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Haldane, Garrison at Odds Over Tuition

Cold Spring district says no to set rate

By Joey Asher

Will Haldane always be an option for Garrison graduates?

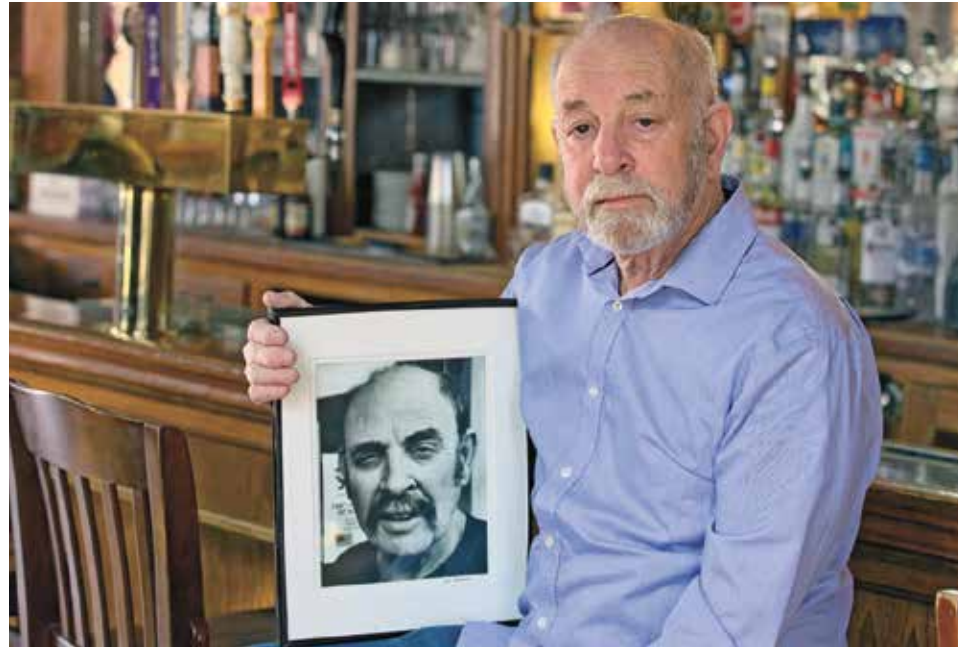
That's the big question underlying a dispute over the terms of the tuition agreement between the school districts.

Garrison educates students through the eighth grade, after which they enroll at Haldane, O'Neill in Highland Falls, Putnam Valley or a private high school. Garrison pays about \$17,000 in tuition for each student who attends a public school and has reached five-year agreements with O'Neill, Putnam Valley and Haldane. But Haldane reserved the right to negotiate the tuition for incoming ninth graders each year.

"We're looking for budget consistency and long-term planning," said Kent Schacht, the Garrison board member who pleaded the district's case at Haldane's board meeting on Tuesday (April 9).

Haldane has balked at agreeing to the price for ninth graders because it wants to "keep open the option of negotiating the tuition rate should something unforeseen occur," said Peggy Clements, president of the Haldane board.

Speaking at the Garrison school board meeting on Wednesday, Schacht proposed
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Richie Kaplan of Max's on Main posed this week with a photo of his brother, Harvey, who died last year. They opened the bar and restaurant in 2006. *Photo by Ross Corsair*

Max's on Main to Close

Beacon building sold; last day is April 21

By Marc Ferris

Richie Kaplan, the proprietor of Max's on Main, has sold the building that hosts what he contends is "Beacon's oldest bar."

Kaplan plans to close Max's, at 246 Main St., on April 21. The well-worn establishment's future is unclear; a former restaurant and bar owner from Brooklyn identified as the buyer did not immediately respond to an email or text asking about

plans for the 1870 building.

Regardless, Kaplan, 71, said it's time for a change. Day and night, he scrambles with a stooped gait to bus tables and tend to customers. Soon, he will take down the whimsical wall decorations and babysit his grandchildren.

"I hear Foreigner needs a drummer," he said, with a laugh.

A wooden phone booth sits in the lobby for the upstairs apartments. The tenants must leave by mid-June, according to one resident. Only six people occupy the 20 rooms, she said, adding that some pay
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Beacon Gets Second Cannabis License

Restaurateur approved to open dispensary

By Leonard Sparks

Beacon restaurateur Kamel Jamal has won the city's second license to sell recreational marijuana, whose sales are increasing as more retailers open.

Jamal, who owns the Beacon Bread Company and Ziatun, was one of 101 applicants approved by the state's Cannabis Control Board on Thursday (April 11) to grow, process and distribute marijuana, and to sell buds and cannabis products at retail locations.

He applied as 463 Station Inc. a reference to the former police station he owns at 463 Main St. Last fall, he hosted a state-approved "showcase" there, a program that gave farmers and processors places to sell buds and edibles while awaiting the opening of more dispensaries.

Jamal declined to discuss his plans, saying he wants to "focus on our buildout and process." In September, when asked about his application for a license, he said it was essential to have legalized dispensaries selling products from state-approved growers. "If money can be counterfeited, they can also counterfeit cannabis packaging," he said.

The Cannabis Control Board awarded Beacon's first cannabis license in February to Aaron Sanders and Skyla Schreter,
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The Desmond-Fish library in Garrison hosted a watch party.

Photo by Ross Corsair

Out There

Cloudy, With a Chance of Awe

By Brian PJ Cronin

To observe a total eclipse in the American West in 1878, a group of female astronomers from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie made a cross-country journey to the outskirts of the fledgling city of Denver and stationed themselves atop a hill next to a Catholic hospital. Steadfast in their pleated dresses behind a cluster of telescopes, and in full view of a contingent of stunned reporters and nuns, they showed that women were just as capable of contributing to the grand march of science.

My journey from the Hudson Valley to the



A photo of the 2024 eclipse, taken at the Adirondack Sky Center in Tupper Lake by Cold Spring resident Aaron Freimark

totality in 2024 was considerably less perilous, with the exception of some backups on

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5Q FIVE QUESTIONS WITH AMANDA JANE

By Joey Asher

Amanda Jane, 41, who lives in Beacon, is a circus performer, aerialist and “target girl” for The Great Throwdini.

How did you get started as a circus performer?

Growing up in Peekskill, I wasn't a dancer or gymnast. I was just a punk kid from the street. When I turned 18, I got into modeling and that led to belly,

My poor mother said: “I can't sit in the front. I trust you and I trust Throwdini. But he's still throwing knives at my daughter.”



pole and chair dancing. I was at a heavy metal music festival in New Jersey and one of the bands had an aerialist. I thought, “That's for me.” Not long after, I received a flyer in the mail for a circus-arts class in Tarrytown. I took an aerial silks class. The first trick was Man in the Moon, where you lock your foot in the silk and wrap yourself up. I nailed it and fell in love with it.

What kind of acts do you do?

I perform with circus companies and stage shows and at private events. I specialize in aerial silks and lyra, which is a suspended hula hoop. I'm often hired to do “ambient” aerials, where you're in the background. You're not

supposed to be the center of attention, but you are. It's free-flowing and relaxing. I love aerial bartending. People come underneath and I pour them a glass of champagne. I'm a regular performer at the Beacon Bonfire. I teach aerial arts at Move Cold Spring. I also do weddings and bar mitzvahs.

How did you become a target girl for The Great Throwdini?

About two years ago, I had surgery for endometriosis. It was a near-death experience. So I started to challenge myself to find more interesting jobs. I was working as a magician's assistant and a magician said: “We have a knife thrower; would you be interested in working with him?” I met with Throwdini for a trial run. He showed me how to stand. When the knife hit the board and I didn't flinch, I thought, “I can do this.” We perform all over the country. Last year we appeared on *Britain's Got Talent*. He throws knives with both hands and he throws them fast. My favorite trick is The Veiled Wheel of Death, where I'm pinned to a spinning wheel and covered with a veil. I'm a bit of an adrenaline junkie.

Have your parents seen you perform as a target girl?

My parents recently came to a Monday Night Magic at the Black Box Theatre in New York City. My poor mother said: “I can't sit in the front. I trust you and I trust Throwdini. But he's still throwing knives at my daughter.” I corrected her. “He's not throwing knives at me; he's throwing knives *around* me.”

What's next?

I recently flew to Los Angeles to train with a coach from a company that trains mermaids. She met me at my hotel with a mermaid tail, a monofin. It's like a boogie board that attaches to your feet. She showed me how to swim. I loved it so much. Once I'm trained, I can do pool parties or work at an aquarium. It's silly and relaxing. I have two of my own tails now.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

How do you feel about flying?

“I do it but hate it, the waiting, the whole thing.”



Jana Duda, Beacon

“I tolerate it but am never eager to go up to 30,000 feet!”



Jake Haelen, Garrison

“I have no problem with it. But there's no legroom for tall people.”



Renee Edelman, Cold Spring

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Cannabis *(from Page 1)*

who own LotusWorks at 261 Main St. Their microbusiness permit allows the couple to grow cannabis, process the trimmings into distillates and rosins, and sell buds, extracts and edibles.

LotusWorks plans to plant its first crop in the spring of 2025. In the meantime, the couple said it will source buds, rosins and distillates, as well as joints and edibles such as gummies, from other farms and processors.

They will launch the business at The Yard in Beacon on April 20, an annual, unofficial holiday in cannabis culture. The event, from 2 to 9 p.m., will include complimentary joints, artwork, live music and yoga.

Grant McCabe, who owns The Leaf, a Main Street shop that sells cannabidiol and hemp products, has also applied for a license. Another company, Pleasant View Harvest in Brewster, has applied for a microbusiness license to sell products from



Project Director Theresa Dobrash, owners Kamel and Lena Jamal and Creative Director Mallory Lemieux pose outside at The Station in Beacon this past fall, when the building was the site of marijuana “showcases.”

File photo by Michael Turton

137 Main St. in Cold Spring.

Overall, the Cannabis Control Board on Thursday approved licenses for 35 dispensaries, 25 growers, 22 microbusinesses, 11 distributors and eight processors.

High Moon LLC, a company based in Carmel, was among the recipients of a micro-business license. That typically allows an applicant to grow, process and sell cannabis products at retail, but High Moon’s license does not include a retail component.

The board also approved a provisional retail dispensary license for Serenity Greens LLC, based in Newburgh.

Sales from the state’s 103 operating retail dispensaries have totaled \$102 million since Jan. 1, said John Kagla, director of policy for the Office of Cannabis Management.

Weekly sales exceeded \$9 million for the first time in March and are on pace to exceed \$10 million this month, he said. Total sales should exceed last year’s \$160 million by June.

Max’s *(from Page 1)*

\$500 a month.

Setting up the gear for a gig at Max’s, Steve Mittelstadt said he was disappointed to hear the building has been sold. “It’s a great place to come in, watch football and see people you know, but gentrification is unavoidable,” he said.

“This is one of the last remaining commu-

nity-based, family run gathering spots, and it’s going to be hard to replace,” he said. “A lot of people will sorely miss it, but we can only hope that whoever comes in keeps it the same.”

During some downtime just before midnight on April 6, Kaplan and Shirley Hot, the owner of Pandorica restaurant, another mainstay on Main Street, reminisced about Joe’s Irish Pub (now Momo Valley)

and the crime that once plagued the city.

“We stayed open until 4 a.m. — we were crazy,” said Kaplan, referring to his brother and partner, Harvey, who died last year. Max’s, named for their father, opened in 2006. “There was an army of drug dealers; we escorted people to their cars at night.”

Hot, who blames her hearing loss on the bands at Joe’s Irish Pub, remembers when “no one wanted Beacon. It was a depressed city

and now, 25 years later, we can’t afford to stay. There’s been so many changes and so much turnover on Main Street, it’s incredible.”

Max’s on Main, at 246 Main St., is open through April 21 from noon to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, noon to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and noon to 9 p.m. on Sunday. See maxsonmain.com or call 845-838-6297.

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Extreme future

Much of the conversation around global warming focuses on how changes in temperature and precipitation will be unpleasant and inconvenient for individuals, but as "Extreme Future" (March 29) touched on, the real challenges will come from the array of nth-order effects like crop failures and food shortages, long-term power and communications outages, population displacement and mass migration, supply chain disruption and civil unrest.

Throw in the far-reaching implications of artificial intelligence, and its enormous energy consumption, and we may face a future that is extremely unlike the present.

We'd be well served to move on from the bargaining stage of climate grief to an acceptance of the fact that the dominoes are already falling; that our unmitigated, ecologically blind consumption and the imperative for economic growth is the cause; that the fragile and complicated systems that underpin our modern Western lifestyles will not endure; and that it may fall upon individual communities to ensure that their residents can survive and thrive in the future.

I recommend Nate Hagens' *The Great Simplification* podcast, *Surviving the Future* (which excerpts David Fleming's *Lean Logic*) and Rob Hopkins' *From*

What Is to What If for visions of what our future will/can look like. If any Beacon residents are interested in discussing or working toward a more resilient local future, email future@beaconny.net for an invitation to join me and others at future.beaconny.net.

Derek Enos, *Beacon*

VW memories

I have a 1966 Volkswagen Beetle in the same color ("Classic Wheels," April 5). It was a great car. It cost \$2 to fill up and went forever on a tank.

Philip Bradford, *via Facebook*

I had a '69 in yellow. I loved that car.

Jeanne Icolari, *via Facebook*

Rail trails

Enough with the rail trails. Dutchess County needs to fix its provision of emergency services like fire and police ("Dutchess County Begins Rail-Trail Study," April 5). It's all about priorities: life over recreation.

Ginny Buechele, *via Facebook*

Safer running and biking routes lead to fewer crashes while improving fitness, diminishing obesity and reducing noise and air pollution.

Steven Wengrovitz, *via Facebook*

Corrections

In the April 5 issue, we reported that Moreish, a new eatery in Beacon, offers "English fare with a flare." In fact, it provides English fare with a flair.

In the April 5 issue, we identified a photo as showing a common swallowtail butterfly. In fact, it shows a tiger swallowtail.

In a story in the April 5 issue, we identified the late historian Robert Murphy as the husband of Diane Murphy, the curator of the *Made in Beacon* exhibit at the Beacon Historical Society. In fact, he was her brother.

State bills

Don't confuse movement with progress ("Should This Be a Law?" April 5). Of the 178 bills on which Assembly Member Jonathan Jacobson has been a prime sponsor since 2019, only 37 passed both houses.

How many benefited the underserved families of District 104? Where are the prime-sponsored bills for the cost of living, housing, energy-efficiency, youth development, environmental justice and universal pre-K and 3K?

Ali Muhammad, *via Instagram*

Beacon arts

I have other ideas for using that \$3.5 million grant ("Beacon Council Backs Art-Based Rehab," April 5). How about a recreation center for the community? The developer of GarageWORKS can paint in there. It can have solar panels and whatever else gets people that money. Another gallery and a couple of expensive studio spaces — man, this guy knows how to milk the system, and we applaud it.

Sean Breault, *via Instagram*

Fjord Trail

When responding to "A New Route for Fjord Trail?" (March 22), readers expressed concern that the criteria for assessing alternative routes for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail could bias a decision toward a terminus at Dockside Park in Cold Spring.

Evidence for blatant criterion bias can be found at HHFT's website in the video "Reviewing Reach 1 & 2 - Dockside to Breakneck Ridge." It presents slides that list the pros and cons of each possible route. A "con" for every route that does not connect to Dockside Park is that it "does not connect to Dockside Park."

Alice Krakauer, *Philipstown*

What is this great rush to transform a magnificent natural wonder into a Disneyland of the north? Those of us who have lived here all our lives and those who have moved here more recently because of the

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Fjord Trail: Access Would Be Limited if Overrun

'Heart' of trail to lie north of Breakneck

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Officials from the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail on April 3 expressed a willingness to limit access to its planned Cold Spring-to-Beacon connector if visitors overwhelm it and threaten the environment or local communities.

In a two-hour program, staff and consultants for HHFT, a subsidiary of the Poughkeepsie-based environmental group Scenic Hudson, outlined potential ways to reduce the impacts of the planned 7.5-mile "linear park" paralleling the Hudson River, Metro-North train tracks and Route 9D, a state highway.

They said the path's "heart" and focus would lie between Breakneck Ridge and Dutchess Manor, at the southern tip of the Town of Fishkill, although plans call for a trail to begin in Cold Spring.

The discussion, held at Dutchess Manor, centered on "visitation management," which John Moss, a consultant from ORCA

(Operation Research Consulting Associates), said entails "balancing supply and demand. We don't want attendance to ever outpace the ability of the park or trail to support it."

He added that "we recognize that it may be necessary, in a worst-case environment, to control entries into your trailhead, into your parking lot, to manage demand."

Moss said he came to Cold Spring for firsthand research on busy weekends in 2023 and saw the crowds exiting Metro-North trains, the overflowing sidewalk trash cans, the long lines at the public restrooms on Main Street near the train tracks, and the traffic. "I completely understand what we've been up against," he said.

Along with the other HHFT representatives, Moss suggested strategies to alleviate problems, such as signs to guide visitors; bathrooms at Dockside Park, Little Stony Point and the Breakneck and Notch trailheads; a visitor center at Dutchess Manor; 600 parking spots (including 235 new spaces); and a trailhead shuttle.

"No Fjord Trail parking is intended in Cold Spring" and more parking between

Cold Spring and Beacon will ensure that "it's not one big, aggregate mall parking lot in the middle of the trail corridor," Moss said. He said HHFT will manage and maintain the restrooms, shuttle operations, parking lots and other trail facilities.

Al Shacklett, also with ORCA, said that, even without the Fjord Trail, heavy tourism is expected to continue and "conditions you see today are going to get worse" outside the Cold Spring restrooms. At present, about a third of village visitors are hikers, Shacklett said. He said that, in recent years, interest in Breakneck Ridge has appeared to drop while increasing at the Washburn trail, opposite Little Stony Point, just outside the village limit.

With the Fjord Trail, he said, hikers will be steered toward picking up the trail at Breakneck, where the train stop is being upgraded. With those changes in place, Shacklett estimated that 50 percent of the hikers who now take the train to Cold Spring will instead continue to Breakneck. In that case, "we still have a surge, but the surge is much mitigated by the shift" from one station to another, he said.

Shortly after the meeting, members of a Visitation Data Committee established to help HHFT with analysis issued a statement that outlined its concerns with recent Fjord Trail materials, including a claim that visitation to Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve had increased by 7.6 percent between 2016 and 2023, although, the committee members said, the state parks department reported a 10.7 percent increase.

The five committee members, who include Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward, argued that HHFT and its consultants had inadequately considered the effects of social media and marketing on visitation and the Highlands' proximity to population centers. "We hope that HHFT will revise their research" so that future reports can be "more reliable," the committee said.

Responding on Monday (April 8), Amy Kacala, HHFT's executive director, called the committee's reaction "premature" because its "discussion and review of the visitation projection has yet to be completed and review of the traffic study has not even begun." She said HHFT created the panel "to foster more robust communication" in preparation for a public comment period on a pending environmental review, which may be ready in June.

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natural beauty are to be displaced by the clamoring throngs out for a thrill, not on a journey of adventure or discovery.

Why do we need to provide entertainment for the restless? Given a couple of years of massive disruption, they will find it too crowded and move on to other greener pastures only to turn them into a vast garbage dump.

Anthony Merante, *Philipstown*

Cease-fire resolution

Locally, the last six months have revealed how a diverse community can come together when they are united in their rage and sadness over the injustices being carried out in another country using bombs funded by our tax money ("Beacon Passes Cease-fire Resolution," March 8).

As a Palestinian, it has been excruciating to watch the annihilation of my people.

But during this time, the people I have met through our unified work on the cease-fire resolution have provided much solace. It has been so heartening to meet people who are Jewish, non-Palestinian, non-Arab and otherwise, without an obvious stake in this situation except that they are outraged that this genocide is being carried out backed by the complicity and funding of the U.S.

What is happening in Gaza is a local issue. Bringing this issue to our City Council was the right move, especially considering the stubborn alignment of our president and Congress with Israel when 70 percent of the country is calling for a cease-fire. Change happens even at the local level when our leaders are brave enough to use their platform to speak out — and speak up — to our higher elected leaders who seem to have lost their way (or are being paid to). I am proud to live in a city with a community and City Council that had the conviction

to rise to this moment in history, a positive turning point in an otherwise dark hour.

Lena Rizkallah, *Beacon*

Mental-health ribbons

I was disappointed to read that the Mid-Hudson chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) was denied permission in Beacon to tie ribbons around lampposts for Mental Health Awareness Month in May, with the ribbons described as "visual litter" ("Mental Health Ribbons Meet Resistance," March 29).

Mental illness is one of the biggest crises facing our community, and we need and deserve every bit of exposure and awareness we can get. Are other, newer modes of education available? Yes. But this issue is one that carries immense stigma, in which people are still afraid to talk about it, let alone do something about it. Many of our friends and neighbors are veterans, for

example, and suicide is the second-leading cause of death for veterans under the age of 45, after accidents, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Seeing those ribbons gives struggling people a visual acknowledgment that they exist (and, if you look at the ribbons, provides them with resources). They also give parents an opportunity to educate their children about empathy and the importance of mental health. Of all the things to dismiss as "litter," mental health awareness is a woefully misguided choice.

Jennifer Blakeslee, *Beacon*

Beacon update

Thanks to Ron and Ronnie Sauer, as well as Dia and the talented urban pioneers who recognized the value of Beacon and its hardworking citizens ("Kyriacou: Beacon Again in 'Excellent' Condition," April 5).

Thomas de Villiers, *via Instagram*

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Beacon Parking Hearing Likely to Continue

Proposal includes reduced minimum requirements

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council is scheduled to continue a public hearing on Monday (April 15) on a proposal to revise parking requirements for new developments and substantial reconstructions and, in some areas, eliminate a minimum requirement.

The hearing began in January and has been postponed twice. The council and Planning Board reviewed a new draft of the law this week; on Monday, council members will decide whether to hold the hearing or delay it to refine the proposal.

As it stands, the law would divide the city into two categories: “core” walkable areas (the Main Street, linkage, waterfront development and transitional zones) and outlying zones, including residential, industrial, general business, the Fishkill Creek development and waterfront park districts.

The proposal would eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements in the core areas and replace them with maximums; the outlying zones would have reduced minimums, with maximum requirements added.

For example, residential structures in the core would be restricted to one parking space per dwelling unit. In the outlying areas, residential units would need one to three spaces per unit. Parking for other

uses, such as commercial, retail and industrial buildings, would be based on floor area calculations. Where only maximums are identified, the Planning Board may approve fewer spaces for a project based on factors such as parcel size, the proposed use and walkable access to public transit.

The city may allow developers who cannot provide the required spaces to pay for an exemption, but that option is not part of the current draft.

More than 200 municipalities nationwide, including Hudson and Kingston, have dropped minimum parking requirements. In Beacon, where the standards have been largely unchanged since the 1960s, proponents say the law will encourage walking and biking and bring down housing costs.

The City Council and Planning Board asked a planning consultant this week how to measure the law’s effectiveness. It may not be seen in the cost of housing, said Natalie Quinn, who called parking “one piece of this larger issue.” But, Quinn said, the city could see an increase in the number of units being built. “That’s a direct correlation that I expect to see,” she said.

Len Warner, a Planning Board member, said the city should create a database of its public parking lots and track which nearby developments, particularly on Main Street, use them. That and “real-time utilization data” would help calculate whether there is sufficient public parking to withstand

reduced or eliminated minimums.

Kevin Byrne, who is also on the Planning Board, noted that Cold Spring began enforcing weekend metered parking on Main Street on April 5 and now requires residential permits on 11 core streets on weekends and holidays. “One of the best ways to compare and contrast is to look at the real results of places that are similar to us,” he said.

“What we’ve seen in other comparable cities is that the world does not end when you switch from [parking] minimums to maximums,” Quinn said. “There’s still so many reasons for developments to want to provide the parking that they need, and there’s available municipal parking or other options for folks getting around.”

Citing lower housing costs and vehicle usage, Council Member Jeff Domanski said Monday that the law, if adopted, should be evaluated to “capture the user experience” and make sure it is working as intended. He suggested surveying lower-income residents to see if the regulations make it challenging to have a car in Beacon.

Like Quinn, Mayor Lee Kyriacou said the city may not see changes in housing costs. However, “it’s environmentally stupid for us to require as much parking as our requirements from the ‘60s did,” he said.

Domanski responded: “But you could drive people into habits that countervail the environmental impact you’re trying to have.”

Housing application

City officials have asked New York State to designate Beacon a “pro-housing community,” a certification that gives municipalities priority consideration for up to \$650 million in funding. Communities must have increased their housing stock by 1 percent in the last year and 3 percent over the last three years; Beacon’s rose by 1.7 percent from a year ago and 3.66 percent in the past three, Quinn said.

NEWS BRIEF

Jersey Quake Rattles Highlands

4.8 magnitude; struck west of New York City

The Highlands rattled at 10:23 a.m. on April 5 because of tremors from an earthquake that struck near Lebanon, New Jersey, and measured 4.8 on the 10-point Richter scale.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported that the quake struck about a kilometer below the surface, about 50 miles west of New York City. Several aftershocks followed.

Less severe earthquakes have occurred in the Highlands. On Feb. 7, 2018, a 2.2-magnitude quake struck near Crofts Corners in Putnam Valley, and on July 5, 2014, a 2.4-magnitude quake was centered off Route 403 in Garrison.

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Garrison School Names Superintendent

Hires administrator from southern Westchester

By Joey Asher

The Garrison school board on Wednesday (April 10) hired an administrator from the Eastchester district in southern Westchester County as the district's next superintendent.

Gregory Stowell will succeed Carl Albano, who was hired before the 2020-21 school year. After Albano retired in September, he was named interim superintendent for 2023-24 while the district searched for his

replacement. Stowell will start work in July.

Speaking at the board's Wednesday meeting, Stowell said he plans initially to "listen, learn and celebrate all the successes we've had." He added that he also wants to "understand where our growing edges are, what we do well and what we would like to do in the future."

At the Eastchester Union Free School District, which has 3,000 students, Stowell is the assistant superintendent for pupil personnel services, managing programs for students with disabilities. The Garrison Union Free School District is considerably smaller, with just over 200 students in grades K-8.

Before taking the job at Eastchester in July 2022, Stowell worked for seven years at the Mahopac district as an assistant superintendent supervising pupil personnel services and technology. He has also worked for the Byram Hills district and has been a middle school administrator and elementary school teacher.

Stowell has three education degrees: a bachelor's in special and elementary education from SUNY Geneseo, a master's in administration and supervision from Pace University and a doctorate in information technology for educational leaders, also from Pace.

Sarah Tormey, the president of the Garrison school board, said Stowell appeared



Gregory Stowell

during the interview process to be "willing to take on the mantle of being an innovator when it comes to new programs, while also being mindful of our budget and working with the current staff."

Tuition *(from Page 1)*

asking for a deal that sets the price for ninth graders but allows Haldane to renegotiate with two years' notice.

The uncertainty of an annual tuition negotiation raises the question of whether Haldane High School will remain an option for eighth graders, said Carl Albano, Garrison's interim superintendent. "We can't guarantee them Haldane because we don't have a negotiated rate."

He noted that Garrison seventh graders don't yet have Haldane as an option because the districts haven't agreed on a rate for the ninth graders enrolling at Haldane in 2025.

That uncertainty isn't an issue for O'Neill or Putnam Valley because each agreed to a five-year schedule for all students that raises the rate annually at 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. O'Neill and Haldane reached their agreements in 2022 and Putnam Valley in 2023.

According to Joseph Jimick, the Garrison business administrator, the district paid tuition for 84 students for the current school year, including 47 at Haldane, 33 at O'Neill and four at Putnam Valley. Next year, it expects to pay for 95 high school students, including 51 at Haldane, 27 at O'Neill and 17 at Putnam Valley.

For 2023-24, the district paid \$16,825 per

student at all three high schools.

The dispute dates to the spring of 2022, when Haldane wanted to charge Garrison \$21,500 per student based on the "Seneca Falls formula," named for the district involved in a lawsuit that established the formula in 1949. Haldane had been charging Garrison about \$14,000 a year.

Garrison, facing a deficit that would require a 6.6 percent tax increase, said it couldn't afford that rate, and Haldane agreed to charge \$16,500 for 2022-23 as negotiations continued.

"Haldane has worked to find a compromise that recognizes the challenges that Garrison is experiencing," said Clements, the

Haldane board president. But, she added, "We think an education at Haldane is worth the non-resident tuition rate, which the state has calculated for Haldane as \$18,982."

Haldane board members say the district is committed to accepting Garrison students, as it has for decades. "There is a long history and a relationship," said Clements, who noted that districts are intertwined in many ways, such as with shared middle school sports teams and classes for students with disabilities.

The Garrison board on Wednesday adopted a proposed \$13.3 million budget for 2024-25 with a 4.44 percent tax increase that matches the state cap calculated for the district. The budget will be on the ballot on May 21.

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Filmmaker and climate activist David Gelber will be in conversation with author Justin Nobel to discuss his new book at 12 noon.

Bring along something to be repaired at the mini-Repair Cafe or mended at the Mending Station.

Enjoy a family-friendly musical performance by Mark Rust at 10:30.

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Thank you to everyone who attended HHFT's public info session *Visitation Projection and Visitor Management Strategy* on April 3.

 **The video recording of the session is available here**



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A few takeaways:

A wide range of proven visitation management tools are being considered to help control the impact of current and future trailbound visitation on local communities.

These include communications strategies like better wayfinding signage and an online app, and operational tools like timed entry at certain trailheads/ parking reservation system.

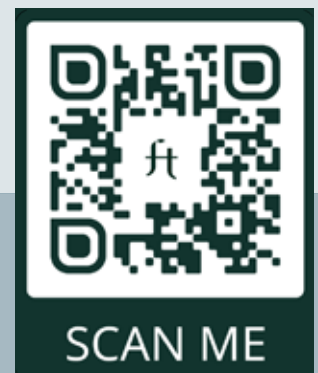


Improvements along the 7.5 mile Fjord Trail route will help manage some of the congestion and safety issues communities are grappling with today.

The addition of organized parking areas north of Cold Spring, public restrooms at each trailhead, a shuttle van system that will reduce car traffic, and staffing to manage it all will relieve existing pressure on local resources.

HHFT's planned enhancements to the Breakneck Ridge Metro-North Railroad station at the middle of the trail will encourage train travel directly to Breakneck Ridge and other popular trailheads, rather than through the Village of Cold Spring.

The parking, amenities, and programming at the Visitor Center at Dutchess Manor also will encourage arrivals to the heart of the trail. Projections indicate that with these improvements, the majority of new peak day visits will shift away from the Village of Cold Spring and Little Stony Point/Washburn Trail, reducing trail-bound arrivals to only 20% percent in that southern portion of the trail and relieving pressure on the Village.



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Dutchess Will Challenge Election Law

Republicans say date change usurps sovereignty

By Leonard Sparks

The Dutchess County Legislature on Monday (April 8) approved spending up to \$100,000 to challenge a state law that moves most county and town elections to even-numbered years.

The vote passed, 14-7, along party lines in the Republican-led body. Four legislators were absent.

The allocation was part of a resolution that called the law, enacted by Gov. Kathy Hochul in December, a violation of municipal independence. The law requires many county and town officials to run for office simultaneously with state and federal candidates, although races for sheriffs, district and county attorneys, clerks and county judges are exempt. It supersedes charters in Dutchess and other counties that place their elections in odd-numbered years.

Under the change, officials in office on Jan. 1, 2025, will complete their full terms, but those elected after Jan. 1, 2025, will have their terms shortened. Dutchess County legislators, who serve two-year terms and were last elected in November, will run for re-election in 2025 but the winners will only serve until 2026.

The next election for Dutchess County executive, a four-year position, will take

place in 2027 before switching to 2030.

Proponents argue that the change will increase voter turnout, but Republican legislators in Dutchess say it violates the “home-rule” rights of local governments outlined in the state constitution and will divert attention from local campaigns.

Statewide, the turnout was 64 percent for the 2020 general election, which included the races for president, the U.S. House and state Legislature, compared to 25 percent for local elections in 2021, Hochul noted when she signed the bill. In Dutchess, turnout was 78 percent in 2020 but only 34 percent for both a Supreme Court judge race in 2021 and the county executive race in 2023.

In a statement, Yvette Valdés Smith, a county legislator who is the minority leader and whose district includes part of Beacon, dismissed the vote as a waste of money.

If it survives legal challenges by Dutchess and other counties, the law will move the election for two of the four Philipstown Town Board seats, the highway commissioner and the clerk from 2031 to 2030 and for the supervisor from 2027 to 2026.

The move does not affect the Putnam County executive, whose four-year term is on the ballot in even-numbered years and next up in 2026, or Putnam legislators, who serve three-year terms. The law exempts villages, such as Cold Spring and Nelsonville, and in cities, such as Beacon, elections can only be changed through a constitutional amendment.

NYCLU Weighs In On Beacon Protest

Administrator criticized over response during swearing-in

By Jeff Simms

The New York Civil Liberties Union sent Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou and City Administrator Chris White a letter last week criticizing White for his reaction in January to a protest during the City Council swearing-in ceremony.

As Rep. Pat Ryan, whose U.S. House district includes Beacon, spoke before the mayor and council members took their oaths at the Memorial Building, four protesters in the back of the room — three of them Beacon residents, according to the NYCLU — attempted to unfurl a banner calling for a cease-fire in Gaza.

White and several veterans stood in front of the protesters and gripped their banner so it could not be opened. As police and the veterans escorted the protesters out, White wrested a cardboard sign from one of them. Another shouted: “How many more people have to die before you support a cease-fire?” referring to Ryan’s position at the time on the war.

NYCLU attorney Beth Haroules wrote in the April 2 letter that the organization considered the swearing-in a “limited public forum” and that White had violated the state’s Open Meetings Law and the U.S. Constitution by preventing the protesters

from displaying the banner.

Haroules requested that Kyriacou and White acknowledge that the city “should have let the protesters hold their banner and not be threatened with arrest, and ensure that such events” be handled consistently with state and federal law.

An NYCLU representative said in an email on April 3 that a “community member” who was not a protester alerted the organization to the incident. The organization did not respond to follow-up questions.

Kyriacou addressed the situation during a City Council meeting on Jan. 22. He said he supported the First Amendment but that the protesters had made some people feel unsafe. He urged the community to “work out a way that everyone, and not just the protesters, feels safe.”

Regarding White’s response, the mayor said it was a personnel issue and that he had “already acted on it.”

Nick Ward-Willis, the council’s attorney, said Thursday (April 11) that the city “respects the First Amendment and the right to peaceful protest but also must ensure that public meetings are not disrupted.” He noted that the NYCLU letter was sent several months after the event “and does not include a number of pertinent facts.”

“The city is waiting for a return call from the NYCLU and we look forward to having a constructive discussion with them on the matter,” he said.



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NEWS BRIEF

High School Seniors in Limbo Over College Aid

Problems plague new federal form

By Leonard Sparks

Alison Chi's daughter has answered one big question: where she will attend college after she graduates in June from Beacon High School.

The other big question — how much it will cost — is taking longer.

"She's decided where she wants to go," said Chi. "But until we know what the whole financial package looks like, she can't commit."

Families in the Highlands with students planning for college in the fall have been in limbo for months following the U.S. Department of Education's debut of a revised Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, which determines eligibility for grants, loans and work-study jobs.

The agency reduced the maximum

number of questions from 108 to 46 to make the online process less challenging. However, technical problems have left colleges waiting to receive the information they need to calculate how much aid they can offer, which is a vital factor for many students when selecting a school from among those that accept them. Students already in college are also waiting; families must complete the FAFSA each year.

Before Congress approved legislation in 2020 mandating the simpler FAFSA form, students could begin applying on Oct. 1. Within five days, the Education Department would send colleges the needed data.

This year, students and their parents had to wait until Dec. 31 to begin completing the FAFSA form and faced outages and glitches. The Education Department said that, once an application was submitted, it could not be corrected (such as by adding a missing signature) until late January, which was pushed back to mid-March and then to April.

Colleges began receiving data for some students on March 11, according to the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators, but the process had to be stopped because the Education Department used the wrong formula to calculate financial need.

The Education Department said on Tuesday (April 9) that it has sent information for 7 million applicants to schools, states and scholarship organizations and is now processing applications within three days of submission.

Chi's daughter applied to 18 schools; some have reported receiving her FAFSA data but others are still waiting. At a recent program for students accepted to Emerson College in Boston, one of her daughter's choices, "you could hear the frustration in the voices of the people from the financial aid department," said Chi.

In February, the State University of New York (SUNY) pushed back its deadline for enrollment deposits by two weeks, to May 15, for state residents. Other colleges also have extended deadlines, said Amanda Cotchen, a guidance counselor at Haldane High School.

"A lot of admissions offices have fortunately recognized that this is putting pressure on families," she said.

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Garrison Land Being Transferred to State

OSI, Scenic Hudson ask court to clear title

The Open Space Institute and Scenic Hudson are transferring 31 acres in Garrison to the state so the forested property can be added to the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve.

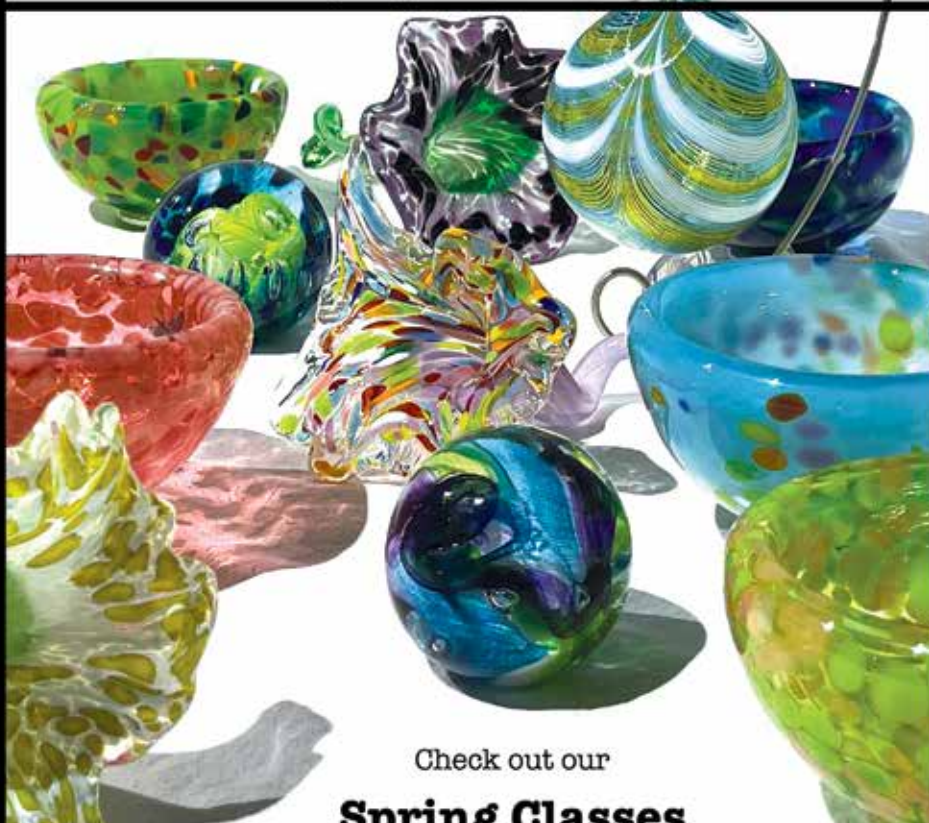
The organizations on April 2 filed a petition asking a state judge to clear the title for the property, part of an expanse bounded by Routes 403 and 9D that once belonged to William Church Osborn and his son and grandson, William H. Osborn Sr. and William H. Osborn Jr.

As part of its title review for land transfers, the Attorney General's Office determined that "there is no record of conveyance" of the property to Osborn Jr. after his father died in 1971. The younger Osborn transferred the property in 1981 to a nominee who held it for the benefit of OSI and Scenic Hudson before deeding them the property in 2010.

Seth McKee, executive director of The Scenic Hudson Land Trust Inc. and Land Programs, said that having to clear a title is not unusual when transferring land to the state. "We are excited for this beautiful forested ridgetop property to be added to Hudson Highlands State Park, adding 31 acres to the Castle Rock area and protecting the view from Route 403," he said.

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Reporter's Notebook

Bye Bye, Byline

By Alison Rooney

With this story, I bid wistful farewell to nearly 14 years of reporting and writing for *The Current*, with the initial assignment in 2010 to cover arts, leisure and people — with “leisure” biting the title dust somewhere along the way.

During my first decade at what was then a fledgling enterprise, I wrote three features weekly, on average. During the pandemic, with shows and openings canceled, it dropped to two. Minus vacations, a rough — and mind-blowing — tally is around 1,800 stories, mostly devoted to artists of one stripe or another.

Early on, people asked, “Is there enough to cover here?” but that has rarely been a problem. Of greater concern to me was my lack of expertise — despite growing up in Manhattan — in the visual arts. I discovered that if I ignored my novice nervousness and substituted curiosity, it helped reveal the artist's process.

For example, take Carl Van Brunt, a long-standing Beacon gallerist and artist. In a 2016 exhibit at Theo Ganz Studio, he was excited about the digital paintings he was making. I couldn't hook into the “fractals,” so I asked him if he could “walk me through a painting,” on the spot. He immediately became animated. Here's an edited version of the result, as it appeared in the story:

Pointing to a leaf-like cluster motif repeated throughout one painting, Van Brunt noted: “This is one fractal. I think of it as like a walk in the woods with a camera. You take photos, then go through the images, and one strikes you and that becomes the beginning. You then play with color for the background, generate or discover other fractal images that go with that background, and overlap them.”

“It's a process of composing and layering, eliminating and adding. Finally, you reach a balance, expressive of a truth unable to be described in words or other forms.”

The results, he says, are “indeterminate, like music. I feel like I'm discovering things rather than making things; I'm finding things that are there.”



Alison Rooney, holding one of the last of her nearly 2,000 *Current* articles

Photo by Brooke Phillips

And I, too, was finally feeling it for the fractals.

Some of my favorite stories came during the pandemic. I began a series called *Something You Don't Know About Me*. How else would you discover that your nonprofit-running neighbor had worked with macaques, baboons, chimpanzees and bush babies in a primate lab? Or that another neighbor, a Norwegian-born translator, was teaching herself ventriloquism?

Then there's Richard Saunders, propri-

etor of Hudson Rogue framing in Nelsonville, who casually mentioned he used to be a pilot and that “maybe some people might find that interesting.” They did.

“I was flying south of Teterboro when this row of lights loomed up in front of me,” he told me. “I realized it was a jet, coming into Newark airport. I immediately hit his wake turbulence — the air that spirals off the wings — and my plane made a sharp roll to the left. I flew off my seat and my head hit the ceiling before the plane righted

itself. Those moments were a little hairy.”

The frustrating thing about this series is that, as much as I tried to cajole people into sharing their stories, they always countered: “But there's nothing really interesting about me.” I beg to differ! Surely you have a little *something*?

Another group of people I've enjoyed talking to is teenagers. Their point of view inevitably expands mine. I'm always impressed by their advocacy and their sense of humor.

One of the most eye-opening interview experiences I had was speaking with Haldane actors before they performed *The Laramie Project* in 2019. Their impassioned discussion was inspiring.

It felt well-timed and a bit spooky that my last few stories coincided with this year's high school musicals — because those who know me even a little know I love a high school musical.

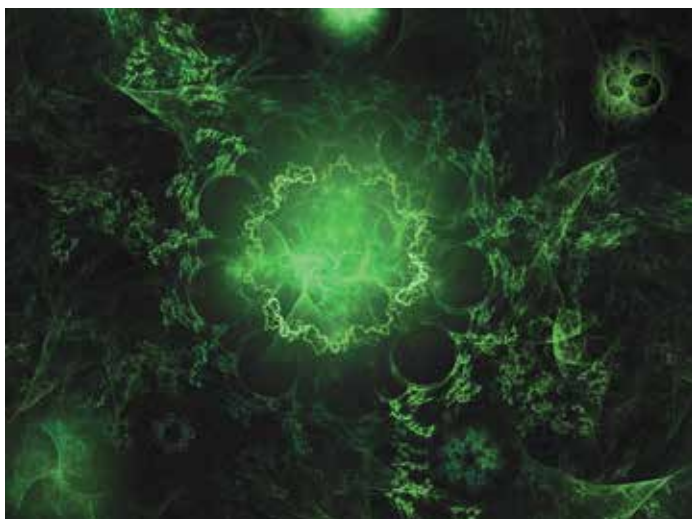
When Gordon Stewart, the founder of what became *The Current*, hired me in July 2010, the day before launching Philipstown. info, he said: “Now go on out there and find some stories.” I daresay I did.

Here's the first one I turned in. It was posted July 10 and is surely the shortest piece I've ever written:

Cooling Off at Zuzu's

A Tuesday afternoon scorcher, in that refuge known at Zuzu's, in Beacon, a haunt of many a Philipstowner. Even the video gamers at the Macs look too wasted by the heat to do valiant battle today. Flipping through a newspaper is as arduous as it gets. But the strains of trumpet solos give the place a sense of air, while the concoctions of Mike, the regular Tuesday afternoon java-bearer (and music-chooser) seem to lower the temperature to something fine and mellow.

After 14 years, the skirmish between practicing creative writing and those forever-looming weekly deadlines is not abating, and my conviction grows that it's the right time to jump ship and see what ocean I land in.



"Older Than Time," by Carl Van Brunt



Ventriloquist Vibeke Saugestad



Richard Saunders of Hudson Rogue framing — and the skies

Photos provided

THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

COMMUNITY

SAT 13

A Celebration of Georgie

COLD SPRING

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com

To mark the passing of the village's favorite bookstore cat, children and families are invited to stop by for stories and to add memories to a scrapbook.

SAT 13

Highland Lights Workshop

GARRISON

Noon – 3 p.m. & 3 – 6 p.m. HVSF
2015 Route 9
bit.ly/highland-lights-workshops

Help create lantern puppets of fish and river creatures to highlight the aquatic theme, Full Fathom Five, for this year's procession, scheduled for SAT 20. Also SUN 14. Register online.

SAT 13

Under the Stars

BEACON

8 p.m. The Yard
4 Hanna Lane | compassarts.org
Dance the night away at a do-over prom during this fundraiser for Compass Arts. *Cost: \$30*

SUN 14

Home Bakers Meetup

BEACON

Noon – 3 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 E. Main St. | bit.ly/home-bakers-2024

Swap samples and talk about grain and flour at this annual event. Cutting boards, bread knives and fillable cards will be provided to display your baked goods. *Cost: \$20*

THURS 18

Skilled Trades Fair

WAPPINGERS FALLS

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Ketcham High School
99 Myers Corners Road
845-486-2000 | dutchessny.gov

Students and young adults can learn about vocational jobs.

SAT 20

Cornhole Tournament

POUGHKEEPSIE

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza | pbacornhole.com

The Bags for Badges tournament is a fundraiser for the Dutchess County Sheriff PBA. *Cost: \$80 per team*

SAT 20

Vinyl Day

COLD SPRING

1 – 4 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

There will be listening stations to share and celebrate analog sound.



History Hike, April 21

SUN 21

Cold Spring in Bloom

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Main Street
coldspringnychamber.com

Merchants will have special offerings and the Putnam History Museum will share trivia and lead walking tours during this celebration of spring.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 13

Apollo 13

COLD SPRING

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

This month's installment of the Tom Hanks film series features the 1995 movie about NASA's mission to save the crew of a damaged spacecraft.



SAT 13

Ariane One-Act Festival

GARRISON

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900
philipstowndepottheatre.org

The Aery Theatre Company will present original plays by Albi Gorn, Evelyn Mertens, Patrick J. Lennon and Keith Whalen. Also SUN 14. *Cost: \$25*

THURS 18

Outer Visions

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org

Marisa Tornello and Steve Frieder will present a performance art show with music and improvisation. Donations are welcome for the artists and Common Ground Farm.

THURS 18

David Sedaris

PEEKSKILL

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

The humor writer and satirist will perform and sign his latest book, *Happy-Go-Lucky*. *Cost: \$55 to \$80*

FRI 19

Phantom of the Opera

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road
beaconplayers.com

The Beacon Players will perform the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, based on the 1910 French novel. Also SAT 20, SUN 21. See Page 15. *Cost: \$18 (\$8 students and seniors)*

SAT 20

A Wrinkle in Time

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Haldane
15 Craigsides Drive | haldaneschool.org

In this play based on the book by Madeleine L'Engle, middle school drama students will portray the extraordinary travels of Meg Murry. Also SUN 21. *Cost: \$12 (\$5 students, seniors free)*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 13

Site Clean-Up

PHILIPSTOWN

9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Hudson Highlands State Park
3011 Route 9D

Meet at the Visitor Center to rake, clear trails and remove trash from the Northgate/Cornish Estate site. Tools, gloves and water will be provided.

SAT 13

Bats of New York

GARRISON

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

Wildlife biologist Ashley Meyer will discuss her work with bats, the challenges they face and how people can help. This event is co-hosted by the library and the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society.

WED 17

Spring Ephemerals

PHILIPSTOWN

5:30 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane | 845-265-2000
stonecrop.org

The staff will lead a guided tour of the extensive bulb plantings and early blooming perennials. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

WED 17

Learn to Sail

BEACON

7 p.m. Sloop Club | 2 Red Flynn Drive
845-891-4509 | beaconsloopclub.org

This is the first session in an eight-class series. *Cost: \$50*

SAT 20

Bird Walk

PHILIPSTOWN

7:30 a.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

Look for migrating birds with guides from the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society. Registration required.

SUN 21

History Hike

COLD SPRING

3 p.m. West Point Foundry Preserve
80 Kemble Ave.
putnamhistorymuseum.org

The Putnam History Museum will lead this guided tour of the national historic landmark and discuss its innovative role in U.S. history, including during the Civil War. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*

POETRY

SAT 13

Ruth Danon and John Yau

BEACON

8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.
845-440-3906 | stanzabooks.com

Danon will read from *Turn Up the Heat* and Yau from *Tell It to Slant*.

SUN 14

Kathryn Weld

PUTNAM VALLEY

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

The poet will read from her most recent collection, *Afterimage*, followed by a poetry open mic. *Cost: \$10*

TUES 16

Poetry Jam

GARRISON

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

As part of this *One Poem a Day Won't Kill You* program, share a favorite poem by a published poet (i.e., not your own).

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 13

Blind Dates Recursive 05

BEACON

2 p.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Paul Legault will facilitate a conversation in Rita McBride's sculpture *Arena* about memorials. *Cost: \$20 (\$18 seniors, \$12 students)*



EARTH DAY

SAT 20

Adopt a Highway & Beach Clean-Up

PHILIPSTOWN

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Little Stony Point
3011 Route 9D | littlestonypoint.org

Come at 8 a.m. to pick up trash along Route 9D or help with beach clean-up from 10 a.m. to noon or noon to 2 p.m. Register online.

SAT 20

Clean-Up and Planting

BEACON

9 a.m. – Noon. Various
facebook.com/beaconrec

Volunteers will clean up or plant a pollinator garden at a dozen sites around the city. Sign up at bit.ly/beacon-earth-day-2024.

Work gloves, boots, long pants and sleeves are recommended; garbage bags and buckets will be provided. An Earth Day fair will follow from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at Hudson Valley Brewery, 7 E. Main St.

SAT 20

Earth Day Fest

GARRISON

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

Philipstown's third annual festival will include music at 10:30 a.m. by Mark Rust and a discussion at noon between David Gelber of The Years Project and Justin Nobel, author of *Petroleum-238: Big Oil's Dangerous Secret and the Grassroots Fight to Stop It*. There will also be a mending station, a scavenger hunt and information about electric vehicles and tools and pollinator gardens.

SAT 20

Mending Workshop

BEACON

Noon – 3 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

Annie McCurdy will provide materials and help you learn to patch and repair gently loved garments.

SAT 20

Earth Day Celebration

COLD SPRING

Noon – 4 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org

Drop in to clean up the pollinator garden and make wildflower seed bombs.

SAT 20

Highland Lights Procession

GARRISON

8 p.m. Hudson Valley Shakespeare
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org

Email smcnull@hvshakespeare.org to carry a lighted puppet in the third annual procession, or show up at dusk to join the parade, which this year will celebrate and honor the transformative power of water.

and disabled visitors, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free for Beacon and Newburgh residents)

SAT 13
John Fleming Gould

BEACON
4 - 6 p.m. Bannerman Island Gallery
150 Main St. | 845-831-6346
bannermancastle.org

Paintings, watercolors, pastels and drawings by Gould (1906-1996) will be on view through June 2. The opening reception will be followed at 6 p.m. by a talk with the artist's three sons at the Dutchess Inn, 151 Main St.

SAT 13
In Eclipse

BEACON
5 - 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org

This group exhibit showcases the meanings of the word *eclipse*. Through April 28.

SAT 13
Guardians Against Evil Dreams

BEACON
6 - 8 p.m. BAU Gallery
506 Main St. | baugallery.org
Jebah Baum's sculptures and works on paper will be on view in Gallery 1, while an audio and visual collaboration by Baum and Steven Takasugi will be in the Beacon Room and a member show in Gallery 2. Through May 5.

SAT 13
Swan Song

BEACON
7 - 9:30 p.m. Distortion Society
155 Main St. | distortionsociety.com
Nico Mazza will share his embroidered textiles, which address desiring the forbidden. Through June 1.

MUSIC

SAT 13
Joe Natale Jazz Quartet

COLD SPRING
2 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St. | stmariyscoldspring.com
The saxophonist will be joined by Alex Smith (organ), Jeff Barone (guitar) and Sammy Wags (drums). Donations welcome. *Free*

SAT 13
Mike & Ruthy

PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The husband-and-wife duo will play music from their repertoire of indie-folk. *Cost: \$25*

SAT 13
Stephen Clair with Jen Clapp & Chris Ams

COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Move | 37 Chestnut St.
facebook.com/rockoutstephenclair
The three songwriters will each play a set. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 13
Benise

PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The "prince of Spanish guitar" will perform his interpretations of classic rock songs with dancers. *Cost: \$42 to \$70*

SAT 13
Triple Play

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
Three local acoustic groups — Annalyse & Ryan, Beacon Songsmiths and The Whispering Tree — will perform. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 13
Pat Metheny

POUGHKEEPSIE
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St.
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org
For his solo tour, the guitarist and composer will play music from his album *Dream Box*. *Cost: \$48 to \$78*

SAT 13
Alexis P. Suter Band

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The bandleader's six-piece ensemble will play songs from an upcoming release, *Love Always Wins*. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*



Benise, April 13

SUN 14
American String Quartet

NEWBURGH
3 p.m. Kol Yisrael | 290 North St.
newburghchambermusic.org
Violist Matthias Buchholz will join the quartet for a program that includes works by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Brahms. *Cost: \$35 (\$30 seniors, \$10 students)*

FRI 19
On the Trail

PUTNAM VALLEY
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The acoustic band will play pop, bluegrass and traditional songs. *Cost: \$20*

FRI 19
Start Making Sense

PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The Talking Heads tribute band includes a full horn section. *Cost: \$30 to \$45*

SAT 20
Best of The Eagles

PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The tribute band will play the classics. *Cost: \$35 to \$50*

SAT 20
Erehwon Ensemble

BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
The ensemble, conducted by David Rudge, will be joined by pianist Sandro Russo. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 20
Van the Band

BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
Padraig Allen leads this Van Morrison tribute band. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

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THE WEEK AHEAD

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SUN 21

John Gorka

BEACON

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

The singer and songwriter will play music from his latest release, *True in Time*. Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)

TALKS & TOURS

SAT 13

Writing the Walls

PEEKSKILL

7 - 9 p.m. Hudson Valley MOCA 1701 Main St. | hudsonvalleymoca.org

As part of an ongoing program, writers will perform works created in response to the current exhibit, *War*. Also SUN 14. Cost: \$25 (\$20 students, seniors, members)

SUN 14

Local Author Fair

NEWBURGH

2 - 4 p.m. Newburgh Free Library 124 Grand St.

facebook.com/newburghfreelibrary

More than a dozen authors in all genres will meet readers and showcase their books. There will also be a poetry circle and children's story time.

SUN 14

Leigh Newman

COLD SPRING

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org

The author will read from her latest book, *Nobody Gets Out Alive*, a collection of short stories set in Alaska. Donations welcome. Free

SAT 20

Buffalo Soldiers of the Hudson Valley

GARRISON

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

Carla Burns will share memories and stories about growing up in a Highland Falls neighborhood where many Black men who had served in the 10th Calvary lived.

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 6

Play Sets

BEACON

10:30 a.m. Dia:Beacon | 3 Beekman St. 845-231-0811 | diaart.org

Families with children ages 5 and older are invited to explore the galleries; in this session, Dia educators will focus on the work of Gerhard Richter. Free

THURS 18

Kitty Cat Sleep-Over

GARRISON

5:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org

Bring your favorite stuffed kitty and decorate a box for it to sleep in overnight at the library.

FRI 19

The Tortured Poets Department Listening Party

COLD SPRING

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

Come to a listening party of Taylor Swift's most recent album and enjoy activities and crafts for a Battle of the Books fundraiser. Grades 4 and higher. Cost: \$10

VISUAL ARTS

SAT 13

Shift

GARRISON

5 - 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center 23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960 garrisonartcenter.org

M. Pettee Olsen's abstracts will be on view, along with the exhibit *A Field Guide to Birds*, by Debra Ramsay and Leslie Roberts. Through May 5. Olsen will discuss her work at 3 p.m. on SUN 14.

THURS 18

Open House

GARRISON

4 - 6 p.m. Garrison Art Center 23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960 garrisonartcenter.org

Tour the studios and learn about classes and workshops. Pick up gently used art supplies at the event or donate materials during gallery hours through FRI 12.

SUN 21

Many Moons

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 - 4 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C. 729 Peekskill Hollow Road tompkinscorners.org

Dennis RedMoon Darkeem will discuss his work, which is being shown in *Many Moons, Interpreting the Black/Indigenous Experience*.



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

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School Board

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon High School 101 Matteawan Road | 845-838-6900 beaonk12.org

MON 15

Village Board

NELSONVILLE

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

TUES 16

School Board

GARRISON

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

TUES 16

School Board

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Middle School Library 15 Craigsides Drive | 845-265-9254 haldaneschool.org

WED 17

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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

WED 17

Town Board

COLD SPRING

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



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Charlotte Bowen during rehearsal

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Fantastic Phantom

Beacon Players to perform 'king of all musicals'

By Alison Rooney

Next weekend, the Beacon Players will present *Phantom of the Opera* at Beacon High School. We spoke with Anthony Scarrone, the director, and Charlotte Bowen, a ninth grader appearing in her first production, about the musical.

Why *Phantom*?

SCARRONE: It's the king of all musicals; it ran for 35 years on Broadway and is still in production through touring companies. People will gravitate to our theater to see our production, listen to the beautiful music and get lost in the love story. It's not a horror story, as many people initially thought — it's about the ability to love something that's not perfect and to love someone for their heart and their caring soul. After *Les Miz* last year, we wanted to see if we could top it. We decided that *Phantom* would suffice.

Students designed the sets.

How did they do?

SCARRONE: They created the world of another time, a world of fantasy. There's an opera house, a labyrinth and a chandelier that blooms over the house, complete with crystals and lamps. It does its job well, descending over the audience. They created a ramp system on the back wall for the descent into the labyrinth, and are working hard on all of the props and costumes, researching everything, making sure that we are in the right period. We have always paid attention to detail and with *Phantom*, we are giving it even more attention.

What have the actors been working on?

SCARRONE: We've worked on vocal delivery, in particular, and the comic relief roles. We had workshops and discussions where we talked more and more about the storyline.

You were at John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction for 20 years, and you've been at Beacon for 10.

With all that experience directing students, what surprises you most?

SCARRONE: I am constantly refreshed by the wonderful enthusiasm and ambition of students who join us. I would not be able to do this if it weren't for them. They want to be part of something wonderful and to make it special. They give up so much of their time to do this. In fact, they give up a good chunk of their day to be with us, and it shows in the long run. What people see on the stage is the culmination of the year's work, in the collaboration of art, design and talent. These are the best students around; these are the Beacon Players.

Charlotte, what inspired you to join the Beacon Players?

BOWEN: I've been seeing Beacon Players productions since I was 6 years old, and after the power and impact of *Les Miserables*, I wanted to be part of their next production.

What has surprised you most about preparing for the show?

BOWEN: When I showed the script to my vocal coach, she was shocked at how advanced some of the songs were. It also has been interesting to see what the composer, Andrew Lloyd Webber, had in mind for the story by reading his original blocking. The storyline also has some mysteries. The toy monkey playing the cymbals is a recurring motif, including as an item being sold in the opening auction, and returning in one of the last scenes in the Phantom's lair. For me, the monkey represents the Phantom's presence and dominance over the opera house.

Phantom of the Opera will be performed at the Pete Seeger Auditorium at Beacon High School at 7 p.m. on April 19, 1 and 7 p.m. on April 20 and 1 p.m. on April 21. Advance tickets are \$15 (\$5 for seniors and students) at bit.ly/beacon-players-phantom or \$18 (\$8) at the door.



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HHFT responds to statement by Visitation Data Committee (VDC) members from Philipstown...

At HHFT’s Public Info Session on April 3, Executive Director Amy Kacala shared with attendees that the visitation projection numbers being presented were still being reviewed by the VDC.

“ [HHFT has] worked with a Visitation Data Committee that was created months ago, with representatives from Nelsonville, Cold Spring, Phillipstown, Beacon and Fishkill, and they’ve been working through some of the data as well. We just want to acknowledge, we’re going to share the [visitation projection] number tonight...[the committee is] still talking about that—but this is the number we feel comfortable with. Maybe it changes a little bit; I don’t think that impedes the discussion of the visitation management tools...So with that caveat, and recognition of the committee’s hard work, we just want to let everybody know that, so there’s no confusion.

—Amy Kacala, HHFT Executive Director, April 3 Public Info Session Opening Remarks

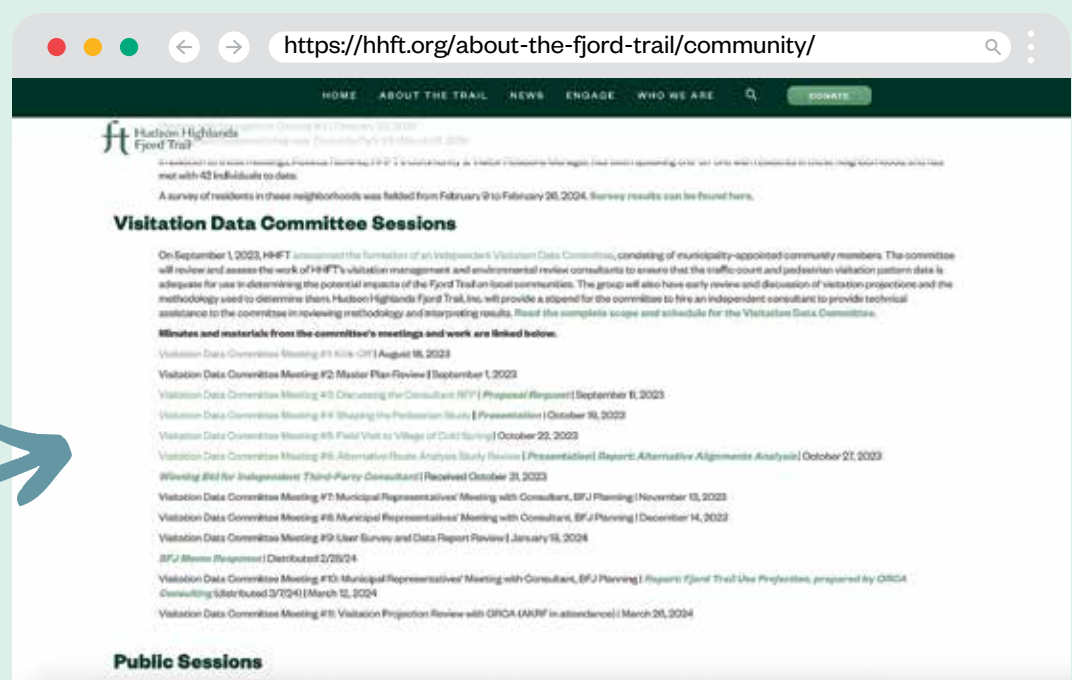
Convening the VDC is a voluntary effort on HHFT’s part, and not a requirement of the GEIS process. To assist the VDC with its work reviewing the data, HHFT is covering the cost of a professional consultant, chosen by the committee, who provides them with technical expertise and advice in reviewing pedestrian counts, visitation projection, and the traffic study.

43 raw data sets have been provided for the committee’s review, with more on the way, and discussions are ongoing.

HHFT greatly appreciates the time that the volunteer committee members have contributed thus far. We look forward to continuing to work together through this ongoing process.

For those curious to learn more about the VDC process, including draft reports, committee memos, and meeting minutes, please visit:

<https://qrco.de/hhft-vdc>



Small, Good Things

Get Lucky!

By Joe Dizney

In Louisiana, where I grew up, New Year's feasting always meant Hoppin' John, a one-pot dish of black-eyed peas, rice, a mess of smothered greens, pork and cornbread. I don't remember missing that particular meal in the last 50 years: It remains an act of good faith for the coming year, supposedly bringing good fortune to all who partake.

First, a clarification: Black-eyed peas aren't peas but beans, having edible seeds and pods, and have been cultivated and consumed around the world since prehistoric times.

This heat-loving, drought-, disease- and pest-tolerant crop was embraced as a staple by West Africans and is eaten there to this day. Black-eyed peas are served festively on auspicious occasions, celebrating such milestones as weddings, the birth of a child, homecomings and even funerals. Black-eyed peas were also good-luck charms in warding off the evil eye.

The "pea" traveled in a perverse/reverse Columbian exchange, with African natives enslaved by the Spanish and Portuguese (among others), transported and trafficked to bustling South American and Caribbean "economies." This trade would ultimately extend to the American South.



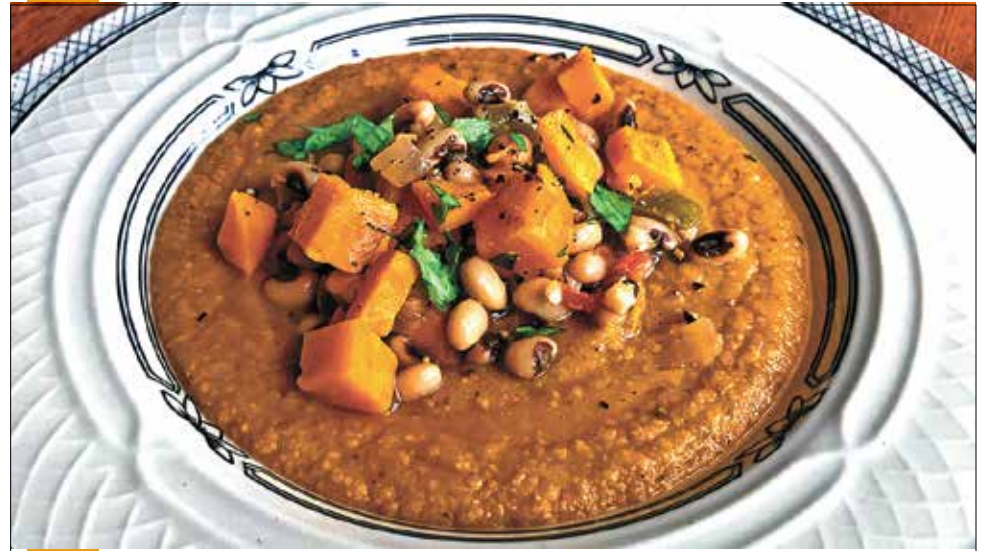
Adrian Miller, a food historian and self-proclaimed "soul-food scholar," posits this landing, particularly in the Geechee and Gullah cultures of the islands off what is now the Carolina coast. By 1700, black-eyed peas were grown across the Southeast by the enslaved and their ostensible "masters." (Thomas Jefferson grew them in his Monticello gardens.)

Miller also addresses the issue of "luck": In an article in *Garden & Gun* titled "Why Do We Eat Black-Eyed Peas on New Year's Day?," he suggests that it may be a cross-cultural mashup between African foodways and the traditions of another culture with an affinity for the legume: Sephardic Jews, who reportedly had a custom of eating black-eyed peas for luck on their New Year, Rosh Hashanah.

Flash forward to early April in the Highlands, and I'm feeling fortunate to have stumbled onto a bag of Super Lucky 2024 Black-Eyed Peas (from Rancho Gordo) lurking in my hoard of legumes, left over from New Year's. While Hoppin' John is always an option, the chilly nights called for something else, and this black-eyed pea and sweet potato soup by Joe Yonan, author of *Cool Bean*, seemed to fit the bill.

I particularly like the fact that it's only half puréed — toward the end of cooking, you reserve a few cups of the beans, potatoes and other vegetables (did I mention that this recipe is vegan?) to add back after puréeing the rest, giving the final bowl a comforting chunkiness and substantiality.

It turns out that soup is like luck: The best is the kind you make yourself.



Black-Eyed Pea & Sweet Potato Soup

Adapted from Joe Yonan/
The Washington Post

Makes 6 to 8 servings

1 cup dried black-eyed peas, soaked overnight

¼ cup canola oil

3 small tomatoes (about 12 ounces), cored, seeded and chopped

1 large yellow onion, diced

1 green bell pepper, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

½ teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

1 tablespoon white wine vinegar (substitute apple cider vinegar)

3 large sweet potatoes (2 to 2½ pounds), peeled and cut into ½-inch dice

2 cups water

Chopped parsley for garnish

1. Drain and rinse the black-eyed peas. Heat the oil in a large pot over medium-high until it shimmers. Add tomatoes, onion, bell pepper, garlic, cayenne and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft, about 10 minutes. Add the vinegar to deglaze the pot, scraping up any browned bits on the bottom of the pan.

2. Add the black-eyed peas, sweet potatoes and water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover and cook until the black-eyed peas are very soft, about 40 to 50 minutes. When peas are soft, adjust salt if necessary and remove pot from heat to cool for about 10 minutes.

3. Using a slotted spoon, transfer 2 to 3 cups of the soup solids to a small saucepan and reserve, keeping warm. Meanwhile, use a blender or food processor to purée the remainder of the soup. Return purée to the cooking pot to keep it warm.

4. Divide the puréed soup among serving bowls; top each with some of the reserved vegetables. Garnish with parsley and serve hot with warm, crusty whole-grain bread.



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LOOKING BACK IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (April 1874)

The Cold Spring Recorder reported that an intoxicated driver had checked his horse so suddenly at Main and Furnace streets that the passenger was thrown backward onto the floor of the wagon. The driver “laid all the blame on the horse, as is usual with men in his condition.”

When a stone boat used to move a secondhand iron safe down Main Street became stuck on the tracks, red flags were sent to trains in each direction while the “unsafe safe” was yanked free.

In an illustrated lecture at the Baptist Church, Prof. James Chandler of Waterbury, Connecticut, shared lifelike scenes of astronomy and spectrum analysis, views from the Holy Land and the burning of Chicago.

The Recorder pondered why a young man would take a job as a clerk for 16 to 18 hours a day for less than a third of what he could earn working 10 hours a day in a factory.

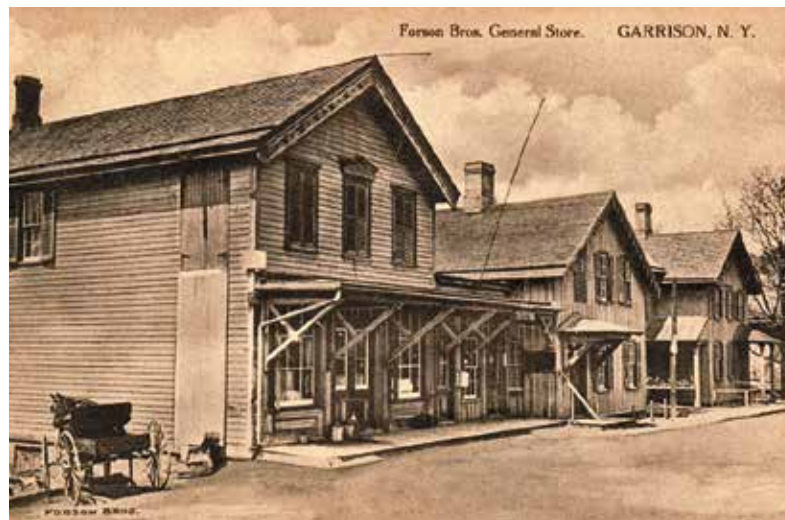
The Recorder said it would not publish any further criticism of sermons.

A Thursday night birthday party at a Main Street home devolved into a “disgraceful scene,” according to *The Recorder*, when young men wearing masks began pushing and screaming, insulting the girls and throwing dirt and stones. The bandits dispersed upon the arrival of Officer McCaffrey.

A longtime railroad worker was fired after temporarily leaving the switches in the hands of a young man whose inattention caused a derailment.

The Library Association received 24 bound volumes of its papers and magazines from 1873, including *Harper’s*, *The Atlantic* and *Scientific American*.

Henry Baxter accepted a position on a South American steamer.



In 1899, the Forson brothers found the public telephone in their store on Garrison’s Landing to be a distraction.

The local furnace discharged its workers because of the low price of iron.

The Cold Spring Village Board proposed a budget of \$3,743.50 [about \$102,500 today], but voters only approved spending \$1,656 [\$45,000].

The Plate Glass Insurance Co. replaced the display window at Pelham’s after it was broken by a stone thrown at a dog.

Four inches of snow fell in the village on April 29.

The National Amateur Base Ball Association invited the Kellogg Club of Cold Spring to send delegates to its annual convention at the Astor House in New York City. The association had 29 members in six states.

125 Years Ago (April 1899)

Dr. G.W. Murdock, who was considering an office on Main Street in addition to the one in his home on Morris Avenue, received approval from the Cold Spring Village Board to erect a telephone pole on Church Street.

John Hesson, who the previous winter fell from his boarding house window and broke his leg, then ended up living at the county poorhouse, returned home. He was promptly arrested for public intoxication and sent to the county jail for 30 days.

When asked by the village president to take the position of assessor, Trustee Farrell declined, saying: “No use being assessor if people won’t pay taxes.”

Trustee Ferris said the Village Board should have a lawyer. J. Bennett Southard was nominated and appointed.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Methodist Episcopal Church held a social in which they produced an issue of a local newspaper

while dressed in costumes made of newspapers. The event raised \$51 [\$1,900].

The Recorder called out the *Millbrook Round Table* for asserting that the only way to distinguish Cold Spring water from beer was that the former lacked froth. In fact, it said, village water was “clear as crystal.”

Isaac Smith of Garrison was surprised to go to his barn and find twin heifers. In Continentalville, Benjamin Odell found twin colts.

The water superintendent turned on the drinking fountain at Main and Chestnut streets.

Gov. Theodore Roosevelt appointed William Church Osborn of Garrison as a member of the State Lunacy Commission.

The board was asked to recognize the street running from Main to Railroad Avenue as Depot Square but a trustee suggested it first be established whether the village or the railroad owned the street.

The Bank of Savings in New York City placed an ad seeking information about James Spring, a Cold Spring farmer who had opened an account 43 years earlier that still had a balance.

Allan Crawford, driving home to Continentalville after dark from his job in Peekskill, noticed a bicyclist approaching at full speed. He pulled over and shouted, but the bicyclist crashed into the wagon, startling the horse. Crawford was thrown and the back wheel of the wagon ran over his face, but neither he nor the bicyclist were seriously injured.

After newspapers in eastern Putnam disparaged the former Cold Spring Village Board for leaving a debt, its displaced members defended their financial oversight, noting that they had hired a police officer for \$300 [\$11,000] that was not in the budget, that electric streetlights cost more than expected and that heavy rain and snow had led to increased spending on road repairs.

George Hustis’ horse bolted after being hit with a potato as it stood in front of Secor’s store.

Frances Monroe, the last surviving of the 11 children of Elisha Nelson, one of the first settlers of Nelsonville, died at age 79.

The propeller Homer Ramsdell made its first trip of the season on the river to New York City. The upstairs saloon had been equipped with a new velvet carpet.

The telephone that had long been at the Forson Brothers store on Garrison’s Landing was moved to the Reading Room. The brothers said “it interfered too much with their business” during the summer.

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*(Continued from Page 18)***100 Years Ago (April 1924)**

The Putnam County Board of Supervisors voted to approve spending for a new concrete road from Cold Spring to Mekeel's Corners that would be 34 feet wide along Main Street from Fair to Chestnut and 18 feet through Nelsonville.

The Cold Spring Methodist Church was filled to capacity on a Sunday night for a farewell service for Rev. Jonas Inman when a delegation from the Ku Klux Klan, garbed in full regalia, marched up the aisle. A Klansman handed Inman an envelope of cash, but the pastor said he could not accept the gift unless they removed their hoods.

News reached Cold Spring that Mrs. William Haldane and Miss Elizabeth Haldane, tourists aboard the SS Patria, had attended a reception at the University of Beirut.

Charles Selleck broke six spokes on a front tire while negotiating the Mountain Avenue hill in his Rolls-Royce.

The Nelsonville Fire Department appointed a committee to raise \$1,000 [\$18,000] to build a firehouse.

The Garrison-West Point ferry had a telephone installed.

The executors of the Stuyvesant Fish estate sold 10 acres to William Church Osborn adjacent to his farm and an acre to Donato Yannitelli near the Garrison station.

The Talisman Film Co. of New York City purchased the 3,500-acre Jordon farm, about 2½ miles from Cold Spring, for \$200,000 [\$3.7 million]. The farm had 150 cows and for 30 years had supplied milk to West Point.

The fire company responded to a mattress fire on Market Street that began when Alonzo Brewer was smoking a cigar in bed.

75 Years Ago (April 1949)

Hosea Odell was charged with criminal negligence and DWI after his passenger, Chester Horton, a disabled World War II veteran, was killed in a traffic accident on Route 301. The men were driving to Cold Spring after hitting the bars when the passenger door flew open on a curve and Horton fell out. Odell stopped and, while backing up, ran over Horton.

Gustave Macher wrote to the Nelsonville Village Board asking it to compel the police officer to ticket drivers who used Main Street between Tony's Garage and the fork of the roads as a race track.

The Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce basketball team defeated the Nelsonville Chamber of Commerce, 34-22.

George Eggers of Grandview Terrace wrote the state Board of Health and the governor to complain that Cold Spring was paying Gilbert Forman \$10 [\$130] monthly to let the village dump garbage on his river-front property.

The highlight of an evening of boxing presented by the Holy Name Society at Loretto Hall was a three-round bout between Freddie Rutligano and his brother, Bobby.

50 Years Ago (April 1974)

The Butterfield Library held a tea to honor Mildred Mastin Pace, a children's book author who lived in Garrison. Her latest title was *Wrapped for Eternity: The*



In 1974, the Belcher family donated this Robert Walter Weir painting to the Putnam County Historical Society.

Putnam History Museum

Story of the Egyptian Mummy.

After nine months of renovations, the Cold Spring Fire Co. dedicated its new firehouse at Church and Main streets. As a housewarming gift, the Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. in Beacon presented the firefighters with a card table for their pinochle tournaments.

The Nelsonville Village Board passed a resolution recognizing April 30 as a Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer and the need to "humble ourselves before Almighty God."

The Philipstown Town Board discussed purchasing the Bijou Theatre at 50 Main St. to convert into a community recreation center.

The family of Col. and Mrs. Taylor

Belcher donated a landscape painting to the Putnam County Historical Society by Robert Walter Weir, the art instructor at West Point from 1834 to 1876.

Nicholas Angell, a local Democrat challenging Rep. Hamilton Fish, said the fact that Vice President Gerald Ford visited the district to campaign for Fish indicated the incumbent "realizes that he's in for a fight."

A representative from Gold Inc. asked the Cold Spring Village Board for a permit to bury cadmium dredged from the Hudson River Cove in a vault on property owned by the Marathon Battery Co.

25 Years Ago (April 1999)

An 86-year-old woman died when she fell from her second-floor bedroom window at 266 Main St. in Nelsonville.

Matt Cannon, a veteran of the Philipstown Lacrosse Association youth program, scored all four goals for O'Neill in the high school's inaugural varsity lacrosse game, a 4-3 overtime victory at Iona Prep.

The state education commissioner dismissed a complaint by a Garrison resident who accused a school board member and PTA volunteer of improperly soliciting votes to support a referendum to expand the school.

The Town Board discussed how best to use a \$10,000 grant to make Town Hall more accessible to the handicapped, such as installing an elevator or holding meetings on the first floor.

After the Cold Spring Village Board notified Main Street merchants that it was illegal to place signs, merchandise, planters or benches outside their stores, the Chamber of Commerce suggested a neutral zone of 2 to 4 feet.

Mayor Anthony Phillips said he had asked the county for help paying workers overtime to empty trash cans on Sundays, but it offered no assistance despite promoting tourism in the area.

Town Supervisor Bill Mazzuca rejected a petition to hold a referendum on creating a Village of Garrison. He said the petition was lacking a list of qualified voters, an environmental review and a recent map (the map submitted was from 1965).

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Patsy Johnson (1942-2024)

At 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, Patricia Diane Haas Johnson (“Patsy”) passed away, with loving friends by her side. She was born in Lake Forest, Illinois, to Patricia Lillian and John Haas, and was a loving sister to her brother, “Johnny” Haas, six years her senior.

Patsy’s childhood was spent outdoors exploring the forest and the creek that surrounded her beautiful home. Curiosity and imagination filled her days, and when she wasn’t engaged with nature she would be found lost in a book. Patsy’s weekends were filled with trips to museums all over Chicago with her darling father, who instilled an unending appreciation for art.

Her divine respect for nature, coupled with her adventurous spirit, soon led her to Aspen, Colorado — a place her brother, Johnny, had visited as a teen. Upon his return, his little sister vowed to live there once she was “grown up.” Taken by the beauty of the majestic mountains and the feeling of the city of Aspen, she found friendships, work and love and eventually married there. She soon gave birth to her son, Robert John Appleton, who sadly predeceased her on May 17, 2022.

Robbie was the true love of her life, and their bond was unbreakable. Though her heart was forever broken from the loss of her son, it remained open and full of love and gratitude. Self-aware and committed to carrying on, Patsy made space for everyone. She did not sulk, refused to be needy and would help anyone in need.

There was no one quite like Patsy. Her compassion for others and a deeply rooted understanding of life’s challenges led her academic pursuits. She first attended the University of Minnesota, where she became a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and later received her B.S. in Alcohol and Drug Counseling & Family and Youth Development. At St. Mary’s University in Minneapolis, she earned her master’s degree in Human Development with an emphasis on Women’s Studies, graduating when she was 54 years old.

Patsy considered a doctorate program but instead continued to focus on providing counsel for families and youth in crisis at various agencies throughout Minneapolis. She balanced her impactful work with play, which she knew was a key ingredient to happiness, dabbling in part-time work in fine retail shops in Aspen and Minneapolis to quench her fashionable sensibilities. Her helpful, upbeat nature also led her to a catering business partnership with her best friend, Michael Westberg, who remains in Minneapolis today.

In the summer of 1999, Patsy relocated to San Diego to be near her brother Johnny and his family, where she found work with the National Railroad Corporation. Patsy loved to travel but mostly by rail and road. She later joined Amtrak in New York, since her loving son was living in New York City. It was Robbie who introduced her to Cold Spring, a walkable village surrounded by natural beauty with easy train access — a perfect fit.

Patsy seamlessly became a cornerstone of the village of Cold Spring. She was a substitute teacher for Haldane, Garrison and Manitou schools, focusing on students with special needs. She was an enormous advocate for the library, as well as a Patron and always had stacks of books and DVDs to return.

“Patsy,” “Pats,” “Ms. Johnson” was a recognizable smiling face in the Village of Cold Spring for over 20 years. She defined grace, warmth, confidence and generosity. She was a good neighbor. She had an excellent, sharp sense of humor and was an incredible conversationalist. Patsy was an authentic force for good, despite the deepest wounds of loss that she experienced in her life.

Now, she is forever united with Robbie and at peace. Patsy was predeceased by her older brother, Johnny Haas, and is survived by her niece, Hilary Lynn Orozco, and Hilary’s children, Taylor Nicole Duran and Sam Haas Orozco; her nephew, Mike Haas, and his children Mia Haas and Ben Haas; and her best friend, Michael Westberg.

Patsy’s memorial service will take place at Butterfield Library in Cold Spring on May 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to this library, a cornerstone of Patsy’s life here.

Funeral Arrangements are under the direction of Clinton Funeral Home — Cold Spring.

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Fred Dushin (1964-2024)

Frederick Arthur Dushin, 60, of Boxborough, Massachusetts, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Fred was born in Cold Spring, New York, on Feb. 12, 1964. He was the fourth of five children born to Leona Hauff Dushin and Frank Edward Dushin, who raised their free-range brood on a horse farm in nearby Garrison, instilling in each of them a love of nature, adventure and a willingness to engage in hard work.

Fred attended high school at James I. O’Neill in Highland Falls, New York, and Northfield Mount Hermon in Northfield, Massachusetts. He later received a B.A. in Philosophy from Reed College in Portland, Oregon, and an M.S. in Philosophy and an M.S. in Computer Science from Syracuse University, where he met his future wife.

Throughout his professional career, Fred worked as a software developer/architect for several companies in the greater Boston area and around the world, focused primarily on security and distributed applications. He served as a board member for the Boxborough Conservation Trust for 10 years; and numerous years as a soccer coach and president for Acton Boxborough Youth Soccer.

In his youth, when he wasn’t enjoying the company of good friends, Fred worked alongside his respected architect father, helping to draft and design contemporary homes and buildings throughout the Hudson Valley. While he did not pursue architecture as a profession, he employed his talents designing an expansive renovation of his family’s home in Boxborough, which he found deeply rewarding.

Fred enjoyed any time on the soccer pitch — playing, coaching, and watching his son play. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hiking, camping, flyfishing, canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. Fred was also a consummate tinkerer in both vintage and modern-day inventions. He found solace both wrenching on his vintage Land Rover in his garage and devising — from scratch — the microcircuitry hardware and the software necessary to construct and control miniature electronic devices in his upstairs workshop.

Fred is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Marguerite (Margot) and their son Alexander, both of Boxborough; his siblings Christine (Kukel) of Hillsborough, New Jersey; Karl of Garrison, New York; Russell of Old Lyme, Connecticut; and Margaret (Megan) of St. Paul, Minnesota; his paternal Aunt Dorothy of Pleasantville, New York; in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends and colleagues. He made all of their lives richer and brought them much joy with his kind spirit, gentle demeanor, generosity, intelligence and keen wit and refined sense of humor.

There will be a Celebration of Life with family in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Acton Boxborough Youth Soccer, P.O. Box 745, Acton, Massachusetts 01720, or the Boxborough Conservation Trust (bctrust.org).

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Coming Totalities

Aug. 12, 2026

Greenland,
Iceland, Spain,
Portugal, Russia

March 30, 2033

Northwest Alaska

Aug. 22, 2044

Montana,
North Dakota,
South Dakota

Aug. 12, 2045

California to Florida



Residents gathered at Docksider Park in Cold Spring to catch a glimpse of the eclipse.

Photo by Michael Turton

Eclipse (from Page 1)

the Thruway. My wife, son and I drove north to Rochester, under clear skies with the roadside willows blooming gold. We had chosen Rochester for two scientific reasons: First, it was smack in the middle of the Path of Totality, the 100-mile-wide belt stretching from Mexico to Newfoundland (the Highlands only reached about 93 percent). Second, my wife is from Rochester, meaning we had free places to stay instead of spending \$699 for a motel room that is usually \$69.

We put the eclipse on our calendar two years ago. We checked in with everyone we knew in Rochester until we had secured a place to stay, a backup place to stay and a second backup. A million people descended on the Flower City, and we joined what seemed like all of them for a festival at the planetarium.

Since I had pulled my son out of school, I felt he could not return without learning something. So we learned that the last total eclipse in Rochester a century ago was hidden by clouds — which I should have recognized as foreshadowing. We learned how fast you would have to fly from Mexico to Canada to keep up with the totality (the speed of sound). And we learned how remarkable it is that our sun and moon are exactly the precise sizes and distances from the Earth to line up occasionally. On other planets, the moons are too small or too big.

On Monday, we assembled in my uncle-in-law's backyard/field. We had telescopes and cameras and a tray of novelty cookies decorated to look like the moon covering the sun. We had everything we needed except

an enormous fan to blow the clouds away.

I was disappointed, but then things started to get weird. About 20 minutes before the totality, which God scheduled for 3:20 p.m., the clouds looked less like clouds and more like William Blake's exaggerated drawings of clouds. The shadows became darker, and the clouds pulled toward us, as if the flat sky was becoming topographical.

Ten minutes later it was noticeably colder. Swarms of mosquitoes, the first of the year, appeared from nowhere. The spring peepers went from a whisper to a roar. The sky changed to a bruised mixture of black and blue that I had never seen. The streetlights came on. I tried to take photos but the camera in my phone kept trying to "fix" the image.

A thin band of sunset persisted at the bottom of the sky, in a 360-degree ring. And then, from west to east, a wave of brightness washed across the universe. It was over. The lights flickered off and the peepers faded. We hoped that the mosquitoes would also go away, but no luck with that.

Had you told me beforehand that clouds would block the totality, we might not have made the drive. But I'm glad we did. We remained stunned for several minutes. And the telescopes didn't go to waste: After the sun went down the skies became crystal clear and we were treated to dazzling views of the Pleiades, the Orion Nebula and Jupiter and its moons.

The next total eclipse over the continental U.S. won't be for 20 years, but there will be one over Sydney, Australia, four years from now on my birthday: July 22. We've marked our calendar.



Georgie, beloved bookstore cat, was laid to rest on Friday April 5th, 2024.

He lived most of his 11 years as a stray before being taken in by the Animal Rescue Foundation of Beacon. In 2021 he found his home at Split Rock Books in Cold Spring, where he quickly rose to the rank of manager. Shortly thereafter he was unofficially elected Mayor of Main Street. He loved treats, making himself at home in other shops, and being adored. Georgie was always gentle and patient with children, and he allowed his canine fans to revere him. Over the years he amassed many friends and admirers throughout the country and beyond. His accolades include a feature on Oprah's Book Club Instagram in 2022, and winning Best Pet Costume in the *The Highlands Current* in 2023. He will be greatly missed by all, especially his staff who he had well trained. In lieu of tuna, please consider making a donation to ARF Beacon at arfbeacon.org/support.

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NOTICE

PHILIPSTOWN PLANNING BOARD PHILIPSTOWN CONSERVATION BOARD

Joint Public Hearing – April 18th, 2024

The Planning Board & the Conservation Board of the Town of Philipstown, New York will hold a joint public hearing on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 at the Planning Board's regular monthly meeting starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St. Cold Spring, NY 10516 to consider the following application:

Garrison Golf Club PDD/Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival, 2015 Route 9 Garrison, NY 10524 TM# 60.-1-59.2 & 59.3

Garrison Properties, LLC and HVSF (the "Applicant") are requesting amendments to the Town of Philipstown's Garrison Golf Club Planned Development District (GGCPDD – established 2005) and Rural Conservation District (RC) (the "Proposed Action") to allow the relocation of HVSF from the Boscobel House and Gardens (also in Philipstown) to the Garrison Golf Club (2015 Route 9, Garrison, the "Site"). In addition to approval of the proposed amendments to the GGCPDD and RC districts from the Philipstown Town Board (recently granted), the Proposed Action also requires subdivision and site plan approval from the Philipstown Planning Board, and freshwater wetland permit approval from the Philipstown Conservation Board.

The Planning Board will be considering the proposed subdivision of the Site, as well as a Site Plan application for Phase 1 of the Site's redevelopment. Phase 1 includes the installation of the new open-air theater cluster, including the back of house, concessions, and the restrooms, and installation of the new main parking lot and proposed walkways and the service road to the theater. Associated grading, lighting, stormwater management and utility infrastructure will be provided to serve the above improvements. Phase 1 will also include intersection improvements at the access driveways and a new traffic signal at Route 9 and Snake Hill Road. Commencement of the signal work is contingent upon approval of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT).

The Conservation Board will be considering an application for a Freshwater Wetland Permit necessary for all proposed improvements proximate to Town-regulated wetlands/watercourses and their respective buffers. These activities are limited to Phase 1 of the project and include excavation for reconstruction of the existing Route 9 entry, placement of suitable soil over former Greens 13 & 14, installation of additional paving to improve the Route 9 entry, and installation of water main, dry hydrant, electric panel and subsurface electric service line near and along the upper Snake Hill Road entry in the vicinity of the on-site pond.

The application materials on the project are available in hard copy format at the Office of the Planning & Conservation Boards at the Building Department, 2 Cedar Street, Cold Spring, NY. Prior contact with Cheryl Rockett is required to arrange access to the documents, at (845) 265-5202. The most recent materials may also be viewed in electronic format on the Town of Philipstown's website at the following links:

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/planningboard/pb-2024-home>

<https://sites.google.com/philipstown.com/town-of-philipstown/cb-2024-home>

Submissions can be found under each monthly meeting agenda.

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. There will be a 3-minute time limit on all speakers.

Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 21st day of March, 2024

Dennis Gagnon, Acting Chair

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, ANNUAL MEETING, ELECTION AND VOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2024-2025 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2024-2025 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 1, 2024, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District's schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District's website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

A. To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education as follows:

Two (2) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027; and

One (1) member to the Board of Education for a remainder term commencing May 22, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024 plus a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027.

B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2024-2025 School Year (the Budget).

C. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 18, 2024 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$485,000; authorizing the issuance of \$485,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

D. To vote upon the following proposition: Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, dated March 18, 2024, authorizing the purchase of two zero-emission school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$990,000; but only in the event the District receives subsidies toward such purchase of at least \$200,000 per school bus, authorizing the issuance of up to \$990,000 bonds of said School District to pay the costs thereof; and that such sum or so much as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law; and providing that, in anticipation of said tax, obligations of the School District shall be issued; determining the period of probable usefulness and maximum maturity thereof to be twelve years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

E. Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Beacon, Dutchess County, New York, on March 18, 2024, authorizing the reconstruction of and construction of improvements to various School District facilities, including site improvement, original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and other improvements and costs incidental thereto, at a maximum estimated cost of \$49,950,000; authorizing an expenditure of \$500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund and the issuance of not exceeding \$49,450,000 bonds to pay the costs thereof to mature over a period not exceeding thirty years; providing that such bonds shall be payable from amounts to be levied in annual installments on taxable real property of said School District; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

F. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2024 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL

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

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Such petitions must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence address of each

signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District's Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023 calendar years.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that applications for absentee and early mail ballots for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk or downloaded from the school district website. The completed application must be received by the District Clerk no earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and at least seven (7) days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the election, if the ballot will be picked up at the Office of the District Clerk. The completed application can be sent by email, or delivered by a designated agent. Absentee ballots and early mail ballots must be received at the Office of the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, on the day of the election.

A list of all persons to whom absentee and early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in the said Office of the District Clerk during regular office hours until the day of the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as qualified voters of the school district. Military voters may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 7, 2024. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 7, 2024. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than May 7, 2024.

Dated: March 18, 2024
By the Order of the Board of Education
of the Beacon City School District
Vickie Jackson, School District Clerk

Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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ACROSS

1. Flair
5. Enterprise letters
8. Stuffing herb
12. Taunt
13. Aussie hopper
14. Hockey legend Phil, to fans
15. Home of the Packers
17. Compared to
18. Congeal
19. Sturdy tree
20. Spassky's game
21. — -Manuel Miranda
22. Huge
23. Bottom
26. Fear-stricken
30. "E Pluribus —"
31. Blue hue
32. Lighten
33. Arty area
35. Hinder
36. Sailor
37. Soda container
38. Norwegian inlet

41. "It's c-c-cold!"
42. Right angle
45. Actress Russo
46. Chinese brew
48. Diminutive suffix
49. Mosquito barrier
50. Cupid's alias
51. Thames town
52. Multipurpose truck
53. Compass point

DOWN

1. Omelet needs
2. Old Italian money
3. Help a crook
4. Born abroad?
5. City-related
6. Drench
7. Sauce source
8. *The Italian Job* actor
9. Tennis champ Arthur
10. Transcript stats
11. Eternities
16. Dark film genre

20. Spy org.
21. Color named for a fruit
22. Journalist Nellie
23. Gist
24. Year in Spain
25. "Gee, ya think?"
26. Alias abbr.
27. Yoga pad
28. Jargon suffix
29. Aachen article
31. Bro or sis
34. '60s chic
35. Challenge
37. El Greco's birthplace
38. Gratis
39. Joan of rock
40. Aware of
41. Author Harte
42. To be, in Toulon
43. Some July babies
44. Endure
46. Wildebeest
47. Up-to-date

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

Can you go from PLATE to REACT in 6 words?
Change one letter for each rung in the ladder.

PLATE

REACT

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MICRO CROSSWORD

1. Corn throwaway
4. "No Turn ___" (traffic sign)
7. *The Nutcracker* heroine
8. Words of woe
9. Capital of Senegal?

DOWN

1. Fashion mogul Chanel
2. Sole
3. Lionhearted
5. "___ Tu" (Mocedades hit song)
6. Vampire's resting periods

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7	1	3	9	4	8	5	6	2

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BREAK
BREAD
DREAD
DREAM
CREAM

Answers for April 5 Puzzles

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Sports

VARSITY ROUNDUP

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

BASEBALL — Beacon is off to a 2-0 start because of strong pitching. On April 6, the Bulldogs defeated Burke Catholic, 7-1, in their opener behind Ryan Landisi, who struck out eight batters over five innings. At the plate, Liam Murphy was 2-4 with a double, Mike Fontaine was 1-2 with two RBIs and Derrick Heaton was 2-3 with two RBIs. Heaton also had five strikeouts in four innings in a 4-1 win over Lourdes on Tuesday (April 9). Beacon takes on O'Neill today (April 12) at 4 p.m. at Heritage Financial Park (Dutchess Stadium), hosts Warwick at 3 p.m. on Saturday, travels to Chester on Monday and hosts New Paltz at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

SOFTBALL — The Bulldogs split their first two games in a home doubleheader on April 6, losing to Chester, 14-2 (Devyn Kelly brought in both runs with a double) in the morning before defeating Burke Catholic, 15-14, in the afternoon behind seven strikeouts from pitcher Katherine Ruffy and three hits by Bryana Kelliher. Ninth grader Aslynn Way's RBI single ended the game.

Beacon hosted O'Neill on Tuesday (April 9) but lost 21-9. The team travels to Sullivan West today (April 12) and will play in a tournament at Kingston on Saturday before traveling to Valley Central on Wednesday.

TRACK AND FIELD — At the Pirate Relays at Pearl River on April 6, Jayden Mihalchik won the pole vault at 9-6 and Jahcier Ballard was second in the high jump at 5-4.



Jackson Atwell waits for a pitch against Lourdes.

Beacon placed second in the sprint medley relay in 3:59.56 while Rubio Castagna-Torres was second in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:04.12. For the girls, Khloe Franklin placed 10th in the long jump at 13-3.5. The team will compete Saturday (April 13) at a meet hosted by Cornwall.

GOLF — The boys opened their season on Tuesday (April 9) with a win over Monticello, 232-272. Will Martin led the way, scoring a one-over-par 36 on nine holes, while Enis Dika shot 45 and Chance Hunter and Brady Philipbar each shot 50. The Bulldogs face Arlington on Monday (April 15) in Unionvale. The girls' team fell in its first match to Onteora, 187-162, and will take on Highland on Monday.

BOYS' TENNIS — Beacon dropped two matches to start the season. Kingston beat the Bulldogs, 4-3, on April 5 and Goshen handed them a 5-2 loss on Tuesday (April 9). Ninth grader Julian Rivers recorded his first career win at No. 4 singles and Charlie Klein got his second of the season at No. 3 singles. Beacon hosted Valley Central on Thursday (April 11) and will host Washingtonville at 4 p.m. on Monday (April 15) before traveling to Warwick on Wednesday.

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' LACROSSE — The Blue Devils, on a spring break trip to South Carolina, fell on April 4 to Lucy Beckham High School from Mount Pleasant, near Charleston, 9-6. Fallou Faye had three goals and Evan



Derrick Heaton struck out five batters in a 4-1 Beacon win over Lourdes.



Beacon catcher Bryana Kelliher makes a tag on an O'Neill runner. Photos by Cadence Heeter

Giachinta, Liam Gaugler and Cooper Corless each had one. Jordon Hankel made 13 saves at the net.

In its home opener on Monday (April 8), Haldane fell, 14-7, to Bronxville. The teams traded goals to start the game, but once Bronxville went up 3-2, it never relinquished the lead. "We played a lot of defense in the second quarter," said Coach Ed Crowe. At one point, Bronxville scored six unanswered goals to take a 10-3 lead.

Haldane traveled to John Jay Cross River on Thursday (April 11) and on Saturday faces the Wappingers Warriors at John Jay East Fishkill. On Thursday the team travels to Pleasantville.

GIRLS' LACROSSE — Playing their first game in more than two weeks, the Blue Devils hosted Croton-Harmon on Tuesday (April 9) in their home opener but lost, 14-8. Haldane took a 2-1 lead after goals by Ellen O'Hara and Martha McBride but the Tigers scored three times in three minutes to pull ahead, 4-2.

Kayla Ruggiero led the team with two goals. "Croton-Harmon was always on ball, and they had a lot of off-ball movement," said Coach Mary Callaghan. "We had success when we moved the ball quickly up the field, but we didn't do enough of that."

The Blue Devils traveled to Arlington on Thursday (April 11) and will travel to Dobbs Ferry on Saturday. They host Valhalla on Monday at 4:30 p.m. and visit Pleasantville on Wednesday.

BASEBALL — After multiple rainouts, Haldane finally played its first game April 5, hosting Tuckahoe. It didn't go well, with the Tigers winning, 10-1, although things didn't go south until the fourth inning.

In the first, Haldane's starting pitcher,

Milo Pearsall, got out of a jam with the bases loaded, and Haldane scored in the third on a Jeremy Hall single.

With two outs and a runner on first in the fourth, Pearsall was taken out after throwing 80 pitches. His replacement, Jake Hotaling, struggled to find his command and the Tigers took advantage, scoring six runs.

Haldane bounced back on Tuesday (April 9) with an 18-1 win over Yonkers Montessori Academy. Joey DeMarco went 3-for-3 with a home run and five RBIs, and Hall, who will play next season for Bard College, also had a home run. On Thursday, the Blue Devils (1-1) were scheduled to host the Barack Obama School of Justice from Yonkers, and on Saturday they'll visit North Salem before three home games: North Salem at 5 p.m. on Monday, Dobbs Ferry at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Poughkeepsie at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

SOFTBALL — In their first game of the season on Tuesday (April 9), the newly revived Haldane team won at Alexander Hamilton, 20-1, behind a no-hitter from seventh grader Allegra Clementson, who struck out 10. At the plate, Clementson went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. First baseman Callie Sniffen went 2-for-2 with two doubles and accounted for six runs, scoring three times and driving in three. Eighth grader Anya Mercurio drew five walks and scored all five times.

In its second game, at Yonkers Montessori, the Blue Devils lost a heartbreaker in extra innings, 10-9. Clementson again pitched the entire game, while Sniffen and Lainey Donaghy each went 3-for-4 at the plate.

On Thursday (April 11), Haldane was scheduled to host the Barack Obama School. They'll be home again on Saturday against Irvington at 11 a.m. before traveling to Hastings on Tuesday and hosting Tuckahoe at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.