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Sonia and Delaurna Murphy of Dutchess County were awarded a retail license.
Photo by L. Sparks

First Mid-Hudson Pot Shops Licensed

*State approves two
Dutchess applicants*

By Leonard Sparks

New York’s Cannabis Control Board on Monday (April 4) issued the first licenses to sell recreational marijuana in the Mid-Hudson, six days after a federal court lifted a months-old ban covering the region.

Six minutes into the board’s meeting at Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, elated members of the board, which oversees the

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Villages, Town Join CCA, Again

*Residents will be automatically
enrolled in electricity program*

By Chip Rowe

Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown last week each signed onto a program that enables municipalities to collectively purchase electricity for residents and businesses, often at lower rates than those offered by Central Hudson.

The village and town boards voted to join Hudson Valley Community Power, a community choice aggregation (CCA) administered by Joule Assets. In Cold Spring, the board chose as the default for its residents and businesses a fixed rate sourced by 100 percent renewable energy produced in New York state; in Nelsonville and Philipstown, the boards chose a fixed rate with a mix of

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Holtec Says It Will Discharge Indian Point Water in May

*45,000 gallons to be released
from nuclear reactor pool*

By Brian PJ Cronin

Holtec International, the firm responsible for decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power

plant near Peekskill, said on Tuesday (April 4) that it would begin releasing low-grade radioactive water from one of the spent-fuel pools into the Hudson River in May, months earlier than planned.

The announcement came in an email addressed to the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board; Holtec had earlier

committed to providing 30 days’ notice before discharging wastewater into the river.

“I was kind of incredulous,” Richard Webster, an environmental attorney who serves on the oversight board, said of Holtec’s announcement. “It seems totally unnecessary and just fans the flames.”

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SEUSS IN THE HOUSE — Fourth- and fifth-graders at Haldane Elementary performed *Seussical Kids* on March 30 at the school under the direction of Sam Sauer. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.
Photo by Ross Corsair



The USPS says it has no plans to close the Beacon post office, although sorting operations may move to Newburgh.
Photo by Valerie Shively

Beacon Post Office to Move Sorting

*Retail services will remain on
Main Street*

By Jeff Simms

The U.S. Postal Service plans to move mail sorting out of the Beacon post office, although retail operations will remain.

Speculation on social media mushroomed this week after reports circulated that the Main Street facility was on a list to be shuttered. That’s not the case, said Mark Lawrence, a Postal Service representative; instead, the agency is implementing a cost-

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS: BETSY GARTHWAITE

By Brian PJ Cronin

Betsy Garthwaite is a former captain of the sloop Clearwater and past president of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc., which is based in Beacon. At its most recent gala, she was presented with the Lifetime Contribution to Clearwater Award.

You started as a volunteer on the sloop despite having no sailing experience. How did that happen?

I had an older brother who was a Sea Scout [a Boy Scout program], and he applied to spend a week on board. So I knew it was this thing you could do.

That first day we had an evening sail in New Rochelle. After that, we traveled late at night — we mostly motored — through the East River to dock at South Street Seaport. I remember thinking, “How in the heck does anybody tell the difference between traffic lights and marine navigation lights?” You’re in New York City, looking up the streets, between skyscrapers, and you see all these traffic lights when you’re looking for white and red and green lights coming from other vessels on the water. I can’t tell you how many times a new deckhand would point out a white light ahead that looked like a powerboat coming your way



and it was a freight train.

I had such a great time on the boat that I wanted to come back. I was accepted as an apprentice and, from there, worked on the winter maintenance crew. Then I held many positions, leading up to captain.

When you took over, was it unusual to have a female captain?

Not by that time. I was the fourth, and

there have been many female captains since. I was not a trailblazer in that particular sense. The same executive director who hired me had hired the first female captain in 1980.

How has the Hudson River changed in the years you’ve been sailing?

Because of the work of groups such as Clearwater, Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson, people are enjoying it again. You see people in boats all the time, stand-up paddle boarding, kayaking, windsurfing — you name it. There was a time when people wouldn’t want to get wet. Now waterfront dining is a thing and people are building homes again on the river, if they can afford it. The river has improved in quality, and people have responded.

Clearwater was founded in 1969. Where do you see it headed in the next 54 years?

The need to educate the next generation never goes away, but the issues have been changing with climate change. There’s no bigger issue now, and I doubt there ever will be. An organization like Clearwater has to be able to adapt and collaborate, such as the partnership we started with Outdoor Promise [for city youth]. If Clearwater can’t do projects in every community up and down the river, but we can support those projects, that’s fantastic.

What differentiates Clearwater from other environmental groups?

The boat. [Folk singer and Clearwater founder] Pete Seeger’s idea was that it could bring people to the waterfront, and if you could give them a good experience with food and music and all this activity, they would think: “We should do a better job taking care of our river.” Also, our membership distinguishes Clearwater from other organizations. We want our members to participate in the workings of the organization; we want them to volunteer. We’re not just asking you to write a check once a year.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Would you rather add a practical or artistic skill to your repertoire?

“Life’s too short; practical is boring, artistic is fun!”



Ian Saladyga, Cold Spring

“Nothing specific, but skill to do something artistic brilliantly.”



Stacey Courtney, Manhattan
(Visiting Cold Spring)

“I’m already artistic; I’d add business management skills.”



Sam Petty, Beacon

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Putnam Rejects Call to Oppose Indian Point Discharge

Instead asks federal officials for safety pledge

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

On Tuesday (April 4), as Holtec International announced plans to release radioactive wastewater next month from the former Indian Point nuclear plant into the Hudson River, the Putnam County Legislature urged federal officials to guarantee the safety of the discharges but did not call for an outright ban.

Meeting in Carmel, with one member absent, the legislators voted 8-0 for a resolution declaring that a release of radioactive water from spent-fuel pools “must not cause any detrimental environmental impact to the river” or “compromise the health or safety of those who use” it.

The resolution also urged Rep. Mike Lawler, a Republican whose district includes much of Putnam County and Indian Point, and Sens. Kirsten Gillibrand and Chuck Schumer, to “obtain assurances” from the Environmental Protection Agency and Nuclear Regulatory Commission that the agencies will protect the public.

Both the legislative Health-Social-Educational-Environmental Committee and the full Legislature rejected a blunter measure proposed by Legislator Nancy Montgomery, who represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley, that denounced the release.

It declared that Putnam “strongly opposes

the plan to release over a million gallons of contaminated water into the Hudson,” and supports legislation in the state Legislature to ban discharges into any state waterway.

Unlike the Health-Environment Committee, which declined to consider Montgomery’s proposal, the full Legislature debated it before turning it down. Only William Gouldman, a Republican who represents the rest of Putnam Valley, joined Montgomery in supporting her measure, which resembles those adopted by several other Hudson Valley counties or municipalities, including Cold Spring on Wednesday (April 5).

“It’s not a political issue. It’s a health and safety issue.”

~ Garrison resident Paula Clair

Although she joined her colleagues in unanimously approving the committee-endorsed resolution, Montgomery said she considered it inadequate. It reads: “Go ahead and discharge into the river as long as it’s safe,” she claimed. Terming the wastewater “radioactive poison,” Montgomery argued that her draft resolution more forcefully says: “Do not discharge the water into the Hudson.”

(On Wednesday, after learning of Holtec’s new announcement, Montgomery said “it’s awful. And they’re bullies.”)

Gouldman advocated continued storage

of the wastewater until scientists reach consensus on its safe disposal. “Don’t put it in the Hudson River,” he emphasized, sounding skeptical about federal responses to environmental crises. “Time and time again, the federal government gives assurances that turn out not to be true,” he said.

But Legislator Amy Sayegh, who chairs the Health-Environment Committee, criticized the measure that Montgomery and Gouldman backed. “Of course we’re against” channeling radioactive material into the Hudson, she said. “No one is for it.” However, she said, “just saying that we disagree, that we don’t want it released, is not going to do anything.” By comparison, Sayegh contended, in her preferred resolution, already unanimously passed that night, “we’re asking for action” by federal authorities.

Sayegh also predicted that if the state Assembly and Senate enact the bill banning all radioactive discharges into state waterways, the result would be the closure of all nuclear power plants in New York and the banning of X-ray machines and related medical equipment — “anything that emits radiation.”

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Garrison resident Paula Clair expressed gratitude that the legislators had passed an Indian Point resolution and regrets that, in her opinion, it lacked sufficient clout. “You’re going to have carcinogenic material getting into the Hudson. It’s going to affect us,” she said. “It’s not a political issue. It’s a health and safety issue.”

Notes from the Cold Spring Village Board

By Michael Turton

■ The Village Board on Wednesday (April 5) made final adjustments to its draft 2023-24 budget, which includes a tax levy increase of 2.4 percent, or about half the maximum allowed under a state cap. A public hearing is scheduled for April 12. A final draft of the \$3.3 million budget is posted at bit.ly/cold-spring-2023-budget.

■ The board approved an increase in sewer rates from \$1.24 to \$2 per 1,000 gallons. Water usage fees will increase from \$56.25 to \$66.25 per assessed unit quarter. The water and sewer budget is funded through user fees.

■ The board passed a resolution opposing the release of radioactive wastewater from the Indian Point nuclear power plant into the Hudson River.

■ In a change to proposed regulations for short-term rentals announced on March 29, hosts would be required to offer one off-street parking space or pay a \$750 fee.

■ Apple TV paid the village \$5,000 to use its municipal parking lot on Fair Street and parking spaces at Mayor’s Park on March 31 while shooting late-night scenes at the Breakneck tunnel on Route 9D for its series *Severance*.

Indian Point *(from Page 1)*

Earlier, Holtec said it planned to begin emptying the plant’s pools in August. The firm said this week it plans to release 45,000 gallons from the Unit 2 reactor to “commence needed cleaning work in the pool ahead of the spent-fuel pool dewatering in the August/September time frame mentioned.”

Holtec said that the water would be sampled, monitored and filtered before it was released, although it will still contain boron and tritium. That will leave 265,000 gallons in Unit 2, which has been emptied of spent fuel rods, and 310,000 gallons in Unit 3, which is scheduled to be emptied of rods by November. Unit 1’s wastewater was released into the river in 2009.

State Sen. Pete Harcham and Assembly Member Dana Levenberg (whose district includes Indian Point and Philipstown) in February co-sponsored a bill that would ban radioactive releases into “the waters of the state.” On Wednesday, each denounced Holtec’s plan.

“We’ve been having these discussions centered on seeing if we can find alternatives to discharging into the Hudson,” Harcham said. “And then for them all of a sudden to say, ‘Not only are we doing it in August, we’re going to go ahead and start in May,’ that’s a real slap in the face to the community.”

“The advisable thing would be for [Holtec] to read the room, understand the community’s outrage, pause these activities and continue to discuss it,” he said.

Levenberg called Holtec’s announcement



Holtec plans to discharge water from the Indian Point plant into the Hudson River.

File photo by B. Cronin

“an attempt to sidestep the efforts of state representatives to explore alternatives.”

“My constituents are already overburdened with the negative environmental externalities left behind by industrial infrastructure, and we should not be treated like pawns in this process,” she said in a statement.

Harcham said that he planned to renew his push to get a ban passed but said lawmakers are focused on negotiating the state budget, which was due April 1.

The planned release is similar to other

discharges of radioactive wastewater from Indian Point into the Hudson when the plant was in operation. But past discharges weren’t met with similar outcries, which Webster attributes to more recent efforts by environmental groups to decontaminate the river.

“The river got cleaner, and people expected a cleaner environment,” he said. “It’s also because usually the trade-off was that we got power in exchange for discharges. But now we’re not getting any power.”

In the past month, the legislatures of West-

chester and Rockland counties passed resolutions condemning the planned discharge. The Putnam County Legislature voted Tuesday to ask the federal government to make sure any release was safe but stopped short of calling for it not to take place. The Beacon City Council is scheduled to vote on a resolution opposing the discharge on Monday (April 10).

Harcham noted that while Holtec said it needs to release the 45,000 gallons for maintenance and cleaning, that requirement had never come up during meetings of the Decommissioning Oversight Board. “It reeks of bad faith,” he said.

Webster noted that, without state legislation, only federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission have the authority to stop any release. The EPA has put a hold on a Holtec plan to discharge radioactive water from the shuttered Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Massachusetts into Cape Cod Bay until a third party can verify that the release would be safe.

The Pilgrim plant is one of two other nuclear power plants in the Northeast that Holtec is decommissioning; the other is Oyster Creek in New Jersey. Last week, Holtec told the NRC that it would take four years longer than planned to finish decommissioning Pilgrim and Oyster Creek, citing inflation and “poor market performance.” All three projects are being paid for by trust funds that were set up while the plants were in operation and funded by the public via their power bills. What Holtec doesn’t spend, it gets to keep.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Banks and climate change

Krystal Ford should know about the basic facts of physics and economics that dictate how our energy systems operate ("Living Green: Follow the Money," March 24). For instance, her statement "until the last drop of gas, coal or oil is extracted." There will still be plenty of oil and gas in the ground when the fossil fuel era ends — it just won't be economically viable to extract it at some point.

Instead of banning natural gas in buildings (which is like cutting off some of the bottom of a blanket that's too short and sewing it on the top — all that electric in a nice "fossil-fuel free" house is being generated in most cases by natural gas or coal, except now you need to account for transmission losses); or buying electric cars or protesting banks (which are in enough trouble), we should look back to the 1970s, when, for a brief moment, conservation was the "in" thing. That is, smaller cars, turning down the thermostat, driving 55 mph — what today is known as LESS (Less Energy, Stimulation and Stuff).

Fossil fuels were created by immense pressures over millions of years — for free. The inconvenient truth is that there is no equivalent. The universe does not owe humanity a perfect fuel source to keep our 21st-century U.S. comforts going to infinity. All empires have their day.

The relationship of energy and the economy is complex. To reduce it to the binary good versus evil, climate change versus fossil-fuel companies, is counterproductive and more religious cult than science.

Mark Roland, *Beacon*

Affordable housing

Does anyone wonder why New York State keeps giving low-interest or forgivable loans to developers to build "affordable" apartments ("Beacon Rental Project Gets \$1.6M Grant," March 31)? How much in monthly rent do they think is affordable: \$1,500 for a one-bedroom, or is it \$2,000?

Why don't they give low-income citizens grants to buy those apartments? They have probably been paying \$1,200 a month, or more, for 10 to 20 years, but they still have no credit? They sure don't have \$20,000 or \$30,000 for a down payment. That money keeps going to the top, and the problem never gets solved.

Dennis Moroney, *Beacon*

It is not surprising that local politicians don't want the state to interfere in land-use decisions, but your March 24 article ("Philpstown Asks State to Assist With Housing, Not Impose Rules") doesn't speak to why this state "overreach" (as Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley characterized it)

was proposed. There is a serious housing affordability crisis in our region and country: Economic and racial segregation persist and severely hinder economic opportunities for many. Land-use decisions in communities such as ours are a major contributing factor to these problems.

The suggestion that voluntary local efforts can address these concerns is to disregard all evidence of history. People can disagree as to whether the state should be setting targets, but we should be honest about the consequences of not doing so.

Tony Thesing, *Philpstown*

Hamilton Fish III

People have different takes on Rep. Hamilton Fish III, as *The Current's* story ("What to Do With Hamilton Fish?" March 24) and reader comments make clear. Some people's views have evolved or changed. Anita Prentice, president of the Desmond-Fish board of directors, objected to *The Current's* characterization of its co-founder as having "Nazi sympathies," in an apparent shift from the library's earlier view, based on its subsequent research.

A substantial list of research sources has been posted on the library's website, including an October 1938 article from *The New York Times* about a German Day rally at Madison Square Garden at which Fish was the keynote speaker. The *Times* article was titled "German Day Rally Splits With Nazis," which was somewhat misleading: The article states that while speakers promoting the adoption of Nazism in the U.S. were banned, there were speakers who supported Nazism within Germany. In addition, a swastika was displayed onstage and about a third of the audience responded to a Nazi anthem with salutes, although the paper noted that nobody cried "Heil!"

Another article on the library's reading list reports on the use of Fish III's franking envelopes to distribute anti-Semitic literature that contained an advertisement for the antisemitic *Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, a situation for which Fish III denied responsibility.

Without minimizing the commendable aspects of Fish III's career, notably in civil rights, can we at least agree that the above activities, if not other well-documented ones, constitute the use of Fish III's power to promote Nazism and antisemitism?

Assuming there is indeed a *there* there, how should we think about the question of whether the library should be renamed? Such questions are always difficult. Where is the line between actions having consequences and "cancel culture"? When should someone be given a pass and when held accountable?

At some level, every bad deed could potentially be understood and forgiven by virtue



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of some combination of nature, nurture, situational factors and/or the historical zeitgeist one inhabited. But you can't run a society on that principle, because letting everyone off the hook would weaken societal norms and degrade the collective superego.

What principles will govern the library's decision? A judgment on the whole arc of Fish III's life, the balance of his good and bad acts? The damage potentially caused by him or in his name during the period in question? The present-day distress caused to people by that deeply disturbing chapter, or their understandable concern if it is downplayed? What statement would the library be making by taking down its name, or by leaving it up?

Alice Krakauer, *Philipstown*

Part of life is learning to do better and be better. The Fish family are fine, upstanding people and need to be seen as such. Find something worthwhile to spend time on. How about education and using them as an example of what good can come from ignorance?

Becky Janes, *via Facebook*

Electric history

Requiring electric in new construction instead of gas is the way to go for the worrisome times ahead ("Beacon Makes Electric History," March 24).

Tom Kenny, *via Instagram*

There isn't a win-win when it comes to electric and fossil fuels.

Mark Pisanelli, *via Instagram*

Constitutional county

There is at least one point in the *Editor's Notebook* on the proposal to make Putnam a "constitutional county" (March 31) that should be clarified. Kirk MacKenzie, who claims he invented the concept, has stated that the Constitution cannot be changed by "construction," to which Chip Rowe parenthetically comments, "although it has been 27 times." That implies that the Constitution has been changed by "construction" these 27 times, which is incorrect.

The Constitution has been amended 27 times. *Construction* refers to the terms "strict constructionism," or a rigid interpretation of the Constitution as it was

intended by the Founders, as opposed to "loose constructionism," or a liberal interpretation of the Constitution. As an example, loose construction considers flag burning "symbolic speech" protected by the First Amendment; strict constructionism considers flag burning a federal crime.

The amending processes for the Constitution are enumerated in Article V; construction, or constructionism as a doctrine, is more a political philosophy expressed through the judicial system. So MacKenzie may be correct in stating that the Constitution may not be changed by construction, although it is interpreted by construction.

Rowe states: "So it's about gun control. One amendment." Perhaps so, for today, because the most recent defiance of the Constitution and the U.S. Supreme Court by Albany concerns the Second Amendment. However, over the past three years, state and national executive orders have essentially violated just about every right we have that is protected by Article I, and a bit of local noncompliance and non-enforcement of those might have been welcomed, especially by a free press.

Another correction is needed for a letter that stated Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne intends to revive the doctrine of nullification. Byrne's idea is not nullification, but lack of enforcement or compliance with laws that are in clear opposition to the Constitution and Supreme Court interpretation. In fact, if you examine Albany's response to New York State Rifle & Pistol Association Inc. v. Bruen, one has to wonder: At which level of state government is the resurrection of the failed doctrine of nullification being attempted, county or state?

There is precedent for non-enforcement of laws that stand in obvious disregard of the Constitution or lawful court orders, and there is significant danger to it, as well. One example would be civil disobedience during the Civil Rights protests of the 1950s and '60s. Another excellent example happened during a class I attended on the legality of orders while I was a military officer. We were taught that we had the right — in fact, a duty — to disobey an order that stood in opposition to the Uniform Code of Military Justice or the Constitution. However, it came with the caveat: "You'd better be damned certain you're right."

Steven Sohn, *Cold Spring*

Rail trail

Whether a property owner could receive payment for land abandoned by Metro-North to create a rail trail depends on how the property was acquired ("Is Lawsuit Next Stop for Rail Trail?" March 31). The documents would be on file in the county clerk's office. Some properties were purchased by the railroad and some were easements. If it was an easement, the ownership likely reverts to the adjoining owner upon abandonment of the railroad.

I've been the land surveyor on a number of rail trail projects in the region, and there are always title issues that need to be cleaned up. While it's obnoxious that this out-of-region firm from Missouri is soliciting business, these aren't uncommon issues on a project like this.

Tom Cerchiara, *via Instagram*

It was inevitable that lawyers would sniff a potential payday. Just pay them and the landowners whose easements may revert back and be done with it.

Harper Langston, *via Instagram*

Cannabis shops

The operative term of the law is milquetoast: The legal limit in New York of the active compound (THC) in marijuana sold legally by retail shops is restricted to 3 percent — a borderline placebo, unless you're a mouse — while varieties contain-

Corrections

A photo caption in the March 31 issue misidentified a member of the Philipstown Reform Synagogue as Cathy Duke. In fact, it was Adele Stern.

In our excerpts in the March 31 issue of *Breaking Beacon*, the new Beacon High School student newspaper, we neglected to name the entire staff. It is Nadeen Ahmed, Sophia Campagiorni, Jacob DiNoble, Rubio Castagna Torres, Jonathan Echevarria, Evan Lombardi, Skhy Morris, Annabelle Notarthomas, Mikaela Sanchez, Kayla Selander, Brandon Soria and Rachel Thorne.

ing well over 20 percent THC can be easily sourced at lower prices, or homegrown ("Court OKs Hudson Valley Pot Shops," March 31). This the sort of high farce that follows when the government sticks its beak in where it doesn't belong.

Derek Graham, *Cold Spring*

The editor responds: There is no limit to the THC content in marijuana sold in state-licensed retail shops, although a bill has been introduced in the Legislature that would limit the potency of cannabis flower to 15 percent THC and other products to 25 percent. Three percent THC is the legal minimum for a product to be called marijuana; otherwise it's considered hemp.



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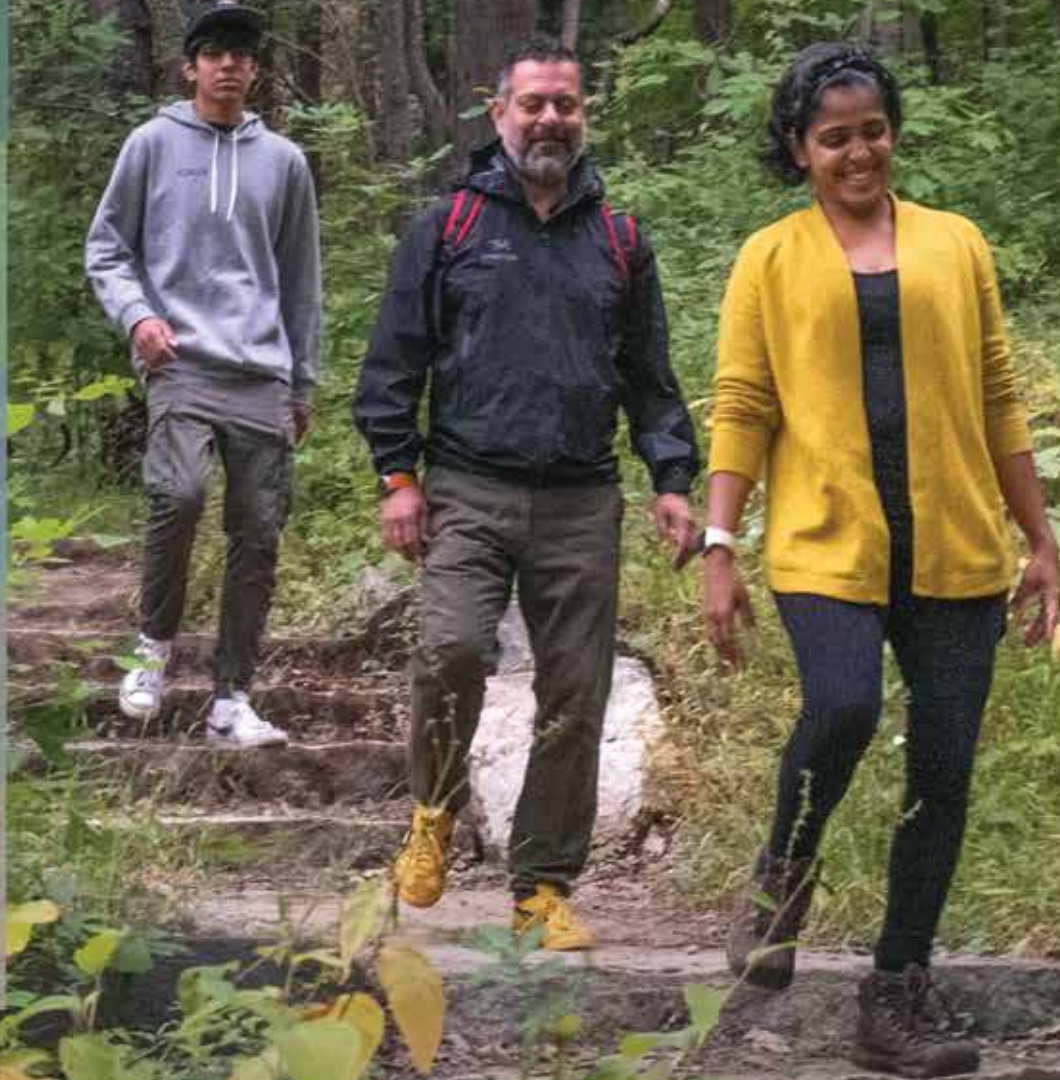
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Photography: Christine Ashburn Photography

"I envision regularly using the trail for recreation and also hiking the trail from Dockside Park to Little Stony Point with my preschool students. We currently use Fair Street, which has no sidewalks and is very nerve-wracking."

- Karen Kapoor, Village of Cold Spring resident

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Thomas Lucchesi

Photo provided

Beacon Council to Vote on New Fire Chief

Committee recommends successor for Van Voorhis

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is expected to vote on Monday (April 10) to hire Thomas Lucchesi as the city's new fire chief.

If the council approves, Lucchesi will start on a part-time, three-day-per-week basis. He will begin full time once Dutchess County releases the results of his civil service exam, although that may not be until summer, City Administrator Chris White said.

Gary Van Voorhis, who in 2013 became the city's first full-time, paid chief, retired last year but agreed to continue part time until a successor is named. He will remain with the city on a part-time basis as Lucchesi transitions into the position, White said.

Lucchesi is Newburgh's assistant fire chief and shift commander; he also works contractually as a fire district administrator for the Vails Gate Fire District in New Windsor.

"I've dedicated my life to the fire service," Lucchesi told the City Council on Monday (April 3), noting that he became a volunteer firefighter when he was 16 years old and an emergency medical technician before graduating from high school.

When asked as a child what he wanted to be when he grew up, "my answer was always to be a firefighter," Lucchesi said. "That's all I ever I wanted to be."

Lucchesi was the unanimous first choice of an interviewing committee that consisted of White and Van Voorhis; Sara Morris, the city's director of human resources; and two Fire Department lieutenants.

“When asked as a child what he wanted to be when he grew up, “my answer was always to be a firefighter.”

~ Thomas Lucchesi



Beacon has gone to court to compel the owner of this destroyed home to clean up the Wolcott Avenue parcel.

Photo by Valerie Shively

Beacon Wants Burned Home Cleared Out

Multi-family structure destroyed in January

By Jeff Simms

The owner of 925 Wolcott Ave., the Beacon boardinghouse destroyed in a January fire, is scheduled to appear in City Court on April 17 for failing to clear the debris.

Taylor Palmer, an attorney who represents Yeshia Berger, the property owner, said on Wednesday (April 5) that insurance payments were delayed and that cleanup would begin next week.

Berger had been converting the 16-unit structure to nine units when a former tenant, Brian P. Atkinson, 56, allegedly set fire to the house on Jan. 3.

Atkinson was scheduled to appear in court that same day for eviction proceedings filed by Berger. Instead, he walked to the Police Department and turned himself in, authorities said.

He was charged with third-degree arson, two counts of first-degree reckless endangerment and two counts of second-degree criminal mischief, all felonies. His next court date is Thursday (April 13).

Berger, who purchased the parcel in 2022, has asked the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to weigh in on how the house will be rebuilt. The boardinghouse, which allowed tenants to rent rooms monthly, was a nonconforming use in a district zoned for single-family homes.

Berger has said he should be allowed to restore the structure as a multi-unit boardinghouse, in compliance with the construction permit he received from the Building Department last year.

Building Inspector Bruce Flower, however, argues that Beacon's zoning code requires a structure that was more than 50 percent destroyed by fire to be rebuilt according to current zoning standards — in this case, as a single-family home.

Palmer said Wednesday that he expects

to send a new request to the Zoning Board once he receives additional information from the Building Department.



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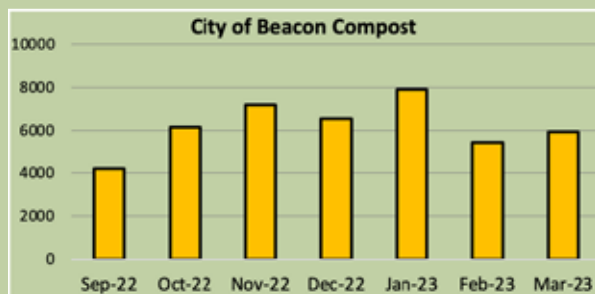
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The Current Repeats as Newspaper of Year

*Wins 24 editorial,
advertising, photo awards*

The *Highlands Current* was again named as the Newspaper of the Year by the New York Press Association on (Saturday) April 1 at its annual convention in Albany.

For the first time, there was a tie for the award, which *The Current* shared with the *Times Union* of Albany. The honor is based on the number of editorial and advertising points scored in the NYPA's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Current won 24 awards in editorial, advertising, design and photography categories, bringing its total since 2013 to 121. In all, 154 newspapers submitted 2,657 entries from 2022 for the contest, which were judged by members of the Colorado Press Association.

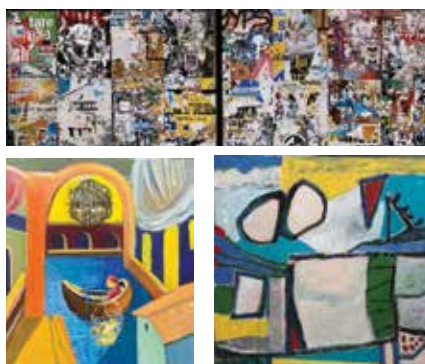
Among all newspapers, *The Current* repeated as the winner of three awards: advertising excellence (Michele Gedney); environmental coverage (Brian PJ Cronin); and local business support campaign (Teresa Lagerman, for our annual Ice Cream Passport).

Cronin also won first place for coverage of religion for his series, *The Challenge for Churches*, and Chip Rowe and Leonard Sparks won the top prize for Historical, Anniversary and Progress Editions for an expanded reprint of their series on the Black history of the Highlands.

The Current won second-place awards for photographic excellence; photographer of the year (Ross Corsair); news website; and advertising media kit. It won third-place awards for coverage of health, health care and science; coverage of diversity; and podcast; and honorable mention for Skip Pearlman's sports coverage.

Among smaller papers, Jeff Simms won first place in the news story division for his report on the 100th anniversary of the killing of Beacon police officer Charles Lucy; the paper won first place for its coverage of education; and Rowe and Sparks won for best news or feature series for their Black history reports. In that same category, Simms received an honorable mention for his series on the effect of the pandemic on local students.

Second-place finishes among smaller papers went to Cronin for column ("Out There"); Pierce Strudler for small ad; and Sparks for feature photo. Third-place finishes were given for overall excellence; investigative/in-depth reporting to Simms for his education series; and picture story to Valerie Shively for her photo essay on the annual Wee Play sale in Beacon.



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Post Office *(from Page 1)*

saving plan to move and consolidate sorting at regional centers.

A similar change occurred in Cold Spring; carriers drive to Mohegan Lake to sort and pick up mail, although retail operations continue in the village.

On Wednesday (April 5), Diana Cline, the president of the Mid-Hudson chapter of the American Postal Workers Union (APWU), said the USPS told her last week that Beacon is among nine locations to be consolidated in September within a regional sorting center in Newburgh, near New York Stewart International Airport. The other post offices that will be affected are in Orange and Ulster counties, she said. No Putnam County facilities are on the list.

Cline said the USPS has told the union it may downsize the Beacon post office from five retail clerks, including part-time employees, to one full-time and one part-time clerk. She did not know if the other staff would be reassigned; Lawrence, the Postal Service representative, did not respond to follow-up questions from *The Current*.

As part of a 10-year plan that it says will allow the indebted agency to reach financial sustainability, the USPS last fall opened its first regional sorting center in Athens, Georgia. Five more will open this spring, including one in Utica, Lawrence said. The centers will consolidate sorting of letters and packages from surrounding post offices to a central location, and will be located in buildings already owned by USPS that will be reno-

vated into "modern and inviting workspaces."

The USPS, which is funded entirely by postage and fees, says no employees will be laid off; no post offices will be closed; and post office box service and retail operations will be unchanged. Any movement of workers will be done in accordance with their union's bargaining agreements, it said.

Steve Hutkins, a retired English professor in Rhinecliff who runs a national website called Save the Post Office, last month published a list of more than two dozen sorting centers believed to be opening before the end of the year. He cited a "notification sent to the unions" dated Feb. 28 of proposed sorting and delivery centers and "spoke offices," including Beacon.

Hutkins, who launched his site in 2011 in response to reports that his local post office would close, also posted a letter addressed to the APWU from James Lloyd, the USPS director of labor relations, policies and programs, that lists more than 60 post offices nationwide, including Beacon, Fishkill and Wappingers Falls, as being "under consideration for conversion" to regional sorting centers in September. (Fishkill and Wappingers Falls are not among the nine that Cline said she was told will be consolidated in Newburgh.)

Lloyd told the union that the changes are designed to reduce transportation and mail handling costs. In addition, they would allow "for easier standardization and management of operations while improving building and operating conditions for employees."

If consolidation occurs, Beacon postal carriers would drive to the Newburgh sort-

ing center each morning to retrieve the mail for their routes. They would then drive their postal vehicles back over the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge to make deliveries.

Cline estimated that, including their commutes, mail carriers will drive 100 miles per day under the system. She noted that the standard delivery trucks do not have heat or air conditioning and are not typically driven faster than 40 mph.

"It's going to be unsafe. Those vehicles are not cut out for that kind of driving," she asserted.

Rep. Pat Ryan, a Democrat whose congressional district includes Beacon, said Wednesday that his office had heard from dozens of concerned residents.

"If Postmaster General [Louis] DeJoy thinks he can mess with the post offices in the Hudson Valley, he is sadly mistaken," Ryan said. "His plan to force every mail carrier to travel daily to Newburgh places an incredibly unnecessary burden on our postal workers. I will keep fighting alongside my friends in labor to make sure every post office stays open and there are not any service delays for customers."

Cline said the union has been told that packages at a consolidated center will be sorted by machine, while "flats" (e.g., periodicals and legal-sized envelopes) will be sorted manually, but not necessarily by the carrier responsible for delivery. She predicted that mail with errors in the address, for example, could be delayed because the employee sorting in Newburgh may not be familiar with delivery routes in Beacon.



A daily oasis for National Poetry Month

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!*

Each day in April, a recording will be posted at bit.ly/hear-poem-2023 featuring a community member reading a favorite published poem. The 2020, 2021 and 2022 recordings are also archived at the site.

That type of mail isn't going to be delivered in a timely fashion "and it may not get to you at all," Cline claimed. "That is where the customers are going to see [changes] on their end."

Cline also said she was concerned about what might happen if the USPS plan, which it calls Delivering for America, does not realize the necessary savings. Could the Postal Service vacate its historic, 1937 building in Beacon for a smaller space?

When the postal workers' union contract is renegotiated in September 2024, "I'm sure they're going to close or downgrade offices," she said.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Beacon Awarded Funds for Sidewalk

Developer also gets money for 2 Cross St.

Dutchess County on Wednesday (April 5) announced that it plans to distribute more than \$2.4 million in federal grants for community projects, including money to replace sidewalks on South Avenue in Beacon. Beacon will receive \$183,352 to replace deteriorated sidewalks on the west side of South Avenue between Davies and Wolcott avenues, the county said. In addition, the developer Hudson Todd LLC will get \$199,000 for the construction at 2 Cross St. of two of nine units of affordable housing designated for seniors. The building will have 18 units and commercial space.

Hastings Center Names President

Bioethics professor to succeed Mildred Solomon

Vardit Ravitsky will succeed Mildred Solomon as president of the Hastings Center in Garrison, the think tank's board announced March 29. Ravitsky is a professor of bioethics at the University of Montreal, a senior lecturer at the Harvard Medical School and a fellow

at the Hastings Center and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Born and raised in Jerusalem, Ravitsky holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the Sorbonne University, a master's degree in philosophy from the University of New Mexico and a doctorate in philosophy with a specialization in bioethics from Bar-Ilan University. She will take over on Sept. 1 for Solomon, who is stepping down after 11 years.

Dutchess Sales Tax Revenue Rises 1.6%

Growth was lowest in state

Dutchess County received \$254 million in sales tax in 2022, up \$4 million, or 1.6 percent, from the previous year, the comptroller said on March 23. The growth was the lowest in New York, which had a statewide average increase of 12.7 percent. "While this revenue increase is modest, it seems to reflect the continued local consumer demand for goods and services despite the often-higher price tag," Comptroller Robin Lois said in a statement. "Gross tax collections have also been impacted by the exemption on clothing and footwear." The elimination of two withholdings by the state in 2022 also effectively increased revenue for the county by \$2.5 million, Lois said.

Student Wins \$70K Scholarship

First from Haldane to receive Hagan prize

Zachary Cannova, a senior at Haldane High School who plans to enroll at SUNY Binghamton in the fall to study psychology, has been named a winner of a national Hagan Scholarship, which is worth as much as \$70,000 over four years. He is the first student from Haldane to receive it. The scholarship is designed to allow small-town and rural students with financial need to graduate from college without debt. Recipients are expected to work at least 240 hours per year and are given an investment account with \$20,000 to manage and can keep any gains generated by the time they graduate. The Hagan Scholarship Foundation has granted more than 2,900 awards since 2008. Its founder, developer Dan Hagan, attended four rural public schools in Missouri.

Free Loop Bus Conducting Survey

Hopes to measure rider satisfaction

The Beacon Free Loop, which launched in 2018, is conducting a survey of riders to measure their satisfaction with the bus service.

The Free Loop was created in collaboration with Beacon Arts, Dutchess County Transit, North Road Communications and the City of Beacon. It operates from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily except Sunday. A QR code linking to the survey can be found inside shelters, on the bus or at bit.ly/beacon-loop-survey.

Legislator Criticizes Helicopter Cutting

Central Hudson trims trees on Mount Beacon

Jonathan Jacobson, whose district in the Assembly includes Beacon, criticized Central Hudson for "alarming residents" by using a helicopter in late March to trim trees in the area of Mount Beacon without notification. He said constituents who called his office reported "a helicopter with chain saws hanging out of it" hovering over residential neighborhoods in Beacon and Fishkill. "Central Hudson informed us that they had hired a sub-contractor to clear tree limbs around service lines," Jacobson said in a statement. He said the utility should notify authorities before doing helicopter work near residential neighborhoods and hiking trails, or cordon off the area. "Causing this kind of panic is thoughtless and unnecessary," he said.

CCA *(from Page 1)*

state and national renewable sources. Each contract is for two years, ending on June 30, 2025, according to filings on Wednesday (April 5) by Joule with the state Department of Public Service. The renewable option with only New York state sources is the most expensive fixed rate, at 12.24 cents per kilowatt-hour, and non-renewables, or "standard," the least expensive, at 9.87 cents. The renewable option with 50 percent New York sources is 11.24 cents. The prices are the same for residential and business customers. By comparison, the average residential rate from Central Hudson in 2022 was 11.95 cents for residential and 12.55 cents for businesses, according to Joule. Residents and small businesses will be enrolled in the CCA program automatically in June but can opt out at any time or

switch between options. Glenn Weinberg of Joule Assets told the Cold Spring Village Board last week that a fixed rate was the best bet because wholesale electricity prices are expected to rise after the summer, and that a much colder winter is expected. "The fixed rate feels like a more stable option right now," agreed Mayor Kathleen Foley. She also spoke in favor of purchasing electricity solely from renewable sources. "Recreating the old grid with large transmission stands is nuts," she said. "We should be looking locally and building as much local resiliency and capacity as possible." A previous CCA agreement fell apart last summer when the supplier, Columbia Utilities, defaulted on its three-year contract. More than 23,000 households and businesses in 10 municipalities, including Beacon, Cold Spring and Philipstown, benefited from fixed

CCA Rates

	Residential	Small Business
Central Hudson standard	11.95c	12.55c
CCA standard	9.87c	9.87c
CCA renewable	11.24c	11.24c
CCA renewable (only NY sources)	12.24c	12.24c

Source: New York State Department of Public Service
Prices are cents per kWh; Central Hudson rates are the 2022 average

rates that were usually lower than those offered by Central Hudson. Members of the CCA were receiving electricity generated from renewable sources for 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for households and 7.1 cents for businesses. Compared to Central Hudson's variable rate, that saved members of the collective more than \$7 million during the year the contract was in place (including \$941,380 in Philipstown, \$216,050 in Cold Spring and \$651,800 in Beacon) and avoided 25,560 metric tons of greenhouse-gas emissions, according to Joule. When Columbia withdrew, residents and businesses who hadn't opted out were transferred back to Central Hudson as a supplier. Joule, along with Beacon and seven other municipalities, has sued Columbia for damages. Hudson Valley Community Power will work the same as in the past, with Central Hudson handling distribution and billing, Joule CEO Jessica Stromback said last month. Letters will be sent in May to Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown residents explaining how to initially opt out, she said. The City of Beacon chose not to rejoin the CCA, which Joule hopes will have 33 members, including 13 from the Hudson Valley.

The automatic enrollment contributed to Beacon's decision because it generated complaints, according to City Administrator Chris White. In addition, after being approached by Joule at the end of 2022, White said city officials were unsure whether the company would be able to find a fixed-rate supplier who could beat Central Hudson's variable rate, given ongoing global instability. Beacon hopes to instead explore a "community-distributed generation" model, or community solar, which is awaiting approval from the state Public Service Commission, White said last month. That model would allow residents to "subscribe" to locally generated renewable energy and receive credits on their Central Hudson bills. Stromback said last month that its criteria for electricity providers has become stricter to keep a breakup with its supplier from repeating itself. The stress test for a new electricity partner "is whether they can handle a wartime situation," she said, referring to Russia's invasion last year of Ukraine, which caused energy prices to soar. Michael Turton, Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong and Jeff Simms contributed reporting.



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Pot Shops *(from Page 1)*

Office of Cannabis Management, voted to award 99 licenses for retail stores to sell cannabis grown in-state.

Delaurna Murphy and his wife, Sonia, received one of two Poughkeepsie-based licenses that were among five awarded in Dutchess and six other Mid-Hudson counties. The other three went to companies registered in Rockland, Westchester and the Bronx, with the latter planning to open an outlet in the Mid-Hudson.

The Murphys have not determined where they will locate their store but hope to do so in Poughkeepsie, where they operate Royal Blend, a Jamaican and soul food restaurant on Main Street. Their timeline is four months.

Under the 2021 state law that legalized recreational marijuana for adults ages 21 and older, applicants seeking sales licenses must have business experience and have been convicted of a marijuana-related offense before the law took effect. Parents, guardians, children, spouses or dependents of someone with a conviction are also eligible. Half of dispensary licenses will be issued to people affected by former marijuana laws.

Murphy, 64, fulfilled that requirement when police arrested him 30 years ago inside a store in the Bronx where marijuana was being sold.

"I was beaten and my head busted, and I was dragged and taken to jail," he said. "The torture I had to endure did not fit

what I did."

The restaurant owner said he is not surprised that marijuana is now legal in the state. "When we look back at the Prohibition period, where alcohol was illegal, and now we have stores that are legally licensed to sell alcohol, I knew the time would come," he said.

Murphy applied for a license, he said, because he "wanted to make a difference in my life and make a difference in the communities that I am involved with."

The dispensary licenses were issued following a federal appeals court ruling on March 28 that allowed the Office of Cannabis Management to approve retail outlets in Brooklyn, central and western New York and the Mid-Hudson, where both Beacon and Cold Spring have opted to allow shops where people can buy marijuana for recreational use. Beacon also approved smoking lounges.

Licensing in those regions had been in limbo since Nov. 10, when the federal judge issued the preliminary injunction in a lawsuit filed by a company called Variscite NY One. It accused the state of discriminating against out-of-state applicants.

In addition to the Mid-Hudson, the board on Monday issued three licenses in Brooklyn, one in central New York, and four in western New York. The injunction remains in place in the Finger Lakes region.

The Cannabis Control Board will issue 34 licenses in the Mid-Hudson, which is double what the agency had originally planned. Statewide, it increased its allotment from

The First Five

Five limited-liability corporations (LLC) won the first licenses for marijuana dispensaries in the Mid-Hudson region. All are majority-owned by "justice-involved" entrepreneurs, meaning they were convicted under the state's former marijuana laws.

- **Royal Blend Dispensary:** Delaurna and Sonia Murphy own Royal Blend Foods, a West Indian and soul food restaurant in Poughkeepsie.
- **Retail United Alliance:** Vincent Ross owns the Laced Barber Lounge in Poughkeepsie. His partners are Matthew Bieri, Alykhan Budwani and Herbert Sexton IV.
- **Jay Buddy:** Joshua Mercado owns First Class Vending Machines Corp. in Yonkers in Westchester County. His partners are LaAnthony Bannister and Regina Smith.
- **Blaze 420:** Milka Morales Pereira of New City in Rockland County owns a firm in New York City that helps people convicted of driving under the influence get their licenses back. She is partnering with Gregory Pereira.
- **Buddega NYC:** Eyasser Noboa, who owns an online retail business based in the Bronx, is partnering with Jesus Fontanez and Dipak Patel to open a dispensary in the Mid-Hudson region.

150 to 300 licenses. Murphy said he plans to tap a \$200 million fund, administered by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, that helps freshly minted dispensary owners with startup costs.

The Dormitory Authority is negotiating leases with landlords, subleasing spaces to dispensary operators and funding renovations and furnishings. Licensees repay the costs over 10 years. The fund also provides services such as financial training and vetting security firms.

Open for Business

Although 165 licenses have been issued by the Cannabis Control Board, only seven retail marijuana stores have opened statewide. Three are located in Manhattan, one in Queens and the others in Binghamton, Ithaca and Schenectady.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 7 – Good Friday

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AROUND TOWN



◀ **CHALK THE WALK** — Volunteers organized by POW'R Against Tobacco, a coalition that serves Putnam and three other counties, wrote messages in chalk on the sidewalk outside Philipstown Town Hall on March 29 as part of the national Take Down Tobacco Day.



◀ **SYRUP AND SONG** — The Little Stony Point Citizen's Association held its annual Maple Syrup Day on March 26, including local products, maple-flavored lollipops, raffles and live music. The Cold Spring trolley ferried visitors from the village, courtesy of Putnam County.



▲ **PALM SUNDAY PANCAKES** — The Dutchess Junction Fire Co., based between Breakneck and Beacon, held its 45th annual community breakfast on Sunday (April 2), serving scrambled eggs, sausage, sliced ham, fruit and croissants. Photos by Ross Corsair

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PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD

Public Hearing - April 20th, 2023

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 20h, 2023 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 to consider the following application:

**Hudson Highland Reserve Conservation Subdivision,
Route 9 & Horton Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516,
TM# 17-1-76.112, 17-1-77.2, 17-1-39, 17-1-76.21, 17-1-76.111 & 17-1-48**

The Applicant, Horton Road LLC, is seeking Planning Board approval of a Conservation Subdivision (see Town of Philipstown Zoning Code Sections §175-19 thru §175-21) proposed on 210 acres east of Route 9 between Horton Road and East Mountain Road North. The proposal involves 24 residential lots, each approximately 1 acre, to be served by individual wells and community wastewater treatment facilities. Primary access would be from a new non-gated access road off of Route 9. Approximately 163 acres are proposed to be preserved as permanent open space through a Conservation Easement.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 30th day of March, 2023. Neal Zuckerman, Chair

The Calendar

Full Circle

They bought a painting in Beacon in 2014.

This week, they'll host a show by the artist.

By Alison Rooney

When Scott Lerman and Susan Keiser moved to Beacon, they visited every gallery they could find. A favorite was Matteawan. "It was a good example of a small, high-quality, surprising place," Lerman says.

In 2014, Lerman and Keiser bought a painting by Beacon resident Scott Daniel Ellison at Matteawan Gallery, which has since closed. "It was everything we look for: an artist with a long-term body of work with a lot of thought gone into it," Lerman says. "The work changes but is consistent. We're also always on the lookout for things that are local."

Nearly a decade later, Lerman and Keiser will exhibit Ellison's paintings at their Garage Gallery, which they opened in Beacon in 2021, in a show called *Another Place*. The exhibit, which also showcases



Scott Daniel Ellison

Photo provided

Keiser's photography, opens with a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday (April 8).

As with most Garage Gallery shows, there is a connection between the work that is often not immediately apparent.

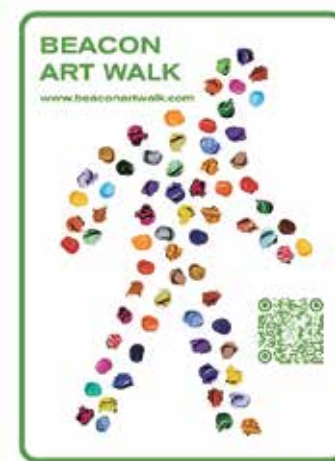
"There's a subject-matter pairing: Clearly, they're both seeing things and creating things that are provocative," Lerman explains. "Each also has the ability to create stories beyond what's on the canvas to spur imagination."

According to the exhibit notes, Ellison "conjures up images of affectionately ghastly

creatures, pulling them out of layers of paint with brushes, Q-tips, clothes and knives — until they emerge, seemingly whole."

Keiser works with components, chiefly a set of 4-inch dolls produced in the 1950s that she bought on eBay, to create startling tableaux.

Garage Gallery, on North Elm Street in Beacon, a half-block off Main Street, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Another Place continues through April 23. See garagegallery.com.



A New Guide to Beacon Art, Food and Events

If you've strolled Main Street in Beacon recently, you may have noticed a familiar yet distinct figure along the way.

The logo, used by Garage Gallery, is now also the mascot of a grassroots initiative called Beacon Art Walk, an online guide at beaconartwalk.com to galleries and events, such as exhibit openings.

Lerman and Keiser say they launched the project in response to frequent questions by visitors on what else the city has to offer, e.g.: "Where else can we go?" The guide includes the locations of restaurants and municipal parking lots, although Lerman is convinced that if you are willing to walk three blocks, you'll always find a space.

"The pandemic caused a real interruption to a lot of things in Beacon," Lerman says. "It was hard on restaurants and businesses, and halted a lot of things we take for granted. So much seemed to break down, and certain things are just not a habit anymore."

"If you listen to the work done on the city's Comprehensive Plan on the east/west nature of Main Street, there was an acknowledgment that so much is about getting people to walk through the community, finding a cluster of things they can see and do, which leads to finding a worthwhile journey and getting out and walking," he says.

To spread the word, they've distributed posters with a QR code. "Print can get out of date so quickly," says Lerman. "Even on the day the posters went up, we heard, 'Oh, that gallery is no more.' We can change that on the site within minutes. We'll do our best to keep up with it."

Lerman and Keiser are also hoping to help revive Second Saturday. "It won't happen spontaneously," he says. "The restaurants need to stay open later, and every gallery should participate. We are not competing with each other, and we all benefit from people going from place to place."

"There are two main clusters, east and west, on or near Main, which get you to almost everything," he notes. "It's so contained and there is so much food. Making it a part of the routine would be appreciated by all the arts organizations. And it's free. Some will buy art, but what's more important is to get out and meet each other."



"Claws"



"Riverside"

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 8

Highland Lights

GARRISON

Noon – 6 p.m.

Hudson Valley Shakespeare

2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org

For the second year, the HVSF and Processional Arts Workshop will lead sessions to make lanterns for an evening procession on Earth Day. Also FRI 14, SAT 15, SUN 16.

MON 10

Community Blood Drive

BEACON

2:30 – 7 p.m. St. John's Church

35 Willow St. | nybc.org

Register online for an appointment, or walk in. Hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 445.

TUES 11

Champions for Children Breakfast

MAHOPAC

8 a.m. Putnam County Golf Course

187 Hill St. | putnamcac.org

Kevin McNeil, a former special victims detective, will speak at this benefit for the Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County. *Cost: \$30*



TUES 11

Adopt a Tree Pit

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Village Hall

Lend a hand to get Main Street's tree-pit gardens in shape for spring blooms. Mulch will be provided; bring gloves, shears, shovels and wheelbarrows.

WED 12

Earth Day Crafty Hour

COLD SPRING

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

Customize a Swedish dishcloth at this workshop for adults.

WED 12

Sailing Class

BEACON

7 p.m. Sloop Club | 2 Red Flynn Drive
beaconsloopclub.org

This will be the first of an eight-class series on learning to sail. At its conclusion, participants are invited to become volunteer crew members of

the sloop Woody Guthrie. *Cost: \$50*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 8

The Hudson Valley: The First 250 Million Years

GARRISON

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

David Levine will discuss his book of essays that explore the rich history of the area at this event co-hosted with Split Rock Books.

THURS 13

Demystifying Les Misérables

BEACON

2 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St. | 845-831-1134

beaconlibrary.org

Anthony Scarrone, director of the drama program at Beacon High School, will discuss the popular musical that his students plan to present April 21-23.

SAT 15

Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

BEACON

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St. | 845-831-1134

beaconlibrary.org

Learn to edit and expand entries in the popular online encyclopedia, with a focus on the environmental contributions of Beacon residents. Registration requested.

SAT 15

Ronit Plank

COLD SPRING

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

Plank will read from her collection of short stories, *Home is a Made Up Place*, and discuss the book with Kathy Curto, author of *Not for Nothing: Glimpses into a Jersey Girlhood*.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 8

Easter Egg Hunt

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. Tots Park | 832 Route 9D

The Knights of Columbus will host their annual adventure for children ages 8 and younger. Bring a can of food to donate to the Philipstown Food Pantry. Rescheduled from SAT 1.

TUES 11

Storytime: Ollie

COLD SPRING

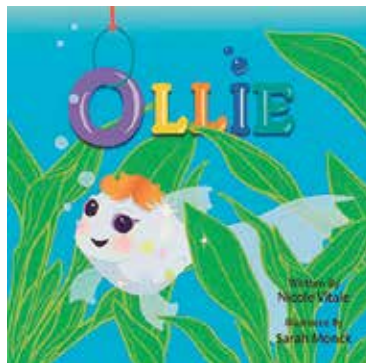
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040

butterfieldlibrary.org

The author (Nicole Vitale) and illustrator (Sarah Monck) of this

children's book will read and talk about making it. Registration required.



TUES 11

Notebook Workshop

GARRISON

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

Make your own notebook during this month's Creator's Workshop. Registration required.

WED 12

Cuentos y Canciones

BEACON

4:15 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St. | 845-831-1134

beaconlibrary.org

The bilingual story hour for children from 4 years to second grade will include stories in English and Spanish.

SAT 15

Poetry Games

GARRISON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020

desmondfishlibrary.org

Children ages 7 and older can celebrate National Poetry Month by using collage, Mad Libs and other prompts anytime during library hours.

SAT 15

Parents of Anxious Children or Teens

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. Philipstown Hub | 5 Stone St.

845-809-5050 | philipstownhub.org

This monthly support group will be facilitated by Andrea Birch. Registration required.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 8

Connections II

COLD SPRING

5 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi

123 Main St. | busterlevigallery.com

This exhibit, the second of three, will include paintings by Martee Levi based on her husband's gardens; paintings/collages by Maria Pia Marrella inspired by 14th-century Sieneese art; and "Roma," a giclee by Grey Zeien. Through April 30.

SAT 8

Sandy Moore | Tony Moore

GARRISON

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center

23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960

garrisonartcenter.org

Sandy's exhibit, *This Happened*, will include a storyboard of paintings exploring racial responsibility. Tony's exhibit, *Eternal Becoming*, has ceramic sculptures and "fire paintings." Through May 7.

THURS 13

Community Streetside Artist Exhibit

WAPPINGERS FALLS

5 – 7 p.m. River Valley Arts Center

9 S. Mesier Ave.

facebook.com/wappingersrises

This is the launch of a program that will feature the work of more than 40 artists during events and exhibits. Through November.

SAT 15

stanley brouwn

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia:Beacon

3 Beekman St. | 845-231-0811

diaart.org

Selected works by the conceptual artist, curated by Jordan Carter, will be on display in coordination with a larger solo show at the Art Institute of Chicago.

SAT 15

Arte Povera and the Baroque

PHILIPSTOWN

Noon. Magazzino Italian Art

2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

In "The Evolution of National Identity," the third of a four-part lecture series, Laura Petican will discuss select pieces to explore how the past is treated by artists in this post-war movement.

SAT 15

Imagination & The Machine

BEACON

1 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St. | howlandculturalcenter.org

This exhibit of 12 automaton sculptures and pencil drawings, curated by Roger Phillips and Sara Carbone, will be on view through May 28.



EASTER SERVICES

SUN 9

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

St. Philip's Episcopal

GARRISON

10 a.m. 1101 Route 9D

stphilipshighlands.org

Followed by Easter egg hunt

Tabernacle of Christ

BEACON

10 a.m. 483 Main St.

845-831-4656

First Presbyterian

COLD SPRING

10:30 a.m. 10 Academy St.

845-265-3220

presbychurchcoldspring.org

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 15

21st-Century Gardening

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange

128 Mill St. | putnamvalleygrange.org

Janis Butler, a Master Gardener, will discuss how to prepare your landscape to deal with climate change. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SUN 16

Nature Walk

NELSONVILLE

1:30 p.m. Pearl Street trailhead

facebook.com/nelsonvilleney

Peter Cutul will lead a guided nature walk in the Nelsonville Woods to identify plants and trees and signs of wildlife. Check Facebook for weather updates.

SUN 16

Basics of Bird Identification

COLD SPRING

2 p.m. Little Stony Point | 3011 Route 9D

The Little Stony Point Citizens Association, state parks and the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will host this workshop. RSVP to puffpete@gmail.com. *Free*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 8
Art of the Garden
BEACON
4 – 6 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org
Works by more than 20 artists in all media will be on view through June 4.

SAT 8
Scott Daniel Ellison | Susan Keiser
BEACON
4 – 7 pm. Garage Gallery
17 Church St. | garagegallery.com
Another Place draws together Ellison's paintings of scenes and figures that have their own logic (See Page 13), and Keiser's photographs manifest the intangible to reveal dreams and desires. Through April 23.

SAT 8
[In]Action Figures 11
BEACON
5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St.
212-255-2505 | clutter.co
The exhibit will continue through May 5.

SAT 8
Mary McFerran | Matthew Gilbert
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. Bau Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
In *Weather Wear*, McFerran's mixed media works address climate change. Gilbert's exhibit, *Soon Enough*, includes sculpture, fiber and performance art to explore being alone. In addition, a group show will include works by McFerran, Gilbert, Jebah Baum, Daniel Berlin, Robyn Ellenbogen, Alyssa Follansbee, Linda Lauro-Lazin, Eileen Sackman, Ilse Schreiber-Noll, Fruma Shrensel, Pamela Zarembo, Joel Brown and Nataliya Hines. Through May 7.

SAT 8
Perception
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
This group show, with works by Michelle Sliver, Darya Golubina, Allegra Jordan, Elin Lundman,



The Wailers, April 15

Evan Samuelson, Diana Vidal, Alyssa Follansbee and Yunmee Kyong, will explore the theme of how we perceive the world.

STAGE & SCREEN
SAT 8
Searching Our Muse
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
In this evening of dance and poetry, Paul Rabinowitz will read from his collection of “poems, truth, love and the lines in between,” accompanied by dancer Elaina Stewart and pianist Barry Spatz. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

MUSIC
SAT 8
Tom Petty Project
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The tribute band will recreate Petty's live performances. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

MON 10
Clone Decay
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St. | quinnsinbeacon.com
Guitarist and composer Mary Halvorson will perform her new project with Kalia Vandever (trombone) and Weston Olencki (trombone, electronics).



Clone Decay, April 10

FRI 14
Nicolas Babineau & Alexis Chartrand
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The fiddle and guitar players will perform traditional Québécois music. *Cost: \$20*

FRI 14
The Soul-Jazz Collective
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com
Steve Raleigh (guitar), Pete Levin (piano) and Matt Garrity (drums) will play '60s groove music.



Inbal Segev, April 16

SAT 15
Angelica Sanchez
BEACON
8 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
15 South Ave. | sanchez.bpt.me
The pianist and composer will play music from her latest jazz release, *Sparkle Beings*. *Cost: \$20 (\$30 door)*

SAT 15
The Wailers
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The reggae legends will play music from their new release, *One World*, as well as songs from their time with Bob Marley. *Cost: \$32 to \$50*

SUN 16
Inbal Segev and Juho Pohjonen
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | howlandmusic.org
The program by Segev (cello) and Pohjonen (piano), which is part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle series, will include sonatas by Bach, Beethoven and Grieg. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students ages 25 and younger)*

SUN 16
Soo Bae, Mia Chung and Charles Neidich
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
Bae (cello), Chung (piano) and

Neidich (clarinet) will perform works by Louise Farrenc, Shulamit Ran, Guillaume Connesson and Johannes Brahms. Donations welcome. *Free*

CIVIC
MON 10
Dutchess IDA
BEACON
6 p.m. City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza
The agency will hold a public hearing on a request by the developers of the Tioronda Estate for a payment-in-lieu-of taxes agreement.

MON 10
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall
1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 11
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane | 15 Craigside Drive
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 12
Budget Hearing
NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvillenyny.gov

WED 12
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WED 12
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School | gufs.org
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689

THURS 13
Town Board
PHILIPSTOWN
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St.
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

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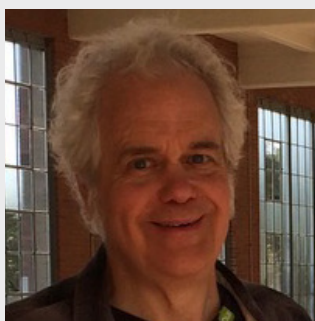
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John Fredrick Teagle (1957-2023)

John Fredrick Teagle, a longtime Putnam County resident, formerly of New York City and Ohio, passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx following a courageous two year battle with cancer. He was 66.

Son of the late Phillip and Mary (Witty) Teagle, he was born in Akron, OH on February 6, 1957.

John loved music and was an accomplished guitarist, having performed in bands such as Purple kNif and The Walking Clam-petts. Widely known and respected for his vast knowledge of electric guitars and tube amplification, John authored books on the history of Fender amplifiers and Washburn guitars. He also played bass drum for the Hudson Highlands Pipe Band.

John cherished the natural landscape of the Hudson River Valley. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hiking throughout the region and was proud to have traveled the Appalachian Trail from Connecticut to New Jersey. He was dedicated to environmental conservation and was a founding member of the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. For nearly 20 years, John worked as the Maintenance Director and Events Manager at the Garrison Institute.

On April 1, 2018, he married Mary (Dixon) Teagle in Akron, OH. Mary survives at home in Garrison.

Additional survivors include his daughter, Cassidy Heulitt & her husband Addison; his stepchildren, Catherine Breck (John Scanlon) granddaughter, Hazel Colon, Eamon O. Dougherty, and Reilly Dougherty (Dawson Steeber); his siblings, Paul Teagle and spouse Laura Zeller Teagle, Judy Jamison and spouse Bob Jamison, and Laura Teagle Evans; as well nieces and nephews Alex, Aidan, Mike, Molly, Jenny, Danni, David, Meghan and Melanie, special friends Henry Garcia and Nick Pohlchuk, other relatives & friends.

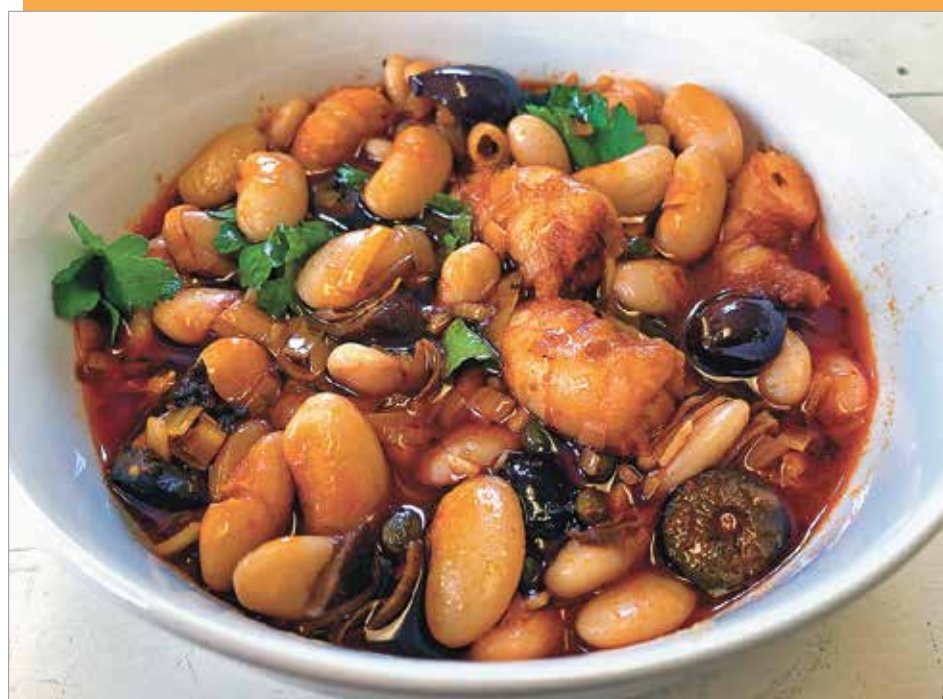
The family would also like to thank the caring and committed staff at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, especially Doctors Paul Chapman and Alex Shoushtari, for their care of John during his treatment there.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Donations in John's memory may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, P.O. Box 5028, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5028 (www.mskcc.org) or Little Stony Point Citizens Association, P.O. Box 319, Cold Spring NY 10516 (www.little-stonypoint.org).

Arrangements are under the direction of McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY 12524. For online tributes, you can visit John's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

PAID NOTICE



Spanish Shrimp & Bean Stew with Capers and Olives

Serves 4 to 6

- 2 tablespoons smoked paprika
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1 pound (21 to 25) shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails left on
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more to serve
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 large leek, white and light-green parts halved lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons capers, rinsed and drained
- ½ cup black olives, drained and chopped roughly
- 2 cups cooked white beans (cannellini, large limas or Great Northern whites)
- ½ cup reserved bean cooking liquid
- (Optional: 1 to 2 tablespoons Red Boat Fish Sauce)
- 1 cup broth (shrimp stock made from peeled shells, canned or bottled clam or lobster broth, or a good commercial vegetable broth)
- Chopped flat-leaf parsley for garnish

1. Combine both paprikas plus ½ tablespoon ground black pepper in a small bowl. Place raw, cleaned shrimp in a medium bowl and sprinkle 2 tablespoons of paprika-pepper mixture over shrimp. Shake to coat and set aside, reserving the remainder of the spice mixture.

2. Add oil to a large deep skillet (with cover) or a Dutch oven set on medium-high heat, until shimmering. Add shrimp in one layer (reserving the bowl). Cook without stirring for about 2 minutes, until shrimp get browned on the bottom. When they're done, return the shrimp to the bowl, using a slotted spoon.

3. Lower heat to medium and melt butter in the same pot. Add leeks and cook, stirring occasionally, about 4 minutes, until softened. Add drained capers and olives and cook for another minute. Add garlic and reserved spice mixture and cook, stirring, for another minute, until fragrant. Add beans, reserved bean liquid and stock (plus fish sauce if using); stir to incorporate and bring to a simmer. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring once or twice. While the stew simmers, prep the reserved shrimp. Remove tails, discarding shells, and cut in half crosswise; reserve again.

4. Remove pot from heat. Stir in the shrimp and their juices. Cover pot and let stand until shrimp are opaque (about 2 to 3 minutes). Correct seasoning. Serve garnished with parsley and an additional drizzle of olive oil.

Small, Good Things

Smoke and Spice

By Joe Dizney

What comes to mind when you hear the word *paprika*? More likely than not, it's an image from Eastern Europe, and most likely



Hungary, particularly goulash or paprikash. But despite the spice's far-reaching trade in the Balkans and Central Europe in the 17th century, paprika didn't become established in Hungary until the 19th century. Its first recorded use in the English language appeared circa 1831.

That's a circuitous history for a spice derived from a varietal of the *Capsicum annum* family, all of which are native to North America, and in particular central Mexico, where they were cultivated for centuries before making the reverse commute to the Old World with the conquistadores.

The peppers favored for paprika are generally milder and more delicately fleshed than their spicier cousins, but like the fiery hot chiles of Meso-American cuisine, all capsicum varieties are descended from the same wild ancestors.

Brought to Spain and known as *pimentón* since the 16th century — before being established in Hungary — these chiles spread via trade that extended to Africa and Asia, which obviously embraced it.

Almost all cultivars grown for paprika are of the "sweet" (thin-fleshed) variety, but their particular flavor, pungency and heat are as much, if not more, a factor of environmental factors as they are of genetics.

It can get a bit daunting. Hungary has at least eight poetically named grades of paprika: noble sweet, special quality, delicate, exquisite delicate, pungent exquisite delicate, rose, semi-sweet and strong, which is classified from sweet to hot.

Spain, on the other hand, has mild, mildly spicy and spicy.

By far the most common Spanish paprika has a flavor profile defined more by process than anything; because *pimentón de la Vera* is dried by smoking (typically using oak), it has a smoky flavor and aroma. It's that smokiness which is the basis and selling point for this vaguely Iberian stew. My smoked paprika, though ostensibly Spanish, was sourced online from Penzey's in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, although the McCormick brand is a more readily available option.

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Cicely Prevost inside the House of Maxx in Beacon

Photo by Julien Prevost

Capturing the '60s, and Remembering Maxx

Beacon shop owner opens swingin' boutique

By Marc Ferris

Near the entrance of the House of Maxx, a new boutique in Beacon, a sign reads: "Warning. Hippies have been spotted in this area. Peace, love and understanding could break out at any moment."

The retail space, at 206 Main St., is an expansion of Ella and the Earth, which Cicely Prevost opened in 2021 across the street to sell body-care products. The lettering still adorns the former location's windows.

When her daughter, Ella, experienced allergic reactions to commercial skin-care products, Prevost developed her own soap and body butter. Then, she expanded to oils and body sprays.

In her new spot, which is a shrine to the swingin' '60s, Prevost has added clothing (e.g., tie-dye shirts, bell-bottom jeans, feather earrings and a denim messenger bag emblazoned with a peace sign); scented candles; balms (including a facial toner inspired by a recipe created for the Queen of Hungary in the 1300s); and crystals, tarot cards, dream catchers and sage to burn in abalone ashtrays.

T-shirts along a back wall sport unabashed political slogans, including "Pro Roe" and "Girls just wanna have fundamental human rights."

"The hippies made weird stuff cool," Prevost explains. "They were into learning and experimentation. You've got to respect the pioneers." She adds: "I wanted anything but an ordinary, overpriced, bougie [bourgeois] boutique in Beacon that is unattainable for locals."

The store is named for her son Maxwell Faircloth, who died two years ago at age 29. Its logo includes two phoenix images to honor him.

Prevost designed the place to stimulate several senses. A seasonal scent, distributed with a diffuser, interplays with the background music, the gold chandeliers and the colorful wares to create a safe and relaxing place, says Prevost, who worked as a nurse until a car crash ended her career.

Many of her goods are imported, including leg warmers from Nepal, alpaca shawls from Ecuador, saffian leather handbags from Morocco and hand-painted Day of the Dead mugs from Guatemala. Other items come from Paris, India and Ireland.

This spring, Prevost's sister, Sabena Branche, plans to open the Butterhead Salad Company next door at 208 Main St.

"We took out the lease together," says Branche. "It's sisterly love." A cousin, Julien Prevost, helps out on weekends, and Prevost's husband and daughter also pitch in.

Prevost is upfront about the loss of her son. She keeps his photo in a frame behind the counter and posted a note near the memorial candles.

"The candle is made in loving memory of my son, Maxx," it reads. "In an effort to channel the inconsolable grief of a mother who has lost a child, I have tapped into my own little creative outlet, which has served as a welcome distraction from unrelenting and soul-jerking heartache, emptiness and sadness."

Working on the House of Maxx was therapeutic, says Prevost. "I had to find some outlet to occupy my headspace so I could get out of the place I was in. The creative process has been so helpful."

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Amy Kasala: "No. We have a number. . . We have a number of visitor projections, but it's, it's a bit of um. . . projection math, but I believe we are holding a projection at 600,000 when the whole thing is built."

Classic Wheels

1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk

By Michael Turton

Even as a kid, Jim Knox was “a car guy.”

The Philipstown resident is especially drawn to cars from the 1950s, which he refers to as “pieces of rolling art.” But, he adds, “I like quirky cars, like Hudsons and DeSotos” — and the Studebaker Golden Hawk, which he purchased eight years ago for \$18,000 to become its second owner.

“I was always intrigued by its sleek lines, the way it looked with its fins and big grill,” he said. “It’s maybe the ugliest beautiful car I’ve ever seen.”

Knox was determined to own a Golden Hawk; the car he found had been sitting in a



Jim Knox's 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk

CharvetClassicCars.com

garage in Seattle for 25 years and had 57,000 miles on the odometer. In 1956 it sold new for \$3,000, or about \$33,000 in today's dollars.

Knox said the vehicle is “fantastic” on the highway. “I don’t push it too hard; it’s 67 years old,” he said. “But I’ve had it up to maybe 80 mph and it handled that well, not shaky at all.”

With its 352-cubic-inch Packard engine, it’s no surprise the car has some speed. In

1956, the Golden Hawk was the second-fastest production car on the road, behind the Chrysler 300.

“When you hit the accelerator, you feel a lot of power immediately,” Knox said, adding that the vehicle gets about 18 mpg. Its three-speed “ultramatic” transmission still works well.

The Studebaker features a radio, leather seats and backup lights, but not the electric

THE SPECS

MODEL: 1956 Studebaker Golden Hawk (2-door hardtop)

MANUFACTURED: South Bend, Indiana

NUMBER BUILT: 4,071 (1956)

YEARS BUILT: 1956-58

ENGINE: 352 Packard V8

WEIGHT: 3,380 pounds

TRANSMISSION: 3-speed ultramatic

ORIGINAL PRICE: \$3,000

windows and seats that some models had. It was repainted in the original green-white-green tricolor scheme the Golden Hawk was known for. Its fins were fiberglass on the 1956 model and metal in 1957 and 1958.

Replacement parts can be difficult to find, but when Knox needed to replace the mesh-covered vent covers, he located a source in Minnesota. Knox is also a member of the Studebaker Golden Hawk Club.

Packard and Studebaker merged in 1956; the Packard brand was phased out in 1959 and Studebaker ceased production in 1963.

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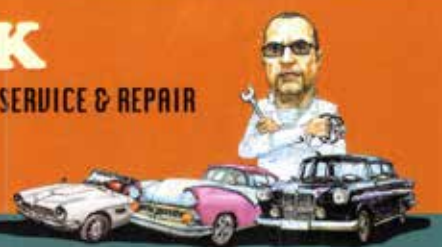
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Haldane's Liam Gaugler deposits one of his five goals against Hendrick Hudson on Tuesday (April 4).

Photo by S. Pearlman

Lacrosse (from Page 24)

Faye has made his presence known early, scoring 13 goals.

The Blue Devils picked up their first win ever over the consistently solid Hendrick Hudson team on Tuesday (April 4) at home, 16-12.

Hendrick Hudson scored back-to-back goals to tie the game at 8-8 with 7:28 left in the first half, but Haldane answered with a 4-0 run. The visitors closed the gap to two goals in the second half, but the Blue Devils controlled the flow and scored when they needed to.

Gaugler led the offense with five goals and two assists, Faye finished with four goals and Giachinta had a hat trick and handed out four assists. Henkel came up with 13 saves in goal.

"Dylan Rucker and Brandt Robbins won 19 of 27 face-offs, and our defense did a

great job," Crowe said.

On March 29 at Dobbs Ferry, Haldane won 15-1 behind five goals from Giachinta. Faye scored four times, Gaugler had a hat trick, DiGiglio scored twice and Kuzminski had a goal. Henkel made five saves. The Blue Devils won on March 27 against Blind Brook, 14-5. Faye scored six, Gaugler added two and DiGiglio and Rhys Robbins each had a hat trick. Henkel had 23 saves in net.

"The 3-0 start is what we expected," Crowe said. "Mahopac [on April 6] will be a good test, as will teams like Arlington, Greeley and Wappingers. We'll go to Long Island for the first time this season, and we'll also play Chenango Forks [which lost in the state title game]. The idea is to get used to good opposition."

Haldane, which lost to Mahopac, 13-6, to fall to 3-1, is scheduled to visit Sleepy Hollow on Wednesday (April 12) and host Arlington at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

BASEBALL

Beacon won its first two games of the season, routing O'Neill, 14-0, on March 31 and topping Washingtonville, 5-4, on Tuesday (April 4).

Against Washingtonville, Liam Murphy's sacrifice fly scored Julian Brown with the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth. Derrick Heaton earned his first victory of the season with two innings of scoreless relief and Anthony Borromeo went 4 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings in relief, striking out seven without a walk.

Mikey Fontaine went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI, Murphy and Heaton each had an RBI, and Joey Vollaro walked three times and reached base four times.

In the win over O'Neill, Vollaro pitched a no-hitter, the first for Beacon since Lenny Torres Jr. and Kevin Heady combined to no-hit Yonkers in 2017.

Fontaine doubled and drove in three; Jackson Atwell, Heaton and Ryan Smith each had two RBI; and Murphy was 2-for-2 with a double and RBI.

Beacon is scheduled to travel to Wallkill on Monday (April 10).

TENNIS

The Beacon boys' team split two matches last week, defeating Valley Central, 6-1, on

March 29 and falling to Middletown, 4-3, the next day.

Against Valley Central, Beacon got singles wins from Frank Zezza, Danny Barry and Beckett Anderson. Doubles wins came from Scott Bunker/Charlie Klein, Imroz Ali/Charlie Zellinger and Jackson Shrawder/Mark McCabe.

In the loss to Middletown, Anderson won at No. 4 singles and Bunker/Klein and Ali/Zellinger won at doubles.

The Bulldogs travel to Monroe-Wood-

bury on Monday (April 10).

TRACK

At the Gary V Invitational at Washingtonville on Tuesday (April 4), Beacon opened its season with a handful of strong performances. Damani Deloatch took first in the long jump at 20-8, Leibinson Perez was second in the discus at 107-2, and Henry Reinke was third in the 1,600 meters in 4:36.

Janaya Fluellen took third in long jump (14-6) and the sprint medley relay team of Rubio Castagna, Deloatch, Noah Spiak and Reinke placed fourth in 3:47. Tommy Rapp was fifth in discus (84-8) and sixth in shot

put (33-8).

For the girls, the sprint medley relay team of Bella Migliore, Fluellen, Christine Robinson and Rachel Thorne was sixth (4:54).

"I'm pretty happy with our first meet," said Coach Jim Henry. "We have 15 to 20 newcomers who have never been to a meet, so there is a learning curve. We got some fine performances and have a clearer picture of what we need to improve."

Beacon will head to Cornwall on Saturday (April 8) for a meet; its home opener is Wednesday (April 12) against Chester and SS Seward.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Planning Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Thursday, April 20th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Planning Board April 2023.

NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD / Public Hearing – April 20th, 2023

The Planning Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 20th, 2023 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 to consider the following application:

Bach/Veterinary Hospital, 475 Fishkill Rd, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#27.11-1-34

Project: Special Use Permit, Minor – Relocation of veterinary practice to owner's residence; home occupation conforming to subsection 175-41 to establish a veterinary clinic within the existing garage space of the premises, to be performed by the owner of the property. No visible change to the exterior except for a permitted sign.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring (behind Town Hall). Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 30th day of March, 2023.

Neal Zuckerman, Chair

Holy Week at The Church of the Open Door

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Sunday, April 2, 10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY

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Thursday, April 6, 7:00 PM
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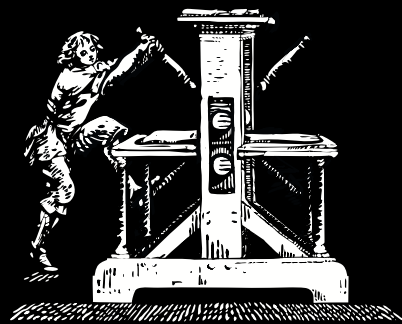
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Sunday, April 9, 10:30 AM
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2023 SUMMER CAMP Guide

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845-702-1190

4thwallproductions.org

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All Sport Camp Fit

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845-896-5678

allsporthealthandfitness.com

Ten weekly day camps will be held the weeks beginning June 26 to Aug. 28 for ages 4 to 12. *Cost: \$310 per week (members \$280)*

Army Sports

WEST POINT

845-938-7223

armysportscamps.com

The U.S. Military Academy offers one-day and weekly athletic camps for children and teens ages 6 to 18, including for baseball, tennis, target shooting, football, ice hockey, basketball, lacrosse, rugby, soccer, wrestling, softball, track, cross-country, volleyball and gymnastics.

Arts on the Lake Music

KENT

845-228-2685

artsonthelake.org

The nonprofit arts center will host weeklong camps for students in grades 6 to 9 devoted to band (July 10) and orchestra (July 17) and taught by Carmel school district teachers. *Cost: \$100 (\$90 members)*

Ballet Arts Studio

BEACON

845-831-1870

balletartsstudio.com

The studio will offer weeklong workshops in ballet, modern, tap, hip hop, theater dance and contemporary beginning June 26. *Cost: \$200 to \$400*

Beacon Music Factory

BEACON

845-765-0472

beaconmusicfactory.com

The school will offer a teen rock camp the weeks of July 10 and July 17 that ends with a live performance. *Cost: \$380*

Be Creative as Possible

BEACON

845-905-2338

bcreativeaspossible.com

Seven weekly camps (storytelling, space, water, nature, fantasy worlds, dinosaurs, farm) will be held during the weeks beginning June 26 to Aug. 7 for children ages 3 to 6. *Cost: \$300 per week*

Black Rock Forest

CORNWALL

845-534-4517

blackrockforest.org

Will not be holding it science camps in 2023.

Camp at the Camp

BEACON

845-765-8440

bit.ly/camp-at-camp

The city's Recreation Department will host two 2-week sessions for children ages 5 to 11 and counselors-in-training ages 12 to 15, the first starting July 10 and the second July 24. *Cost: \$550 per session (\$650 non-residents)*

Camp Huguenot

NEW PALTZ

845-255-1660

huguenotstreet.org/camp-huguenot

The annual weekly camp for students ages 8 to 12, which focuses on the daily lives of the Esopus Munsee, Huguenot, Dutch and African peoples who lived on Huguenot Street, begins July 17. *Cost: \$350 (\$320 members)*

Camp Kinder Ring

HOPEWELL JUNCTION

845-221-2771 | campkr.com

This overnight camp,

which was founded in 1927, operates a four-week session that begins June 25 and a three-week session that begins July 23. *Cost: \$5,300+*

Camp Nabby

MOHEGAN LAKE

914-528-7796

campnabby.com

The day camp offers eight sessions starting June 26. There is a three-week minimum and fees start at \$2,450 for the preschool program and \$3,600 for junior (ages 4½ to 8½) and senior (ages 8½ to 13) camps.

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

GARRISON

capuchin.org/cyfm/summer-program

The Friars organize three programs over the summer: The Summer Outreach Week for middle and high school students in Wappingers Falls from June 25 to 30; a mission trip to Harlan, Kentucky from July 8 to 16; and the Catholic Literature and Arts Summer Program from July 30 to Aug. 5 in Wappingers Falls.

Clearpool Camp

KENT

825-225-8226

greenchimneys.org

There will be three sessions starting June 26 for preschoolers to 10th grade. *Cost: \$325 to \$350 per week*

Common Ground Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS

845-231-4424

commongroundfarm.org

Eight weekly camps (nature rangers, artists, activists, ecologists, farmers, paleontologists and local chefs) will take place from the weeks beginning July 10 to Aug. 21 for ages 4 to 12. *Cost: \$350 per week*

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Compass Arts

BEACON
845-580-2061
compassarts.org

The four weekly camps for ages 3½ to 6 that begin June 26 have waiting lists, as do two theater camps that begin

Aug. 7. There are openings in a photography camp for ages 11 to 14 that begins July 31 for \$250.



East Mountain Studio

PHILIPSTOWN
347-927-1797
eastmountainstudio.com/summer-camp

The music studio will host seven songwriting day camps for students in grades 6 to 12 beginning the weeks of July 10 to Aug. 21. *Cost: \$500 per week*

Foundry Montessori

COLD SPRING
foundrymontessori.com

The school will offer weeklong programs for children ages 3 to 6 from July 3 to Aug. 11.

Frost Valley YMCA

CLARYVILLE
845-985-2291 frostvalley.org

The YMCA offers weeklong day camps for students ages 4 to 15 beginning the weeks of June 26 to Aug. 21. Transportation is available from Sullivan and Ulster counties. It has scheduled open houses for April 23 and May 21. Frost Valley also offers a horse camp starting at \$590. *Cost: \$260 to \$445 per week*

Garrison Art Center

GARRISON
845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

The art center offers two camps: Summer Arts on the Hudson, which runs for two or four weeks starting

June 26 for students entering kindergarten through the eighth grade (\$875 per session), and the two-week Summer Art Institute for high school students (\$1,190) that begins July 24.



Hudson Hills Montessori

BEACON
845-831-1100
hudsonhillsmontessori.org

The school will have camps for children ages 3 to 6 from the weeks beginning June 26 to Aug. 7 (USA, Under the Sea, Around the World, Insects, Animals, Reading Fun, Nature & Art). *Cost: \$265 to \$325 per week*

Kiwi Country Day Camp

CARMEL
914-276-2267
kiwicountrydaycamp.com

Kiwi has a camp for students entering the first through 8th grades for up to eight weeks, as well as preschool and counselor-in-training programs. Camp begins on June 26 and continues through Aug. 18. The minimum session is 4 weeks and prices start at \$5,649 for a four-week session.

Manitou School

PHILIPSTOWN
845-809-5695
manitouschool.org/summer

The school offers camps for children ages 3 to 11, as well as counselor-in-training program for students ages 12 to 17 but has not yet posted its schedule.

Philipstown Recreation

GARRISON
845-424-4618
philipstownrecreation.com

Camps for preschoolers to Grade 12 run weekly from the weeks beginning June 26 to Aug. 14. Although the day

camps have waiting lists, there are openings in sports and theater camps and the free Junior Fire Academy (July 24).

Renegades Baseball

WAPPINGERS FALLS
renegadesbaseballcamps.com

For the 30th summer, the minor-league Hudson Valley Renegades will offer a basic skills camp for ages 8 to 14 starting the weeks of July 10 and Aug. 14 and a pitching and hitting camp for ages 8 to 14 starting July 31. *Cost: \$200 to \$275*

Rose Hill Manor

BEACON
845-831-4847
rosehillmanorschool.com

The school usually offers day camps for children ages 5 to 12 beginning in late June but has not posted details.

School of Rock

BEACON
845-835-0001
beacon.schoolofrock.com

Seven weekly camps will take place from July 10 to Aug. 25 for ages 7 to 18, including modern indie rock, classic rock, best of the '90s, pop legends and '80s rock. *Cost: \$525*

St. Philip's Nursery School

GARRISON
845-424-4209
stphilipsnursery.org

The school will host five weekly camps from June 20 to July 21 for children ages 2 through kindergarten. Daily from 9:05 a.m. to noon. *Cost: \$160 to \$200 per week*

Surprise Lake Camp

PHILIPSTOWN
845-265-3616
surpriselake.org

This Jewish overnight camp for students in the first through 10th grade runs June 28 to Aug. 20. A camp tour is scheduled for April 16.



SUMMER CAMP PACKING, FROM THE TOP DOWN

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- ☐ Bandannas
- ☐ Baseball caps
- ☐ Sunhat
- ☐ Eyeglasses
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Swimming goggles

CLOTHING

- ☐ T-shirts/tank tops
- ☐ Shorts
- ☐ Long pants
- ☐ Jeans
- ☐ Jacket
- ☐ Raincoat
- ☐ Sweater
- ☐ Sweatshirt/sweatpants
- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Pajamas and robe
- ☐ Polos
- ☐ Fleece outerwear
- ☐ Underwear

BED AND BATH

- ☐ Towels (bath, hand, beach)
- ☐ Mattress pad
- ☐ Blanket
- ☐ Pillow and cases
- ☐ Sheets
- ☐ Sleeping bag
- ☐ Laundry bag
- ☐ Lint roller

GEAR

- ☐ Bags/duffels/totes
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- ☐ Compass
- ☐ Fan
- ☐ Flashlight and batteries
- ☐ Frisbee
- ☐ Reusable water bottle or canteen
- ☐ Seat
- ☐ Sharpie
- ☐ Writing paper, envelopes, stamps

FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Boots
- ☐ Tennis shoes
- ☐ Sandals/flip-flops
- ☐ Socks

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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 8, 2023 at 7:00 P.M, for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2023-2024 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 2, 2023, 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 16, 2023, 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, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2026; and

• One (1) member to the Board of Education for a term commencing May 16, 2023 and ending June 30, 2025.
- B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2023-2024 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 20, 2023 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$530,000; authorizing the issuance of \$530,000 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 bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 20, 2023 authorizing the purchase of one electric-powered school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$466,000, but only in the event the District receives subsidies towards such purchase up to the maximum amount of \$250,000; authorizing the issuance of bonds of said District up to a maximum amount of \$466,000 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?
- E. Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized, effective beginning the 2023-2024 school year, to make such annual budgetary appropriations and expenditures as are needed to provide transportation to students in grades K-12 residing within the city limits of the City of Beacon who live more than one (1) mile but no more than fifteen (15) miles from the school which they legally attend?
- F. 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 2023 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

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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 26, 2023. 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 2, 2023, 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 16, 2023, 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 2019, 2020, 2021 or 2022 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.



Renegades Open 2023 Season

New stadium name, new manager, 16 new players

By Michael Turton

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the minor league professional baseball team that plays on Route 9D just north of Beacon, opens its 2023 season tonight (April 7), hosting the Greensboro Grasshoppers from North Carolina and kicking off a schedule that will feature a number of twists.

Major Pay Boost for Minor Leaguers

Baseball salaries more than double

Minor league baseball players will never get rich, but beginning this season they will be better off financially.

As part of an agreement reached on Monday (April 3) with Major League Baseball, players at the High-A level, such as those on the roster for the Hudson Valley Renegades, will earn \$27,000 annually, up from \$11,000.

At the Double A level, the pay will rise to \$30,250 from \$13,800, and at Triple AAA, to \$35,800 from \$17,500.

Minor league players also will be compensated for the first time if they participate in spring training and will receive better housing, meal and transportation benefits.

In addition, minor league players can challenge some disciplinary actions through a neutral arbitrator rather than through the league. Players also won control over the rights to their names, images and likenesses, a benefit they lost in the previous contract with the league.

In addition, a federal judge in California last month approved a \$185 million settlement for minor league players who alleged Major League Baseball had violated minimum-wage laws.

Minor league umpires reached an agreement last year to earn \$3,000 to \$4,500 per month and a per diem of up to \$66 per game.

Dutchess Stadium, the Renegades' home in Wappingers Falls since their first season in 1994, is no more. In March, the team sold naming rights for the first time and the stadium is now Heritage Financial Park, although "The Dutch" may prevail with die-hard fans.

The Renegades, which are the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees (two steps below the major leagues; players advance to Double A and then Triple A), will be guided by a new manager, Sergio Santos, who joined the Yankees system last year and spent six years as a relief pitcher with four major league teams.

Santos said players at the High-A level have the necessary skills but need to develop consistency. "That's what we look to work on, building on the talent they have," he said. He added that fans can expect the Renegades, like the Yankees, to "take pride in stealing bases, going from first to third, scoring from second on a base hit. I take pride in the little things; that's what helps you win games."

The Renegades have a 30-man roster, including 16 newcomers. They include the Yankees' top two picks in the 2022 draft of high school and college players: outfielder Spencer Jones (the 25th, from Vanderbilt) and pitcher Drew Thorpe (the 61st, from Cal Poly). They rank fifth and eighth, respectively, among Yankee prospects. Pitchers Zach Messinger and Chase Hampton and catcher Antonio Gomez are also considered top prospects.

Jones recalled this week there were 100 people in his house during the July draft when his name was announced. "We went crazy, and when I saw my grandpa crying — that was really special."

He said he's excited by the prospect of playing baseball regularly into September. "I show up at the field every day, ready to work," he said. "That's something I take a lot of pride in."

The Renegades will play 132 games in 2023, including 105 against North Division rivals (Greensboro, the Aberdeen Ironbirds, Brooklyn Cyclones, Jersey Shore BlueClaws and Wilmington Blue Rocks) and 27 against South Division teams (the Asheville Tourists, Greenville Drive, Hickory Crawdads, Rome Braves and Winston-Salem Dash).

At the stadium, the 29-year-old outfield wall has been replaced and the "batter's eye" — a black wall that helps batters see pitches more clearly — was enlarged in center field. The batting cages are also now enclosed.

Next year, the Renegades will move to



Outfielder Spencer Jones



Manager Sergio Santos Photos by M. Turton

a players' clubhouse to be constructed beyond left field and visitors will take over the current right-field facility, which the teams have shared in the past. In addition, the pitching bullpens will be moved off the playing fields.

This marks the Renegades' third season in High-A as a Yankee affiliate; it was formerly at a lower level and associated with the Tampa Bay Rays. Since its inception, 117 players have reached the majors, including two American League rookies of the year (Evan Longoria and Jeremy Hellickson) and an American League most valuable player (Josh Hamilton). In 2005, Scott Podsednik of the Chicago White Sox became the first former Renegade to hit a walk-off, game-winning home run in a World Series.

Twenty-six former Renegade players and coaches were on major league rosters on opening day March 30, including shortstop Anthony Volpe. On April 2, Volpe became the first Yankee in 110 years to steal a base in each of his first three major league games.

Preview: Haldane Boys' Lacrosse

By Skip Pearlman

The 2023 Haldane boys' lacrosse team features one of the most seasoned lineups the high school has fielded under Coach Ed Crowe.

The Blue Devils return virtually their entire starting lineup from a squad that went 10-8 last year and lost in the Section I, Class D quarterfinals to Bronxville.

On the defensive end, the returning starters include senior Thomas Tucker, juniors PJ Ruggiero and Jordon Henkel (at goal), and sophomores Brody Corliss and Nate Stickle.

At midfield the team returns seniors Will Sniffen, Rowen Kuzminski, Jesse Hagen and Rhys Robbins; juniors Dylan Rucker, Ryan Van Tassel and Frankie DiGiglio; and sophomore Brandt Robbins.

At attack, Liam Gaugler and Evan Giachinta, both third-year starters, are joined by the only newcomer to crack the starting lineup, sophomore Fallou Faye. Others new to the team are seniors defenders August Lee and Jake Mason.

Tucker, Sniffen, Hagen and Robbins are the team captains. The group's experience and comfort playing together have shown in its first three games, all wins.

"This is probably my most balanced team so far," Crowe said. "Some of the other teams in Class D, such as Bronxville and Pleasantville, have won sectional titles, and we feel like this year we can compete with them. We have to stay healthy, stay balanced and selfless."

On the offensive end, Crowe knew what to expect from Gaugler and Giachinta, and

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Fallou Faye had four goals for Haldane against Hendrick Hudson. Photo by S. Pearlman



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