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**HAPPY 90!** — Alvin Bell, a longtime Beacon resident and barber, was feted for his 90th birthday on April 26 at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Poughkeepsie. The party, organized by his son, Alvin Jr., included performances by the Glory Boys of Jersey City, the Gospel Legends from South Carolina and the Rainbow Singers and the New Stars of Harmony from Poughkeepsie. Bell retired in 2022 after a fire destroyed his Main Street shop. For more photos, see [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org). Photo by Ross Corsair

## Beacon Schools: 4 Candidates for 3 Seats

*Voters will also weigh budget, capital project*

By Jeff Simms

Four candidates filed nominating petitions this week to run for three open seats on the Beacon school board, creating the first contested race since 2018. Flora Stadler, the vice president, is seeking her third, three-year term on the nine-member board. She will be joined on the May 21 ballot by newcomers Chris Lewine, LaVonne McNair and Meg Phillips. Two of the open seats are held by Stadler and Yunice Heath, who announced in February that she would not run for re-election. A third seat was vacated last year by John Galloway Jr., who resigned. Lewine, a former high school principal and math teacher, is the chief of data strategy and product innovation for Connecticut RISE Network. McNair is an analyst with Carrington Mortgage Services and a board member of I Am Beacon. Phillips has a master’s degree in English and a

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## Ex-Stonecrop Employee Accused of Filming Girls

*Charged with installing cameras in a restroom*

By Chip Rowe

A former Stonecrop Gardens employee was arrested on April 18 and accused of secretly filming girls in 2018 and 2019 as they used a public restroom. A criminal complaint filed in federal court accuses John Towers, 54, of Mahopac, of making more than 800 hidden-camera videos that also captured women inside stalls as they used the toilet. The complaint describes the scene of the alleged crimes only as a “privately owned, public park in Putnam County” and states that Towers had worked there for 20 years, since 2004. A Facebook profile for John

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### Reporter’s Notebook

## A Highly Functional Firehouse

By Jeff Simms

Bob Mitchell, the Albany County architect who designed the new consolidated Beacon fire station, corrected me



when we spoke over Zoom this week. I had toured the under-construction station on April 26 and remarked that I was impressed with the facility’s many bells and whistles.

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The exterior was designed to present the firehouse as a gateway to the city. Photo by Una Hoppe

## Putnam to Settle with Crash Victim

*Philipstown landscaper, speeding deputy collided*

By Leonard Sparks

Putnam County is poised to approve a \$775,000 settlement with a Philipstown landscaper severely injured in a May 2021 crash when a sheriff’s deputy crossed the double yellow lines on Route 301 while speeding to a non-emergency call. The Legislature’s Audit Committee on Monday (April 29) approved a resolution authorizing the settlement with Marc Manzoello, who owns Marc’s Landscaping and Outdoor Living in Cold Spring. He suffered a broken shoulder, head and back lacerations, a concussion and left hip and right ankle injuries when he was ejected from his Ford dump truck after the colli-

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FIVE QUESTIONS: MICHAEL ROBINSON

By Michael Turton

Michael Robinson, a Cold Spring resident who owns Urban Myth Construction, recently received a Buildings of Excellence Award from New York State for his plan to construct an energy-efficient, low-income apartment building in Newburgh.

What are the particulars of the building?

It will be a three-floor, six-unit building, wood-frame construction, built on what is now a vacant lot. Each apartment will be 800 square feet, with two bedrooms. Most of the construction will be done off-site, then moved to the lot. I hope to complete the project in just over a year.

How will you make it energy-efficient?

Unlike with some tall, skinny buildings, there's enough room for rooftop solar panels. It will be all-electric, but residents won't have electric bills, which



is ideal for lower-income residents. It will be well-insulated, have high-quality windows and be airtight, but with fresh, filtered air coming in that's constantly recycled through an energy recovery ventilation system. It will meet net-zero standards known as Phius certification, probably producing a little more electricity than it consumes.

There are hurdles to get to this standard of efficiency in small buildings. Developers often don't do this kind of project because of the mechanicals. I'm working with a guy as a pilot project. He's developing a system similar to what's been used in Europe for a decade. It takes the heating, cooling, hot water, energy and air exchange and bundles and intertwines the technologies. The project will show that is more attainable than people think, and that's why NYSERDA [the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority] endorsed it.

The project is known as North Miller

Passive 2. How does that compare with Phase 1, which was a 2019 award winner?

About six years ago, I bought two adjacent properties from the City of Newburgh for \$19,000. In Phase 1, the first Phius-certified house in Newburgh, I renovated a brownstone that had been abandoned for more than 10 years. It had raccoons living in it and human feces everywhere. Workers walked out on me, saying I couldn't pay them enough to work in that environment. So I did much of the work myself, making it less costly.

Phase 2 will be stick [wood] construction but we'll use a bit of brick so it blends in with the local environment. The building will look almost identical to Phase 1 but slightly larger. Phase 2 mechanics are more efficient; most can be installed by unlicensed labor, so that's less expensive. And solar efficiency has improved about 20 percent since 2019.

What interested you first, net-zero or low-income?

Both. Dar Williams and I remain great friends but before we divorced our counselor asked me what I wanted to do with my life. I had built certified passive projects; I knew people in Brooklyn who were renovating brownstones to Phius standards at the same cost as normal construction. Driving in Newburgh one day, I saw these dilapidated houses people were living in. I thought, "This is a housing crisis; this is how I can lend my talents to the real world."

As a builder, how do you benefit?

Frankly, a lot of people think I'm frigging nuts! Phase 1 spins off a little income, but I'm not going to retire on it. I don't have \$1.8 million to build Phase 2. NYSERDA is giving me \$124,000 with the award. It's their way of saying the project will gain attention, that it's reproduceable and could proliferate. I'm looking for other revenue, including federal programs. I'm not doing this completely out of the kindness of my heart — I'm not St. Francis! I will hopefully have a building someday and be the landlord. And my kids will have a building.

ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

Does your family hold reunions?

The last one was in '98 in Lansing, Michigan. My mom was one of 10 kids.



Shelley Gilbert, Cold Spring

We meet up at weddings and funerals.



William Denehy, Philipstown

Every two years in South Carolina, with 150 people.



Vincentia Williams, Beacon

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## NEWS BRIEFS

## Candidate Concedes to Petition Challenge

*Levenberg challenger bows out*

A Cortlandt Manor woman who hoped to force a primary vote against Assembly Member Dana Levenberg, a Democrat whose district includes Philipstown, dropped out of the race this week after the state Board of Elections threw out most of the signatures on her nominating petition.

A hearing officer scuttled the petition by invalidating nearly 80 percent of the signatures, putting Amanda Victoria Mintz far below the 500 needed to appear on the ballot.

On Monday (April 28), in letter to the court, Victoria Mintz said she was “conceding in advance” of a meeting in which the BOE was expected to officially invalidate her petition.

Through an attorney, she claimed that the state’s requirement that petition signers include their town along with their municipality was unconstitutional under a federal ruling concerning the presidential campaign in 2000.

“I had assured my signees that their voices would be represented when they nobly signed to put me forth as their chosen representative and am embarrassed to report to them that they were invalidated because of this,” Victoria Mintz wrote.

In an online comment, Victoria Mintz described *The Current’s* reporting on the challenges as “deep-state propaganda.”

## The PCNR Returns

*Newspaper has new owner*

After missing an issue without explanation, *The Putnam County News & Recorder* returned to newsstands on Wednesday (May 1).

In a note to readers, Publisher & Editor Ken Bustin said he and “a group of Putnam County citizens” had purchased the weekly paper and *The Putnam County Courier* from Doug Cunningham, who bought them in 2016. Bustin said the new owners missed an issue of both papers because Cunningham had a firm date to retire and they had not been prepared to take over.

*The PCNR*, which was founded in 1866, covers Philipstown and Putnam Valley. A red box on the front page of Wednesday’s issue announced, “We’re Back!” and the Page 1 note declared it to be “a new era at PCNR.”

Bustin offered no further information about himself or the other owners but said the staff, including longtime reporter Eric Gross, would stay on. He did not reply to an email seeking more details.

## Nelsonville Approves \$359K Budget

*More costs for storm repair and rising insurance premiums*

The Nelsonville Village Board on April 15 approved a \$359,000 budget for 2024-25 that includes a tax hike but projects

more revenue from traffic tickets to counter expenses for storm repairs and rising insurance premiums.

The 3.46 percent tax levy increase is the maximum allowed for Nelsonville under a state cap. It adds \$10,000 in property tax revenue, for a total of \$310,513.

The village said it used grants to complete a feasibility study for a sewer system and to repair damage from the major storm that hit the area in July. It said the cost of additional repairs from that storm is still the biggest threat to village finances, even with state and federal contributions.

Insurance costs increased by more than \$12,000 because of “frivolous lawsuits that have been dismissed by the courts,” according to the village, but a prosecutor it hired has the village on pace to increase revenue from vehicle and traffic tickets by 80 percent over last year. Its interest income also increased by \$5,500. The village said it will close the fiscal year on May 30 with a \$468,000 fund balance.

## Howland Restoration Wins State Grant

*Cultural center receives \$50K for portico project*

The Howland Cultural Center in Beacon is receiving a \$50,000 state grant toward restoring the portico on the north side of its building at 477 Main St.

The funding is part of \$32 million in

New York State Council of the Arts grants announced on April 25 and will allow the Howland to reproduce missing decorative features.

The Howland building, which dates to 1872 and formerly served as a library, was the first structure in Beacon named to the National Register of Historic Places. Fundraising for the portico restoration includes a gala on May 9, a coin drive and The Hudson River in Song and Story on May 11.

## Beacon Man Arrested on Drug Charges

*Had avoided prison through diversion program*

A Beacon man who had been sent to a diversion program after pleading guilty to selling cocaine has been arrested again.

Raequan Keemer, 29, faces felony counts of criminal sale and possession of a controlled substance, according to a news release from the Dutchess County District Attorney’s Office.

In June 2023, Keemer pleaded guilty to the criminal sale of a controlled substance after he sold cocaine in Beacon to undercover officers. He agreed to enter a judicial diversion program to avoid prison but police said agents made several more cocaine buys from him in Beacon. Keemer now faces up to 12 years in prison, the D.A. said. He was remanded to the Dutchess County jail without bail.



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Forever chemicals

Thanks to Leonard Sparks and *The Current* for another excellent article focused on our environment ("New Limits for 'Forever Chemicals,'" April 19). The PFAS debacle is another reminder that U.S. environmental law is continually playing catch up with chemical hazards.

It doesn't have to be that way. Our laws allow the use of chemicals until they have been proven to be harmful, which, as in the case of PFAS, often takes decades. Remember leaded gasoline and paint, DDT and BPA in food-grade plastic? The burden of proof regarding safety and health impacts must be shifted to the manufacturers who profit from the use of these chemical compounds rather than to those it may, and often does, potentially harm or even kill.

We can learn much from European environmental law. There, the responsibility is placed on manufacturers to prove the safety of chemicals before use.

Joseph Montuori, *Mahopac*

*Montuori is the executive director of Sustainable Putnam.*

PFAS and other PFCs are unsafe at any level. They are highly toxic and essentially never degrade. The 4 parts per trillion limit is a political limit that does not adequately

protect human health.

PFAS is not the only problem with Beacon's water. The Environmental Working Group has analyzed tap water for communities across the U.S. and the results for Beacon as of 2020 ([bit.ly/ewg-beacon](https://bit.ly/ewg-beacon)) are not encouraging, with 15 of 26 contaminants exceeding the organization's guidelines.

Chris Matera, *Northampton, Mass.*

PCNR

Let us all hope that *The Putnam County News & Recorder* and *The Putnam County Courier* can be saved ("PCNR's Future Uncertain," April 26). Local newspapers should not die. It's good for *The Current*, a newspaper I love, to have a competitor in town, especially one that covers only Philipstown, and it is obviously good for the community to have two papers.

George Whipple, *Philipstown*

I would hate for us to lose *The PCNR* after all these years. Hyper-local news coverage is practically non-existent these days.

While I read and advertised in *The PCNR* for decades, I felt that when the wonderful *Current* came to town, there was a sea change with that paper after Doug Cunningham took the helm. I believe his attitude became, "If you can't beat 'em, join

'em," when it came to the paper's political/editorial leanings.

I noticed his tone became ever more liberal (Democratic) and less conservative (Republican) than it had been under his predecessors. I have no idea why or how this happened, but it may have turned off readers who liked the formerly conservative perspective. At least that's what I've heard from acquaintances who were subscribers or advertisers.

I wish all involved the best and hope they can make a go of it in difficult times.

Patty Villanova, *Putnam Valley*

Before 2009, *The PCNR's* coverage of Putnam Valley politics and government was terrific because of Ed Greiff, its indefatigable freelance reporter. Ed attended every Town Board and Planning Board meeting and was in Town Hall on an almost daily basis, talking to supervisors and employees. Before his death in 2009, Ed was planning a book on Putnam Valley politics during the days of Supervisor Carmelo Santos.

Since Ed's death, *The PCNR's* coverage has been seriously lacking. For example, in 2021, there was no coverage of the school board election (no candidate profiles). More recently, its coverage of the contaminated fill at the construction site of the new firehouse has lagged behind *The Putnam Examiner* and *The Current*. Let's hope *The PCNR's* new owners do better.

Leo Alves, *Putnam Valley*

It is absolutely fitting that the only public announcement of what is going on is not from *The PCNR* but from *The Current*, and that *The PCNR*, which claimed to be "the only real newspaper" in Philipstown, is, as always, devoid of news about what is happening.

Robert Polastre, *via Facebook*

I'll miss Cunningham's column. I get my info from a range of sources, but I came around to enjoying his perspective. He provided an interesting view on Putnam County government.

David McKay Wilson, *via Facebook*

*McKay Wilson is a reporter for The Journal News.*

Roger Ailes sowed the seeds of this once-esteemed publication's demise. It's a shame.

Neil Bloch, *via Facebook*

Although I didn't always agree with his opinions, Doug was a straight shooter, even when it ruffled feathers. He took the lead in reporting on some controversial issues. I wish Mr. Cunningham a happy retirement and hope he continues participating in the community conversation.

Alice Krakauer, *Philipstown*

A cartoon illustration by Speed Bump. A doctor in a white coat and tie stands next to a patient who is sitting on an examination table, wearing blue patterned briefs. The doctor is pointing to a screen that displays a pink circular logo with a white 'G' inside. A speech bubble from the doctor says, "WELL, THE MRI CONFIRMS IT: YOU HAVE A SHY BLADDER." The cartoon is signed "© 2024 SPEED BUMP COM. ART. BY CREATORS" and dated "4-26 CONEQU".

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## Fjord Trail

I'd like to clarify some key points regarding Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail's relationship with Metro-North and the railroad's ongoing relationship with the Fjord Trail project ("Mayors, Supervisor Oppose Trail in Cold Spring," April 19).

HHFT and the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation have enjoyed working on Fjord Trail planning with Metro-North for more than a decade. HHFT, state parks and Metro-North are already successfully collaborating on Phase One of the project: the Breakneck Connector and Bridge. This work is set to begin this fall, including substantial improvements to the Breakneck station that HHFT is helping make possible.

Naturally, as owners and permitting entities, HHFT is in regular communication with Metro-North. The project has been designed to meet all the safety and operational considerations identified by the railroad. This includes the input and guidance received during technical conversations, specifically about the Shoreline Trail. It is an ongoing conversation that will continue as the design is further developed and refined, including conforming to the 25-foot setback requirement needed for utilities, maintenance and storm resilience.

Metro-North has informed us that its maintenance is performed from land, not water, in the project area. No permits have

## Corrections

A story that appeared in the April 26 issue on a challenge to nominating petitions filed by Amanda Victoria Mintz for a state Assembly seat should have noted that, at the time, the Board of Elections had rejected the petitions but a state judge had not yet ruled on the lawsuit. It also stated that Assembly Member Dana Levenberg had been among those who filed a challenge with the BOE. In fact, she was only a party to the lawsuit. Finally, we described Catherine Borgia, who was a party in both the BOE challenge and the lawsuit, as a "voter" but should have noted that she is a former Westchester County legislator.

In a story in the April 26 issue, we described Michelle Kupper, a candidate for the Garrison school board, as president of the Haldane School Foundation. In fact, she is the immediate past president.

been issued by Metro-North on the Shoreline Trail because they have not yet been applied for. This is not done until the environmental review is complete.

In the meantime, HHFT is advancing discussion of the recently proposed Alternative Route 6 (an extension path from the east side of the Cold Spring station platform) with Metro-North. While this would require an exception to the 25-foot setback, we are committed to exploring this option as an alternative connection to the north end of Dockside Park from the train station.

I urge all municipal leaders and community members to reach out with questions they may have on the project. Communicating directly is the best way to avoid misunderstandings.

Amy Kacala, *Poughkeepsie Kacala is the executive director of HHFT.*

To help Cold Spring cope with the unwieldy HHFT-generated tourist crisis, we could imitate Venice, which has instituted an entrance fee of 5 euros for visitors. I suggest \$5 since our currencies and cost of living is in the same ballpark.

Venice also stopped big ships from docking in its canals and relegated them to nearby Mestre, where visitors find transportation to enter the city. We could have Seastreak ships dock in Peekskill and have a Venetian-style vaporetto take them up the river to our village. Seastreak can pay for this leg and collect the \$5 for us. Visitors entering by train or car would pay at designated locations. Venice is levying a fine for non-compliance. We can do the same.

In the spirit of goodwill and cooperation, we could share the windfall with Nelsonville and Philipstown — but not a nickel for Carmel until Nancy Montgomery is elected county executive.

Perhaps Mayor Kathleen Foley in Cold Spring can send an HHFT-paid factfinding mission to Venice to learn how it orchestrated

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Ross Corsair was recognized for this photo of a kiss for Santa.



## For Third Time, Current Named Newspaper of Year

### Wins 18 editorial and advertising awards at annual contest

For the third straight year, *The Highlands Current* was named Newspaper of the Year by the New York Press Association at its annual conference on April 27.

As in 2023, the weekly shared the award with the daily *Times Union* in Albany. The honor is based on the number of points scored in the Better Newspaper Contest organized by the NYPA. *The Current* won the award outright in 2022.

Overall, the paper won 13 editorial awards, including Photographer of the Year to Ross Corsair, and five advertising awards, including Pierce Strudler's sweep of the small-ad category among smaller newspapers. The paper has won 139 NYPA awards since 2013.

The winners were selected in 70 categories by members of the Tennessee Press Association from 2,530 entries submitted by 142 small and medium-sized papers and digital news sites.

Along with Newspaper and Photographer of the Year, *The Current* won four awards among papers of all sizes:

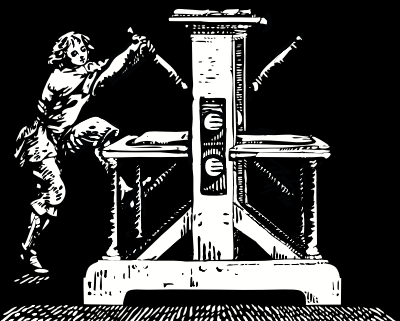
- Coverage of Business, Financial & Economic News, first place, for a package of stories by Jeff Simms, Joey Asher, Michael Turton and Leonard Sparks;
- Graphic Illustration, first place, to Deb Lucke for "Gwen Laster's Violin Speaks";
- Audience Development Promotion, second place, to Teresa Lagerman and Emily Hare, for the summer Ice Cream Passport campaign; and
- Video, third place, to Corsair, for "A Philipstown Holiday."

*The Current* also won 12 awards among smaller papers:

- Feature Story, first place, to Turton for "A Rarity Even Among Rarities";
- Feature Story, second place, to Alison Rooney for "Robots of the Mind";
- Coverage of Education, second place, for a package of stories by Asher, Simms, Erin-Leigh Hoffman and Mackenzie Boric;
- Sports Feature, third place, to Turton for his profile of former boxer Bob Bozic;
- Sports Feature, honorable mention, to Asher for his story on the Sports Bra Project;
- Feature Photo, second place, to Corsair, for his shot of a kiss for Santa;
- Feature Photo, honorable mention, to Corsair, for his photo of a boy peering out from a Halloween costume;
- Picture Story, second place, to Corsair, for his shots of people's reactions on carnival rides at the Dutchess County Fair;
- Small Ad, to Pierce Strudler, first place, for an ad for Christ Church in Beacon;
- Small Ad, to Strudler, second place, for an ad for Community Nursery School;
- Small Ad, to Strudler, third place, for an ad for Cold Spring Fish; and
- House Ad/Campaign, second place, to Lagerman, for the Halloween Costume Contest.

In addition, the series *Beacon: Then, Now and How*, by Simms, Sparks and Brian PJ Cronin, is among three finalists for best coverage by a newspaper with a circulation of less than 100,000 awarded by the New York City chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. The winner will be announced May 16.

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the collection and verification of the entrance fee. I stand ready to join this delegation. Mentioning my ancestor, the 15th-century Venetian diplomat Ermolao Barbaro, will likely gain cred with the city authorities, and I will gladly pay the 5 euros to set an example for the coming mob of HHFT tourists.

Joseph Barbaro, *Cold Spring*

As the sole Beacon representative on the HHFT Visitation Data Committee, I am writing in response to an April 3 statement made by five other members of the committee who reside in Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown.

While I understand that some residents of these communities hold strongly felt concerns about increased visitation to the Village of Cold Spring and potential traffic congestion along the Route 9D corridor, I do not share their viewpoint that the data collected and projections calculated by HHFT's consultant ORCA are "concerning" or inadequate.

Our consultant, Georges Jacquemart of BFJ Planning, has considerable expertise in park and trail development and has agreed that, although these types of projections are never guaranteed to be accurate because projects like these are so variable and unique, the data collection and analysis by HHFT consultants do follow industry standards. Our committee has asked dozens, maybe hundreds, of clarifying questions about the data and analysis, and

HHFT and its consultants have responded with thorough and credible answers.

Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou appointed me to the all-volunteer committee in part because of my personal interest in learning more about the project, but also based on my professional experience projecting impacts of development projects both as a consultant and as a New York City government employee, in addition to my educational background in urban and environmental studies and public policy. I am a 12-year resident of Beacon with additional work experience at local community organizations Common Ground Farm and the Cold Spring Farmers' Market. I came into this process in good faith and with an open mind, interested and curious to see what the data would show us.

Unfortunately, it seems to me that the other participating committee members may have come to the table primarily to critique the data, the projections, HHFT and its consultants. I do not minimize the concerns voiced by many Cold Spring area residents; I can understand that many are fed up with the sidewalk and traffic congestion in the village and along 9D. The situation is a problem that needs to be solved whether the proposed trail is ever built. However, I believe that smart design, solid construction and effective ongoing management of the proposed trail will go a long way to ameliorate the crowding and traffic issues Cold Spring area residents are most concerned about.

I think I speak on behalf of many, if not most, Beacon residents and probably also many other regional residents, when I share my enthusiasm for the development of an accessible waterfront trail connecting Beacon and Cold Spring.

My hope is that our committee can take a more collaborative problem-solving approach moving forward to complete an objective review and analysis of the data.

Sarah Mencher, *Beacon*

*A longer version of this letter is posted at [highlandscurrent.org](http://highlandscurrent.org).*

**Soccer club**

Congratulations to Philipstown Soccer Club volunteers and president Carl Bon Tempo on keeping the club and teams in great standing ("Soccer Club Bounces Back," April 26). When COVID hit in 2020, the club had 12 teams, including the Philipstown Chargers, who were reuniting for a U-19 run. We also had many players from Haldane and O'Neill (West Point Black Knights) to fill the squad. So many great memories, and volunteers keep these vital community programs successful.

John Maasik, *Philipstown*

**Camp Beacon**

Here we go again. It is unconscionable that Empire State Development quietly decertified Urban Green Food as the developer over a year ago ("Camp Beacon Again Up for

Grabs," April 26) and let another year roll by without doing a thing or telling anyone.

Beacon should sue Empire State Development for malpractice. This has been going on for over a decade, and the buildings are that much further into disrepair. The \$6 million slated to become available to a developer is supposedly sitting in a bank somewhere.

It was apparent from the get-go that the Urban Green Food proposal was a fantasy. Turn the land over to the citizens of Beacon and let us figure out how to make it a productive part of the community, such as for local manufacturing, fiber production and processing, farming and value-added agriculture and after-school learning. We had a coalition of businesses, along with Common Ground Farm, that could have now had 10 years of experience and growth on the property.

We don't need an additional road, as the mayor has suggested. This will only create a convenient shortcut and increase traffic past the schools and park. The beauty of this land is that it feels secluded yet is near the middle and high schools, Memorial Park and the east end of the city.

Empire State Development had three chances (two Requests for Proposals and a Request for Expression of Interest). Sorry, ESD, no more RFPs (Renowned for Procrastinating?). We don't need a government agency to hand this over to another outside developer.

Mark Roland, *Beacon*

NOTICE

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Mace/Carvill, 429 Sprout Brook Rd. Garrison, NY 10524, TM#83.13-1-3, Site Visit 4/7/24

Project: Minor Site Plan; Construction of a detached garage with minor driveway realignment.

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

Application and supporting materials for this application can also be seen at the below links:

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

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

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Dated at Philipstown, New York, this 18th day of April, 2024.

Neal Zuckerman, Chair

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Date: 04/22/2024

Applicant: LAKE CELESTE ASSOCIATION, INC. OLD ALBANY POST RD, GARRISON, NY 10524

Facility: LAKE CELESTE OLD ALBANY POST RD - E SIDE Philipstown, NY

Application ID: 3-3726-00091/00009

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 24 Freshwater Wetlands

Project is located: in PHILIPSTOWN in PUTNAM COUNTY

Project Description: The applicant proposes to treat Lake Celeste with aquatic pesticides to control varieties of milfoil, fanwort, and pondweed. Treatment is within NYS Freshwater Wetland PK-1, Class II and its state regulated 100 foot adjacent area. Treatment targets non-native species.

Availability of Application Documents: Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person via email to [mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov).

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency: None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination:

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment:

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/09/2024 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

MICHAEL V GROSSO

NYSDEC

21 S Putt Corners Rd, New Paltz, NY 12561

[mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov](mailto:mike.grosso@dec.ny.gov)

## Beacon Schools (from Page 1)

master’s in teaching secondary education.

The candidate with the most votes will join the board immediately to fill Gallo-way’s seat and serve a three-year term. The other two winners will begin their three-year terms on July 1. A Meet the Candidates event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on May 13 at Beacon High School.

The May ballot will also ask voters to approve the district’s \$83.86 million budget for 2024-25. The school board unanimously approved the budget on April 23; it will hold a public hearing during its Tuesday (May 7) meeting.

The district is proposing a \$47.68 million tax levy, a 3.91 percent increase over last year, that will trigger a modest tax hike. For a home worth \$425,000, the median value in Dutchess

County, the increase is estimated to be \$88 annually for district residents who live in Beacon, \$100 for those in the Town of Fishkill and \$106 for those in the Town of Wappinger.

Like many districts, Beacon will receive less state aid this year in New York State’s newly adopted budget. The district will receive \$30.8 million, a decrease of \$168,499 over 2023-24.

The ballot will also include two proposi-tions related to student transportation and one that would allow the district to borrow money to fund a \$50 million capital project.

The first proposition would give the district the OK to purchase a second elec-tric school bus. Voters approved one electric bus last year but it has yet to be purchased. The state will provide \$257,250 toward each \$495,000 bus.

The second proposition would permit



Lewine, McNair and Phillips

the district to spend \$485,000 to buy three 72-passenger, gas-powered buses.

The third proposition asks voters to approve an initiative for sweeping capital improvements across all six district school buildings. It would include heating, venti-lation and energy-efficiency upgrades, new roofs on some buildings, secure visi-tor entrances and Americans with Disabili-ties Act compliance, among other repairs.

Many classrooms will receive new floor-

ing, ceilings, lighting, windows and doors, while the stage and theater at Beacon High School will be upgraded and new play-ground equipment installed at Sargent and Glenham elementaries. The tennis courts and baseball and softball fields at the high school will be improved and the cafeterias and gymnasiums at the four elementary schools and Rombout Middle School will be air-conditioned to create “cooling centers,” the district said.

If approved, the capital project would trigger a second tax increase, estimated at \$127 annually for a home assessed at \$300,000; \$170 for a \$400,000 home or \$212 for a \$500,000 home. Taxes have not gone up as the result of capital improve-ments in at least 15 years. Individual bills could decrease if a homeowner has a STAR or Enhanced STAR exemption.

## Arrest (from Page 1)

Towers identifies him as a Mahopac High School graduate employed at Stonecrop since August 2004, and archived Stonecrop material, such as a newsletter from 2007, identifies John Towers as a part-time horti-culture assistant.

Towers was arraigned April 18 and released on a \$200,000 bond until his next court date, scheduled for May 15.

Stonecrop did not respond to an email or phone message seeking comment. The park was created in 1958 by Frank Cabot and his wife, Anne, on their 60-acre property on Route 301 and opened to the public in 1992. Towers’ attorney, Michael Burke of White Plains, also did not respond to an email or phone message.

In the criminal complaint, filed April 17, a Putnam County Sheriff’s Office investiga-tor assigned to an FBI task force said that, during a raid at Towers’ home, officers seized a desktop computer with a 2-terabyte hard drive that contained 816 videos taken with cameras hidden in a park restroom, includ-ing 78 with the word “yung” in the title and at least 15 that depict children. According to the complaint, the videos were created between July 2018 and October 2019.

According to the complaint, the investi-gation began in February after the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children passed along a tip from an internet service

provider that a customer with a phone number asso-ciated with Towers had uploaded 57 files depicting child pornography to its cloud storage.

Responding to a search warrant, the company provided more than 6,000 images and videos that had been uploaded by the customer, including photos that depict girls and women in stalls in a restroom with blue-and-white tile walls. At least one image was embedded with GPS data that indicated it had been taken at the privately owned, public park. Mark Tunney,



John Towers

the Putnam County investigator, said in the complaint that he visited the park and noted its restrooms have blue-and-white tile walls.

During an early morning raid on March 29 at Towers’ home in Mahopac, police seized 10 spy cameras, including three that resembled ballpoint pens; 20 DVDs with explicit content; a cellphone and the desktop computer. Towers was arrested and arraigned in Carmel Town Court on six charges related to the DVD images and sent to the Putnam County jail before being released on bail.

According to the complaint, investiga-tors searching the computer found a folder with the 816 videos, whose titles included

the word “visitor” and a date, that were focused on a toilet in a restroom with blue-and-white tile walls. A number of the videos appear to show the same person from different angles, suggesting multiple cameras, the complaint said. Towers alleg-edly captured screen shots from the videos.

Investigators said they identified the mother of a 7-year-old whose genitals were filmed as she used the park restroom in July 2018. The woman showed police a photo taken of her daughter on the same day in which the girl was wearing the white tank top shown in the video, with the word “Summer” across the front.

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### NOTICE FOR BIDS

A nonprofit organization in Putnam Valley, New York is seeking sealed bids for **unarmed and armed Security Guard Staffing** for the period June 15 to August 21, 2024, renewable for one additional year.

Selection criteria will be based on knowledge of security protocols, safety/security training and adherence to preferred schedule.

Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by contacting [rfp@edenvillagecamp.org](mailto:rfp@edenvillagecamp.org).

Bids will be accepted until **May 16, 2024** and contract is to commence **by June 15** at the latest.

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**Krasniqi Plaza, LLC, 3626 Rt. 9, Cold Spring, NY 10516, TM#17-1-43, Site Visit 11/5/23**

**Project: Major Site Plan;** Applicant has modified their application to remove the fuel oil storage component from the project. It now involves construction of a 9,500sf building in front, and a 5300sf building in the rear. The applicant proposes to use the front building for offices relating to their existing fencing and heating oil businesses. The rear building would be subdivided into 4 units for contractor storage and office space. Also proposed is an 8,800 sf of outdoor storage area, the appurtenant driveways, parking, landscaping, stormwater management practices, a septic system and a drilled well.

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# Hudson Power Cable Install to Begin in August

*Will deliver Canadian hydropower to NYC*

By Leonard Sparks

The installation of 90 miles of cables in the Hudson River as part of a 339-mile transmission project that will carry hydropower from Quebec to Queens is projected to begin in August.

The \$6 billion Champlain Hudson Power Express, whose construction began in November 2022, will pass by Dutchess, Putnam and seven other counties to its

destination in Astoria.

The completed line, which begins at a hydroelectric facility, is supposed to supply 1,250 megawatts of renewable electricity to ConEd, enough to power more than 1 million homes when it goes online in spring 2026 and reduce carbon emissions statewide by 37 million metric tons.

Two 5-inch cables with a capacity of 400 kilovolts will be buried 7 feet below the riverbed during most of the route, according to a construction and environmental-management plan filed with the state Department of Public Service on April 8.

But the project's owners, CHPE LLC and CHPE Properties Inc., are seeking state approval to reduce the burial depth from 15 feet to 9 feet along 4 miles designated as a federal navigation channel.

Their plan says the route has been designed to avoid underwater cultural resources, navigation aids such as buoys and endangered species like the Atlantic sturgeon.

CHPE said it will also provide ample clearance near underwater infrastructure, such as the water intakes for the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, and that it will take steps to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals, such as Zebra mussels, and monitor sediment.

Three cable-laying vessels, operating 24/7, will be used for the installation, which should be completed by November.

Public comments on the plan are due by Wednesday (May 8), but Scenic Hudson and Riverkeeper are asking the state to extend the deadline for two months because the documents the CHPE submitted for the Hudson River segment are "extensive."

The organizations said they were frustrated that CHPE's design "appears to assume" that the Public Service Commission will approve its request to reduce the burial depth for the federal navigation channels.

The project first won approval in 2013, and New York State considers it a key component to fulfill the goals of the Climate

Leadership and Community Protection Act. Passed in 2019, the legislation calls for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions that contribute to climate change by 40 percent and supplying 70 percent of electricity through renewable sources by 2030.

The U.S. portion of CHPE begins under Lake Champlain in Clinton County and is brought above ground in Washington County before being submerged again in the Hudson at Columbia County. It will pass through 15 counties, 60 towns and 60 school districts, including Beacon's.

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CHPE agreed to spend \$117 million over 35 years on restoration and other environmental projects at Lake Champlain and along the Hudson, Harlem and East rivers. But the firm, facing local opposition, withdrew a request to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency for \$105.5 million in property tax breaks over 30 years, plus exemptions for \$13.6 million in sales taxes and \$1.3 million in mortgage taxes.

The company is holding an open house on the project on Tuesday (May 7), from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Patriot Hills Senior & Community Center, 19 Clubhouse Lane in Stony Point.



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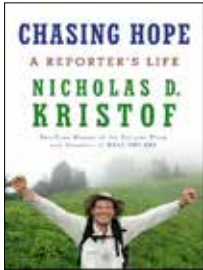
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# Haldane's Benante Takes New Job

Will become superintendent for Arlington district

By Joey Asher

Philip Benante, the superintendent of the Haldane Central School District, said on Tuesday (April 30) that he will leave at the end of the school year to become superintendent of the Arlington Central School District in Dutchess County.

Benante left the Arlington district, which has 10 times the number of students as Haldane, in 2018 to take the Cold Spring job and led the district through the pandemic.

"As some of you are aware, I reside in the Arlington community and this opportunity allowed me to be closer to home, something that has become increasingly important to me as my children grow older," Benante wrote in a letter to the community. Benante and his wife live in Pleasant Valley, and his children attend schools in the Arlington district.

"Dr. Benante has been an exceptional leader and we are so grateful for the work he has done to support Haldane over the past six years," said Peggy Clements, the school board president, in a statement. "Although we will miss his leadership, we wish him the very best in his new role and

look forward to a productive couple of months with him as we finish this school year. We've begun to make plans to fill this important position."

Before coming to Haldane, Benante spent much of his career at Arlington. He began as a fifth-grade teacher at Titusville Intermediate, one of its 11 schools, before becoming assistant principal at Arlington High School and the principal at Beekman Elementary. From 2013 to 2018, he was deputy superintendent.

In making the appointment, the Arlington school board called Benante "a student-focused leader with a commitment to academic excellence who respects and values the expertise of faculty and staff."

The Arlington district covers a wide area of Dutchess, including LaGrange, Pleasant Valley, Beekman, Union Vale and portions of the Town of Poughkeepsie and East Fishkill. It has 7,700 students.

Benante has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from SUNY Cortland, a master's degree in special education from Mount Saint Mary's College and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy development from Fordham University.



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## Putnam Lawsuit *(from Page 1)*

sion with a Dodge Charger driven by Sgt. William Quick.

The full Legislature is expected to vote on Tuesday (May 7) to settle the lawsuit Manzoello filed in January 2022 against the county, the Sheriff's Office and Quick, who was airlifted to Westchester Medical Center after being pinned for an hour by the Charger's dashboard and steering wheel.

Putnam would pay a \$250,000 deductible and insurance would cover the rest.

According to court records, Quick, who later retired on disability, decided to respond after seeing that three deputies were dispatched to investigate a report of a suspicious person on a property at 657 Route 301. After racing down the Taconic to Route 301, Quick reached 75 mph as he sped west on a narrow, two-lane stretch near Canopus Lake, where the speed limit is 40 miles per hour.

The sergeant shifted to the eastbound lane to pass a vehicle just as Manzoello approached from the opposite direction. Manzoello hit the brakes, sending his truck spinning into the westbound lane, where he and the deputy collided.

In June 2023, a state judge rejected a motion by the county to dismiss the lawsuit, noting that the Charger's dashcam recorded vehicles trying to get out of Quick's way and recorded the officer's "outrageous vulgar tirade" after a driver slowed down and moved to the left to let him pass at the Taconic exit.

The judge cited Quick's "indifference to



Marc Manzoello, a Philipstown landscaper, was seriously injured in 2021 when he collided with a speeding sheriff's deputy.

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the difficulties faced by motorists confronted by the blaring lights and sirens of a rapidly moving police car."

The collision caused the left side of the dump truck's cab to dislodge. Quick's vehicle incurred heavy damage on the left front and side.

Manzoello said in a deposition that he was disabled for more than two months. He said he remembered only driving west past Canopus Lake just before the crash and then hearing someone tell him to "lay back down."

A state police report said Manzoello caused the collision by "failing to main-

tain his lane of travel" when he reacted and spun into the westbound lane. The county argued that Quick should receive immunity under a section of state vehicle and traffic law that gives officers leeway when responding to emergencies.

Grossman acknowledged that Quick's response represented an "emergency operation" because he believed that there may be a burglary in process, but he allowed the case to proceed because Manzoello and his attorneys could possibly prove that Quick acted with reckless disregard.

Under Sheriff's Office guidelines, depu-

ties should only consider certain calls for an emergency response, including when pursuing or apprehending a violator or suspected violator, when an incident may involve "possible personal injury, death or significant property damage" and when there is a crime in progress.

An internal investigation of the crash found that within a minute of Quick activating his sirens, one of the three deputies dispatched to the scene was told he could "disregard" the call.

The report also found that Quick did not inform anyone that he was responding and he failed to use his work phone to confirm the contents of "broken radio traffic" coming from the Sheriff's Office's channel. None of the radio transmissions or onboard computer information "suggested that the activity was a possible burglary in process," according to the investigation.

The Sheriff's Office also reviewed Quick's actions in May 2020, when he joined state troopers chasing a vehicle on Interstate 84 at about 2 a.m. in the rain. Quick exceeded 100 mph as the fleeing driver smashed into his vehicle and Quick tried to get the driver to spin out.

After that crash, then-Sheriff Robert Langley Jr. and Undersheriff Kevin Cheverko recommended that Quick undergo counseling on pursuit policy and "his ability to use judgment in pursuit driving."

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AROUND TOWN



◀ **CLOTHING** — An annual thrift sale held at St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring on April 26, 27 and 28 to benefit the church and the Philipstown Food Pantry raised \$18,000.  
*Photo by Ross Corsair*



◀ **CEMETERY** — Volunteers spruced up the historic churchyard at St. Philip's in Garrison on April 27 as part of the inaugural Care for Your Cemetery Day organized by New York State.  
*Photo by Ross Corsair*



◀ **CLEARWATER** — The sloop offered two sails from Beacon on April 27 and will return for two more on Saturday (May 4). The wind was so fierce that the jib was enough to zip the ship back and forth across the river. Passengers were thrilled, and chilled.  
*Photo by Ross Corsair*



▲ **CANNABIS** — Aaron Sanders, co-owner of the LotusWorks Wellness dispensary in Beacon, shows off its stock at an April 20 grand-opening party at The Yard.  
*Photo by Leonard Sparks*

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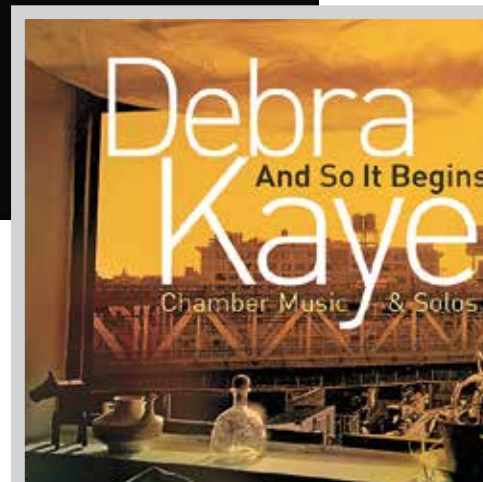
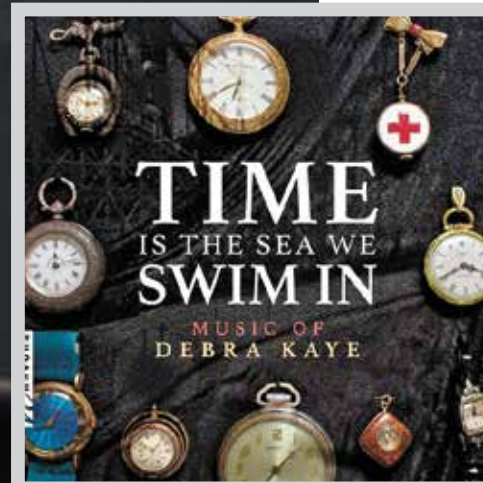
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## The Calendar

## The Musician Next Door

## Debra Kaye



By Marc Ferris

Though Debra Kaye bills herself as a contemporary composer, it's surprising to listen to one of her new works and hear 13 minutes of jazz played by a quartet featuring a saxophone.

If classical music can swing, this is the thing.

"I like having at least a couple of items on the plate," says Kaye, who lives in Beacon and describes herself as a "hybrid" composer. "I'm a classical piano major who studied jazz, so I'm open to different influences and appreciate improvisation."

Her most recent album, *Time Is the Sea We Swim In*, released in March on Navona Records, is a compendium of compositions (including that jazz track), most recorded in 2022.

If saxophones and drum kits are rare in classical music, the shakuhachi is almost non-existent. Kaye's piece, "Three Zen Poems," combines the Japanese wind instrument with cello and viola.

The new collection follows another release from 2023, *Ikarus Among the Stars*, which includes the title work and 10 others. "I experienced some creative moments during COVID and this is the result," she says.

Kaye splits her time between Manhattan, where she attended and taught at Mannes College of Music, and Beacon, where she bought a house 10 years ago before the city "popped."

Some of her contributions to the fertile local classical music scene include hosting an annual Composers Collaborative at the Howland Cultural Center (coming June 23) and premiering the composition "Time is the Sea We Swim In" for violin, cello and piano during a Howland Chamber Music Circle performance in 2020.

Many of Kaye's pieces are programmatic and attempt to convey their titles' themes. One is called "Ukraine 2022," another, "Dialogue with a Ghost."

In 2018, she commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Chamber Music Circle with "String Quartet No. 2 – The Howland." A recording of the premiere, performed by the Voxare Quartet, is included on the new album.

According to the liner notes, the challenging modern work reflects "the founding, growth and the ongoing spirit that sustains it and which remains an enduring legacy."

It begins with bows skittering across the strings, then segues into clashes of intensity and silence. In the second movement, titled "The beauty of the dream upon reflection," she quotes Tchaikovsky's first string quartet, completed in 1873, a year after the Howland building's completion.

"The first violin takes up the melody and yields to a duet with the cello, symbolizing the founders' shared vision," she writes.

A video, shot from the balcony during the recording, shows the players lean into the work as they balance melody and

dissonance.

On viola, Erik Peterson swayed in his seat, cellist Wendy Law bopped along with a plucked melodic part in the third movement and the performers smiled after nailing the hot-potato handoff between instruments leading to the final violin note.

Kaye's movement for jazz quartet, "Colossus 1067," commissioned by a New Mexico artist, Gus Foster, is named for a massive wooden roller coaster and the three rotational degrees of a panoramic camera he used to film one of the last rides before its dismantling in 2014.

In her notes, Kaye writes about blending "pattern and serendipity. Each instrument has its role, but changes it up from time to time. Piano, bass and drums portray the clatter of the coaster and the machinery of its gears."

Though tenor sax takes center stage, the piano dissolves into classical-esque glissandos as the rhythm section lopes along with a thrill ride's twists and turns. The herky-jerky score reflects physical chaos as individual instruments fade in and out.

"I'm not the most envelope-pushing hybrid composer out there," says Kaye. "But I seek an individual expression that is authentic, meaningful and visceral. I want to have flow, in whatever way that means."

*Debra Kaye's albums can be streamed or purchased from major services or through [debrakayecomposer.com](https://debrakayecomposer.com).*

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

For a complete listing of events, see [highlandscurrent.org/calendar](https://highlandscurrent.org/calendar).

## COMMUNITY

SAT 4

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

KENT

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Fahnestock  
1570 Route 301  
[putnamcountyny.com/health/recycle](https://putnamcountyny.com/health/recycle)

Register online for a time slot to drop off cleaners, herbicides and other waste at the Canopus Beach parking lot for disposal. See the website for what is accepted.

SAT 4

### Garage and Rummage Sale

BEACON

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. St. Joachim's  
51 Leonard St.

The Women's Parish Club is hosting its annual sale, with deals on clothing, accessories and household items.

SAT 4

### Book Sale

COLD SPRING

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](https://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Find secondhand books in all genres at this library fundraiser. Also SUN 5.

SAT 4

### Family Farm Fest

PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Glynwood Center  
362 Glynwood Road | 845-265-3338  
[glynwood.org](https://glynwood.org)

Enjoy the farm and learn about its programs. Registration required. *Free*

SAT 4

### Modern Makers Market

COLD SPRING

11 a.m. – 5 p.m. St. Mary's  
1 Chestnut St. | [hopsonthehudson.com](https://hopsonthehudson.com)

More than 50 artisans and artists will be selling their work, including woodworkers, potters, candle makers, jewelers and glass makers. Rain or shine. Also SUN 5.

SAT 4

### Hudson Valley Fair

WAPPINGERS FALLS

Noon – 11 p.m. Heritage Park  
1500 Route 9D  
[dreamlandamusements.com](https://dreamlandamusements.com)

There will be dozens of rides, a children's area, games and food. Wristbands for unlimited rides are \$37. Free admission and parking. Also SUN 5.

SAT 4

### Funminster Dog Show

PATTERSON

Noon – 3 p.m. Patterson Rec Center  
65 Front St. | [putnamservicedogs.org](https://putnamservicedogs.org)

Bring your pooch to compete for awards such as best ears or shaggiest coat at this fifth-annual fundraiser for Putnam Service Dogs. All breeds,



Plant Sale, May 11

ages and sizes welcome. Registration begins at noon and costs \$20 per dog. There will also be food trucks, games and a silent auction. *Cost: \$15 (\$5 ages 12 and younger)*

SUN 5

### Hudson Valley Marathon

POUGHKEEPSIE

5 a.m. – 2 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson  
[hudsonvalleymarathon.com](https://hudsonvalleymarathon.com)

Sign up for a 1-mile, 5K, 10K, half-marathon or marathon. *Cost: \$30 to \$175*

SUN 5

### Rabies & Distemper Clinic

BEACON

9 a.m. – Noon. Memorial Park  
198 Robert Cahill Drive  
845-831-5161 | [arfbeacon.org](https://arfbeacon.org)

Bring your dog or cat for a low-cost vaccination at this clinic hosted by the Animal Rescue Foundation. *Cost: \$15*

SUN 5

### Holocaust Remembrance Day

GARRISON

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](https://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Watch the 2018 documentary *The Accountant of Auschwitz*, followed by a discussion and memorial led by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. Co-sponsored by the library and the Philipstown Reform Synagogue.

THURS 9

### HCC Anniversary Celebration

BEACON

5:30 p.m. The Roundhouse  
2 E. Main St. | [howlandculturalcenter.org](https://howlandculturalcenter.org)

Enjoy cocktails, food, and performances to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Howland Cultural Center. The event will honor Ed Benavente and the Howland Chamber Music Circle. *Cost: \$100 to \$300*

SAT 11

### The Next 60

GARRISON

3 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
[garrisonartcenter.org](https://garrisonartcenter.org)

Bid on artwork inspired by the Hudson Valley's natural beauty

during this live auction and benefit. *Cost: \$25*

SUN 12

### Mother's Day Tea

GARRISON

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Boscobel  
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638  
[boscobel.org](https://boscobel.org)

Enjoy a charcuterie box and live music, and get family portraits taken. *Cost: \$130+*

## PLANT SALES

SAT 11

### Master Gardeners

CARMEL

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Memorial Park  
201 Gypsy Trail Road | 845-278-6738  
[putnam.cce.cornell.edu](https://putnam.cce.cornell.edu)

Browse vegetables, herbs, perennials, annuals and native plants and trees.

SAT 11

### Verplanck Garden Club

FISHKILL

9 a.m. – Noon. Town Hall | 807 Route 52

The club will have annuals, vegetables, perennials, hanging baskets, gifts and artwork.

SAT 11

### Common Ground Farm

BEACON

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Main and Cross  
[commongroundfarm.org](https://commongroundfarm.org)

The organic farm will have seedling vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit.

## NATURE & OUTDOORS

SAT 4

### Riverkeeper Sweep

BEACON

8 – 11 a.m. Dennings Point  
199 Dennings Ave.  
[bit.ly/dennings-cleanup-2024](https://bit.ly/dennings-cleanup-2024)

The Beacon Institute is organizing this cleanup for the 13th annual event. Register online. Volunteers should park near the gated park entrance at the Beacon water treatment plant. Walk past the gate, down the dirt road, over the bridge and head left to the trailhead (about 1/2 mile). Bring hats, sunscreen, a full reusable water bottle, insect repellent, work gloves and hand sanitizer.

SAT 4

### Riverkeeper Sweep

BEACON

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Seeger Park  
2 Red Flynn Drive | [riverkeeper.org](https://riverkeeper.org)

SAT 4

### Riverkeeper Sweep

COLD SPRING

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dockside | 34 West St.  
[riverkeeper.org](https://riverkeeper.org)

SAT 4

### I Love My Park Day

PHILIPSTOWN

8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Bannerman Island  
3007 Route 9D  
[ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](https://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

Volunteers will clear and clean trails. For ages 18 and older. Register online.

SAT 4

### I Love My Park Day

PHILIPSTOWN

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Hubbard Lodge  
2920 Route 9  
[ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](https://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

The lodge will host group bike rides (helmets required) and hikes for all ages. There will be a clean-up from 9 a.m. to noon for ages 13 and older. Register online.

SAT 4

### I Love My Park Day

PHILIPSTOWN

9 a.m. – Noon. Little Stony Point  
3007 Route 9D  
[ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](https://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

Volunteers will clear and clean trails. All ages welcome. Register online.

SAT 4

### I Love My Park Day

WAPPINGERS FALLS

9 a.m. – Noon. Stony Kill Farm  
79 Farmstead Lane  
[ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](https://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

Volunteers will prepare the garden paths. All ages welcome. Register online.

SAT 4

### I Love My Park Day

PHILIPSTOWN

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Cornish Estate  
[ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day](https://ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day)

Volunteers will clear and clean trails at the former estate inside the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. For ages 13 and older. Register online.

SAT 4

### Wilderness Survival 101

CORNWALL

10 a.m. – Noon.  
Outdoor Discovery Center  
120 Muser Drive | 845-534-5506  
[hnnaturecenter.org](https://hnnaturecenter.org)

Adults and children ages 7 and older will learn how to build a shelter, make a fire and other general skills. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*

FRI 10

### Community Hike

PHILIPSTOWN

10 a.m. Constitution Marsh  
127 Warren Landing | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](https://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Join the Butterfield Library for a tour of the marsh and its center.

Bring binoculars for bird watching. Registration required.

FRI 10

### Opening Day

PHILIPSTOWN

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Manitoga  
584 Route 9D | 845-424-3812  
[visitmanitoga.org](https://visitmanitoga.org)

Hike trails throughout the grounds and tour Russel Wright's house, studio and design gallery. *Cost: \$30*

## TALKS & TOURS

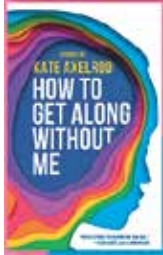
SAT 4

### Kate Axelrod and Khaholi Bailey

BEACON

8 p.m. Stanza Books | 508 Main St.  
845-440-3906 | [stanzabooks.com](https://stanzabooks.com)

Bailey will read from her essays in *The Miseducation of a '90s Baby*, while Axelrod will read from her short stories in *How to Get Along Without Me*.



THURS 9

### Taking Our Water for the City

COLD SPRING

7 p.m. Putnam History Museum  
63 Chestnut St.  
[putnamhistorymuseum.org](https://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

Anthropology professor April Beisaw will discuss how reservoirs shaped the landscape and people nearby, with a focus on Putnam County. Watch via Zoom or attend in-person. *Cost: \$10 (members free)*

## KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 4

### Fairy House Hunt

POUGHKEEPSIE

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Locust Grove  
2683 South Road | [lgny.org](https://lgny.org)

Stroll the grounds to find fairy houses. Also SUN 5 and weekends through June. *Cost: \$10*

SAT 4

### Seussical

BEACON

10 a.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road  
[beaconperformingartscenter.com](https://beaconperformingartscenter.com)

Four casts from the Beacon Performing Arts Center will portray characters from Dr. Seuss books in this musical. Also SUN 5. *Cost: \$10 (\$5 ages 18 and younger)*



SAT 4  
**ComicVerse**

COLD SPRING

1 – 3 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org

Meet local comic-book authors  
and compete in a cosplay contest.

SAT 4  
**Moana**

GARRISON

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

Children are invited to watch the  
2016 animated film about a girl who  
travels across the Pacific Ocean to  
confront the demigod Maui.

SUN 5  
**Kids' Fishing Derby**

NELSONVILLE

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Reservoir | Fishkill Road

The Nelsonville Fish & Fur Club  
hosts this annual event, which  
began in 1988, for children and  
teenagers ages 15 and younger and  
provides lessons. *Free*

FRI 10  
**Mother's Day Bingo**

COLD SPRING

6 p.m. United Methodist Church  
216 Main St.

Girl Scout Troop 1091 will host this  
bingo night. Moms play free. *Cost: \$5*

SAT 11  
**Children's Mental  
Health Acceptance Day**

POUGHKEEPSIE

Noon – 4 p.m.  
Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum  
75 N. Water St. | mhadutchess.org

Find resources and enjoy music,  
crafts and games at this event  
hosted by Mental Health America of  
Dutchess County.

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 4  
**Charm Circle**

BEACON

1 p.m. Beacon Theater | 445 Main St.  
beaconmovietheater.com

Watch the 2021 documentary about  
a family's struggles with crises and  
mental health. A panel discussion will  
follow the screening with director  
Nira Burstein and mental health  
professionals Andrew O'Grady and  
Steve Miccio. *Cost: \$15 (\$13 seniors,  
military, ages 9 and younger)*

SAT 4  
**Ragtime**

WAPPINGERS FALLS

8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
countyplayers.org

Based on the novel by E.L.  
Doctorow, the musical portrays the  
collision of three families in their  
pursuit of the American dream. Also  
SUN 5, FRI 10, SAT 11, SUN 12. *Cost:  
\$26 (\$23 seniors, military, students)*

SUN 5  
**This Man's a Spy**

GARRISON

2 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes

will perform a musical retelling of  
Benedict Arnold's treason. *Cost: \$10  
(\$5 ages 4 to 18)*

FRI 10  
**Beacon's Bechdel Test**

BEACON

7 p.m. Beacon Music Factory  
333 Fishkill Ave. | bit.ly/beacon-bechdel

This improv show, presented by  
Duke Comedy Theatre, will have an  
all-female cast. *Cost: \$10*

FRI 10  
**Sightings**

GARRISON

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

The original play by Mona Z.  
Smith follows three teenagers in  
the 1980s who get caught up in  
the craze around UFOs. The cast  
includes Karen Kapoor, Bobby  
Convertino and Jordan Kaplan. Also  
SAT 11, SUN 12. *Cost: \$29*

MUSIC

SAT 4  
**Zohar & Adam with  
Friends**

BEACON

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

Ben Mizrach and Nate Allen will  
join the duo. *Cost: \$10 (\$15 door)*

SAT 4  
**Southern RockFest**

PEEKSKILL

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

In this double bill, A Brother's  
Revival will play the Allman  
Brothers' music and Classic Skynyrd  
will pay tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd.  
*Cost: \$35 to \$50*

SAT 4  
**KJ Denhert**

BEACON

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

Denhert and her band, the NY  
Unit, will be joined by songwriter  
and singer Michele Gedney. *Cost:  
\$25 (\$30 door)*



SUN 5  
**Organ Recital**

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. St Philip's Church  
1101 Route 9D | stphilipshighlands.org

Liya Petrides (soprano, piano,  
organ) and David Glukh (piccolo,  
trumpet) will perform popular, folk  
and sacred Mexican music for Cinco  
de Mayo. *Cost: \$20*



THURS 9  
**Noise Reduction**

BEACON

6:30 p.m. Prophecy Hall  
1113 Wolcott Ave. | bit.ly/fb-noise

Craig Chin produced this  
program in which Listening  
Center and Errant Space will play  
contemplative music. Bring a pillow  
or mat. *Cost: \$20*

FRI 10  
**Saxon / Uriah Heep**

PEEKSKILL

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

Saxon will perform songs from  
its latest release, *Hell, Fire &  
Damnation*, and Uriah Heep will  
play from its album *Chaos & Colour*.  
*Cost: \$52 to \$70*

FRI 10  
**Gratefully Yours**

BEACON

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

The Grateful Dead cover band  
will perform set lists submitted by  
fans of their ideal show. *Cost: \$20  
(\$25 door)*

SAT 11  
**10,000 Maniacs**

PEEKSKILL

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

Four original band members will  
play behind singer Mary Ramsey.  
*Cost: \$50*

SAT 11  
**The Hudson River in  
Song and Story**

BEACON

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

Andy Revkin, Joziah Longo,  
Raquel Vida, Sara Milonovich,  
storyteller Jonathan Kruk and the  
Shutterdogs will perform at this  
fundraiser to restore the portico.  
*Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SAT 11  
**Best Friends Girl**

BEACON

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

The Cars tribute band will play  
the hits. *Cost: \$25 (\$30 door)*

SECOND SATURDAY

SAT 11  
**BCSD Art Exhibit**

BEACON

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

See artworks created by students  
from Beacon schools. Through May 26.

SAT 11  
**[In]Action Figures 12**

BEACON

5 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 139 Main St.  
212-255-2505 | clutter.co

The show of action figures and  
multiples will be on view through  
June 15. The gallery will also have  
two other exhibits, *I'm In My  
Feelings* and *JellyKoe*.

SAT 11  
**Daniel Berlin |  
Joan Harmon**

BEACON

6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.  
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org

Berlin's paintings and monotypes  
will be on view in *Brief Lives & Other  
Ruptures* and Harmon's sculptures in  
*Hybridity*. Through June 2.

SAT 11  
**Elin Lundman**

BEACON

6 – 9 p.m. Super Secret Projects  
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com

In *Dispatches from the Tutti  
Frutti*, Lundman uses reclaimed  
materials to tell stories through  
mysterious creatures.

VISUAL ARTS

SUN 5  
**Artists' Talk**

GARRISON

3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3960  
garrisonartcenter.org

Debra Ramsay and Leslie Roberts

will discuss their work, which is on  
display through today.

SUN 12  
**Steve McQueen**

BEACON

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dia:Beacon  
3 Beekman St. | 845-231-0811  
diaart.org

The artist's immersive  
installation was commissioned by  
Dia for its space. *Cost: \$20 (\$18  
seniors, \$12 students, disabled  
visitors, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free for  
Beacon residents)*

PETE SEEGER

SAT 4  
**Birthday Celebration**

BEACON

1:30 – 4 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club  
2 Red Flynn Drive  
beaconsloopclub.org

This circle of song to honor the  
folk singer will begin following the  
Riverkeeper clean-up.

SUN 5  
**Annual Festival**

PUTNAM VALLEY

2 – 5 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompkinscorners.org

Musicians who played with the  
folk singer — including the Trouble  
Sisters, Sarah Underhill, David and  
Jacob Bernz and the Old School  
Bluegrass Band — will host this  
eighth annual song circle.

CIVIC

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The meeting will include a public  
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TUES 7  
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TUES 7  
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WED 8  
**Village Board**

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845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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Improvements and amenities in the middle of the trail will draw trail-bound visitors to areas that are designed to handle them ...

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**Expanded and reorganized parking between Breakneck and Dutchess Manor, a shuttle system, plus amenities and programming at the Dutchess Manor Visitor Center** will encourage arrivals to the heart of the trail.

**With these and other improvements, roughly half of all trail-bound visits are projected to shift to the heart of the trail by 2033, relieving pressure on the Village.**  
Currently, 56% of people using area trails arrive to the Village of Cold Spring and Little Stony Point/Washburn Trailhead.





# As the Wheel Turns

*Garrison printmaking studio draws in artists*

By Marc Ferris

“Can we turn the wheel, can we turn the wheel?” asked Hazel Augello, 4, and Xochitl Perez, 6, as they jumped in anticipation. When the time came, the pair got serious. Their duties consisted of generating torque and creating prints.

The wheel is the mechanism that turns the manual press of the Garrison Arts Center, accessed by a precipitous stairway to the second floor. It exerts tons of pressure onto objects placed atop a glass plate that slides beneath an oversized rolling pin.

The children visited at the invitation of Lauren Adelman, a founder of Roll Out Beacon, and her husband, Sergio Perez, an art teacher at Beacon High School. “We believe in printmaking for all and it’s a fun way to involve the community in an artistic spectacle,” Adelman said.

Asked what he enjoyed about the process, Jariel Solis, 10, mimicked using a hand-held



Lauren Adelman, a founder of Roll Out Beacon, prepares the press at the Garrison Art Center. Photos by M. Ferris



Hazel Augello, 4, and Atticus Perez, 11, pose at the Garrison Art Center. Hazel has a print and Atticus is wearing a Beacon Bonfire T-shirt.

rubber rolling pin to ink up the carved linoleum panels that pass through the vintage printer and create the images on paper.

In November, Roll Out Beacon, a collective of printers, educators and community activists, rented a steamroller to create large prints during Beacon Bonfire. In February, Perez installed a press at Beacon High School.

“Last year, we brought a group of high schoolers to the [Garrison] studio and they also watched us at the Bonfire,” Adelman said. “At Christmas, they asked for linoleum, so people are getting hooked.”

Other Roll Out founders include Melissa Schlobohm and Carinda Swann. Schlo-

bohm teaches at the Garrison Arts Center and Swann is a former executive director.

Adelman and Perez bring children to the Garrison studio every few months. Jariel, Atticus Perez, 11, and Anilayah Soto, 11, attend South Avenue Elementary School, where fifth-grade art students carved the linoleum tiles that conveyed the exquisite corpses created during the studio session.

Participants lined up three linocut squares (culled from 35) to create vertical variations that fit on a T-shirt. Other youngsters and their parents drifted in. Some got to turn the wheel.

Adults also enjoy the wheel. Gail Cunningham O’Donnell, 45, enrolled in a print

class at the art center to build a portfolio for admission into the Master of Fine Arts program at SUNY New Paltz. “A lot of people tell me, ‘Wow, I wish I could go back to school,’” she said.

The Fishkill resident also works a loom and creates custom-dyed yarn, some of which she pressed into a portfolio print.

“For years, I worked as a cut-paper artist, but stepped away,” she said. “I took the printmaking class to see if I would get excited about it, and I did. Some art forms have a small startup investment and others require specialized equipment. To have a shared space like the print studio is amazing.”

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Classic Wheels

1933 Plymouth Coupe Hot Rod

By Michael Turton

Eric “Hot Rod” Bopp earned his nickname 46 years ago, when he was 18 years old.



“The rusted body of a car, no chassis, was sitting in a field in Pawling behind a shop that restored antique cars, but it wanted nothing to do with hot rods,” says Bopp. He paid \$200 for the relic, which had belonged to a 1933 Plymouth coupe.

Why buy just the shell? “It was what I always wanted,” he says. “A five-window coupe, no fenders, no hood. That to me is a hot rod.”

Bopp, who lives in Wappinger, began putting his hot rod together, piece by piece. He purchased a frame from Total Cost Involved, a California company that specializes in muscle cars and hot rods, and had it shipped to Eastern Mustang, the restoration shop where he worked in Poughkeepsie, behind Mamma Marisa’s Pizza.

With the body and frame in place, Bopp began buying one part at a time. “I built it from the ground up,” he says. “I had to weld all the brackets, all the mounts, everything.”

Unlike a restoration, Bopp wasn’t trying



to recreate a 1933 Plymouth coupe. Instead, he built his rod over three or four years with parts from a variety of models, including a rebuilt 1968 Chevrolet, 350-cubic-inch engine with tunnel ram manifold; polished turbo 350 automatic transmission; twin Predator carburetors; Chrysler Dana rear end; Cragar Super Trick wheels; and Mickey Thompson Sportsman tires. The car also has a parachute and wheelie bars.

The all-black interior includes Autometer gauges, a Pontiac Trans Am tilttable steering wheel, vinyl racing bucket seats, anodized aluminum dashboard, polished aluminum floor and an AM-FM cassette player.

The Specs

- Manufactured:** Highland Park, Michigan
- Body:** 1933 Plymouth five-window coupe
- Chassis:** TCI, Ontario, California
- Engine:** Chevrolet 350 cubic inch V-8 (1968)
- Transmission:** 350 turbo automatic
- Carburetors:** Twin Predators
- Tires:** Mickey Thompson Sportsman
- Fuel economy:** 15 mpg
- Weight:** 2,100 pounds
- Top quarter-mile speed:** 82 mph
- Cost:** \$495 to \$595 (\$12,000 to \$14,000)

Bopp credits the beautiful look of the Porsche guards red paint to Vince D’Amico at Eastern Mustang.

The original Plymouth was built in Chrysler’s Highland Park, Michigan, plant and sold in 1933 for \$495 to \$595 (\$12,000 to \$14,000 today). It had a three-speed manual transmission and what was then an innovative flathead six-cylinder engine that produced 70 horsepower. Plymouth sold nearly 300,000, including 25,000 in 1933.

Bopp said he has no idea what his customized car might sell for, but 1933 Plymouths, either restored or a hot rod, range in price from \$13,000 to \$77,000.

Despite its dragster look, Bopp doesn’t drive his hot rod fast. He’s never raced it but estimates it could do the quarter-mile in 11 seconds, or 82 mph. “It’s built for cruising on a Friday or Saturday night or a trip to the Dairy Queen or local car show,” he says. He puts the gas mileage at 15 mpg.

Bopp says the car is fun to drive but admits it’s “a handful” behind the wheel. “It shakes, it’s loud, it’s uncomfortable,” he says with a laugh. “If you want comfort, buy a Cadillac.”

Would he consider selling it? “I’ve had offers,” he says. “But they’ll probably bury me in it.”



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## Roots and Shoots

## Not Too Late to Plan

By Pamela Doan



Nurseries and plant sales will be stocked with veggie starts in the coming weeks, and we're in the final days before the last frost date on May 15. As temperatures and soil warms, the next phase of planting a seasonal vegetable garden begins.

It's OK if you don't have a plan or didn't start tomatoes from seed in February. There are still ample opportunities to have fresh and delicious homegrown food this summer no matter what your level of gardening experience. After surviving on grocery produce all winter, I had broccoli rabe recently from the farmers market and was reminded how vegetables grown locally and sustainably are almost a different species. It's worth the effort.

Here are some things to consider in setting up a simple, yet productive, vegetable garden if you're just starting now.

## Days to harvest

These words on the plant tag denote how long you will have to wait for that tomato or pepper. With weather that is predictably less predictable — hotter, wetter, drier? — I'm placing my bets on the quickest turnaround. The less time that the plant is exposed to pests, diseases or stress, the better.

Tomatoes are a great example. There is early blight and late blight, a wind-borne pathogen. The time a plant needs to grow a tomato can vary from 40 to 90 days. Generally, cherry tomatoes can be picked more quickly than a beefsteak. The longer you wait for the tomato, the greater the risk of losing your plants to an issue beyond your control.

## Maturity matters

Buy the largest plants you can find that look healthy. Check the roots to make sure they are loose and not bound in a tight ball or pushing through the pot.

## Keep your plants close

Plant lettuce greens in containers near

the house. I grow mine on the patio and it's a joy to pop out and cut the leaves I want for a fresh salad. I start lettuce and arugula from seed because I can usually start eating it in six to seven weeks. I work with mainly loose-leaf varieties instead of the head lettuce you cut all at once.

Since lettuce prefers cooler temperatures and less sun, I move the pot if I need to.

## Matters of size

Consider your space and how to get the most from it. Even if you'd love to have a supply of your own pumpkins to carve in October, these plants sprawl and take up a lot of real estate. Other plants that occupy large tracts are squash, corn, melons and cucumbers, depending on the type.

I plant cucumbers in spite of their logistical demands because my family loves them and we make quick pickles or canning pickles to extend the season. Gardens require attention and care throughout the summer and you should include the vegetables that bring the most happiness. Otherwise, what's the point?

## Include perennial herbs and vegetables

I look forward to the return of my chives every spring. They are a pop of flavor for many dishes.

Since it can take years before harvest, the best time to plant asparagus was last season, but start now anyway. Look for shoots that are labeled "two year" to get a



Photos from past harvests inspire me to put in the time for a vegetable garden this season.

Photo by P. Doan

crop in the second year after planting.

Other perennials to include are rhubarb, sorrel, sage, thyme and mint, if you're careful to contain it. In the microclimates that are warmer in our area, kale and shallots could be perennial.

## Avoid overabundance

Our family of three burns out if we have the same vegetable frequently so I keep it to a few plants of each and try to space them out through the season. Kale, spinach, collards and chard can go a long way with a few plants, and I max out the zucchini and summer squash at two plants each.

## Roots

Carrots, radishes, potatoes, parsnips, onions and celeriac need space to be grown in quantities that make meals. Try square-foot gardening and divide a bed into sections using calculations of how many plants per area. For example, in this method, you could potentially squeeze in 16 carrots per square foot. See [highlandscurrent.org/square](http://highlandscurrent.org/square).

## The sides

Now include some of your favorites. This could be eggplant, broccoli, okra, cabbage, celery or Brussels sprouts. If you have vertical space, plant runner beans or cucumbers and let them climb. It's too late in the season for peas.

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## NOTICE

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 13th, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main St., Cold Spring, NY.

If you are unable to join in person but would like to watch, the meeting will be livestreaming on youtube.com, search for Philipstown Zoning Board May 2024.



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**GARRISON** — Multi-family tag sale on Sunday, May 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 385 Old West Point Road West, at the intersection with Butter Hill Road. Rain date: Sunday, May 19.

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Fred Dushin, 60  
Patsy Johnson, 81  
Doug MacCrae, 67  
Colin Marma, 26  
Audrey Mazza, 85  
Robert Moran, 81  
Roberta Nicholls, 76  
Carolyn Sayres, 88  
Jay Vitale, 88

### Beacon

Hank Barker, 91  
Jacob Bernardo  
Libby Briggs, 81  
David Burke, 87  
Carol Carey, 79  
Gerardo Castro, 56  
Peter Donnelly, 79  
Joan Embry, 86  
Barbara Gallio, 90  
Morris Gallo, 76  
Al Green, 83  
Janet Greggo, 82  
Patrice Hayes, 69  
Lisandro Hernandez, 62  
Allan Hika, 91  
Julie Loste, 83  
Mike Lucas, 79  
Shane Monroe, 54  
John O'Herron, 89  
Concetta Petrocchitto, 91  
Jose Ramirez, 47  
Eileen Scoppa, 71  
Jeanne Supple, 92  
Connie Verdile, 98

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Firehouse *(from Page 1)*

“Bells and whistles” suggest extravagance, Mitchell said. The firefighters are actually getting “nuts and bolts — spaces that are highly functional and necessary.”

The \$14.7 million, 16,400-square-foot structure, which is on schedule to be completed by September, will have three bays for fire trucks on Wolcott Avenue, across the street from City Hall. There will be two more bays on South Avenue — which had fronted the former Lewis Tompkins Hose Co. station — one for a backup fire truck and the other for Ambulnz, the city’s advanced life support ambulance provider.

City leaders in 2022 decided to gut, refurbish and enlarge the 1979 Tompkins Hose building, ending a nearly 20-year debate over consolidating Beacon’s three aging stations — Tompkins Hose, Mase Hook and Ladder on Main Street and the Beacon Engine firehouse on East Main Street, none of which met modern firefighting standards.

Rather than build a station at a new site, Mayor Lee Kyriacou pushed to renovate Tompkins Hose, a decision that he said this week cut costs significantly and allowed the city to “do something state-of-the-art that will last a few generations.” He said a renegotiated 10-year sales tax-sharing agreement with Dutchess County, reached in 2022, also helped. The deal brought Beacon an extra \$1.2 million in revenue last year, and the numbers could triple over the life of the agreement.

The all-electric station, heated and cooled by



The new firehouse in Beacon should be completed by September. This view from the main bays shows Wolcott Avenue and City Hall.

Photo by Una Hoppe

20 geothermal wells dug in the adjacent parking lot, will have six bedrooms, each equipped with four lockers. That means each firefighter will have a private locker for their 24-hour shift, and the six rooms gives the department, which has 17 paid “career” firefighters plus Chief Tom Lucchesi, ample room to grow.

The partially enclosed engine bays will be enlarged and equipped with an exhaust-removal system that will connect to the trucks. There’s even a simulated manhole inside the station where firefighters will practice subterranean rescues.

Perhaps the most important upgrade will

be the decontamination facilities. When returning to the station, firefighters will enter a three-step “hot zone” designated for cleaning. There will be a “gross decontamination” room to surface-clean their gear, then another room with deep-cleaning laundry machines and dryers, and then showers. After those safety measures, firefighters can go into the “cool zone,” which is the rest of the station.

There’s more data these days on the effects of the toxins concentrated in smoke that firefighters inhale, ingest or absorb through the skin. For example, Mitchell said, the rate of testicular cancer among

firefighters is twice the national average. He also cited the recent case of three children of firefighters at the same station in Honolulu who, over a six-year span, developed Ewing’s sarcoma, a rare bone cancer.

“Ultra-fine particles in smoke pass through protective garments and into the skin,” Mitchell said. “They have to be washed off quickly, because if that dust is on them or their clothing, it goes home with them.”

For previous generations, facilities like these didn’t exist. “When my dad was a volunteer firefighter, he would just throw his gear in the back of the car,” City Administrator Chris White told me. “There was no place to go.”

The lobby and interior spaces of the building will pay tribute to “the spectacular volunteer effort” to fight fires and handle other emergencies in Beacon over the past century, Kyriacou said. The U.S. flag and a memorial to fallen volunteers will be moved from South Avenue to the front of the station on Wolcott.

The brick exterior is envisioned as a gateway to the city. “We asked the architect to look at Main Street and make this look like it was part of old Beacon,” White said, noting that public tours will be given in the fall. “It was important for us to have a building that’s stately and adds to the neighborhood.”

And it’s being built to last. “It has not been the tradition in the U.S. to build permanent buildings,” Mitchell said. “But we do not want to burden our grandchildren. We want them to know that we were wise to make a building that was designed to last indefinitely, not to be a throwaway.”

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on 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 April 15, 2024 authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$485,000; authorizing the issuance of up to \$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 five years; pledging the faith and credit of said School District for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds; delegating powers to the chief fiscal officer with respect to the issuance and sale of bond anticipation notes and such bonds; containing an estoppel clause and providing for the publication of an estoppel notice, be approved?

E. Shall the 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 implementation of a School District Improvement Program, including site improvements, and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$49,950,000; authorizing the use of \$500,000 capital reserve funds ,the issuance of up to \$49,450,000 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 thirty 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?

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: 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. Scene stealer
4. Pilgrimage to Mecca
8. Auction
12. Carte lead-in
13. Pakistani language
14. Currier’s partner
15. Florida city
17. Clothing store section
18. Intimidates, with “out”
19. Apprehend
21. Shade
22. Pictures
26. Throat affliction
29. Sault — Marie
30. Fib
31. Cobra feature
32. IRS employee
33. Exceptional
34. Mornings, briefly
35. “Oy —!”
36. Duck down
37. “Pop Goes the —”
39. Evening hrs.

40. Chopping tool
41. Portugal’s place
45. Apple computers
48. Hit song by Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello
50. “Oops!”
51. Walked (on)
52. Standard
53. Infatuated
54. Bohemian
55. Swiss peak
10. Actor Cariou
11. Curved letter
16. Yearned
20. Soul, to Camus
23. Pleased
24. Green land
25. Crystal gazer
26. *Candida* playwright
27. Hefty book
28. Activist Parks
29. Covert agent
32. Piano’s cousin
33. Stair part
35. Puzzle
36. Represent
38. Malia’s sister
39. Wine grape
42. TV host Kelly
43. Slanted type (Abbr.)
44. Org. for seniors
45. Coffee holder
46. “Caught ya!”
47. Gear tooth
49. Goof up

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

LASER

FACES

MICRO  
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. Meniscus spot
5. “Cha Cha Cha” rapper MC \_\_\_\_
6. Tabloid talk show legend Povich
8. 402, to Cato
9. Preserve
- DOWN
1. Airline to Amsterdam
2. New York village on the Hudson
3. Violin student’s assignment

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4. Strange and spooky
7. High-pitched bark

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Answers for April 26 Puzzles

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## Sports

# VARSITY ROUNDUP

### BEACON

By Nick Robbins

**BASEBALL** — Beacon improved to 10-4 with five wins in six games. On April 25, the Bulldogs defeated Goshen, 4-2, behind five strikeouts in six innings from Mikey Fontaine and a save by Alex Young. Liam Murphy and Mercer Jordan had RBIs.

The Bulldogs hosted their annual Beacon Bash tournament on April 27, defeating Franklin Roosevelt, 8-1, before falling to Marlboro, 8-7, in the title game.

Following the tournament, Beacon overwhelmed O'Neill, 24-0, and Burke Catholic, 16-3. Zach Schetter was 3-for-3 with four RBIs against Burke, while Fontaine and Ryan Smith hit home runs. The durable Murphy tied a school record for times hit by a pitch in his career, with 18.

On Wednesday (May 1) the Bulldogs easily defeated Chester, 12-4, at home.

Beacon has four straight home games as the season winds down, against Newburgh on Thursday (May 2), followed by Wallkill (May 6 at 6:30 p.m.), Liberty (May 7 at 4:30 p.m.) and Port Jervis (May 8 at 4 p.m.).

**SOFTBALL** — The Bulldogs defeated Fallsburg in both games of a doubleheader on April 27, winning by 17 and 13 runs, but fell to O'Neill, 11-7, on Monday (April 29) and to Chester on Tuesday, 9-6. Against Chester, Kat Ruffy was 4-for-4 with three doubles and three RBIs. Beacon (4-7) travels to Spackenkill on Saturday (May 4) and New Paltz on Thursday.

**GOLF** — After playing four matches in seven days, the boys fell to 2-6 on the season. Beacon lost to Ketcham (249-225), Newburgh (254-224) and Pine Bush (259-238) before defeating Port Jervis (242-260) behind Will Martin's two-over-par 37. The boys are scheduled to host Monticello on Wednesday (May 8). The girls' team defeated Franklin Roosevelt twice (167-180 and 170-182), as well as Millbrook (167-177), but lost to Marlboro twice (180-154 and 167-128). They traveled to Cornwall on Thursday (May 2) and have three matches in three days next week, hosting Pine Plains and traveling to Ellenville and Minisink Valley.

**TRACK AND FIELD** — The Bulldogs were at the Iron Duke Relays on April 26 at Marlboro, where Henry Reinke won the 800 meters in 2:02.98 and Rubio Castagana-Torres took the 400-meter hurdles in 1:00.13. Damani DeLoatch won the triple jump at 47-0 and Jayden Mihalchik was



Jake Powers of Haldane lines up a putt during a match earlier this year.

Photo by Josiah Peparo

third in pole vault at 10-0 and second in the javelin at 107-2. For the girls, Kira Sheehan was third in the javelin at 48-8. The team competes Saturday (May 4) at the Race at the Oval Office hosted by Staatsburg.

**BOYS' TENNIS** — Shaking off a rocky start, the team improved to 4-5 this week with three wins. The Bulldogs split a doubleheader with Cornwall on April 25, winning 4-3 before losing 7-0. The next day, the Bulldogs defeated Goshen, 4-3, and on Monday (April 29) dominated Lourdes, 6-1. Earlier this week, Beacon traveled to Washingtonville and hosted Warwick in two matches. Next week, the Bulldogs travel to Minisink Valley before hosting Valley Central on Tuesday (May 7) and Monticello/Liberty on Wednesday to finish their season.

### HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

**BOYS' LACROSSE** — The Blue Devils traveled to Long Island on April 27 to play Farmingdale, losing 7-4. Evan Giachinta scored three of the goals, and Jordon Hankel had 10 saves.

Haldane bounced back at home on Tuesday (April 30), defeating Keio Academy, 14-5, after building a 13-0, second-quarter lead. Liam Gaugler scored four goals, including the 100th of his varsity career. Fallou Faye had three goals.

The Blue Devils (4-7) traveled to Briarcliff on Thursday (May 2) and will host Clarkstown South at 5 p.m. on Monday (May 6) and Westlake at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

**GIRLS' LACROSSE** — After losing 11-2 at

New Paltz, Haldane recorded a 13-8 win at home over Franklin Roosevelt on April 27 behind six goals by Kayla Ruggiero. Martha McBride and Ellen O'Hara each scored twice.

The Blue Devils were at home on Monday (April 29), falling to Edgemont, 15-10, and traveled to Blind Brook on Wednesday, falling 15-5. In that game, McBride scored twice.

Haldane travels to Keio Academy today (May 3) before hosting Brewster at 3 p.m. on Saturday. The team travels to O'Neill on Tuesday and hosts Rye Neck at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

**BASEBALL** — Haldane did not have an encouraging week, losing four games to fall to 4-8. A 25-1 drubbing at home to Croton-Harmon on April 25 was followed the next day by a 9-1 loss to Dobbs Ferry.

This week, the Blue Devils lost twice to Putnam Valley, by scores of 14-1 and 7-1.

Haldane hosts Pawling today (May 3) at 4:30 p.m. and next week travels to North Salem, Pawling and Westlake.

**SOFTBALL** — After a 21-8 home loss to Pawling, Haldane turned things around on Tuesday (April 30) against Croton-Harmon with a 10-7 victory. Callie Sniffen hit her sixth and seventh home runs of the year, including a grand slam that put the Blue Devils ahead 7-6. Lainey Donaghy went 3-for-4 with a double.

Haldane traveled to Croton-Harmon on Thursday (May 2) and plays today (May 3) at Putnam Valley. On Monday they travel to Blind Brook and then host Leffell at 6 p.m. on Tuesday and North Salem at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

**TRACK AND FIELD** — The Blue Devils participated in a meet at Croton-Harmon



Jackson Atwell waits for a fly ball during the Beacon Bash tournament on April 27.

Photo by Cadence Heeter

on April 25 and the Gold Rush Invitational at Clarkstown South on April 27. For the girls, Ashley Sousa was sixth in the 1,600 meters in 5:44.96 and Hazel Berkley was 24th in 6:50.82. Eloise Pearsall finished the 800 meters in 2:38.05.

For the boys, Merrick Williams placed seventh in the high jump and 22nd in the 200-meter dash. In the 1,600 meters, Jack Illian finished 11th and Owen Powers, 16th. Haldane's next meet is today (May 3), again at Clarkstown South.

**BOYS' GOLF** — Coach Josiah Peparo, with no seniors and a few players who had never touched a club, started with the basics this year for his 11 athletes: eighth grader Henry Bailey; ninth grader Connor Keegan; sophomores Leo DiGiovanni, Leo Grocott, Arthur Owens, George Stubbs and Ty Villella; and juniors Edwin Dubroff, Jake Powers, Charles Rowe and Wilson Robohm.

"Not only did our kids learn a game they will be able to play for the rest of their lives, they did so while playing some of the most prestigious golf courses in the area, including Sleepy Hollow and Putnam National," Peparo said.

Haldane, which played its home matches at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison and practiced at Fishkill Golf, wrapped up its season this past week with a match on Thursday (May 2) at Sleepy Hollow. The Blue Devils (1-6) upset Hendrick Hudson for their lone win.