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READY FOR STRINGS — A young man shows off his harp — before rubber bands were applied — during a craft event on April 5 led by Stephanie Montesanto at the Howland Public Library in Beacon. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org. Photo by Ross Corsair

Sparse Turnout for PILOT Hearing

Dutchess IDA to vote on Mirbeau proposal in May

By Jeff Simms

Only one Beacon resident spoke during a public hearing on Monday (April 10) on Mirbeau Inn & Spa's request to Dutchess County for a property tax break.

The company, which purchased the historic 64-acre Tioronda Estate on Route 9D last year for \$10 million, has asked the county's Industrial Development Agency to approve a 15-year payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, or PILOT, agreement. The agency's board will vote on the request at its May 10 meeting, said Sarah Lee, the CEO of the IDA.

If the plan is approved, it would allow Mirbeau to submit an annual payment in place of property taxes that would be distributed to the Beacon school district, the City of
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Route 9 Projects Rile Residents

Concerns include noise, pollution, tree clearing

By Leonard Sparks

Dust rose over a shaved hill whose base held stacks of carcasses from the trees pulled from its dirt as

Century Aggregates builds an entrance for its mining operation along Route 9, just north of Philipstown in the Town of Fishkill.

Ed Bushek, brandishing walking poles in each hand, watched the cloud from the intersection of Route 9 and Carol Lane, the rural road whose residents on the north side reside
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Dust rises from the property of Century Aggregates, which is building a new entrance on Route 9 for its mining operation. Photo by L. Sparks

Holtec Halts Indian Point Release

Delays May discharge of wastewater into Hudson

By Brian PJ Cronin

The board overseeing the decommissioning of the Indian Point nuclear power plant said on Thursday (April 13) that the company carrying out the plan no longer intends to release low-grade radioactive water into the Hudson River next month.

In a letter to the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board (DOB) dated April 13, Holtec International said that it recognized that its controversial plan to release 45,000 gallons of water from the plant's spent-fuel pools "caused public questions."

"Following conversations with key state stakeholders, who wish to allow for additional education, we have decided not to
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Sheriff Releases Body Cam Policy

'Officer safety' cited in earlier refusal

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

After weeks of concerns about secrecy, the Putnam County Sheriff's Department this week released its body-worn-camera policy, which instructs officers to routinely deploy the recording devices, unless authorized to avoid them in certain circumstances.

Responding to a Freedom of Information Law request, the Sheriff's Department on Tuesday (April 11) sent its 11-page policy to *The Current*.

Putnam's policy tells officers to affix their cameras (BWCs) when reporting for duty and to keep them in a "buffering" state—a form of readiness—during their shifts. The cameras automatically start recording if an officer removes a gun or taser from its holster, according to the policy.

In addition, the policy says that officers should turn on BCWs for such activities as vehicle chases and stops; traffic accidents; questioning witnesses or suspects;
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FIVE QUESTIONS: LAURIE WHEELLOCK

By Leonard Sparks

Laurie Wheelock is executive director of the Public Utility Law Project of New York (utilityproject.org), based in Albany. She spoke at a Philipstown Town Board meeting last month about Central Hudson’s error-prone billing system.

What is the law project?

We are a nonprofit established in 1981, around the time New York passed the Home Energy Fair Practices Act, the home of utility-related protections. We work on all utilities — electric, gas, water, telecommunications. I’ve been working in consumer protection since I was 18, starting with the New York Public Interest Research Group and then focused on housing, the environment and other issues for various state Assembly members.

What services do you offer people?

Like Legal Aid, we help low-income customers with problems — anything from “I’m behind on my water bill” to “My land-line stopped working.” Then we advocate stronger consumer protections and do “rate cases.” That is, when Central Hudson wants to charge more, it has to file a case and we get involved as a party and advocate stron-



Photo by Celeste Sloman

ger protections for their customers. When you have any utility seeking to increase rates right now, I think it makes the public really nervous. What are the big issues facing utility customers? Affordability. In New York, we have a goal that no low-income customers will

spend more than 6 percent of their income on their energy bills. We calculated that, on an annual basis, it’d cost \$1.75 billion to help every low-income customer afford their energy bill at that level. But it’s not just low-income customers. We have people from all over the state calling who are moderate-income, or who run small businesses. A lot of people are experiencing difficulties paying energy bills right now.

How could we make energy more affordable?

We’re looking at it from a multi-pronged approach. There are existing assistance programs for low-income individuals that we want to strengthen by making them more efficient and easier to use, and to make sure that everyone is aware of them. The governor has some energy-affordability measures in her budget. One would expand the discount program to moderate-income customers. We’ve been doing a lot of debt-relief events — teaching people how to lower their usage and getting them in touch with resources that can help with energy efficiency. We’re having a lot of discussions with legislators and utilities about how to keep costs down. Right now, there’s federal funding available for utilities for things like transmission lines and resiliency.

We have a big energy transition happening. Will the challenges be the same or different?

A little bit of both. We’re active in those discussions. The state Assembly and the Senate have come out with their budgets. Each has energy affordability in there to some degree. We have these [renewable-energy] targets under the CLCPA [the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act] that we have to hit. We’re electrifying. Low-income ratepayers need to be a consideration in making sure they can make it through the transition. If that’s more attention, more resources, more assistance to help them electrify, that’s what we need to do.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

When was the last time you flew a kite?

“When I was 12 ... No! When my son was 12. He’s 32 now.”



Donna Summers, Garrison

“More than 30 years ago. I was a kid. The kite was red.”



John Spada, Garrison

“Three years ago, with my nephew in Central Park.”



Madison Malissa-Madison, Beacon

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NEW BRIEFS

Top Killers: Heart Disease, Cancer, COVID

Virus third-leading cause of death in 2020

COVID-19 rose to become the third-leading cause of death in Dutchess and Putnam counties in 2020, behind heart disease and cancer, according to mortality data from the state Department of Health.

In Dutchess, the virus killed 264 people that year, while heart disease was the cause of death for 765 people and cancer for 567. Putnam recorded 123 deaths from COVID, 214 for heart disease and 178 for cancer.

The coronavirus also became the third-leading cause of “premature” deaths (before age 75) in Putnam County (overtaking unintentional injuries) and the fourth-leading in Dutchess (ahead of chronic lower respiratory disease). Since the start of the pandemic, 744 residents of Dutchess and 149 in Putnam have died from COVID-19.

Statewide, New York recorded 36,377 deaths from COVID in 2020, making it the second-leading cause of death that year. The state also experienced declines in life



NEW CHIEF — Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou (right) congratulates Thomas Lucchesi (left) after he was sworn in on Monday (April 10) as the city's fire chief. The former chief, Gary Van Voorhis (center) retired last year but stayed on part-time until his successor was named.

Photo by Jeff Simms

expectancy for 2020 that ranged from 1.6 to 3.4 years among various age groups

Former Supervisor Joins Fjord Trail Inc.

Served for 20 years on Philipstown board

Richard Shea, the former Philipstown supervisor, has joined the board of

the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc., a subsidiary of Scenic Hudson.

The nonprofit announced the appointment on Monday (April 10), along with that of Usha Wright, a board member of Scenic Hudson who is president of SHAREAfrica, a nonprofit that assists people on that continent.

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc. is developing a 7.5-mile “linear park” that will connect Cold Spring and Beacon along the

PILOT *(from Page 1)*

Beacon, Dutchess County and the Howland Public Library. The payment would be based on the tax assessment of the parcel, which includes the former Craig House psychiatric hospital, but at a reduced rate.

The company has also asked for exemptions from sales tax on the purchase of equipment, materials and services related to the project and some mortgage-recording taxes.

The Beacon Planning Board in December approved Mirbeau's first phase of plans to restore the long-dormant site. The initial phase, which is estimated to cost \$54 million, will include construction of an 85-room inn, a spa with 20 treatment rooms and a banquet hall and restaurant.

If the PILOT is approved, construction is expected to begin in June, with the facility to open in 2025.

On Monday, Ed Kellogg, one of the company owners, touted the financial benefits he believes Mirbeau will bring to Beacon. Restoration of the property will require 240 construction workers, he said, and the inn and spa will create the equivalent of 80 to 140 full-time positions. Kellogg said that salaried employees, such as managers and members of the facility's

executive team, will earn up to \$115,000 annually, and hourly employees will make between \$35,000 and \$50,000 a year.

Even at a reduced rate, he said the property will generate significant tax revenue for the school district and city, which would receive the largest shares of the annual payment. The PILOT is structured so that Mirbeau would pay the property tax it was charged before construction — the city currently values the parcel at \$3 million — plus 50 percent of the difference between that base and the taxes on its post-construction assessed value in Year 1. It would then pay an incrementally increasing percentage of the difference each year, peaking at 95 percent in Year 15, before reverting to full tax payments.

The property owner now pays the city and schools about \$100,000 in total annual property taxes. Kellogg estimated in December that, under the agreement, Mirbeau would pay \$175,000 annually to the school district within three years.

In addition, after school board members argued that the district could lose substantial revenue by supporting the PILOT, the company agreed to contribute \$30,000 each year into a school-related community fund for the duration of the property tax abatement. The company has also agreed to allow a spur

of the publicly accessible Fishkill Creek Greenway and Heritage Trail to run through the property, along the east side of Fishkill Creek.

Jim Beretta, a Poughkeepsie resident, submitted written comments to the IDA opposing the PILOT.

The incentives requested by Mirbeau “are a transfer of tax burden to the rest of the taxpaying public,” he wrote, noting that Mirbeau charges more than \$400 per night at its Rhinebeck inn and spa, which did not receive financial assistance. “This is welfare for the wealthy,” he said.

Beretta was also skeptical of the public hearing, which he said appeared to be a formality before the project is “rubber-stamped” by the IDA.

His wife, Doreen Tignanelli, was the only other person to submit comments. She took exception with an IDA board member's statement during a meeting last month that the “citizens of Beacon do not understand this PILOT.”

Tignanelli wrote that “the board continually notes the amount of revenue from development of project sites but repeatedly fails to note that revenue would be even greater if the projects were to pay their taxes, in full, without a PILOT.”

The lone Beacon resident to speak during

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

Hudson River.

Shea served for 20 years on the Philipstown Town Board, including 12 years as supervisor. He did not seek re-election in 2021.

Indian Point *(from Page 1)*

go forward with the planned discharge in early May,” the letter stated.

The company said that its “voluntary pause” will give it an opportunity to “further engage with elected officials, the Decommissioning Oversight Board and state agencies, as well as allow for an opportunity for regulatory agencies to respond to questions raised by stakeholders and the public.

“Additionally, this will provide both federal and state regulatory agencies time to continue explaining the science and

regulations at future DOB meetings [and] will only serve to help this public process.”

Tom Congdon, the chair of the DOB, said that Holtec's decision to postpone the release is “an important step toward rebuilding trust in the community” and will give the company time to “engage with the elected officials in the region and to respond to their concerns, while staying true to the key public-interest principle of a safe, prompt, and thorough decommissioning of Indian Point.”

In a statement, state Sen. Pete Harcham, who is co-sponsoring legislation that would prohibit the knowing release of any radiological agents into New York state

waters, called the move “the right decision.”

“All the stakeholders deserve an opportunity to continue our dialogue with the company as it seeks a solution to the stored waste at the Indian Point Energy Center during its decommissioning,” he said.

Holtec had ignited a furor just nine days earlier, when it said on April 4 that it would begin releasing water from the Unit 2 reactor in May, months earlier than planned. Holtec said that the water would be sampled, monitored and filtered before it was released, although it will still contain boron and tritium.

The DOB's next public meeting is scheduled for April 27.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Seussical

Hi! I am Luna. I was in the Haldane Elementary production of *Seussical Kids* and I was a Who ensemble member and would like to thank you for putting us on the front page (April 7). It means a lot to everyone.

Luna Dill Stracci, Beacon

Hamilton Fish III

As a matter of clarification, the assertion by Alice Krakauer in her letter about Hamilton Fish III and the Desmond-Fish library (April 7) that "while speakers promoting the adoption of Nazism in the U.S. were banned, there were speakers who supported Nazism within Germany" is vague enough to give the impression that Nazis were essentially a German or foreign problem, when in point of fact, antisemitism flourished in the U.S. at that time, and well after.

Twenty thousand Bund party members rallied against "Jewish conspiracies" at the same venue (Madison Square Garden) on Feb. 20, 1939. The notion that antisemitism was a European problem was one of the reasons the U.S. failed to act. The sad takeaway is that antisemitism still flourishes today's America.

Derek Graham, Cold Spring

The editor responds: The comment attributed to Ms. Krakauer, concerning a German Day rally at Madison Square

Garden in 1938, is not her assertion. In her letter, she attributes the description of the rally to a New York Times article: "German Day Rally Splits With Nazis."

Fjord Trail

Through my years of public service in this community and others I've always tried to be reasonable and pragmatic. It's somewhat of a dying art. As it relates to the large Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail project, it may come in handy.

Many, like me, have recently dug into what this project is and how it's changed through the years as large private money entered the process. As a resident of Cold Spring, my main concern is an already overburdened small community and what will happen when large numbers of visitors arrive over and above the numbers we see now.

Local reactions vary, and at times can be extreme: "This will destroy our village as we know it!" (A touch dramatic, in my view.) Or: "Think of all the great things this will bring [to] our village!" (I'm still waiting on this, and eight bathrooms isn't exactly going to cut it for me.) I encourage the developers (New York state parks, Scenic Hudson, Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc. and wealthy supporters) to fund an independent traffic, parking, pedestrian and visitation study that includes

areas of vulnerability to the village.

The study should include participation from a newly authorized Village of Cold Spring Fjord Committee of three members (one from the Planning Board and two selected by the Board of Trustees) who work with the developer and represent the interests of the village. Anything short of this is an information dump, as we've seen throughout this project to date.

From a legal standpoint, most lawyers would probably agree, on and off the record, that a study paid for by the developer, and one the developer controls, will provide an outcome they want to see. Let's be part of the process and keep this fact-based and not one-sided. I would also request that an economic development study along these same lines be carried out. The Fjord Trail Master Plan notes that there will be economic development benefits. Frankly, I'd like to honestly see who benefits and how.

Let's get the facts on the table and then we can have a robust debate on this project — its benefits and its negatives. If the developers are truly afraid of what this will reveal, then that in and of itself sends a message that, unfortunately, we are becoming accustomed to hearing from various parties: "New York State can do what it wants." That level of arrogance took down Gov. Andrew Cuomo. Let's not go there, Gov. Hochul.

Joe Curto, Cold Spring



We have been trail maintainers for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference for the past 20 years. We live on East Mountain. Currently, we maintain the following blazed trails in Fahnstock State Park: Clove Creek, Wicoppee and Trout Brook. We also maintain two non-blazed trails: a section of the old Wicoppee and another just off Trout Brook.

As maintainers who take pride in our husbandry of our trails, we are taken aback at the whole idea of the so-called Fjord Trail. There have been major problems with way too many hikers at Breakneck on many weekends and during the summer. The conference's own statistics bear this out, with single-day attendance in 2013 at 700 and four years later at 2,100. There were three days of more than 1,000 visitors in 2014; three years later there were 27 days.

There are simple things that could be done, which I will describe a little later, but the idea of a private individual suggesting a way to get even more people to use this area as it is currently configured is beyond us. Why would the Trail Conference support this? Why isn't the Trail Conference encouraging and advertising many of the other local, wonderful trails, many of which have excellent views of the Hudson?

If you have ever been to Cape Cod and the National Seashore that President Kennedy
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helped start, you will realize that the entire outer-bank communities have dealt with crowds very successfully. There is limited parking in all areas, and, in the towns, one needs a permit. When the spaces are full, no other cars are allowed. No one parks alongside the road or on grass. It has been an accepted culture since the 1960s.

Breakneck should have designated parking, with signs that illegally parked cars will be towed. Working with the state, the speed limit on Route 9D must be lowered.

We want you to know that we and many others in the community feel we are being taken for a ride with the Fjord Trail. It is an example of misnaming for the purpose of getting folks to support something different from what they may get. In what way is it a fjord and not just a side of the Hudson River? It is not what most consider a trail, as it is a boardwalk. In addition, how can you call it scenic? It will have a chain-link fence on both sides for part of the trail.

We are also upset about the lack of local input from the very beginning of the private-initiated project. Since this is not part of the state parks department, what are the plans for ongoing maintenance and upkeep?

I hope folks take into consideration the criticisms that many in the Cold Spring area have said, and will be saying as meetings on the subject take place.

Terry Weber and Dinky Romilly, *Philipstown*

Congrats

Tears came to my eyes when I saw that award-winning photo by Leonard Sparks, topping last week’s completely unsurprising story about *The Current* being recognized once again as the best paper in the state (“The Current Repeats as Newspaper of Year,” April 7). All of *The Current*’s regular readers knew this already, and all of us are so lucky to have this marvelous publication provided free to our community.

Correction

Our 2023 Summer Camp Guide (April 7) overlooked one local camp: The Garrison Art Center will offer two weeks of Art a la Carte for students in grades two to eight beginning Aug. 2. See garrisonartcenter.org.

To all of us who can afford to support this essential publication with monthly donations: I sincerely hope that we are doing so. Congratulations to the editor and all *The Current* staff!

Jacqueline Foertsch, *Philipstown*

Beacon sidewalk

The \$184,000 is being awarded to Beacon as part of the county’s annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, and it is being allocated to the repair of the South Avenue sidewalk because, as indicated by the city administrator at the Oct. 24 City Council meeting, “South Davies called us and said: ‘Can you guys fix the ones on our side of the street?’” (“Beacon Awarded Funds for Sidewalk,” April 7).

This grant is intended to “develop viable, more resilient communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income people and communities.” Yet, Beacon consistently spends this money on uninspired infrastructure projects, while other municipalities build accessible playgrounds and public bathrooms, provide services for vulnerable adults and at-risk youth, and support low-income residents with direct financial assistance.

No one spoke at the Nov. 21 public hearing, which was intended to “provide residents, particularly low- and moderate-income residents, an opportunity to suggest projects for CDBG funds,” suggesting that the city failed to adequately inform and engage its citizenry.


Derek Enos, *Beacon*

🏠 Real Estate 🏠

Market Report (March)

	BEACON		PHILIPSTOWN	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
New Listings	12	5	14	9
Closed Sales	8	1	7	4
Days on Market	43	123	99	119
Median Price	\$504,000	\$320,000	\$935,000	\$837,000
% List Received	98.2	91.5	94.8	95.0
Inventory	18	16	25	15

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"The Fjord Trail will connect Beacon and Cold Spring in a way that celebrates and respects nature, restores wildlife habitats, and allows a connection to the shoreline that has been restricted."

- Melissa McGill, City of Beacon resident

We encourage you to learn more about the Fjord Trail:
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Wide Angle

Prison Blues

By Stowe Boyd

The number of inmates in New York prisons has plummeted 57 percent since its peak in 1999, according to a 2022 report by the New York State Prison Redevelopment Commission, and 20 prisons have been closed over the past two decades. “While some have been repurposed,” the report states, “many are languishing, providing no local jobs, and blighting their communities.”



The Downstate Correctional Facility just outside Beacon, which went dark in March 2022, is one of those shuttered 20 prisons. Although it's only been 13 months, what can be done to keep it from joining the ranks of “languishing,” as apparently has happened with the neighboring Beacon Correctional Facility?

This is not unique to New York state. Prisons have closed in at least 21 states since 2000. Some have found new lives: In Tennessee, the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary is a whiskey distillery; in Texas, the Dawson State Jail is being converted into a nonprofit office and community space; in Virginia, the Lorton Reformatory will become a housing and retail development.

In New York, the state has named Downstate as one of the first two prisons that will be opened for requests for proposals. However, from the start, there seems to be disagreement about what foundation has been laid so far.

The redevelopment commission asserts that its team “visited each closed prison in the portfolio, meeting with local leaders and community members to hear about on-the-ground conditions — how the closures have impacted them and what they would like to see moving forward.”

But Marc Molinaro, then the Dutchess County executive (and now in Congress), said last year: “There has been no coordi-

nation between the governor's office and Dutchess County on the closure of this large facility, nor a coordinated plan for the future use of the parcel and the hundreds of workers who will be affected.”

That seems like a bad start.

The Beacon Correctional Facility closed in 2013, and the lack of redevelopment there is a cautionary tale. Although approved by the state in 2019, a planned redevelopment with commercial, retail, recreation space and housing has stalled.

Downstate covers around 80 acres, with 50 acres within the former prison perimeter and 30 outside. There are more than 550,000 square feet in the many buildings, 342,000 of which were used for individual incarceration.

The site is at the top of a hill, reached by the two-lane Matteawan Road, which runs from Beacon to Fishkill. Beacon supplies water and sewage service, so clearly, any development that would increase the number of residents and/or visitors would require serious analysis of infrastructure and environmental impacts beyond what the prison had.

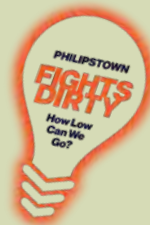
Any redevelopment should at least include housing, although as the immediate reaction to Gov. Kathy Hochul's push for increased, affordable units statewide has shown, there will always be local opposition to creating neighbors.

In Fishkill, the town supervisor, Ozzy Albra, said last year he would not support any development at the prison site that includes high-density housing. However, if push comes to shove, the question of the near future may be: If not there, where?

Housing might not fill the entire 120 combined acres of the two former prisons. Downstate is now sometimes used for TV and movie productions that require a prison setting. Perhaps the facility could be repurposed into a production facility, as was done with the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility on Staten Island.

And how does SUNY Matteawan sound?

Stowe Boyd, who lives in Beacon, specializes in the economics and ecology of work and the “anthropology of the future.” His column focuses on the local impacts of larger trends.



HEY, PHILIPSTOWN! 5 EARTH DAY ACTIONS

- 1** **Donate to the Philipstown Climate Fund and help a neighbor take climate action.**
visit ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstown-climate-fund
- 2** **Sign up to recycle your food scraps**
email foodscraprecycle@philipstown.com
- 3** **Attend a Climate Smart task force meeting**
email csphilipstown@gmail.com
- 4** **Pledge your annual household's climate action and be counted for our community.**
Visit philipstownfightsdirty.org

5 JOIN THESE EARTH DAY EVENTS!

Saturday, 4/16

Sunday, 4/17

1:30pm-3:00pm

Join a guided nature walk in the Nelsonville Woods. Meet at the Pearl St. entrance, parking lot at Secor and Pearl Sts.

2:00pm-3:00pm

Meet local business owner of Poor George and recycle old jeans, t-shirts and long tees into new pieces! @ Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library, 10 Morris Ave.

7:00pm-7:30pm

The Village of Nelsonville will host a presentation by Sustainable Putnam to learn about installation, financing and tax incentives of solar for your home. Village of Nelsonville Village Hall @ 258 Main St.

Saturday, 4/22

10am-1pm Philipstown Earth Day Fair + Cold Spring Farmers Market at Hudson Valley Shakespeare @ 2015 Route 9, including Climate Smart Philipstown and much more!

10am-1pm Little Stony Point Earth Day + Clean up @ 3011 Route 9D. Food, music + guest speakers.

10am-3pm Extending the pollinator garden at Philipstown Town Hall @ 238 Main St. Volunteers needed!

11am-6pm 2nd Annual Main Street in Bloom @ Main Street in Cold Spring. Event table at Village Hall @ 85 Main St.

1pm-7pm Earth Day Pop-Up Thrift Sale at St. Mary's Church @ 1 Chestnut St.

6pm-9pm Highlands Lights: Ad Astra at Hudson Valley Shakespeare @ 2015 Route 9; 6pm hike w/ HHLT + 7:30pm lantern procession begins.

Saturday, 4/29

2pm-3pm Community Plant Swap at Julia L. Butterfield Library @ 10 Morris Ave.



Learn more about how Philipstown can become carbon neutral at philipstownfightsdirty.org





Baby & Dog



This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Stephen and Patricia Milkovich of Glenham shared this photo of their granddaughter, Charlotte, with Petey. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.org.

Villages, Town Hosting Fjord Trail Forum

Residents can determine priority questions

By Michael Turton

Local residents clamoring for a chance to question officials about the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, a 7.5-mile “linear park” between Cold Spring and Beacon, will have their chance next month.

Cold Spring Mayor Kathleen Foley said during the Village Board meeting on Wednesday (April 12) that a public forum on the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, which broke ground last month, will be held at 7 p.m. on May 8 p.m. at the Haldane school auditorium.

The session is being hosted by Cold Spring, the Village of Nelsonville and Town of Philipstown. New York state parks, lead agency for the trail’s development, and Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc. (HHFT), the Scenic Hudson subsidiary developing the trail, will have representatives on hand to answer questions.

“We wanted the meeting to be driven by priority questions as defined by community members,” rather than having elected officials determine all the questions, Foley said.

Residents can submit questions through the three municipalities’ websites, or in-person at their offices, through Wednesday (April 19), and then rank those questions online from April 21 to April 28.

Questions rated high-priority will be sent

to HHFT and state parks, who will respond during the meeting. The public and elected officials will have time to ask follow-up questions and make comments.

Details are available at the websites for Cold Spring (coldspringny.gov), Nelsonville (nelsonvillenyny.gov) and Philipstown (philipstown.com).

Zoning Changes

The board scheduled a public hearing on proposed changes to the village’s Zoning Code (Chapter 134) for April 26 at 7 p.m.

Rock Street resident Michael Reisman expressed concern that in recent months the village had conducted the zoning amendment process “with minimal transparency.” He also said the board “wants to rush this process” by allowing only two weeks for public comment on amendments that he described as possibly the most significant changes to village zoning law in 60 years.

Foley said that amending the code has gone on for nine years and “is not a new topic.”

The ad hoc committee appointed to update the code “has been working diligently since last summer and heavily since January, three to five meetings a week,” to get the draft done by the upcoming June deadline, said Foley.

The mayor added that although the open meetings law does not require advisory ad hoc committees to post minutes or agendas, the village clerk can provide minutes for review.

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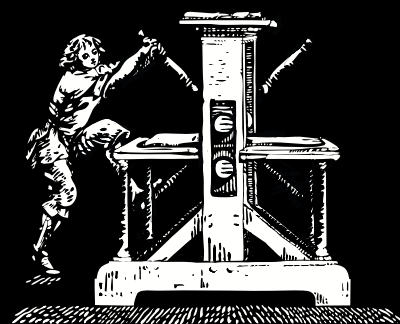
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Route 9 *(from Page 1)*

in Fishkill and on the south, in Philipstown.

Nearby, two plaques commemorating a Revolutionary War battery are maintained by Bushek and other members of the Fishkill Ridge Caretakers. Clove Creek is close and nearby.

But as residents turn onto Carol Lane from Route 9, they pass a field where Companion Pet Hospital wants to build a dog-training facility and emergency dispatch center.

Just north on Route 9, next to the Cranesville Block Co.'s operation, a company called 52 Route 9 LLC is grading land for two office and four warehouse buildings totaling more than 31,000 square feet.

"It's really coming to a head," said Bushek, who remembers vegetable fields and forests when his family, in 1948, bought a cottage on Carol Lane as a summer refuge.

He is referring to a flurry of development activity along Route 9 that is alarming residents on both sides of the county boundary separating Philipstown from Fishkill, and Putnam from Dutchess.

Any harmony between them and the companies operating along the heavily indus-

trial state route is being tested as Century expands its business and processes fill from a major construction project in Tarrytown.

Residents have complained about dust and traffic from Century's property and paint fumes from the Maaco auto repair shop. They worry about light pollution from the warehouse project and potential noise from Companion's proposal.

"It started with allowing Cranesville to set up shop where they did — it is a very, very dirty affair, a lot of dust coming out of there," said Bushek. "And then the warehouses, they got lights going all night long."

Century Aggregates has been trucking gravel, rock and sand from a site in Tarrytown where Regeneron, a biotech company, broke ground in June on a \$1.8 billion, 724,000-square-foot research and manufacturing facility, said Ozzy Albra, Fishkill's supervisor. On March 24, Albra responded to a litany of complaints by emailing an update to residents about the projects.

Six months earlier, the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) found no negative environmental impacts from Century's application to expand its mining operation by 12 acres, to excavate an estimated 750,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel over five years,

and build a new entrance. Century has also said that it will eventually begin using water from an on-site pond instead of Clove Creek.

Regeneron's debris, which Century will be receiving until June and resell for construction use after it is processed, has passed testing by the DEC, said Albra.

The company's new entrance and exit, which is south of the gravel road used by trucks and closer to the Philipstown line, will be paved to cut down on dust and will be safer because it is being moved away from a curve, he said. When the new entrance opens in about a year, a landscaped berm will be built at the old entrance to shield the mine from passersby, said Albra.

"I do care about my neighbors in other municipalities," he said. "Everything is being done to code and there are no zoning variances being given for any of this stuff."

Area residents are also worried about Companion Pet Hospital's expansion plans. In May 2022, Companion submitted an application to the Fishkill Planning Board seeking approval for a two-phase project: construction of a 4,400-square-foot dog-training facility, followed by a 3,384-square-foot emergency dispatch center and a potential 2,200-square-foot expansion of its hospital.

Companion has been in business for 40 years but the growth for its services, spurred by a surge in pet ownership during the pandemic, strained the hospital's current space, said Jeremy Frederick, who owns the practice with his wife.

With the training facility, Companion will treat aggression, anxiety, fear and other behavioral problems, and provide guidance and support to owners, he said.

"Behavioral issues in dogs can be a major source of stress and frustration for both dogs and their guardians, often leading to negative consequences for their overall health and well-being," said Frederick. "Sadly, it is also the leading cause of pet relinquishment to animal shelters, and subsequent euthanasia."

The property is located at the southeast corner of Route 9 and Carol Lane on a 6-acre lot that is partially in Philipstown. Companion is proposing to build on the 2.2 acres that are in Fishkill.

Bushek said he is not opposed to the hospital expanding but believes that the addition of a dog-training facility and 24-hour dispatch center will negatively impact the neighborhood.

"This doesn't belong in a residential neighborhood," he said.

Body Cameras *(from Page 1)*

interacting with "emotionally disturbed and distraught persons"; arrests and searches of individuals or property; handling incidents involving guns or other weapons; and dealing with dangerous or unpredictable situations.

Under the policy, officers can sometimes turn off BWCs, as when talking to presumed victims of sex crimes. Furthermore, the policy underscores that it is unnecessary to record common interactions with the public, such as conversations to provide directions or field queries, "unless and until a situation escalates."

Likewise, the policy forbids recording Sheriff's Department meetings, training, and "general conversations"; incidents involving a nude person, unless law-enforcement demands outweigh the need for privacy; strip searches; inside law-enforcement or court buildings; in hospitals and mental health centers, except during calls involving criminal or disruptive conduct; and in cases of a potential explosive device.

The policy also specifies that the department keep recordings for at least 18 months and bans the release or copying of footage for non-law enforcement purposes.

However, the document remained unavailable on the department's website as of Thursday (April 13). The omission online indicates "business as usual in Putnam," Legislator Nancy Montgomery said that day. The nine-member county Legislature's sole Democrat, she represents Philipstown and part of Putnam Valley.

Montgomery in early March had urged the county to make the policy publicly accessible. Now, she added, the document's non-posting demonstrates "a blatant disregard for the written policies and legal documents that the people of this county employed the sheriff and the Legislature to establish" and to publicize online, as detailed in a review of the department's policies submitted to the state in 2021.

Putnam began equipping Sheriff's Department deputies with BWCs last September. On March 7, the Legislature approved a

\$40,000 state grant that allows the department to expand their use to jail personnel and "special patrol officers" with assignments such as providing security at county offices.

Nonetheless, Putnam's policy remained hidden for another month. On March 21, members of the Legislature's Protective Services Committee discussed the policy behind closed doors, at the request of Sheriff Kevin McConville, who considered it "confidential."

Legislator Ginny Nacerino of Patterson, who chairs the committee, attributed the secrecy to "the potential of detail of law enforcement that may have to be discussed—and officer safety."

In embracing body cameras, Putnam aligns with other Hudson Valley departments and the New York State Police. The Beacon Police Department began using BWCs five years ago and released its policy shortly afterward, following a Freedom of Information Law request from *The Current*.

Dutchess County on March 18 equipped its Sheriff's Office with BWCs, stating in a

news release that deputies should use them when they "respond to incidents or take official action, including, but not limited to, using force and making arrests."

In 2019, the Westchester County Police Department adopted a BWC policy, posting it online. Similar to Putnam, Westchester instructs officers to activate body-cams "whenever they are engaged in emergency operations, enforcement or investigatory activity."

The NYSP equipped troopers with body cameras in April 2021. Provided online, the state police policy requires troopers to turn on BWCs immediately before exiting a patrol car to engage a person or situation, and in all uses of force, arrests and every interaction with someone suspected of a crime. Troopers must also activate the cameras when searching an individual or property; during encounters with a mentally disturbed people; and whenever officers sense imminent danger.

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AROUND TOWN



◀ **SCORE!** — St. Philip’s Episcopal Church in Garrison hosted an egg hunt following its Easter service on Sunday (April 9). Once the adult gatekeepers stepped aside, it was a mad dash. *Photo by Ross Corsair*



▲ **CAUGHT WITH THE CURRENT** — Four women from Staten Island took a break to catch up with the local news on Monday (April 10) while visiting Cold Spring. *Photo by Michael Turton*

◀ **GIVING BLOOD** — The Knights of Columbus, Council 445, hosted a blood drive on Monday (April 10) at St. John the Evangelist in Beacon. *Photos by Ross Corsair*



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Start your day with the bountiful Cold Spring Farmers' Market, embark on guided hikes, spark your creativity with lantern-making workshops, and join in meaningful discussions with Climate Smart Philipstown and the Ecological Citizen's Project. End the day with a spectacular highlight - the second annual Highland Lights performance.

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Jonah Espinosa (center), who portrays Enjolras, leads the cast to revolution during a rehearsal.

The Calendar

BEACON PLAYERS TO PERFORM *LES MIZ*

Many an actor or crew member has been in a production, somewhere, of *Les Misérables* since its opening night in London in 1985.

On April 21 to 23, after months of preparation, the actors and crew in the Beacon Players will add their names to that long list with their production at Beacon High School. *Les Miz* is still performed in the West End and has had multiple revivals since its Broadway run from 1987 to 2003.

Adapted from Victor Hugo's 1862 novel, the musical is set in France in the early 19th century. The sprawling storyline includes detours into poverty, injustice, perseverance, mercy, revolution, retribution, greed, kindness and forgiveness, all conveyed through stirring, character-driven songs such as "I Dreamed a Dream," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More," "On My Own" and "Stars," among others in which the first few measures will elicit a response of, "Oh, that one."

Rehearsals began with a conversation about the historical setting of the musical but quickly moved on, says Anthony Scarrone, the director of Beacon Players. "Once we got over the fact that the show actually has nothing to do with the French Revolution, we focused on the emotions and experiences that each character might have experienced were they living during that time," he says.

"As they sing in the show, 'The world is changing day to day and what was wrong seems right and what was right seems wrong,' so be it with our world," he adds. "Our students

Classic musical highlights fight for freedom

By Alison Rooney

are realizing that they are not that much different from the students in the show. The dynamics might have changed but the zeal and the passion still remain within them."

Scarrone says keeping the material fresh and innovative has been his biggest challenge. As always, he takes inspiration from the new-to-it students. "Our students are allowing themselves to grow as actors and singers," he says. "Our set crew has taken on the huge responsibility. I'm creating a

massive set, including a turntable, gorgeous lighting and absolutely beautiful costumes. It's truly a production they can be proud of, and I am extremely proud of them."

He adds: "We are fortunate to have the ability to work closely with Production Resource Group [a global production company with offices in New York City and New Windsor], who mentor our students in the technical aspects."

The vocal responsibilities fall to Susan

Wright, who has collaborated with Scarrone on many productions. Wright assembled a choir while Samantha Ryan will conduct an orchestra with student and adult musicians — a first for the Beacon Players.

Anabelle Arginsky, a sophomore, is playing multiple roles — beggar, waltzer, barricade girl, mourner and "lovely lady." She says she related easily to the story. "For many students, in a more self-focused generation, it may be hard to put ourselves into the shoes of Fantine, devoting our entire life to someone else, or Enjolras, giving up our life for a higher cause," she says. "But the message of connection and empathy in *Les Miz* is more important than ever."

Shepard Rodgers, a senior who will appear in his 12th and final Beacon Players show, will portray the police inspector Javert, who pursues protagonist Jean Valjean.

"Much like the Parisian students fought for freedom from an oppressive class system, many students today have dedicated themselves to fight for change," he observes. "This passion allows us to better understand why Enjolras cries, 'Let us die facing our foes!' or how Valjean is able to find redemption."

Beacon High School is located at 101 Matteawan Road. *Les Misérables* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Friday (April 21) and Saturday (April 22) and 2 p.m. on Sunday (April 23). Tickets are \$12 or \$5 for students and seniors at beaconplayers.com and at the door.



Evelyn Moreno (center as Madame Thenardier) rehearses with Samiha Gold, Anabelle Arginsky, McKenna Griffin, Molly Lyons and Jamie Bernstein while singing "Master of the House."

Photos by Una Hoppe

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 15 Highland Lights

GARRISON
Noon – 6 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org

HVSF and Processional Arts Workshop will lead sessions to make lanterns for an evening procession on Earth Day. Also SUN 16.

SAT 15 Art Yard Sale

BEACON
1 – 4 p.m. Compass Arts
333 Fishkill Ave. | compassarts.org
Find new and lightly used art supplies; proceeds will support art-activity tables at community events.

MON 17 Home Solar

NELSONVILLE
7 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St.
845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov
Find out the benefits and costs of installing solar panels.

SAT 22 Card and Comics Show

BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. VFW Post | 413 Main St.
facebook.com/beacontoyandcomicshow
More than 20 vendors will be selling sports and non-sports cards, wax packs, slabs, junk, Pokémon, comic books, omnis, trades, sets and die-casts. *Cost: \$3 (children and teens age 16 and younger free)*

SUN 23 Handmade & Vintage Market

BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. VFW Post | 413 Main St.
facebook.com/beacontoyandcomicshow
Dozens of dealers will be selling clothing, horror goodies, retro video games, dead formats, jewelry, records and toys. Presented by Beacon Curated. *Cost: \$3 (children and teens age 16 and younger free)*

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 15 Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

BEACON
11 a.m. – 3 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*.

TUES 18 Confront Climate Change in a Perfect Moral Storm

GARRISON
3 p.m. Via Zoom | thehastingscenter.org

In this event, cosponsored by The Hastings Center and the University of Cincinnati Center for Public Engagement with Science, philosophers from Penn State, the University of Washington and the New School for Social Research will discuss whether ethicists have been asleep at the wheel in protecting planetary health. Register online. *Free*

TUES 18 Jews Don't Count

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

In this Community Read program, anyone 16 years or older can join a discussion of this history of antisemitism by British author David Baddiel.



WED 19 Cemetery Walking Tour

NELSONVILLE
11 a.m. Cold Spring Cemetery
15-61 Peekskill Road | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

In this program, organized by Putnam County libraries, Amy Campanaro will share the history of the cemetery and notable people buried there. Register online.

WED 19 Helene Stapinski

NEWBURGH
7 p.m. Mama Roux
96 Broadway | splitrockbks.com
Stapinski will discuss her book, *The American Way, A True Story of Nazi Escape, Superman and Marilyn Monroe*, co-written with Bonnie Siegler, whose grandfather, Jules Schulback, captured the iconic footage of Marilyn Monroe's windblown white dress flying up around her, among other scenes.

THURS 20 New York Cider

BEACON
7 p.m. Sloop Club | 2 Red Flynn Drive
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org
Learn about New York's history of apple growing and the development of a cider industry that now has more than 125 makers. Scott Ramsey, director of the New York Cider Association, and Elizabeth

Ryan (below), the producer of Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider, will lead the presentation.



FRI 21 History Hike

COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
putnamhistorymuseum.org
This guided hike will focus on the 1960s environmental movement. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*

SUN 23 Crafting Freedom

GARRISON
2 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | Boscobel.org
Historian Allison Robinson will discuss Thomas Commeraw, a free Black potter who lived in the 18th century and whose work is on display at the New-York Historical Society. *Cost: \$24 (\$21 seniors, discount for members)*

SUN 23 A Jewish Family's Century in Shanghai

GARRISON
6 p.m. Via Zoom | 845-265-3040
desmondfishlibrary.org/jewsofchina

Ester Benjamin Shifren, the author of *Hiding in a Cave of Trunks*, will discuss her family's and her own experiences in China and their internment during the Japanese occupation of Shanghai and forced relocation to Hong Kong and then Israel. This program for Holocaust Remembrance Day is sponsored by the Desmond-Fish, Butterfield and Howland libraries and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue. Register online.



VISUAL ARTS

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 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.

SAT 22 Three of a Kind

NEWBURGH
1 – 5 p.m. Holland Tunnel
46 Chambers St. | 347-743-4655
hollandtunnelgallery.com
The gallery will present works by Gemma Kahng, Julie Lindell and Jacques Roch. Through June 4.

SAT 22 Beacon High School Show

BEACON
2 – 4 p.m. Lofts at Beacon
18 Front St. | loftsatbeacon.com
In this annual exhibit, student artists will share their work.

SAT 22 Provenance

NEWBURGH
4 – 7 p.m. Visitor Center
233 Liberty St. | visitorcenter.space
This group show, which continues through June 3, includes pieces by Mia Wright-Ross, Soull Ogun, Patricia Orpilla, Sagarika Sundraram and Sophia De Jesus-Sabella.

SUN 23 Open Studio Day

BEACON
Noon – 6 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com
The 2023 artists-in-residence Azuki Furuya (Japan) and Adelisa Selimbasic (Bosnia/Italy) will share and discuss the work they are creating in Beacon.

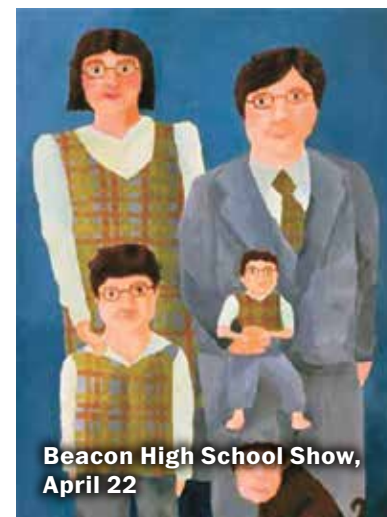
SUN 23 Tony Moore

GARRISON
2 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
The artist will discuss his exhibit, *Eternal Becoming*, which includes ceramic sculptures and "fire paintings."

MUSIC

SAT 15 Concert Fundraiser

COLD SPRING
6 – 10 p.m. St. Mary's
bit.ly/appppp-fundraiser
This fundraiser for the newly created Animals Planet and People



Beacon High School Show, April 22

Protection Forum will include live music from Ed from Space, Strawberry Blonde and DJ Wolfy, food and drinks and a silent auction. *Cost: \$10 or \$20 (ages 12 and younger free)*

SAT 15 Angelica Sanchez

BEACON
8 p.m. St. Andrew's
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*

FRI 21 Jim Messina

PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The musician and producer has worked with and been part of bands such as Buffalo Springfield, Kenny Loggins and Poco, as well as having a decades-long solo career. He will play songs from his latest release, *In The Groove*. *Cost: \$30 to \$47*

SAT 22
Stillhouse Junkies

COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The trio’s musical styles include bluegrass, roots, blues, funk and swing. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 22
Sal ‘The Voice’ Valentinetti

PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The winner in 2016 of *America’s Got Talent* will perform. Vanessa Racci opens. *Cost: \$35 to \$79*



NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 15
Foraging Walk

WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane
commongroundfarm.org
Farm manager Katie Speicher will identify wild edible plants in this program cohosted with Beacon Climate Action Now. Registration required.

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/nelsonvillen
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*

THURS 20
Seining on the Hudson

BEACON
9 a.m. Water Ecology Center
199 Dennings Ave. | clarkson.edu
Clarkson University staff and volunteers will practice seining, an Indigenous tradition of fishing, to contribute data to the Hudson

FRI 21
Garden Clean-Up & Upcycled Art Supplies Sale

GARRISON
Noon – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org
Help with gardening and pick up new-to-you art supplies.

SAT 22
Bottle Drive

BEACON
9 a.m. – Noon.
South Avenue Elementary
60 South Ave. | beaconk12.org
Drop off deposit bottles and cans to support fifth-grade activities.

SAT 22
Community Clean-Up

BEACON
9 a.m. – Noon. Various
tinyurl.com/Beacon-Earth-Day-Clean-Up
Bring work gloves and wear boots and long pants and sleeves. Garbage bags and buckets will be provided.

SAT 22
Earth Day Fair

GARRISON
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | csfarmmarket.org
Shop from vendors at the Cold Spring Farmer’s Market; make lanterns for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival procession; get cooking tips from Mark Bittman and Peter Hoffman; learn from the Climate Smart Task Force and Ecological Citizen’s Project how to lower carbon emissions; and get broken items fixed at a Repair Cafe.

SAT 22
Haldane Earth Day

COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
facebook.com/littlestonypoint
An Indigenous speaker, Heather Bruegl, will talk about the “land-back” movement and stewardship in this event organized by the equity, diversity and inclusion

River almanac and the Department of Environmental Conservation. To register, email tshender@clarkson.edu.

THURS 20
Reading the Forested Landscape

MILLBROOK
7 p.m. Via Zoom | bit.ly/cary-forest
Ecologist Tom Wessels will explain how observations and questions can reveal the dynamics and history of a forest. Hosted by the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Register online.

KIDS & FAMILY

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



committee of the Haldane PTA and the Little Stony Point Citizens Association. There will also be a land acknowledgement, park cleanup, music and snacks.

SAT 22
Pollinator Garden Planting

COLD SPRING
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Town Hall
238 Main St. | philipstown.com/april-22-earth-day-event
Help expand the landscaped area and plant a tree. There will be talks throughout the day about the Pollinator Pathway program, how to plant a “useful” garden and the reintroduction of the American chestnut tree. To volunteer, email csphilipstown@gmail.com.

SAT 22
Cold Spring in Bloom

COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Main Street
coldspringnychamber.com
The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce and the Putnam History Museum will host historical trivia and retailers will have events, sales and festivities at this second annual event. More than 40 tapestries depicting decades of climate change will be on display in store windows as part of the Tempesty Project organized by Endless Skein. Maps will be available at Village Hall, as well as raffle tickets.

SAT 22
Pop-Up Thrift Sale

COLD SPRING
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. St. Mary’s
1 Chestnut St.
Find clothing for ages 7 years

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.

THURS 20
Face Plants

BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
howlandculturalcenter.org
Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will make planters decorated with faces and receive soil and seeds to grow “hair” at

to adult, as well as a mending station. The sale, sponsored by the Philipstown Loop, St. Mary’s and Philipstown Fights Dirty, will benefit St. Mary’s and the Philipstown Food Pantry. To volunteer, email darsnowden88@gmail.com.

SAT 22
Sustainability Fair

BEACON
Noon – 4 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St.
Following the citywide clean-up, volunteers will receive a free drink ticket (age 21 and older) and a discount on Groundlings pizza. Learn about electrification, composting, trail development and Pollinator Pathways at a sustainability fair. Hosted by the Conservation Advisory Committee.

SAT 22
Earth Day With Clearwater

POUGHKEEPSIE
2 p.m. Waryas Park
facebook.com/sloopclearwater
Learn about Hudson River fish and take tours of the sloop Clearwater.

SAT 22
Family Night Hike

GARRISON
6 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org/production/highland-lights
The Hudson Highlands Land Trust will lead this family-friendly hike before the Highland Lights procession.

SAT 22
Highland Lights Processional

GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org/production/highland-lights
Ad Astra (“to the stars”) is the theme of this year’s procession, which will be lit by lanterns created by community members.

home. Registration required.

SAT 22
Studio on the Farm

WAPPINGERS FALLS
10:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | diaart.org
This children’s program, sponsored by Dia:Beacon, will be led by a working artist. Registration required.

STAGE & SCREEN

WED 19
Poetry Reading

BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
To celebrate National Poetry Month, Sean Singer, Amy Holman, Mike Jurkovic, Janlori Goldman, Kristen Holt-Browning, and Natania Rosenfeld will share their work. *Cost: \$10*

FRI 21
Les Misérables

BEACON
7:30 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
beaconplayers.com
The Beacon Players will perform the well-known musical, which is set in 19th-century France and follows a prisoner’s journey to redemption. See Page 11. Also SAT 22, SUN 23. *Cost: \$12 (\$5 students, seniors)*



SAT 22
Fat Talk

GARRISON
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Virginia Sole-Smith, a Philipstown journalist who writes about how to dismantle “fatphobia,” will discuss her latest book about parenting in a diet culture.

SAT 22
Lessons From Strangers

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
John John Brown will bring art, photos and music together to tell the stories of 14 unique characters. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SUN 23
Spring Dance Fest

PEEKSKILL
5 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Local dance studios and artists will present a multicultural performance. *Cost: \$15*

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MON 17
City Council

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

MON 17
School Board

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

MON 17
Village Board

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

WED 19
Village Board

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

Giving Kids an Art Start

Creativity project partners with preschool program

By Alison Rooney

After spending a few years establishing themselves in the community, and building their scholarship funds, Gina Samardge and her colleagues at the Compass Arts Creativity Project in Beacon wanted to expand their programs for children.

In October, the nonprofit began providing free art and music classes to Astor Head Start, a federally funded program in Beacon that offers early childhood education, health, nutrition and social services to low-income families and students with disabilities.

"We're trying to diversify more," Samardge explains. "A big piece of that is building relationships: connecting with the Beacon Farmers Market, hosting tables at festivals and working with the Beacon School Foundation to go into the public schools."

Samardge and her colleague Romina Robinson had connected with Astor in 2019 but the plans were scuttled with the pandemic. By the time bringing the outside



Gina Samardge leads a music and movement class at Astor Head Start in Beacon.



Students at Astor participate in a class taught by teaching artist Romina Robinson. Photos by Flynn Larsen

world in was possible again, Compass had received funding from the Genesis Inspiration Foundation, a nonprofit devoted to providing arts programs for children in underserved communities.

That allowed Compass to approach Jazmin Raby, the director of Astor Head Start, with a winning proposal: "We can provide this for a year and you don't have to do anything."

"We set up a meeting with the Head Start teachers, spoke about what we were hoping to do, discussing the finer points of how much time we'd need in each room, whether we would have a classroom space, details like that," Samardge recalls. "We wound up thinking it through together."

The program provides arts instruction to about 80 children between the ages of 2 and 5,

including some who have disabilities. Astor Head Start offers music and art, but its budget does not usually allow for teaching artists.

"We believe in the power of process-based art-making and feel that everyone should be able to access it," Samardge says. "This age is such a rich developmental stage, and being able to provide these resources is so incredibly important."

Raby admits to initially being concerned that the Compass instructors wouldn't be able to hold the children's attention, "because, you know, they're 3. But they are engaged, even our toddlers, even our special-needs friends, which I love to see because that attention can be hard to get from them. They absolutely enjoy it."

Robinson describes the Head Start program as an amazing year. "As a teaching artist, I've been in places where there is resentment from staff. Because we had a conversation with teachers — this is a collaboration, you have agency here — they were a lot more on board. There was a little reticence in a couple of classes in the beginning, but that changed quickly and relationship-building helped."

Samardge studied music education in college and was later exposed to Orff Schulwerk, a developmental approach that combines music, movement, drama and speech into lessons that are similar to a child's world of play.

After moving from Ohio to New York City, Samardge became a member of the Brooklyn Conservatory and did sing-alongs at a coffee shop and, inspired by Pete Seeger, music classes for toddlers. Later, she moved to Beacon and began teaching at



Using mirrors, Astor students draw self-portraits during a class led by Compass Arts.

The Randolph School in Wappingers Falls. Compass emerged out of music classes she taught and now includes teachers who specialize in visual arts, writing and theater.

Samardge says she remains fascinated by "how various art forms can influence one another, such as combining a drawing class and a dance class, where the artists dance and the dancers draw. I'm interested in what emerges."

Along with holding classes at Beacon Music Factory and the First Presbyterian Church, last fall Compass started a dance program for seniors. "We meet people where they are, seeing how people, once they take a class, feel the magic," she says. "As we look to grow, in terms of our mission of helping build just and equitable communities through the arts, we have to shift how we look so we're not just working with people who aren't comfortable reaching out to us."

Compass would like to bring its efforts to other Head Start programs. It is hosting a free workshop to help Beacon middle school students make films for their peers and Samardge hopes to work with the carceral system, including juvenile detention centers. "That's further on," she says. For now, Compass is looking at adding intergenerational programs, some in cooperation with Common Ground Farm.

Samardge takes none of this for granted. She says she feels "so fortunate in carving out this little career and having it be so community-based."

Compass Arts will host a community festival with theater, improv, dance, an art exhibit and the Beacon Rising Choir on May 6 and 7 at The Yard, 4 Hanna Lane, in Beacon. See compassarts.org for details.

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Marianne Sutton spoke French with her French mother and English with her American father.



Jacqueline Azria, Paulette's proprietor, communicates with hand gestures



Deux femmes converse at French Thursday at Paulette's.

Photos by A. Rooney

Parles-tu Français? Of Course!

Cold Spring cafe launches French happy hour

By Alison Rooney

Does your high school French need a refresher? Did you grow up in France or in a French-speaking country? Or are you simply a Francophile?

French speakers of all varieties and abilities are cordially invited to French Thursdays at Paulette's, a boutique and cafe at 114 Main St. in Cold Spring.

Jacqueline Azria, its French proprietor, debuted the happy hour, which takes place

from 4 to 6 p.m., on April 6. It will continue weekly through October.

The two hours are designed for anyone "who wants to refresh, learn and be around the language," she said, or who might "enjoy a little Paris time zone."

At the initial session, there was a larger crowd than expected, especially on a rainy day before a holiday weekend. Visitors sampled *assiettes de saucisson* and *cornichon* (charcuterie and pickled cucumbers), while sipping French wines, beer and coffee, which are a staple at Paulette's, which is named for Azria's mother.

Those in attendance included a mix

of French-born and French-fluent. For instance, Marianne Sutton, co-proprietor of the West Point Foundry Bed and Breakfast, grew up speaking "the mother tongue" with her French mother. Cati, a native speaker from Cornwall, journeyed across the Hudson for a chance to parler et écouter. And Marguerite (Maggie) was prepping for a trip to Paris.

A wide range of fluency could be heard. Although most conversations began in French and were encouraged along by Azria, there was no language-shaming toward those whose subjunctive had long since gone astray, or whose Spanish somehow emerged, confusing both the speaker and the spoken to.

Azria said she learned English at age

10 "at the lycée, where they asked you to choose a language. I was obsessed with the U.S. and so chose English. But, when I moved to the U.S. years later, I realized that school English is not spoken English."

French Thursdays "came about because people have been asking me, so many times, 'Can we come and hang out and speak French?'" Azria said. "Since I have a wine bar, I thought, 'Let me do a happy hour.'"

"People get so self-conscious speaking French, so let's make it a fun, relaxed thing," she added. "French is perceived as pretentious, so people have a little anxiety about speaking French to a French person. Here, we want you to relax and make mistakes! You learn a few things and it's an enjoyable thing to do."

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:

**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

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Dr. Harold B. Ginsberg (1930-2023)

Harold B. Ginsberg, 92, lifelong resident of Beacon, passed away on Saturday at home, surrounded by family.

Dr. Ginsberg was born in Beacon on December 26, 1930, to Benjamin and Sarah (Levenberg) Ginsberg. He was predeceased by Phyllis, his beloved wife of 64 years, who passed away on January 28, 2017.

Dr. Ginsberg was raised by his maternal grandmother in Bayonne, New Jersey, after his mother died of polio when he was six months old. His father continued to reside in Beacon, where Dr. Ginsberg would visit on weekends and vacations. In 1934, his grandfather, Max Ginsberg, opened the Beacon Theater on Main Street, and as a young boy, Dr. Ginsberg spent many hours in the projection booth watching movies of the time, which initiated a lifelong enthusiasm for Hollywood films that he later shared with his children and grandchildren.

Dr. Ginsberg's family members were among the founders of the Beacon Hebrew Alliance, where Dr. Ginsberg became a Bar Mitzvah and as an adult served as president of the synagogue.

After graduating from Rutgers University in 1952, he married the love of his life, Phyllis (Goldberg). He was a 1956 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force in Ardmore, Oklahoma, from 1956 to 1958, receiving an honorable discharge. He and Phyllis then returned to Beacon to raise their family, and he practiced dentistry there and in Fishkill for more than 50 years. Dr. Ginsberg resided until his death in the house that he and Phyllis built in Beacon in 1961. He always considered Beacon to be his home.

Dr. Ginsberg loved taking a drive, playing golf, smoking his pipe, and going to Lank's and the I-84 Diner, where he would meet friends, patients, and colleagues. Dr. Ginsberg lived his life with integrity and grace. His words were always kind, and his outlook always positive. Dr. Ginsberg was respected and admired by all who knew him; the world has lost a fine gentleman.

Dr. Ginsberg will be forever missed by his children, Stuart (Mimi) of Flint Hill, Virginia, Ellen (George Schutzer) of McLean, Virginia, and Shelley Leibowitz of Stamford, Connecticut; his seven grandchildren: Allison, Sarah, Adam, Benjamin, Abigail, Harrison, and Kendall; and three great-grandchildren. Dr. Ginsberg lovingly welcomed his grandchildren's spouses and life partners into his family.

Funeral services were held at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance, 331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon, NY on Thursday, April 13, with burial following at Mt. Judah Cemetery, Ridgewood, New York. The family invites friends, neighbors, and colleagues to the Ginsberg home in Beacon on Friday, April 14, beginning at 5 p.m., and on Saturday, April 15, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Donations in honor of Dr. Ginsberg may be made to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (www.mskcc.org).

Arrangements were entrusted to the Libby Funeral Home, 55 Teller Ave., Beacon, NY. To offer a message of condolence, donation or share a memory, please visit: www.Libby-FuneralHome.com.

PAID NOTICE

LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (April 1873)

Gouverneur Kemble, 86, a former two-term congressman and co-founder of the West Point Foundry, suffered a stroke that affected the left side of his body but within a week was able to sit up and converse with friends.

At Town Hall, G. Swaine Buckley and Sam Sharpley performed the burlesque opera *La Somnambula*, "as played by them, during the entire season, at the St. James Theater, New York." It was followed by a comic sketch, "Fresh from the Farm."

Officer Morrison began to crack down on rabble-rousers during Town Hall performances, allowing no one past the door unless they were there to buy tickets, preventing anyone from climbing to the windows to peer inside and keeping anyone outside from shouting during shows.

Capt. Satterlee of the sloop A. Lewis encountered a squall opposite Cold Spring, which upset the stove and set the cabin on fire. He said the hatches, cabin doors and lines all washed overboard.

Cmdr. Richard W. Meade III, a former Cold Spring resident, was relieved from the command of the Narragansett at Panama by Commander George Dewey. Meade had left New York City in March 1871 to take the steamer on a diplomatic journey through the South Pacific; it spent 432 days at sea.

The excavation of the cellar at the southeast corner of Parrott and Pine streets was completed for the construction of a cottage for E. Ferris.

A worker began to install a tin roof on Town Hall.

P. Nichols, the news dealer and musical instruments and sewing machine retailer, moved from his store near the post office to a space across the street.

Seven sloops, five schooners and a canal boat were the first arrivals of the season at the Cold Spring docks.

Albert Lawrence was attempting to remove an old window with a chisel when the tool slipped and badly cut his cheek and lip. He was seen the next day on Main Street with his head bandaged.

The owner of Huckleberry Hill in Nelsonville exchanged it for a property in Brooklyn.

John Bates announced he had received a patent for his window-sash ventilator, which had slides that could be opened.

James Bleir, who claimed to be a wall-paper printer from New York City, was arrested after residents of Garden Street spotted him in a tree in Miss Smith's yard, "acting in a singular manner." He was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

The Cold Spring Recorder reported that



A Zalinski dynamite gun in action, from an 1886 issue of *Engineering*

a coachman, while blowing his nose, forced an eye from its socket. It was pushed back in by a co-worker, and the coachman was seen in the village with his head bandaged. (The next week, the *Recorder* issued a correction, noting that the "unprofessional" witnesses had exaggerated; he had only burst a blood vessel in his eye.)

The trunk of a chestnut tree cut down at the old Episcopal Church rested under the snow over the winter, apparently worthless except as firewood. But two axmen began chopping and created four smooth pieces of valuable ship timber.

Den Stone's Circus was scheduled to present two tent shows with 46 performers and elephants, camels and other wild beasts but the troupe was delayed by weather on the road from Carmel and had to cancel the matinee.



An advertisement for Den Stone's Circus that appeared in *The Cold Spring Recorder*

Three boys were arrested by Officer Morrison and charged with forcing the clerk at the Southard House into a box that they set on the railroad tracks, as a prank. A judge ordered them to each pay \$100 bail [\$2,500 today] against a June court date in Carmel.

The Philipstown timbermen who spent the winter working in the oak swamps and forests near Brashear City, Louisiana, began to return home.

In eastern Philipstown, James Miller sowed 5 acres with oats on April 29 in sight of a snow bank.

A traveling French fiddle-grinder impressed residents with his whistling.

125 Years Ago (April 1898)

Arthur Wise was seen on Main Street with his head wrapped in a bandage after he was struck with a hammer by Raymond O'Connell.

Capt. Edmund Zalinski, inventor of the Zalinski dynamite gun manufactured at the West Point Foundry, was hospitalized in New York City with the gripe [flu] and bronchitis.

Two men reported being mugged in Cold Spring: Albert Van Buskirk said he was assaulted by two strangers on lower Main Street who rifled his pockets and took \$12. The other victim, who declined to give his name, said he was assaulted near B Street by street two men who went through his empty pockets.

In a third incident, the station agent, James McAndrew, was accosted by two men on Main Street at Market. When they blocked his path on the sidewalk, he asked if it was a holdup. Before they could answer, he had one man by the throat and was punching him in the face. The other man tried to pull McAndrew off but fled when told if he continued he would be killed on the spot. The next morning, the men called upon McAndrew and apologized, saying they had been intoxicated and just horsing around.

Mary Eastwood, the wife of Charles Farmer, died at her home on Parsonage Street at age 52 of internal cancer, while John Burk, a former village resident, died at a New York City hospital during an operation to remove a tumor from his tongue.

A baby boy, about a day old, was left in a basket on the stoop of the Bethany Day Nursery on the river road. The child was turned over to the poormaster.

In the North Highlands, Robert Barrett's poultry was averaging 60 eggs a day.

The Alonzo Hatch Electro-Photo Musical Co., in anticipation of two performances at the Baptist Church, offered a high-grade bicycle to the person who sold the most tickets. The performances were delayed four days when the Hatch equipment was erroneously shipped to Cold Spring in Steuben County.

Nine of the Chinese workers injured in October during the deadly New York Central derailment in Garrison — including Ong On, Wong Gim, Chin Luon Hong, Chin Lee Song and Chin Fong Hof — each sued the railroad for \$50,000 [\$1.25 million].

John Lowry, who had charge of Capt.

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Henry Metcalfe's estate, was seen riding up Main Street with nearly a wagonload of Easter lilies to decorate St. Mary's.

John Frazier and Joseph Carver, representing the Storm King Pants Co., visited Cold Spring.

T.U. McKeel said he would provide a man and team to Cold Spring for street cleaning at no charge if the ashes could be dumped on his property at the foot of Market Street, where he was creating a dock for his coal yard.

Samuel Haight, who left Cold Spring at age 24 for Illinois, died at age 87. He was known for his 2,000-acre farm and the quality of his livestock.

Patrick Raftery announced he would close his saloon on Parsonage Street to become a grocer.

The bell was installed in the new firehouse at Main and Garden streets.

The wooden bridge near the Garrison tunnel was replaced with iron.

Perry & Reilley installed a hanging lamp under their awning on Main Street that lit up the entire block.

When the railroad reservoir was drawn down to make repairs, hundreds of fish (mostly goldfish) were placed in cans of water for their eventual return.

Officer McCaffrey appeared before the Village Board to report that a gang known as the Yonker's Jack had been "soliciting" money from pedestrians. He asked for assistance in driving the men out of town. The board president and a few others walked with McCaffrey to the rear of Snider's building on Stone Street, where they found three of the gang members and told them forcefully to move along. The last they were seen was walking down the tracks toward the Foundry.

100 Years Ago (April 1923)

The Putnam County Board of Supervisors approved spending \$50,594 [\$890,000] to build a road from the Carmel courthouse to Tompkins Corners in Putnam Valley through Kent Cliffs.

In the largest verdict in Putnam County history, a court awarded the estate of George McDonald \$39,000 [\$686,000] from the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. after he was crushed to death at a Manhattan train yard. His mother, the administrator, who lived in Putnam, said she had sued to benefit her unborn grandchild.

Stuyvesant Fish, 72, died of a heart attack at the National Park Bank at 214 Broadway in New York City, after being stricken while climbing the stairs to a second-floor board meeting. Fish, who lived on his estate in Garrison, was the former president of the Illinois Central Railroad and at one time served as treasurer of the New York division of the Association Against Prohibition. He was a son of Hamilton Fish, who served as secretary of state under President Grant. After a service at Trinity Church, his body was interred at St. Philip's in Garrison.

Although Fish's estate was estimated to be worth \$2.5 million [\$44 million], his handwritten will was only four paragraphs long and left everything to his three children. He included no bequests to charity, writing that he "has observed and always believed that charitable bequests afford the

testator a means of gratifying his vanity at the expense of his heirs."

Financing was completed for the Bear Mountain Hudson River Bridge Co. to construct and operate a 1,632-foot toll span between Anthony's Nose and Port Clinton. It would be the first highway bridge over the Hudson south of Albany, with a capacity of 5,000 vehicles per hour. The structure was expected to cost \$6 million [\$1 billion], to be raised through the sale of bonds.

The Buffalo express had to stop at Garrison because its baggage car was burning. It was uncoupled and attached to the engine, which ran to Cold Spring to have the flames extinguished. The only baggage saved was Bruce, a 15-year-old collie. It was later discovered that, before the train left New York City, two employees had noticed a burning smell but could not locate the source.

The comedian Eddie Cantor, who attended the Surprise Lake summer camp in Philipstown as a boy, announced a fundraiser to build 100 bungalows there.



Eddie Cantor and his daughters in 1926

75 Years Ago (April 1948)

According to *The Philipstown Times*, the Cold Spring Lions Club raised nearly \$1,000 [\$12,000] at their summer annual ball at the Haldane gym. The funds were used to provide milk and crackers for needy students. Cellophane bags with 200 colored balloons were suspended from the ceiling and Mr. and Mrs. Clark of Undercliff Park in Cold Spring won the waltz contest.

In a letter to the editor of *The Philipstown Times*, a reader asked why he had been rebuked for smoking while attending a basketball game at Haldane but observed many smokers in the gym during the Milk Fund Ball.

The Hudson Theatre schedule included John Wayne and Laraine Day in *Tycoon*; James Stewart in *Call Northside 777*; Ronald Reagan and Eleanor Parker in *Voice of the Turtle*; Eddie Cantor and Joan Davis in *If You Knew Susie*; and Alan Ladd and Veronica Lake in *Saigon*.

After receiving an alert that an inmate had escaped from the asylum in Beacon, Harry McElrath, the Nelsonville police officer, was on the lookout. At 2:30 a.m. he encountered a pedestrian on Main Street who admitted he was the escapee.

Robert Graves left for the Cookson Hills

EXPLORE THE PAST

The Putnam History Museum has produced a number of handsome guides to area historical spots that can be downloaded at putnamhistorymuseum.org/selfguided or picked up at the museum when it reopens for the season in May.



History Hikes

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in Oklahoma, where he planned to visit relatives and inspect the haunts frequented by Charles "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the gangster who had grown up in nearby Akins.

Raymond Lewis of Nelsonville left for Columbus, where he was in charge of a construction job at The Ohio State University.

The Village Board in Nelsonville scheduled a public hearing for its proposed \$8,060 [\$101,000] annual budget.

Chet Tyler, who had just released an album of cowboy songs, was hired by the C.J. Walter dude ranch in Garrison.

John Christian, the proprietor of Chris's Garage in Nelsonville, enrolled at the Roberts Technical Institute in New York City for an advanced course in bodywork and spray-painting.

According to *The Philipstown Times*, when the 17-year-old daughter of a Kemble Avenue couple was seen with a young man the parents objected to, her brothers proceeded to give the suitor a beating. After arriving home, the girl became despondent and shot herself three times in the stomach with a revolver. She was rushed to Butterfield Hospital for surgery.

50 Years Ago (April 1973)

James LaDue retired after 31 years as the Cold Spring postal carrier.

Rep. Hamilton Fish was the dinner speaker at a meeting of the Cold Spring Lions Club. The Republican had won each of his two previous elections with 70 percent of the vote. (He was first elected in 1969.)

For the first time, the Cold Spring Fire Co. held its annual election with a voting machine.

The Committee for Public Information, created to oppose a proposal to build a Hilton hotel on the former West Point Foundry site, organized a petition to protest the "irregularities and injustices" at a Town Board hearing at which it said critics were not allowed to speak.

25 Years Ago (April 1998)

A Cold Spring woman was arrested at Haldane Elementary after officers accused her of speeding and running a red light. The woman had entered the school to pick up her child but was asked to leave. When she refused, she was arrested. Students were kept in their classrooms with the shades drawn during the confrontation.

Regina Morini, who represented Mahopac on the Putnam County Legislature, announced she was switching from the Democratic to Republican party.

New York sent \$600,000 in payment-in-lieu-of-tax payments to Putnam County as compensation for state-owned parkland. The previous year, the money had been sent directly to towns, villages and school districts.

The Haldane softball team defeated Pawling, 40-9, in 4½ innings.

Vinny Tamagna, a Republican in his first term representing Philipstown on the Putnam Legislature, announced his candidacy for county executive. [A few weeks later, after "a positive meeting" with Republican incumbent Robert Bondi, he withdrew.]

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Mouths to Feed

Lemonhead-Over-Heels

By Celia Barbour

I was 15 when my parents sent me and my big sister off to France to stay with some relatives for the summer. Were our French hosts happy to see us? In retrospect, I am not so sure. They put on a good face, however, and Elisa and I, being teenagers — American ones at that — were fairly oblivious to our impact on other people's lives.

For the first week or so after we arrived, our relatives were preoccupied: The mother was a teacher, the daughter a student, their school year not yet over. Elisa and I woke up each morning to an empty house, and, after sniggering over French plumbing (the toilet tank high on the wall that flushed with a pull-chain, the baffling bidet, the *soi-disant douche*), we tumbled downstairs to find a baguette, butter, a few jars of preserves, and a carafe of café au lait on the tiny, enameled kitchen table.



"I guess this is their idea of breakfast," my sister said on the first morning, after we'd searched the cabinets for a box of cereal and the icebox for milk.

Yet my sense of strangeness gave way to bright wonder when we sat down to eat and I opened one of the jars to discover lemon curd inside. Silky and yellow as a farm egg yolk, it glowed in the morning sunshine. I smeared it on a chunk of baguette and took a bite. It tasted like lemon meringue pie, if lemon meringue pie were made from lemons grown by nymphs on Mount Olympus, and if its crust shattered into delicate shards when you bit into it.

Wow, I remember thinking, you're allowed to *eat this* for breakfast in France? Never mind that, until that moment, I'd considered Honeycomb and Lucky Charms legitimate ways to start the day. For the rest of that summer, I had lemon curd for breakfast nearly every morning.

Later, back in the States, I persuaded my mother to buy a jar of it at the gourmet market downtown, but it was a far cry from the French ones. Since then, I've tried a few commercial lemon curds with similar results. I suspect this is why: a lemon's juice will retain its sourness over time, but everything else that makes the fruit's flavor compelling is fragile and ephemeral — and is due mostly to oils and esters in the skin and pulp. Fresh,



homemade curd is the only way to go.

I didn't discover this until I was in my 20s and chanced upon a spectacular recipe for lime (and/or lemon) mousse in *The Silver Palate Cookbook*. For a couple of years, it was pretty much the only thing I served for dessert, apart from brownies. To make it, you start by cooking up a somewhat loose curd, then fold it into whipped cream. As so often happens with lemon desserts, people used to ooh and ahh over how "light" it was, despite the fact its main ingredients were butter, eggs, sugar and cream.

Looking back, I'm surprised to recall how intense my two youthful lemon crushes were. Because after my friends and I grew sick of the mousse, I moved on, all but erasing lemon sweets from my life. In the years since, I have never requested a lemon cake for my birthday, nor do I ever select the lemon option from a dessert menu. And sure, I love a lemon bar, but only sometimes.

But hey, it's the season when long-dormant things come back to life. And so for the next few weeks, I'll wake up into the lemony April sunshine, admire the butter-yellow daffodils, thank good chickens everywhere for their marvelous eggs, then tumble downstairs to a beaming jar of lemon curd that I will mix into my yogurt or spread on my toast.

Lemon-Lime Curd

3 lemons and 3 limes, or enough to yield ¼ cup zest and ½ cup juice	1 stick butter
1¼ cups sugar	5 large eggs
	Pinch salt
	¼ teaspoon vanilla extract

Zest the lemons and limes, and measure out ¼ cup. Transfer to a blender along with ½ cup of the sugar. Blend until the zest is pulverized and the sugar almost powdery. Set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the eggs and remaining ¾ cup sugar. Using an electric mixer or whisk, whisk until thick and pale, about 3 to 4 minutes.

Cut and squeeze the zested lemons and limes, and measure out ½ cup of the resulting juice. Set aside.

Fill a sink or large skillet with a couple inches of cold water. Melt the butter in the top of a double boiler, or in a heatproof bowl set over a pot of boiling water (make sure the bottom of the bowl is not submerged in the water). Whisk in the sugar-egg yolk mixture. Continue to heat, mixing constantly, until the mixture is thick and custardy and beginning to look translucent, about 10 minutes. Do not allow to overheat or the eggs will scramble. Immediately set the bottom of the bowl in the sink of cold water to stop the cooking. Blend in the lemon-lime juice, the sugar-zest mixture, pinch of salt and vanilla.

Transfer to jars and refrigerate; curd will keep in the refrigerator for roughly 10 days.

Note: To make mousse, blend 3 tablespoons of lemon and/or lime juice into the curd. Whip a pint of heavy cream until thick, then fold into the curd. Scoop into serving glasses and refrigerate until cool.

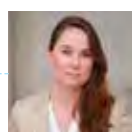
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-President of Scenic Hudson to Commissioner of NYS OPRHP 7/19/2013

** "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 thing is built". - Amy Kacala, HHFT Executive Director



REMEMBER WHEN

Carolyn Ricapito leads a weekly memoir-writing workshop for seniors co-sponsored by the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and Philipstown Aging at Home. The Philipstown residents shown here participated in February and March.

Portraits by Ross Corsair



❶ My First School

By Carolyn Ricapito

In the morning I eagerly went to my first-grade classroom. My teacher, Mrs. Sewell, I still remember because she taught me to read out of a large book set up on an easel. It was a Dick and Jane book — “See Jane run” — but magic to me. When my father heard her name he said, “I used to date her long ago.” He sailed up in my regard like a balloon off its tether.

In music class, we listened to pieces played on an old Victrola which usually sounded so crackly that I had to hunt for the notes and words like hunting in a forest with dry leaves underfoot and only catching a glimpse of an elusive rabbit.

❷ Learning How to Swim

By Ellen Raphael Collins

My dad was a naval dental officer. When I was 4 years old and we were stationed in Key West, Florida, my dad taught me how to swim.

My father and Admiral Quakenbush decided that they could teach me to swim by putting me in an inner tube in the pool and slowing letting the air out. This was working quite well as they stood by in

their tropical white uniforms. Then one day during my swimming lesson, they explained that I didn’t really need my inner tube anymore; I promptly sank to the bottom of the pool. My dad took off his shoes, dove in and rescued me.

Strangely, I have always loved water and swimming.

❸ My Mother’s Soup

By Magda Schonfeld

My mother cooked chicken soup every Friday night just the way my father liked it, boiled chicken with dill and parsley, carrots and parsnips, boiled white potato. She spooned the chicken fat off the top; a clear and light broth, right out of the kitchens of Eastern Europe.

My mother did it all, fulfilled her obligations with expertise, orthodox wife, mother, cook, wage earner. But her heart was hardened by the past, bitter bile rested on her lips, chronic indigestion, she could barely eat the wonderful food she prepared.

She never even sat down. She bustled around the kitchen, a bastion of frustrated energy. My father would say, “Eat your soup, eat your soup fast, otherwise she’ll throw it in your lap.”

❹ My First Real Job

By Rachel Mueller-Lust

My first real job was at Burger King in the town where I went to high school. I took the job over the summer with my best friend Nathalie. I was given the role at the counter as a cashier. My friend Nathalie, unfortunately, got the position at the burger board. She flipped burgers on the char grill all day and smelled like burgers.

Although much of the job was stressful — “fast food” should have been a clue — I loved when I got interesting orders. After all, Burger King’s jingle at the time was “Special orders don’t upset us” and “Have it your way.”

I remember one time when a regular customer asked for a mixture of milkshake and soda. It was kind of like a root beer float but not as easy to accomplish because the ice cream isn’t scooped, it’s extruded from a machine. So I grabbed an extra-large paper cup, first put in the soda and then added the milkshake. The force of the milkshake pouring into the soda caused a volcanic reaction. I watched as the lava flow of milkshake and soda rose up and over the cup edge and all over the place. I managed to clean up the mess and the customer was happy with the concoction, so all was well.

I didn’t stay at the job for very long, however, and left when I got a position as a summer camp counselor in my hometown. Poor Nathalie stayed in her job for the rest of the summer and still smelled like burgers.

❺ The Loss of a Friend

By Antonia Mattiaccio

Suddenly, the sadness and grief consume me as I try to hold back the tears. I’m filled with pain but let me pause a moment and sit in silence. Silence has always comforted me as I would sit in nature and allow my senses to be consumed in all the beauty. Take some deep breaths in and slowly exhale. I repeat this over and over for a few more minutes as my mind begins to focus on the wonderful memories I hold dear. Let me focus on how I can make this easier for you, as well.

Though we are apart and may not see each other as often, we can talk and reminisce and make plans to reunite no matter where you go. Separation can be challenging but it always brings growth in ways we never imagine. Yes, there is so much we will continue to give and care for one another. So as I sit here the memory of you drifts slowly into consciousness and comforts me.

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Roots and Shoots

Restoring the King of the Forest

By Pamela Doan

Why plant a tree if you know it's going to get infected with a disease and not quite die but never grow past a certain point?



Existentialist questions aside, I am getting a lot of joy watching two American chestnuts grow from seed in milk cartons on my windowsill.

After speaking with Seamus Carroll, a Nelsonville resident who is a Master Gardener volunteer and Philipstown Garden Club member, I felt inspired by being part of a project with huge potential but that I might not see the results of in my lifetime. The efforts to return the chestnut tree to its former leading role in forest ecosystems will continue to cross centuries.

Once known as the "redwood of the East" and topping out at 100 feet and 10 feet in diameter, the American chestnut was a major food source for people and wildlife and a highly desirable timber. It has a long history in the culture of first people and

others who settled here. When diseased trees were first discovered in the Bronx in 1904, it was the tip of an ecological disaster that played out for the next 50 years, killing as many as 4 billion trees.

The blight that infected the trees spread quickly throughout its native range in the northeast and southeast U.S. and then across the country. The spores move with insects and birds and are also wind-borne. Chestnut blight was introduced through the horticultural trade when Chinese and Japanese chestnuts were imported. Both are naturally resistant to blight.

Carroll became curious when he learned about the plight of the American chestnut as a Master Gardener. He joined the American Chestnut Foundation and has given presentations on the tree and programs to breed blight resistance. The story is rich with all of the ecological threats facing many species, and it seems like it might have a hopeful ending.

Many gardeners in the area have been planting chestnuts, as a new chapter in the chestnut's story is about to begin. While hybridizing trials to restore the American chestnut with blight resistance haven't been successful, a genetic modification has made a breakthrough.

The cross-bred American and Chinese chestnut tree that was blight-resistant retained little of the original tree's qualities. Genetic engineering trials, however, have been declared successful enough for reintroduction plans to be coming, possibly this year, after the federal Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Agriculture finish vetting it. Much



My two American chestnuts enjoying the view while they wait for their turn.

Photo by P. Doan

research and care is necessary to make sure that unintended consequences aren't next.

In the Highlands, Carroll and other gardeners have led efforts to distribute chestnut trees, like mine grown from seed, which will become the future pollinators of the blight-resistant chestnut, known as Darling 58. "All of the genetically-modified trees are clones," Carroll explained. "They need new genetic material to become resilient in other ways."

The dozens of chestnut trees being planted now will bring that genetic diversity to the clones and Carroll said that the hope is that future populations will have a 50 percent to 75 percent genetic mix and be resistant to blight.

The plan is to plant the sprouted seedling chestnut trees outdoors this season. The trees

grow quite quickly and, in five years, I can expect to collect nuts from my trees. Or more realistically, the deer and other wildlife will collect nuts from my trees. Each could reach 30 feet, a fraction of its former 100-foot glory, before blight starts killing it. Within 10 to 15 years, it will die. But not completely.

Blight girdles the tree, preventing it from moving nutrients. It doesn't affect the roots, though. The roots will send up sprouts through the stump and the tree will try to keep growing and the blight will keep killing it. I'm not sure how long this cycle continues. The result is always the same, though. The tree never reaches maturity.

Carroll said that the goal is to continue trying to create micropopulations in our area by planting a batch annually in years to come. These trees will be out there waiting when Darling 58 makes its way into the forest and then the generations after those trees will be fully restored *Castanea dentata* and blight-resistant.

Email me at rootsandshoots@highlandscurrent.org if you're interested in planting a not-blight-resistant American chestnut in your yard and I can connect you with Carroll, who has more ready to go. It needs at least six hours of sunlight daily and well-drained soil. It will need space to grow tall (fingers crossed) and protection from wildlife like a fence or tree tube.

On Saturday April 22, at 10:30 a.m., Carroll will talk about the American chestnut story and restoration efforts at the Philipstown Town Hall during the pollinator garden planting

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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;

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

Description:

First Ward, First and Second District Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts

Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts

Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote Wednesday, April 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.

Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

ACROSS

1. Faux pas

5. Spider's creation

8. Smith of *Fox News*

12. Wood strip

13. Hollywood's Gardner

14. Model Banks

15. Twistable cookie

16. *Wonder Woman* star

18. Reproductive cell

20. Old Geo models

21. Conceal, in a way

23. Zodiac cat

24. When a sporting event starts

28. Pvt.'s superiors

31. Historic period

32. Open a toothpaste tube

34. Consume

35. Beige

37. Floral wreaths

39. Mao — -tung

41. Coaster

42. Three-note chords

45. Doohickey

49. Hood

51. Roof overhang

52. "Got it"

53. French article

54. Pitcher Nolan

55. Waller or Domino

56. Inlet

DOWN

1. Trudge

2. News reporter Logan

3. Detail

4. Friends role

5. Betting parlor activity

6. Ms. Longoria

7. Lip soother

8. Iowa and Maine, e.g.

9. Lightest element

10. Slangy suffix

11. Bits of butter

17. Solidify

19. Ballet wear

22. Community gym sites

24. "Gosh!"

25. Lob's path

26. Strict taskmaster

27. Tea choice

29. Wee bit

30. Map lines (Abbr.)

33. Entreaty

36. Applications

38. Venomous snakes

40. Mag. staff

42. End-of-wk. cry

43. Tabula —

44. Ticket half

46. "Mercy Mercy Me" singer Marvin

47. Novelist Hunter

48. Look after

50. Disney deer

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Answers for April 7 Puzzles

1. ALIBI, 2. DECIGRAM, 3. INSULATE, 4. TORNADIC, 5. BLOKE, 6. VERBALLY, 7. PICTURED

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7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

1 saying, "I've got your nose" (10)

2 bread knots (8)

3 irons (7)

4 earnestly (9)

5 top off (4)

6 state without bread or dough (10)

7 proverb (6)

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Varsity Roundup

By Skip Pearlman

SOFTBALL

Senior captain Hope Cleveringa drove in five runs and went 2-for-4 with a double Tuesday (April 11) as the Beacon softball team picked up its first win of the season, defeating Monticello, 10-6, at the high school. It began the season with losses to O'Neill, Washingtonville, Newburgh (twice) and Minisink Valley.

Beacon graduated seven seniors, including most of its starting lineup, from a 6-14 team that did not qualify for playoffs. It also has a new coach, Catie Oriani, who was the assistant last season and takes over for Michael Carofano.

Mikayla Sheehan, a senior; Kyla Richardson, a junior; and Cleveringa return as captains. Isabella White, a junior, also returns. She and Sheehan pitch and both play third base. Newcomers include junior catcher Bryana Kelliher, sophomore short-stop Kat Ruffy and sophomore Sally Betterbid at second base.

On Tuesday, White picked up the victory on the mound for the Bulldogs, allowing five hits and striking out two, with two walks. Betterbid drove in two runs, and Sheehan, Kelliher and Ruffy each had an RBI.

"It was nice to see the girls come together as a team," said Oriani. "They were able to string some hits together, and show what they're capable of. Hope did a great job and played great defense, and Kyla turned a single into a triple with her speed."

On Wednesday (April 13), Beacon dropped a 12-4 decision at Goshen.

White took the loss on the mound for Beacon, but Kelliher picked up her first home run, and doubled. Betterbid also drove in two runs, and Ruffy doubled.

"The girls have the ability to have a strong offense," Oriani said. "We're focusing on improving fielding."

Beacon (1-6) is scheduled to travel to Burke Catholic in Goshen, Monticello, and Minisink Valley before hosting Port Jervis at 4:30 p.m. on Friday (April 21).

BASEBALL

Beacon trailed 4-0 after two innings in its game on April 6 against visiting Franklin Roosevelt High School but came back to win, 5-4, with four runs in the fifth inning and a game-winner in the bottom of the sixth.

The Bulldogs also rolled to a 13-1 victory in five innings on Wednesday (April 12) at Monticello behind a strong outing from junior pitcher Mikey Fontaine, who started and went four innings. Fontaine allowed two hits, one



Hope Cleveringa looks for the call after sliding into second against Monticello. She drove in five runs in the victory. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org. Photos by S. Pearlman



Beacon pitcher Isabella White earned her first win of the season on Tuesday (April 11).

walk and struck out four. Julian Brown pitched one inning and struck out the side.

Derrick Heaton drove in three runs and had a triple for the Bulldogs, while Fontaine, Mercer Jordan and Zach Schetter each had two RBIs.

Against FDR, the Bulldogs got the winning run when Schetter scored on a passed ball in the bottom of the sixth. Joey Vollaro and Fontaine each had an RBI.

It was the second consecutive game (Washingtonville was the first) in which the Bulldogs came back from 4-0 to win 5-4.

"Winning those two games, after falling behind, showed a lot of resilience," said Coach Bob Atwell. "They stayed focused on what they needed to do."

The Bulldogs return a young team from a group that went 14-8 last season and lost in the Section IX, Class A tournament to Wallkill. Seniors Mateo Alvarado, Brown and Vollaro are the captains, and the team's pitching has been stepping up. Heaton has two of the team's first three wins, Vollaro opened the season with a no-hitter, and Fontaine has a victory. "They've been getting it done so far," Atwell said.

Vollaro and Jack Antalek have been leading the team hitting, while Liam Murphy and Jackson Atwell have been setting the table at the top of the lineup.

"Freshmen Ryan Landisi and Schetter, along with sophomore Ryan Smith, also have been doing a nice job defensively," Atwell said. "And Mercer Jordan did a nice job in his first start. It's a young group, and we're looking for consistency and improvement."

Beacon (4-1) hosted Minisink Valley on Thursday (April 13) and will host Lourdes at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Cornwall at 7 p.m. on Tuesday (April 18) and Goshen at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday (April 20).

Haldane, meanwhile, fell at to Byram Hills, 15-2, on Monday (April 10) but came back the next day at home to overwhelm the Barack Obama School for Social Justice from Yonkers, 20-1, behind a 22-hit attack.

Julian Ambrose kick-started the offense with an RBI double in the first, and the Blue Devils never looked back. Merrick Williams, Trajan McCarthy, Emmett Horner, Dan Nakabayaski, Matt Junjulus and Roy Smith all had RBIs, and Ryan Eng-Wong pitched two innings, allowing one run with four strikeouts and no hits.

Haldane (2-2) will host Yonkers at 1 p.m. on Saturday (April 15) at Mayor's Park and visit Croton on Tuesday.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Haldane opened its season on March 28 at Ossining, picking up a 12-7 victory behind four goals each from Kayla Ruggiero and Sami Thomas.

Mairead O'Hara scored twice and added one assist, Caroline Nelson and Ellen O'Hara each had a goal and an assist, Helen Nicholls handed out two assists, and Carmela Cofini and Marisa Peters each had one. Lola Mahoney had 17 saves in goal.

The Blue Devils dropped their second game of the season, 15-5, on Tuesday (April 11) at Clarkstown North. O'Hara had two goals and added an assist, Ruggiero scored twice, and Cofini had a goal. Mahoney had six saves.

"We were really just out of it," said Coach Keri Dempsey. "It was a rough game for us but defensively Josie Foley-Hedlund and Moretta Pezzullo forced turnovers."

Haldane returns most of its players from last year, including six seniors. There are nine newcomers, including two seniors. O'Hara and Nelson are the captains, and Amanda Johanson, Pezzullo and Ruby Poses are other key returning players.

"I feel like the team is in a good spot," Dempsey said. "We have passion and good lacrosse IQ."

Haldane is scheduled to travel to Ardsley on Monday (April 17) and Putnam Valley on Wednesday.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Haldane dominated Wednesday (April 12) at Sleepy Hollow, routing the Horsemen, 14-2, behind six goals and an assist from Evan Giachinta. Fallou Faye added four goals, Liam Gaugler had two and Rhys Robbins and Frankie DiGiglio each scored one.

"The guys stayed composed," said Coach Ed Crowe. "We got good team defense from PJ Ruggiero, Nate Stickle, Thomas Tucker, Brody Corless, Jake Mason and Jack Hartmann. And Jordon Hankel played a good game at goal," with five saves.

Haldane will host Arlington today (April 14) at 4:30 p.m. and takes on Greeley on Sunday at Rutgers University.

TRACK & FIELD

The Beacon boys topped Sullivan West, Chester and SS Seward on Wednesday (April 12) in a four-team meet at Beacon. The girls placed third, behind Sullivan West and Chester.

For the boys, Henry Reinke won the 400 meters in 51.8 and the 800 in 2:23.4, and Damani Deloatch won the long jump (19-2) and triple jump (43-4.5). In addition, Javan Verdile won the high jump (5-8), Jack Twinning was first in the 3,200 meters in 11:29.

For the girls, Rachel Thorne won the 3,000 in 13:27.1 and Janaya Fluellen won the 200 in 28.1 seconds.

Beacon heads to the Mountie Madness meet at Suffern today (April 14).