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Connie Hogarth in 2019 File photo by A. Rooney

## Connie Hogarth, Peace Activist, Dies at 95

*Highlands resident fought  
for justice, the environment*

By Alison Rooney

Connie Hogarth, a longtime peace, justice and environmental activist, died Feb. 11 at her home near Beacon.

In her 95 years, Hogarth worked to ban the nuclear bomb, stop the Vietnam War, end racism, abolish the death penalty, impeach a president (Nixon), end apartheid in South Africa, close the Indian Point nuclear plant, create a Palestinian state, defend the Bill of Rights and slow global warming as a founding member — 18 years ago — of the Climate Crisis Coalition.

A longtime Democratic organizer who guided Jesse Jackson through two presidential runs and helped revive the Southern Dutchess NAACP, she co-founded and served for 23 years as director of the Westchester People's Action Coalition until her retirement in 1996 at age 69. In that time, she was arrested at protests about 20 times, in both New York state and Washington, D.C.

Soon after her retirement, Manhattanville College in Purchase established the Connie Hogarth Center for Social Action. Her second husband, Art Kamell, died in 2010.

I interviewed Hogarth for *The Current* in July 2019. Our conversation, edited for clarity and brevity, is below.

### What was your first experience with activism?

I was 7. My father was a film projectionist and his union was picketing. My mother sat in the car with my younger  
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Paul Montalvo points out the boundaries of the "paper street" adjoining his property. The parcel extends about 10 feet on either side of the small tree line and continues up the hill.  
Photo by J. Simms

## Beacon's Paper Streets

*Roads in name only irk  
some landowners,  
benefit others*

By Jeff Simms

Paul Montalvo has a street running through his property. It's been that way since he purchased the land and built his Beacon home in 1999.

Now the street belongs to him — or at least half of it does — although he isn't sure he wants it.

Montalvo is one of a handful of city residents who gained ground — a few feet here, an extended boundary there — when Beacon officials last year abandoned several undeveloped "paper" streets that only appeared on maps.

The situation isn't unique to Beacon. Typically, a developer or landowner will

register the intent to dedicate land to the public for use as a roadway as part of a building or subdivision plan. In Beacon, some of these maps date to the early 20th century. But if a municipality never formally accepts the land, and the road is never built, a "paper street" is created. The street appears with its name on official maps but doesn't actually exist. As decades pass, it's easy to imagine budgeting, maintenance and liability issues arising.

Paper streets could also lead to lot-line complications if a property owner wants to sell or build something, such as a shed or an accessory apartment.

Beacon's paper streets have no easements or utilities, and they don't provide the sole means of access to any abutting parcel, City Administrator Chris White told the City Council last year after conducting a survey. Beacon determined

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## Did Officers Respond Appropriately?

*Video of Beacon arrest  
prompts debate*

By Jeff Simms

Three minutes of cellphone footage posted to Facebook earlier this month shows four Beacon police officers converging upon and taking down a man who was apparently intoxicated or suffering from mental illness.

The officers' body camera footage and a security video shed more light on what happened.

The video posted to Facebook on Feb. 6 shows a Black man and white officer in an apparent argument around midday at the busy intersection of Fishkill Avenue (Route 52) and Main Street. It's difficult to discern much more because there is little sound and passing cars intermittently block the camera's view of both men.

The man walks up Fishkill Avenue, in the road and away from the officer, who follows him, before turning around and batting his arms at the officer and making contact. Within seconds, a second police officer runs into the frame and hooks the man's arms from behind. (The video can be viewed at [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org); the person who took the video blurred the man's face.)

The second officer trips the man, taking him down, and, together, the two officers attempt to handcuff the man, who is struggling. Two more officers arrive and hold the man down while he's cuffed.

After he is searched and helped to his feet, an officer can be heard saying: "We're gonna get you help, all right? We're gonna get you medical help today," as he leads the handcuffed man to a police vehicle.

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An image captured by a City of Beacon security camera shows officers restraining the man on Fishkill Avenue.

## Robber Hits Garrison Gas Station

*Shows revolver and  
demands cash at Gulf*

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Sheriff's Department on Sunday (Feb. 13) said it was searching for an armed man who robbed the Gulf gas station on Route 9D across a narrow lane from the Garrison

School.

Saif Saleem, who was filling in for his cousin, station manager Eelaaf Najam, said he had opened the Gulf at 1122 Route 9D at 7 a.m. Thirty minutes later, a white male wearing a face covering entered, grabbed a Red Bull energy drink from a cooler in the rear of the store and approached the register.

The suspect asked for the price of the Red

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: ADAM KENDIS

By Alison Rooney

Adam Kendis of Beacon is a college admissions counselor. He will lead a free Zoom discussion on the process at 6 p.m. on Thursday (Feb. 24). Register for the event, which is sponsored by the Howland Public Library, at [bit.ly/HPL-college](https://bit.ly/HPL-college).

## What will you talk about?

We'll have a panel of admissions officers from Bard, Dutchess Community College and SUNY New Paltz so students can hear directly how they read applications and what they're looking for. It's designed to help students breathe a little easier by emphasizing that this is a very human process. Admissions officers like working with students and are looking for their best qualities. They want to admit students. It's designed for 11th graders, but anyone is welcome.

## With many colleges dropping SAT and ACT scores as requirements, what is important for a student to focus on?

This is the No. 1 question I get. Many studies have shown that the SAT and other tests are not good predictors of student success, in college or after. Even before the pandemic, there were at least 1,000 colleges that had gone test-optional. Now only about

20 still require it.

I tell students: "If testing comes easily, go for it. If not, don't sweat it." I recommend students do a practice test, then decide. Colleges care much more about grades and how you've challenged yourself. If your school had options to do honors or AP [Advanced Placement] classes, did you take them? Ninth graders need to understand that colleges look at grades for all four years. But they understand there may be rough patches. There are places to explain things.

For students who are the first in their families to go to college, I emphasize that "you can 100 percent do this and you will be wonderful. College is for you." It can feel like that's not the case because the process is confusing. Finding a mentor is key: It's not easy to navigate on your own.

## How important is it to attend a well-known school?

With technology and social media, there's a lot more pressure on kids these days to focus on "name" colleges, but they are not determinant of life and success. The vast majority of people did not go to those schools and they do great. A book by Frank Bruni, *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to College Admissions Mania*, is illuminating. The percentage of people who go to college has increased, which affects admissions. There are also wonderful pathways in the trades, with good earning power. But there is still this

expectation that college is a necessity.

## Is everyone likely to be writing essays about the pandemic? Should a student choose another topic?

There's a question on the Common App [common application] that invites students to share how the pandemic has influenced them, so you can write about the pandemic but not have it be your main essay. Colleges are looking for kids who are going to be members of the community, so give them a window into something in your life. Remember that the transcript equals about 75 percent of the decision, and the remaining 25 percent will vary by school and include the essay, teacher recommendations and resume.

## What drew you to this field?

I love transitions in life. They're fascinating. My biggest times of growth have been when I've gone from one phase to another. Having the good fortune of going to college and graduate school opened doors for me and also opened my mind.

This doesn't have to happen through college, though; there are lots of different ways to challenge yourself and grow. It's more about: "What do you want to become and how do you get there?"



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By Michael Turton

What's the best slow-dance song of all time?

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# Central Hudson Warns of Higher Bills

*Projects average increase of 29 percent for gas, electric*

By Leonard Sparks

Central Hudson is warning customers that their gas and electric bills are expected to spike by nearly 33 percent because of the winter cold, higher demand for natural gas and reduced production of electricity generated by renewable energy sources during the winter.

The company projects that its customers, who include residents and businesses in Beacon and Philipstown, will see their bills increase by an average of 46 percent for electric and 19 percent for gas, with combined bills rising by an average of 29 percent.

Temperatures for January were 11 percent colder than average and 16 percent lower

than January 2021, driving up demand for both electricity and gas, the company said on Feb. 11. In addition, it said the energy it buys is costlier because of other factors, including constrained pipeline capacity, higher natural gas exports to Europe and the closure of the Indian Point nuclear power plant.

Prices for natural gas rose by 33 percent in February and have more than doubled for electricity, Central Hudson said.

“The increased usage, coupled with international and domestic factors, has caused the market price of natural gas and electricity to rise here in our region and around the world,” said Anthony Campagiorni, a representative for the company, in a statement.

On Thursday (Feb. 17), Sen. Sue Serino, whose district includes the Highlands, called on the state to suspend its taxes and fees on energy bills.



A security camera photo of the suspect

## Robbery *(from Page 1)*

Bull and, when told, said: “Give me all the money you have in the register,” according to Saleem. “I was like: ‘Are you joking or are you serious?’ because it didn’t sound serious. Then he pulls out a gun,” he said.

Saleem said that after he emptied the register and handed over the money, the suspect threw him a zip tie and ordered him to bind his hands together, pulling the tie tight with his mouth. As the suspect left, on foot, heading north on Route 9D, he said: “If I have to come back here, then I will shoot you and kill you,” according to Saleem.

After using scissors to cut the zip tie and free his hands, Saleem called 911. “I thought

he was going to shoot me,” he said.

Najam, who lives across Route 9D, normally would have opened the station, but the Garrison volunteer firefighter had a scheduled training on Sunday. With the training canceled because of snow, he was home when the robbery occurred and rushed over as deputies and state police troopers arrived.

His biggest concern, he said, was Saleem’s safety. “Everything’s replaceable, except for a life,” he said.

Anyone who saw pedestrians or vehicles in the area at the time of the robbery or before dawn, or has video footage of Route 9D near the gas station or Snake Hill Road, is asked to call the Sheriff’s Department at 845-225-4300.



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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Beacon streets

In "The Slowdown Everyone Wants" (Jan. 21), I noted that Beacon's Main Street Access Committee, which I chair, has pushed for a speed limit of 20 mph on Main Street and the two blocks on either side of Main.

The worldwide "20's Plenty for Us" campaign (20splenty.org) — endorsed by the United Nations — is making great strides. For example, Wales is on course to implement a 20 mph (30 km/h) baseline for residential roads, and Portland, Oregon, has moved to 20 mph in residential areas. In that case, getting drivers to follow the new speed limits hasn't been easy. A study found that, on average, drivers reduced their speed only by 1.4 mph, and police found it hard to enforce the law. But the number of cars driving more than 30 mph went down by about a third.

It may take years to make a dent in drivers' behavior. And it may require traffic cameras at every intersection.

The design of the streets, which were created for the efficient flow of cars, not pedestrians, may need an upgrade, as well. The sidewalk bump-outs on Main Street in Beacon are part of that needed redesign, but we need more traffic-calming such as raised crosswalks at intersections and extended signal timing to allow pedestri-

ans to cross at busy intersections with all cars in all directions stopped.

It's important to remember the difference between 20 mph and 25 mph: Studies have found the average 30-year-old pedestrian struck by a driver traveling 20 miles per hour has about a 93 percent chance of survival; at 25 miles per hour, those odds plummet to 75 percent, and they only get worse from there.

There is one last factor in street safety that can't be counteracted by speed regulations or redesigns: The shift from sedans and compact cars to SUVs and trucks has been linked by the Governors Highway Safety Association to increased fatalities. In 2019, 8,800 pedestrians were killed in the U.S., a 45 percent increase from a decade earlier.

Working to get those tank-sized behemoths off residential streets with regulations will take a long time. Lowering speed limits is just the first step in a multistep process to make the streets safer, but a necessary first step.

Stowe Boyd, *Beacon*

### Induction risk

There was an important fact missing from Krystal Ford's *Living Green* column about induction stoves ("Cooking with Magnets," Feb. 11): The cooktops can be dangerous for anyone who has a pacemaker

and gets close enough.

I speak from personal experience. We bought an induction cooktop and discovered at my doctor's office that the magnets had fouled up the settings on my pacemaker. We swiftly gave the cooktop to our son, who was renovating his kitchen.

My doctor said I was lucky not to have had a much worse result. These products should come with a warning label attached. Few doctors are aware.

Bevis Longstreth, *Garrison*

*Editor's note: Medical professionals recommend that people with pacemakers stay at least 2 feet from an induction cooktop when cooking.*

I found induction to work good for some foods but awful for others. It was inconsistent between pots: Some worked great, some barely heated. I also found them easily damaged by cast iron. We ended up going with gas in our renovation because of those reasons and experiences. We finally got off oil heat, though!

Tom Cerchiara, *via Instagram*

### Good-cause eviction

There is a pattern for the creation of poor public policy, and once you know it, it's easy to identify a proposal that does more harm than good. Is it addressing a well-worn issue? Are professional advocates pushing for it? Is it too good to be true?

The Beacon good-cause eviction proposal checks all of these boxes, and — true to form — this well-intentioned law would bankrupt small-business owners who rent property in Beacon, reduce the city's affordable housing stock and ultimately hurt the very tenants it claims to help ("Against the Advice of Counsel," Feb. 4).

As proposed, the legislation would limit evictions and prohibit rent increases of more than 5 percent. That's simple for the renter, but housing is a system. A law that inhibits the ability of landlords to operate their business will either drive them out or force them to seek ways to cut costs, and that's bad for tenants.

From a political standpoint, fighting eviction is a no-brainer. Even the word conjures the worst imagery of families being tossed into the cold by a heartless landlord. The reality is that eviction is already rare and extremely difficult.

In 2019, New York passed the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act, which significantly overhauled rental laws, limiting landlords' ability to evict tenants. Among other things, HSTPA requires landlords to notify tenants if a lease will not be renewed or if rent will be increased by 5 percent or more. It permits a judge to

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stay the issuance of a warrant to evict a tenant for up to one year if the tenant shows substantial hardship in finding new accommodations.

Instead of helping tenants, Beacon's proposal will reduce affordable housing and discourage investment, adding to the struggles already present in an industry that has been hammered by the pandemic. It will strip landlords and property owners of their rights by guaranteeing leases for life for tenants. It will force smaller landlords to get out of the business, leaving corporate landlords — who may not be as attentive to tenants and less willing to work with them — as the only ones who can afford to be in business.

The city attorney has said that Beacon doesn't have the legal authority to enact a good-cause eviction bill. The New York Conference of Mayors confirmed that legal reasoning. Why would the City Council continue to move forward with this proposal if the legal ability to do so is dubious, at best?

Landlords have struggled through the pandemic as much as anyone else, and they're working with tenants despite having their own income impacted by state-mandated moratoriums that have been in place for more than a year.

Kelly Campbell, *Beacon*

*Campbell is a member of the Dutchess County Association of Realtors.*

## Clarifications

In the Feb. 11 issue, we reported that Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro had asked Gov. Kathy Hochul to recommend to the state Senate that Undersheriff Kirk Imperati be appointed to succeed Sheriff Butch Anderson, who died in September. Imperati, the acting sheriff, announced on Feb. 3 he is running as a Republican for the job, which will appear on the November ballot. Molinaro, also a Republican, said this week that he has more recently asked the governor to take no action since the party selection process has begun.

A sentence in a letter from Leo Sacks in the Feb. 11 issue about the closing of the Foundry Cafe in Cold Spring contained an error and should have read: "The Philipstown gentry that gathered on Saturday mornings in the back room was living testimony to changing times."

A chart in the Feb. 11 issue stated that there had been 64,462 COVID-19 cases in Dutchess County through Feb. 9, an increase of 2,623 from the week before. In fact, there were 62,462 cases, and an increase of 623.

## Hard work

Athletes of all stripes are to be congratulated. Having said this, competing for enjoyment is not a hard thing ("Doing Hard Things," Feb. 11). It is a privilege and we need to recognize that.

Hard things come in many forms and I would say that health care workers are leading the way in this category. Serving your country in uniform is another that readily comes to mind. Thousands of young women and men have gone off to the Middle East to serve our country and this did include climbing sand banks, just not for fun.

We are already putting their losses in the rearview mirror and that is wrong. Front-page feature articles should cover topics of substance. Even in a slow news cycle, which this time certainly is not, this article comes across as a bit tone-deaf.

Richard Shea, *Philipstown*

## Bail reform

I'm usually a fan but shame on *The Current* for the insanely biased framing of the report about the results of bail reform ("Bail, or Baleful?" Feb. 11). You reported that "20 percent of the defendants released since the state eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and nonviolent felonies were charged again with other crimes before their original prosecutions were completed, but only a small number with violent felonies."

So that means 80 percent weren't.

If any other public policy program was 80 percent effective we would tout it as a huge victory, but God forbid we don't always pursue a maximalist criminal justice stance, regardless of the harm it causes our community.

Brett Daigle, *via Facebook*

Only 20 percent! What a win for bail reform.

Gina Klein, *via Facebook*

The fact that they were charged again does not mean that bail reform is wrong. People should not be jailed before being convicted of a crime. Prisons harm people further, and if I had to design a system guaranteed to make people more violent, it would be prison.

Donna Minkowitz, *via Facebook*

What about the people who commit a new crime but don't get caught? I bet that's closer to 50 percent. What about those who are arrested and released and never heard from again?

Robert McCarroll, *via Facebook*

## Coming soon

It's called Waze ("Putnam Sheriff Promises Alert System," Feb. 11).

Carmen Nieves, *via Facebook*

## Fishkill senior project

There has been a great amount of disinformation surrounding our proposed

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# Shoring Up Dockside Park

## Concern raised over possible impacts

By Michael Turton

Representatives from the parks and environmental conservation departments updated the Cold Spring Village Board on Wednesday (Feb. 16) on the shoreline protection project underway at Dockside Park. More than 40 residents also attended the meeting, which was held via Zoom.

Dockside Park is owned by the state parks system but has been managed by the village since 2018.

While no one questioned the need to combat shoreline erosion in the 26-acre park, some residents expressed concern about the project's potential impact on the village, which continues to struggle with a shortage of parking and, at times, overcrowding.

Coyle Industries, based in Hopewell Junction, began work on the \$1.86 million project late last year. It is being funded entirely by the state.

Initial work has included removal of riprap, slabs of concrete and other debris. When complete, the rehabilitated shoreline will be regraded into terraces protected by boulders and planted with native vegetation to help reduce erosion and provide wildlife habitat.

The project will also include restoration of the badly decayed boat ramp and creation of a walking path that complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Dan Miller, the project manager at the state Department of Environmental Conservation, has worked along the Hudson River since 1990. He described

Dockside as "an absolute jewel ... one of the most amazing, beautiful spots on the river." But, he added, "it is actively eroding; the property is mostly fill. The river is continuously trying to take that land."

Miller said that in the early 2000s, the DEC started to consider how climate change will affect the river.

"We wanted ways to build in resilience to large storms and rising sea levels that not only take into account the river's ecology and health, but also how people use it," he said.

John Blair, an engineer with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, said even though Coyle's work on the shore must be done during low tide, the contractor's schedule is aggressive.

The intent, he said, is to add vegetation during the spring planting season. If construction is not far enough along, planting would have to wait until fall.

Blair said residents can continue to use parts of the park during construction but that some areas will be restricted for safety reasons. There also may be times when the park is closed.

Village Trustee Joe Curto asked about Cold Spring's role in maintaining the shoreline protection once the project is complete.

Linda Cooper, regional state parks director, said there may be a need to recruit local volunteers to help with tasks such as removal of invasive species. The village, she said, will continue basic maintenance such as mowing.

Miller added that because Dockside is a demonstration project, state agencies will carefully monitor the shoreline seasonally and after major storms.

Even though it includes no major improvements to the park, "it's a big project from a



Work has begun on restoring the shoreline at Dockside Park.

Photo by M. Turton

planning perspective," said Jack Goldstein, chair of the Planning Board, because of its effect on parking and tourism.

Cars are not permitted in Dockside Park nor is there a plan to add parking. The restored boat ramp will be for carry-in vessels only, such as kayaks or paddle boards.

But Goldstein described the area near the park entrance and the corner of Northern Avenue and West Street as already crowded at times and "restrictive for off-loading boats."

He also said Cold Spring "has changed significantly" since 2013, when residents expressed support at public meetings to restore the boat ramp.

"We don't want to lose what is becoming a scarce living environment: A village with

people who work here, whose kids go to school here, but still has the capacity to share it with others," he said. "It's not an easy formula."

Goldstein called for greater collaboration between the state parks department and the village, especially in light of the proposed Fjord Trail.

Cooper said that she wasn't convinced that rehabilitating the shoreline or upgrading an existing boat ramp would bring more visitors to Cold Spring. But she agreed with the need for collaboration, noting that "there is plenty of time" because construction on the Fjord Trail is not expected to begin before 2027. She noted that the path proposed for Dockside was realigned to better link with the trail.

MJ Martin, director of development and community engagement for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, said on Thursday (Feb. 17) that its plans call for Dockside Park and Long Dock Park in Beacon to be the southern and northern gateways for the trail, with four other access points along the route.

Martin said a public meeting on plans for the Fjord Trail will likely be held in March.

Cooper said a parking study is also expected in the months ahead, adding: "I want to remind people the reason the project is there is because without it, Dockside Park might not exist. Sea-level rise is coming; this project will hopefully allow Dockside to be a park for many years."

### In other business ...

■ The board passed a resolution awarding the contract to collect garbage and recyclables to Royal Carting.

■ It approved Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke's request to hire three police officers: Kraig Davenport, Robert Barclay and Mike Christiansen.

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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Wesley Residence ("Fishkill Senior Project to Try Again," Feb. 4).

Churches work from a mission model, and that can include day cares, schools, health care, counseling, job training and addiction programs, to name a few. These ministries may at times create inconvenience, such as when a church school lets out for the day. But no one would doubt the value of the services.

The team at Wesley Residence has spent a great deal of time, with experts in the field of traffic engineering, to come up with a plan that was accepted by the Department of Transportation during the state-mandated review process. Based on their advice, we reduced the number of driveways from three to two. Leaving the property, you will be able to turn right onto Route 52. We also have made arrangements with the medical offices next to us and purchased a right-of-way from our property to access the stoplight that will allow a left turn onto Route 52.

The engineers took into consideration the projected use of the project. The Wesley Residence is designed as an independent senior living center. The target population

will be people 62 and older, many of whom will be retired and won't have a need to travel during rush hours.

A portion of the population will be people who have spent their lives in our community and own homes here but no longer have the desire or ability to maintain them. But they also don't want to leave their families and friends.

The most recent revised plan before the village leadership has been designed in compliance with the comprehensive plan. The building is within the height regulations of three stories; it meets the requirements of density and parking; all fire, safety and noise issues have been addressed and provisions provided for.

The proposed fuel cell is not a controversial or experimental technology. It has been used throughout the world and at five campuses of the University of Connecticut and in corporate facilities in the area. The state proposed that we create a model community based on this technology and gave us an \$866,000 grant. The village building inspector and the fire department vetted the system.

The Church of the Nazarene has been in this extended community for nearly 115 years.

We have allowed the village to use our facility for meetings, as a polling space and to construct its water pumping station on our property with no compensation. We have responded to community concerns by reducing the size and scope of the development.

Our team is willing to have open and honest discussions with anyone who is truly interested in the factual discovery of the truth regarding our project. The project will next be discussed at the Tuesday (Feb. 22) meeting of the Village Board.

The Rev. Ronald Pankey, Fishkill  
*Pankey is the pastor of the Fishkill Church of the Nazarene.*

### Beacon Falls Cafe

The earmark of bad legislation is a law that applies to one specific person, business or entity ("Law Would Allow Liquor License for Cafe," Feb. 11). Rewrite the original law [that prohibits the sale of liquor within 200 feet of a place of worship] so that it works better and doesn't require another law to exempt someone.

Tom Herring, *via Facebook*

Selling liquor near a church doesn't bother

me. I am sure most people have alcohol in their homes, so who is this restriction protecting? I would probably be for some zoning restrictions, however: I don't think I'd like to see a strip club across the street from a day care, although some might find that convenient.

Mark Tippet, *via Facebook*

The owner knew the church was there when he opened the cafe. If a law is in place but a "one-and-only" exemption can be given, what's the point in having the law?

Erin Giunta, *via Facebook*

### Redistricting

As a lifelong Republican, I don't see why anyone truly gets upset by redistricting in New York state ("Republican Voters File Redistricting Lawsuit," Feb. 11). Democrats far outnumber us and, until they have an epiphany, it's going to be the way it is. If a politician wants a secure job, find something else or move to another state where your side has a better shot. No one should look to politics as a career, anyway. Get in, do a good job for our citizens and get out. It's supposed to be an honor, not a lifetime appointment.

Leonard Lindros Jr., *Garrison*



Spending ARPA

# Garrison Water System and Behavioral Hub Seen as Priorities

Residents also suggest transportation network

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Joined by consultants and residents, Philipstown Town Board members on Wednesday (Feb. 16) traded ideas for spending the town’s share of relief from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) approved by Congress last year to help states, counties and communities recover economically from the COVID-19 shut-down.

The town expects to receive about \$730,000. High on Supervisor John Van Tassel’s list: eliminating the Garrison Landing Water District’s ongoing malfunctions; assisting the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub, a town-supported resource center on addiction and related problems; and joining with the villages of Cold Spring and Nelsonville to address issues relevant to all three — even, perhaps, Nelsonville’s lack of a sewer system.

During the discussion, held at Town Hall, other board members suggested helping town programs, such as those run by the Recreation Center, that lost revenue during the pandemic shutdown, while audience members proposed town-wide transportation to help residents without cars meet basic needs.

Van Tassel said Philipstown received half of its ARPA payment in 2021 but hasn’t spent any of it. The remainder is due this year.

“We have some infrastructure issues that, in my mind as supervisor, we definitely need to correct because we’re bleeding money,” primarily at the faltering, 20-year-old Garrison water district system,

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS	PUTNAM COUNTY				
	Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
	23,154 (+95)	403,932 (+3,243)	5.7 (-0.1)	81.9 Percent in 10516: 95.1 Percent in 10524: 88.3	121 (0)
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	Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Percent positive:	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
	62,804 Active Cases in Beacon: 11 (+342)	1,253,278 (+10,575)	5.0 (0)	76.2 Percent in 12508: 70.8	644 (+15)

Source: State and county health departments, as of Feb. 16, with change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose. Local vaccination rates as of Jan. 26.

he said. The town continues to truck in water to supply Garrison’s Landing residents and businesses, while efforts to find new sources have failed. “It’s costing us a lot of money,” he said.

Potentially, the Garrison district could link to a water tank at the Recreation Center, about a mile away, but that could cost \$800,000, Van Tassel said. Yet, he noted, “over the past three years we’ve spent nearly that much buying water.”

Putnam County has asked for suggestions from municipalities for joint projects to undertake with ARPA money; Van Tassel expressed hopes that Putnam could cooperate with Philipstown on a hook up with the Rec Center system.

He also said that he had met earlier that day with Mayor Kathleen Foley of Cold Spring and Deputy Mayor Chris Winward

of Nelsonville to consider projects all three municipalities could tackle with the aid. The topics included sewers for Nelsonville, he said, which relies on septic systems and underground cesspools to collect sewage and wastewater.

The Cold Spring sewage treatment plant has enough capacity to serve both villages, and Cold Spring pipes tap water to Nelsonville.

Also at the Wednesday session, a resident proposed that Philipstown find a way to provide mobility to non-drivers. “Philipstown has no public transportation,” she said, adding that “we’re particularly concerned about seniors. We have a lot of people who live on back roads. It’s difficult to get out” and county assistance is limited.

Putnam County provides some transportation, such as rides to the lunch program

in the senior citizen center at the Butterfield complex in Cold Spring.

Van Tassel said the town would consider helping with transport. But he also cited a longstanding absence of county support for such ventures. “The more we provide for seniors, and for every program, the less the county does,” he said.

Liz Ballotte, from the PKF O’Connor Davies in Harrison, a town consultant, suggested local officials approach the county about ARPA-funded public transportation. Putnam runs a bus system that comes no farther west than Kent.

“There’s no reason we shouldn’t have” comparable service, Van Tassel said.

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## Beacon Police *(from Page 1)*

Some people on social media criticized the police, saying the situation — which took place around 12:15 p.m. on Feb. 2, a Wednesday — would have been better handled by Lashaveous Dicker, the department's behavioral health specialist, who was in Poughkeepsie for training at the time of the arrest. At the City Council's Feb. 7 meeting, Council Members Dan Aymar-Blair, Justice McCray, Molly Rhodes and Paloma Wake all took issue with the police response.

Each indicated that they realized the police were likely acting as they'd been trained. But "after somebody is completely apprehended, I don't think that their face should be stuck against the cold pavement," Aymar-Blair said. McCray added that "I also watched a Black man get swiped [and] kicked to the ground, and that's not something I want to see happen in the city I live in."

City Administrator Chris White, however, backed the police, saying the council members were commenting on something "that you have not investigated and you know very little about."

"Our police were measured, they were professional and they were proficient," he said. "I stand by what our police did, and I think they probably saved that guy's life."

After seeing the footage this week, Andrew O'Grady, the CEO of Mental Health America of Dutchess County, the agency that supplies the specialists to the Beacon and Poughkeepsie police departments, agreed that the officers responded appropriately.

"There's a place [for the specialist] to engage someone, but there's also a place that's not appropriate for that," O'Grady said. "That [scene on the video] is not the time to have an intervention." It would be appropriate, he said, for the specialist to help the man — who later admitted he had been smoking PCP — when he "is in a more lucid space, but not when he's actively high



In cellphone footage, the man confronted an officer who coaxed him out of traffic.

on a hallucinogen."

O'Grady also defended the officers' use of force when subduing the man, including one officer who held the man's head to the pavement for 20 seconds as he was cuffed. "What if the guy were to smash his own head into the ground? I've seen that," O'Grady said.

A municipal Main Street security camera, along with officers' body camera footage, which the department allowed a *Current* reporter to review, filled in gaps about what happened.

As the man crossed Main Street, he stood in the middle of Fishkill Avenue before walking away from the officer, who had arrived after a 911 call, Chief Sands Frost said on Wednesday (Feb. 16). The man then leaned against the driver-side door of a car sitting at the stoplight at Fishkill and Main.

The officer was able to coax the man out of the traffic lane, Frost said, but the man twice squared off with the officer, as if to punch him, while muttering profanities. That point is where the cellphone video begins.

The second officer pulled into the Valero gas station on Fishkill and, from behind, could see the man putting his hands on the first responding officer.

Frost called the leg sweep that took the man



A second officer arrived and tripped the man, bringing him to the ground.

down "textbook, exactly what officers are taught." From there, the Main Street camera shows more clearly that two officers attempt to handcuff the man (using two sets of cuffs linked together), while a third officer controls the man's legs and the fourth holds the man's head down with one hand and places his other hand between his shoulder blades.

That way, pressure is kept off the man's lungs and neck, the chief noted, "but you'll see the upper body stops moving."

As they're cuffing him, body camera footage picks up an officer exhorting the man to breathe, then telling him: "We're gonna get you to the hospital, all right man?" Another officer says "watch his face," as they roll the man over to search his pockets.

Sgt. Tom Figlia, the department's training coordinator, arrives as the man is being placed in a police cruiser and begins speaking with eyewitnesses. An officer can be heard calling out to notify the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps to meet them at the police station. The entire interaction lasts less than 10 minutes.

"You could use this video as a use-of-force training aid," Frost said on Wednesday.

The man, who is around 50 years old, was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and fourth-degree criminal possession



After being handcuffed and searched, the man was placed in a police vehicle.

of a controlled substance. He was sent that day to Dutchess County Jail in Poughkeepsie after speaking with Dicker, the behavioral health specialist, at the Beacon station.

He was released from jail last week and is staying in Poughkeepsie, Frost said. He was already a past client of Mental Health America and the agency has reached out to him regarding addiction treatment, which the man has refused, the chief said.

The man has 46 prior convictions, including five felonies, Frost said. All video footage of the incident has been turned over to the county district attorney.

The chief and Dicker spoke in executive session with the City Council for about an hour on Monday (Feb. 14), reviewing the body camera and Main Street footage.

On Wednesday, Aymar-Blair called the incident "a sad, sad story."

"The police acted in accordance with their training, policies and procedures," he said. "But the fact remains this Beacon resident has been failed by our system for decades and will continue to be. The only way this could have ended was with an arrest, further complicating his recovery."

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A crew for the film *Pumpkinhole* filmed scenes in Cold Spring and Beacon, as well as in the Breakneck Tunnel.



*Life & Beth*, a new Hulu series, includes scenes shot in Putnam Valley.

## Hollywood in the Highlands

Here's an update, courtesy of the Hudson Valley Film Commission, of recent productions that have filmed scenes in Beacon and Philipstown. The nonprofit's founder, Laurent Rejto, said that in 2021, crews operating in the region rented 42,686 hotel rooms, filmed at 264 locations, spent 471 days in production and hired 631 local technicians, 72 actors and 4,048 extras.

### BEACON

- *Severance*, a sci-fi series starring Adam Scott and directed by Ben Stiller, premieres on Apple TV+ today (Feb. 18). It filmed scenes on Main Street.
- Others include *The Adults*, a film with Michael Cera; an HBO series, *The White House Plumbers*, starring Woody Harrelson and Justin Theroux; the Hallmark movie, *Redemption in Cherry Springs*, which premieres March 2; and *Pumpkinhole*, a horror thriller that will include scenes shot in Cold Spring and Beacon, as well as inside the Breakneck Tunnel.

### PHILIPSTOWN

- A car stunt for *The Endgame*, directed

by Justin Lin (*Fast & Furious*, *Star Trek Beyond*), was filmed at Glynwood Farm. The series premieres on NBC on Feb. 21.

- Others: *Crumb Catcher*, a film expected this year, shot an exterior scene at St. Basil Academy in Garrison; *New Me*, a thriller starring Emma Dumont, filmed scenes at a location on New Street in Cold Spring.

### PUTNAM VALLEY

- *Life & Beth*, a Hulu comedy series starring Amy Schumer, Cera and Michael Rapaport, includes scenes shot on and around Lake Oscawana. It premieres March 18.



## Paper Streets *(from Page 1)*

it had no need for the land and would make no claim. Instead, the property would be given to the landowners, or split between neighbors, as necessary.

At Montalvo's Wilson Street residence, the invisible road borders both his property and a neighbor's. Long overgrown with trees, the land contains a gnarled chain-link fence installed years ago by the city. The boundaries of the paper street, which continues up a hill, are located about 10 feet on either side of the fence. Deer, possums and other critters are the only ones that use it now.

The trees were what prompted Montalvo to speak up in a public hearing last fall, before the city's abandonment. One tree on the paper street, he said, had fallen on his son-in-law's car. Another, rotted and leaning, seemed poised to topple over. Who was responsible for cutting it down?

"I've been hauling [dead] tree limbs away every year for probably the last 10 years," Montalvo said this week. The city eventually agreed to cut down the dangerous tree.

Of his paper street, Montalvo said: "I don't want anything to do with it. I know it will involve having to get a new survey if I ever sell my home. There's two grand right there."

Some of the paper streets in the area, on Beacon's east side, were once part of a 19th-century community that grew up around the employees of the Groveville Carpet Mill, now the Lofts at Beacon apart-



Paul Montalvo rests his foot on the stump of a tree Beacon agreed to cut down on the paper street adjoining his property.

Photo by J. Simms

ment complex. Some, such as Aldridge Street, a paper street that runs behind Montalvo's property, served a former cottage neighborhood that may have been part of a

Jewish settlement camp.

City Attorney Drew Gamils said that Beacon began investigating its paper streets after receiving requests to aban-

don portions of a non-existent road called Ryans Avenue. Attorneys wondered "if there are other paper streets we should deal with all at once and, indeed, there were," she told the City Council.

She said property owners who received land from the abandonments would not see hikes in their property taxes.

"I find that hard to believe," Montalvo said this week. "If you have more square footage, how can your taxes not go up?" And, he asked, how can the city give it away if it's not clear who owns the property?

Wesley Avenue resident Stephen Richards said during the city's hearing that his family would happily accept the additional 450 square feet it stood to gain. "We welcome that extra footage, not necessarily that we'll do anything on it, but it may allow us to do more with what we already have," he said.

Richards said the space could allow him to install a paved driveway or finish other projects he'd given up on because of tight confines. "Anything we do, I want to make sure it's done legally," he said.

On Tuesday (Feb. 15), Montalvo said he worries about what will happen when the trees surrounding the dilapidated fence start falling on his neighbor's property.

"He's got a bunch of trees now, and if they fall, who's going to be liable?" he asked. The land gained after the city's abandonment "is a gift to some and it's a pain to others. But they did what I asked [by cutting down the most foreboding tree], so I can't really complain."

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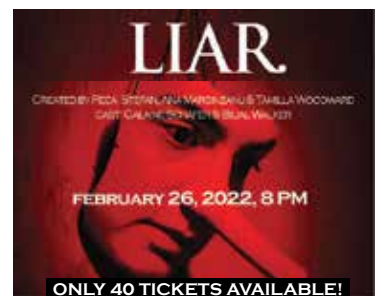


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## AROUND TOWN



◀ **CELEBRITY SIGHTING** — Karen Shea (right) was dining at her favorite restaurant, Riverview in Cold Spring, on Valentine's Day when she spotted her favorite celebrity chef, Lidia Bastianich, at another table. The Italian chef hosts *Lidia's Kitchen* on Amazon Prime, has written 13 cookbooks and owns Becco and Eataly in New York City, among other restaurants.

Photo provided



▲ **HOMEMADE CARDS** — The Desmond-Fish library in Garrison hosted a valentine-making workshop on Saturday (Feb. 12). It was also a chance for kids to meet the new children's librarian, Veronica Morgan.

Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ **LESSON FROM A PRO** — Alison Rooney, the longtime arts editor of *The Current*, visited the journalism class at Haldane High School on Feb. 8 to discuss interviewing techniques and writing feature stories. Her talk was part of a partnership between *The Current* and the high school newspaper, *The Blue Print*, funded by a grant from the Haldane School Foundation.

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An illustration by Pippa Mayell from *Hello, My Name is Bunny! London*



An illustration by Pippa Mayell from *Hello, My Name is Bunny!*

## Bunny to the Rescue

*Beacon couple crafts stories about adopted pet*

By Alison Rooney

Bunny, the star of a series of children's books, doesn't hop.

Don't feel too bad for her, though. Among other skills, she can fly.

Bunny is a creation of Matt Bloom, who writes books about her, and Shelley Simmons-Bloom, who shapes the stories and edits and markets them, including on Instagram, where Bunny has 15,000 followers. The couple are recent transplants to Beacon, which will be the setting for a forthcoming Bunny book.

And, oh, nearly forgot, Bunny is no bunny — she's a cat inspired by a real cat of the same name who also recently moved to Beacon.

Bunny, a small, green-eyed tuxedo charmer with beguiling whiskers, was adopted by the couple from a Petco store in Union Square in 2014, when

they were living in Brooklyn. "We'd had various pets, but never a cat or dog," Bloom says. "Shelley really put the pressure on." They had chosen the name Bunny even before the adoption.

The couple envisioned Bunny as the center of a series of vignettes designed to appeal to children ages 6 to 10, whom they saw as "underserved, being between picture books and Harry Potter." Indeed, the books have "found a sweet spot in kids around 8, 9, 10 years old — plus adults love them," Bloom says. "My job as a writer is to channel Bunny's personality."

Bloom's other books are novels such *Salt of the Nation* ("A working class guy punches out a politician

and it goes viral," he explains), so Bunny is a different kind of protagonist.

Not that there isn't action in *Hello, My Name is Bunny!* After Bunny escapes from the clutches of a mean janitor, she and her pals (a mouse and a pigeon) in New York City grapple with other fearsome challenges. In the end, Bunny comes to the aid of an exploited carriage horse, saving him from the hardships he was enduring.

The second book moves the setting to London and is more sedate, introducing a young girl who accompanies Bunny as they work to eliminate fox-culling.

The couple recruited a family member — his nephew's wife, Pippa Mayell, who is based in London — to illustrate the books. The next titles in the series will be set in Paris and Tokyo, and Beacon is also on the list.

The two volumes were self-published, but Adelaide Books, Bloom's adult fiction publisher, has picked up the series and plans to re-release them. They have won several awards, including Best Early Chapter Book in the Moonbeam Children's Book Awards.

The stories include lessons on kindness, empathy and teamwork. "We try to impart the message without being too heavy-handed," Bloom says. "But we're always working toward this common goal." With each book sold, he and his wife donate \$5 to an animal shelter.

The couple moved to Beacon in March 2021; Bloom lived in Cold Spring in the early 1990s. "After years in New York City, it was time for a change," he says. "Bunny loves it. She looks out the window at birds, deer and groundhogs and is over the moon."

Five prints of Pippa Mayell's drawings of Bunny are on display at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St. in Beacon, as part of its *Celebrating Animals* exhibit that is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday (Feb. 19), Sunday (Feb. 20) and Saturday (Feb. 26). Proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit Mid Hudson Animal Aid.

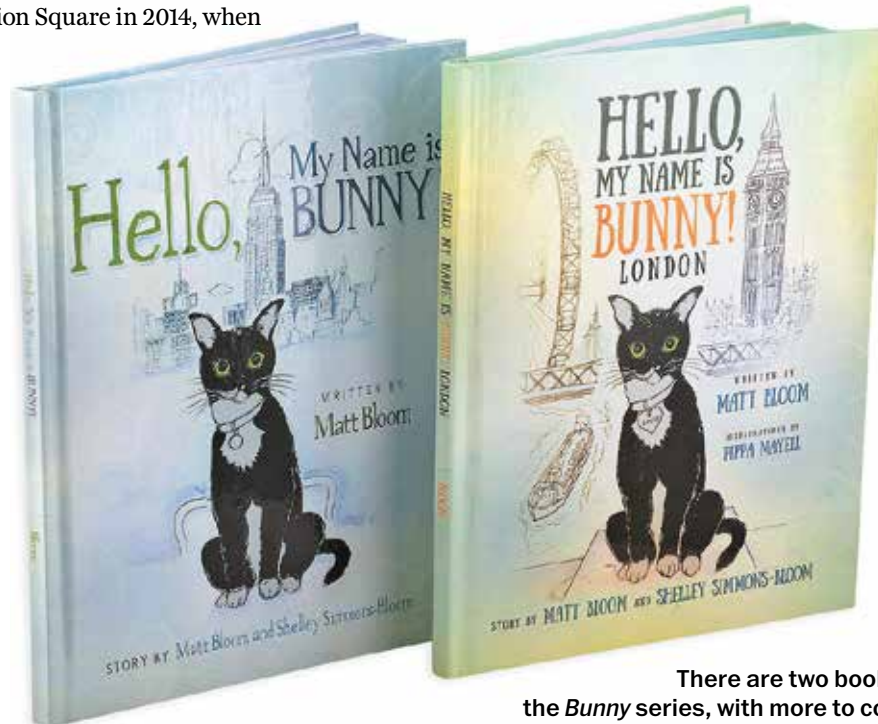


Matt Bloom and Shelley-Simmons Bloom are shown with prints from *My Name is Bunny!* on display at the Howland Cultural Center.



Bunny was the inspiration for the series.

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There are two books in the Bunny series, with more to come.





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### The Artist Next Door

# Alex Wilcox Cheek

By Alison Rooney

During his first year living and working in Qatar, Alex Wilcox Cheek played tourist.

"I took all the typical photos, in an 'Orientalism' way — carpets and belly dances — all the things that an American who grew up in New York state would find exotic," says Wilcox Cheek, who lives in Cold Spring.

It took a year in Qatar's capital, Doha, he says, before he got past the surface to "the markets, the road signs, the Arabian Deco architecture, the vastness of the desert."

Wilcox Cheek studied industrial and

visual design and gravitated toward technology. "I'm interested in human experiences," he says, "how to make things that are meaningful and useful to people, whether business strategies, service experiences, apps. Working as a designer in tech is not always about innovation. It's often about putting the right pieces together, creating a bridge across many disciplines."

For more than 10 years, until 2017, he taught at Carnegie Mellon University in its School of Design and Department of Information Systems. Most of those years were spent at the CMU campus in Qatar, where he headed an undergraduate track that blended design,

architecture, the humanities and technology.

He committed to a semester but found Doha so interesting and unusual that he stayed on.

"It appealed to me because it felt like a startup brought to higher education," he says. "The students loved design and architecture because I was able to make it relevant to them; they were designing and redesigning their country overnight. Governmental changes were taking place, as was a shift to modern experiences."

As a photographer, Wilcox Cheek found Qatar his perfect subject.

"Doha was a rapidly changing city, old and new at once," he explains. "The architecture was getting replaced by glass and steel towers, which were less interesting than some of the Arabian Deco architecture that dates to the mid-20th century."

"The British were there until 1973, and they implemented a lot of urban planning

and built things like the post office. By the 1980s, Qatar was hitting its first boom of wealth, which continued in the '90s, when natural gas took it to a new level."

Wilcox Cheek captured the waning days of how people once lived. He went to "the dirt roads where there was a feeling of being transported back 20 or 30 years. Those streets that aren't there anymore. It was possible to get a stranger to spend time with you by communicating, coming to know them."

Meanwhile, Wilcox Cheek was coming to understand better, as well. "A lot of times people cluster the Gulf countries together, even though they have real differences," he says. "Qatar was progressively minded, had an emir, had a vision to provide Qatari education in-country. They weren't the first to invite American and European universities, but they were the first to set it up in a modern campus format, issuing degrees



A boy tending goats at a turnoff overlooking a canyon at Jabel Shams, "Mountain of the Sun," in Oman



Miqdad Ibn Al Aswad Mosque in Doha was an example of Arabian Deco that was later razed in the name of progress.





Two men who worked at the camel races in Ash Shahaniya, about 25 miles from Doha

from brand-name institutions.”

That progressive openness did not extend to photographing women, which Wilcox Cheek learned he should not attempt. “The level of access goes down, the higher up the ladder you go,” he says. “With females, you don’t even try, because it will create a problem.”

Instead, he focused on workers, most of whom were South Asian. Some had lived in Qatar their entire lives, while others were drawn by the economic boom.

He says his photos, which have never been shown publicly except on his website at [arwc.xyz](http://arwc.xyz), started as snapshots “but turned into journalism, dare I say? I wanted to capture my experience there, and I spent the final months furiously taking pictures. How do you design a community or society in a way that can achieve the goals of growth for a city? What are we doing here together? We’re crafting the fabric of society.”

“ I used a Nikon D750; I love my 24mm fixed lens. Sometimes you need a real wide angle, but the 24mm does go wide, and gives you the sense of the street; it’s not too cropped in.”

~Alex Wilcox Cheek



A self-portrait of Alex Wilcox Cheek taken in Doha



A night on the streets of old Doha, which has since been cleared for an urban renewal project called Msheireb



# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## COMMUNITY

SAT 19

### Great Backyard Bird Count

birdcount.org

This annual international count helps with conservation efforts. Take 15 minutes to count the birds in your yard or at a feeder and share your findings. Also SUN 20.

SAT 19

### Free Fishing Days

dec.ny.gov

New York residents can fish without a license. Also SUN 20.

SAT 19

### Washington's Birthday

NEWBURGH

2 p.m. Via YouTube

845-562-1195 | bit.ly/Palisades-TV

The staff of Washington's Headquarters has organized six events over three days to mark the general's birthday. Today at 2 p.m., Mary Thompson, the research historian at Mount Vernon, will speak about the enslaved people Washington brought to Newburgh; the Salmagundi Consort will perform at 6 p.m. and again on SUN 20; Martha Washington (below) will discuss her life at 2 p.m. on SUN 20; and Gen. Washington and Brig. Gen. Anthony Wayne will engage in conversation at 2 p.m. on MON 21. In addition, students will interpret history through theatrical performances as part of the Washington Project 2022 at 4 p.m. on MON 21. *Free*



SAT 19

### Maple Sugar Tours

CORNWALL

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive

845-534-5506 x204 | hhn.org

Discover the process of making syrup during a Sugar Bush Tour (1-mile hike) or a Maple Lane Tour (short walk). Continues on weekends through March 20. Reservations required. *Cost: \$11 ages 6 and up (\$9 members; free ages 5 and younger)*

SAT 19

### Spring Celebration of Light

BEACON

5:30 p.m. Polhill Park

facebook.com/beaconspring

Bring lanterns to light up the darkness and walk east on Main Street with music. The parade concludes at The Yard with refreshments, a bonfire and dancing.

SAT 19

### Party for Human Rights

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. District Social

511 Fishkill Ave.

districtsocial.com/beacon-live-music

Tara Simmons plans to bike and run this summer from Death Valley to Beacon to raise awareness of human rights. This fundraiser will support her journey. Admission includes two drinks, a game card and raffle ticket. *Cost: \$40*

SUN 20

### Mid-Hudson Reptile Expo

POUGHKEEPSIE

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MJN Convention Center

14 Civic Center Plaza

midhudsonciviccenter.org

Reptiles, amphibians and arachnids will be available for sale, along with food and supplies. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 ages 7 to 12; ages 7 and younger free)*

SUN 27

### Winter Wellness Expo

FISHKILL

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Comfort Suites

835 Route 52 | hudsonvalleyholistic-market.com

At this event, organized by the Hudson Valley Holistic Market, practitioners will showcase their talents and wares.

SUN 27

### Nature on Ice

CORNWALL

4 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center

120 Muser Drive

845-534-5506 x204 | hhn.org

At this benefit in honor of the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum educators, enjoy ice carvings and a demonstration by artist Bill Bywater. Warm up by the fire pit and with refreshments. Adults only; dress warmly. *Cost: \$75 to \$500*

## STAGE AND SCREEN

SAT 19

### Seven Keys to Baldpate

WAPPINGERS FALLS

2 & 8 p.m. County Players Theater

2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491

countypayers.org

In this comedy thriller by George M. Cohan, a quirky cast tries to steal millions as a writer attempts to write a novel overnight to win a

bet. *Cost: \$20 (\$17 seniors, military and ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 19

### The Artichoke

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

artichokeshow.com

This month the storyteller series will feature Tracy Rowland, Joe Charnitsky, Sandi Marx, Sean O'Brien, Erin Barker and Jim O'Grady. *Cost: \$20 (\$15 video recording)*

FRI 25

### Do The Right Thing

POUGHKEEPSIE

7:30 p.m. Bardavon

35 Market St. | 845-473-2072

bardavon.org

The 1989 Spike Lee film, with Martin Lawrence, Rosie Perez, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee and Danny Aiello, explores race and violence in a Brooklyn neighborhood on the hottest day of the year. *Cost: \$6*

FRI 25

### Prescription: Murder

CARMEL

7:30 p.m. Drew Methodist Church

28 Gleneida Ave. | brewstertheater-company.org

The Brewster Theater Company will stage the play that preceded *Columbo*, the iconic detective series. *Cost: \$22.50*

SAT 26

### Rigoletto

POUGHKEEPSIE

1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.

845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Watch the Metropolitan Opera's live screening of Bartlett Sher's take on Verdi's tragedy with the action set in 1920s Europe. Baritone Quinn Kelsey, soprano Rosa Feola, and tenor Piotr Beczala are in the leading roles. *Cost: \$28 (\$26 members, \$21 ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 26

### Jim Gaffigan

POUGHKEEPSIE

7 p.m. MJN Convention Center

14 Civic Center Plaza

midhudsonciviccenter.org

The comedian, actor, writer and author will perform his stand-up routine as part of his We All Deserve This Fun tour. *Cost: \$36.75 to \$160*



SAT 26

### Liar

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | 845-831-4988

howlandculturalcenter.org

In this evening of wine, music and lies, the audience members will participate in a game of truth and fiction. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

## KIDS AND FAMILY

SAT 19

### Poetry Workshop

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040

butterfieldlibrary.org

For Black History Month, students in grades 6 to 8 will learn about the Harlem Renaissance movement and analyze *Dreams* by Langston Hughes before writing their own poems.

MON 21

### Teen Book Giveaway

BEACON

9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Howland Public Library | 313 Main St.

845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Middle and high school students can pick up a free copy of John Lewis' illustrated novel, *March: Book One*. After reading the book

or watching *Good Trouble*, a documentary about Lewis, students are invited to submit an essay about what his experiences mean to them for a display at the library and the chance to win the other two books in the trilogy.



MON 21

### Winter Break Workshop

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center

23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960

garrisonartcenter.org

Kids in grades kindergarten to 8 will explore art techniques and styles. Also TUES 22. *Cost: \$75 per day*

MON 21

### Aliens: Escape from Earth

BEACON

3 p.m. Via Zoom

845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

The Howland Public Library will stream this Talewise performance about two children who use science experiments to get to know a visitor from outer space.

TUES 22

### Black History Month Reading

COLD SPRING

3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040

butterfieldlibrary.org

Students in grades 2 to 4 are invited to hear poems by Langston Hughes and discuss his work.

WED 23

### Kindergarten Registration

GARRISON

9 – 11 a.m. & 1 – 3 p.m.

Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D

845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Check the website for forms to enroll children who will be 5 years old by Dec. 1. Also THURS 24.

THURS 24

### Advice for College Admission

BEACON

6 p.m. Via Zoom

bit.ly/HPL-college

The Howland Public Library will host this panel discussion about the application process and financial aid. See Page 2.

SAT 26

### Polar Bear, Chicken Soup and Friends

GARRISON

10:30 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

Doug Brown will read and discuss his book for children ages 2 to 8 about friendship.



Do the Right Thing, Feb. 25



TALKS AND TOURS

MON 21  
Business Lessons & Living Your Intentions

BEACON  
6 p.m. Via Zoom  
hudsonvalleywomeninbusiness.com

In this workshop sponsored by the Hudson Valley Women in Business, Merritt Minnemeyer from Master of One Coaching will discuss the lessons that influenced her and how to live and work with conscious intention. *Cost: \$15*

TUES 22  
On the Politics of Visibility

GARRISON  
Noon. Via Zoom  
bit.ly/pensiero-plurale  
Magazzino Italian Art will present this discussion with artists Alessandra Ferrini and Binta Diaw; cultural producer and curator Johanne Affricot; and researcher and writer Simone Frangi as part of its Pensiero Plurale initiative focused on cultural and social justice and the arts across Italy and the U.S. Register online.

THURS 24  
Sustainable Enterprise in the Private Sector

GARRISON  
2 p.m. Via Zoom | garrisoninstitute.org  
Tensie Whelan, a New York University professor and former president of the Rainforest Alliance, will discuss with Jonathan F.P. Rose, co-founder of the Garrison Institute, how business can contribute to a healthy planet. Register online.

THURS 24  
Slavery and the Jay Family

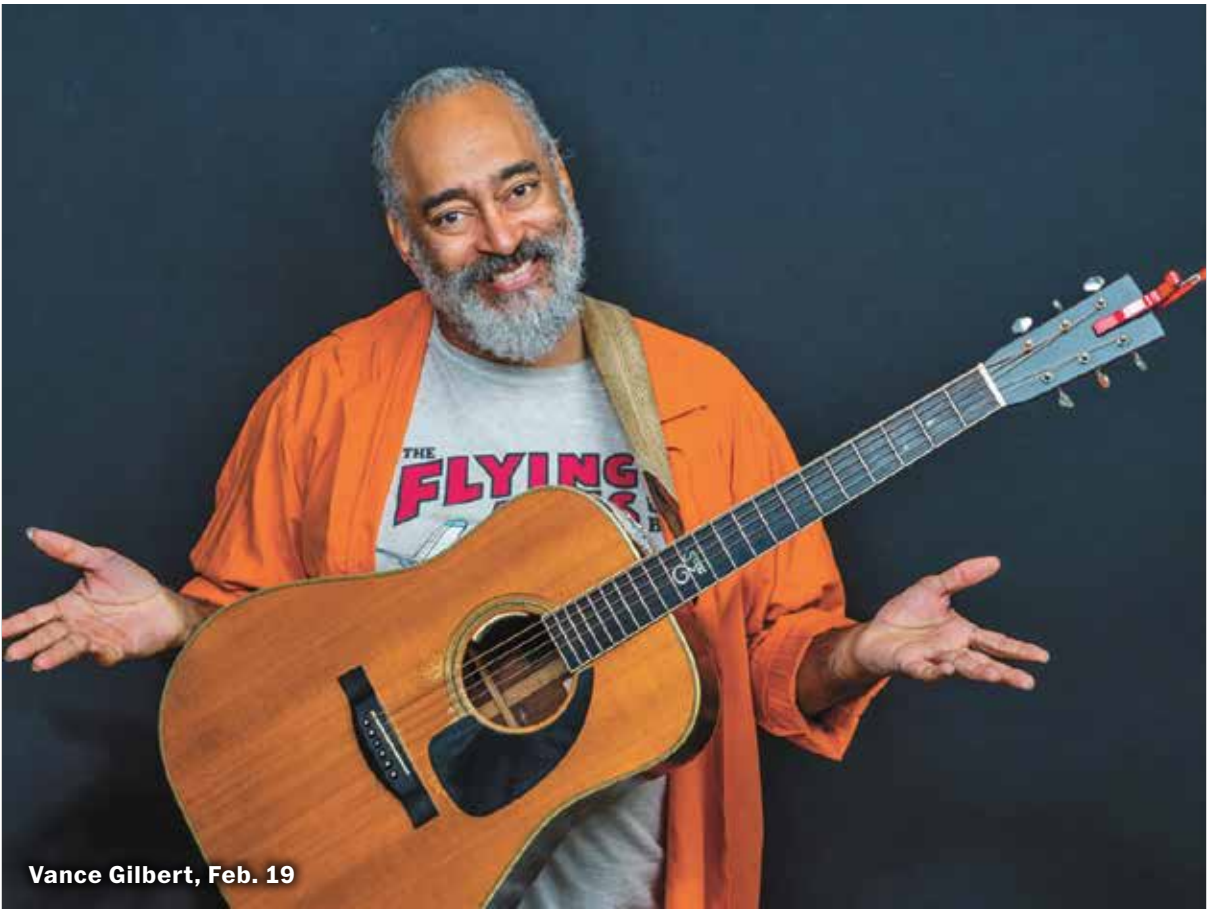
KATONAH  
6 p.m. Via Zoom  
johnjayhomestead.org/events  
The John Jay Homestead will explore slavery through seven generations of the Jay family. John Jay argued for abolition in New York in 1777 but kept slaves in his household for another four decades.

THURS 24  
Black Environmental Professionals

BEACON  
6:30 p.m. Via Zoom  
bit.ly/ClearwaterFebProgram  
Clearwater will present this panel discussion with representatives from the Billion Oyster Project, the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Groundwork Hudson Valley, Outdoor Afro and Scenic Hudson to amplify the work of Black people in the environmental field. Register online.

FRI 25  
Neanderthal

GARRISON  
6:30 p.m. Via Zoom  
bit.ly/neanderthalFeb25  
The Desmond-Fish library will host this screening of a 2018 PBS documentary about the decoding of the Neanderthal genome, followed by a discussion. Register online.



Vance Gilbert, Feb. 19

MUSIC

SAT 19  
Vance Gilbert

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

The folk singer and acoustic guitar player will perform music from his prolific career and 13 albums. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

SAT 19  
Vomit Fist

BEACON  
9 p.m. Quinn's  
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447  
facebook.com/QuinnsBeacon

This "blackened grindcore trio" includes the father and son who founded the band. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 20  
Charles Richard-Hamelin

BEACON  
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-765-3012  
howlandmusic.org  
The Howland Chamber Music

Circle piano series continues with this program of works by Chausson, Still, Franck and Chopin. *Cost: \$40 (\$10 students)*

SUN 20  
Stella Blues Band

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

Together since 2009, the group recreates the experience and music of a Grateful Dead show. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

MON 21  
Duoscope

BEACON  
8:30 p.m. Quinn's  
330 Main St. | 845-202-7447  
facebook.com/QuinnsBeacon

Eric Person and Bob Meyer will perform this week for jazz night.

THURS 24  
Paul Byrne & The Bleeders

BEACON  
7 p.m. Dogwood  
47 E. Main St. | dogwoodbeacon.com  
Glenn Fredericks, Rik Mercaldi,

Eric Puente and Ann Byrne will perform Americana and rock originals.

FRI 25  
Chris Smither

BEACON  
8 p.m. Towne Crier  
379 Main St. | townecrier.com

The singer and songwriter is praised for both his voice and guitar playing. Milton will join him. Proof of vaccination required. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

FRI 25  
Clara Cavalcante Ferreira

BEACON  
8 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com

The Brazilian singer will perform her own music and covers.

SAT 26  
Concert of Concertos

NEWBURGH  
4 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College  
330 Powell Ave. | 845-913-7157  
newburghsymphony.org  
The Greater Newburgh Symphony

Orchestra will perform a program at Aquinas Hall of Dvorak and Prokofiev with soloists Alan Murray and Mo Xu. *Cost: \$25 (students free)*

SAT 26  
Buskin & Batteau

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

The witty duo will perform songs from their decades-long career. Jesse Terry will open with songs from his latest release, *When We Wander*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SUN 27  
Blues Chaser

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

Big Thursty, Tom "The Suit" Forst, Tony Delisio and Joey Primo will play songs from their three albums. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC

MON 21  
Village Board

NELSONVILLE  
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.  
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

TUES 22  
City Council

BEACON  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | beaconnny.gov

The meeting will include a public hearing on a proposed "good-cause eviction" law.

TUES 22  
School Board

BEACON  
7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900  
beaconk12.org

WED 23  
Board of Trustees

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



Neanderthal, Feb. 25



Chris Smither, Feb. 25



## Mouths to Feed

## Let's Get the Meatball Rolling

By Celia Barbour



A great rivalry arose in my childhood home between my big sister and me over the question of which was better: spaghetti and meatballs or macaroni and cheese. I preferred the former, she the latter. In fact, spaghetti and meatballs was probably the first dish that I ever truly, deeply loved — which, in retrospect, seems a small tragedy, because my mother was an outstanding cook; yet the spaghetti, like the mac, came from a box.

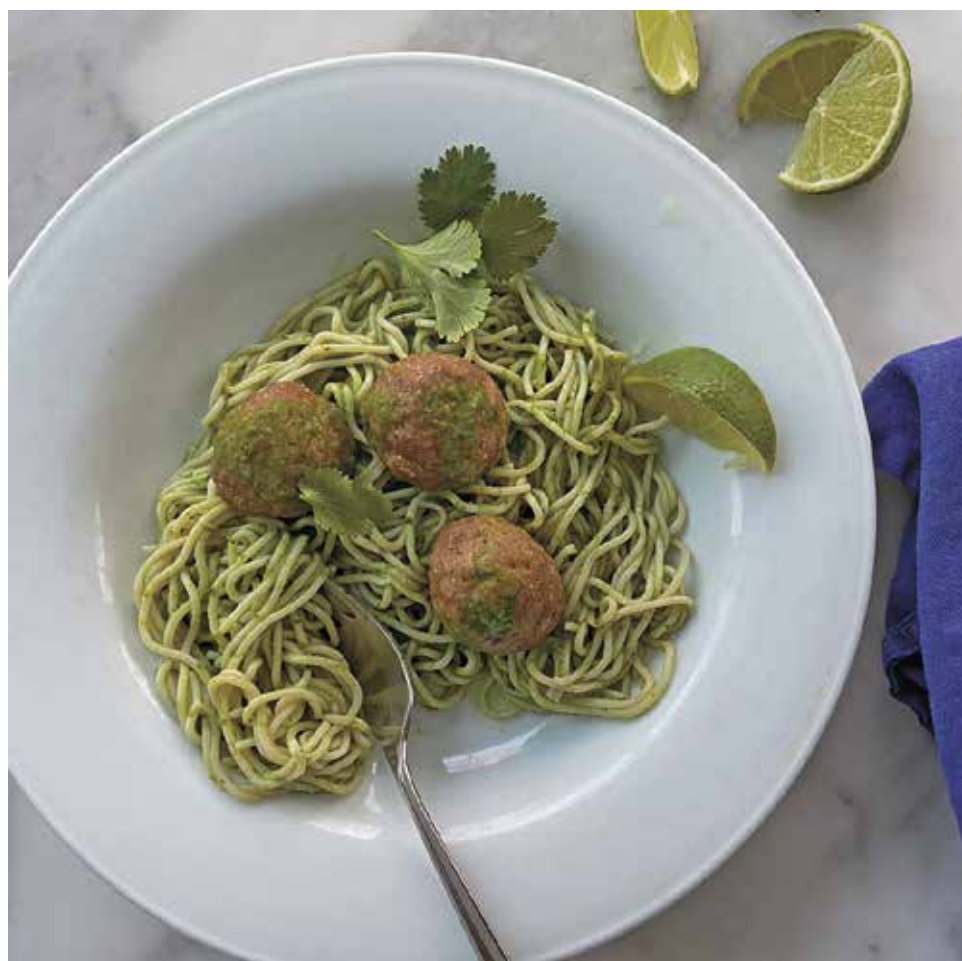
“A box?” says my husband, Peter. “Don’t you mean a can?”

Lord, no. Back in those days, Chef Boyardee marketed a “complete spaghetti dinner” in a box: A tall can of tomato sauce with “8 meaty meatballs,” a small can of grated parmesan, and dried noodles that you boiled yourself “to make tender or firm — as you like it.” Nothing, in other words, like the slimy, overcooked, overly sweet canned goo that the company also foisted on America’s families.

As it happens, Chef Boyardee was an actual Italian chef. His name was Ettore “Hector” Boiardi, and his family had emigrated in the late 1800s to Cleveland, where they opened a successful Italian restaurant. The boxed dinner came about because customers wanted to take Boiardi’s delicious meals home with them.

Informal research suggests that this culinary heartthrob of my early years was not sold anywhere beyond our small corner of the upper Midwest. (If you have evidence to the contrary, please let me know by posting a comment at [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).) At any rate, Hector Boiardi changed my life. I remain convinced to this day that there is no happier meal than spaghetti and meatballs.

I have also spent my life convinced that I could never make a version that lives up to my boxed childhood memories. To compensate,



I have situated meatballs from other culinary traditions atop various culturally suitable noodles. I once made Chinese-style lamb meatballs flavored with cumin, anise and ginger, for example, and served them atop saucy rice noodles to a group of fellow cooks. I’ve dunked Vietnamese-style fish meatballs in a noodle-filled broth. And I’ve piled Finnish meatballs atop mountains of buttered egg noodles more times than I can count.

I thought I was being clever with these dishes, tangling up diverse threads of culinary influences to create fun, trompe l’oeil variations on an iconic meal. I’ve since realized that my variations were probably no less “authentic” than the original. After all, most of us know that spaghetti and meatballs was found nowhere in Italy until American tourists demanded it; it’s a thoroughly Italian-American dish, invented in this country by immigrants. I also learned in grade school that pasta comes from China, not Italy (a lineage food scholars have since debunked). But meatballs, too, originated outside of Italy. Some say they came from the Middle East, as an ancestor to Turkey’s köftes and Lebanon’s koftas, while others suggest they probably sprung up in various kitchens around the world, wherever cooks found themselves with little scraps of meat and starch on hand, moistened them and pressed them into balls.

A mutt, a mix, an improvisation: It’s what every cuisine is made up of if you trace it back to its roots. That and the unending desire to roll food into little balls, and to fight with your siblings over it.

## Spaghet-Thai with Turkey Meatballs

Using a mini ice-cream scoop to form the meatballs and baking them in the oven simplifies preparation and reduces fat (though the meatballs might not come out quite as pretty). Pulverized rice cakes make a great substitute for bread crumbs in this mix.

2 plain rice cakes, such as Lundberg’s

1 4-inch piece of fresh ginger, peeled

5 garlic cloves, peeled

1 jalapeno, stem and seeds removed

1 large bunch of cilantro

¼ cup fish sauce

7 to 10 ounces rice noodles

2 pounds ground turkey

Salt

¼ cup full-fat coconut milk\*

½ cup chicken broth

5 ounces baby spinach

½ teaspoon sugar

Juice and zest of one lime, plus more wedges for serving

1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment or a silpat.
2. Break the rice cakes into a few pieces and pulverize them in a blender. Transfer to a large bowl and set aside.
3. Prepare the rice noodles according to package directions, rinse in a strainer with cool water and set aside to drain.
4. Finely mince the ginger, garlic, jalapeno and cilantro — setting aside a few cilantro leaves to use as garnish; transfer to a small bowl and stir in the fish sauce. (If you have an immersion blender, you can instead puree these ingredients in a mug or small bowl.)
5. Transfer half of this cilantro mixture to the large bowl with the rice cakes. Add the ground turkey, season with 1 to 2 teaspoons salt and mix to combine. Using your hands or a small ice cream scoop, form the meat into 1½-inch balls and arrange on the baking sheet. Bake 14 to 16 minutes, turning the pan halfway through, until the meatballs are 165 degrees in the middle and turning slightly crisp at the edges.
6. Meanwhile, place the remaining half of the cilantro mixture in the blender where you pulverized the rice cakes (no need to rinse it out); add the coconut milk, chicken broth, spinach and sugar, and blend until fairly smooth. Transfer to a pot large enough to hold all the noodles.
7. Just before serving, heat the cilantro-coconut mixture to a bare simmer. Run very hot tap water over the rice noodles in the strainer; drain, then toss with the cilantro-coconut mixture in the pot, along with the lime juice and zest. Serve at once, topped with meatballs.

\*Once opened, coconut milk goes bad quickly. I store it in a freezer bag, laid flat, then break off pieces as needed.

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## ART BRIEFS

## Beacon Players to Present Free Show

*Tickets available for April performance*

The Beacon Players, the student drama group at Beacon High School, will present a free performance in April of the first half of its spring musical, *Into the Woods*.

“The first act is the ‘happy act’ that ends with all the characters in a very upbeat position, so we are offering that for our younger audiences,” explained Director Anthony Scarrone.

The performance is scheduled for 1 p.m. on April 30 and will be free for children ages 12 and younger. An adult must accompany every four children. Reservations are available at [beaconplayers.org](http://beaconplayers.org). The site also has tickets for *Into the Woods*, which will be presented April 29, April 30 and May 1.

## Artists Can Apply for Guaranteed Income

*Initiative to award \$1K a month to 2,400 people*

Artists who live in New York state and have financial need can apply for a \$1,000-a-month guaranteed income for 18 months.

Creatives Rebuild New York, a three-year, \$125 million initiative, is offering the monthly stipend to 2,400 artists as well as jobs that pay \$65,000 annually to another 300. See [creativesrebuildny.submittable.com](http://creativesrebuildny.submittable.com). The deadline is March 25.

## Crafts Fair Registration Open

*Art center also hiring organizer*

The Garrison Art Center is accepting applications for its 52nd annual Riverside Crafts Fair, which is scheduled for Aug. 20 and 21.

Fifty or more artists and artisans will be selected to exhibit and sell their work based on originality, quality and booth presentation, among other criteria. See [garrisonartcenter.org/fair-prospectus](http://garrisonartcenter.org/fair-prospectus). The deadline is March 31.

## NOTICE

### Wappingers Falls/Village

1st floor one bedroom apartment located in the historic Village of Wappingers Falls. Rent is \$950.00 a month including heat/hot water, electric, water, sewer, and trash removal. Rent excludes phone and cable. Security deposit of \$950.00 required. Off-street parking. Credit/Criminal Background Check. Property is SMOKE-FREE. Please call 845.297.2004 for an application. EHO.

### Roots and Shoots

## Countdown to Seed Sowing

By Pamela Doan

As the snow and ice melt off the vegetable beds this week, I’m going to seize the moment to prepare a couple for planting. In just a few weeks, although it feels hard to believe, I can plant seeds of cold-hardy vegetables. Imagine eating freshly picked peas, lettuce and spinach in May and June.

Recently, I covered methods in *Roots and Shoots* for growing plants outdoors in winter using hoops and fabric and creating mini-greenhouses out of plastic milk jugs. Now it’s time to consider when and how to sow seeds in the garden.

The last frost date in our area is May 15. On average, that means temperatures would be high enough that outdoor plants are out of danger from freezing temperatures at night that could kill or damage them.

If you’re a leafy green and root vegetable fan, mid-March can be an ideal time to start the growing season without any other implements. Some vegetables grow more optimally in cooler, damp weather, including peas, fava beans and greens like spinach and arugula. Cold-hardy characteristics include being tolerant of frost, freezing temperatures and germination at temperatures as low as 40 degrees. When temperatures soar in June and July, their growing season is finished until fall.

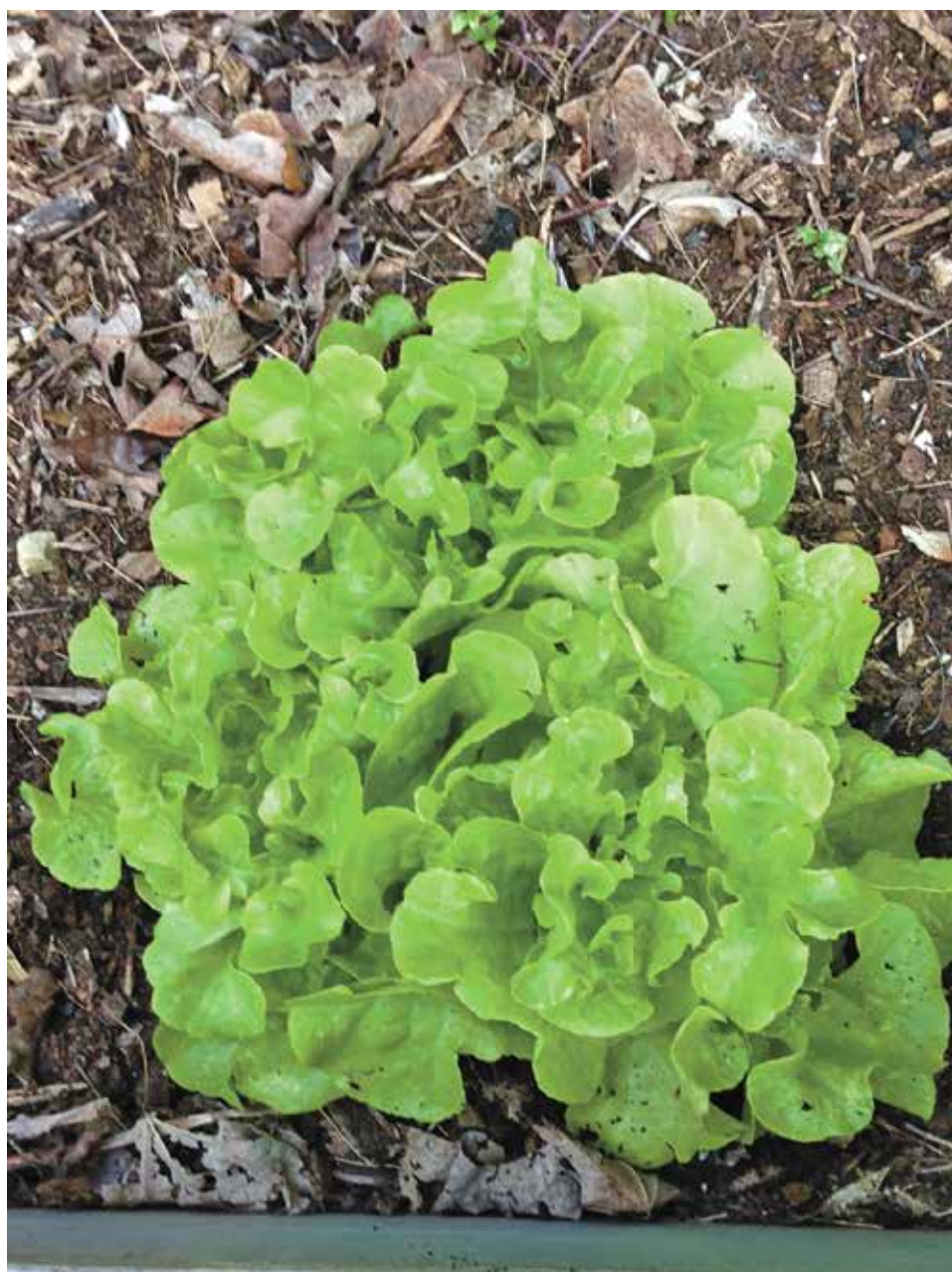
Seed packets for early season crops use the phrase “sow directly when soil is workable.” To a farmer, workable soil means the tractor won’t get stuck in the mud. For gardeners, the soil should be relatively dry. If you squeeze a clump in your hand, water shouldn’t come through. Raised beds offer an advantage here by generally draining well.

Soil temperature, soil moisture and air temperatures affect seed germination and determine when to plant, too. Peas, spinach, arugula, mustard greens, rutabagas, chicory, scallions, early harvest onion sets, turnips and fava beans all can be sown directly in the garden when soil temperatures are at least 40 degrees. Germination will be affected by weather, as all things go in the garden, but with a bit of luck, the harvest will go mostly as planned.

Check individual seed packets for information about the cultivar or variety you’ve chosen since some seeds are bred or hybridized for different traits. The guidelines for species shared here are general.

For my own garden, I’ve organized seed packets for direct sowing on March 15 for seeds that can be planted “when soil is workable”; April 15 for “2 to 4 weeks before last frost”; and May 15 for “after final frost date.” That gives me a two-month range to get the garden moving.

To prepare the raised beds, I’m going to



Not yet! But sooner than you might think.

Photo by P. Doan

## Plant Sales

### Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam

Tree and shrub seedlings; pickup on April 22-23

[putnamcountyny.com/keepputnamgreen](http://putnamcountyny.com/keepputnamgreen)

### Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College

Minimum order \$225; through March 15

[nativeplantcentershop.org](http://nativeplantcentershop.org)

### NY Department of Environmental Conservation

Free seedlings for stream buffers; any homeowner with at least 50 feet of land on a waterway is eligible.

[dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html](http://dec.ny.gov/animals/77710.html)

top-dress the soil with my own compost. The organic matter will contribute to drainage and nutrients. An at-home soil pH test kit will indicate if I’ve managed the right level — a neutral 6 to 7 pH — for nutri-

ent uptake. Shredded leaves and straw go on top as mulch after the seedlings sprout and are thinned.

I neglected a couple of beds last year and all sorts of weeds happily took up the space. As a first step, I need to assess what I’m dealing with. I tried hard not to look but I think an Oriental bittersweet vine showed up. An aggressive, invasive weed, the bitter-sweet drops a lot of seeds and is difficult to eradicate. Since I’ve caught it early, I have a good chance, but I’ll be chopping it back for at least a couple of years, I’m sure. I’ll hand-pull and dig out the roots of any vines from last season as a first step.

If the rest of the weed issues are mostly run-of-the-mill, annoying but not garden-destroying weeds, I’ll try solarizing the beds. Using clear plastic left over from indoor painting, I can cover each bed and let the sun heat up the soil for 4 to 6 weeks beneath it.

The longer I leave it on, the more effective it will be at killing all the weeds. If the weather cooperates, I can plant the beds by July, a great time to think about what I want to harvest in September and October.

Hand-pulling the weeds in the raised beds would break up the soil surface, bringing a whole new set of weed seeds up from below and making the problem worse. I’d rather sacrifice a month or two of planting time and try to reset the weed issues.



## Hogarth (from Page 1)

brother while I walked the line. That early experience of walking the picket lines of a strong union made a real impression. There was always union talk at dinner. The whole concept of unionism was so deeply imbued that it has stayed there for my whole life.

**Your organizing has ranged from marches with millions to vigils with a handful of participants. Does the small stuff count?**

For both Pete [Seeger] and [historian] Howard Zinn, there was the concept that every little thing you do is important. Even if it's five people in a Hiroshima Day peace vigil on Route 9D, you feel the power of doing something. There is a strength that motivates and turns these activities into larger ones. From age 7 to nearly 93, with much in between, at many points you begin to wonder. Yet there's a sense of never giving up. Change is possible, but it's not always within arm's reach.

In the cause of non-violence, I've been arrested more times than I could count. But these are elemental in my life: peace and non-violence. One action moves on to the next. We all have this power. Letting go is not acceptable.

“The end point is not grim, it's joy. [Radical activist] Emma Goldman said: “If I can't dance, I don't want to be in your revolution.” It encompasses the struggle for a happier, better life. If it's grim, what the heck? There's too much that's good.

**Is it important to strategize for both the short and long term?**

Closing Indian Point was a major concern of mine, and it's amazing that it will close in my lifetime. There were often just two of us at the [Nuclear Regulatory Commission] hearings; two of us going to D.C. It's been a



A poster from a Hogarth campaign for the state Assembly

40-year struggle. I didn't miss a single NRC meeting. We'd get up and say: “How can you sleep at night?” People often ask me, “How could you be involved, not knowing if you would ever see it happen?” You should know that you probably won't succeed right away. You have to take a long-range view [and fight] even if you don't live to see it.

The power of one's commitment is in how it radiates, or gives strength. You can't opt-out; it's not allowed. When you look ahead, you also have to look at what you have accomplished. Young people may feel negative about President Trump, for example, but also positive because they are feeling conviction.

Look at [Nelson] Mandela: To have come through what he went through [being imprisoned in South Africa for 27 years], with hope, is an extraordinary lesson in what we can learn; it's not based on anger or fear. I never experience burnout.

**What are your current projects?**

The [Manhattanville College] center was my “non-retirement.” I was down there every week, mentoring students. I've seen my role over the years as motivating young people, being their nest for when things were a struggle — gays, lesbians, women's rights. The center provides a summer internship at political organiza-

tions. That's been going on for 10 years and will continue.

The ACLU is a big part of my life. I'm on the board of the Lower Hudson chapter. Every fall, for 18 years, the center and the ACLU have sponsored a lecture on the death penalty or other aspects of criminal justice. That will continue.

Then there's Take 18, a group which meets every month at my dining room table. We've been doing this since before John Hall was elected [to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006]. Sean Patrick Maloney [who represents the district now] has been here.

**How did you wind up living in the Highlands?**

I was active in Clearwater and Art and I became good friends with Pete and Toshi Seeger. We decided we must live by the river. I told Toshi we'd be looking in Dutchess and she said: “Oh, it's the boonies, you're too active.” I told her, “Well, your husband does pretty well!” Not long after, Toshi called and said there was a sign outside a house that was designed with all natural stones and built by a good friend of Pete, and in fact Pete helped him build it.

We called [Cold Spring real-estate agent] Bob McCaffrey and told him we wanted it. Someone else had a contract on it but tried to get it for less than agreed, and so Bob said: “The house is yours.” That was 21 years ago. Bob appeared with two couches as a gift, and there they are — we still use them.

**What might surprise people about you?**

How important music has been in my life. As well as being a projectionist, my father was an organist/pianist for the silents [films], so I was exposed early. I listened to classical, then folk, in my teens. The power

of song, as Pete called it, is huge and was part of my diaspora. Pete would come to my house every few weeks and play. I have a drum collection. My personal great pleasure is chamber music — that's my core, my love.

Being close to the Seegers — both of them — being best friends with them, we shared every holiday, every birthday; they are an essential part of our spiritual lives. I've been reading a book, *Pete Seeger: In His Own Words*. It's snippets, not in sequential order. It's my bedtime story every night; I read 20 minutes or so — it's my conversations with Pete.

**What still frustrates you the most?**

Racism. For all we've accomplished, this country was built on the backs of Native Americans and African-Americans. We have not gotten past it as much as one would have hoped. Knowing the current president can get away with all kinds of racism is disappointing. It's a struggle that is absolutely pivotal to any progress in this country. The Rainbow Coalition [with Jesse Jackson] was probably the most important piece of my activist life. I hope major change will happen because of labor and people of color. I see those two concerns as paramount to making the changes I believe in. But all the activities I was involved in are spokes of the same wheel.

**What if the struggle seems too overwhelming?**

Remember: The end point is not grim, it's joy. [Radical activist] Emma Goldman said: “If I can't dance, I don't want to be in your revolution.” It encompasses the struggle for a happier, better life. If it's grim, what the heck? There's too much that's good. When I think of my heroes — Mandela, Chavez, Gandhi — each one of them typifies a life of hope and of great struggle.

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Market Report (January)

	Beacon		Philipstown	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
New Listings	10	3	9	4
Closed Sales	10	9	14	11
Days on Market	42	35	71	67
Median Price	\$371,000	\$525,000	\$634,750	\$619,000
% List Received	98.8	109.5	96.2	96.8
Inventory	16	16	54	18

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# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (February 1872)

One of Asa Truesdell's dogs attacked Brian Daley's pigs and had to be choked to release his hold. The cries from passersby frightened a horse ridden by Richard Condell, which took off up Main Street, where it collided with a coal wagon driven by John Brewer, breaking its rear axle. The runaway was caught on a sidewalk at Furnace Street; Condell was not injured.

Some porters on the drawing-room cars on the Hudson River Railroad were reportedly charging passengers 10 cents each for newspapers that could be purchased in New York City for 1 to 4 cents.

Undersheriff Butler fell and broke his arm while attempting to arrest James Cahill for public intoxication; he asked bystanders for help but only S.B. Truesdell stepped forward to grab Jimmy and put him in the police sleigh.

Two wagonloads of gypsies stopped at the Sandy Landing bridge and built a campfire for lunch.

Mahlan Coe, a clerk at Geo. McCabe & Co. at the corner of Main and Rock, could not unlock the door in the morning to open the store. He retrieved a key to the adjoining Masonic rooms, ascended to the second floor and lowered himself by the elevator. There he found thieves had stolen silks and

ribbons valued at \$500. The lock on the door had been damaged when they picked it.

A member of the Methodist Episcopal Church wrote to *The Cold Spring Recorder* to complain about a group of rude women whom he said had interrupted the baptism of converts at the shore of the Hudson River. He noted that in the time of Caesar, persons who disturbed religious ceremonies were hacked to death.

The ironwork was completed on the



The March 2, 1872, issue of *The Cold Spring Recorder* carried the date of Feb. 31, which was probably a printer's placeholder that was not corrected.

bridge over the pond at the foot of Paulding Avenue.

The residence of Stephen Davenport burned down 2 miles east of the village. The fire was discovered by his granddaughter, who went upstairs to the room she shared with her mother and found it filled with smoke. When no flames could be located, not even a warm spot on the wall, Davenport



**SOLID PATH** — When we asked on Facebook if anyone remembered being able to walk or skate across the Hudson River in the winter, Jennifer Lyons shared this photo of her great-grandfather Nate Lyons' truck on the frozen river in 1935.

circled the home and spotted a thin stream of smoke coming from where a newly built addition joined the home. The attic space between the ceiling and roof had been ignited by a kitchen exhaust pipe. Water was applied but the ceiling collapsed and the drafts fed the flames. Neighbors were able to save furniture from the lower level but the home was a loss. Davenport had an insurance policy with Lorillard, but the firm went bankrupt because of claims from the Chicago fire in 1871 and he had not bought another. The home had been built by his father, William Davenport, in 1806.

The old Rees house, the former site of the post office and news depot, was demolished, to be replaced by a brick building.

Charles Spellman, a native of Cold Spring, was severely burned in Covington, Tennessee, in a gasoline explosion.

Two Kemble Avenue boys played a dangerous trick when they whipped Miss Warner's horse as it stood with a cart near the sidewalk outside Schoenfeld's. Mr. Roberts managed to get outside before the horse could dart.

Charles Bross took S.B. Truesdell to court on a charge of assault-and-battery at the Garrison dock "on the occasion of the Potato Excitement" in December, when a barge wrecked with 2,000 barrels aboard. A jury found Truesdell guilty and fined him \$50. Bross had secured the vessel, which townspeople began to loot; Truesdell was dispatched by the county to claim the cargo as jetsam.

Sarah Ellen Grace, who lived on Market Street, was diagnosed with smallpox, prompting hundreds of residents to swarm the office of Dr. Lente and Dr. Murdock to receive vaccinations.

James Bailey, driving the store wagon of grocer George W. Purdy, had stepped inside Henry Griffin's home in Nelsonville when the three children of Mary McArthur — Martha, Nettie and Johnnie — climbed aboard the wagon. That spooked the horse, which took off, chased by townspeople. When it reached Morris Avenue, the wagon snapped an iron lamp post and a wooden tie-post, causing the shaft and springs to break

and throwing the children onto the sidewalk amid broken jugs, bottles and food. They were not seriously hurt, nor was the horse.

Gotlieb Schneck, who had earlier returned to Cold Spring after an absence, was arrested at the train station by a New York City detective on charges of stealing the money and madam of a German friend.

## 125 Years Ago (February 1897)

*The Recorder* observed that residents and merchants were largely ignoring a village ordinance that they keep the sidewalks clear of snow.

A lamp exploded in the cabin of the schooner John Jones while it was in winter quarters south of the Foundry dock. The Cold Spring Hose Co. No. 1 managed to get a stream of water on the blaze and save the ship.

Mrs. Horatio Lyons of Springfield, Massachusetts, left property valued at \$1 million to her only direct heir, Chalmers Dale Jr., a 15-year-old grandson whose family had a summer home in Philipstown. When the will was read, however, it was revealed that shortly before her death, Mrs. Lyons had signed a codicil leaving her estate to distant relatives. Chalmers Dale Sr. hired three law firms to contest, arguing undue influence.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Odell of Continentalville were surprised to see their son, Harry, who had left home 14 months earlier to join the Navy. They said they would object to his return to the service because he was a minor.

Bike racks were installed in the luggage cars of the Central Hudson Railroad.


The executor of the estate of William and Mary Tompkins auctioned their farm at Tompkins Corners in Putnam Valley.


John Groundwater, who came to the U.S. from the Orkney Islands off the coast of Scotland in 1839 and worked for years at the West Point Foundry, died at 81. He was the oldest member of the Presbyterian Church.

Thieves cleared the henneries of the Rev. Dr. Wheatley and Elisha Nelson, and also the kitchen cellar of Kate Haight, during a Saturday night windstorm that kept everyone inside.

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Mrs. William Osborn of Garrison left for a three-month trip through Japan and China.

The Haldane Debating Club presented the questions: “Resolved, that the government should build a ship canal from Albany to Buffalo” and “Resolved, that a man learns more by traveling than by study.”

Anthony Bursaille, who stole \$1,800 from a saloon keeper at Breakneck, was arrested with the money in Rome, Italy.

A cat owned by Emily Tompkins in Putnam Valley died at age 27.

The household furniture of Rev. Cleo Foote, the new pastor of the Baptist church, arrived and was taken to the parsonage on Parsonage Street.

In celebration of Washington’s Birthday, a group of residents installed a water pump at the corner of Main and Market that had a porcelain lining and a nickel-silver drinking cup.

### 100 Years Ago (February 1922)

The state Conservation Commission [later the Department of Environmental Conservation], which planned to grow up to 30 million seedlings to reforest idle farmland, received requests from Stephen Chase of Garrison for 50,000 and from the Friars of the Atonement in Garrison for 900.

The Village of Cold Spring budget had an appropriation for concrete sidewalks. It also included money for extra police officers because of the force of workmen expected to move to the village over two or three years to build the New York City aqueduct. (See above right.) A tractor steam shovel sat on the railroad siding, waiting to be moved to Nelsonville for the project.

The Nelsonville board placed a referendum on the ballot to fund 10 fire hydrants.

Irene Gill, mother superior of the Order of Ursuline Nuns, visited Cold Spring to inspect properties for a possible move, including for its academy for girls. The sisters’ home in Fishkill had been destroyed in a fire. [The order eventually purchased a property in Beacon called Hiddenbrooke.]

The Public Service Commission in Albany received a complaint from a group of Cold Spring residents upset with the minimum rate charged by the Cold Spring Light, Heat & Power Co. and its price for meters.

Edward L. Post & Son of Cold Spring offered a free, nickel-plated Fittsgerald heater with any order for a house to be wired for electricity.

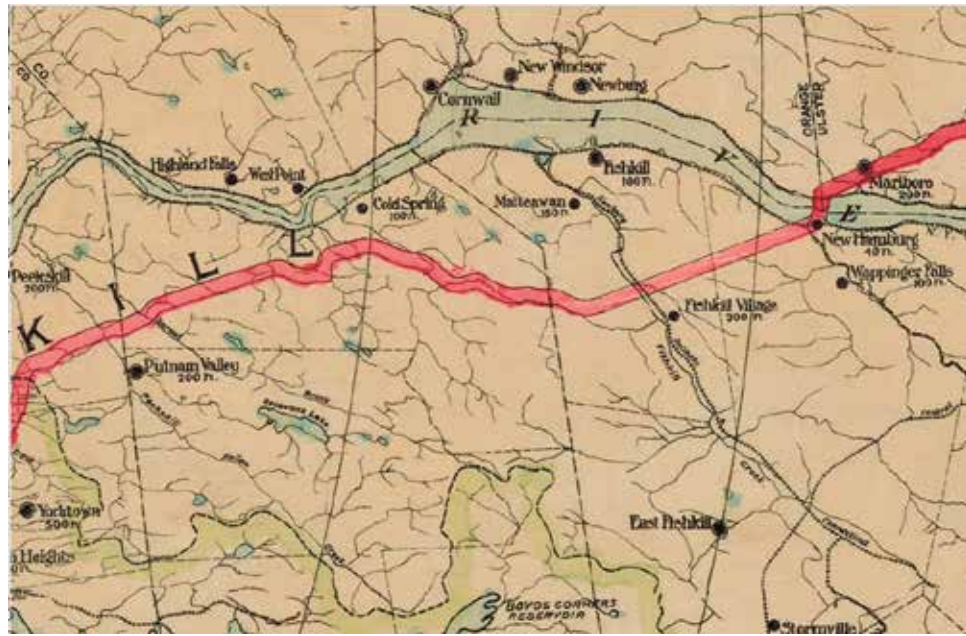
John Williams, who said he was homeless, was sentenced to 90 days in jail for vagrancy.

The thermometer at Perry & Reilley’s store, considered the most accurate in the village, fell to 16 degrees below zero overnight on Feb. 16.

Despite the cold, someone attempted to break into Andrew Davey’s store through the back window with an iron bar.

The St. Luke’s Tennis Club of Beacon presented *A Couple of Million*, a comedy in four acts, at St. Mary’s parish house, followed by a dance.

Members of the Old Homestead Club and the Odd Fellows began a seven-match euchre tournament.



A 1905 map of the route planned for the New York City aqueduct through the Highlands.

A minstrel show at Town Hall organized by the Odd Fellows raised \$50 for Near East Relief, which had been founded in Syracuse in 1915 to aid Armenian and Assyrian refugees.

*The Recorder* offered this tip: “To freshen the flavor of canned fruit, open the can several hours before the fruit is to be used, drain the syrup and reheat it, adding a little more sugar. Pour the syrup, boiling hot, over the fruit, and let it chill before it is served.”

*The Recorder* shared this joke: A farmer hitched his team to a telephone pole. “You can’t hitch here,” exclaimed a policeman. “Can’t hitch?!” shouted the irate farmer. “Why does that sign say, ‘Fine for hitching?’”

The Speedling & Smalley dealership in Nelsonville advertised its latest arrivals, including a 60-horsepower, 7-passenger Studebaker Big Six sedan that sold for \$2,700 [\$45,000 today] and a Model F.B. Chevrolet coupe or sedan for \$1,575 [\$26,000]. The Model 490 Chevrolet touring car or roadster was also available for \$525 [\$9,000].

A reader wrote to complain that while he held members of the Board of Assessors in high esteem, “never before in the history of Philipstown has the assessed valuation been so unequally apportioned,” particularly in rural districts.

Louis Gent asked the Village Board to curb Academy Street because water from the sidewalk was overflowing into his cellar.

The Cold Spring health officer reported 33 residents had contagious diseases, including lobar pneumonia (2), diphtheria (2), influenza (6), mumps (5) and whooping cough (18).

### 75 Years Ago (February 1947)

Mr. and Mrs. George Morse of Cold Spring were driving on Albany Post Road about 2½ miles south of Fishkill at 5:45 p.m. on a Sunday when they came across the body of a man in the traffic lane. The deceased was identified by state troopers as Edward Mosher, 65, whose welfare ID card said he lived in New York City public housing. Mosher was apparently the victim of a hit-and-run.

Montgomery Angell, a Garrison banker, was appointed to the Taconic State Park commission. He succeeded Vanderbilt Webb, also of Garrison, who had been a member of the commission since it was created in 1925.

The Garrison school board approved 30

percent pay raises for its teachers, which in some cases made their salaries higher than what the state recommended in small communities.

### 50 Years Ago (February 1972)

Anthony Mazzuca resigned as mayor of Nelsonville, citing personal reasons, after three years in the position. Trustee Jack Meyer was appointed to fill the vacancy and Edward Cleary, the manager of Cold Spring Paint and Hardware on Main Street, was appointed to succeed Meyer.

Helen Hayes, who won the 1970 Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in *Airport*, announced at a luncheon held at the Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City [now the Museum of Arts and Design] that she would spearhead a fundraising campaign to restore the 137-year-old Chapel of Our Lady in Cold Spring.

The Haldane boys’ basketball team won their first two games of the season, over Dover, 50-47, and Dover Plains, 72-33, to finish 2-12.

The Putnam County Historical Society reopened its exhibit, “Quilts, Coverlets and Counterpanes,” after being closed in January due to a flu epidemic.

George “Bus” Loughran, 58, a longtime resident of Manitou Road in Garrison, died of gunshot wounds suffered during an attempted robbery at his liquor store on Ninth Avenue in New York City.

Dr. Louis Genesse, who had a dental practice on Locust Ridge in Cold Spring for 36 years until he retired in 1960, died at 78.

### 25 Years Ago (February 1997)

Joe Percacciolo, a former county legislator, resigned as Philipstown highway superintendent. “I have enjoyed most of my time in public service,” he said.

The Haldane girls’ basketball team, the defending Class D state champions, finished the season 19-1. The junior varsity finished 17-1.

*Season of Adventure*, a newly published anthology of “traveling tales and outdoor journeys of women over 50,” included a story by Harriet Laine, a former Philipstown resident who took equestrian trips to Australia, India and North Africa. (The horse she boarded in Garrison was named Nairobi.) Laine died of cancer before learn-

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ing that her story would appear.

The Cold Spring Village Board voted to revise some Architectural and Historic Review Board policies. It expanded the definition of *alteration* to include “covering over” exterior features and expanded *exterior features* to include “steps, entryways, vents and architectural openings, grillwork and canopies.”



## SPORTS

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## Roundup (from Page 24)

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Beacon is on a four-game win streak, defeating O'Neill, 32-13, on Feb. 10; Monticello, 50-15, on Monday (Feb. 14); Goshen, 42-20, on Tuesday and Minisink Valley, 39-18, on Wednesday.

Reilly Landisi had 20 points in the victory over Goshen, while Shadaya Fryar added eight and Rayana Taylor had seven. The Bulldogs had lost at Goshen, 36-31, on Jan. 6.

"After losing to Goshen at their place last month, we came out with a game plan and executed it," said Coach Christina Dahl. "We were able to manage the game defensively, holding them to eight second-half points."

Against O'Neill, Landisi had 10, Lila Burke added nine and Devyn Kelly had eight. "We got a strong defensive effort from Daveya Rodriguez (nine rebounds); she caused havoc with her length," Dahl said. "Offensively, Lila Burke came in and gave us great minutes."

Beacon (11-8) is scheduled to travel to Spackenkill on Wednesday (Feb. 23) and then will await its seeding in the Section IX playoffs.

In other news, Lauren Schetter, a 2017 Beacon grad who is in her fifth season playing for Pace University, had a career night on Feb. 5, scoring 33 points for the Setters (19-5) in a win at The College of Saint Rose in Albany.

The Haldane team — the seven-time defending Section I, Class C champions — has had an up-and-down winter. Despite a losing record (9-11), Coach Jessica Perrone and the Blue Devils feel they've been playing well, growing and are carrying positive momentum into next week's sectional tournament.

The Blue Devils closed their regular season with a 42-31 win on Feb. 10 at North Salem, a 64-42 loss on Feb. 12 at Westlake and a 70-43 loss on Monday (Feb. 14)

against Putnam Valley.

Seeded No. 3, Haldane will play March 1 on the road against No. 2 Yonkers Montessori Academy (12-8) in the Section I playoffs. The Blue Devils beat YMA by seven points early in the season. The winner will advance to the championship game on March 5. Haldane and Hamilton (9-11) tied for the No. 3 seed but the Blue Devils won the tiebreaker because they had defeated Hamilton on Dec. 7, 62-26. The No. 1 seed is Tuckahoe (16-4).

"We know we beat Yonkers, but we need to set the tone from the beginning," said Perrone. "The girls feel good about where we are."

Is the team feeling the pressure of being seven-time champions? "It's in their heads," Perrone said. "No one wants to be the team that breaks that streak. But I'd rather have the streak than not have it, and hopefully it's a good kind of motivating pressure."

Against Putnam Valley, Maddie Chiera had 11 points, Marisa Scanga added eight and Betsy Cates had five rebounds. Amanda Orlando had 25 points and Eva DeChent scored 20 for Putnam Valley. Against Westlake, Camilla McDaniel led Haldane with 12, Chiera added nine and Scanga had eight.

At North Salem, Haldane played well defensively, recording 16 steals. The team got 15 points and five rebounds from Molly Siegel, and nine points, 10 rebounds and five steals from Mairead O'Hara. The Blue Devils had lost on Feb. 2 to North Salem at home by two points.

## INDOOR TRACK &amp; FIELD

Beacon competed at the Section IX divisional championships at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island on Feb. 12. The boys finished second and the girls were fourth.

The Bulldogs had two individual champions: sophomore Kyla Richardson won the girls' 55-meter dash in 7.72 seconds and senior Sal Migliore took the boys' 600 meters in 1:24.95. His time was the fastest in any division and ranked him No. 1 in Section IX headed into the state qualifiers on Feb. 26 at The Armory in New York City.

"I was excited to see Kyla drop a few more hundredths off her personal best," said Coach Jim Henry. "This is her first indoor track season, and there are plenty of technical things to work with her on. It's possible that she becomes one of the section's top sprinters over the next two years."

"Sal's race was one of the two best 600-meter races I've seen out of a Beacon runner," Henry added. "He positioned himself beautifully, ran a wise tactical race, and finished strong. It's great to see kids put together their best efforts at this point in the season."

## BOWLING

The Beacon boys' team (9-5) defeated Monroe-Woodbury, 5-2, on Feb. 10 behind a 654 series from Will Hockler; the girls (6-9) also won, 7-0, behind Cadence Heeter and Keira Istvan. The boys lost to Middletown, 7-0, on Tuesday (Feb. 15) and both teams were scheduled to take on Washingtonville on Feb. 17.

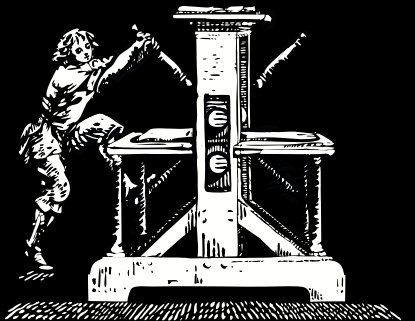
## WRESTLING

Lou DelBianco, at 215 pounds, finished fifth in Division II at the Section IX tournament on Feb. 12 by defeating Chris Betcher of Wallkill. DelBianco had defeated wrestlers from Monroe-Woodbury and Cornwall earlier but lost to Ethan Gallo of Middletown, the eventual champion.

Jude Betancourt defeated Joe Torres of

Middletown in the Round of 16 at 118 pounds and Tyler Haydt defeated Zane Grant of Saugerties in the Round of 16 at 285 pounds, but both fell in the quarterfinals.

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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

**ACROSS**

1. Fine, to NASA

4. *Misery* star James

8. Garbage barge

12. — -mo (replay speed)

13. Taj Mahal city

14. Ocean motion

15. Sunbather's goal

16. Insect organ

17. Oklahoma city

18. Patsy Cline song

21. Shoe width

22. Little rascal

23. Brilliance

26. 6 on a phone

27. Gaiety

30. "Dream on!"

31. Ginormous

32. Flintstones' pet

33. Abolish

34. Curse

35. Summoned with a beeper

36. Frenzied

37. Jewel

38. Words of empathy

45. Made into lumber

46. Drescher or Tarkenton

47. TV schedule abbr.

48. Currier's partner

49. Plane-related

50. Debussy's "La —"

51. Antitoxins

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10. Garfield dog

11. Marries

19. Piece of lettuce

20. "As I see it," via text

23. Hearing thing

24. Hit CBS series

25. Cover

26. Blend

27. Pear-shaped fruit

28. French article

29. Affirmative action?

31. Adipose tissue

32. Slightly wet

34. Chum

35. Anise-flavored liqueur

36. High-IQ group

37. Sentry

38. Egyptian deity

39. Top choice, for short

40. Pitcher

41. Crunchy cookie

42. \$ dispensers

43. "Yeah, right"

44. Not even one

52. Lincoln in-law

53. Farm pen

**DOWN**

1. Wine region

2. Norwegian saint

3. Hawaiian coast

4. Pill variety

5. Marble type

6. Woody's son

7. Taking a siesta

8. Precipitous

9. Title akin to POTUS

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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 exult (8)

2 intertwined (9)

3 overheated (6)

4 in an obnoxious way (11)

5 in a hospitable way (6)

6 Nice love (5)

7 strike out (6)

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1. GRANDIOSE, 2. ILLUSIONIST, 3. RETREATED, 4. TURKEY, 5. SHEPHERD, 6. HORSES, 7. EXPECTED



## SPORTS



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The Beacon modified boys' basketball team finished its season without a loss.



Coach Christina Dahl outlines strategy for her team, which has won four straight games.

## VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

### BOYS' BASKETBALL

Beacon had to face one of Section IX's best teams twice last week and came up short both times, falling to Goshen, 64-34, on Feb. 11 at home and 71-55 on Tuesday (Feb. 15) on the road.

"Goshen has a little bit of everything, and is one of the tallest teams," said Coach Scott Timpano of the Gladiators (14-2; 9-0 league). "They have three starters over 6-4 and a 6-7 kid coming off the bench. But we played them better the second time around, and the way to get better is by playing better teams."

In the Tuesday loss, Jason Komisar had

a big night with 16 points, seven rebounds, six assists and three blocked shots. Joe Battle added 12 points and grabbed eight rebounds, Darien Gillins had 10 points and Chase Green scored nine.

The Bulldogs led, 35-32, before Goshen took over in the second half.

On Feb. 11, it was a seven-point game at halftime before Goshen pulled away. "They went into another gear," Timpano said. Gillins and Komisar each scored eight points.

Beacon (11-8) was scheduled to finish its regular season on Thursday (Feb. 17) at James O'Neill, and is hoping for a home playoff game when the Section IX, Class A tournament begins next weekend.

"It's always exciting when you hit post-season play," Timpano said. "We've seen some crazy things in the past. We're just excited to play in a true postseason again [after a regional tournament was held last year because of COVID restrictions]. We've seen most of the teams in the section, and we just want a shot. Just to play a little more basketball — that's all you can ask for."

Beacon has reinforcements on the way:



Soren Holmbo scored 26 points against Pawling in a Haldane win last week.

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Its modified team of seventh- and eighth-graders finished the season undefeated. "What an incredible ride this season has been with this team," said Coach Thomas Zehner. "Going 13-0 is not an easy feat and they made it look that way. I'm excited for what the future holds for this group."

Haldane closed its regular season with a 70-45 win on Feb. 10 over Pawling and a 58-53 win Monday (Feb. 14) at Putnam Valley.

In Monday's win, Matteo Cervone led the Blue Devils with 23 points and Soren Holmbo added 14. Holmbo dropped 26 on Pawling, with Ryan Irwin adding 12 and Julian Forcello 11.

Haldane (18-2), the No. 1 seed in the Section I, Class C tournament, is scheduled to host No. 4 Leffell (7-13) at 5 p.m. on March 1. The winner will advance to the championship game on March 5 at Yorktown High School against No. 2 Hamilton (14-5) or No. 3 Tuckahoe (9-11). The Blue Devils returned to the New York State Sportswriters Association rankings this week at No. 5 among Class C teams.

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## Elijah Hughes Traded to Trailblazers

*Beacon native leaves Jazz after two seasons*

By Chip Rowe

Elijah Hughes, the Beacon native and former Syracuse star who has been playing in the NBA for the Utah Jazz, was traded on Feb. 9 to the Portland Trailblazers as part of a three-team deal.

"Thank you, Utah Jazz, for believing in me and giving me an opportunity to live out my dream," Hughes wrote on Twitter. "I'm beyond grateful."

Hughes had been playing sparingly for the Jazz, appearing in 32 games over two seasons and averaging 2.3 points and 5.5 minutes per game. He also played for the team's G League affiliate, the Salt Lake City Stars.

After joining the Blazers, he scored five points in 11 minutes in his debut in a win over the Knicks on Feb. 12 and had two points in 16 minutes in a loss at Milwaukee on Feb. 14.

Joe Ingles, a star for the Jazz who is out for the season with an injury, also went to Portland, along with a second-round draft pick in 2022. The Jazz received a player

from the Blazers and another from the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs received a player from the Blazers and a second-round pick in 2027 from the Jazz.

Because of health and safety protocols and injuries, Hughes started for the Jazz on Jan. 7 against the Toronto Raptors, scoring 26 points in a 122-108 loss. He shot 60 percent from the floor and 58 percent from three-point range.

Hughes, who attended Beacon High School for his freshman and sophomore years, trans-

ferred to Kennedy Catholic in Somers for his junior year and South Kent Prep in Connecticut as a senior. He played for East

Carolina University before transferring to Syracuse, where he led the Atlantic Coast Conference in scoring at 19 points per game and was named first team All-Conference.

That caught the eye of pro scouts and he was selected by the New Orleans Pelicans in the NBA draft in November 2020 as the 39th of 60 picks overall. The Pelicans traded him to the Jazz for a second-round pick in 2022.

