 sidestepping (8)

7 low voice (8)

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Answers for May 7 Puzzles

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1. CROSSROADS, 2. HYPERSONIC, 3. ORDINARY, 4. SPADE, 5. CORNERS, 6. DRAWING, 7. SCOTTISH

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

SPORTS



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Beacon's Tamar Adams clears the high jump rail on Wednesday.



Matt Manzoello tossed a four-hit gem to defeat Yorktown, 2-0.

Varsity Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

BEACON TRACK

The Beacon High School track-and-field teams are off to a strong start, with the boys taking first and the girls second on Wednesday (May 12) in a meet with Lourdes and Hendrick Hudson.

Mark Guzman followed up his impressive victory in the javelin at the Loucks Games by winning both javelin and discus. Henry Reinke also won the 400-meter in 53.2 seconds, the second best time for a fresh-

man in the state so far this year.

Jonah Mensch won the 110 hurdles and Zach Cader was first in the 800, with Sal Migliore taking second. James Patino took first in the high jump, Evan LaBelle won the 1,600-meter run, and Domani DeLoatch was first in the triple jump.

For the girls, Alicia Williams and Tamar Adams took the top two spots in the high jump and Chelsea Derboghossian won the 100 meters in 13.6 seconds.

The boys improved to 3-0 and the girls are 2-1.

BEACON SOFTBALL

The Beacon softball team lost to Brewster in a thriller on May 6, 18-17, in a game that was called because of darkness.

Olivia Ciancanelli took the loss on the mound for the Bulldogs, who also lost this week to Wallkill and Yorktown.

Against Brewster, Kyla Richardson went 3-for-4 with two doubles and five RBI, and Ciancanelli was 4-for-5 with a pair of doubles, a triple and an RBI. Leanna Rinaldi went 4-for-4 with two doubles and six RBI.

"That was an exciting and evenly-matched game, with four lead changes," noted Coach Michael Carofano. "I was proud of our girls for continuing an aggressive approach at the plate and playing solid team defense."

Beacon is scheduled to play Lourdes twice next week, at home on Tuesday (May 18) and in Poughkeepsie on Thursday.

BEACON BASEBALL

The Beacon High School baseball team



Dillon Kelly laid down a squeeze bunt to bring in one of Beacon's two runs on Wednesday.

surprised previously undefeated Yorktown at home on Wednesday (May 12), as Matt Manzoello threw a four-hit shutout.

The senior struck out five and walked one batter in the 2-0 victory. "That was a great job against a team that's as good as any in the section," said Coach Bob Atwell. "He was spotting his fastball, his curve was good and his changeup was filthy."

Centerfielder Mike Lapere had an RBI for the Bulldogs on a bases-loaded walk in the second, and Dillon Kelly drove in the second run in the sixth on a squeeze bunt that scored catcher Jackson Jackson, who also had a strong game behind the plate, throwing out two runners to halt Yorktown rallies.

After a 12-8 loss to Somers on Tuesday, "we talked about what this team is capable of," Atwell said. "Today we played like the

club we strive to be, and now we're looking for more consistency."

Against Somers, Lapere led the Bulldogs with five RBI and went 2-for-4 with a double and a grand slam. Jackson went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Beacon is scheduled to visit Yorktown on Saturday (May 15) and play Tuesday and Wednesday at Dutchess Stadium, with junior varsity games at 4 p.m. and the varsity at 7 p.m.

HALDANE BASEBALL

The young Haldane High School baseball team continued to experience growing pains this week, as North Salem handed the Blue Devils a 14-1 setback on Tuesday (May 11) in Cold Spring.

With two of the team's pitchers — Julian Ambrose and Jack Jordan — sidelined by injuries, Manager Simon Dudar has been looking for answers on the mound. Freshman Trajan McCarthy has taken on the brunt of the load, starting Tuesday's game and pitching into the fourth inning. John Dwyer and John Kisslinger each provided relief.

"We knew we'd have our struggles this season," Dudar said. "But in every game we're getting better, and our defense has been good. Right now we're working on finding pitchers who can get guys out."

Ambrose was the designated hitter for the Blue Devils and drove in the team's only run.

Dudar noted that along with McCarthy, another freshman, Jeremy Hall, has been "stepping up. Jeremy is a fantastic outfielder who catches everything, and he's been hitting close to .400, which is phenomenal. John Bradley has done a great job catching for us."

The Blue Devils are scheduled to host Westlake today (May 14) and travel to Peekskill on Monday before playing Croton-Harmon home and away.



Zach Cader won the 800 meters on Wednesday.

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