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## ‘I’ll Be Darned’

*After surviving COVID, Beacon woman turns 100*

By Jeff Simms

Less than two years ago, Douglas Jackson Jr., of Beacon, and his wife, Michele, were preparing to say goodbye.

Jackson’s mother, 98-year-old Pocahontas Morris Jackson, had fallen ill a month after the family thought she’d recovered from COVID-19.

Pocahontas had stayed in her Hammond Plaza condo after her husband of 68 years, Douglas Sr., died in 2018. But she fell in January 2020, breaking both kneecaps, and was admitted to Wingate at Beacon, a senior care facility.

It was at Wingate that she contracted COVID. Pocahontas, who was given her name to honor her great-grandmother’s Native American ancestry, was isolated from friends and family until she was discharged in June 2020.

She moved in with Douglas Jr., one of her five children, and Michele and, for a short time, seemed to be growing stronger until a bout of pneumonia that was diagnosed in July. The family checked her into Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, where they learned she was still suffering from COVID.

Soon thereafter, “the hospital called me and said I’d better come over for one last visit,” Douglas recalled this week. Upon

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After surviving COVID-19, Pocahontas Jackson of Beacon turned 100 on April 8.

Photo by Valerie Shively



**SWEETS FOR UKRAINE** — Four local women who are natives of Ukraine, including Tetyana Shylyvska, shown here, raised \$4,000 for medical supplies for their besieged country earlier this month by selling desserts outside Foodtown in Cold Spring. See Page 10 for more photos.

Photo by Ross Corsair

## Dutchess to Redeploy Stadium Funding

*Renovations using COVID relief funds drew criticism*

By Leonard Sparks

Nearly \$10 million in federal coronavirus relief funds designated for renovations at Dutchess Stadium in Wappingers Falls will be redeployed for

housing, Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro said April 7.

Because supply chain delays are driving up construction and material costs, “it is not prudent” to undertake the project, which was awarded \$11.6 million of \$57.1 million Dutchess is receiving from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), a \$1.9 trillion COVID relief bill signed into law by

President Joe Biden in March 2021. Dutchess will instead use \$9.5 million of that funding as part of a \$20 million housing and homelessness plan, Molinaro said in a statement, and find “an alternative route” to fund the stadium renovations in collaboration with the New York Yankees, whose minor league affiliate, the Hudson (Continued on Page 9)

## Housing Report Reveals Critical Gaps

*Decades before Dutchess could ‘catch up’*

By Jeff Simms

**2,155** That’s the difference, according to a newly released assessment by Dutchess County, between the number of households that rent and earn less than \$50,000 per year and the number of affordable units available to them.

It’s also the number of additional “interventions” that the study calculated are needed for Dutchess to resolve the housing needs of lower-income residents, or 108 interventions annually through 2042.

According to the 60-page report by county planners, the “intervention”

figures include, but are not equivalent to, the construction of a housing unit. For example, while the construction of a 30-unit complex for renters earning less than \$50,000 annually in Poughkeepsie would “count” as 30 interventions, less quantifiable measures are also recommended, such as rent subsidies or rehabs of units that are made affordable.

“It’s going to be a blend of tools,” Heather LaVarnway, a county planner who spearheaded the project, told Dutchess legislators on April 7.

The county last week committed nearly \$20 million to lower-income housing and homelessness prevention that County Executive Marc Molinaro told legislators would include federal American Rescue Plan funding. The money will be spent on housing

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“The median rent in Dutchess also grew faster than inflation, from \$707 in 2000 to \$1,038 in 2010 to \$1,220 in 2019.



## The Return of the Shad?

*State seeks input on recovery plan*

By Brian PJ Cronin

For the first time since ending the fishing of American shad in the Hudson River in 2009, the state Department of Environmental Conservation has put forth benchmarks for its return.

A newly released draft of a recovery plan establishes targets that, when reached for several years in a row, would trigger the return of catch-and-release shad fishing in the river.

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# 5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: RUSTY STAHL

By Chip Rowe

**R**usty Stahl, who lives in Beacon, is the founder and president of Fund the People.

## You describe yourself as a “philanthropy geek.” What drew you to the field?

I was an American studies major at George Washington University [in Washington, D.C.] but didn't want to be a museum curator or an academic. I was trying to figure out how one goes about having a career in social change without going into government. After I graduated, I was selected for a fellowship at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University, and that set me on the path.

## Did you have any role models for the work?

My grandfather spent his life in the labor movement. Even in his 80s, in a wheelchair, he was still committed — my grandmother called his memorial service “Ben's last meeting.” I was interested in the idea of community service as something young people should learn and practice, and I was interested in the infrastructure — in college, I convened all the service chairs of various student organizations and said, “We should be talking to each other.” I didn't want to get stuck in a particular issue; I wanted to figure



out how they are connected. My grandfather did that — he tried to bring together labor and the women's movement and civil rights. In the early '80s, my dad helped nonprofits to computerize their systems. In some way that idea seeped into me — we need to invest in how things are done, not just what is done.

## You founded Fund the People in 2014. What is it?

Philanthropists want to make sure that their money helps the cause; everyone wants it to go to “impact” and programs and not “bureaucracy.” That's different from for-profit businesses, in which people who invest know

the money goes into a big pot and the business people figure out how it will be deployed. With nearly any nonprofit, the biggest line item is staff, and the smallest line item is program expenses. Good businesses know to invest in their employees for long-term profit. Nonprofits often don't have that structure, and philanthropists don't have that mindset.

## In your podcast, you discuss “the overhead myth.” What is that?

There's a tendency among funders to focus on minimizing “overhead” — which contributes to a system that exploits idealistic people. Nobody thinks anyone should be getting rich at a nonprofit, but nobody should have to be poor, either, because you lose a lot of potential leaders from poor and working-class communities. Overhead is not a good way to measure the effectiveness of a nonprofit, in large part because there is no standard for what the ratio should be or what should be included. That's not to say there isn't corruption in the nonprofit world. But if you're going to have the IRS, which is in charge of collecting taxes, also be in charge of overseeing institutions that *don't* pay taxes, it needs more capacity.

## Do you get pushback from funders?

Some funders and nonprofit leaders worry, well, if we invest in an employee, and he or she leaves, have we wasted our investment? Or if we invest in an employee, how do we measure if it makes an impact? I say, you shouldn't invest in an employee, you should invest in anyone who has the job, including interns. You have to invest in the workforce, not just one charismatic person who is expected to do miracles. You invest in everyone while they're there and it will be known as a great place to work and you'll get better and better people. I also hear that if we invest in employees, they'll get better and leave for other jobs. But if you don't invest, everyone will be miserable and leave, and that turnover will hurt the programming. We need to flip the equation: The employees are the bedrock upon which the programs rest. If you think of it that way, if 90 percent of a grant must be spent on programming and only 10 percent is allowed for “overhead,” it seems upside down.

# ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

## What accent do you find especially pleasing to the ear?

New Zealand; it's nicely between Aussie and English.



Jake Fitzpatrick, Beacon

A delightful English accent like my sister had, or a Scottish burr.



Barbara Wilman, Philipstown

Not Scottish; you can't understand a word they say!



John Wilman, Philipstown

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## Dutchess Cuts Gas Tax; Putnam May Do Same

*Legislators weigh reducing 4 percent surcharge*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Three days after New York State cut its gas tax by 16 cents a gallon and 24 hours after Dutchess County made a similar move, Putnam legislators on Tuesday (April 12) suggested their own rollback.

After discussing options with colleagues and the county finance commissioner, the three-person Rules Committee sent the question to the Audit Committee, which meets April 25, for a more thorough review. Putnam's sales tax on gas is 4 percent.

"Sales tax is a regressive tax — whether you're low-income or high-income, you're paying the same amount," said Legislator Neal Sullivan of Carmel-Mahopac. "If you're spending a lot of money on gasoline, it adds up."

On Monday (April 11), the Dutchess County Legislature unanimously changed its gas tax, for six months beginning June 1, from 3.75 percent of the sale to 8 cents a gallon. At current prices, the change would save a Dutchess driver about \$1.20 on a 15-gallon fill-up.

Sullivan indicated that Putnam's budget can sustain a small hit because it has been receiving more sales tax than expected. "As the price [of gas] goes up, we've been profiting on the backs of taxpayers," he said.

According to data given to the Audit Committee on March 28, Putnam expected sales tax income, including from gas, of \$60.4 million for 2021 but collected \$78 million, or nearly \$18 million more than anticipated.

Most legislators seemed to back a gas-tax cut, at least for a trial period.

"If we don't do this, how many people are going to go out of the county to buy gas?" asked Legislator Nancy Montgomery, whose district covers Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley.

"These are tough times — it's very fair to do something," said Legislator Carl Albano of Carmel. "This has the potential to help consumers. It has very little potential to hurt us." The reduction "looks good, sounds good" and "it makes sense," he added.

But William Carlin, the finance commissioner, cautioned that gas stations could ignore the tax cut. "It would be nice if you could guarantee that the savings goes to the customer," he said, but "you'd never know." He also said that sales tax "does not drive the price of gas" and that a reduction could affect towns and villages just as Putnam considers a "share-the-growth" model of distributing the revenue.

Legislator Paul Jonke of Southeast proposed that if the county wants to provide financial relief to residents, it reduce property taxes. "Our constituents are the ones that own property and pay property taxes," he said. Concerns also arose about highway maintenance, which sales tax revenue supports.

However, Montgomery countered that state officials determined that their 16 cents-per-gallon cut had "no negative impact on the state highway budget" because money from other sources could fill any gaps. "There's not going to be any impact on our budget [line items] because it [sales tax] goes into the general fund," she said.

of confidence" if Robert Tendy remains as prosecutor.

Krivak was convicted with Anthony DiPippo in 1997 for the rape and murder of Josette Wright in 1994. He filed a motion in December to replace Tendy with a special prosecutor.

The motion alleged that the district attorney's office withheld evidence; is pursuing him despite the recantations of three eyewitnesses and the admission by a fourth that she lied about "significant details"; and questioned Tendy's comments criticizing the county's \$12 million settlement with DiPippo, who sued after being acquitted at a retrial.

## Restroom Unrest

*Chamber says village should handle facilities*

By Michael Turton

Nat Prentice, the acting president of the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce, told the Village Board on Wednesday (April 13) that the organization has decided not to have its volunteers clean the public restrooms near the pedestrian tunnel on weekends.

The Village Board had made the request, but "the Chamber board believes that is the village's responsibility," Prentice said.

Mayor Kathleen Foley responded that the request was for "bridge funding" to assist with the cleaning until early summer. The village, she said, is working on a plan for a cleaning service that will handle all village-owned buildings.

"It's an unfortunate choice the Chamber has made," Foley said, commenting that many people who use the restrooms are visitors who spend money at Main Street businesses. "I hope we can discuss this further," she said.

Prentice said the request the Chamber received from the board was to have its volunteers maintain the restrooms on weekends during the entire tourist season. Highway Department staff take care of maintenance on weekdays.

He said the Chamber's visitor center, which is adjacent to the restrooms, will open on Memorial Day weekend.

### Proposed spending

The Village Board plans to vote on April 27 on a proposed budget for 2022-23, which includes a 1.89 percent tax increase and spending of \$2.8 million. The document is available at coldspringny.gov.

In reviewing the spending plan, Foley said just over 20 percent of the general fund, which covers the cost of village operations, will be devoted to infrastructure improvements. About \$604,000 will be

used for repairs to the firehouse, Village Hall, sidewalks, roads and drainage.

Foley said she is "very proud" of a \$5,000 pilot program to be established with the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub to increase professional development and mental health resources for Cold Spring police officers as they assist residents.

In addition, she said, funding for the Tree Advisory Board's maintenance of village-owned trees will be doubled.

The mayor commented that although operating costs have increased over the years, the board was "shocked" to realize user fees for water and sewer have not increased since 2004 and 2008, respectively. The budget includes a 4.9 percent increase in water fees and a 10.2 jump for sewer fees.

### In other business ...

■ The village has received half of its \$200,000 allotment from the federal American Rescue Plan and expects to receive more ARP money — possibly another \$200,000 — through Putnam County. The board has discussed using part of the funds for upgrades to the water treatment plant.

■ The Planning Board approved a change of use for a parcel at the Butterfield redevelopment project from retail and commercial space to retail and senior housing rental.

■ Cold Spring police officers responded to 46 calls for service in March and wrote 26 speeding tickets, four traffic tickets and 14 parking tickets. No arrests were made.

■ The Cold Spring Fire Co. answered 23 calls last month, including seven for mutual aid, five for activated alarms, five medical assists, two motor vehicle crashes and two hiker rescues.

■ Putnam County Legislator Nancy Montgomery reported that Cold Spring resident Ben Cheah is being appointed to the Putnam Industrial Development Agency.

■ The Village Board supported resident Sean Conway's request to have Pride flags flown at Village Hall, McConville Park and the bandstand during June, which is Pride month. Local business owners will pay for the flags.

### NEWS BRIEF

## Putnam DA to Remain On Murder Retrial

*Judge rejects motion to replace Tendy*

The Putnam County district attorney can continue to prosecute the retrial of Andrew Krivak, whose conviction for killing a 12-year-old Carmel girl was overturned in 2019 after he spent 24 years in prison.

Judge Barry Warhit, a Westchester County judge overseeing the retrial because Putnam judges recused themselves, ruled on April 5 that Krivak "failed to establish the existence of a conflict of interest or a substantial risk of an abuse



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## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

### Breakneck train

As a transportation professional and someone who cares deeply about climate change, I find the decision by the Village of Cold Spring to push for the continued closure of the Metro-North station at the Breakneck Ridge station utterly mystifying ("Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board," April 8).

Breakneck Ridge is one of the most beloved hikes in the Hudson Valley, and keeping the adjacent train station closed doesn't mean for a second that hikers won't continue to come in large numbers — it simply means that they're more likely to drive and park along Route 9D, or walk from the Cold Spring train station, both of which create conflicts that are routinely chronicled in the pages of this paper.

Further, in a climate crisis, we should be making the greenest transportation solution — taking the train — the absolute easiest for people to choose. I hope the Village Board will reconsider its position.

Hayley Richardson, *Beacon*

Whether to reopen the station at Breakneck Ridge is indeed a conundrum. It seems to make a lot of ecological sense to encourage hikers to use the train rather than use cars, presuming they have use of one.

On the other hand, trains from New

York City and other points south stopping at Breakneck Ridge have been observed letting off hundreds of people at a time, which puts tremendous pressure on the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference stewards and state parks staff at the trailhead, to say nothing for masses going up the trail around the same time.

For hikers who would get off at the Cold Spring station intent on climbing Breakneck, they would not, as Trustee Eliza Starbuck suggested, walk along Route 9D. As a trail steward, I've observed that nearly all Breakneck hikers coming from Cold Spring stop at the Washburn trailhead across from Little Stony Point and learn they can get to Breakneck by hiking on the Cornish Estate trail to another trail that leads to 9D south of the tunnel. It's safe and not on the road.

When the Fjord Trail plans were being discussed at a recent Philipstown board meeting, Supervisor John Van Tassel remarked that he hoped Metro-North would not open the station until the new construction for that area was completed so that the infrastructure would be in place to handle the number of train-arriving hikers. This helpful action by the MTA would thus reduce the pressure on local rescue squads and other emergency staff.

This makes a lot of sense. Of course, the big picture is that there are way too many

people congregating at one location. Until that is addressed, such as with a permitting system to hike or park, we will continually be nibbling around the edges of a massive and often mind-boggling challenge.

Pete Salmansohn, *Garrison*

Hikers are going to create emergencies regardless of whether the Breakneck platform is open. The question is whether we prefer for them to bypass us and disembark at Breakneck or we want them to disembark in Cold Spring and/or drive and park here.

That the mayor and three trustees cannot see how their position will simply encourage our village to be overrun by even larger hordes of hikers and tourists is baffling. Thank you to Trustee Starbuck for bringing sense to local government. Let's hope they follow her advice and not the mayor's.

Gaston Alonso, *Cold Spring*

The station should remain closed, because having hikers get off at Cold Spring, load up with paper products from the public restrooms, walk through the village in the middle of the streets and return to do the same is such a positive for taxpayers.

Jeff Phillips, *via Facebook*

### Camera funds

I applaud the proposal to divert money that had been earmarked for surveillance cameras in our public parks into a pilot program in which the Philipstown Behavioral Health Hub will assist local police when they encounter residents suffering from mental health or substance-abuse issues ("Cold Spring Eyes 2 Percent Budget Hike," April 1). It's a step in the right direction, and I hope the board will continue to take a broad view of public safety, reimagining how village funds can best be utilized to foster a safe and vibrant community.

Thanks especially to Trustee Starbuck for raising public awareness on this issue, and for initiating a difficult conversation around striking the right balance between law enforcement, fiscal responsibility and quality of life in Cold Spring.

Jeff Mikkelsen, *Cold Spring*

### School buses

A \$250 fine is too low for passing a school bus that has its flashers and stop arm extended ("Putnam Approves Traffic Cameras for School Buses," April 8). It should be \$2,500 for endangering children, pedestrians and bus drivers. Plus, they shouldn't destroy the photos 90 days after the resolution of the case: a photo of the license plate and driver should be published in the local papers.

Harper Langston, *via Instagram*

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# School Trustee Deadlines Loom

*Nominating petitions due this month*

The Haldane, Garrison and Beacon school districts will each have trustee seats on the May 17 ballot, with nominating petitions due this month. The terms are three years and nominating petitions require signatures from adults who are U.S. citizens and have lived in the district for at least 30 days.

At Haldane, two seats on the five-member board — held by Jen Daly and Sean McNall — will be on the ballot. A candidate packet can be obtained by emailing [cplatt@haldaneschool.org](mailto:cplatt@haldaneschool.org). Petitions with at least

25 signatures are due by Monday (April 18).

In Garrison, two seats on the seven-member board — held by Kent Schacht and Sarah Tormey — will appear on the ballot. Visit [gufs.org](http://gufs.org) or call 845-424-3689, ext. 224, for a candidate packet. Petitions with at least 25 signatures are due by Monday (April 18).

In Beacon, four seats on the nine-member board — held by Elissa Betterbid, Meredith Heuer, Antony Tseng and Jasmine Johnson (who resigned on April 1) — will be on the ballot. To receive a candidate packet, contact Kelly Pologe at 845-838-6900, ext. 2032, or by email at [pologe.k@beaconk12.org](mailto:pologe.k@beaconk12.org). Petitions with at least 100 signatures are due by April 27.

## LETTERS AND COMMENTS

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### Pedestrian death

The tragic death of a person in a sidewalk is a stark reminder for us all to be vigilant, both when we are driving and when we are walking (“Family of Pedestrian Killed May Sue Beacon,” April 8).

Here in Cold Spring and Nelsonville we are blessed with some amazing pedestrian infrastructure, and much work has been done by the villages to improve crossings on Main Street and beyond.

Nevertheless, we are also, unfortunately, saddled with numerous unsafe intersections, non-contiguous sidewalks and places “where the sidewalk ends,” as writer Shel Silverstein poetically put it.

Cold Spring and Nelsonville need to continue improving bike and pedestrian crossings now, for safe routes to school, work and play.

We should start by improving our signature crossing, at Route 9D and Main Street. This intersection features eight “beg buttons,” as they are often called. If you’re lucky enough to notice them, know how

they work and arrive at the intersection in time to press them, you get a walk signal. However, of these eight buttons, at least one is broken and two require a feat of gymnastics to reach around the pole to press.

This type of crosswalk button is a relic of car-centric traffic engineering and should be relegated to the dust heap of history. By my observation, even when these buttons are working, most people don’t press them, and end up walking against a red “Don’t Walk” sign, not out of a desire to walk against traffic but out of pure confusion and frustration.

Let’s come together as two villages and address the pedestrian deficiencies indicated in the 2012 Cold Spring comprehensive plan (and elsewhere), and others worth addressing (including those unaddressed by the proposed Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail realignment).

Let’s start by removing these dangerous crosswalk buttons at 9D and Main and giving every pedestrian — even the ones with a bag in each hand, hurrying to the train — the opportunity to cross safely, with a delayed green and a “walk” sign for every light cycle.

Ethan Timm, *Nelsonville*

Monday, April 04, 2022  
6:31 PM

## THE REAL COST OF POLICING

Recently there has been a lot of talk about the budget for the Cold Spring Police Department. The Village of Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association wants the public to be informed of the actual cost to the taxpayers and not the misleading opinions of a few misinformed individuals.

In 2021 the entire police budget was \$483,111. That included vehicles, maintenance, salaries, computers, uniforms, telephones, radios, pens, paperclips, parking enforcement, and all the school crossing guards.

There are 905 taxable properties in Cold Spring. Simple math works out to each homeowner paying \$1.47 per day for 24 hours of police coverage. At three shifts per day it costs the taxpayer \$0.49 per shift.

That is less than the cost of one cup of coffee in the village.

The police department operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and is comprised of all part time officers who have retired from other police and law enforcement agencies providing the village with a wealth of experience, training and professionalism.

The village pays no benefits to the officers: ie. No medical, dental, vision, no vacation time or sick time. In fact the only time the officers get paid is when they actually work and then there is a state cap on that salary.

As for the comments regarding the sheriff responding to calls in the village it is highly unlikely they will be equal or faster than the 1 to 2 minutes it takes the Cold Spring Police to respond. The oft mentioned Nelsonville sub station is an unmanned office meaning that a deputy would be responding from somewhere in Philipstown or Garrison, and with the Sheriff’s Department undergoing their own staffing constraints what would the level of service be like.

As an exercise, stand completely still, do not move a muscle for 8 to 12 minutes. Now stand completely still for 1 to 2 minutes.

Now add the stress of an emergency and then decide whom you’d want to come to your aid.

Regarding a suggestion that the Cold Spring Police only operate during the day and have the sheriff handle the overnights the commenter failed to take into account that the sheriff has a minimum overnight staff for the entire county. Once again that response time comes into play.

We all carry health insurance and auto insurance in case something happens. Doesn’t your safety and well being deserve the same consideration.

The members of the Cold Spring Police Department not only answer emergencies but also respond to a variety of calls for service.

We open your car door when you lock your keys inside. We check on your house when you go on vacation. We check on your welfare when concerned family or friends say they can’t reach you. We respond to noise complaints preventing you from sleeping. We are the first ones to check on smoke or burning odors. We come when you are in need of medical assistance or to just help you up after you’ve fallen. We take over school crossings when the guards are out sick. We secure roads when storms flood or bring wires down and contact the appropriate agencies to fix them. We help you look for your lost dog and get it back safely home. We work all holidays making sure you can enjoy them with your families.

Finally, accountability should be left to the Mayor and Board of Trustees and not to the county legislators who neither live here or have a stake in your comfort and safety.

Thomas Ciero, President  
Village of Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association

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## Shad *(from Page 1)*

The agency hopes that the return of shad fishing would spur public enthusiasm and support for continued habitat restoration, invasive species management and other actions that would eventually allow anglers to keep their catches. The long-term goal would be commercial fishing, although that could be decades away.

Few Hudson River fish are as iconic as the shad, whose annual spring migration from the Atlantic Ocean to the upper reaches of the river to spawn was celebrated with riverside festivals for thousands of years; the serviceberry tree is more commonly known as “shadbush” because of its white flowers that bloom when the shad have returned to the Hudson River.

However, catastrophic declines in the Hudson shad population put an end to the festivals, and shad fishing, years ago. The last major festival was held at Boscobel in 2011.

Shad populations have been in decline on the East and West coasts in part because of the fish getting swept up as bycatch by commercial fishing vessels at sea. But the Hudson's steep decline — and extraordinarily slow rate of recovery — remains an outlier. The shad of the Pacific Northwest's Columbia River recovered after its population collapsed, although it took 20 years, and shad populations remain viable enough in the Delaware River to allow recreational and commercial fishing.

An ongoing study being undertaken by the DEC and researchers at Stony Brook University could shed light on why the mid-

2000s collapse of the Hudson shad population was so swift, and why the recovery — although the DEC has noted an uptick since 2014 — has been so slow.

The Hudson has been stocked with shad in the past (the last time was in 1944) but the population recovered in smaller numbers each time. The DEC believes that stocking would not be beneficial because a process used by hatcheries to produce the fish destroys the female shad's ability to repeatedly spawn. Since shad, unlike salmon, do not die after spawning, the report notes that a healthy female shad that returns to the Hudson for up to eight years will lay significantly more eggs than would be harvested in a hatchery.

There was hope that the removal of dams on Hudson tributaries would help shad recover, but at this point only 9 percent of their historical habitat is still blocked. Likewise, while the installation of fish passages on dams has been beneficial for other species, shad need to be able to pass back through the passages after heading upstream. The DEC has suggested that the focus be less on restoring upstream spawning habitat and more on restoring downstream nursery habitat so that juvenile shad, and shad returning from spawning, will survive their time in the Hudson before they head back out to sea.

The mitigation of invasive species that find their way into the Hudson via the Champlain and Erie canals remains a priority, the DEC said. Zebra mussels, which arrived in 1991, suck up the plankton that shad, and particularly young shad, rely on for food.

Shad are also eaten by invasives such as silver carp, bighead carp and the round goby, the latter of which was discovered in the Hudson for the first time last summer.

Thick aquatic groves of water chestnuts, whose dried, spiky seed pods are the scourge of Hudson Valley beachcombers, also block off and diminish areas of the river that act as nurseries for shad. The DEC urged that near-shore nursery habitats be restored; one project was completed in 2018 at Gay's Point near Coxsackie, where an artificially created tidal embayment was restored to its natural flow, improving the water quality and nursery habitat.

Recent improvements made to water intake systems utilized by power plants on the river, which are required by the Clean Water Act to minimize fish mortality, are also expected to have a positive effect, although the DEC warns that it will take time. The Indian Point nuclear plant, which closed last year, had been permitted to intake more than 2 billion gallons of river water per day.

The overarching threat to shad restoration efforts is climate change, the DEC said, because it strengthens invasive species and destroys habitat and water quality. “As conditions change, current conservation goals and management objectives may no longer be feasible,” the agency noted last fall.

The DEC is accepting public comment on the draft plan, which is online at [on.ny.gov/3EdtSBA](https://on.ny.gov/3EdtSBA). Comments can be submitted by May 2 by emailing [HUDSONRIVERFISH@DEC.NY.GOV](mailto:HUDSONRIVERFISH@DEC.NY.GOV) with the subject line “Shad Recovery Plan.”

## Looking Back in Philipstown

### Shad Edition

#### 150 Years Ago (April 1872)

Fishermen on the Hudson River had their nets, poles, boats and tackle ready following reports of shad in the waters around Staten Island. On April 10, the first river shad was caught at New Hamburg; on April 22, four were reeled in from Newburgh Bay and on April 24, Hiram Van Tassel had a large haul at Garrison's.



Harry Lyons fishes for shad on the Hudson River on April 18, 1947. “In my 45 years of shad fishing, this was the slowest season to get under way I've ever seen,” he told *The New York Times*.

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#### 125 Years Ago (April 1897)

The first river shad of the season was caught at Fort Montgomery. Soon after, the fishing firm Hallenback and Hart arrived in Garrison from Catskill for the harvest. During one net drift near the end of the month, they caught 100.

#### 100 Years Ago (April 1922)

The state conservation committee announced it would have a boat ply the Hudson to pay anglers for shad roe that would be sent each day to a hatchery in Columbia County. “Owing to the demand for fish because of the high price of meat during the World War, there was a great drive upon shad, with the result that the supply was greatly reduced and very small catches have been made until last year,” reported a Rochester newspaper.

*The New York Sun* noted that 4 million to 5 million pounds of shad were pulled from the Hudson annually during the 1890s; there were so many fish that farmers used them as fertilizer. By the 1920s, it had fallen to 75,000 pounds. *The Sun* blamed overfishing and “factory contamination.”

#### 75 Years Ago (April 1947)

There was a report on April 6 that five shad had been caught at Dobbs Ferry but a Poughkeepsie firm said it had made two long drifts and caught only a sturgeon and a herring. To allow the fish to reach their spawning grounds, shad anglers were not allowed to fish on weekends.

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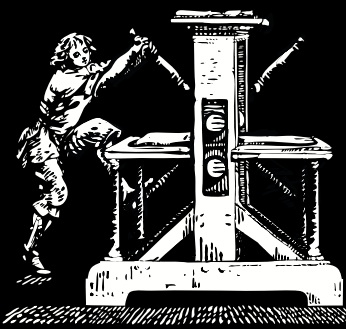
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## Housing Report *(from Page 1)*

development, Molinaro said, along with the rehabs and probably some form of voucher for individuals, “who, with a little extra resource, might find their way to an affordable housing option.” About \$2 million of the money will also be used to create a Housing Trust Fund.

The Dutchess report repeats conclusions reached in recent years in studies by the nonprofit Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and the county’s own rental housing surveys: There’s a housing crisis in Dutchess County. Prices were high when the county did its last assessment in 2008, and they’ve only gotten higher.

The median sale price of a home has grown faster than inflation, from \$255,000 in 2012 to \$330,000 in 2020. From 2019 to 2020, prices jumped nearly 12 percent. It’s estimated that 21,410 households that owned homes in 2019 were “cost-burdened,” meaning that more than 30 percent of household income was spent on housing.

Of those households, 50 percent had annual incomes of less than \$50,000 and 23 percent were between \$50,000 and \$74,999. By one estimate, just over half (52 percent) of renter households in the county were cost-burdened

in 2019, the most recent figures available, and 86 percent earned less than \$50,000 annually.

The median rent in Dutchess also grew faster than inflation, from \$707 in 2000 to \$1,038 in 2010 to \$1,220 in 2019.

Incomes have risen over the same time, but the biggest earners saw the biggest increases, Peter Lombardi, a consultant who worked on the study, told legislators. Households that earned about \$30,000 annually in 2010 saw their income rise 5.8 percent over the next 10 years. But households that earned about \$200,000 in 2010 have realized a 23 percent jump.

“As those top-earning households compete with one another over a scarce resource [housing], they exert pressure on households down the income scale,” Lombardi said. Top-income earners set the terms of the market “in ways that are felt by almost every other household.”

The situation may be even more dire than what the county figures suggest, because Census Bureau data has lagged because of the pandemic.

“I absolutely believe that it is actually worse, based on many discussions I’ve had with constituents,” said Yvette Valdes-Smith, a Democrat on the county Legislature whose district includes part of Beacon.

Valdes-Smith said she has heard from numerous renters who had been saving to buy their first homes but were discouraged because it forever seemed out of reach.

The housing report recommends a “fair share” approach that would require each municipality in the county to address affordability on a per-capita basis. In Beacon, for instance, where a Pattern for Progress report showed this year that the city’s subsidized housing accounts for 21 percent of the county supply, the report proposes 100 “interventions,” at a rate of five per year for two decades.

For nearby Fishkill, East Fishkill, Wappinger and Beekman, where there may not be as many low-income units, the report calls for 30 interventions per year.

“We are a leader, in terms of our progressive zoning,” said Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou on Wednesday (April 13). “It serves us well in our diversity, but there’s more to do, absolutely.”

Kyriacou said he hopes the City Council will soon return to a list of housing strategies he proposed last year. The suggestions mirror some elements of the “diverse toolkit” the Dutchess study recommends for municipalities: zoning policies that simplify the creation of affordable units, such as accessory dwelling apartments; tightening up short-term rental regulations to keep rental units on the market; and developing affordable housing (and other uses) atop a city parking lot.

Kyriacou said he also hopes the Beacon Housing Authority, which manages lower-income public housing and federal Section 8 vouchers, will seek funding for construction of another high-rise apartment building.

## What is ‘Affordable’ Housing?

When elected officials, planners and developers talk about “affordable” housing, it is usually a reference to how much household income a renter or homeowner must commit. The assumption is that housing costs, including property taxes, should not consume more than 30 percent of household income.

“Affordable” is sometimes based on the median household income of an area. So, for example, the fair-market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in 2021 was \$1,467 in Dutchess County and \$2,053 in Putnam, according to figures compiled by the National Low-Income Housing Coalition. Thirty percent of the annual median income in Dutchess (\$100,500) would be \$754 per month, and in Putnam (\$81,700), \$613.

In addition, the county report suggests that municipalities employ inclusionary zoning, in which a percentage of units in new developments must be rented or sold at below-market rates; and tax-exemption policies and more vouchers from the state or federal government.

“As those top-earning households compete with one another over a scarce resource [housing], they exert pressure on households down the income scale. ~ Peter Lombardi, Dutchess consultant

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Birthday *(from Page 1)*

his arrival, “she did not look good.”

As a last-ditch effort, the hospital administered remdesivir, an experimental antiviral medication that had not yet been approved by the Food & Drug Administration. A week later, she was discharged and back home.

On April 8, Pocahontas Jackson turned 100. She’s currently at the Fishkill Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, where she’s recovering from having a pacemaker installed in December and recurring pneumonia.

Born in Brooklyn in 1922, her father was a police officer and her mother a dancer at the Cotton Club in New York City. Both died early in her life, so Pocahontas and her two older sisters, Sylvia and Gloria, moved to Hopewell Junction, where they were raised by their grandparents on a farm on Route 82.

Her grandfather worked the farm, bringing produce and meat to sell in Beacon every Saturday in his Model T truck.

The family endured the Depression on the farm, although Pocahontas would say later in life that she never felt she was lacking anything. The girls were educated in the Little Red Schoolhouse, a one-room school built just outside of Beacon in 1830, where she and her sisters were the only Black students. Later, they would attend Beacon High School.

Although her grandmother was Baptist, the children attended the Dutch Reformed Church in Fishkill. But in the early 1950s, at the invitation of the Rev. E. Otis Charles,

COVID-19 BY THE NUMBERS	PUTNAM COUNTY				
	Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Cases per 100K, 7-day average::	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
	23,840 (+153)	426,394 (+3,104)	4.8 (-15.0)	82.7 Cold Spring (10516): 94.0 Garrison (10524): 86.2	121 <sup>(0)</sup>
	DUTCHESS COUNTY				
	Number of cases:	Tests administered:	Cases per 100K, 7-day average::	Percent vaccinated:	Number of deaths:
	64,381 (+341)	1,320,185 (+7,086)	4.7 (-7.7)	77.0 Beacon (12508): 71.9	655 <sup>(0)</sup>
	Source: State and county health departments, as of April 12, with change over the previous week in parentheses. Percent vaccinated reflects those ages 5 and older who have received at least one dose.				

they moved to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Beacon, where they were among the first Black members of the congregation.

The surrounding neighborhood by that time was predominantly Black, although the congregation was exclusively white. Father Charles invited the family to join the church “to open it up for everyone to come,” Pocahontas said this week.

The congregation was “welcoming, to a degree,” Douglas noted, but after the sisters joined, Black membership began to grow.

The sisters were dedicated churchgoers. “My grandparents saw to it that we came every Sunday morning. We didn’t miss a day,” Pocahontas recalled.

At 100, her memory is sharp and her generous demeanor infectious. When told

she would be the subject of a newspaper article marking her birthday, Pocahontas replied: “If I can help in any way, I’d be very happy to.”

She and her sisters worked as teenagers and young adults as housekeepers for two families in Wappingers Falls. Later, Pocahontas was employed from 1957 to 1972 at Bobrich, a Beacon factory that made electric blankets for Westinghouse. From 1972 to 1990, she worked at Chemprene, a company that still manufactures rubber-coated textiles at its Beacon facility.

She ended her career as a school bus monitor for the Beacon City School District from 1992 to 2017. At 94, Pocahontas had hip-replacement surgery. She intended to go back to work as a monitor after recov-

ering, but her husband said “enough is enough,” she remembered, laughing.

Pocahontas said she never considered the possibility of living to 100. “I’ll be darned,” she said. “I never gave it a thought.”

The family hopes she will be discharged and back home within a month or two. “She’s a fighter,” Douglas said. “That’s her personality. She tells us all the time that there’s a reason why she’s here. She wants to know what that reason is.”

If she’s healthy enough, Douglas hopes to take her this year to Louisville, Kentucky, where she has great-great-grandchildren — twin boys born last year and a 2-year-old girl. She’s seen them in photos and videos but never in person.

“And that could be the reason,” he said.



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## Funding *(from Page 1)*

Valley Renegades, plays at the stadium.

His announcement was welcomed by Democrats on the county Legislature, who united in opposition when that body's Republican majority unanimously approved, in June 2021, using funds from ARP to outfit the ballpark with a new clubhouse, pitching and batting facility and a premium club space and seating area.

The Legislature also unanimously approved spending \$630,000 in ARP funds to buy the land beneath the stadium from the Beacon school district.

In addition to drawing criticism from Democrats, the project has been highlighted as an example of questionable ARP spending in news stories published in the last month by *The New York Times* and *The Associated Press*.

The estimated cost for the renovations ballooned from \$12.5 million to \$21 million based on proposals and bids for the project, said the county.

"Even if our residents weren't struggling with skyrocketing inflation and the lingering effects of the pandemic, the stadium should not be the county government's top priority," said Minority Leader Yvette Valdes-Smith, a Democrat whose district includes part of Beacon.

The allocation to Dutchess Stadium represented the county's largest ARP-funded project, according to a report released by Comptroller Robin Lois, a Democrat, on March 31. It is less than the revenue Dutchess will receive under a 25-year lease with the Renegades that the Legislature also approved in June 2021.

The lease, which requires Dutchess to undertake the renovations, calls for the Renegades to pay rent that starts at \$308,000 annually and rises \$10,000 every five years, topping out at \$348,000 for the last five years. The Renegades will pay \$8.2 million overall before the lease expires in 2046.

Before the Legislature approved the lease, Dutchess received its first installment of ARP funding, \$28.6 million on May 24. The second installment, for the same amount, is expected next month.

Congress imposed two limits on ARP spending: It cannot be used to contribute to pension funds or to cut taxes. The U.S. Treasury also issued guidelines for local governments on acceptable uses, which include:

- To respond to the pandemic or its economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses and nonprofits, or to provide aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel and hospitality;

- To provide extra pay to workers who performed essential work during the pandemic;
- To pay for government services that had a reduction in revenue because of the pandemic; and
- To invest in water, sewer or broadband infrastructure.

The Treasury noted that: "Large capital expenditures intended for general economic development or to aid the travel, tourism and hospitality industries — such as convention centers and stadiums — are, on balance, generally not reasonably proportional to addressing the negative economic impacts of the pandemic."

As of Dec. 31, Dutchess had budgeted \$34 million of the funds and spent or allocated \$8.5 million, according to Lois' report.

"Investment in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure is surprisingly low at \$1.7 million, particularly compared to the stadium spending," she said.

While that remains unchanged, ARP spending on housing will grow from the \$6 million that had already been set aside for housing for the homeless and case management, including the proposed construction of a new emergency shelter in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Molinaro told the Legislature on April 7 that his housing plan will be unveiled "in the coming weeks." It will include, he said, "creating new housing opportunities, investing in rehabilitation ... advancing projects through the environmental review processes of local municipalities."

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Four local residents, who are natives of Ukraine — Anna Panchishak of Carmel, Nelya Hushtyk of Hopewell Junction and Tetyana Shylivska and Lilya Shylivska of Philipstown — raised \$4,000 with a bake sale on April 2 outside Foodtown in Cold Spring to send medical supplies to the besieged country. The honey used as the main sweetener for the desserts was imported from Ukraine.

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190 Washington Ave.	Beacon	4	2/0	1,546	\$394,900
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301 Wildwood Dr.	Fishkill	4	3/0	1,986	\$485,000
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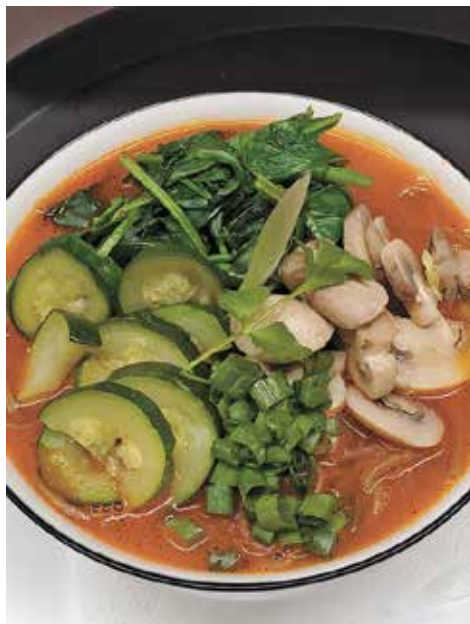
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## A Dumpling You Won't Soon Forget

*Nepalese family opens momo restaurant in Beacon*

By Alison Rooney

**Y**ou don't need to be preparing to climb Mount Everest to fuel up on hearty Nepalese fare. Just head over to 455 Main St. in Beacon with your appetite in tow.

There, MoMo Valley serves the dumplings that inspired its name, along with other dishes from Nepal and Tibet, which is often referred to as Sherpa cuisine.

Momos are thought to have originated in Tibet — though there is still some back and forth about it — and then spread to Nepal by traders.

When Jyoti Lama, the proprietor of MoMo Valley, speaks of her mother, Yangji, always cooking back home in Nepal, you might imagine her tending a pot or two at dinner. In fact, Yangji's family owned a lodge and restaurant where Yangji was the chef. Her range

of dishes included American and European favorites such as chocolate cake and apple pie to appeal to climbers heading up Everest via the gateway town of Namche Bazaar.

"My mom met my dad, whose name is Karma, while working there," Jyoti says. "Growing up I was exposed to so many variations" of food.

Karma and Yangji Lama moved from Nepal to Queens in the early 1990s. They had also lived in Thailand, which explains why there are several Thai items on the menu. (The restaurant in Nepal is now owned by one of Jyoti's aunts.)

Jyoti followed her parents to the U.S. when she was 12. She remembers the excitement when a Tibetan restaurant opened in the borough. "Now if you go to Jackson

Heights, there are tons," she says.

Jyoti aspired even then to run a restaurant and laid the foundation in 2018 when she took a course on food safety and licensing requirements. The next step was a momo stall at an outdoor flea market in Astoria.

Although Jyoti remembers their first hour in business as being "completely dead," soon a line formed and they were sold out. They operated the stall through the summer; on the Fourth of July weekend it was so hot they put the momos over dry ice, which helped steam them.

The family relocated to the Hudson Valley seven years ago, following Yangji's cousin, LJ Sherpa, who runs Beacon Natural Market with his wife, Kitty Sherpa. They handed out samples in front of the market every other week to acquaint residents with the food and gauge what they liked.

One change they instituted in Beacon was switching to organic beef, which is supplied by Marbled Meats in Philipstown. They also cook with local ingredients such as cabbage purchased from Beacon Natural Market.

After sampling the food, John-Anthony Gargiulo, the owner of Hudson Valley Brewery, asked them to sell momos there on weekends. Still, they wanted a place of their own, and Kitty suggested the Hudson Valley Food Hall, which was opening on Main Street.

"It was just like what we did at the flea market," Jyoti says. "This was before the pandemic and all the vendors were excited. For us, it was an opportunity to introduce other food options, more menu items, along with the momos.

"It was so strange; around February, we have a lunar, solar, calendar celebration — similar to the Chinese, but our calendar is different," she says. "We had a celebratory event [in February 2020], with all the food hall businesses taking part; we gave everyone traditional outfits. Then, by the end of February, everything was shut down. We did mostly takeout and opened slowly with outdoor dining, and it worked out fine."

Business was so good that after the height of the pandemic they realized they needed more than the 80-square-foot space at the food hall, and LJ Sherpa noted that

## On the Menu

MoMo Valley, at 445 Main St. in Beacon, is open Thursday to Monday from noon to 9 p.m. See [momovalley.com](http://momovalley.com) or call 845-536-4934. The restaurant serves, along with momos filled with chicken, beef or spinach and cheese, other Himalayan staples such as:

### • Thukpa

A grass-fed beef bone broth with egg noodle, topped with seared chicken strips and garnished with scallion and cilantro

### • Phing sha

A beef stew with vermicelli noodles and black fungus mushrooms, served with jasmine or brown rice

### • Gundruk ko jhol

A tangy vegan soup in which a green vegetable is fermented, sundried and prepared with potatoes and tomatoes



Karma, Yangji and Jyoti Lama at MoMo Valley

Photo by A. Rooney

Joe's, the longtime Irish pub, was available. Renovating the space was challenging because of supply and labor shortages, but "our family members come through. Sherpa Painting and Construction, my mom's cousin, helped us turn it into an all-white, clean space that still fit into our budget."

They opened the airy location, which has a tin ceiling, on Dec. 24 and have been happy to greet many of their customers from the brewery and food hall, as well as members of the Nepalese diaspora who have settled in the Hudson Valley.

"There are lots of Buddhist monasteries around; I remember traveling here [from Queens] every winter, during the lunar, for prayers," Jyoti says. "There's one in Wappingers Falls, one in Walden, one in Red Hook. My mom invited the monks from Red Hook to do a blessing."



THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

**SUN 17**  
**Highland Lights**  
**GARRISON**  
7:30 p.m. The Garrison  
2015 Route 9 | highlandlights.org  
Participants will wander the paths of the former golf course in a twilight procession of lanterns “to celebrate the ecological reawakening of this spectacular Highlands landscape,” according to organizers. The festivities will end with music, treats and a toast. *Free*

**TUES 19**  
**Breakfast Meeting**  
**COLD SPRING**  
9 a.m. Riverview | 45 Fair St.  
coldspringnychamber.com  
Learn about the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail and network with other businesses via Zoom or in person at this Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce event. *Cost: \$10 (free for members and virtual attendance)*

**TUES 19**  
**Hudson Valley vs. Brooklyn**  
**WAPPINGERS FALLS**  
7:05 p.m. Dutchess Stadium  
1500 Route 9D | hvrenegades.com  
The Renegades, the High-A minor league affiliate of the New York Yankees, open their home season against the Cyclones. ALSO WED 20, THURS 21, FRI 22, SAT 23, SUN 24. *Cost: \$8 to \$20*

**THURS 21**  
**Public Utilities Law Project Forum**  
**ALBANY**  
6 p.m. Via Zoom | 845-562-0888  
Learn about your rights when it comes to utility bills at this event co-hosted by Jonathan Jacobson (Beacon), Sandy Galef (Philipstown) and other members of the state Assembly. Call for a link.

**FRI 22**  
**Arbor Day Celebration**  
**BEACON**  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 300 Main St.  
The Beacon Tree Advisory Committee will be hosting a tree planting, live music, a raffle and children’s activities.

**SAT 23**  
**Chicken Run 5K**  
**FISHKILL**  
7 a.m. Sharpe Reservation  
436 Van Wyck Lake Road  
bit.ly/chicken-run-5k  
Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run begins at 9:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m. there will be a reading of *Jolene the Disability Awareness Chicken*, and raffle winners will be



Hudson Valley vs. Brooklyn, April 19

announced. The run will fund the publication of the book and benefit the Foundation for Beacon Schools.

**SAT 23**  
**Shredder Day**  
**COLD SPRING**  
1 – 4 p.m. The Nest | 44 Chestnut St.  
coldspringlions.org/shredder  
Bring personal and business documents to be disposed of by a certified shredder. Remove paper clips, staples and bindings. Donations are appreciated to support the programs of the Cold Spring Lions Club.

**SAT 23**  
**Narcan & Stop the Bleed Training**  
**BEACON**  
1:30 p.m. Memorial Building  
413 Main St. | beaconvac.org  
Learn how to administer these lifesaving treatments during a two-hour session. Register by emailing dcortes@beaconvac.org by WED 20.

TALKS & TOURS

**TUES 19**  
**Is It Possible to Have Healthy People on a Sick Planet?**  
**GARRISON**  
Noon. Via Zoom | thehastingscenter.org  
Gary Cohen, president of Health Care Without Harm, an organization focused on the intersection of health care, climate change and health equity, will discuss those issues with Mildred Solomon, Hastings Center president.

**TUES 19**  
**Medicare 101**  
**COLD SPRING**  
12:30 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org  
Learn how to sign up, choose a plan and make other choices about Medicare if you’re turning 65 in 2022.

**TUES 19**  
**Keeping Your Child Safe from Online Predators**  
**CARMEL**  
7 p.m. Via Zoom | putnamcac.org  
The Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County will host this discussion for parents about internet controls and talking to your child about safety.

**FRI 22**  
**Floral Bouquets**  
**COLD SPRING**  
6 p.m. Supplies for Creative Living  
143 Main St.  
suppliesforcreativeliving.com  
Bo Corre will demonstrate how to make lovely spring arrangements. *Cost: \$55*

**SAT 23**  
**Learn Apiculture**  
**BREWSTER**  
1 – 5 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm  
100 Route 312  
putnam.cce.cornell.edu/events  
Learn about sustainable beekeeping in this five-part course. *Cost: \$125 each, or \$525 for all*

**SUN 24**  
**Small-Space Gardening**  
**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange  
128 Mill St. | putnamvalleygrange.org  
Master Gardener Chris Bonura will explain ways to make an impact in gardens of any size.

KIDS & FAMILY

**SAT 16**  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**COLD SPRING**  
11 a.m. Tots Park  
Children younger than 8 are invited to this annual Knights of Columbus event, which was postponed from SAT 9. Bring a basket and a can of food for the Philipstown Food Pantry.

**TUES 19**  
**Poem in Your Pocket Workshop**  
**COLD SPRING**  
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Students in grades 2 to 5 will read and discuss poems and write their own.

**FRI 22**  
**Make a Rubber Stamp**  
**BEACON**  
3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
beaconlibrary.org  
Middle and high school students will learn about printmaking and design a stamp to pattern a bandana or tote bag.

**FRI 22**  
**Pulled String Art**  
**COLD SPRING**  
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Wear old clothes and learn to use paint and string to create artwork. This program is for students in grades 5 or higher.

**SAT 23**  
**Poem in Your Pocket Day**  
**COLD SPRING**  
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Students in grades 2 to 12 will read poetry at this open mic.

MUSIC

**SAT 16**  
**Jason Gisser Band**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The soul-rock band will play music from its forthcoming album. Singer and songwriter Rob Cannillo will open. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

**SAT 16**  
**Art Thief**  
**BEACON**  
9 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.  
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon  
The band, with Sam Smith, Andrew Jordan, Joe Spinelli and Bryan Ponton, will take the stage. *Cost: \$10*

**MON 18**  
**Kenny Wessel Trio**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.  
facebook.com/quinnnsbeacon  
The guitarist will be joined by Dave Ambrosio (bass) and Michael Sarin (drums) for the weekly jazz series. *Cost: \$15*

**FRI 22**  
**Ryan Leddick**  
**BEACON**  
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar  
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com  
The folk and rock fusion singer and songwriter will perform original music.



EASTER

**SUN 17**  
**St. Philip’s Episcopal**  
**GARRISON**  
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. | 1101 Route 9D  
stphiliphighlands.org  
An egg hunt will follow at 11:15 a.m.

**Our Lady of Loretto**  
**COLD SPRING**  
8:30 a.m. & Noon. | 24 Fair St.  
845-265-3718 | ladyofloretto.org

**First Presbyterian**  
**BEACON**  
10 a.m. | 50 Liberty St.  
beaconpresbychurch.org

**St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal**  
**BEACON**  
10 a.m. | 15 South Ave.  
beacon-episcopal.org

**St. Mary’s Episcopal**  
**COLD SPRING**  
10 a.m. | 1 Chestnut St.  
845-265-2539  
stmaryscoldspring.org  
An egg hunt will follow Mass.

**Tabernacle of Christ**  
**BEACON**  
10 a.m. | 483 Main St.  
845-831-4656  
tabernacleofchristchurch.com

**First Presbyterian of Philipstown**  
**COLD SPRING**  
10:30 a.m. | 10 Academy St.  
845-265-3220  
presbychurchcoldspring.org

**Highlands Choral Society**  
**COLD SPRING**  
11 a.m. 216 Main St.  
highlandschapel.org

**FRI 22**  
**Jim Kveskin**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The singer and bandleader who founded the Jug Band in the 1960s will perform his blend of folk, jazz and blues. Happy Traum will open. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

**SAT 23**  
**Graham Parker**  
**BEACON**  
8 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
Parker will perform music from his latest release, *Mystery Glue*, with Rumour guitarist Brinsley Schwarz. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*



EARTH DAY

MON 18

Climate Can’t Wait Ride & Rally

BEACON

5:15 p.m. Long Dock Park  
55 Red Flynn Drive  
climatecantwait.org/bike-trek

Meet at the park for a rally and take the ferry at 5:45 p.m. to Newburgh with your bike. Regroup at Safe Harbors Green in Newburgh at 6 p.m., then ride back across the bridge to the Happy Valley Arcade Bar at 296 Main St. Register online. Bikers riding from New York City to Albany for an Earth Day rally will be part of the event. Climate Can’t Wait is a collaboration of more than 40 organizations advocating 12 climate bills before the state Legislature.

WED 20

Climate Change and Gardening

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Via Zoom  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

In this webinar hosted by the Butterfield Library, *Roots and Shoots* columnist and garden coach Pamela Doan will discuss ways to adapt gardens to climate change and lower your carbon footprint in the landscape. *Free*

THURS 21

Regeneration

GARRISON

11 a.m. Via Zoom  
garrisoninstitute.org

Paul Hawken, author of *Regeneration: Ending the Climate Crisis in One Generation*, will discuss meaningful ways to help the Earth in this discussion co-sponsored by *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review* and the Garrison Institute as part of the Pathways to Planetary Health series. Register online. *Free*

FRI 22

Cold Spring in Bloom

COLD SPRING

3 – 8 p.m. Main Street

It’s a celebration of Earth Day, the blossoming of spring and 176 years of incorporation as a village. Shop Main Street for specials and the answers to a trivia hunt. Organizers include the Tree Advisory Board and the Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce. The rain date is SUN 24.

FRI 22

Community Clean-up

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Long Dock Park  
55 Flynn Drive  
bit.ly/beaton-cleanup-2022

Meet near the kayak rental area to



join a 90-minute park and riverfront clean-up organized by the River Valley Guild and Outward Mind.

FRI 22

Gifting and Reciprocity

BEACON

1 p.m. The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane

Henry Kramer, founder of Outward Mind, will lead this workshop about reimagining your relationship with nature, followed by a discussion.

FRI 22

Make T-shirt Bags

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org

Students ages 7 to 12 are invited

to bring a T-shirt that can be upcycled into a bag.

FRI 22

Clothing Swap

BEACON

4 – 5:30 p.m. Drop-off  
5:30 – 7 p.m. Browse  
The Yard | 4 Hanna Lane

The River Valley Guild and Kaitlyn Murray, founder of the upcycled clothing company La Vie Après L’Amour, will host this sustainable way to clean out and update your wardrobe.

SAT 23

Little Stony Point Clean-up

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point  
3011 Route 9D  
facebook.com/littlestonypoint

Meet at the Volunteer Center to clean up the beach, trail or roadside.

SAT 23

It’s a Small World Walks

CORNWALL

10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
100 Muser Drive  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
845-534-5506 x204 | hhn.org

Naturalists will lead tours focused on insects in the fields,

forest and pond. The 90-minute hikes start every half hour.

SAT 23

Earth Day Fair & Farmers’ Market

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D  
philipstownfighdirty.org

Learn about solutions to climate change, including composting, food-scrap recycling, pollinator gardens, climate-friendly lawn practices, zero waste and the lending library at Butterfield Library while getting something repaired at the Repair Cafe. Guided hikes start at 11 a.m.

SAT 23

Artisan Market

BEACON

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Yard  
4 Hanna Lane | bit.ly/earth-weekend

The River Valley Guild will bring together sustainable artisans from the Hudson Valley to kick off the season. At 1 p.m., there will be a waterfall walk and wander with Outward Mind. Also SUN 24, when there will be a Burying Treasure workshop at 1 p.m. and a closing fire ceremony at 6:30 p.m.

SAT 23

Virtuosos

POUGHKEEPSIE

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

Guest conductor Kelly Corcoran will lead the Hudson Valley Philharmonic and soloists Max Tan and Yalin Chi in a program that includes works by Bruch and Beethoven. *Cost: \$40 (\$36 members, \$15 ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 23

Choban Elektrik

BEACON

9 p.m. Quinn’s | 330 Main St.  
facebook.com/quinnbeaton

Enjoy Balkan music from this local band led by Jordan Shapiro. *Cost: \$10*

SUN 24

Soo Bae and Mia Chung

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org  
The cellist and pianist will

perform a program that includes Brahms’ *Cello Sonata No. 2 in F Major* and *Cello Sonata No. 1 in E minor*. *Free*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 16

Local Poets’ Reading

GARRISON

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

TR Hummer, Heller Levinson, Mary Newell and Irene O’Garden will each read and discuss their inspirations and approach.

FRI 22

Sacred Run: The Lotus & The Feather

GARRISON

7 p.m. Via Zoom  
desmondfishlibrary.org

Watch the documentary about a gathering of First Nation peoples for a ceremonial fishing run off the coast of Japan to commemorate the

50th anniversary of the detonation of the atomic bomb. Following the screening, the Desmond-Fish library has arranged for director Andrea Sadler and an Ojibwe grandmother, Kim Wheatley, to lead a circle ceremony and discussion.

FRI 22

Dry Bar Comedy Tour

PEEKSKILL

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com

The series that began online with “clean” comedy comes to the stage. *Cost: \$20 to \$32.50*

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 16

Farm to Table

BEACON

1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
howlandculturalcenter.org

Karen Gersch curated this exhibit of work by 22 artists on “the bounty of Beacon and beyond.”

SAT 16

The Politics of Labor in Postwar Italian Art

PHILIPSTOWN

3 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art  
2700 Route 9 | 845-666-7202  
magazzino.art

Adrian Duran, an art history professor at the University of Nebraska, will discuss the work of eight Italian artists while exploring the decade before the emergence of Arte Provera. *Free*

SAT 16

Love as Substance

BEACON

4 – 7 p.m. Fridman Gallery  
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com

This exhibition of Hana Yilma Godine’s paintings created during her gallery residency will be on view through May 31.

SAT 16

Dare to Be Square

NEWBURGH

5 – 7 p.m. Holland Tunnel  
46 Chambers St.  
hollandtunnelgallery.com

Works by Shari Diamond, Norm Magnusson, Kathleen Vance and Tamara Rafkin will be on exhibit.

FRI 22

Nature, But Make It Fun

COLD SPRING

5 – 8 p.m. Reservoir  
101 Main St. | reservoir.us

Works by Katie Steward will be on view through June 24.

FRI 22

Petography

COLD SPRING

6 – 8 p.m. The Highlands Current  
142 Main St. | highlandscurrent.org

*The Current* will host a reception for an exhibit of photos by Jim Dratfield.

SAT 23

Beacon High Art Exhibit

BEACON

2 – 4 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon  
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211  
loftsatbeacon.com

The Lofts will host its first show with works by Beacon High School art students since 2019.

SUN 24

Artist Discussion

GARRISON

3 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison’s Landing  
garrisonartcenter.org

Meg Hitchcock will interview Ann Provan and Leslie Fandrich on the final day of an exhibit of their works.

CIVIC

MON 18

City Council

BEACON

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

TUES 19

School Board

GARRISON

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D  
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

TUES 19

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 20

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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

THURS 21

School Board

BEACON

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

The board will vote on the 2022-23 district budget.



Petography, April 22



## Mouths to Feed

## Search Party

By Celia Barbour

If we had any idea how much time we'd spend hunting for things as we aged, would we have taken so much pleasure in Easter egg hunts as tots?



The recurring adult search for mislaid keys, glasses, headphones and wallets does not feel like an adventure. Even the eventual discovery of the missing item is generally accompanied by a feeling of self-reproach rather than joy.

Yet, like our parents before us, we perpetuate this tradition, staging The Hunt as a holiday thrill. I confess I loved watching my children and their friends poke around for Easter eggs when they were little. Even more, I adored hiding eggs for them to find: big, brightly colored eggs in easy spots for the little kids, who went first; smaller eggs in trickier nooks for the big kids. It all seemed wonderful, at least as a spectator sport.

Did they like it, too?

"Oh my God, yeah," texted Dosi, my youngest, when I asked. "There's just like something so delightful about *searching for* and *finding* candy."

Henry, the middle child, chimed in. "It was super fun and felt cool to be the older kids who had the hardcore mode egg hunt."

"Henry was a badass," agreed Dosi. "Emphasis on the tense."

"I definitely peaked at 7," he replied.

Ah, my beloved ducklings, *plus ça change*...

Historians, meanwhile, have traced the origins of the Easter egg hunt to 16th-century Germany; some actually think it was initiated by Martin Luther for the betterment of his congregation. Yet the practice remained fairly obscure for two centuries until Queen Victoria adopted and popularized it, as she did so many holiday traditions. QVic, herself a hardcore badass if ever there was one, never hesitated to take time out from overseeing the largest empire in the history of the planet to stage a diverting family frivolity, then write about it in her journal. Which is how I know that, like me, she seems to have enjoyed choreographing holiday events for children.

Naturally, this got me thinking about food, because that's what I do, and wondering why there aren't more Easter dishes with surprises hidden inside them. Why not turn the whole day into a quest? (Apart from the church parts, of course.) Although the era when boxes of cereal and Cracker Jacks came with prizes inside has passed, a few significant dishes still perpetuate the idea of the hidden treasure. One that famously does is New Orleans' Mardi Gras King Cake, with its tiny plastic baby tucked among gaudy folds of dough.

When I was little, my mother, following Finnish tradition, hid a blanched almond in the rice pudding she made every year for the holidays. Whoever got the almond would have good luck for the next 12 months.

I wasn't seeking any kind of luck at all last week when I joined my mom for lunch at Kendal-on-Hudson, her retirement community. Yet, as it happened, the Kendal cafe was offering Indian rice pudding for dessert that day, packaged in little plastic cups. Chilled and slightly grayish, it didn't look like much, but my mother urged me to take the last one. "It's very delicious!" she said.

I was glad she insisted. Inside that throw-away container was a *kheer* as satisfying as any I'd ever tasted. Flavored with cardamom, it had pistachios, almonds and golden raisins secreted like little jewels among the creamy rice.

I suppose there's a lesson here: If ever I feel the need to seek more treasures in my life, I should look first at what's hiding right under my nose. Or, in the case of those missing glasses, right on top of my head.



## Indian Rice Pudding (Kheer)

Makes 4 small (but rich) servings

**Time:** 1 hour 20 minutes **Active time:** 15 minutes

1/3 cup basmati or jasmine rice	1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons coconut oil	2 tablespoons sugar, or more to taste
1/2 to 1 teaspoon cardamom*	1/4 cup dried mango, thinly sliced
Pinch saffron, plus more to taste	1/4 cup pistachios, chopped
4 cups milk	2 tablespoons golden raisins, optional
1 13 1/2-ounce can coconut milk (full-fat)	1/4 teaspoon rosewater, optional

Soak the rice in a dish of cool water, stirring gently from time to time, for about 5 minutes. Rinse thoroughly and drain well.

In a heavy-bottom saucepan or Dutch oven, melt the coconut oil over medium-low heat. Add the cardamom, pinch of saffron and the drained rice, and cook, stirring, for 2 minutes.

Add the milk, coconut milk and salt, raise the temperature to medium and bring to a simmer (watch closely; the mixture can boil over suddenly at this point). Then lower the heat and cook at a bare simmer for at least 1 hour, or until reduced and quite thick, stirring every 5 to 7 minutes at first, increasing in frequency as the mixture begins to thicken. You'll need to stir regularly toward the end so the pudding doesn't burn to the bottom.

After an hour or so, stir in the sugar and half the dried mango and pistachios, plus the raisins and rosewater, if using. Cook until the sugar is dissolved. Taste, and adjust for sweetness and salt, then serve warm, or transfer to the refrigerator and cool. Serve topped with remaining chopped pistachios and mango.

\*Cardamom varies in strength depending on age and variety; start with 1/2 teaspoon and add more to taste.



## The Cake

by Bekah Brunstetter

Directed by Christine Bokhour  
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Kullan Edberg, and Evan Simone Frazier

May 6-22

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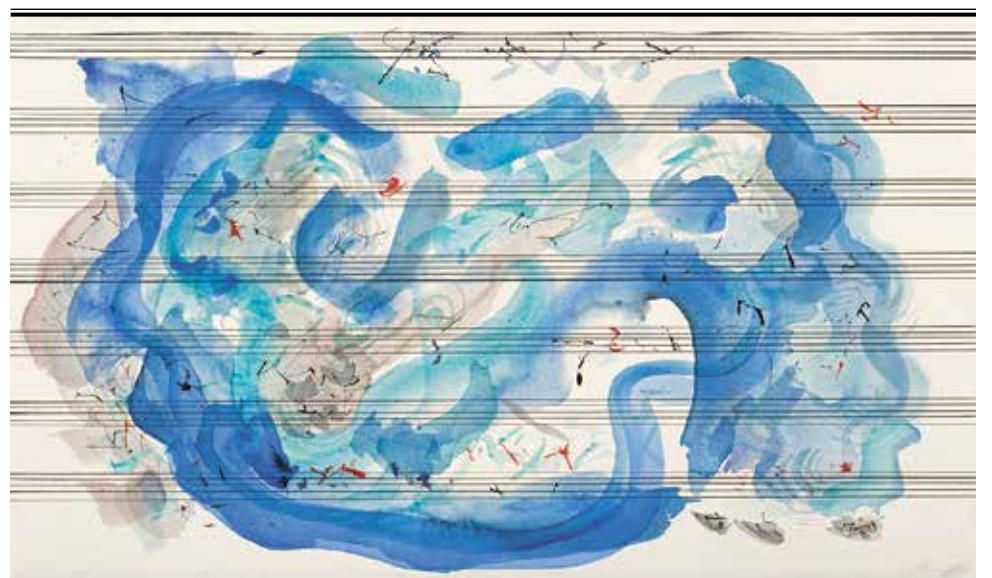
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**SHOW OPENING** — The Hayes Gallery at the Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden in North Salem will open a show on Saturday (April 16) of 20 works by Garrison painter Sheilah Rechtschaffer, who died last year. The paintings include selections from her *Green in Vietnam* and *Jazz* series. The museum will host an opening for its 2022 season starting at noon on April 23 with Rechtschaffer's husband, Bert, playing jazz piano. The gallery is located at 28 Deveau Road and open from noon to 4 p.m., Wednesdays through Saturdays. See [hammondmuseum.org](http://hammondmuseum.org).

*Image provided*



# Tales of the Northeast

*Beacon musician and her band are back on the road*

By Alison Rooney

Most people move “up” to Beacon, but fiddler, songwriter and singer Sara Milonovich moved down, 15 years ago, from the Capital region, not far from where she grew up on a farm 20 miles northwest of Albany.

More broadly, Milonovich considers herself a northeasterner; she called her most recent album *Northeast*. With COVID’s grip a little less tenacious, she’s about to begin touring. On April 28, she and her band, Daisycutter, will play alt-country songs from the album during a performance at The Falcon in Marlboro.

*Northeast* is Milonovich’s seventh album, if you count the cassette tape she released when she was 12. The songs on *Northeast*, recorded at Milan Hall Studios in Red Hook, were written before the pandemic and completed, except for the mixing, when the pandemic shutdown began in March 2020.

Seeing the album to completion was important, she says, because of the strong feelings she has for the material. While Americana, country and folk all boast

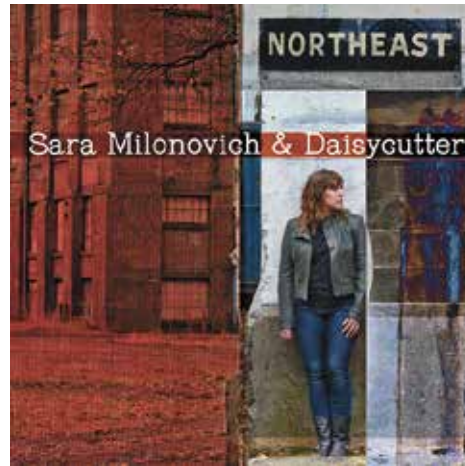


Sara Milonovich began playing the fiddle at age 4. Photo provided

many songs that tell stories of peoples and places, she notes, “so many take place in the South or West. I realized our neck of the woods shares so many of those human experiences and hardships — plus snow! — and I wanted to tell those stories. The songs are rooted in the same place, but the stories are individual.”

Sara Milonovich & Daisycutter has released three albums since 2009 and has performed at venues and festivals throughout the U.S. and Europe.

“We haven’t had much chance to play much



*Northeast* is Milonovich’s seventh album.

in the Hudson Valley, aside from the Towne Crier in July,” Milonovich says. “We’re excited to have the full band at the Falcon, doing new material. There were a lot of people releasing albums and trying to tour again at the same time, so there has been a lot of rescheduling but also some heartfelt support.”

Drawn to the fiddle as a toddler, Milonovich began lessons at age 4. “My mom’s parents were very involved in the local fiddling scene, more as organizers and fans rather than as players,” she says. “They took me to festivals; a lot of immersion was happening.” She also studied classical violin.

“I’m glad I had all that training,” she says. “No matter what style it was, they all appealed to me as ways to express things melodically and emotionally.”

By age 9 she was leading her own band at local functions and parties. She started

writing songs in her early teens, first just the music, mostly melodies.

“I took a number of years to develop a musical vocabulary,” she recalls. “As a teen I wrote journalistic, teenager stuff, not refining it until well into my 20s. I was singing harmony in bands; never had a lot of leads. That was good, because it gave me an understanding of what my voice was and, as a byproduct, I was in a bunch of bands with a lot of good singers. I learned so much being backup.”

By age 16, Milonovich had left school to tour with the bluegrass band The McKrells, and she’s been on the road since, sometimes front and center, other times in collaboration with musicians such as Richard Shindell and Pete Seeger, with whom she appeared on his album *At 89*.

While growing up, she recalls seeing relatively few girls and young women in the music scene. “In the communities I grew up in, it was still a male-dominated thing. That may have been generational, because now if you look you’ll see a lot more parity and representation in traditional music communities.

“Still, I would love to see a future in which you don’t get told: ‘You play pretty good for a girl.’ As our world has gone more digital, the opportunities [to play] that I had are not as present any more. The person-to-person communal thing is something you have to seek out.”

*The Falcon is located at 1348 Route 9W in Marlboro; see [liveatthefalcon.com/reservations](http://liveatthefalcon.com/reservations). *Northeast* can be streamed or purchased at [saramilonovich.com](http://saramilonovich.com).*

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# Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

## 150 Years Ago (April 1872)

The vote for Philipstown supervisor ended in a 430-430 tie; under state election law, the three town justices were assigned to select the winner, and they chose the Democratic candidate, Colin Tolmie.

The prima donna Clara Louise Kellogg was not expected to return to her home in Cold Spring before August while she performed in an opera tour of Europe.

The editor of *The Cold Spring Recorder* reprimanded a “rabble of thoughtless boys and young men” who had chased a Black domestic servant home. “The prejudice which this community has long entertained against persons of African descent is gradually wearing away before the sunshine of common sense and the onward march of Christian charity, yet every now and then the natural antipathy will show itself in the most discreditable manner,” he wrote. He said the woman had reportedly been enticed by a white woman into a tavern on Main Street, where she drank a glass of gin, and her stagger outside drew the attention of the boys.

The Philipstown Town Board appointed Benjamin Hughson as jailer.

P. Nichols, who lived above the Baxter hardware store at Main and Rock streets, was awoken at 2 a.m. on a Thursday morning by the sound of breaking glass. He went

into the street to investigate and encountered a burglar holding a club he had just used to break one of the Baxter windows. Nichols shouted, and the man fled.

It was an unusually quiet Monday night in Cold Spring because the West Point Foundry employee who brought the regular fortnightly pay from New York City to dispense to the workers was late.

J.B. Wickel, who paid a Cold Spring agent 20 cents for a policy from the Railway Passengers' Insurance Co. before setting out on a business trip, received three weeks of \$15 disability payments after being injured in the Bronx.

A team of horses backing a farm wagon into the yard of J.E. McCarty was led too near the edge of a cellar, which collapsed, and one horse dragged the other after it.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Old Burying Ground, the sexton reported that from December 1865 to date there had been 107 interments, including 63 small graves and 44 large graves.

The newly formed Kellogg Baseball Club defeated the Flyaway club of Peekskill, 28-22.

## 125 Years Ago (April 1897)

*The Recorder* noted that “the country air is at present permeated with the odor of burning rubbish heaps and fragrant phosphate.”

The Village Improvement Association placed baskets on the streets to collect wastepaper.



The dedication of Grant's tomb took place in New York City on April 27, 1897, but the Cold Spring Fire Co. declined an offer to march in the parade.

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Seward Jaycox of Nelsonville was the first resident to tap into the Cold Spring waterworks when he arranged for connections to his home and barn.

The members of the Cold Spring Fire Co. declined an invitation to participate in the parade for the dedication of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant's tomb in New York City because they did not have enough traditional red shirts.

The failure of the E.S. Dean Co. of New York City, which promoted a “safe system of speculation” in the stock market with returns of up to 400 percent, cost Philipstown residents about \$4,000. W.E. Bishop, an agent with the New York Bureau of Information on Fraud visited Matteawan [Beacon] to interview victims and was expected to come to Cold Spring.

Helen Dykman, a granddaughter of Justice Jackson Dykman of the state Supreme Court, who had settled in Cold Spring and served as the Putnam County district attorney before moving to White Plains in 1866, stepped on a needle that broke off in her foot. Doctors were able to locate the piece with an X-ray but then could not find it again during surgery.

Owney, the post office dog, was reported dead, but *The Recorder* issued a correction the following week saying he had just retired to St. Louis to be cared for by the family of J.H. Melvin, one of the clerks.

To great acclaim in Cold Spring, the West Point Foundry was leased to the New York

City iron and steel manufacturing firm of J.B. and J.M. Cornell, who promised to employ as many as 1,400 men. The firm, which made steel for everything from safe deposit vaults to skyscrapers, planned to move its operations from 11th Avenue and 26th Street. [The firm is today known as CornellCookson and based in Mountain Top, Pennsylvania.]

Over the course of a week, at least five dogs were poisoned, including the red Irish setters owned by Charles Pelham and E.V. Nelson, and the Scotch collie owned by Alexander Spalding.

Thomas McAndrew, an Irishman who had been employed by the Hudson River Railroad for 39 years — including 20 years as the baggage agent at Cold Spring — died of pneumonia at age 61.

The Haldane Debating Club was entertained by a demonstration of a graphophone — a competitor to Thomas Edison's phonograph — that included readings, recitations, songs, orchestral music and a circus galop.

The Nelsonville school hosted a benefit by a troupe that performed a comedietta, *Too Much of a Good Thing*, with nine actors, and a comedy, *The Sham Doctor*, with six Black actors.

William Church Osborn was elected president of a newly formed golf club that leased the Ardenia estate in Garrison. James Mooney, most recently a butler for Hamilton Fish, was hired as steward.

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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### HISTORIC DISTRICT REVIEW BOARD

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Historic District Review Board for the Village of Cold Spring will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, via Videoconference per Executive Order 11.4 of 2022, to consider the application by Jenny and Allan Kempson, 20 Church Street, Cold Spring NY 10516 for the remodel and expansion of a residential building. The subject property is 20 Church Street, Cold Spring, New York, 10516, designated as Tax Map Section 48.8-5-3. The property is located within the R-1 Zoning District and the Local Historic District.

Application materials are available to view on the Village website:

<https://www.coldspringny.gov/historic-district-review-board/pages/public-hearings>.

Hard copies of the application materials are available for review in Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY 10516 by appointment only. Please call the Village Clerk at 845-265-3611 to make an appointment.

Written comment on the application can be delivered to Village Hall, or emailed to the Village Clerk, [vcscerk@coldspringny.gov](mailto:vcscerk@coldspringny.gov). Written comment must be received by Tuesday, April 19, 2022 to be included in the public record.

**Weblink:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85246257150?pwd=SHlaMm5rbTRVaVpVS0F1UzIeGhFwZz09>  
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A train car of rhododendron arrived for J.M. Toucey, who used them to ornament the carriage drives and lawns at his Garrison estate, Cedar Crest.

Putnam County Sheriff Jeremiah Hazen of Carmel spent a few days in Cold Spring as the guest of Deputy Sheriff James Bailey.

The Cold Spring Village Board voted not to ask for kerosene oil bids in anticipation of making a contract for electric lights in the coming year.

In Continentalville, Lilly Owen and Edgar and Estelle Scofield were recovering from the mumps.

In a surprise move, New York City Mayor William Strong appointed Frank Moss, 37, a native of Cold Spring, as police commissioner to succeed Theodore Roosevelt.

Capt. Henry Metcalfe, who had a summer home in Cold Spring, addressed the children at South Georgia College in Thomasville at the opening exercises of a "tidy club." He spoke against littering and for patriotism, and reminded the girls that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world."

The Recorder called for stricter regulation of homes that had kitchen waste pipes that emptied directly into village gutters.

#### 100 Years Ago (April 1922)

Putnam County Judge J. Bennett Southard issued 20 revolver licenses, with half of them going to residents of Garrison and Cold Spring. It brought the total to 50.

A jail kitchen in the basement of the Putnam County courthouse was being used to store bottles, barrels and kegs of alcohol seized in temperance raids.

While at his office in Carmel, Harry Ferris of Cold Spring, the Putnam County forest ranger, noticed smoke on the west shore of Lake Gleneida and used a five-gallon pump that he carried in his car to put out a grass fire.

#### 75 Years Ago (April 1947)

In a story in the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, Albert Terhune recalled his 33 years as a chauffeur. His first job in 1908 was driving for a former mayor of New York City whose sedan had a new feature called a windshield. In 1913, he took a job with Herman Brandt, the first life-insurance salesman in New York City to sell a \$1 million policy, who had a home in Cold Spring. Terhune retired in 1941.

The Putnam County Draft Board closed, six years after it had been created following the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Dr. Edward Angell, former head of neurology at General Hospital in Rochester, died at his son Montgomery's summer home in Cold Spring at age 90.

Charles Foreman of Cold Spring opened the Charles Foreman Detective Bureau in Poughkeepsie.

#### 50 Years Ago (April 1972)

The boys of the Malcolm Gordon School in Garrison presented three one-act plays and a musical number at the Amateur Comedy Club in New York City. Among the performers were Philipstown residents Eugene Newman, Mark Kolody, Jeffrey Williams and Donny Yannitelli.

Justice William Braatz of Philipstown accused the Putnam County Republican



**POSTCARD SCORE** — A Garrison couple last month donated 240 early 20th-century postcards to the Putnam History Museum with views, activities, landmarks and landscapes of the Hudson River Valley. Barry Ross began the collection at age 15 when he spotted a postcard of the Highlands at a Cold Spring antique shop. The Barry C. and Mary Jean (MJ) Ross Hudson River Postcard Collection will be cataloged, digitized and posted at [putnam.pastperfectonline.com](http://putnam.pastperfectonline.com) and [nyheritage.org](http://nyheritage.org), said Cassie Ward, director of the museum.

Committee of denying a fair hearing to potential candidates for the state Assembly. The committee chair, Donald B. Smith, called the charge "false and irresponsible," saying that only incumbent Willis Stephens had requested an endorsement.

Pamela Rogers of Cold Spring, a nursing student at Catholic Medical Center in Queens, was crowned as Miss Hope of Putnam County by the American Cancer Society chapter.

The Philipstown Packers football team, which was affiliated with the Beacon Pop Warner league, finished 2-2-2. The squad was 4-2 in its first season in 1969 and 5-1 in its second, when it won the championship.

The Nelsonville police were investigating the vandalism of a truck owned by Mr. Bodge, who said the radio antenna and a windshield wiper were snapped off and sand poured into the gas tank.

Police officer Michael Firary was credited with saving Leslie Van Voorhis from his burning home on Fishkill Road after Firary noticed flames while on patrol at 12:50 a.m.

The Nelsonville Village Board discussed a proposed sewer system that would be installed at no cost to the village on Division Street and cross Pine, where it would hook into the Cold Spring line.

The Fishkill National Bank said it planned to move its Cold Spring branch to the Our Lady of Loretto convent property at the corner of Chestnut and Oak streets.

A 64-year-old Queens man died in a collision with a tractor-trailer at the intersection of Route 9 and Route 403 in Garrison. Police said the man was making a left turn into the northbound lane shortly after 9 a.m. when his vehicle was struck by an Allen Coal Co. truck headed south. The truck pushed the car into a ditch and the trailer landed on top of it.

#### 25 Years Ago (April 1997)

The Haldane school board was informed that Putnam County, which reimbursed districts for unpaid school taxes, would be cutting its 1997-98 payment to \$282,000 from \$652,000. What apparently happened is that the Open Space Institute and Beaverkill Conservancy prepaid their taxes for 1995, 1996 and 1997 but they were reported as unpaid, so Putnam said it was reclaiming the excess.

The Garrison school board voted 5-1 to add Yorktown to the high schools that its eighth graders could attend, along with Haldane and O'Neill. However, the Yorktown school board had second thoughts and soon after voted against accepting

Garrison students.

A bench at the corner of Main Street and Kemble Avenue where Joseph "Moe" Mazzuca would gather with friends each evening to discuss the events of the day was dedicated to his memory.

A Garrison resident questioned whether the school board could legally grant a "leave of absence" to a trustee who took a three-month work assignment in Puerto Rico, or if the seat should be placed on the ballot. The board said that, under state law, a vacancy could only be declared if a member missed at least three consecutive meetings without providing a valid excuse.

The Hastings Center, a biomedical ethics research center, announced plans to restore the Malcolm Gordon School on Route 9D as

its headquarters.

Howard Fawcett, who with his wife Ann had allowed the Constitution Marsh sanctuary to use land along Indian Brook free of charge for a visitors' center, died at age 86. The sanctuary's director, Jim Rod, recalled that Fawcett once said the two smartest things he ever did was purchase the 5-acre property in 1949 and marry Ann in 1955. Until it burned down, the Fawcetts had used a cabin on the property as a getaway they dubbed Brookhouse.

A plaque was installed on a rock next to the entrance of the new bridge over the Metro-North tracks at Little Stony Point to recognize state Sen. Vincent Leibell for his efforts to secure funds to build it. The former bridge had been condemned and

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**April 15 – Good Friday**  
12 noon  
Ecumenical Good Friday Service,  
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Children's Service

**April 17 – Easter Sunday**  
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10:00 am - Holy Communion  
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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 7:00 P.M., for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2022-2023 School Year.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2022-2023 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 3, 2022, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District's website.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

- A. To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows:
- Three (3) members to the Board of Education for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025),
  - One (1) member for a two year and six week term (commencing May 17, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2024)

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2022-2023 School Year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 21, 2022 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$546,000; authorizing the issuance of \$546,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

D. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, to be known as the "2022 Facilities Capital Reserve Fund," for the purpose of appropriating sufficient funds necessary for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the cost of capital expenditures, including but not limited to: the construction and reconstruction of additions, renovations, refurbishments, replacements and/or repairs to its facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; as well as and to plan for future District-wide capital improvement projects and expenditures, in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 over a probable term of ten (10) years; and that such amount shall be raised from the unexpended and unencumbered general fund balance and such other available funds, of the Beacon City School District?

E. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the 2022 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

**SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1 / POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL**

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

**SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 / POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

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

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote Wednesday, April 27, 2022. Such petitions must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District , shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or they can be downloaded from the district website.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2018, 2019, 2020 or 2021 calendar years.

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

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application can be sent by email, or delivered by a designated agent. Absentee ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that a qualified military voter who is not currently registered can obtain a military personal registration form on the District's website, or from the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. A registered military voter may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk in the same manner. Additionally, qualified military voters can contact the District Clerk to indicate their preference to receive a military personal registration form, absentee ballot application or absentee ballot via mail, facsimile or electronic mail. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the election and vote. Military voter registration and absentee ballots shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-d of the Education Law and Part 122 of the Commissioner's Regulations.

Dated: March 21, 2022 / Revised: April 4, 2022  
By the Order of the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District

Kelly Pologe, School District Clerk

## Looking Back (from Page 17)

torn down, which made it necessary to close the park. Richard Shea, the caretaker, said plans for an entrance and parking would likely be completed in the summer.

At a Putnam County Legislature committee meeting, George Michaud outlined what he called the worst snafu he'd seen in 16 years as director of real property. He said a Garrison couple had paid a \$44,000 tax bill on their newly constructed home when the



## A Drive Through the Highlands

*From the Cold Spring Recorder, April 30, 1897*

It was our pleasure recently with a friend to drive down the river road to Cold Spring, thence through the Highlands to Fishkill, thus making the circuit of a charming and romantic territory — a ride, however, that we have taken many times, though it is not the less interesting for that, says a writer in the *Matteawan Journal* [Beacon].

Passing down the river road we had a bird's eye view of the thrifty brick-yards along the river front. At Storm King station the crossing is protected by gates making it comparatively safe now for teams to cross the railroad tracks. Before reaching Breakneck tunnel we passed the handsome residence of Mr. Frank Timoney Sr., and also saw that gentleman standing at his gate. At Melzingah Brook, at the west of the road, the ravine has recently been cleared of trees, affording to the passerby a splendid view of that magnificent gorge.

In this vicinity resides Mr. Theodore Brinckerhoff, president of the Matteawan National Bank, who has a fine residence and farm on the bank of the Hudson. Since our previous trip down the river road we saw considerable change at Breakneck. The stone crusher has been abandoned and the buildings removed, nothing now remaining but the foundation.

At Cold Spring we drove through the cemetery, a beautiful spot, where lie the Haldanes, Pauldings, Kembles, Parrotts, Hights, Hustises, Truesdells, McCoys, Youmans, Youngs, Dykmans, VanDorens, de Velascos and the remains of other well-known families

bill should have been \$23,000, but they had missed the deadline to appeal. Philipstown assessed the home as having three stories when it was one story with a cathedral ceiling. Michaud said the \$21,000 was not refundable under state law because it was a "square-foot mistake," or clerical error, not one of "essential fact," such as miscalculating acreage. Vincent Tamagna, who represented Philipstown on the Legislature, said he planned to alert the state to the case as an example of a bad law that needed to be fixed.

of Cold Spring and the Highlands.

Along the post road winding through the Highlands we find that many of the old places, owned by the old settlers, have changed hands.

For two or three miles south of Fishkill Village, Ed. Haight, road commissioner of the Town of Fishkill, has improved the highway by filling in the road bed with stone and gravel where it was needed, and the large willow trees along the main road and the Fishkill Creek have been trimmed and completely stripped of their limbs, leaving the bare trunks of the trees to start out again in the spring. At Lake Shattamuck, in the North Highlands, a new grist and saw mill has been established which has the prospect of doing a thriving business.

Some of the citizens of Cold Spring are the possessors of fine poultry. Among them we noticed a fine flock of Black Minorons, in fact the finest we ever saw outside of a show pen, owned by Mr. John Stevenson, of Nelsonville, and at Mr. Sylvanus F. Mckeel's, in the above village, we saw a flock of handsome White Minorcas.

We also visited the poultry yards of Mr. Warren Hustis, in the North Highlands. While Mr. Hustis does not make any pretensions as a breeder he has fowls that many a "fancy" breeder might be proud of. He has three varieties, Brown Leghorn, Buff Leghorn and Buff Plymouth Rock. The Brown Leghorns kept here are handsomely marked, very large in size and great egg producers. Mr. Hustis has a Brown Leghorn hen 7 years old and she seldom lets a day go by without depositing an egg in the nest, which seems to do away with the old supposition that a hen is "laid out" at three years of age.



According to Stephen Wallis, owner of the online prop house, Mod Prop, fortune is hurling good things in his path for him to find and turn into a source of revenue. Mod Prop rents to the photo and film industries, as well as events that want to be cool.

# Keep on Pickin'

I was a photographer for twenty years. I'm trained to see. Not everyone does. You walk past the same stuff every day and don't see things.

sure, he goes to auctions, but...

When I see piles of trash, I go look. I've found things on the street that I've rented.

such as these round, tubby-looking chairs that turn out to be by Vladimir Kagan.

so now that you've found all this groovy stuff what do you do with it?

Prop house cost to buy 2 Reproduction Barcelona Chairs.....\$2,000.  
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of course, you also have to maintain a 8,200 sq. foot warehouse, drive a truck, and as Stephen says "schlep your ass off."

I have a very specific eye. Every time someone rents it's like giving me a slap on the back. Because they enjoy what I find and what turned my eye on.

How I collect is unique to me.

Saturday Night Live rented six of my Star Trek chairs for a sketch on the Billionaire Space Wars.

so Owen Wilson got to co-cstar with Stephen Wallis's chair!

I found two seconda chairs by Mario Botta on ebay for \$500. each. They're worth way more than that, but the listing vanished.

Two days later, I went to the Recycling place in Montrose. I back my truck up and hit something. It's three seconda chairs! But then...

HEY! You're not supposed to be taking things OUT of the bins!

I'm saving them from the landfill!

chair, possibly inspired by the Jetsons

Stephen Wallis, Mod Prop

He also sells on Clearing House Estate Sales [auctionninja.com](http://auctionninja.com)

Another day, with only a few seconds left on the parking meter, he dashed into a thrift shop where he spotted a retro turquoise samsonite suitcase and found a wife.

I can't believe I didn't see that first!

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## Keep Cats Indoors

Domestic cats make wonderful companions and pets, but when allowed to roam outside, they are the greatest human-caused source of mortality to birds.

Cats now function as introduced predators in many different habitats across the world. When outside, cats are invasive species that kill birds, reptiles, and other wildlife. Because most cats—whether feral or owned by humans—receive food from people, they also exist in much higher concentrations than wild felines do. But despite being fed, they kill wild birds and other animals by instinct.

There are now over 100 million free-roaming cats in the United States; they kill approximately 2.4 billion birds every year in the U.S. alone, making them the single greatest source of human-caused mortality for birds.

Free-roaming cats also spread diseases such as Rabies, Toxoplasmosis, and Feline Leukemia Virus, and face many more threats like vehicles and predators. Living outdoors shortens a cat's lifespan to just 2-5 years, whereas indoor cats can live to be 17 and beyond.

The easiest way you can help prevent needless bird deaths and keep you and your pet safe is by keeping your cat indoors.

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The Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison and *The Highlands Current* are back with another year of *One Poem a Day Won't Kill You!*

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Submissions are still being accepted. Drop by the library and ask to read, or email a recording of yourself reading the poem to [ryan@desmondfishlibrary.org](mailto:ryan@desmondfishlibrary.org). For technical assistance, see [bit.ly/record-poem](http://bit.ly/record-poem).



### **Baby & Dog**

This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Susan and Bryan Conway of Cold Spring shared this photo of their son, Teddy, with Sully. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to [editor@highlandscurrent.org](mailto:editor@highlandscurrent.org).

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## Roots and Shoots

## Jumping Worms

By Pamela Doan

Asian jumping worms come up in every forum at which I interact with gardeners. Their name-sake signature movement



— thrashing like a snake or jumping when disturbed — causes alarm, disgust and maybe awe (if you're a scientist). They slither when they move and a white band near the head distinguishes it from European earthworms, which have a red band in the middle. If you've interacted with one, you will know it.

In Northeast forests, worms can be problematic because they take nutrients from the soil, depleting the resources for native trees and plants. Like other invasive species, jumping worms have traits that cause great damage outside their native environments.

They are voracious eaters, consuming dead leaves on the ground before they can break down to add nitrogen to the soil. They also propagate freely: Although a jumping worm doesn't live for more than one season, it can reproduce (by itself) within 60 days of hatching in April or May and create two more generations before it dies after the first frost.

Big appetite + large family + no natural predators = ecological pain.

I have found jumping worms in my gardens for many years and feel a certain hopelessness about it. Going down the internet wormhole doesn't help. Gardeners are doing desperate things to their soil to get rid of them.

It was comforting to discover that research and resources are focused on the issue.

Annise Dobson, a researcher at the Yale



The white collar and its distinct movement make the jumping worm easy to identify.

DNR Wisconsin

School of the Environment who is looking at how jumping worms impact plants and how they disperse, agreed to answer a few questions about these invaders. She is part of a group called Jumping Worm Outreach, Research and Management, or JWORM, organized by the New York Invasive Species Research Institute.

### Do jumping worms change what plants can survive?

There are a small number of plants that can flourish in association with jumping worms. But in areas that are heavily browsed by deer, most plants do catastrophically worse. I'm working on a research paper and its main findings are that we lose native plants and the diversity of the worms. For example, Solomon's seal is a native plant that can withstand deer or jumping worms, but not both. It's these instances where multiple stressors interact.

### I've heard that jumping worms love mulch. Why is that?

There is a strong pattern but they haven't been [definitively] linked. Anecdotally it appears they lay eggs before the mulch is piled and spread around. Jumping worms like to live under mulch because it is easy for them to move around and it protects



Annise Dobson, a researcher at Yale, searches for worm-free soil.

Photo by Grant Dobson

them from drying out.

### I use wood chips for sustainable gardening. Should I stop?

If you're getting fresh chips, there are probably no jumping worms in it. And if you move the chips directly from the pile to the intended location without stops, you're probably not moving any jumping worms. If it sits for a while, it could attract jumping worms and then you could be moving cocoons or worms when you spread it.

### Gardeners are getting the idea that they should not mulch or use wood chips. Is it better not to use mulch?

We don't have the answer yet.

### Are there any control methods?

Heating the soil at the right time of year can impact cocoons. The lethal temperature is 104 degrees. Maybe doing it after a few hard frosts starting in November could work but more research is being done on how to

do it and how long it would take. Worms can easily move away and are sensitive to heat. It's a tough question because there are all these other impacts from doing that.

### What should gardeners be doing?

The big thing is not to spread them. Changing human behavior can do a lot to help. Clean your tools and make sure there aren't big chunks of soil on them. Cocoons are about 2 millimeters wide and can be seen. Spray down equipment between job sites.

### What should gardeners consider when it comes to plants?

Bare root plants are the best option when bringing plants to your garden. That way you aren't moving soil from one place to another that may have eggs or jumping worms in it. Big, established plants with deep roots withstand jumping worms best. Deep-rooted prairie species and native ground covers that spread through stoloniferous growth are effective, too.

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## OBITUARIES

## Lou Cava (1958-2022)

Louis Frank Cava, 64, a longtime Cold Spring resident who was most recently of Fishkill, died March 14 at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh.



Lou was born at Peekskill Hospital on Jan. 11, 1958, the son of William and Rose Marie (Prestiani) Cava. He graduated in 1976 from Haldane High School, where he was known by classmates and his football teammates as "Galloping Lou Cava."

After graduating, Lou enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving from 1976 to 1979. He then enrolled at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, where he earned a bachelor's degree. Later in life, he worked as a store associate at Walmart in Fishkill.

Lou is survived by his sister, Susan Marie Confalone; his nephew and niece, Christopher Confalone and Melissa Williams (Curt); and a great-niece, Carina Williams.

A prayer service with military honors was offered on March 30 at Libby Funeral Home in Beacon. Memorial donations to be made to Our Lady of Loretto (ladyofloretto.org); the Animal Rescue Foundation (arfb Beacon.org) or a charity of choice.

## Howie Forsythe (1920-2022)

Howard J. Forsythe, 101, a World War II veteran and former volunteer firefighter in Beacon, died at the Maine Veterans' Home on March 20.



He was born as John Henry Howard Forsythe on July 10, 1920, in Newport, Rhode Island, the son of John and Helen (Jollie) Forsythe. At some point, he changed his name to Howard J. Forsythe, but he was always known as "Howie."

Howie served as a first sergeant in the U.S. Army 156 Field Artillery Battalion, 44th

Infantry Division, landing in Cherbourg, France, and going on to fight in Germany and Austria. He was awarded an American Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, European African Middle Eastern Service Medal and a Good Conduct Medal. After the war, he returned to Beacon.

Howie was an avid bowler (he continued to compete into his 80s), and as fate would have it, one day he was practicing alone. Helen "Dee" Ward was the captain of a bowling team, and one of the young men on her team had been called to service. Helen invited Howie to join her team. On Nov 27, 1966, Howie and Helen were married.

Howie spent his career with Central Hudson Gas and Electric, retiring in 1980. He became a volunteer fireman early on with the Mase Hook and Ladder Co.

He is survived by his brothers, Kenneth and Gilbert; his daughters-in-law, Ellen Kuhn and Sharon Forsythe; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Hiram, Maine, on June 4 with military honors. Memorial donations may be made to the Hiram Historical Society, P.O. Box 35, Hiram ME 04041; the Hiram Cultural Center, 85 Main St., Hiram, ME 04041; or St. Matthew's Church, 19 Dora Lane, Limerick, ME 04048.

## Christy Guzzetta (1950-2022)

Christy Guzzetta, 72, of Cold Spring, died March 27.

He was born on Feb. 4, 1950, the son of Anthony and Miriam Guzzetta of Yonkers, who owned the Tivoli Cafe in the Bronx.

Christy was a graduate of Northeastern University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and management, and of Fordham University, where he received his MBA. He began his



career as a financial advisor at the Wall Street firm Bache Halsey Stuart and Shields before founding his own executive search and wealth management firm, GES Services, in 1995, with offices at Rockefeller Center.

The New York Cycle Club, for which he served as president, was a big part of his life, his family said. It was where he met Jody Saylor, on a ride in 1985 (they were married on Sept. 7, 1991, at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring), and where he would establish a benefit ride to ensure the future of the club. It brought in some 3,000 cyclists, who over 12 Saturdays rode faster and farther until the 12th ride to the top of Bear Mountain and back with 100-plus miles and to graduation.

He was remembered as "a gift to the world," "always entertaining the room," "the most lovable guy," and "Jody's sweetheart," his family said.

Along with his wife, Christy is survived by his sister, Doris Guzzetta Masback, and two nephews, William and Casey.

## Patricia Scofield (1936-2022)

Patricia Ann Scofield, 85, a lifelong area resident, died March 18 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie.



She was born in Beacon on March 27, 1936, the daughter of Franklin and Genevieve (Martin) Cism. She was the deputy town clerk in Fishkill for many years before working as the secretary to the Beacon police chief and detective bureau.

On May 30, 1954, at St. Denis Church in Hopewell Junction, she married Kenneth Scofield. Patricia was a parishioner at St. Mary, Mother of the Church. She enjoyed reading, crochet and camping trips to Maine.

Along with her husband of 68 years, she is survived by her children: Deborah Scofield (Todd Votz) and Kevin Scofield; her grandchildren, Jason and Chrissy Fisch and Jack and Faye Fisch; and her great-

grandchildren, Michael, Naomi, Nathan, Mackenzie, Riley and Kinsley.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on March 23 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, followed by interment at Fishkill Rural Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (stjude.org) or to the Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation (hvhospice.org).

## Other Recent Deaths

**Beacon**

Isabelle Berner, 102	Charles McCarthy, 82
Howie Brink, 66	Daniel McGarvey, 70
Al Califano Jr., 84	Virginia Morgese, 91
Gary Campbell, 76	Vera Morse, 103
Paul Gauquie, 44	Dalila Perez, 84
Connie Iverson, 90	Ed Schmidt, 75
	Kimberly Vilt, 46

**Philipstown**

Gles Baldres-Walsh, 76	Thomas Merrigan, 75
Noreen Keese, 65	Kenn Sapeta, 67
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**ACROSS**

1. Swiss peaks

5. — roll (winning)

8. Lily variety

12. Not worth debating

13. Chest muscle

14. Here (Sp.)

15. Shop tools

17. Void partner

18. Chemical suffix

19. MGM motto start

20. Enlighten

21. Elev.

22. Petrol

23. Prima donnas

26. Thornton Wilder drama

30. B — boy

31. Grass shack

32. *Closer* actor Clive

33. *Blue Bloods* actress Moynahan

35. El Greco's birthplace

36. Sunbather's goal

37. Carrier to Amsterdam

38. Cabbage choice

41. Chairman of China

42. Persian, for one

45. Recognized

46. Sightseeing stop

48. Falco of *The Sopranos*

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49. Whatever number

50. Unruly kid

51. Volition

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10. Chasm

11. Unctuous

16. Droops

20. Listener

21. Small wiper

22. Belly

23. Apply cream

24. Medit. nation

25. Half of XIV

26. Ump's call

27. Have bills

28. Drench

29. SSW opposite

31. Chick's mom

34. Carefree

35. LummoX

37. Rap star West

38. Distort

39. *The King* —

40. Bridal accessory

41. Oodles

42. Poet Sandburg

43. Basra resident

44. B'way booth sign

46. Legislation

47. CEO's deg.

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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 like a down staircase (10)

2 penguin suits (5)

3 lops off a branch (6)

4 related to soil management (9)

5 Ligurian flatbread (8)

6 he takes interest in “dough” (6)

7 making a long story short (9)

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## SPORTS



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# VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

### GIRLS' LACROSSE

Beacon got its first taste of victory on Wednesday (April 13), dominating Burke Catholic of Goshen, 17-4, in a game played at Beacon High School.

Anaya Camacho led the Bulldogs with four goals and an assist; Kasey Senior had four goals; Gabby Kuka had three goals and an assist; Olivia Del Castillo had a hat trick; Bethany Rudolph had two goals; and Kailey Mesorana scored one. Keeper Josalyn Pagan had four saves.

"It feels great to get our first win," said Taylor Modica, Beacon's first-year coach. "I've been seeing a lot of improvement with communication and passing. The effort and attitude is getting better, and we're getting challenged. That's what's helping us build our team."

"When we get down, a lot of people are hard on themselves," Modica added. "And it can be hard to get back into that momentum. But once we see that we're capable of scoring, or doing well, that brings us back to a good place."

She said the captains, Maddie Bobnick and Senior, have been "great at being the support system the team needs." She added that Pagan, a senior who is new to the goalie position, has been a pleasant surprise.

On Monday (April 11) at Pawling, Beacon fell 14-5 to a strong Tigers team. Camacho and Senior each had two goals and Pagan stopped 11 shots.

"We were down a few players due to spring break but we came out fighting," Modica said.

The Bulldogs (1-4) will host Goshen on April 22 and travel to Roosevelt for a non-league game on April 25.

The Haldane girls (0-2) did not play this week but will host Arlington at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday (April 20) and Keio Academy at 4:30 p.m. on April 22.

### BOYS' LACROSSE

Two sophomores — Liam Gaugler and Evan Giachinta — had career days on Tuesday (April 12), accounting for 11 goals and five assists in a 16-6 Haldane win over James O'Neill of Highlands Falls, in a game played in Cold Spring.

Gaugler dropped six goals and added three assists, while Giachinta delivered five goals and two assists. In addition, Rhys Robbins had a hat trick to go with



Beacon junior Anaya Camacho (10) scores four goals in a win over Burke Catholic.

four assists; Rowen Kuzminski and Ryan Van Tassel each scored, and keeper Jordan Hankel had eight saves.

Haldane also had a strong game on April 9 at home, pushing past Sleepy Hollow, 9-4.

Giachinta fueled the offense with a pair of goals and two assists; Robbins and Van Tassel each scored twice and added an assist; and Jesse Hagan, Frankie DiGiglio and Gaugler each had a goal. Hankel stopped eight shots.

Coach Eddie Crowe said his team has been making steady progress. "Sleepy Hollow beat us 14-1 last year, so to compete with them shows me the improvement we're making. We're getting a lot of production from a lot of different people."

"Giachinta has been playing very well; he's probably been our most consistent guy," Crowe added. "Brody Corless has also been playing good defense — he's a tough freshman — and Frankie DiGiglio has been good on the face-offs, and creating opportunities. Dylan Rucker has also been strong on face-offs."

Haldane (3-1) is scheduled to play Tuesday (April 19) at Pleasantville.

### BASEBALL

Beacon played in the Spring Bash Baseball Tournament on Tuesday (April 12) at Dutchess Stadium, defeating Rhinebeck, 7-3, in the semifinals behind the relief pitching of Owen Browne, who had seven strikeouts in four innings.

Tyler Haydt led the offense, going 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI. Jackson Atwell had two hits and three stolen bases, and Derrick Heaton and Owen Browne each drove in a run.

In the championship game against Spackenkill, under the lights and before



Beacon keeper Josalyn Pagan tracks a Burke Catholic attacker. Photos by S. Pearlman

a sizeable crowd, the Bulldogs came back from a 9-1 deficit before falling, 9-7.

Chase Green went 2-for-4 with an RBI and two stolen bases; Heaton was 2-for-3 with an RBI; Mikey Fontaine was 2-for-4 with an RBI; and Lance Morgan and Heaton each threw a scoreless frame on the mound.

Green and Haydt were named to the all-tournament team.

"I was proud of the guys, and their focus, coming back from a 9-1 deficit to a very talented Spackenkill squad," said Coach Bob Atwell. "We were one play away from changing the outcome."

In its only game last week, on April 8 at Croton-Harmon, Haldane was no-hit, losing 12-1. The Blue Devils (1-2) are scheduled to host Hamilton on Tuesday (April 19) at 4:30 p.m. and travel to North Salem on April 20.

### SOFTBALL

Beacon fell, 18-0, to Monroe-Woodbury of Orange County on Tuesday (April 12), with Mikayla Sheehan taking the loss on the mound.

"We had some strong innings defensively, but Monroe-Woodbury has a strong pitching game, which shut us down offensively," said Coach Michael Carofano.

Beacon also dropped an 18-9 decision to Port Jervis on Monday, with Olivia Ciancanelli taking the loss on the mound.

Haleigh Zukowski went 3-for-4 with a double and an RBI; Katherine Ruffy went 2-for-3 with two doubles; and Sheehan drove in two runs with two hits.

"We had too many errors in the field, which put us in a hole in the middle innings," said Carofano. "At the plate, we started off slow, but ended up having a good day offensively. It is still early in the season and I'm confident in our team that we will clean things up."

Beacon (1-3) fell to Middletown, 23-1, on Thursday (April 14). The team will host Valley Central on Saturday (April 16) at 11 a.m., Washingtonville on Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. and Minisink Valley on Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

### GOLF

Beacon edged Newburgh Free Academy on Wednesday (April 13), 265-267, at the Southern Dutchess Country Club, earning its first victory of the season.

Will Martin shot a 43 on nine holes for Beacon, followed by Jack Philipbar (47), Mike Serino (57), Ronan Moran (57), Mike VanBuren (61) and Jake Signorelli (64).

On Monday, Beacon (1-2) dropped a 254-283 decision to Goshen at Southern Dutchess, with Philipbar leading the Bulldogs with a 49. Martin and Serino each shot 57, followed by Moran (64), Van Buren (66) and Signorelli (67).

The Bulldogs' other loss was to Arlington, 227-269, on April 6. They visit Monroe-Woodbury on Monday (April 18), host Middletown on Wednesday and travel to O'Neill on Thursday.

The Haldane team is scheduled to travel to Walter Panas on April 21.

### BOYS' TENNIS

Beacon opened its season on April 6 with a win over Goshen, 4-3. Danny Barry won the fourth singles, and the Bulldogs swept in doubles with wins from Brock Barna/Scott Bunker, Tommy Franks/Charlie Klein and Imroz Ali/Frank Zezza.

On April 8, Beacon fell, 4-3, to Ketcham, again sweeping the doubles matches behind Barna/Bunker, Franks/Jamison Sheehy and Klein/Zezza.

The Bulldogs (1-1) travel to Burke Catholic on Tuesday (April 19) and Valley Central on April 22.