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School Taxes: What Are the Limits?

Haldane, Garrison and Beacon, like most districts in New York, are told each year by the state how much they can raise taxes. How is the cap calculated?

By Joey Asher

The inflation rate of 5 percent has made it a challenge to balance 2023-24 school budgets because of a state-imposed cap that limits property tax levy increases to 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. To calculate how much they can raise

taxes, most districts in the state, including Haldane, Garrison and Beacon, each year must use a state-mandated formula with as many as a dozen factors.

The vast majority of the school caps this year are clustered around a median of 3 percent, said Brian Fessler, governmental relations director for the New York State School Boards Association. (A district can

override its cap, as Garrison did last year, but it requires approval by 60 percent of voters.)

To explain the formula, we'll use Garrison as an example, with assistance from Joseph Jimick, the business administrator for the Garrison district, and representatives from the state comptroller and Department of Taxation and Finance.

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Legislator Sponsors Beacon Hotel Tax

Would allow city to collect 5 percent on rooms, Airbnb

By Jeff Simms

State Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, has introduced a bill that, if approved by the Legislature, would allow the city to collect a tax of up to 5 percent on lodging stays.

While Beacon does not have any traditional hotels or motels, the tax would apply to bed-and-breakfasts and short-term rentals made through platforms such as Airbnb, as well as rooms rented at the Roundhouse, which, according to its website, range from \$249 to \$549 per night.

The city's charge would be in addition to a 4 percent tax collected by Dutchess County from hotels, motels and, since 2017, Airbnb, which in 2022 sent the county \$785,502.

An occupancy tax would also apply to the 85 rooms at the Mirbeau Inn & Spa, which

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EARTH DAY ON THE RIVER — Volunteers help lift the 3,000-pound main sail aboard the Clearwater during an April 22 trip on the Hudson. The sloop, which was created by Pete Seeger and others to draw attention to the environmental needs of the river, is modeled after Dutch vessels of the 18th and 19th centuries. Near the end of this sail, a storm arose with fierce winds, and the crew scrambled to quickly take down the main sail. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Evidence Rules Under Fire

Changes sought by DAs worry defenders

By Leonard Sparks

Having once represented defendants, Robert Tendy, Putnam County's district attorney, said he has been a longtime advocate for reforming New York's

rules governing how prosecutors share the evidence they collect with defense attorneys.

Under the old rules, said Tendy, he would sometimes get thousands of pages of discovery on the eve of trials. In one case, prosecutors turned over hundreds of pages of phone records after the trial had started, and the judge said they had to be reviewed during lunch, he said.

"That's crazy," said Tendy. "But what's happened now is we've gone completely over to the other side, which is equally crazy."

Tendy is part of a chorus of district attorneys who are hoping the state relaxes rules governing evidence-sharing that took effect in 2020.

New York's nascent discovery law lists 21 types of material that prosecutors must share with defense attorneys, including co-defendant statements, grand jury testimony, electronic recordings such as 911 calls, evidence

collected from cellphones and computers and other "materials favorable to the defense."

Defense attorneys must also receive footage from police body cameras — a relatively recent addition to the evidence canon that already included lab results, surveillance video and witness statements.

Prosecutors can ask a court to shield information they feel should be withheld, such as the names of witnesses who may be endangered. The law also requires the defense to

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FIVE QUESTIONS: GABBY GRACE

By Marc Ferris

Gabby Grace owns Gabby Grace Landscaping and Masonry in Beacon. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, only 4 percent of women in the construction industry work in skilled trades.

What was your background before you got into construction?

I'm an immigrant [from Uruguay] who grew up in Peekskill and moved to Beacon 20 years ago when Main Street was still boarded up. Since I came to this country, all I ever wanted to do was be a nurse and serve my community, so I went to nursing school. I became a mother of two and worked all over the Hudson Valley for many years as a nurse.

How did you end up in the construction industry?

I had the privilege of working with physicians who were either solo practitioners or part of a small group who were well known in their fields. A few years ago, hospitals and large medical groups started buying their little practices and I found that the quality of my direct relationship with patients started to suffer. The new manage-



ment instituted rules for engagement and it became clear that they wanted more of a transaction as opposed to caring for the patients' needs, so I lost my smile.

I wanted to start a landscaping business but I thought it was a pipe dream. It was also scary. Since my teen years, I had worked for uncles who were old-fashioned masons. When they retired, a couple of master masons I grew up with needed help with labor and client issues, so after a few months of putting out fires and resolving conflicts, we adopted each other and I decided to try it full time.

What challenges do women face in the industry?

The biggest hurdle is that people challenge our technical knowledge. I have to know twice as much as male counterparts because I get questioned three times more than they do. For moms, the long days and irregular work schedules can be tough. Supply-chain issues continue to be a problem and there's been an enormous increase in the cost of materials, so there are never enough hours in the day. But the opportunities for a successful career have also

increased because construction is evolving and we are breaking stereotypes. There are more young women going into the trades in general than ever before.

We need to remind young girls that a career in the infrastructure industry is also a great life choice. I'm a little biased, but I think women can multitask, communicate better and follow through for a perfect project execution.

What advice would you give a young woman who wants to get into construction?

I would tell her to be audacious, to develop confidence and to trust her gut. Be strong and don't be afraid to fail because that's how we learn. Ask questions, but don't let anyone's assumptions hold you back. Advocate for yourself, loudly demand respect and remember that the more you do something, the easier it becomes. Before you know it, it becomes second nature. You also have to be relentless in the pursuit of your dreams. In construction, in particular, everything's a secret because information is power. So be informed. You need to know the process from beginning to end because you will be questioned.

Do you get your hands dirty?

I've been around construction all my life. I grew up mixing cement from scratch, screeding concrete by hand and installing Belgian block bibs. I dig the ground to install native gardens and have learned to install paver patios. I have to know what I'm talking about, so I learn by doing. I'm moving toward designing and building custom homes, but the one thing I haven't mastered is chiseling stone by listening to it the way the master masons do, which is an absolute art. They are the best craftsmen in their field and have been practicing since childhood. I'm still a work in progress.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's the biggest crowd you've been part of?

I was among thousands who walked the Brooklyn Bridge for the National Kidney Foundation.



Nellie Timmons, Cold Spring

My brother took me to see Jay-Z at the Barclay Center; it was big!



Marcus Jones, Beacon

Everything is a crowd in China — the subway, the market, schools.



Lu Wan, Beacon



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Highlands Keeps Assembly Districts

Local officials opposed moving Beacon, Philipstown

By Leonard Sparks

Beacon and Philipstown will remain in their current state Assembly districts instead of being combined with more conservative parts of Putnam and Westchester counties.

Gov. Kathy Hochul on Monday (April 24) enacted legislation that sets new boundaries for the Assembly's 150 districts that will be used starting with the 2024 election. Her signature came four days after the state's 10-member Independent Redistricting Commission finalized the plan.

Philipstown will remain in Assembly District 95. Represented by Dana Levenberg, a Democrat, the 95th runs south along the Hudson River to Briarcliff Manor and includes Peekskill, Croton-on-Hudson and Ossining.

Beacon will stay in Assembly District 104, which straddles the Hudson River and includes Beacon, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie, and Highland in Ulster County. Jonathan Jacobson, also a Democrat, is that district's representative.

Jacobson and Levenberg both voted for the new districts on Monday, when they were approved by the Senate and Assembly.

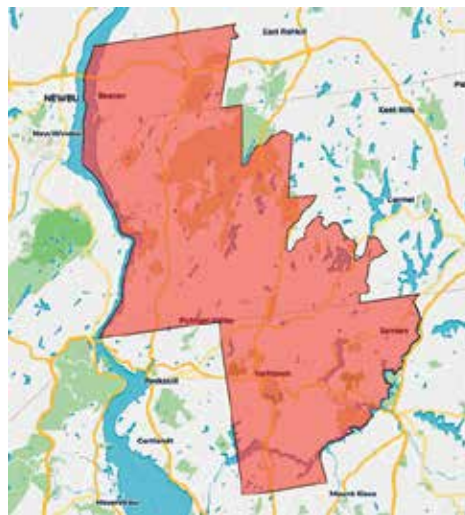
Sen. Rob Rolison, whose district includes Philipstown and Beacon, also voted for the boundaries.

The vote followed 12 public hearings and letters submitted by local officials and residents in response to the draft plan, which the Independent Redistricting Commission released in December. That plan would have shifted Beacon and Philipstown into a reshaped District 94 that started north of Beacon and encompassed Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Mahopac in Putnam, and Yorktown Heights and Somers in Westchester.

Lee Kyriacou, Beacon's mayor, and Meredith Heuer, president of the Beacon school board, submitted comments opposing the city's shift to a new district. Kyriacou said that Beacon, Newburgh and Poughkeepsie have been "linked for generations" by geography, demographics and economics.

Beacon and Newburgh are termini on the Interstate 84 bridge that bears their names and Poughkeepsie, like Beacon, is a stop on Metro-North's Hudson Line. The three cities also share histories as urban communities built on manufacturing that are undergoing an economic renaissance, and they are linked culturally.

"I'm pleased to see that the new Assembly district maps keep the three mid-Hudson cities together," said Kyriacou on Wednesday



The proposed 94th District

(April 26). "The commonality of interest and the importance of common representation of these cities cannot be underestimated."

Heuer had argued that other schools in the proposed district — whose population would be 75 percent white, 14 percent Latino and 4.5 percent Black — would be "wealthier and less diverse."

In the 104th District, the proportion of Latinos (27 percent) is nearly twice as high as in the proposal for a new District 94 and for Blacks (20.7 percent), nearly fivefold. Beacon would "almost certainly" have been the new district's only Title I school, said Heuer, referring to the federal program for schools with high percentages of students

from lower-income households.

"An elected official in this new district may not be connected to the needs of our students if the majority of the school districts in their boundaries do not share our challenges," she said in a comment submitted on behalf of the board.

The divide was also political. The only Democrat on the Putnam County Legislature represents Philipstown, and the town and Beacon are Democrat-heavy municipalities in Assembly districts where the party's voters hold a solid majority.

In 2020, President Joe Biden won 65.8 percent of the vote in the 95th District and 64.7 percent in the 104th. Biden would have still won a majority in the proposed 94th District, but by a much-smaller 52.9 percent. Matthew Slater, a Republican and former supervisor for Yorktown, represents the current 94th.

Instead, the Independent Redistricting Commission finalized maps that largely resemble the ones approved by state lawmakers last year after the commission's Democratic and Republican appointees failed to reach consensus on single Senate and Assembly redistricting plans in 2021.

A state judge ordered the Senate maps to be redrawn by a special master after a court challenge to the districts approved by the Legislature. The Assembly maps survived and were used in November's general election. But another judge ordered that they be redone before next year's Assembly elections.

Nelsonville Finalizes Budget of \$360K

3% tax increase below state-mandated cap

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

After weeks of preparation, the Nelsonville Village Board this month adopted a budget that calls for spending \$359,527 in fiscal 2023-24, which begins June 1.

The budget includes a property tax increase of 3 percent, which is less than the 3.4 percent allowed for 2023-24 under the state-mandated tax cap.

Because the village has not raised its levy by the full percentage of the tax cap over

the last couple of years, it had leeway this year to exact more, Mayor Chris Winward said at a March 20 meeting. But, she added, "I don't like raising taxes too high," so the board chose an increase of 3 percent.

She said the added revenue will help fund a new budget line of \$3,000 for building maintenance. "Our budget is so small there's not a lot to play with," she said.

Following an April 12 public hearing at which a resident praised the village's approach to finances, the board adopted the budget, which is \$1,461 more than 2022-23.

However, village officials can update budgets. By March 1, Nelsonville's 2022-23 budget had increased to \$398,066. The

2023-24 budget, as adopted, is \$38,539 less.

The budget holds elected officials' salaries at 2022-23 levels. Each of the trustees will again collect \$2,675 in pay and incidental costs, while the mayor receives \$4,600.

The village clerk will get a raise of about 3 percent, to \$38,400, while the building inspector will again earn \$8,840.

Street maintenance costs are expected to be \$14,200, or \$975 more. The snow removal budget line also will increase by \$975 to \$12,450.

The 2023-24 budget restores the village outlay for culture and recreation to \$500, the amount allocated in 2021-22, before it slipped last year to \$300.

At \$73,117, trash removal will cost about 2 percent more. It had been \$71,703.

However, the cost of employee benefits is

expected to drop to \$38,250 from \$45,000 in 2022-23, a year in which an employee insurance situation necessitated a temporary spike.

On the revenue side, the budget foresees collection of \$300,121 in property taxes, compared to \$291,380 in the previous budget.

Like Nelsonville residents, Putnam County will pay the village more in 2023-24. Its rent for the old Nelsonville firehouse, which the Sheriff's Department uses as a substation, will tick upward from \$15,900 to \$17,100.

Nelsonville's 2022-23 budget anticipated \$4,000 in fees from owners of short-term rentals, such as Airbnb units. But the Village Board cut expectations in half, to \$2,000.

The amount of state aid remains unclear. The previous budget included \$19,000 from New York. The 2023-24 budget puts that number at \$10,000 — so far, anyway.

NEWS BRIEFS

Four Candidates for Beacon School Board

All will run unopposed on May ballot

Four candidates filed nomination petitions by the Wednesday (April 26) deadline to appear on the May 16 ballot for the Beacon school board for four open seats.

Trustees serve three-year terms. Two incumbents, Anthony White and Kristan Flynn, are seeking a fourth and third term, respectively. Semra Ercin and Eric Schetter are newcomers.

Ercin is the director of development for the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and Schetter is a retired middle school principal in the Arlington district.

Craig Wolf, who served two terms, did not seek re-election. The other open seat was held by Antony Tseng, who resigned

last month. The candidate who receives the least number of votes will complete the final two years of Tseng's term.

Philipstown Opposes Indian Point Discharge

Says alternatives can be found

The Philipstown Town Board on April 13 unanimously approved a resolution that said the town "strongly opposes" the planned discharge of radioactive wastewater by Holtec from the Indian Point nuclear power plant into the Hudson River as part of the decommissioning process.

Several other Mid-Hudson municipalities also have objected to the move, including Beacon, Cold Spring and Westchester County.

The Philipstown resolution called on the

state Legislature to adopt a proposed law, drafted by state Sen. Pete Harkham, who represents part of eastern Putnam, and Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, whose district includes Philipstown, to outlaw radioactive emissions into state waterways.

Board members acknowledged the difficulty of finding an easy or immediate solution to disposing of the radioactive wastewater.

"I don't know what the answer is, but it's not dumping it into the river," Supervisor John Van Tassel said. "Even in my lifetime, you can see the difference in the Hudson. It used to be so dirty. It's beautiful now. Why would we go backward?"

After decades of efforts to restore the river, "there's no way we should start dumping into it again," Board Member Jason Angell said.

"We can find alternatives," said Town Board Member Judy Farrell.

New Bridge Tolls Start May 1

Last of multi-year increases on Hudson River crossings

The last of four annual toll increases on the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon and three other bridges over the Hudson River will take effect on May 1.

The New York State Bridge Authority began raising the tolls, which are collected only on eastbound passage, in 2020.

On May 1, passenger vehicles and motorcycles will pay \$1.65 with E-ZPass — up 10 cents — and \$2.15 with tolls by mail. Tolls for commuter plans (minimum 17 trips monthly) will rise to \$1.40 and trucks will see increases between \$6.10 and \$18.30, depending on the number of axles.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Environmental future

I do so hope Krystal Ford's vision becomes reality, although since I am nearly 30 years older than she is, I fear I will not see it ("Living Green: What's Your Future?" April 21).

I think, too, we will need universal understanding and agreement to open borders and to reduce or eliminate armed forces. And one more thing: It would probably be best if men were not allowed to compete in elections for political office, at least not until many decades have passed and everyone realizes that a wonderful world is possible.

Jim Texel, *Marlboro*

As someone concerned about the warming climate, I appreciated Ford's optimistic take on a possible future where the world finally wakes up and tackles the crisis head on, leading to enviably idyllic conditions.

However, as a professional, full-time illustrator, I'm glad her vision includes some form of UBI (universal basic income) as her column featured an image that was clearly produced by some version of image-generating artificial intelligence. Seeing that, next to the headline "What's Your Future?" made the question very personal.

Josh McKible, *Beacon*

Fjord Trail

The 2021 agreement between Hudson High-

lands Fjord Trail Inc. and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation (OPRHP), which I obtained through a Freedom of Information Law request, includes the section below. As predicted, this is how the HHFT will raise money to support its "epicenter" of recreational attractions in the Hudson Valley. Add this to environmental desecration and horrendous traffic, and it's so long historic Cold Spring:

"Sponsorship funding of the Fjord Trail Project or any part thereof or improvement therein, or of events held therein, together with concession or other agreements with vendors of food, parking, programming or other complementary revenue-generating activities, are acceptable to OPRHP as a general matter, and OPRHP acknowledges that such sponsorships and concessions might be important sources of funding for both development and operations of the Fjord Trail Project.

"HHFT may retain sponsorship and concession revenues. Sponsorships and concessions are subject to the prior written approval of OPRHP as to form, content and manner of presentation, not to be unreasonably withheld. Sponsorship by companies, interests or organizations that are directly identified with the sale or use of vape, nicotine or tobacco products is strictly prohibited. Sponsorship opportu-

nities include, without limitation, program inserts, product sampling and advertising displays at the Fjord Trail Project and at events and projects therein."

Imagine a winter ice skating rink and lovely holiday gift booths to attract off-season visitors — one-stop shopping and fun in Dockside. What about summertime sponsorships of Quaker Oats granola bars and Frito-Lay's latest trail mix? What about clever promotions for fishing rods, hiking boots and backpacks? And don't forget food concessions. And why stop at Dockside? There can be food and drink at all six trail entrances, twilight concerts in the new amphitheater and T-shirts and ice cream for sale at the new beach at Little Stony Point.

Gretchen Dykstra, *Cold Spring*

Reading the plans for the "trail" — or rather the massive concrete boardwalk with high-fenced walls being planned — brings up nightmare scenarios. Has anyone who champions a boardwalk starting at Dockside thought about where all the people who want to walk there will be parking?

HHFT's own information says it expects a large number of visitors to be coming by car. What if only a small percentage of the estimated visitors try to park on lower Main so they can walk the "trail"? What if it's a weekday and the Metro-North lot is full? Even on weekends the lot doesn't have nearly enough spaces to accommodate as many visitors as projected. Everyone who lives in the village should be concerned. Parking is already the No. 1 issue.

The people who oppose the concrete boardwalk are not NIMBY or anti-visitor. We just are sincerely concerned that this world-class linear park is both poorly planned and being rushed through with minimal local input and oversight. The residents of Cold Spring need to speak up or we risk being overtaken by outside interests who care not about our quality of life.

Judith Rose, *Cold Spring*

The Fjord Trail is great news for residents of the Hudson Highlands, particularly for families in Philipstown, where this recreational asset will be convenient to access and enjoy. From additional access to beautiful locations along the river, increased parking and the amenities it will expand, we are thrilled that this community-led project continues to develop.

Recreational amenities are important to our family. Our sons are both athletes, and as a family we enjoy our time in the outdoors as often as we can. We envision the Fjord Trail being a safe place for Philipstown kids to learn to ride a bike, for student-athletes to train and an accessible resource for seniors

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to enjoy regular walks along the river. The planned shuttle system will also improve accessibility to all the Fjord Trail’s amenities. Additionally, the Fjord Trail helps solve longstanding challenges with congestion in Cold Spring and dangerous conditions along Route 9D, where too many pedestrians, motorists and cyclists compete for space on weekends. Creating six access points along the 7.5-mile route will also spread out usage of the trail, reducing the crowding that frustrates so many in our town.

Many of us have been talking for years about the need to address the safety and congestion issues around the use of the local trail system and the impact it has on our local community. The Fjord Trail provides a solution that will also be a wonderful community recreational resource.

John and Andrea Maasik, *Garrison*

Unbelievable as it seems, some of the same institutions that have protected the Hudson Highlands from environmental degradation now threaten it.

In 1936, the Hudson River Conservation Society was formed to fight stone quarrying at Bull Hill (Mount Taurus). It was successful; the quarrying ceased and HRCS became the leading environmental organization in the Hudson Valley.

Decades later, in 1963, HRCS took the opposite stance in the fight over ConEd’s proposed power plant on Storm King, according to Robert Lifset in his book, *Power on the Hudson*. With the view that the plant represented inevitable progress, HRCS initially supported ConEd’s plan, with some revisions such as buried power lines and a three-level terraced structure.

According to Lifset, “the society took pains to communicate that it did not oppose the material progress represented by this important new source of electrical energy for the public.”

HRCS never regained its strength, Lifset writes. Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper and other organizations came to prominence.

Now, decades later, most of these entities are taking a direction eerily similar to HRCS’s early 1960s support for the Storm King power plant. Flush and solidly entrenched, today’s environmental “protectors” are working together to construct the Fjord Trail with a raised, 12-foot-wide boardwalk that will stand on pillars implanted on the narrow strip between the train tracks and river. New attractions are planned along the way: manufactured overlooks, “curated environments for learning or lolling” and a swimming pool at Stony Point.

Think summer weekend car and foot traffic are bad now? Just imagine.

An ultra-wealthy donor and his family foundation have given lavishly to the environmental organizations that support imposing this engineered eyesore on the Highlands. What we have here is an American problem: money gradually distorting well-meaning people’s and organizations’ intentions. The influence of this money can be difficult to detect — especially when the organizations have done so much good

Correction

In our *Summer Camp Guide* in the April 7 issue, we stated that East Mountain Studio in Philipstown in July and August plans to hold weekly songwriting camps for students in grades 6 to 12. In fact, the camps are for students ages 6 to 12.

in the past. I have happily contributed to Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper and the Hudson Highlands Land Trust annually. However, I oppose this misguided project.

Something has shifted. Are Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper and other environmental watchdogs staying true to their original principles? Unless we pay attention and speak up, a huge vanity project will be foisted on our small town.

Hope Scott Rogers, *Philipstown*

French speakers

Je suis ravi d’entendre parler de cette rencontre (“Parles-tu Français? Of Course!” April 14).

Deborah Adeyanju, *via Instagram*

Abandoned pets

Thank you so much for bringing light to this issue (“More Pets Being Abandoned,” April 21). So many people assume that shelters are still empty, as was often reported during the height of the pandemic. But now shelters are drowning in surrenders and strays, while adoption rates have plummeted.

As an experienced fosterer working with rescue organizations, I have never seen so many puppies and dogs in need of homes. Anyone considering a new pet, or looking to give back to the community, should explore fostering and/or adoption. All pet owners can help the homeless pet population by spaying/neutering their pets: It’s best for their health and crucial to decreasing the surplus pet population, which in the U.S. is in the millions.

Emily Boone, *via Instagram*

Route 9 projects

My husband, Dr. Jeremy Frederick, and I own Companion Pet Hospital. We were contacted by *The Current* about our plans to develop a portion of the lot surrounding the existing hospital (“Route 9 Projects Rile Residents,” April 14).

Our plan includes an expansion of the pet hospital and a new building that will house a dog-training facility. We have dropped plans for an animal dispatch center, and it was never going to be 24 hours, as stated in the article, which is good news for everyone since this misinformation seems to be the area of concern for our neighbors.

Companion Pet Hospital is a well-established veterinary practice that has been serving the community for 40 years. We saw an increase in pet ownership during the pandemic and our ability to help people and their pets became limited by the space we have available. In addition to expanding our hospital, we saw an opportunity to

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Number of deaths:	149 (0)	748 (+6)	
Source: State health department, as of April 25 (vaccine data as of April 21). Boosted is the percentage of people eligible for additional shots who are up to date. Numbers in parentheses are changes since March 28. Note: Because of the small incremental changes to the vaccination numbers, we print this chart in the last issue of each month, although updates are made more frequently online.			

provide a resource to people and their pets that is not available in our area.

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. Sadly, it is also the leading cause of pet relinquishment to animal shelters and subsequent euthanasia. Our new Behavioral Health Center will

aim to address these issues by providing a safe and supportive environment for dogs to receive the care and attention they need to overcome their behavioral challenges.

In addition to growing our services, the expansion will provide a newly paved entry to Carol Lane, and our landscaping plans will beautify the space with new trees and flowers.

Dr. Hope Jankunas, *Fishkill*

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School Tax *(from Page 1)*

First, it's not really a 2 percent cap.

It starts at 2 percent, but a number of factors in the formula drive the cap up or down for each district. That's why Garrison's cap is 3.29 percent while Haldane's is 1.96 percent and Beacon's is 3.64. As we'll see, the 2 percent cap established by law plays a major role in holding down property tax increases.

Everything starts with the previous levy.

The cap formula determines the maximum increase a district can make in the property taxes it collects over the previous year. In Garrison, the levy for 2022-23 was \$10.38 million.

The formula allows this number to be adjusted if a district collected too much or too little. But Garrison was on target, so the \$10.38 million is where we begin.

How much did the assessed value of property grow?

School districts raise money by taxing the assessed valuation of property in the community. Each year, the comptroller tells districts how much that changed by providing what is known as a "tax-base growth factor."

For Garrison, the growth factor was 1.0024. That means that the comptroller's office believes Garrison's overall property value assessment grew by less than 3/10 of 1 percent last year. How did the comptroller get that number? It relies on assessment figures from the Department of Taxation and Finance.

But doesn't 3/10 of 1 percent seem too low?

Calculating the Tax Cap

DISTRICT	GARRISON	HALDANE	BEACON
2022-23 Levy	\$10,380,000	\$21,727,760	\$44,271,162
Tax Base Growth Factor*	1.0024	1.00	1.0163
SUBTOTAL	\$10,404,912	\$21,727,760	\$44,992,782
2022-23 PILOTs	0	0	\$230,000
2022-23 Capital	(\$586,991)	(\$908,539)	(\$895,742)
SUBTOTAL	\$9,817,921	\$20,819,221	\$44,327,040
Allowable Growth Factor*	1.02	1.02	1.02
SUBTOTAL	\$10,014,279	\$21,235,605	\$45,213,581
2023-24 PILOTs	0	0	(\$230,000)
Tax Levy Limit	\$10,014,279	\$21,235,605	\$44,983,581
Capital Exclusion	\$706,747	\$918,749	\$897,045
MAX TAX LEVY	\$10,721,026	\$22,154,354	\$45,880,626
Max Levy Increase	\$341,026	\$426,594	\$1,609,464
2023-24 Tax Cap	3.29%	1.96%	3.64%

*Determined annually by state comptroller

Source: Local school districts

Isn't the value of property in Garrison rising faster than that? Maybe. But the comptroller is not measuring market value. He's measuring the value of property as determined by the local assessor, not real-estate agents or sales. (By comparison, in Beacon, which has seen a spurt of new residential construction, this year's growth factor is 1.0163.)

Garrison's tax-base growth factor means it can only raise its tax levy in 2023-24 by about \$25,000, before adjustments.

Subtract last year's capital levy.

Every district can collect taxes for capital improvements, but the spending must be approved by voters separately from the annual budget. Because capital levies are not included in the tax-cap calculation, you must remove them from the previous year's levy before calculating the cap.

In Garrison, the capital levy for 2022-23 was \$586,991. This is the money that the school spent on HVAC systems, the removal of asbestos floor tiles, security cameras, phone systems, door locks and monitoring of doors. After subtracting the capital levy, the base becomes \$9.82 million.

Add payments in lieu of taxes.

Some districts grant tax breaks to businesses to entice them to create jobs or provide other benefits to the community. For example, the Beacon City Council recently approved a PILOT agreement with an affordable housing developer that will pay an incrementally increasing fee to the school district over the next 40 years rather than assessment-based payments.

These PILOT payments are considered part of the tax base from the previous year so they're supposed to be added into the mix. But Garrison has relatively little commercial and industrial property and no PILOT agreements.

Here is where the 2 percent cap comes in.

We have reached the point where "2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less" is applied.

The current rate of inflation is about 5 percent, which means districts must cap the growth at 2 percent. Each year, the comptroller converts the inflation rate into the "allowable growth factor" that applies to every district. If inflation is more than 2 percent, the

The Effect of the Cap

The New York State tax cap went into effect in 2012. It applies to most public school districts and local governments, including counties, cities, towns, villages and fire districts.

According to a 2019 analysis of state data by the Rockefeller Institute of Government, the average school tax levy in the Mid-Hudson Valley has dropped 75 percent since 2004. It was 7.59 percent from 2004-07 (the highest of any region), 3.31 percent during the Great Recession (2008-11) and 1.88 percent since.

Since 2004, Haldane's average has fallen from 7.8 percent to 2 percent; Beacon's from 6.9 percent to 2.6 percent; and Garrison's from 4 percent to 1.8 percent.

The study estimated that Mid-Hudson homeowners have paid \$5.6 billion less in school taxes since the cap went into effect.

Past Caps	HALDANE	GARRISON	BEACON
2022-23	3.7%	2.2%*	3.9%
2021-22	1.8%	2.5%	2.4%
2020-21	3.3%	2.4%	3.2%
2019-20	2.8%	2.2%	4.7%
2018-19	2.6%	2.4%	3.9%
2017-18	2.2%	1.7%	1.5%
2016-17	0.8%	0.2%	1.0%
2015-16	3.3%	2.0%	2.7%

*Voters approved a 6.6 percent increase

Source: State Comptroller

allowable growth factor, by law, must be 1.02 percent. If it is below 2 percent, the growth factor will essentially be the rate of inflation.

For Garrison, we multiply \$9.82 million by 1.02 and get \$10.01 million.

Put back the capital levy.

We subtracted the 2022-23 capital levy to determine the levy applicable to the 2 percent cap. Now we have to add the capital levy back to get a final cap number.

In Garrison's case, the capital tax levy for 2023-24 is expected to be \$706,747. This spending was authorized by Garrison taxpayers as part of a referendum in 2019, and under that authorization the district has borrowed \$8.3 million that is payable over 15 years.

Once you add the capital levy back, you get \$10.72 million.

Getting to the final cap.

There are other factors that can be added to the levy, such as costs of legal judgments and costs associated with pension funds, but Garrison doesn't have those.

So the final allowable levy is \$10,721,026, or 3.29 percent more than the 2022-23 levy. That's the maximum cap.

NEXT WEEK: Is Garrison's squeeze an early warning sign for other districts?

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Hotel Tax *(from Page 1)*

is expected to open in 2025 at the Tioronda Estate on Route 9D. The company charges more than \$400 per night at its Rhinebeck hotel.

A development group has also proposed converting the former Reformed Church of Beacon into an event space with restaurant and 30-room hotel; the project is still being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Jacobson introduced the bill, as well as another that would allow a hotel tax in Poughkeepsie, in the Assembly earlier this month. A memo attached to the bill said it would generate added revenue, “which will be used to reduce the burden on local taxpayers.” If approved, the tax would take effect immediately and expire after three years.

The bill was referred on April 18 to the Assembly’s Ways and Means Committee.

Two things must happen before the Legislature can consider Jacobson’s bill. A similar bill, expected to be submitted by Rob Rolison, a Republican whose district includes Beacon, must be introduced in the state Senate.

The Beacon City Council would then have to pass a “home rule” resolution asking the Legislature to act on the bills. If approved, 100 percent of the new tax revenue would go to the municipality.

Once those steps are in place, Jacobson said on Tuesday (April 25), he believes the Legislature will vote quickly on the measure.

Jacobson said he speaks periodically with Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and during a recent conversation asked the mayor if hotel-tax legislation would interest city officials.

Room-tax bills sponsored by Jacobson for

the city and town of Newburgh were passed by the Legislature in the last two years, and legislation introduced by then-Assembly Member Sandy Galef and Sen. James Skoufis to allow Cold Spring to collect up to 5 percent on hotel and short-term rental stays was enacted by the governor in July. During their most recent meeting, in March, members of the Putnam Legislature’s Economic Development and Energy Committee discussed a room tax for the county, although no action was taken.

Beacon will be “happy, not only for the revenue, but it will give [the city] a chance to control Airbnbs, which many people have been complaining about,” Jacobson said.

Kyriacou on Wednesday estimated that the tax could add funds equivalent to 1 percent of the city’s property tax levy, and “would grow as more hotel space is built, which is a modest but nice addition to Beacon revenue sources.” (The city’s tax levy in 2023 is \$12.5 million; 1 percent of that would be \$125,000.)

There are about 110 short-term rentals in Beacon, the bulk of them illegal because they have not been licensed by the city. Graham Lawlor, an organizer of the group Beacon Hosts, said he is in favor of a Beacon hotel tax “in principle,” but feels Jacobson’s proposal will be excessive when combined with Dutchess County’s charges.

“When taxes are too high it encourages people to circumvent the law and raises enforcement costs,” Lawlor said. “You can see this in states that legalized marijuana but set unrealistic tax rates — the black market continues to thrive. A reasonable short-term rental tax that goes directly to the City of Beacon to help build parks and schools and programs for Beacon residents would be perfect.”

Reform *(from Page 1)*

share the evidence it gathers with prosecutors.

Just as significant, the 2020 rules prevent prosecutors from withholding evidence for prolonged periods, requiring that they automatically turn over materials no later than 35 days after arraignment, or 20 days for defendants being held in jail. A 30-day extension is allowed under some circumstances.

It is those deadlines that are reportedly under discussion as Gov. Kathy Hochul and the state Senate and Assembly negotiate a 2023-24 budget. Due on April 1, the spending plan has stalled because of disagreements on issues like bail reform and the governor’s proposal to expand housing.

As with changes to bail reform, defense attorneys and advocates for criminal-justice reform oppose any proposed revisions to evidence-sharing rules.

Elizabeth Costello, deputy chief for the Putnam County Legal Aid Society, said the law created a lot more work not just for prosecutors but for defense attorneys. She supports more funding to boost staffing and technology, but opposes changes to the requirements for turning over evidence.

The 2020 changes have created “more justice and fundamental fairness,” said Costello. “While it’s a lot more work for everybody, it’s vastly more equitable.”

When the changes first took effect on Jan. 1, 2020, the new law stated that evidence had

to be turned over to defendants within 15 days of arraignment.

Just three months into the law’s implementation, the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office said it needed \$650,000 for new hires and had started triaging cases to avoid having serious charges dismissed if it missed the deadline.

State legislators revised the deadline that year, approving the current timeline. Last year, the Legislature eliminated automatic discovery for traffic violations and made changes designed to limit dismissals.

On April 17, the Putnam Legislature’s Protective Services Committee approved a budget amendment for \$267,804 grant that is part of millions in funding the state is distributing to county district attorneys and local police departments to help with the costs of complying with the reform.

Hochul’s budget proposed \$40 million in spending in 2023-24, while the Assembly called for another \$60 million for prosecutors. The Assembly also wants to allocate \$100 million to help defense attorneys, and the Senate, \$40 million.

But Tendy, who blames discovery for his inability to fill a months-old vacancy for an assistant district attorney, said his office needs time, not money.

“What they’ve implemented makes it impossible for an assistant district attorney to effectively do their job,” he said. “All they have to do is extend the dates to a reasonable time period.”

A Deep Dive Into Central Hudson

Audit calls for monthly meter reading

By Leonard Sparks

Under fire for more than a year over its mistake-prone billing system, Central Hudson said earlier this month it plans to return to reading meters monthly.

An auditor hired by the Public Service Commission (PSC) agreed, saying that one of its more than 40 recommendations for the utility was to stop reading meters every other month but billing monthly, which the utility has been doing since 2016.

Overland Consulting, which completed an examination of Central Hudson's management and operations that is required every five years under state law, said that the practice of reading meters every other month aggravated widespread billing problems that began in September 2021 when the company switched to a new, \$88 million customer-information system.

About 20,000 of Central Hudson's 309,000 electricity customers experienced problems such as delayed bills and double billing, and calls to customer service rose nearly tenfold in a year. The wave of complaints triggered long hold times and a high rate of abandoned calls, according to the audit.

Some customers received estimated bills

for consecutive months, partly because the new system would not accept data from meter reads, according to the audit.

The auditor cited the case of a customer who, after months of estimates during which energy prices had spiked, submitted his own meter reading. Central Hudson's system applied the higher rate in effect when the customer submitted the reading instead of the lower prices from previous months. As a result, he was charged \$2,625 instead of \$450, said Overland.

In other cases, according to the report, Central Hudson underestimated usage, leaving customers with higher balances when the utility read the meters the following month.

As of June 2022, 53 percent of Central Hudson customers had meters with radio transmitters that could be read remotely by utility workers walking or driving by, according to the PSC, which approved the audit report on April 20.

But progress has been slow, according to the audit, which estimated the number of remote meters had only grown by 4 percent in four years. Central Hudson's installation rate of 5,000 transmission-capable meters per year is "slightly above customer growth," the report said. Overland estimated Central Hudson will have to invest an additional \$1.8 million for every customer to get monthly readings.

Central Hudson's response will be part of a plan it must submit, by May 30, detailing how it will address Overland's recommendations. The state Department of Public Service, which provides support to the PSC, will review the plan and receive comments from the public. The PSC must approve the revised version.

Joseph Hally, vice president of regulatory affairs for Central Hudson, said the key findings "generally seem reasonable" and that the company will examine "the feasibility, effective execution and anticipated costs and benefits" to implement each one.

"To the extent that Central Hudson believes a recommendation cannot be effectively addressed with existing resources, it will provide rationale supporting any future request for cost recovery," said Hally. Cost recovery means the utility would pay for projects and programs through charges on customer bills.

While Central Hudson's billing problems have drawn widespread attention, and the PSC is considering fining the company, the audit was comprehensive, covering governance and management; information systems; electric and gas operations; budgeting and finance; project and work management; performance management; and customer operations.

Overland found that the company improved its strategic planning process and is doing well at modernizing its grid and replacing pipes prone to leaking. But it also said the utility has failed to identify business opportunities linked with climate-change initiatives.



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 recordings are also archived at the site.

Central Hudson should designate someone to ensure that the company identifies every low-income customer eligible for energy-assistance programs and benchmark the performance of its customer-service operations to other utilities, the report said.

Earlier this month, Central Hudson said it was adding 36 people to its customer contact center, nine to customer billing and four to consumer outreach.

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Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ **TRADITIONAL FISHING** — On Earth Day (April 22), Clarkson University staff and volunteers demonstrated seining, an Indigenous method of net fishing. Participants wore chest-high waders and braved the frigid waters of the Hudson River.

Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ **FUTURE PLANS** — To mark the centennial of the construction of the Bear Mountain Bridge, officials and historians filled a time capsule on April 20 that will be sealed until 2123. Here, John Brooks, the longest-serving employee of the New York State Bridge Authority (he was hired in 1962 and now works part-time), closes the lid.

Photo by Scott Snell



◀ **BEACON CLEANUP** — For the fifth year, members of Hudson Valley Hikers and other volunteers helped remove trash — mostly water bottles and beer cans, but also burned construction debris — from Mount Beacon on Earth Day. Blend Smoothie and Salad Bar donated gloves and garbage bags.

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Robots OF THE Mind

Putnam Valley artists craft a dozen 'antique' automatons

By Alison Rooney

Though there are many esoteric definitions of *automaton*, plain old *sculpture* suits Sara Carbone and Roger Phillips just fine.

"Only when we are immersed in the make-believe aspect of things do we call

them automatons or automata," Carbone explains.

By any name, the creations are entertaining and intriguing, as witnessed by the 130 people who turned up April 15 and 16 for the opening of *Imagination and the Machine* at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon.

The dozen sculptures represent automata from around the world and throughout time, including an Egyptian mummifying machine, an ancient Roman wine server, a 1950s robot, a Depression-era marionette theater and an insect lure from the Hudson Valley. The exhibit also includes schematics and pencil sketches.

The automatons are meant to evoke "creative machines people put together to entertain people, usually with a big box-attached mechanism," Carbone says. "We're not clockmakers, so instead we dip into the realm of fantasy. None of them actually move; we're not engineers, so we just made that consistently the case."

The self-described "creative duo," who live in Putnam Valley, were inspired in particular by the clock that dominates Martin Scorsese's film *Hugo*. They named their first automaton, "Solange," after Phillips' mother.

"We started thinking we'd purchase all the parts, but soon we decided to make everything ourselves, from scratch," says Phillips. "Our first idea was inspired by the Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire [in Greenwich Village in 1911], though we set it earlier in time — I went to FIT [the Fashion Institute of Technology] and was deeply involved in fashion. I came up with the idea

How K-ORA Was Built

By Sara Carbone and Roger Phillips

Her body is a dryer vent with a glass cloche dome for a head. We used inverted test tubes for her eyes, filled with fairy lights to simulate a positronic brain. We found a Geiger counter gauge for her chest and old ceramic wire nuts and Bakelite dials for her body.

She is stamped with 1950s-style warnings made with a hand-operated label-maker. Her back is packed with 1950s electronic components and glass fuses. There is a simulated printout sticking out of her back featuring background radiation level measurements, soil composition and air-quality readings.

One of her arms has a vacuum to suck up fumes to analyze and the other arm was blasted off in an accident. We created the black dusty-looking explosion marks around the damaged arm using exhaust from a vintage convertible. She has various beakers filled with colored resin and glass syringes on her tray that sits on wheels. She took about two months to make.

The backstory is that she is a radiation detector supposedly built by the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission that was used by scientists in Nevada to test soil and air from radioactive testing sites. She is on loan from the Atomic Heritage Foundation. Accompanying her are four printouts printed from the back of her body.



"World in Miniature," a 1930s Art Deco marionette theater

Photos provided

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ETHAN COHEN OF ETHAN COHEN GALLERY AND KUBE ART CENTER INKUBATING ART

Ethan Cohen works with living artists, both established and emerging, from all over the world...including Beacon. He's also turned the old Beacon High School into KuBe Art Center, an incubator for the next generation of artists.

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CHILDREN, PART OF
THEIR DNA.

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THE MARKET FOR
THESE OFFSPRING
DOESN'T EXIST.

ETHAN WILL HAVE
TO CREATE IT.

I DON'T DO IT
JUST FOR COMMERCE.
I DO IT BECAUSE
I'M IN SEARCH OF
WHAT IS NOVEL.

SHE TOOK ME WITH
HER TO SEE THE STAR STAR
ARTISTS (XING XING 星星画会).

WE WAITED AT THE
MEETING PLACE
FORTY-FIVE
MINUTES. AS WE
WERE ABOUT TO
LEAVE, SOMEONE
HANDED US A SLIP
OF PAPER WITH A
NEW ADDRESS.
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THE SHOW TO FIFTY ARTISTS, WE'D SAY
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TO ASSESS WHAT I'M DOING AND
WHY I'M DOING IT.

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BEACON BEGINS IN BEIJING IN 1979.

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AFTER MAO DIED. MY MOTHER LECTURED ON
MODERN ART AND GOT TO KNOW ARTISTS.

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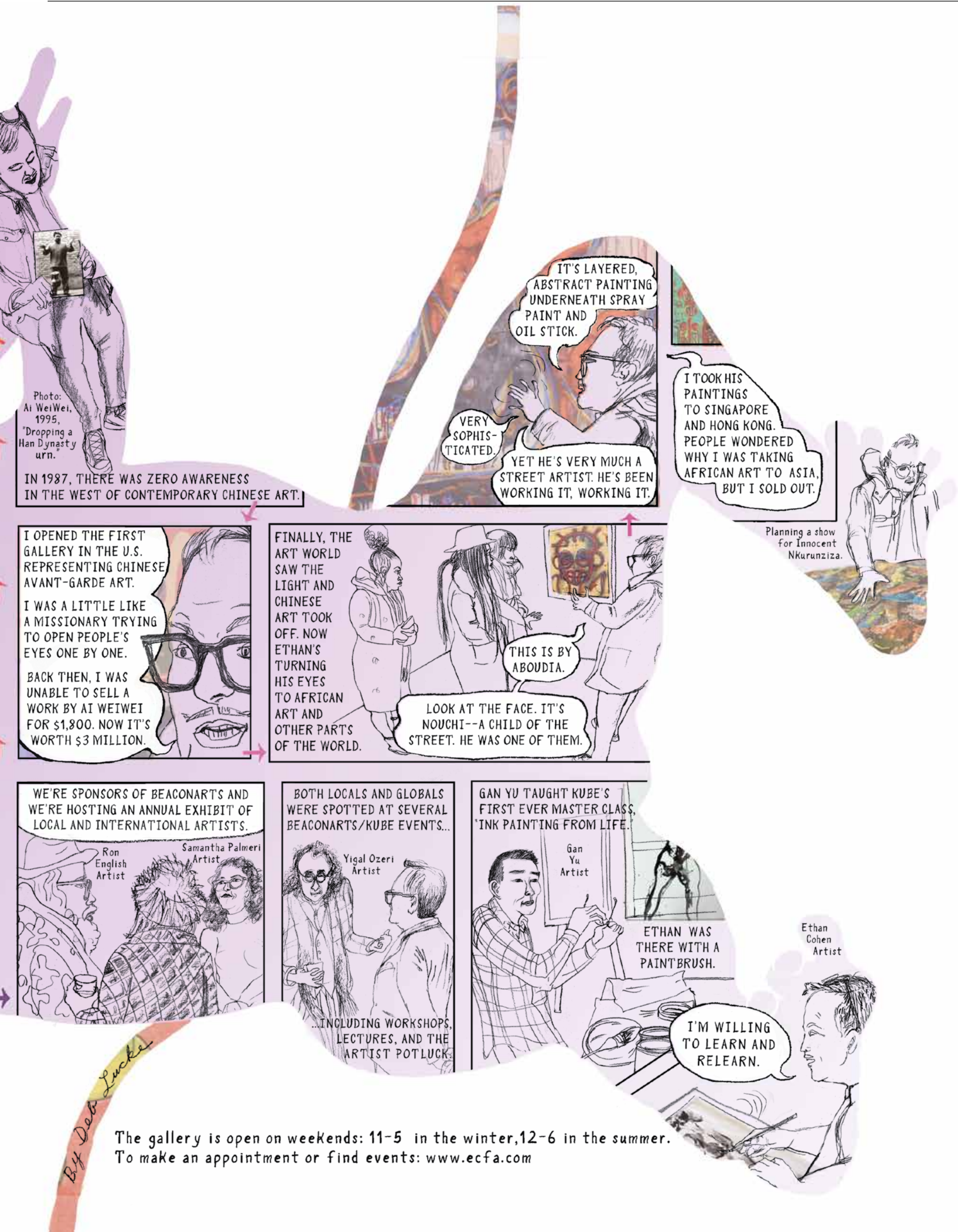
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INSPIRED PICASSO.
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INFLUENTIAL TO
CUBISM. WITHOUT
AFRICAN ART, WE
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THE RADAR. BUT NOW WE'RE
REACHING OUT.

WHEN WE BOUGHT THE
OLD SCHOOL MY PARTNER,
ZHU CENG, AND I DIDN'T
KNOW EXACTLY WHAT
WE WERE GETTING INTO.
LUCKILY, THERE WAS NO
ASBESTOS. THE BUILDING IS
SO DYNAMIC WITH STUDIOS,
GALLERIES, A CHURCH, AND
A BASKETBALL LEAGUE.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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SAT 29

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Bake Sale and Raffle

COLD SPRING

10 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

Used Book Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Browse a selection of gently used books. The proceeds support library programs. Also SUN 30.

WED 3

Chair Yoga and Mindfulness

COLD SPRING

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

Joelle Van Sickle will lead this all-levels class to promote strength and balance. Weekly through WED 24. Registration required.

THURS 4

Blood Drive

GARRISON

Noon – 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
redcrossblood.org

Schedule a time online or drop in.

SAT 6

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

KENT

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Canopus Beach
Route 301 | 845-808-1390 x43125
putnamcountyny.com/health/recycle

Register to drop off chemicals, including cleaners, paint, pesticides and herbicides. See website for list.

SUN 7

Rabies & Distemper Clinic

BEACON

9 a.m. – Noon. Memorial Park
198 Robert Cahill Drive
facebook.com/arfanimalrescue

Bring dogs and cats for vaccine updates at this annual



River Sweep, May 6

event organized by the Animal Rescue Foundation. Proof of prior vaccinations required. *Cost: \$15 each*

SUN 7

Hat Parade

BEACON

1 p.m. Churchill Street Lot

Honor Beacon's hat-making legacy and show off your hat. The parade will begin next to Hudson Valley Brewery and proceed on the south sidewalk along Main Street and end at Dogwood for judging. See Page 20.

SUN 7

Cold Spring Farmers' Market Benefit

GARRISON

4 – 7 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way | csfarmmarket.org

Celebrate 20 years of the market with food from Fresh Company, local beer and wine, and music. *Cost: \$125*

RIVER SWEEP

SAT 6

Dennings Point

BEACON

8 – 11 a.m. 199 Dennings Ave.
riverkeeper.org/sweep

Clarkson University's Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries will lead this cleanup as part of Riverkeeper's 12th annual sweep. Park at the gated park entrance at the water treatment plant and follow the dirt road over the bridge to the trailhead. For all sweeps, bring a hat, sunscreen, reusable water bottle, face mask, work gloves and hand sanitizer. Suitable for elementary students with adult supervision.

SAT 6

Little Stony Point

PHILIPSTOWN

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. 3011 Route 9D
riverkeeper.org/sweep

Join Boy Scout Troop 437 to clean up the park and riverfront area, plant native vegetation and remove invasive species. The cleanup

scheduled for Docks Park in Cold Spring is full.

SAT 6

Waterfront

BEACON

8:45 – 11:45 a.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive
riverkeeper.org/sweep

Metal Winters and the Sloop Club will lead this cleanup. Parking is available at the train station. At 8:45 a.m., Jodiann Lindhj will discuss her store, Refill Restore.

SAT 6

Long Dock Park

BEACON

9 – 11:30 a.m. 23 Long Dock Park
riverkeeper.org/sweep

This cleanup will cover the Klara Sauer Trail from Long Dock to Dennings Point. Parking is available at Long Dock Park. There will be a short talk at 9 a.m. on the impact of waste on the environment.

PLANT SALES

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

Community Plant Swap

COLD SPRING

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.

SAT 6

Cherry Blossom Festival & Plant Sale

PEEKSKILL

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Peekskill Riverfront
bit.ly/peekskill-cherry-festival

The festival, sponsored by the Peekskill Rotary, will include games and activities for children, food and craft vendors, and raffles. *Free*

SAT 6

Plant Sale

BEACON

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Common Ground Farm
Cross and Main
commongroundfarm.org

The organic farm will have vegetable and herb starts to add to your garden.



KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 29

Ree-Play Sale

BEACON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. University Settlement
724 Wolcott Ave. | weeplayproject.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. All items 50 percent off today. Also, SUN 30, MON 1.

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 Ciochi and Karen

Kaufman Orloff will read from and inscribe their books.

SAT 29

Peter Pan Jr.

GARRISON

7 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center
107 Glenclyffe | 845-424-4618
philipstownny.myrec.com

The classic tale set in Neverland will feature performers from elementary through high school. Also SUN 30. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 seniors and ages 4 to 11, free ages 3 and younger)*

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)*

WED 3

Tambourine Craft

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Children ages 4 through the fifth grade are invited to create a musical instrument to keep the beat. Registration required.

THURS 4

Design Your Own Tote Bag

BEACON

4 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Teens can express their style with a unique tote. Registration required.

SAT 6

Compass Arts Showcase

BEACON

12:30 – 6 p.m. The Yard
4 Hanna Lane | compassarts.org

Children and teens from the dance and theater programs will perform at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Beacon Rising Choir will sing at 5 p.m. There will also be an art gallery, food trucks and sensory play. Also SUN 7. *Cost: \$15 for one day, \$25 for both (\$5/\$8 ages 5 to 15; \$20 per day at door)*

SUN 7

Kids' Fishing Day

NELSONVILLE

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cold Spring Reservoir
Fishkill Road

The Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club will host its 33rd annual event for children and teens ages 15 and younger. *Free*

SUN 7

Upcycled Art Making

GARRISON

1 – 3 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960
garrisonartcenter.org

Candace Winter will lead children in an ecologically conscious workshop; their art will be displayed at the Youth Climate Summit at the Garrison School.



Ree-Play Sale, April 29

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 30
A.M. Homes
COLD SPRING
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The author will read from her latest novel, *The Unfolding*. Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 6
Tenant Rights
BEACON
11 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

The Hudson Valley Justice Center will lead this seminar to explain renter rights, including during eviction proceedings.

SAT 6
Front Row Seat to History
BEACON
4 p.m. Reserva Wine Bar
173 Main St. | beaconhistorical.org

At this benefit for the Beacon Historical Society, Heidi Elswick, the White House News Photographers Association director, and Jon Elswick, an Associated Press photographer, will discuss what was discovered in the archives for the association's centennial, as well as the work of Harry Van Tine, the subject of an exhibit at BHS. *Cost: \$50*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 29
Bird Walk
COLD SPRING
7:30 a.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave.
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

This guided tour around the marshland and cove will focus on migratory and neotropical species. Donations welcome.

SAT 29
Early Spring Identification Walk
WAPPINGERS FALLS
11 a.m. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane | stonykill.org

The guided walk will highlight plants that bloom briefly in the spring and others with medicinal properties. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 29
Exploring Trees
BEACON
11 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Vickie Raabin and Elise LaRocco will discuss the value of trees in the landscape.

SAT 29
How to Start a Pollinator Garden in a Small Space
GARRISON
11 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Master Gardeners will explain. Registration required.



SUN 30
Tree Tour
BEACON
1 p.m. Municipal Center
1 Municipal Plaza

Arborist Paul Markwalter will highlight some of the city's special trees. Ride with members of the Tree Advisory Committee or caravan on your own. *Free*

THURS 4
Microplastic Study
BEACON
10 a.m. Water Ecology Center
199 Dennings Ave.

Help collect samples from Fishkill Creek for a research project on the impact of microplastics on freshwater ecosystems. RSVP to tshender@clarkson.edu.

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 29
The Rivers
GARRISON
1 – 3 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way | garrisoninstitute.org

This interactive art exhibit, created by Paz Perlman and the Think About Water collective, will be on display.

SAT 29
Nogit Party
BEACON
6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St.
212-255-2505 | clutter.co

Works by dozens of artists will be on view at this exhibit by Creon.

SUN 30
Eugenio Battisti, Alan Solomon and the Exhibition Young Italians in 1968
PHILIPSTOWN
Noon. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9 | magazzino.art

Raffaele Bedarida, a Cooper Union art history professor, will discuss the historical context for the *Young Italians* exhibit held in 1968 in Boston and New York. This is the final lecture in the series *Arte Povera: Artistic Tradition and Transatlantic Dialogue*. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 regional residents, seniors and students)*

SAT 6
Creating Botanical Art: East Meets West
PHILIPSTOWN
2:30 p.m. Stonecrop
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

Susan Lanzano, whose work is on view in the Gardener's Bothy, will discuss her style and techniques. *Cost: \$15 (members free)*

SAT 6
Portraits of Putnam County Fish
COLD SPRING
4 – 6 p.m. 160 Main St.

George Whipple III of Preserve Putnam County will give a presentation at this opening of a solo show by Flick Ford. Also SAT 13, SAT 20.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 29
Royal Hanneford Circus
POUGHKEEPSIE
2 p.m. and 6 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org

Acts will include aerial, daredevil, trampoline and motorcycle thrills. Also SUN 30. *Cost: \$32 to \$57*

SAT 29
Poetry in the Garden
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org

Iain Haley Pollock, Silvina López Medin and Lissa Kiernan will share their work.

FRI 5
Lit Lit
BEACON
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

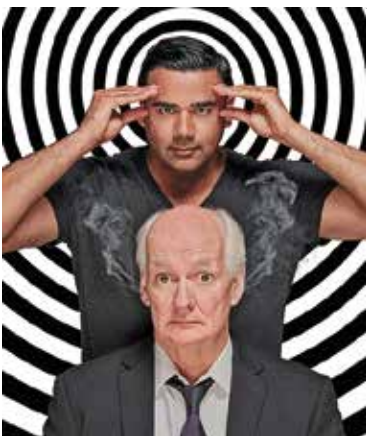
This monthly literary open mic series features readers in all genres. Email litlitseries@gmail.com to sign up.

FRI 5
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum
WAPPINGERS FALLS
8 p.m. County Players Theater
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491
countypayers.org

The Sondheim musical set in Rome follows a servant trying to make his way to freedom. Weekends through May 20. *Cost: \$26 (\$23 seniors, military, ages 12 and younger)*

SAT 6
Hyprov
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

This show features Colin Mochire, a comedian best known for *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, and Asad Mecci, who hypnotizes 20 volunteers from the audience. The most receptive are then organized into an instant improv troupe. *Cost: \$37 to \$57*

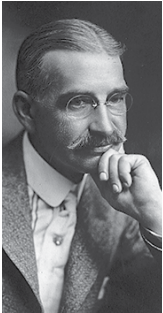


SUN 7
Madagascar, The Musical
WEST POINT
3 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Pitcher Road | 845-938-4159
ikehall.com

See the hit Dreamworks musical about animals from the Central Park Zoo who take an unexpected journey. *Cost: \$43*

SUN 7
Frank and the Women of Oz
PEEKSKILL
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Marcy B. Freedman wrote and will perform this production that brings to life the women behind and beside L. Frank Baum, the author of *The Wizard of Oz* and other stories. Baum attended a military academy in Peekskill and later staged a performance in the city. *Cost: \$25*



MUSIC

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: \$50 (\$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*

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Seventh Annual Pete Seeger Festival

SUNDAY, MAY 7,
2:00 – 5:00 PM

On our Outdoor Stage

Celebrate the musical, environmental and humanitarian legacy of our neighbor, mentor and friend with music, fine crafts and refreshments. This is a FREE, family-friendly event. Donations will be shared with the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, the Beacon Sloop Club and the River Pool at Beacon.



Sketchbooking with Watercolor Workshops

Instructor
Jacqueline O'Malley-Satz

WEDNESDAYS,
MAY 10 - 31, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

See it, Sketch it, Paint it! Tell your story with pen and paint. Create a visual diary from spontaneous drawings and then use watercolor to emphasize the composition...an exciting skill to master!

Only eight tickets will be sold. \$150.

TOMPKINS CORNERS CULTURAL CENTER

729 Peekskill Hollow Rd,
Putnam Valley, NY
tompkinscorners.org



SAT 29

Southern RockFest

PEEKSKILL

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

A Brother's Revival will recreate the experience of an Allman Brothers concert and share the stage with a Lynyrd Skynyrd cover band. *Cost: \$32 to \$49*

SAT 29

Slam Allen Band

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The blues, soul and R&B guitarist and singer will play with his band. The Gabe Stillman Band will open. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

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: \$10 donation*

SUN 30

The Music of Belief

BEACON

3 p.m. St. Joachim's
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

4 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 *Sambada*, by Uruguayan-American composer Miguel del Aguila. *Cost: \$35 (\$10 students ages 25 and younger)*

SUN 30

Gratefully Yours

BEACON

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

The band will play songs by the Grateful Dead and audience members are invited to submit dream set lists. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

THURS 4

Ukulele Basics for Beginners

COLD SPRING

7:15 p.m. Ascend Center | 75 Main St.
bit.ly/ukulele-wine-time

Kathryn Selman will lead this four-week series. *Cost: \$135*

FRI 5

Morgan O'Kane

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The banjo player will play music from his recent release, *The One They Call The Wind*, as part of the Restoration Roadhouse series. *Cost: \$25*



FRI 5

The Selena Experience

PEEKSKILL

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

The tribute band will play hits and fan favorites in honor of the singer. *Cost: \$25 to \$35*



FRI 5

Tempest

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The folk rock band will play music influenced by global sounds. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 6

Penelope Wendtlandt

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Lotus Yoga | Cross & Main
bit.ly/penelope-beacon

LotusWorks Gallery will present this outdoor concert by the Broadway performer, including work from her upcoming album, *inside armour*. *Cost: \$15*

SAT 6

Wings Unfurled

NEWBURGH

7:30 p.m. Mount Saint Mary College
330 Powell Ave.
845-913-7157 | newburghsymphony.org

The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra's program at Aquinas Hall will include works by composers that capture birds in flight, including Respighi, Takashi Yoshimatsu, Efrain Amaya, Rautavaara and Tan Dun. *Cost: \$35 to \$50 (\$25 seniors, students free)*

SAT 6

Old Bones Odyssey

BEACON

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandmusic.org

This album release show will include Ellen Kaye with Ethan Fein (guitar), Jackie Priesti (backing vocals), Diane Monroe (violin), Koa Ho (bass) and Andrew Drelles (reeds). *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 6

Le Vent du Nord

BEACON

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

The band from Quebec plays its own style of traditional francophone folk. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

SUN 7

Pete Seeger Fest

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 p.m.
Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org

The performers at this seventh annual celebration of the folk singer's music and life will include David and Jacob Bernz, Betty and the Baby Boomers, the Neverlee

Brothers, Rick Nestler, Laurie Siegel and Patrick Stanfield Jones, Joe Kaminsky and Sarah Underhill. Donations welcome. *Free*

CIVIC

MON 1

City Council

BEACON

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

TUES 2

Putnam Legislature

CARMEL

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Gleneida Ave. | 845-208-7800
putnamcountynyny.com

TUES 2

School Board

COLD SPRING

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

A community budget hearing will be held at 6 p.m. via Zoom.

WED 3

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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

WED 3

School Board & Budget Hearing

GARRISON

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

The board and superintendent will host "coffee and conversation" at 6 p.m.

THURS 4

Town Board

COLD SPRING

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

HELP WANTED

PACKAGING OPERATOR — Industrial Arts Brewing Company, 511 Fishkill Ave., Beacon, is seeking a packaging operator responsible for all facets of packaging operations, including keg cleaning, filling, can line operations, labeling and date coding, CIP, and quality assurance. Strong consideration will be given to candidates with previous canning experience but we are also open to training an ambitious new team member just getting into the industry. Email jobs@industrialartsbrewing.com.

FOR RENT

MEDICAL OFFICE — Busy plaza in the village of Cold Spring. Space includes reception area, waiting room, 3 treatment rooms, storage, closets and a bathroom. All medical grade floors, extensive electric capacity. Available ASAP. Call 845-265-3030 or email dywine@optonline.net.

Current Classifieds

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FOR SALE

TINY HOME ON WHEELS — Beautiful, 270-square-foot custom-built tiny home (24 x 8.5 x 13.5) on 2020 24-foot dual axle performance trailer. Full foam insulation (4-inch foam). 50-amp breaker panel. All doors and windows have tempered glass. 20-gallon hot water tank supported with a 120-gallon grey water tank. Full kitchen with brand new appliances. Separett composting toilet. Sleeping loft fits king mattress. U-shaped seating area converts to guest bed. Board and batten exterior under metal roof. Call Alex for more details at 914-223-0173.

TAG SALE? Car for sale? Space for rent? Help wanted? Place your ad here for \$9.95. See highlandscurrent.org/classifieds

Robots (from Page 11)

of a robot that would save these women.

"We began by wandering around [the crafts store] Michael's, choosing things. A backstory emerged, which was integral to wherever in the world she came from. We realized we were free to do anything we wanted, as we didn't have to make them move, though we always try to make it look like they might.

"We took things from my mother's sewing kit and incorporated them. We also aged her to match the time period — paint was a key ingredient — and gave her weird-looking hands. After we finished, we were ready to do another, and quickly asked ourselves, 'How about we do 12, to match a clock?'"

To gestate story and character, Phillips created drawings and Carbone invented personal histories, with distinct handwriting for each. Phillips, now retired, was a graphic artist and illustrator in the advertising, software and awards industries. His expertise pairs up neatly with that of Carbone, a former actor, singer/songwriter and home-school parent who makes a living as a copywriter and spent 20 years as an academic tutor. She recently wrote and performed a one-woman musical "dramedy" that celebrates her Hispanic roots.

Together they also write children's books; upstairs at the Howland Cultural Center is a "story walk" with enlarged pages from *Frog and Weasel: A Sunday Drive*.

In a mad scientist meets quirky artist/writer/actor meet-up, once they started



Roger Phillips and Sara Carbone

Photo provided

with the automata, they kept going.

"As one was halfway done, we thought of the next," Phillips says. "One of the most fun aspects was making things look like they were actually from the time period depicted, including hand-crafted barbed wire, knobs and spools morphing into any number of things, while using everything from an old Dymo label-maker to discarded toys to create a surprising environment for each sculpture."

"We made them partly because we love them, but also to share them," says Carbone. "The look of the Howland Center is kismet — so beautiful and resonating with history."

The cultural center thinks so too — the exhibit is up for a lengthy six-week stay.

Other ideas are already gestating: "We have three new ones — well actually 20," Phillips says with a laugh. "One uses an LED screen for a face."

"Another is an astrologer's assistant," Carbone pipes in.

The Howland Cultural Center is located at 477 Main St. in Beacon. Imagination & the Machine, which runs through May 28, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

6 Tips for Building Believable Automaton Sculptures

By Sara Carbone and Roger Phillips

1. To age certain metals, soak them in vinegar, ammonia and lemon juice.
2. Invest in a good glue gun, as it is invaluable for accuracy and neatness.
3. For real-looking barnacles that simulate underwater living, spin hot glue from a glue gun on a piece of metal and dab it white when it dries.
4. Don't be afraid to mess with your completed creations to create authenticity: burn, paint, scrape, smash and tear at will where needed.
5. Car engine oil makes a great aging agent for cloth, while tea bags and dried instant coffee crystals age paper quite nicely.
6. Always make sure to securely weld your World War I-era robot's head to its neck before transporting it.



Start Reading Now

May book club selections

Abe Lincoln/Civil War Book Club

THURS 4, 7 P.M.

Manhunt, by James Swanson
Lincoln Depot Museum
10 S. Water St., Peekskill
Email LincolnDepotFDN@gmail.com.

Helen Savoit Book Club

TUES 9, 1:30 P.M.

Galatea: A Short Story, by Madeline Miller
Howland Public Library, Beacon
Register at beaconlibrary.org/calendar.

Elementary Book Club (Grades 2-4)

TUES 9, 3:15 P.M.

Oh, Sal, by Kevin Henkes
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

Butterfield Book Club

MON 15, 7 P.M.

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous, by Ocean Vuong
Butterfield Library, Cold Spring
Register at butterfieldlibrary.org/calendar.

Fiction Book Club

THURS 18, 7 P.M.

The Death of the Heart, by Elizabeth Bowen
Split Rock Books, Cold Spring
Register at splitrockbks.com.

Tween Book Club (Grades 6-8)

THURS 25, 3:45 P.M.

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Trophy Life Book Club

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May 5-21

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NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Public Hearing – May 8th, 2023

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 8th, 2023 starting at 7:30 p.m. to hear the following appeal. The meeting will be held in person at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

Richard & Dawn Serrand, 7 Howland Rd, Garrison, NY 10524, TM#90.8-1-5

Applicants are seeking a variance to construct a 787 square foot addition to a 1290 square foot pre-existing, non-conforming structure.

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 Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, New York.

Dated April 10th, 2023 Robert Dee, Chair of the Town of Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals

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The Guys and Dolls are Here

After 15-year wait, musical arrives at Depot

By Alison Rooney

Guys and Dolls is that show you love to love. It's so endearingly clever that it's impossible to stay mad at it when it veers into retro takes on marriage, gambling and soul-saving. It is one of the few musicals that opened before 1960 to remain on the list of most-produced musicals.

After a long wait, *Guys and Dolls* arrives at the Philipstown Depot Theater for a three-weekend run beginning Friday (May 5). All 11 shows have sold out, although tickets remain for a May 21 benefit performance.

The popularity of the show brought in many actors who auditioned at the Depot for the first time. "They came out of nowhere — this cast just emerged; we got lucky," says director Joe Levy, who says he has wanted to bring the musical to the Garrison's Landing venue since the last time he directed there, in 2007, with the comedy *Beyond Therapy*. His plans were delayed by a Broadway revival that made the rights unavailable and his work with companies such as The Public Theater and New York Theater Workshop, and venues like the Apollo Theater.

"I started as an actor, but was always drawn to the messy process of creating," Levy says. "I gave up acting and gravitated to backstage and found I was just as happy with that life, in the art form I was most drawn to."

Last year, as the pandemic began to taper, the Depot's artistic director, Nancy Swann, approached Levy with an invitation: "We're coming back. Do you want to jump into it?"

He did.

"There's an unbeliev-

A collection of short stories by Damon Runyon published in 1931



Lisa Sabin (foreground) and other *Guys and Dolls* cast members on the set at the Depot Theatre

Photos provided

ably talented enclave of people here, and *Guys and Dolls* is a wonderful showcase," Levy says. "It's a great old show. Yes, there's sexism and other potentially offensive moments, but it's not going out of its way to hurt anyone. We don't want to lose any of the fun, the asides."

Although many credit Damon Runyon with the book for the show, which originated with his short stories, he had died by the time production began. Instead, Abe Burrows and Jo Swerling used Runyon's patter-spouting, richly drawn characters as their inspiration for re-creating a slice of Times Square life. The music, by Frank Loesser, captures the cadence of Runyon's stories and contains familiar standards such as "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat" and "Luck Be a Lady."

What is contemporary to this production is gender-switching, which presented itself as an idea after auditions, Levy says. "We have two women playing male roles, and we talked a lot about pronouns and the 'Am I a woman pretending to be a man?' questions they can raise."

"Ultimately, we decided to ignore it, or we'd get stuck on it. I don't want the audience to spend any time

being 'outside the inside' of the production. The writing evokes vaudeville and grit, with intentionally campy and cheesy moments, all of which we want to play."

In the spirit of snappily moving the 23-person cast along quickly, Levy is pushing for scene-change speed. "It's easier to make the journey with us up and down with seamless transitions," he says. "I want this train to leave the station and not stop until intermission, and do the same in the second act."

The Philipstown Depot Theatre is located at 10 Garrison's Landing. Tickets are still available for \$175 each for a benefit performance at 2 p.m. on May 21; see philipstowndepottheatre.org.



Joe Levy, who is directing *Guys and Dolls*

The Cast

Natalie Arneson, Conor Austin, Joshua Lance Dixon, Maya Gelber, Dan Guerra, Cat Guthrie, Sara Law, Dave Llewellyn, Elaine Llewellyn, Amber McCarthy, Rodman Neumann, Fay Pacht, Kalista Parrish, Richard Peri, George Petkanas, Nat Prentice, Cara Ramos DiMedio, Ernie Rideout, Lisa Sabin, Will Speziale, Derek Staranowski, Ash M. Straw, Sterling Swann

Christine Bokhour (choreography), Nathan Press (music direction), Chris Nowak (set design), Marissa Genna (costumes), David Aab (lighting), Ivy Heyt-Benjamin (stage manager)

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AROUND TOWN

Anthony Sexton (1942-2023)

Anthony E. Sexton, age 80, of Cold Spring, NY, died peacefully on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at New York Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortlandt Manor. He was born on Oct. 5, 1942, in Manhattan, New York, the son of the late James and Theresa (O’Keefe) Sexton.

A graduate from Dewitt Clinton High School, Anthony enlisted in the Marine Corp. Prior to his honorable discharge from the armed forces, Anthony obtained the rank of Sergeant. His continued sense of duty led him to pursue a Police Science Degree at Baruch College and a career in law enforcement with the New York Police Department.

During his distinguished service, he was awarded three Meritorious Achievement Awards and Letters of Commendation for his efforts and excellent performance. While on duty, Anthony met the love of his life when she stopped him to ask for directions. They remained happily married until her passing in 2016. Upon his retirement with the New York Police Department, Anthony began a second career spanning 33 years with Consumer Reports, a nonprofit organization in Yonkers, NY.

Anthony was most proud of the time he spent serving his community. He held the position of quartermaster at the American Legion and was a former financial secretary of the North Highland Engine Company No. 1, life member of the Hudson Valley 10-14 Association, and former assistant leader of the Sons of the American Legion (1971-1974). He held these positions and memberships with the same sense of duty, integrity and honor in which he led his life.

Anthony had a profound devotion to his family, friends and community. His presence touched the lives of all he encountered. He will be remembered for his strength resilience, kindness, sense of humor and his commitment to his faith.

Anthony was predeceased by his wife, Patricia Sexton, and brother, Robert Sexton. He is survived by his daughter, Kristina (Richard) Sexton, his son, Keith (Jennie) Sexton, all from Cold Spring; his brothers, John (Kathy) Sexton of Wayne, NJ, Peter Sexton of Hopewell Junction, NY; Gerard (Rita) Sexton of Fishkill, NY and his sisters, Theresa (Tony) Petrucci of Harrington Park, NJ, and Geraldine (John) Vanderpool of Cohasset, MA. Four grandchildren, Thomas, Brian, William and Elizabeth, also survive.

Friends called at the Clinton Funeral Home, corner of Parrott and Pine Streets. (21 Parrott St.) Cold Spring, NY on Monday (April 24). In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org). A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday (April 25) at St. Mary Mother of the Church in Fishkill, NY. Funeral arrangements are in the care of the Clinton Funeral Home, Cold Spring.

PAID NOTICE



PARADE RETURNS — After a 16-year hiatus, the Hat Parade will return to Beacon, rain or shine, on May 7, with staging at 1 p.m. in the Churchill Street municipal parking lot, a sidewalk march up Main Street at 1:30 p.m., and judging at Dogwood at 2:30 p.m. Shown at left beside a former hat factory are organizers Ronnie Farley, Gail Wauford, Steve Blamires, Elizabeth Murphy, Jennifer Mackiewicz and Vibeke Saugestad. (Photo by Valerie Shively) The event, which celebrates Beacon’s history of hat manufacturing, last took place in 2007. In the inaugural parade, in 2006, Lisa Jessup showed off her flower-pot hat. (Photo by Linda Hubbard) For more photos from 2006, see highlandscurrent.org.



LANDFILL BUSTERS — A thrift sale on Earth Day (April 22) at St. Mary’s in Cold Spring raised more than \$7,000 to benefit the Philipstown Food Pantry and the church’s historic building and grounds. For the first time, the sale included a mending station at which volunteers stitched up sweater holes, added hems and repaired three vestry robes for the church. Here, Yoko Hirano (top right) stacks shirts and Matthew Nachamkin (far left) arranges the jewelry section. The sale was organized by the church, the Philipstown Trails Committee and the Philipstown Climate Smart Coalition.

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Elsbeth Espenschied, 97
Rev. Thomas Fenlon Jr., 87
Harold Ginsburg, 92
Luvin Gory Jr., 86
Justin Hasbrouck, 28
Theresa Ann Murphy-Maksim, 57
Kimberly Panzarino, 58

Marc Rizzo, 57
Vilma Parker, 94
Toni Roccio, 97
Gour Saha, 82
Susan Storm, 75
Missy Tyburczy, 55
Frank White, 71

Philipstown

Mary Cooper, 71

John Gilsenan, 88
Christine Giuliani, 71
Peggy Krachy, 82
John Lewis, 70
Jon Lusk, 49
Anthony Sexton, 80
Butch Tangen, 84
John Teagle, 66
Margaret Whelan, 91
Mary Wood, 87

For obituaries, see highlandscurrent.org/obits.



Susan Lanzano's botanical paintings are on view at Stonecrop.

Image provided

Roots and Shoots

Mixing Art and Horticulture

By Pamela Doan

One of the things I appreciate most about public gardens is the programming that engages visitors more deeply with plants and nature. Here in Philipstown we have a treasure in Stonecrop, a public garden originally created by the founder of the Garden Conservancy, Frank Cabot, and his wife, Anne. After engaging Caroline Burgess, a graduate of the Royal Botanic Garden at Kew who is still director more than three decades later, the garden opened to the public in 1992.



Stonecrop blends art and writing seamlessly into its educational efforts. Even if you aren't interested in any of those things, it's one of the best places in the area to go for a walk, appreciate a scenic view and be surrounded by natural beauty.

You might even see a snake! On my first visit more than a decade ago, I was nervous about that part, which was announced by a sign near the entrance. I did see "Blackie," and watching the water snake swim in the pond was part of my journey to be less worried about snake encounters.

Stonecrop's features include an English-style flower garden, alpine plants, woodland and water gardens, with plants from all over the world, as well as native species. Take the guide when you arrive, because chances are you will see something that you want to know the name of so you can plant it at home.

Located on a high vista off Route 301 east of Cold Spring, the gardens are designed to showcase vantage points in all directions for grand views, using trees, plants and structures as framing. Guided tours offered throughout the season focus on specific areas. In May, tours of the woodland garden and another of alpine plants are opportunities to get more-in-depth knowledge from a staff horticulturist to inform your experience.

I was initially in over my head when I went on the guided tour of the systematic order beds years ago. These beds display the

wild diversity of plants that are in the same order but different families. Back to science class: Taxonomy allows us to organize the natural world. The systematic approach brings together plants that share DNA.

There are surprises to be found here. For example, the saxifragales bed, which features species that hibernate underground, would include some peonies and also sedums and the woody plant witch hazel (*Hamamelis*). I would not have expected a connection here.

Stonecrop staff collect seeds from its plants and sell them to the public through the Index Seminarium, a searchable catalog at stonecrop.org. This column took much longer than necessary because I couldn't resist sorting through the database. Barbara Licis, a staff member, said that seeds can be ordered through the spring and that there are typically about 400 species available.

The new Gardener's Bothy at Stonecrop has given the gardens a modern facility with room for art exhibits, workshops and seed storage. An exhibit of botanical paintings by Susan Lanzano is on view and the artist will talk about her work at 2:30 p.m. on May 6.

I've found that sketching plants brings me deeper into connection with the basics of identification. It's a process of noting each plant's characteristics, such as a white line on the underside of a leaf or the pinkish cast of a bud. Close observation through artistic or writing exercises and photography reveal the traits necessary to see the fascinating details of flora and fungi.

After seeing Lanzano's exhibit, anyone wanting to go further can attend a workshop with Stonecrop's resident artist (and Garrison resident) Susan Sapanara, later in May. She will demonstrate drawing and painting exercises suitable for all experience levels.

In June, Anne Sargent Walker's paintings and John Lampkin's photographs will take over the exhibition space. Lampkin will return in July to lead his popular nature photography class.

To get a similar educational and cultural immersion in a designed, natural space, I'd have to travel to the much larger New York Botanical Garden. I prefer our local resource.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed Bids, in duplicate, are sought and requested by the Board of Education, Beacon City School District (hereinafter called "Owner"), for the Reconstruction to: JV Forrestal ES and South Ave ES; Additions and Alterations to: Glenham ES.

Separate Bids are requested for the Prime Contracts for:

Site Work SC-D1, Site Work SC-D2 and Site Work SC-D3, in accordance with the Drawings, Project Manual (including Conditions of the Contract and Specifications), and other Bidding and Contract Documents prepared by:

Tetra Tech Engineers, Architects & Landscape Architects, P.C. d/b/a

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A pre-bid conference for potential Bidders and other interested parties will be held on **Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 10 a.m.** Refer to Instructions to Bidders for special instructions.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Owner until the following dates and times, at the District Office Conference Room, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York 12508 at which time and place Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud:

Site Contract SC-D1 – Bid Opening: Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

Site Contract SC-D2 – Bid Opening: Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Site Contract SC-D3 – Bid Opening: Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

For the convenience of potential Bidders and other interested parties, the Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Beacon City School District, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers, ,

Complete hard copy sets of Bidding Documents, drawings and specifications, may be obtained online at tetratetechnologyprojectplanroom.com 'projects'. Checks shall be made payable to **Beacon City School District** in the sum of \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) for each set of documents. A copy of the check can be submitted at the time of checkout. Mail checks to Lohrius Blueprint, 226 Newtown Road, Plainview, New York 11803. Plan deposit is refundable in accordance with the terms in the Instructions to Bidders. Any bidder requiring documents to be shipped shall make arrangements with the printer and pay for all packaging and shipping costs (either by providing FedEx/UPS account number or being charged a flat rate by the printer).

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As bid security, each Bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or Bid Bond made payable to the Owner, in accordance with the amounts and terms described in the Instructions to Bidders.

The Owner requires Bids comply with bidding requirements indicated in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner may, at its discretion, waive informalities in Bids, but is not obligated to do so, nor does it represent that it will do so. The Owner also reserves the right to reject any and all Bids. The Owner will not waive informalities which would give one Bidder substantial advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all affected Bidders. Bids may not be withdrawn before 45 days following the Bid opening thereof, unless an error is claimed by the Bidder in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

SPORTS

Roundup (from Page 24)

Scott Bunker and Charlie Klein is also undefeated.

Beacon hosts Washingtonville at 4:30 p.m. today (April 28) before a full schedule starting Monday with matches against Minisink Valley, Valley Central, Cornwall and Goshen.

TRACK & FIELD

At the Trotters Classic at Goshen High School on Saturday (April 22), Beacon's Tom Rapp won in javelin (108-0), Damani DeLoatch was first in the triple jump (43-9.5) and Henry Reinke won the 800 in 1:56.96, the second-best time in school

history. For the girls, Bella Migliore placed fifth in the 800 in 2:32.01.

"We're a small team this year, particularly on the girls' side," Coach Jim Henry said. "So we have difficulty with depth in team scoring. But we have a nice combination of talent and experience, and a few school records could be in jeopardy."

Beacon heads to the Iron Dukes Relays in Marlboro today (April 28).

BOYS' GOLF

Beacon improved to 2-4 with a road win over Fallsburg on Monday (April 24). Jack Philipbar led the Bulldogs with a 41, followed by Will Martin with 43 and Jamison Sheehy at 44.

NOTICE

The Philipstown Conservation Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.** in person at the **Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516**

This meeting will also be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Conservation Board Meeting May 2023.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF THE TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 506 AND 526 OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned assessor for the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year. A copy will be available May 1, 2023 at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY, where it may be examined by any person interested until May 23, 2023. On that day, the Board of Assessment Review will sit at the Town Hall, Cold Spring, NY between the hours of 4PM - 8PM to hear and examine all complaints in relation to such assessments.

The Real Property Tax Law requires that all grievances be in writing. Forms for written submission are available in the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, Cold Spring, NY.

Dated this 20th day of April 2023

Brian Kenney, Assessor

NEW CAPTAIN — Garrison resident Fionnoula O'Reilly (left), a senior at Kennedy Catholic in Somers, was named co-captain of its girls' lacrosse team. The Gaels are 6-3.

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Puzzles

CROSS CURRENT

- ACROSS
1. Chanteuse Edith
5. Links org.
8. Too
12. Kotb of *Today*
13. Filch
14. 500 sheets
15. Rat- —
16. Eternally
18. Large gong
20. Try to hear better, maybe
21. Author Bagnold
23. Nabokov novel
24. Symbol of stability
28. La Scala solo
31. — tai (cocktail)
32. Van Gogh venue
34. Mafia boss
35. Hostels
37. Vespers
39. Secret agent
41. Ms. Brockovich
42. Ceremony
45. Slanted type
49. The whole crowd
51. Actress Fisher
52. Lure
53. Some coll. degrees
54. Hideaway
55. Curry and Landers
56. "Game, —, match!"

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- DOWN
1. Excellent, in slang
2. Speck
3. Leading man?
4. Plump up
5. Opening night
6. State VIP
7. Genesis shepherd
8. Fleet
9. "Mona Lisa" painter
10. Rani's wrap
11. Portent
17. Stephen of "Still Crazy"
19. "Puppy Love" singer
22. Look (into)
24. Brit. record label
25. Moving vehicle
26. Genius
27. Most skeptical
29. Charged bit
30. *Life of Pi* director Lee
33. Tizzy
36. Gushes forth
38. Slowpokes
40. "Rah!"
42. Ms. McEntire
43. Infamous tsar
44. High tennis shots
46. Aspiring atty.'s exam
47. "Would — to you?"
48. Shopper's aid
50. Scot's refusal

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Answers for April 21 Puzzles

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1. TACTFUL, 2. TRAVERSE, 3. CAPPING, 4. HATS, 5. TARTAR, 6. IBERIA, 7. TWITCH

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 turning in (8)
- 2 traveling musicians (11)
- 3 making more tidy (9)
- 4 movie category (5)
- 5 straightened (8)
- 6 items thrown by Olympians (8)
- 7 giving the impression (10)
- SOLUTIONS

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

By Skip Pearlman

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Haldane won a 12-11 thriller over Putnam Valley at home on April 20, with Kayla Ruggiero leading the attack with four goals and an assist.

Mairead O'Hara delivered the game-winner with 50 seconds remaining. The Blue Devils played the final seven minutes down two players because of penalty cards.

O'Hara finished with a pair of scores and three assists, and Caroline Nelson and Ellen O'Hara each scored twice. Marisa Peters had a goal and an assist, and Samantha Thomas had a goal. Goalie Lola Mahoney stopped eight shots.

Moretta Pezzullo and Josie Foley-Hedlund provided stellar defense, said Coach Keri Dempsey.

The Blue Devils had a tougher time on the road, falling to Sleepy Hollow, Mahopac and Arlington.

In a 15-11 loss at Sleepy Hollow on April 22, O'Hara scored four times and Sami Thomas had a hat trick. At Mahopac on Monday (April 24), the Blue Devils fell, 15-3, with goals by Amanda Johanson, Carmela Cofini and Samantha Thomas.

Haldane lost, 14-5, at Arlington on Wednesday; Mairead O'Hara scored twice and Ruggiero, Peters and Ellen O'Hara each had a goal.

Haldane (3-4) hosted Blind Brook on Thursday (April 27) and will visit Valhalla and Rye Neck before returning home to face Dobbs Ferry at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

BASEBALL

Haldane pitcher Julian Ambrose threw a no-hitter, striking out seven with one walk, on Monday (April 24) in a 12-0 victory over Alexander Hamilton at Heritage Financial Park (Dutchess Stadium).

"It was really great to see Julian achieve that," said Coach Simon Dudar. "He's been our ace for a few years, despite missing a lot of time because of injuries. This is the first season he's been able to show off what he can do. It was even better that he got to do it at the stadium, under the lights in front of a lot of our fans."

John Kisslinger also had a huge night, going 2-for-2 with two home runs and five RBI. "John had a bit of a slow start but has been heating up. This was finally the break-out game we needed from him," Dudar said.

Trajan McCarthy went 2-for-2 with two



Mairead O'Hara scored the game-winner with 50 seconds remaining against Mahopac.

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Kayla Ruggiero had four goals and an assist in the same game.

RBI, and Jeremy Hall, Jake Hotaling, Roy Smith and Hunter Erickson all had strong games, according to Dudar.

On Tuesday, Haldane defeated Poughkeepsie, 9-2, at Mayor's Park in Cold Spring, with Hotaling going three innings and Dan Nakabayashi following with two innings of no-hit relief. Erickson pitched an inning and Dylan Horan finished. Kisslinger went 3-for-4 with an RBI, McCarthy was 2-for-3 with two RBI, Milo Pearsall had a triple and two RBI and Ryan Eng-Wong was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

Haldane (7-5) hosted North Salem on

Thursday (April 27) and will host Croton-Harmon today (April 28) at 11 a.m. The Blue Devils travel to Putnam Valley on Monday and host Pawling at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Beacon edged Monticello, 3-2, on Monday at home on a walk-off bunt by Ryan Smith that scored Joey Vollaro from second base. Anthony Borromeo picked up the win with five strikeouts in a complete game. Smith and Jack Antalek each had two hits and an RBI for the Bulldogs (9-3).

Last weekend, in Beacon's Spring Bash Tournament, the Bulldogs defeated Tappan Zee, 5-4, in the championship game. Julian

Brown earned the win with 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, allowing one earned run. Mikey Fontaine earned the save. Liam Murphy went 2-for-2 with an RBI and Fontaine went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI.

In the tourney opening, the Bulldogs defeated Franklin Roosevelt, 5-1, behind a complete game from Derrick Heaton, who fanned seven.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Haldane defeated Hicksville, 16-11, on Saturday (April 22) and Irvington, 12-0, at home on Tuesday.

Against Hicksville, Liam Gaugler had three goals and four assists, and passed 100 career points. Evan Giachinta had five goals, Fallou Faye had two and Frankie DiGiglio, Ryan Van Tassel and Brandt Robbins each had one. Jordon Hankel stopped 12 shots on goal.

Haldane (8-2) traveled to Croton-Harmon on Thursday. It takes on Chenango Forks at West Point on Saturday at 11 a.m., and hosts Pawling at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

BOYS' TENNIS

Beacon continued its strong play with a 7-0 win over Monticello on Tuesday (April 25), improving to 6-0.

In singles this season, the Bulldogs have been led by Matthew Sandison, Frank Zezza, Danny Barry and Beckett Anderson, who is 9-0. The first doubles team of

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