Women in the Ranks

Female firefighters a boon for struggling companies

By Michael Turton

Across New York state, 90 percent of fire departments are operated solely by volunteers — and virtually all of them need more.

A large but untapped demographic may be the key to providing service: According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a division of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, women are vastly underrepresented in the ranks. Only 1 in 10 volunteer firefighters is female.

This weekend, the Firefighters Association of the State of New York is organizing RecruitNY, an annual event in which fire departments host open houses to show off their equipment and explain what they do and how to volunteer.

Women contemplating the pros and cons of joining a fire company don't have to look beyond the Highlands for role models. Dawn Baisley has been a firefighter with (Continued on Page 8)

Beacon Schools Propose 3.3% Budget Increase

Voters will decide May 16; four board seats open

By Jeff Simms

Although Gov. Kathy Hochul and state legislators have yet to resolve New York State’s budget, the message around education funding has been clear enough for the Beacon school board on Monday (April 17) to adopt the district’s 2023-24 proposed spending plan.

The $81.3 million budget, up 3.3 percent over the last fiscal year, will be on the ballot May 16 for voter approval, along with four seats on the nine-member school board and three propositions related to student transportation.

After accounting for Beacon’s tax base growth factor, which is one of the highest in Dutchess County, the school district will be allowed to collect $45.9 million in property taxes — an increase in its levy of 3.64
d Public hearing set for April 26
By Michael Turton

Cold Spring is on the final leg of a journey that began in 1967, when the village enacted its zoning law. The Village Board, at its Wednesday (April 19) meeting, continued its discussion of an extensive update of that zoning, Chapter 134 of the village code, which details how land within the village can be used.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday (April 26) at Village Hall. Residents can attend in person or via Zoom and submit comments through May 16.

The update is needed in part because the zoning was based on land-use regulations designed for postwar suburban communities, not a village incorporated in 1846.

For residents, one consequence of that has been the need to routinely apply for variances from village boards, even for minor changes, which costs time and money. That burden, for residents as well as board members, will be lessened under the new zoning, which reduces the number of “nonconforming” situations.

The comprehensive plan, adopted in 2012 (Continued on Page 3)
**FIVE QUESTIONS: VIRGINIA SOLE-SMITH**

By Chip Rowe

Virginia Sole-Smith, of Philipstown, is the author of *Fat Talk: Parenting in the Age of Diet Culture*. She will discuss the book at 3 p.m. on Saturday (April 22) at the Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison.

**How did you come to this topic?**

I was a women’s magazine writer for a long time, and I wrote weight-loss and diet-culture stories: how to get your best bikini body, that kind of thing. When I became a parent, I didn’t want to pass on all of the stuff I’d learned about the “right way to have a body” or the “right way to eat.” I wanted to do something different, but I wasn’t sure what.

I started reporting on what we actually know about the relationship between weight and health and discovered it’s usually not a causal relationship — people in larger bodies tend to have more health problems, but nobody really knows why, and weight loss isn’t usually the fix. With kids in particular, we know that going on diets and having anxiety around weight are the top predictors for eating disorders.

**You discuss what you call “the myth” of a childhood obesity epidemic but note that more children are now considered obese than 50 years ago. How is it a myth?**

How we collect the data changed. They only added the “obese” category to pediatric growth charts in 2010. The same thing happened with the adult BMI [body mass index] scale in 1998 — about 29 million Americans moved from overweight into obese, just because they changed the way they calibrated it.

The BMI scale was never meant to be a measure of health — it was developed by a Flemish statistician in the 19th century to measure the average man. The standard growth chart we use to measure kids is based on data collected between 1963 and 1998, so we’re measuring them against their parents and grandparents. American kids today, as a whole, are a much more diverse population.

Many studies start with the knee-jerk assumption that a fat kid is unhealthy, and we need to intervene, instead of saying: “OK, it looks like kids are getting bigger. What is this telling us about their health?” We’re not seeing skyrocketing rates of Type 2 diabetes, but we are seeing a huge rise in eating disorders. If you want to protect someone’s long-term health risk, preventing an eating disorder in the teen years is a great way to do that.

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**Why doesn’t dieting work in the long run?**

Body size is much less under our control than we think. It’s probably at least 60 percent genetics. No matter how much you diet, no matter how much you exercise, there’s only so much progress you’re going to make because we have set points with our weight that our bodies fight to defend.

Many of us spend our entire adult lives on that hamster wheel of gaining and losing, feeling it’s our fault when, in fact, it’s how dieting works. These industries have sold you this message that you should have total control and that they are going to tell us the right way to eat to have the perfect body. When it doesn’t work, they blame us for not following the plan closely enough or not having willpower or not trying hard enough.

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**Fat kids have always been teased. How do you prevent that?**

I would be naive to say we can completely dismantle anti-fat bias. Fat kids can expect to be teased, and they can expect that their teachers, parents and doctors are not going to stand up for them. That’s where we can make some change.

**What can parents do?**

They can say: “In our house, your body is safe and loved and totally respected. And we’re going to make sure you know that. When you encounter teasing, it’s not your fault. We’re going to stand up for you and help you learn to navigate.” Parents of thin kids need to do this, too, because I was a thin kid who’s a fat adult — size is not guaranteed!

When young children first call someone fat, they’re not saying it out of malice; they’re just noticing a body difference. Parents will rush in. “Don’t say that. That’s not nice.” Instead, you could say, “Yeah, that person has a bigger body. We don’t really talk about people’s bodies without their permission, but bodies come in different shapes and sizes.” That’s a subtle shift. When I was a kid, people called each other “gay” as an insult all the time. That has changed dramatically. We’ve moved these needles before, so we can do it again.

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**Zoning (from Page 1)**

and intended to protect the small-town, historic and diverse character of the village, went so far as to state that Cold Spring could not be rebuilt under its existing zoning.

The proposed update will bring regulations into harmony with the comprehensive plan, a requirement of New York State law.

The update will also enable the village to move forward with its Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. That initiative, through which the village can access federal and state grants for various projects, was put on hold in 2012 pending completion of the revised zoning.

In the updated Chapter 134, zoning for the former Marathon Battery site will change from industrial to planned mixed-use, following a comprehensive plan recommendation that the 12-acre site be “well integrated in the fabric of the community.”

Commenting on Marathon's future development, Mayor Kathleen Foley said lessons were learned when the last large property in the village was redeveloped — the former Butterfield Hospital site on Route 9D.

"Details were looked at first and then the overall picture," she said. "Analyses should have happened earlier, and the public didn’t have an understanding of the overall impact of the project until very late in the game."

Foley said the proposed zoning change contains several elements to ensure that situation is not repeated at Marathon.

"We want the village to be in the driver's seat," she said. "And we want the public to be engaged at every step."

Zoning will also change for Mayor’s Park and the highway garage, from industrial to parks and recreation, and civic uses, respectively.

During public comment at the meeting, Michael Reisman expressed concern that meetings of the ad hoc working group on the zoning update meetings held over the past three months were not open to the public. Village attorney John Furst said that because ad hoc committees are only advisory and don’t make decisions, they are not subject to the Open Meetings Law.

Tara Vamos advocated inclusion of housing that would be affordable for middle-income residents as part of any redevelopment of the Marathon site.

Mike Armstrong asked that an exception to maximum-height restrictions for buildings in flood-prone areas be considered in light of the expected significant rise in sea levels over the next 50 years. He also advocated changing the 21/2-story maximum for homes in the proposed "large residential lot" section to be changed to three stories, pointing out that his three-story home on Morris Avenue would not conform.

The proposed update is posted at bit.ly/cold-spring-zoning, along with Chapter 134 and a PowerPoint presentation from April 19 on its development and major elements.

**Philipsstown Bans Parking South of Breakneck**

*Also adds restrictions to north Fair Street*

With a 4-0 vote on Wednesday (April 19), the Philipsstown Town Board prohibited parking on both sides of state Route 9D between the Cold Spring border and the Philipsstown line — effectively anywhere along the highway south of the Breakneck Tunnel.

The measure also bans parking along a portion of Fair Street that stretches about 600 feet from the edge of Cold Spring to the intersection with Route 9D at Little Stony Point, another state park site that draws crowds.

The board instructed the Philipsstown Highway Department "to post appropriate 'no parking' signage forthwith."

Although New York has jurisdiction over Route 9D, the town government has authority over the shoulders, or verges, allowing it to enforce parking.

Supervisor John Van Tassel said an April 14 discussion involving Philipsstown; Cold Spring, including its police; the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department, Fishkill police, New York State Police and the state park police touched on the lack of local regulations along Route 9D, so “we needed to tighten that up a little bit.”

**Howland Library to Vote Proposes 7% budget increase**

The Howland Public Library District in Beacon will hold a vote on Thursday (April 27) asking residents to approve a 7 percent increase to its budget and fill two seats on its nine-member board.

The state tax cap for the library for 2023-24 is 1.02 percent, or $21,000; the board voted in February to exceed the cap with a 7 percent increase, or $90,000, for a tax levy of $137 million.

Director Kristen Salerno said that if the budget passes, it will allow the library to expand its collection and pay staff members who hold four-year degrees or higher “what is considered a livable wage in Dutchess County.”

There are four candidates for the two board seats, which have five-year terms: Elizabeth Murphy, Emily Pullen, Joseph Vergolina and Margaret Waterkinson. Their statements are posted at bit.ly/howland-vote-2023.

The polls will be open at the library from noon to 8 p.m. All registered voters in the Beacon City School District are eligible, and absentee ballots are available.

**First Petitions Filed for Election**

Who will be on ballot in Philipstown, Beacon, Dutchess

Judith Farrell and Robert Flaherty, both incumbent Democrats, have filed to run for re-election to the Philipstown Town Board. Neal Tomann, a Republican, also filed to run for one of the two open seats.

They were among the candidates submitting designating petitions to the Putnam County Board of Elections by the April 10 deadline. The election will be Nov. 7.

Supervisor John Van Tassel and Town Clerk Tara Ferruciolo also submitted petitions for re-election. Adam Hotaling, who ran unopposed in 2022 to fill the remainder of the term of Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda, who resigned for health reasons, filed to run for a full four-year term.

In addition, Angela Thompson-Tinsley, a Democrat, and Randall Chiera, a Republican, filed to run for a town justice seat held since 1996 by Stephen Tomann, a Republican.

Cold Spring will have three seats on the ballot: for the job of mayor, held by Kathleen Foley, and the trustee seats held by Cathryn Padde and Eliza Starbuck. Petitions for those positions are due May 30.

In Beacon, five of the seven Democrats on the City Council filed for re-election, including Mayor Lee Kryiacou, Molly Rhodes (Ward 1), Wren Longno (3), Dan Aymar-Blair (4) and Paloma Wake (at-large). Jeffrey Domanski is the Democrat candidate for Ward 2; Justice McCray is not seeking re-election for a second term.

The candidate for the other at-large position is Pamela Wetherbee, a former council member. George Mansfield, who has been on the council since 2009, will not run for an eighth term. No Republicans filed petitions.

Nick Page, a Democrat who represents District 18 in the county Legislature, which includes three wards in Beacon, is seeking re-election to a fourth term. In District 16, which includes Ward 4 in Beacon, Yvette Valdés-Smith, the first-term incumbent Democrat, will again be challenged by Ronald Davis, who filed for the Republican line.
**LETTERS AND COMMENTS**

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**Fjord Trail**

The Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail is a solution for managing tourism in the region that will also give people of all ages and abilities greater access to the beauty that surrounds us. Recently, a handful of opponents of the project have been spreading the falsehood that the Fjord Trail will bring 600,000 new visitors to the region. That is categorically false. At no point has anyone from the Fjord Trail stated that the project will bring 600,000 new visitors. In 2021, New York State Parks estimated that annual visitation to Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve was 88,000. Environmental review consultants with expertise in park usage project that, by 2028, when the Fjord Trail is scheduled to be completed, there will be an additional 120,000 visitors annually. Working with recreational visitation management experts, we are continuing our analysis of traffic patterns and usage through this summer. This analysis, other data we have gathered and the community input we receive will continue to inform this projection and our decision-making on management and operations. The Fjord Trail is a park, conceived and initiated by local residents to help manage the impacts of increasing tourism in the region. The vision has grown over 15 years to include parking, additional sidewalks, signage, garbage collection and restrooms. It will ensure that seniors, people with disabilities and families with small children have access to the riverfront and trails.

We recognize that there is a lot of interest and excitement — as well as many concerns and questions — about the Fjord Trail, and how it will serve Cold Spring and Philipstown. To that end, we will always do our best to clarify misinformation. The community forum scheduled for May 8, hosted by the Town of Philipstown, the Village of Cold Spring and the Village of Nelsonville, will provide another excellent opportunity to learn more about the project and help further shape the new trail so that everyone benefits from it.

Amy Kacala, Poughkeepsie

**Kacala is the executive director of Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Inc.**

**On board**

Philipstown couldn’t ask for a better steward or voice of their interests than Richard Shea (“Former Supervisor Joins Fjord Trail Inc.,” April 14). How can this once-in-several-generations opportunity be wasted?

Christopher Daly, via Facebook

**Route 9**

These projects don’t just happen (“Route 9 Projects Rile Residents,” April 14). They are approved by town boards. If you are in opposition, you need to go to the meetings and do research. That’s all public info that can be accessed easily. In this case, someone left the barn door open and the cows are already out. You need to be there to shut the door. I wonder where our self-appointed nonprofit guardians of nature that proliferate in this area were on this one. It might be a good idea to “follow the money,” as they say, to get answers to that.

Tony Barges, Philipstown

**Town halls**

Unlike prior members of Congress representing Philipstown, our congressman, Mike Lawler, has been resistant to responding to constituents calling for him to hold frequent town halls across the district at times that most can attend. He has been presenting a petition with just short of 400 signatures asking for this. His unwillingness to respond to constituents who want to ask him questions and hear his views on a variety of issues is revealed by the fact that he has instructed his staff to claim that the few daytime “mobile office hours” his office has held (where individual constituents meet with a staff member to get...
help with private matters) are, in fact, “town halls.” Mobile office hours are important but not sufficient.

Only after significant pressure from many calling his office did our congressman show up, unannounced, at the recent “office hours” held in Mahopac—which he tried to pass off as a town hall.

The congressman, by the end of this impromptu meeting, vowed to hold town halls throughout the district, during evening and weekend hours, and respond to questions directly from attendees, to make himself accessible to his constituents. Let’s hold him to that promise.

Margaret Yonco-Haines, Garrison

Indian Point

I have been following your reports on the tritiated water release from the Korean Point nuclear power plant but can’t find the most important piece of information: How much tritium is Holtec intending to release? (“Holtec Halts Indian Point releases,” April 14). The numbers everyone is reporting are for the overall volume; I couldn’t find anywhere how contaminated the water is. It would obviously make a huge difference if the water is very contaminated.

Guy Garty, Irvington

Editor’s note: A Holtec representative says “the amount released would be consistent with historical discharges and the measured dose would be equal to or less than previous years due to there no longer being a source (fuel) in the water and decay occurring every day.” A chart provided by the company shows that the “total whole body dose from Indian Point liquid effluent releases” between 2005 and 2021 ranged from 0.000458 millirem (2014) to 0.011966 millirem (2021). The federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission allows up to 3 millirem of radioactive liquid effluent releases annually.

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/hearpoem-2023 featuring a community member reading a favorite published poem. The 2020, 2021 and 2022 recordings are also archived at the site.

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- Provide & manage critical **amenities & infrastructure**, which local municipalities have not been able to afford
- Create riverfront & trail **accessibility** for seniors, people with disabilities & families with children
- **Protect our local environment** by repairing erosion, managing invasive species & increasing shoreline resiliency to sea level rise

"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:

visit **hhft.org** / email **info@hhft.org**
Living Green

What’s Your Future?

By Krystal Ford

I am great at picturing our climate-induced dystopian future. I can imagine food and commodity shortages, mass migration, trigger-happy racist militias — basically the Dust Bowl meets Fascism 2.0, sprinkled with The Handmaid’s Tale.

Humans are storytellers and we are good at telling stories about the breakdown of civilization. It’s a Hollywood genre. Too many of us can say what we don’t want but come up short when asked what we do want.

Have we lost our ability to imagine progress? Why don’t you ever hear the word utopia anymore? Sadly, we are conditioned to low expectations. That sentiment is reflected in a quote, variously attributed to philosophers Frederic Jameson or Slavoj Žižek: “It’s easier to imagine the end of the world than to imagine the end of capitalism.”

But imagine we must. The future will be a battle of ideas; if we don’t want disaster capitalism to write our story, it’s time for us to put pen to paper.

I decided to ask community members what they wanted the world to look like in 2050 but realized I had never attempted the question myself. So this month, I will do my best to imagine a better future, and next month, I will share thoughts from others. Here goes:

I’m 67, sitting on my porch. The air smells clean and fresh, no traces of diesel exhaust or gas fumes. I can hear the trees rustling in the breeze and birds chirping and I have long forgotten what leaf blowers and mowers sound like. The manicured green lawns that used to cover 40 million acres of the U.S. are now meadows, native grasslands, tended vegetable gardens or returned to forests. A civilian corps tends the vegetable gardens planted for their children or aging parents. Everyone receives a basic income, allowing people to raise their children, start businesses, farm, create art or find meaningful employment or just dream for a moment.

Democracy is much more participatory and diverse. Citizens’ assemblies are used for the big problems — a cross section of the public is recruited to study selected issues — overcoming the hurdles that arise between elected representatives and the electorate, and their lack of deliberation on the tough issues most politicians wouldn’t touch for fear of losing their seats.

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Haldane and Garrison Adopt Budgets

School district residents will vote May 16

By Joey Asher

The Haldane and Garrison school districts have adopted final budgets for the 2023-24 academic year to present to voters on May 16.

The Haldane board on Tuesday (April 18) approved $28.2 million in spending and a 1.96 percent property tax increase. That matches the tax cap calculated by the state for the district for 2023-24.

The budget includes funding for a class for as many as eight kindergarten, first- and second-graders with autism or similar needs ($166,000); a new special education teacher at the secondary level ($91,000); a French teacher ($91,000); and equipment to teach coding, robotics, design and engineering ($13,500).

Superintendent Philip Benenate said the district benefited from a 25 percent increase in state aid, amounting to $719,509, and a 51 percent jump in state pre-K funding ($118,800).

There will be one seat on the ballot for the five-member school board, with incumbent Peggy Clements as the only candidate for her fourth, three-year term.

Meanwhile, the Garrison school board adopted its $12.56 million budget last week. It includes a 3.3 percent property tax increase, matching its state cap for 2023-24.

The Garrison budget calls for the district to spend nearly $700,000 of its savings and make $220,000 in cuts, including changing the art teacher from full-time to part-time; eliminating the part-time Committee on Special Education chair and assigning staffing proposals a “next step” in the district’s plan to create mental health and intervention teachers in the elementary schools.

Superintendent Matt Landahl called the staffing proposals a “next step” in the district’s plan to create mental health and academic support structures for students.

State law requires that school buses purchased after 2027 run on electricity; all 50,000 gas-powered school buses in New York must be replaced by 2035. This purchase, if it happens, would be Beacon’s first step toward the mandate.

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AROUND TOWN

BRUSH FIRE — First responders from the Highlands and surrounding area were out in full force on April 14 and 15 battling a blaze in Garrison that consumed about 20 acres near Fort Defiance Hill Road. Firefighters hiked together into the woods and faced challenges in getting water to the site.

Photo by Lily Zuckerman

MAKE YOUR OWN — John Gilney (left) assists a student during a “blow-your-own-ornament” day on April 16 at Hudson Beach Glass in Beacon. The workshop is held monthly except during the holiday season, when it’s daily. Last year, visitors made more than 3,000 ornaments.

Photo by Ross Corsair

CITY VIBE — Photographer Ross Corsair happened upon this scene on April 16 and quipped: “Just your typical Beacon afternoon.”

ZYTECO IN THE HOUSE — C.J. Chenier brought his Louisiana Red Hot Band to the Towne Crier in Beacon on April 16.

Photo by Ross Corsair

ARE YOU WORRIED about the ‘Fjord Trail’ and how it will impact: Parking? Wildlife? Traffic? Community Life?

SHARE YOUR VOICE!

Attend the Fjord Trail public meeting on

Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at Haldane

www.ProtectTheHighlands.org
Beacon artists featured in lamppost project
By Alison Rooney

The work of 43 artists, including several from Beacon, is blowing in the wind in Wappingers Falls.

Banners featuring the work of individual artists adorn lampposts there and will hang through Nov. 1. The Beacon artists include Chris Ams, Elizabeth Castagna, Alyssa Follansbee, Margot Kingon and Anna West.

A group called Wappingers Rises organized the display after putting out a call to artists to submit a piece that best reflected each one’s work, style and aesthetic. The invitation also went to arts organizations in the Hudson Valley and nearby schools, senior centers and galleries.

While founder Courtney Kolb focused on logistics, Sarah Davida, who lived in Beacon for eight years before recently moving to Newburgh, created a unifying design. She initially offered to help format the banners, but when Kolb explained the project in more detail, Davida “felt it could use some proper branding. The event was Courtney’s idea; I just added some sparkle to her vision.”

Davida adds that the exhibit is not only helping artists get exposure for their work, “it’s creating a sense of community. Our area is filled with immeasurable talent and it can be difficult to find and/or connect with one another. It’s not easy for artists to find exposure outside of social media.”

After the call went out, the women received more than 60 submissions for the 43 posts. They placed the Wappingers Falls artists first and then held a lottery for the remaining spots.

The banners were hung earlier this month by the village highway crew. “It was a lot of work getting the pole holes to align with the banners and art,” Kolb says.

The project was funded by local sponsors and the banners printed at The UPS Store in Wappingers Falls, which provided a generous discount and “worked nonstop on customizations to make sure the banners looked perfect and each artist’s work was exactly as it was meant to look,” Kolb says.

Details about the artists and their pieces are online at bit.ly/streetside-artists.
**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

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**SAT 22**

**Bottle Drive**
**BEACON**
9 a.m. – Noon. Southaven Elementary 60 South Ave. | beacons12.org
Drop off deposit bottles and cans to support fifth-grade activities.

**SAT 22**

**Community Cleanup**
**BEACON**
9 a.m. – Noon. Various
Shop from vendors at the Cold Spring Farmer’s Market; make lanterns for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival processional; 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**

**Earth Day Fair**
**GARRISON**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare 2015 Route 9 | cfarmermarket.org
Shop from vendors at the Cold Spring Farmer’s Market; make lanterns for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival processional; 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**

**Cold Spring in Bloom**
**PHILIPSTOWN**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point 3011 Route 9D | facebook.com/littletonypoint
An Indigenous speaker, Heather Breugel, will talk about the “land-back” movement and stewardship in this event organized by the equity, diversity and inclusion 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**
**PHILIPSTOWN**
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Town Hall 238 Main St. | philipstowntown.com/apr22-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**

**Card and Comics Show**
**BEACON**
Noon – 6 p.m. VFW Post | 413 Main St. facebook.com/beaconandcomicsshow
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)

**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 and adult, as well as a mending station. The sale is 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 darsmowlen8@gmail.com.

**SAT 22**

**Sustainability Fair**
**BEACON**
Noon – 4 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery 7 E. Main St.
Following the city-wide cleanup, volunteers will receive a free drink ticket (age 21 and older) and a discount on Grundling’s pizza. Learn about electrification, composting, trail development and Pollinator Pathways at a sustainability fair. Hosted by the Conservation Advisory Committee.

**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 processional.

**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 processional, which will be lit by lanterns created by community members.

**SAT 29**

**Bake Sale and Raffle**
**COLD SPRING**
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Buy a raffle ticket or baked goods to support Crate Escape, an animal rescue and fostering service.

**SAT 29**

**Community Plant Swap**
**GARRISON**
2 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Bring a labeled houseplant, leaf cutting or propagated plant to share and take home a new plant. Meet in the garden.

**FRI 28**

**Arbor Day Celebration**
**BEACON**
4 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
There will be a tree planting, music, giveaways, crafts for kids and raffles at this event sponsored by the Beacon Tree Advisory Committee.

**SAT 29**

**Plant Sale**
**PHILIPSTOWN**
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stonecrop 81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000 stonecrop.org
Find alpine plants, troughs and selections from growers in three states at this 14th annual event. Cost: $5 (free for members and ages 3 and younger)

**SAT 29**

**Shredder Day**
**COLD SPRING**
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Nest 44 Chestnut St. coldspringlions.org/shredder
The Cold Spring Lions Club will offer a paper-shredding service for Philipstown residents and businesses. Remove paper clips and bindings and place material in the back or trunk of your vehicle. Donations welcome. Free

**SAT 29**

**Fat Talk**
**GARRISON**
3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Virginia Sole-Smith, a Philipstown journalist, will discuss her new book about parenting in a diet culture. See Page 2.

**SUN 23**

**Crafting Freedom**
**GARRISON**
2 p.m. Boscoobel 1601 Route 9D | boscoobel.org
Allison Robinson will discuss Thomas Commeraw, a free Black poeter who lived in the 18th century and whose work is on display at the New York Historical Society. Cost: $24 ($21 seniors, member discount)

**SUN 23**

**A Jewish Family’s Century in Shanghai**
**GARRISON**
6 p.m. Via Zoom | 845-265-3040 desmondfishlibrary.org/jewishchina
Esther Benjamin Shifrin, the author of *Hiding in a Cave of Trunks*, will discuss her family’s and her own experiences in China and their imprisonment 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.

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**COMMUNITY**

**SAT 22**

**Used Book Sale**
**COLD SPRING**
5 – 7:45 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Browse a selection of gently used books. Proceeds support library programs. Continues daily through SUN 30.

**FRI 28**

**Bottle Drive**
**BEACON**
9 a.m. – Noon. Southaven Elementary 60 South Ave. | beacons12.org
Drop off deposit bottles and cans to support fifth-grade activities.

**WED 26**

**The Sinking of the Lexington**
**COLD SPRING**
7 p.m. Via Zoom putnamhistorymuseum.org
In this program sponsored by the Putnam History Museum, Bill Bleyer will discuss the prestigious paddlewheel steamboat owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt, which caught fire and sank in 1840 in the Long Island Sound. Register online.

**THURS 27**

**Black Futures**
**GARRISON**
7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Justice McCray will discuss the impact of Black trailblazers who have been erased or forgotten.

**SUN 30**

**A.M. Homes**
**BEACON**
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org
The author will read from her latest novel, _The Unfolding_. See Page 17. Donations welcome. Free

**KIDS & FAMILY**

**SAT 22**

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

**MON 24**

**Pollinator Garden Event**
**GARRISON**
3:15 p.m. Garrison School 1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689 beacontoyandcomicshow@gmail.com
Students in the third and fifth grades will talk about pollinators and ecosystems, and then everyone can help plant native flowers.

**TUES 25**

**Paper Mouth Puppets**
**BEACON**
4 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Kids ages 4 through the fifth grade will learn how to make a puppet with a moving mouth from a single sheet of paper. Registration required.

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**THE SINKING OF THE LEXINGTON, APRIL 26**

The Sinking of the Lexington occurred on April 26, 1840. The paddlewheel steamboat was owned by Cornelius Vanderbilt and was named after his son, Cornelius Vanderbilt II. The ship caught fire and sank in the Long Island Sound, off the coast of New York. The sinking was a tragic event in maritime history, and it led to improvements in boat design and fire safety measures. The incident is commemorated in the book _Hiding in a Cave of Trunks_ by Esther Benjamin Shifrin, which explores the experiences of a Jewish family during the Japanese occupation of Shanghai and their relocation to Hong Kong and then Israel. The book provides a unique perspective on this historical event and its impact on individuals and families involved. For more information, visit the website desmondfishlibrary.org/jewishchina.
TUES 29
Sounds
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Family Science Night will focus on how sound is made. Registration required.

FRI 28
Reef Day Sale
BEACON
9 a.m. – 7 p.m. University Settlement
724 Wolcott Ave. | weepplayproject.org
This annual tag sale of gently used children’s clothing (infant to size 14/16), baby gear, books, toys, games and bicycles benefits the Wee Play Project. Daily through MON 1.

FRI 28
Storytime Series
COLD SPRING
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
3:30 – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library
butterfieldlibrary.org
3:30 – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library
Children's Literary Festival
SUN 30
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. Also SUN 23. Cost: $12 ($5 students, seniors)

SAT 22
Lessons From Strangers
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
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

FRI 29
Royal Hanneford Circus
POUGHKEEPSIE
6 p.m. MN Center | 14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org
Acts will include aerial, daredevil, trampoline and motorcycle thrills. Also SAT 29, SUN 30. Cost: $10 ($5 seniors and ages 4 to 11, free ages 3 and younger)

SAT 29
Children’s Literary Festival
COLD SPRING
3:30 – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Raven Howell, Tania Guarino, Catherine Ciocchi and Karen Kaufman Orloff will read from and sign their books.

SUN 30
Interstellar Cinderella
BEACON
1 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org
In this program sponsored by the Howland Chamber Music Circle, WindSync will perform a narrated musical about an alternate Cinderella who dreams of becoming a rocket-ship mechanic. Cost: $15 (children free)

VISUAL ARTS
SAT 22
Beacon High School Show
BEACON
2 – 4 p.m. Lofts at Beacon
18 Front St. | loftsatbeacon.com
Student artists will display their work at this annual exhibit.

SUN 23
Open Studio Day
BEACON
 Noon – 6 p.m. Fridman Gallery
475 Main St. | fridmangallery.com
The 2023 artists-in-residence Aruki Furuya (Japan) and Adelisa Selimbasic (Bosnia/Italy) will show and discuss the work they are creating in Beacon.

NATURE & OUTDOORS
FRI 28
Epimediums: Jewels of the Shade
PHILIPSTOWN
5:30 p.m. Stonecrop | 81 Stonecrop Lane
stonecrop.org
Karen Perkins, an epimedium specialist and grower, will talk about these plants that thrive in dry, shady conditions, and new species from China. Cost: $20

SAT 29
Bird Walk
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave.
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org
This guided walk will highlight plants that bloom briefly in the spring and others with medicinal properties. Cost: $20

MUSIC
SAT 22
Sal ‘The Voice’ Valentinetti
PEEKSKILL
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 29
Anthony Geraci and The Boston Blues All-Stars
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The award-winning blues performer will play songs from his latest release, Blues Called My Name. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

FRI 28
Charlie Rymer
BEACON
7:30 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | reservabeacon.com
The jazz performer will play music from his latest release, Kinchin, with Joe Izzo (drums) and Joe Beerman (bass).
FRI 28
Inspire to Change the World
PEEKSKILL
8:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
Hosted by Talent Da Comedian, this uplifting show will include Jason Gisser, Andre “Noodle Noo” Rainey, Laziel and Q Williams. Cost: $40 to $65

FRI 28
Jonah Smith Band
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The singer and songwriter will play music from Stay Close and other songs with his band, Andy Stack (guitar), Manuel Quintana (drums) and Brandon Morrison (bass). James Maddock will open. Cost: $30 ($35 door)

SAT 29
Swing Thing
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
This dance party is a fundraiser for the center. Come alone or with a partner and enjoy a lesson, prizes, food and refreshments. Cost: $30 ($75 door)

SAT 29
Cortlandt String Quartet
PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The composer and violinist Andy Stein will be joined by Rachel Evans (viola), Sarah Adams (viola) and Leo Grinhauz (cello). Cost: $20

SAT 29
Southern RockFest
PEEKSKILL
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
A Brother's Revival recreates the experience of an Allman Brothers concert and will share the stage with a Lynyrd Skynyrd cover band. Cost: $32 to $49

SUN 30
Beatles Sing-A-Long
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. First Presbyterian | 10 Academy St.
The Dream Choir will perform and invite spectators to add their voices. Cost: $20 donation

SUN 30
The Music of Belief
BEACON
3 p.m. St. Joseph's Church
51 Leonard St. | putnamchorale.org
The Putnam Chorale will sing masterpieces that are rarely performed. Cost: $25 ($20 seniors, free ages 12 and younger)

SUN 30
WindSync
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org
The woodwind quintet’s program will include Jean-Philippe Rameau's Pièces de clavecin and Sambeada, by Uruguayan-American composer Miguel del Aguila. Cost: $35 ($10 students ages 25 and younger)

SUN 30
Gratefully Yours
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
The band will play songs by the Grateful Dead and audience members are invited to submit dream set lists. Cost: $20 ($25 door)

CIVIC
MON 24
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

TUES 25
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
845-838-6900 | beaconk12.org

TUES 25
School Board
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689
gufs.org

TUES 25
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Auditorium | 15 Craigside Drive
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WED 26
Village Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St.
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

THURS 27
Trustee Election and Budget Vote
BEACON
Noon – 8 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

PHILIPSTOWN
EARTH DAY FAIR @ HVSF
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.

APRIL 22
A DAY OF FUN, FAMILY FARMERS & FESTIVITIES

10AM–1PM MARKET | 11AM & 7PM HIKES | 7:30PM PERFORMANCE

HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL © 2015 U.S. 9 GARRISON, NY
The good news is that he was able to stop DDT from being deployed in the ‘Gunks; the bad news is that he was right about the unknown effects. As Rachel Carson would explain in her 1962 classic Silent Spring, DDT had a disastrous effect on the bird population. Several species of birds were vanishing from the American landscape entirely, including Smiley’s beloved peregrine falcons, which came to the cliffs of what is now the Mohonk Preserve every spring to nest.

Smiley had been “banding” them since the 1920s, attaching bands to their legs which helped scientists track their migratory patterns at a time when not much was known about them.

DDT was banned in the U.S. in 1972, but for the peregrine falcon it was feared to be too late. The peregrines of the ‘Gunks — and for that matter, everywhere east of the Mississippi — were gone. Scientists and amateurs like Smiley worked together in New Paltz and Ithaca to breed the birds in captivity, which had never been done before. They released them to save the population, which had never been done before. Because the falcons are so territorial, only three pairs typically settle in the cliffs for a season.

Once the spotters have identified the nesting locations, the Preserve can reopen many climbing routes while giving the falcons a wide berth. The spotters continue to watch the falcons and upload observations at bit.ly/peregrine-watch. (One highlight: at 10 a.m. on March 5, a peregrine was observed dive-bombing a bald eagle.)

Unlike in years past, the Preserve takes a hands-off approach to the falcons. It doesn’t band the birds or install artificial nests to protect the eggs and chicks from predators. That makes it hard to determine if the same three pairs of falcons return to the ‘Gunks, or where they live during the rest of the year. But it does allow the birds to simply return as they choose, as it was in the Shawangunks for thousands of years.

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Q&A: A.M. Homes
Novelist will read at Chapel Restoration
By Alison Rooney

“If you don’t write the book you have to write, everything breaks.” — A.M. Homes

A wearer of many writerly hats, A.M. Homes will read from her latest novel, The Unfolding, at 4 p.m. on April 30 at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring as part of its ongoing Sunset Readings series. Her work is typically described in contrasts, such as extreme against hilarious, or grotesque versus upbeat. Homes doesn’t categorize it in any way. When asked if she liked being called a “provokeur,” she replied: “That’s a misnomer. It’s irrelevant. I’m always writing about the world we live in. If it’s disturbing, it’s because I’m disturbed by it and I’m wanting there to be a ‘how and why does this happen?’ How do I write something entering there to be a ‘how and why does this happen?’ Because I’m disturbed by it and I want to provoke a conversation about ideas.”

We spoke with Homes recently to discuss her book and writing process.

The Unfolding combines galvanizing political and social events and a family waking up to what’s been going on around them. Is that a fair summary?

Yes, it’s about the dissonance or space between our public and private selves. I’m always exploring that. It focuses on how both sides of the American political establishment had lost track of the American people. Jan. 6 is where the book is heading. I’ve been asked, “Who is this book for? Why would Democrats read it?” But it’s about human behavior, not about a political party. That secretly bums me out — that you have to read according to your own affiliation. As a reader and as a writer, I don’t understand those ideas. They’re depressing, because it narrows our vision. We don’t see beyond our own point of view and that makes for a very divided society. You don’t solve problems by being reminded of what you believe. And the story is still unfolding.

When you write, do your characters lead the way, or do the characters develop from the situations they find themselves in, courtesy of you?

They’re often led by an idea I’m trying to explore along the way. That idea often begins with nonfiction but becomes, “Who can I do that with? What would be an interesting lens?” It’s usually the least likely character — someone I haven’t met. One of the big things for me is I am truly a fiction writer. I’m not writing my own life.

Do you always know how the narrative of the story will pan out?

I might have some ideas, but the journey and the process of discovery is ongoing. If I really knew, I wouldn’t bother, because it wouldn’t be compelling.

Do you start with a kernel or a more expansive idea?

Both. It goes back to starting with a nonfiction idea I want to look at in terms of both a large-scale political and social environment and on a small scale. They’re always about pretty large ideas but relying on the specificity of the characters, the truth of them, to bring them into focus. When I’m writing a short story, there are things that say to me: “This is a short story; it’s non-sustaining.”

Two of my books started as short stories. I thought they were finished, but then I kept having funny, internal conversations, and eventually it became inescapable that there was more to it. In Music for Torching, a couple burns down their house on Page 30. That’s not usually how you begin a novel, because how do you raise the stakes? In May We Be Forgiven, a man murders his wife on Page 30. On a craft level, it’s interesting, but it was not intentional that those would become novels.

When you write, do you receive for television. Is it a shock to have a roomful of collaborators or a welcome change from the solitary pursuit?

Both. It’s fun to be in a room with people asking: “What are we going to make and how are we going to make it?” — generating ideas as a group. It is not about one’s own personal work or ideas. I love anything where I get to play with others. But when I toggle back to fiction, it’s amazing. I have complete control.

You teach creative writing at Princeton. Are you writers concerned with different ideas and protagonists?

The struggle to understand and explore one’s self is universal. But this particular group has had a hard time coping with not only COVID but women’s rights and political unrest. I suspect in some ways the time they are living in changes them. The disappointment is hard on their mental health. Teaching and writing is so intimate; you’re working across those lines all the time.

I’d like to read something you wrote: “In writing, in order to pull a story out you go so far into your mind that when you come out you feel you’ve traveled through time and that either you’ve been somewhere incredibly different or that the world has changed. And that’s a good day’s work, but it’s not necessarily a pleasant experience.” Should losing oneself in writing always be that cathartic?

One hundred percent, truly.

The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St., adjacent to the Metro-North parking lot, where parking is free on weekends. The reading is free, although donations are welcome.

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By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (April 1873)

After the home of Sylvester Townsend burned in Matteawan, all that remained was its 25-foot chimney. The next morning, five girls ages 7 to 12 were playing at the chimney base when it crumbled. Two died and three were seriously injured. A sixth girl had spotted the structure swaying, grabbed a toddler and jumped out of the way.

Samuel Stewart of Newburgh died of arsenic poisoning. According to his wife, who was sickened but survived, she had been making a pie when she reached to the top shelf of the cupboard for an ingredient. She said a piece of paper flew down and white powder fell on the pie. She told authorities she assumed it was cream of tartar and scraped it off with a spoon.

John Monell of Fishkill Landing purchased 17 acres in Matteawan that he planned to turn into a subdivision called Prospect Square. Shoenig's store in Matteawan was destroyed by fire; the proprietor had closed into a subdivision called Prospect Square. Shoenig was alerted by an announcement in the circus tent.

Samuel Peters of Tarrytown, a patient brother, John Smith, also lived in Fishkill to boys for 25 and 30 cents each. Smith's parents had him returned to Fishkill Landing. Dr. Tetamore made her a cast from plaster of paris so she could walk like other children.

125 Years Ago (April 1898)

Philip Smith, a bookseller from Fishkill Landing, was arrested in Cornwall on charges that he rented obscene books to boys for 25 and 30 cents each. Smith's brother, John Smith, also lived in Fishkill Landing, where he was president of the First National Bank.

The men's room at the Fishkill Landing station. He was survived by his wife and three children in Liverpool, England.

Charles Brown, formerly of Fishkill Landing, hanged himself at Annsville, near Peekskill. It was said that after a quarrel with his wife over the location of a hen's nest (she wanted it moved away from the water), he attacked her with a knife. When she wrested the weapon from him, he said, "If I can't kill you, I can kill myself."

In a presentation to the Michigan Pomological Society, an enthusiast described modern grape varieties such as the Eumelan, believed to be a cross between the Clinton and Isabella, that grew by chance in the Fishkill Landing yard of Mr. Thorne around 1847 and was documented 20 years later by horticulturist C.W. Grant of Iona Island.

100 Years Ago (April 1923)

Three years after being transferred from the Matteawan State Hospital for the Criminally Insane to the Hudson River State Hospital, Bernard McDonough escaped and made his way by foot and hitchhiking to the Beacon facility, which he said he preferred.

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Charles Banto, a convicted killer, escaped from a second-floor dorm room at the Matteawan State Hospital farm colony by tying his bed sheets into a rope. Although an alarm sounded within 10 minutes, Banto was still at large the next morning.

State troopers searching for a missing 15-year-old who didn’t return home found him at 8 p.m. inside Beacon High School. Police said they had no explanation for why the teen was locked in the school, or why he didn’t attempt to get out.

The City Council confirmed two appointments by the mayor to replace school board members whose 5-year terms had expired.

The weekly, 106-year-old Beacon Light and Fishkill Standard, which owner Robert Pendell called “the only outspoken Democratic publication in Dutchess County,” ceased publication. Pendell cited rising union printer wages and advertising competition. He said his printing business would continue.

Two homeless men, each about 50 years old, were arrested for unlawful entry after they were discovered living in a vacant house on Tioronda Avenue. Police said the men were using blankets stolen from a Highland Avenue hospital.

A dinner dance at Dutchess Manor that Matteawan patients had no such rights.

A woman’s screams alerted a patrol officer to two 8-year-olds riding the cowcatcher on a freight locomotive as it pulled into the New Hamburg station. The boys said they had left school in Newburgh, crossed to New Hamburg station. The boys said they would fight extradition, although they were soon turned over when New York officials noted an earlier court ruling that Matteawan patients had no such rights.

75 Years Ago (April 1948)

A week ago, on April 9, a woman and her mother were found in a vacant building on Tioronda Avenue. Police said the woman had been raped and had been left there for several days.

The Beacon Lumber & Coal Co. offered a $25 reward for information about overnight burglars who were repeatedly stealing its coal.

Two Beacon men were indicted for holding up a pharmacy in Rhinebeck with a .22-caliber rifle. Their take was $42 (about $285 today).

The Federal Highway Administration approved a state plan to build a 3.5-mile arterial highway from Dutchess Junction to Route 84. The road would proceed north-west of Craig House Road and across Fishkill Creek to Wolcott Avenue; north along Hudson Avenue, Park Avenue and Ferry Street to Main Street; and then along Route 9D.

The Urban Development Corp. held hearings for the sale of two parcels formerly owned by the Matteawan hospital: Roundtree Builders would pay $60,000 ($408,000) for 24 acres to construct a 300-unit townhouse complex, and the Knights of Columbus would pay $35,000 ($238,000) for 5 acres to build a meeting hall.

The City Council approved the sale by the Beacon Urban Renewal Agency of a parcel at Wolcott and South avenues for $31,000 ($211,000) to Victor Looper for a shopping center. It also approved a permit for construction of a 13-story apartment building at Fishkill Ave. That plan included extending Church Street to connect with Fishkill Avenue as part of a loop system detailed in the city’s master plan.

A clerk from the Gallagher Shell station was robbed at gunpoint while delivering the day’s receipts to his employer’s home on Violet Drive. The employee said the two assailants wore ski jackets with the hoods pulled around their heads and that one was armed with a shotgun.

25 Years Ago (April 1998)

The Vegetable Garden organic restaurant and pizzeria, owned by Rexhep Bobi, moved from Main Street to 389 Fishkill Ave.

The Beacon school district asked a court to issue an injunction after 10 bus drivers called in sick the day after two colleagues had been suspended. The union said there was no organized “sick out,” and that the drivers all had doctors’ notes. The day before, the board had suspended a driver for 30 days for being at fault in an accident and another for 60 days for speeding. After the school board approved the suspensions, 30 drivers walked out of the meeting in protest.

Jose Rodriguez, the Beacon High School boys’ track coach, recorded his 100th career victory with a win over Hendrick Hudson.

The Fishkill Town Board agreed to allow Beacon to annex a 12-acre parcel on Depuyten Avenue. Elise Burke wanted to give part of the property to her granddaughter, Erin Bursee, but was told Fishkill couldn’t allow a subdivision because there would be no access for emergency vehicles except through Beacon. After the vote, Bursee said, “We always thought we were in Beacon.”

A fire at 215 Main St. left nine people homeless and damaged RJ’s Restaurant at 213 Main. No one was hurt. About 65 firefighters fought the afternoon blaze as speculators filled the street.

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Pets (from Page 1)

Unfortunately, Oreo is one of a growing number of dogs and cats being abandoned or given up by their owners to shelters. “People are struggling,” said Cassi Paupst, a board member of the nonprofit Animal Rescue Foundation in Beacon. “People are having a hard time holding onto their dogs.”

Paupst said the shelter has seen an increase in abandoned dogs over the last six months. Three owners surrendered dogs in recent weeks, which created a challenge for a facility that only has room for 16.

In Putnam County, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 2022 saw a 285 percent increase in dog and cat abandonments, said Craig Alexander, society president. Alexander said many of the owners bringing their dogs to the shelter are relocations, job changes or their apartments and can’t take the animals with them to their new homes.

Nationally, many animal welfare organizations are struggling with capacity challenges because more animals are coming into shelters than leaving, said Craig Alexander of the ASPCA in New York City. Alexander said the most common reasons for abandonments are relocations, job changes and expense. He noted that, contrary to what some people may think, animals acquired during the pandemic are not being abandoned at greater rates.

But Ken Ross Jr., chief of the Putnam County SPCA, says he suspects the pandemic did play a role, because the number of strays began to rise about a year ago, in early 2022, when pandemic restrictions began to ease.

People adopted pets they had no idea how to care for and “realized they don’t come with an off switch,” he said. “You can’t just put them in a closet.”

Exactly how Oreo ended up in Garrison is not clear, said Karen Jackson, the Philipstown dog-control officer. Jackson was able to identify the dog and his Spring Valley owner by scanning an ID chip inserted under the skin between the dog’s shoulder blades. The owner told her the dog’s name was Oreo. Of the owner, she said, “he just didn’t want the responsibility.”

Michele Dugan, board president and shelter director at the Putnam Humane Society in Carmel, said the owner told the shelter that Oreo had been lost but that he was willing to surrender the pet. “He was moving and his roommates couldn’t take the dog,” she said.

Oreo caught the attention of the Garrison residents in mid-February. “When I first saw him, he had a bunny in his mouth,” said Emily Quant, who posted a message with photos on Facebook. Her post generated 90 comments while residents offered suggestions about how to catch the dog.

It was tricky. “I didn’t think those little legs could run that fast,” said Quant, who put out water and food to entice Oreo. Jackson got within 10 feet with a catch pole but Oreo was too quick. A few days later, a neighbor trapped Oreo in a gated yard. After arriving at the Putnam Humane Society, he was neutered and put up for adoption.

As it happened, Eade, 58, was looking for a small dog. Her mother had finished cancer treatments and wanted a companion. When they visited the humane society facility in Carmel, they fell in love.

“As soon as we saw his face, we said, ‘He’s our dog’,” recalled Eade, who lives with her mother. When she returned to pick up Oreo on March 13, she brought four packages of Oreo cookies in trade, concerned she might be competing with other prospective owners and need something to tip the scales.

At his new home, Oreo loves playing fetch and tossing around a stuffed pig. “He has a big-dog personality in a little body,” said Eade, who has owned many larger dogs. “This is one of the best dogs I’ve ever had.”

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54 Simmons Lane, Beacon
arfbeacon.org | 845-831-5161
By appointment after application Fees: $150-$350 (dogs); $75-$125 (cats)

Compassionate Animal Rescue Efforts
60 Smith Crossing Road, Wappingers Falls
careofdc.org | 845-240-4862
By appointment after application Fees: $350-$540 (dogs); $150-$200 (cats)

Dutchess County SPCA
636 Violet Ave., Hyde Park
dcspca.org/adopt | 845-452-7722 x420
Open Tues. to Sat., Noon to 5 p.m.
Fees: $75-$450 (dogs); $35-$200 (cats)

Mid Hudson Animal Aid (Cats)
54 Simmons Lane, Beacon
midhudsonanimalaid.org | 845-831-4321
By appointment after application Fees: $100-$200

Putnam Humane Society
68 Old Route 6, Carmel
puthumane.org | 845-225-7777
Open daily 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (dogs)
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Fees: $75-$195 (dogs); $50-$150 (cats)

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Harm an Animal, Go to Jail

Putnam SPCA combats cruelty

By Michael Turton

Despite a love of dogs and a full-time job dedicated to helping animals, Ken Ross Jr. has no pets.

“That would be cruel,” said Ross, chief of the Putnam County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). “Having a pet is a full-time job, and I just wouldn’t be home enough.”

Ross isn’t at home much because each year he and his son, SPCA Det. Sgt. Ken Ross III, answer more than 2,500 calls, many from the 24-hour hotline set up for residents to report suspected animal abuse.

On April 30, from 1 to 2:30 p.m., Paulette’s in Cold Spring will host a coffee with the officers.

Ross Jr., 66, began working for the Westchester SPCA in 2005; his son joined him a year later. The senior Ross established the Putnam County SPCA in 2011 when he moved to Mahopac.

“He saw what I do is dangerous, and he wanted to have my back,” Ross said of his son.

The dangers typically involve pet owners. “We deal with the same people who commit all the other crimes,” Ross said. “When I knock, the person behind the door doesn’t know if I have a warrant for their arrest for something else.”

SPCA officers are armed and have the authority to enforce any state law, but Ross said he prefers to educate first-time offenders rather than immediately pressing charges. “If an owner leaves a dog out in the cold, we’ll ask them to bring it inside, make them aware of the law,” Ross said.

A relatively minor offense such as that is classified as a violation, though it can send them aware of the law,” Ross said. “Others say: ‘It’s only an animal.’”

Putnam County SPCA combats cruelty

Economic circumstances can be a factor. “Some people, he said, don’t understand the effect of their actions. During hot summer weather, the SPCA patrols parking lots, looking for pets inside vehicles. “It can be 140 degrees in there,” Ross said. “We try to work with people, to tell them animals can’t stay in those conditions.”

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Report Animal Cruelty

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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, holidays or any 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 $330,000; authorizing the issuance of $330,000 bonds of said School District to pay the cost thereof, and such sum or as 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 each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York,dated March 20, 2023 authorize the holding of a special meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for 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 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 School District between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., on the date on which the Board of Education determines the 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 Education 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 such 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 School 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 later 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 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.
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ACROSS
1. Burden
5. "Terrif!"
8. Confront
12. Guesser’s words
13. Rushmore face
14. Big-screen format
15. Banner
16. Actuality
18. Prepare for printing
20. Staffers
21. Small batteries
22. Today rival, briefly
23. Bizarre
26. The West Wing actor
30. Altar constellation
31. Group of whales
32. Pledge
33. Was behind schedule
36. “Thank Me Later” rapper
38. — tear (raging)
39. Sticky stuff
43. Worldly
47. Stop signal
49. Small iPod

DOWN
1. Barn storage area
2. Paris airport
3. Now, on a memo
4. Ersatz bookmark
5. Taxi costs
6. Help a crook
7. Arthur of Maude
8. Re offspring
9. During
10. Sidewalk eatery
11. Former mates
12. Mary’s follower
17. Melancholy
19. Deity
20. Series of battles
22. Historic period
23. 007 creator
24. Historic period
25. 007 creator
26. Help a crook
27. Lab eggs
28. Stir-fry pan
29. Lamb’s dam
30. Altar constellation
31. School support org.
32. Con
33. Medico
34. Bout segments
35. Sweetie
36. Ship wood
37. Between jobs
38. Deity
39. Very beginning
40. Jocular Johnson
41. Cheer (for)
42. Between jobs
43. Actress Elisabeth
44. Cannes milk
45. Downton Abbey role
46. Cheer (for)
47. Stop signal
48. Joke
49. Small iPod

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Answers for April 14 Puzzles

SLIP WBE SHEP
LATH A VA TYRA
OREO GALGADOT
GAMETE METROS
BUR LEO
GAME TIME SGTS
ERA UNCAP EAT
ECRU GARLANDS
TSE SLED
TRIADS GADGET
GANSTER EAVE
ISEE UNERYAN
FATS BAY SEND
1 4 7 5 6 3 9 3 2 8
2 9 6 7 8 1 4 3 5
5 8 3 9 4 2 7 6 1
9 1 8 3 2 5 6 7 4
7 6 4 8 1 9 3 5 2
3 5 2 4 7 6 1 8 9
4 2 9 6 3 8 5 1 7
8 3 5 1 9 7 2 4 6
6 7 1 2 5 4 8 9 3

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.

SOLUTIONS
1 diplomatic (7)
2 travel across (8)
3 limiting (7)
4 beanies, berets and toques (4)
5 sauce on a Filet-O-Fish (6)
6 Portugal’s peninsula (6)
7 place to watch video games (6)

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**BOYS’ TENNIS**
Beacon pulled off an upset, taking down previously unbeaten Newburgh, 4-3, at home on Tuesday (April 18).

The Bulldogs were led by singles players; Frank Zezza (No. 2), Danny Barry (3) and Beckett Anderson (4) all won in straight sets.

With the match deadlock at 3-3, it came down to first doubles. After splitting the first two sets, Scott Bunker and Charlie Klein prevailed, 6-3, in the third set to seal the win.

Beacon fell at Ketcham, 5-2, on Wednesday (April 19) to drop to 5-3 on the season. The Bulldogs will host Monticello/Liberty at 4:30 p.m. on Monday (April 24).

**BOYS’ LACROSSE**
Haldane opened last week with an 11-5 home win over Arlington behind Liam Gaugler’s hat trick. Evan Giachinta had two goals and three assists, Rhys Robbins and Will Sniffen each scored twice, Frankie DiGiglio and Rowen Kuzuminski each had a goal and Jordan Hankel had 10 saves in the net.

It was Haldane’s first win over Arlington in lacrosse, said Coach Ed Crowe.

In a game played at Rutgers University on Sunday (April 16), the Blue Devils fell, 11-5, to undefeated Horace Greeley. DiGiglio had two assists to go with a goal, and Giachinta, Robbins, Jesse Hagen and Brody Coreless each had a goal. The game was tied at halftime and Haldane was up 5-4 early in the third quarter but couldn’t hold on to its lead.

Haldane followed with a 13-4 victory at John Jay East Fishkill on Tuesday behind four goals from Fallon Faye and three from Gaugler.

The Blue Devils (6-2) are scheduled to travel to Hicksville on Saturday (April 22), host Irvington at 5:15 p.m. on Monday and travel to Croton-Harmon on Thursday.

**GIRLS’ LACROSSE**
Haldane picked up an 11-9 victory over Ardsley on Monday (April 17) behind five goals by Kayla Ruggiero. Mairead O’Hara had four goals and two assists; Caroline Nelson and Sami Thomas each had a goal and an assist; and Helen Nicholls had two assists.

Keeper Lola Mahoney had nine saves.

The Blue Devils trailed 5-2 at the half but “showed their strength and played a fantastic second half,” said Coach Mary Callaghan. “Mairead took control of the middle of the field and our defensive line was relentless. The girls on attack called smart plays and had some great passing sequences.”

Haldane hosted Putnam Valley on Thursday (April 20) and will visit Sleepy Hollow on Saturday, Mahopac on Monday and Arlington on Tuesday before hosting Blind Brook at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

**BASEBALL**
Milo Pearsall has been making his presence felt on the mound this spring for Haldane, and on Wednesday (April 19), the sophomore picked up a complete-game victory, shutting out Putnam Valley 4-0 in a game at Mayor’s Park in Cold Spring.

Pearsall, who has not allowed an earned run this season, struck out four and walked one. The right-hander showed the ability to crank it up a notch to get out of trouble when needed. Pearsall had his fast ball, curve and changeup all working and finished with an economical 84 pitches.

“He’s been phenomenal so far,” said Coach Simon Dudar. “He’s fearless. He never wants to come out.”

Pearsall wasn’t bad at the plate, either. After Haldane loaded the bases in the third inning, he smacked a triple that scored three runs. Jeremy Hall knocked in Haldane’s other run, and catcher Trajan McCarthy threw out two base runners. The Blue Devils finished with no errors.

The Blue Devils didn’t fare as well on Tuesday, falling 15-4 at Croton-Harmon. Jake Hotaling took the loss on the mound.

“We were up 4-2 going into the fourth, but we ran out of pitching,” Dudar said.

On April 15 at home, Haldane scuffled out a 5-4 victory over Yonkers Montessori Academy. Freshman Dan Nakabayashi picked up the win, striking out 16, with only two walks and two hits. Hotaling drove in the game-winning run with a walk in the sixth inning, and Pearsall went 2 for 4 with a double. Hunter Erickson went 2 for 4 and drove in a run, and John Kissinger had two RBI.

Haldane (5-3) will visit Pawling today (April 21) and Hastings on Saturday. On Monday, the Blue Devils will face Alexander Hamilton at Heritage Financial Park (Dutchess Stadium) at 7 p.m.

Beacon, meanwhile, came up on the short end of a 10-0 decision to Cornwall on Tuesday at home, managing only one hit. Ryan Landisti took the loss on the mound.

Beacon fared better last week, coming back from a 6-1 deficit on April 15 to beat Lourdes 7-6 on a run in the final frame. Derrick Heaton went 3 for 4 with an RBI and threw out a go-ahead run at the plate. Pitcher Anthony Borromeo got his first varsity win.

A day earlier, Beacon topped Minisink Valley, 8-6, with Landisti getting his first varsity win while fanning seven. Liam Murphy went 2 for 3 with an RBI and Heaton was 2 for 4 with two RBI. Jack Antalek added an RBI double.

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**TRACK & FIELD**
Both teams head to the Trotters Classic dual meet on Wednesday (April 19) at Monticello, Henry Reinke won the 1,600- and 200-meter runs and anchored the winning 4x400 relay. Jack Twining won the 3,200 and anchored the winning 4x800, andRubio Castagna won the 400 hurdles and ran a leg on the winning 4x800 and 4x400 relays.

For the girls, Janaya Fluellen won the 100 and 200, and anchored the winning 4x400. Castagna won the long jump, triple jump and 200-meter run. Both teams head to the Trotters Classic in Goshen on Saturday (April 22).

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