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## School Districts Embrace Bus Cameras

*Drivers caught illegally passing face \$250 fine*

By Joey Asher

The next time you illegally pass a stopped school bus in the Highlands, say “cheese” and take out your wallet.

That’s because two of the three local public school districts have adopted for their buses a high-tech system that videotapes violators who ignore stop-arms and fines them \$250 for the infraction.

Last month, Haldane decided to employ the camera system, which Beacon has used for over a year. Haldane expects to have the cameras installed on the district’s 15 school

buses by next fall, said Philip Benante, the superintendent. (So far, Garrison has not adopted the system.)

The stop-arm cameras are part of a statewide attempt to crack down on an estimated 50,000 motorists who each day illegally pass stopped school buses, according to the New York Association for Pupil

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## Cold Spring Merchants: Change the Parking Rules

*Call for lower meter rates, longer times*

By Michael Turton

Some retailers on Main Street in Cold Spring are pushing back against parking fees and rules that went into effect on April 5.

In a letter addressed to the Cold Spring Village Board, Grace Lo, the owner of Supplies for Creative Living, and Cadah

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**PEDAL POWER** — Students from three of the Beacon school district’s four elementary schools — J.V. Forrestal, Sargent and South Avenue — pedaled and scooted their way to classes on Thursday (May 9) to mark the National Bike & Roll to School Day. The Beacon Bicycle Coalition organized the event. See more photos on Page 19.

Photo by Ross Corsair

## Spongy Moth Caterpillars Hatch En Masse

*Local outbreak continues, little threat to humans*

By Brian PJ Cronin

If it seems like every spongy moth caterpillar in the Highlands hatched this week, it’s because they probably did.

“That was a boom day,” said Clive Jones of the Cary Institute in Millbrook, referring to the spongy moth caterpillars — formerly

gypsy moths — first spotted on May 1. He said a similar mass hatching occurred the previous week in Gardiner, and that the Cary Institute’s campus was seeing its first outbreak of what he called “spongies” since the 1990s.

The caterpillars prefer oak leaves, so the same conditions that trigger oaks to start budding — a certain number of consecutive days above a certain temperature — also trigger the caterpillars to hatch. “Many insects have managed to get themselves

synchronized to when food is available,” Jones explained.

If the blanket of caterpillars is disconcerting now, brace yourself. Soon the caterpillars will start “ballooning,” or hanging from branches by a silk thread and letting the winds gently carry them to new trees. Jones said that because the hatch was so large, the competition for feeding spots will be fierce, which means a lot of floating caterpillars.

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Jessika Martinez and Ramiro Prolo have purchased the former Hudson Hil’s building.

Photo by M. Ferris

## New Restaurant in Cold Spring

*Couple purchases former Hudson Hil’s spot*

By Marc Ferris

The breakfast-and-lunch spot formerly known as Hudson Hil’s is now the Cozy Corner Café. Expect the hours and menu to expand and say hello to happy hour once the new owners get a liquor license.

Eventually, Ramiro Prolo and Jessika Martinez aspire to offer weekend dinners as a curated experience with wine pairings. Breakfast and lunch will still be served with

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FIVE QUESTIONS: **SOFIA KELLY**

By Joey Asher

Sofia Kelly, a sophomore at Haldane High School and the founder of its environmental club, will speak on May 17 at the annual Youth Climate Summit at the Garrison School.

**What are you planning to talk about?**

I want to share the mission of my club and why it's so important. It's about restoring nature through the removal of invasive species and the reinstatement of native plants. I got the idea during the pandemic shutdown, when I spent lots of time walking in the woods, identifying plants. Walking around the West Point Foundry Preserve, I noticed lots of invasive monocultures, such as mugwort. When I started the club last year, I called it the Habitat Revival Club, although it's officially called the Environmental Club. We have 44 members. It's massive.

**What else will you be discussing?**

I plan to talk about the need to convert lawns into pollinator gardens. Lawns serve no purpose for the environment. They're ecological dead space. Nothing feeds there and very little lives there. Lawns originated as a status symbol. If you could afford land

that wasn't farmland, that meant you were wealthy. I want to change that cultural conversation. It's not a status symbol. It's a waste of land where you could be doing something beneficial.

**What are some of the things the club has done?**

We installed two pollinator gardens behind the high school. Starting last June, we removed most of the invasive plants manually. Then we covered the ground with cardboard to suppress regrowth. We brought in soil and woodchips. We put in pussywillow, coneflowers, asters, hyssops and mountain mint. We put in 200 native plants. It's a really efficient habitat.

We see bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. We started with plugs and now they're massive plants. They're doing amazing.

We've done movie nights, night hikes and a workshop with landscape architect Erin Muir called "The Work That Reconnects." It was focused on remembering our ecological identity and understanding where we are in our ecosystem.

**What invasive species did you find on campus?**

We've mostly been dealing with mugwort. There's a lot of it behind the high school. You see a lot of Japanese knotweed and porcelain berry. There's invasive tansy in the retention basin. You also see Japanese barberry around the edges of the campus.

**We've heard you plan to bring in goats?**

We received a \$4,500 grant from the Haldane School Foundation to bring in two goats to clear invasive species, and then we'll put in native plants. We've been in touch with a group in Rhinebeck called Green Goats. We're not certain of the timeline, but we envision, possibly next year, putting in a tall cattle fence so none of the students can get in and the goats can't get out. The goat's food would be whatever vegetation we want them to clear. We'll provide shelter to protect them from the weather. Our only responsibility would be bringing them water every day. We're still working out the details, but we would love to see this project come to fruition.



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By Michael Turton

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see national parks. ”

Michael Rinere, Beacon

“ My sisters would,  
but not me.  
Maybe in my dreams. ”

Kate Dayton, Cold Spring

“ Absolutely. It's kind  
of a dream of mine. ”

Ron Sopyla, Beacon



## NEWS BRIEFS

## 20-Year-Old Shot in Beacon

### Man treated and released for wound

A 20-year-old man was shot May 2 near the South Davies Terrace apartment complex, according to Beacon police. The man, whose name was not released, was treated at a local hospital and released.

Police said in a news release that officers responded at 11 p.m. to a report of gunshots near South Avenue Park, where they found the victim.

The officers located a “crime scene” at the South Davies complex. No further information was released. Anyone who witnessed the

incident or has information is encouraged to contact the Police Department at 845-831-4111.

## Four Elected to Beacon Library Board

*Budget also passes for 2024-25*

Four candidates were elected to the nine-member Howland Library board in Beacon on April 25, and its 2024 budget of \$1.43 million passed by a 166-19 margin.

Incumbent Elizabeth Murphy and newcomer Emily Murnane were each elected to five-year terms. Helen Lowery

was elected to fill the remaining two years of a vacated term and David Lemon will complete the final year of another term. Richard McGowan was not elected.

## Stonecrop Issues Statement

*Says cooperating with law enforcement*

Stonecrop Gardens in Philipstown said on Tuesday (May 7) that it is “fully cooperating” with law enforcement officials following the arrest of a former employee accused of secretly filming girls in 2018 and 2019 as they used a public restroom.

Stonecrop said in a statement that it has

fired John Towers, 54, of Mahopac. “Our No. 1 priority is ensuring the safety and privacy of our staff and the public who visit our beautiful gardens,” it said.

A criminal complaint filed in federal court accuses Towers of making more than 800 hidden-camera videos that also captured women inside stalls as they used the toilet. He was arrested and arraigned April 18 and released on a \$200,000 bond until his next court date, scheduled for Wednesday (May 15)

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## Garrison Named ‘Green Ribbon’ School

*Award recognizes environmental initiatives*

By Joey Asher

The U.S. Department of Education has named The Garrison School as a Green Ribbon School in recognition of the district’s sustainability practices, improved health and wellness and environmental education programs.

Garrison was one of 53 schools nationwide to be recognized this year and the only school from New York. The district will send a contingent to Washington, D.C., in July to receive the award from Education Secretary Miguel Cardona.

In announcing the award on April 26, the Education Department said Garrison has made “significant strides in environmental stewardship, focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions, student health and wellness, and the integration of environmental education across the curriculum.”

The department cited a number of Garrison initiatives, including the district’s transition from boilers to an all-electric HVAC system, its use of a system to track energy and water use and the use of the district’s 181-acre forest for research and recreation.

“This next generation of students will need to face this challenge and come up with solutions.”

~ Superintendent Carl Albano

“April was the hottest April on record,” said Superintendent Carl Albano. “This next generation of students will need to face this challenge and come up with solutions.”

Albano said that the Garrison School and community have a long history of embracing sustainability and outdoor education. He noted the hiking trails behind the school and other initiatives, such as LED lighting and sustainable furniture, that “reduced our carbon footprint.”

The district in 2021 hired Rachel Arbor, who specializes in environmental education and integrates her lessons into every grade level, finding ways to weave environ-

ment-related ideas into traditional subjects. Arbor has spearheaded many environmentally related projects, including obtaining a grant to allow the school’s gardens to be part of the district’s Pollinator Pathway.

She has also organized the Garrison Youth Climate Summit, to be held this year on May 17. The annual summit brings together climate professionals and students from Garrison and nearby schools to talk about climate issues.

“I want kids to leave Garrison environmentally literate,” said Arbor. “They should be connecting with and appreciating nature and understanding how the environment plays a role in every subject that they learn about.”



Students at the Garrison School participated in a Youth Climate Summit in May 2022.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Camp Beacon

I had also been hounding Empire State Development for an update on the Urban Green Food project ("Camp Beacon Again Up for Grabs," April 26) and finally received a copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) withdrawal letter, which states that "ESD intends to reevaluate development options for the Beacon Correctional Facility in light of current market conditions."

Two failed RFPs over 10 years as the property has continued to deteriorate clearly indicates a different strategy is needed.

I agree with Mark Roland, who wrote in his letter in the May 3 issue that the property should be turned over to the City of Beacon. Its proximity to the middle and high schools makes it an obvious place to create social, educational and economic opportunities for our kids.

How about a vegetable farm to help establish a relationship with the land and each other as students learn how to produce the food they need to survive? How about a bakery where they can experience the joys of bread-making? How about a technology space where they can program computers, build robots, design video games and fabricate arcade cabinets, furniture and musical instruments? How about a perpetual repair

cafe where they can learn to fix stuff?

How about a place where they can salvage and stockpile components from local e-waste for use in robotics and art projects? How about a place where they can turn plastic waste into injection-molded products? There's so much possibility here for our community, and we deserve the opportunity to explore it.

Derek Enos, *Beacon*

School lawsuit

I don't follow the logic of Daniel Glenn's complaint ("Former Beacon Principal Sues School District," April 25). He claims that, when white employees at the school "did not get their way, they leveraged their race as a way to avoid accountability and to cast aspersions and blame on others perceived as less important, less powerful or less privileged."

What does avoiding accountability or casting aspersions and blame on others have to do with not getting "your way," whatever that phrase might mean?

If Glenn was discriminated against based on his race, that is unacceptable and needs to be addressed. But I hope the 17-page filing provides clearer and more specific examples to support his case than what was noted in the article.

Mark Roland, *Beacon*

What Glenn is saying is that when both he and a non-white teacher made complaints to the superintendent about racism in school practices, those complaints were ignored and the white faculty retaliated for his complaints by filing their own complaints against him. He says that, in contrast to how the administration handled his complaints of racial discrimination, these complaints were investigated and used as grounds to fire him.

He also claims this was not handled with proper due process because the district has failed to hire a human resources officer. It is HR's job to protect the district from this kind of lawsuit.

We know there is racial disparity throughout Beacon public schools. This isn't the first Black principal to leave on bad terms in recent years. Hopefully, the lawsuit inspires some introspection about how to not get sued in the future — ideally by being less racist.

James Case-Leal, *Beacon*

Mr. Bell

Thanks for covering Mr. Alvin Bell's birthday celebration ("Happy 90!" May 3). He is well-loved in his community.

Sylvia Roosa, *Poughkeepsie*

Thoughtful builder

Michael Robinson is risking his time and money to help make a local city a better place to live and, at the same time, advance the real-world possibilities of more efficient and healthy building environment solutions (5 Questions, May 3). He deserves a lot of credit.

Donald MacDonald, *Cold Spring*

Putnam settlement

I support law enforcement, but it sounds like this Putnam County Sheriff's deputy was negligent ("Putnam to Settle with Crash Victim," May 3), given his lack of "pursuit knowledge." In my opinion, \$775,000 is far too little to compensate Marc Manzoello. He should get millions of dollars for Putnam's thoughtless hiring, acceptance of a poorly trained officer's actions and lack of corrective discipline. Putnam had no problem giving the officer disability and yet it's cheaping out on compensation to an individual who wasn't in the wrong and should have never been involved in this type of accident. And shame on the New York State Police for saying Manzoello caused the accident. The cherry on top is that the initial police call was "disregarded."

Pam Hustis, *Nelsonville*

Out There

Thanks to Brian PJ Cronin for his column about the Beacon Monument ("Hiding in Plain Sight," April 26). I always like to read about Hudson Valley spots that have been forgotten.

Christian Ofslager, *Newburgh*





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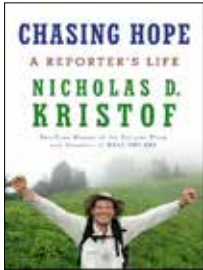
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# Main Street Project Loses Affordable Units

## Beacon developer cites delay in state funding

By Jeff Simms

The Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency last month approved changes to the 2 Cross St. development in Beacon that shift seven of the project's 18 apartments from "affordable" to market rate.

The project, a three-story, 24,000-square-foot building being developed by Joe Donovan at the corner of Main and Cross streets, was approved by the Beacon Planning Board in 2022. It was to include 18 below-market-rate apartments, nine of them for the "frail elderly," above retail space on the street level.

Last year Donovan received a \$1.58 million grant from Dutchess County stipulating that nine of the apartments be rented to tenants making no more than 80 percent of the area median income, which, according to the most recent Census Bureau data, is \$94,578 for a household. Beacon's zoning code requires two more units for its "workforce affordable" program, which gives priority to volunteer emergency responders and city and school district employees making between 70 and 80 percent of the median.

Donovan said he had hoped to use a \$1.7 million loan from Empire State Development to help pay for the remaining seven apartments. However, the loan award has been "repeatedly delayed," he said, so the project will proceed with seven market-rate units. If his company, Hudson Todd, receives the loan, it will attempt to make those units affordable again, Donovan said.

The Dutchess IDA had to approve the change because it agreed last year to exempt the project from some sales, real estate and mortgage-recording taxes.

### Planning Board preview

The Planning Board will begin its review on Tuesday (May 14) of a Beacon developer's plan to build four townhomes on a Henry Street lot, a block from Main Street.

Lori Joseph Builders is proposing to demolish a single-family home and accessory structures on the quarter-acre 19 Henry St. parcel and replace them with four two-story townhomes. The parcel is in Beacon's Transitional Zone, which allows a mix of compatible commercial, residential and parking uses.

The site is on the south side of Henry Street, down the block from the former auto repair shop that is being redeveloped

as GarageWORKS, a gallery and artists' studio space. Each 900-square-foot townhome would have a one-car garage.

In materials submitted to the Planning Board, the developer's attorney wrote that the project is designed to further the city's efforts, through its creation of the Transitional Zone, "to maintain the community character of the neighborhood, while providing the opportunity and encouragement for small housing units."

The board will also hold a public hearing next week on Carvana's proposal to take over the former Healey Hyundai parcel on Fishkill Avenue. The used car dealer would have 12 to 15 employees at the site, where customers could pick up vehicles purchased online.

In addition to the Planning Board, Carvana is expected to appear before the Zoning Board of Appeals later this month to discuss a possible parking variance. Under Beacon's existing code, the company would need to provide at least 125 spaces on-site.

However, the City Council is considering changes to its minimum parking requirements, and under the potential new plan, between 51 and 84 spaces would be needed. There are 70 at the site.

The Planning Board will also continue its

review of these projects:

■ Mirbeau of Beacon's request to amend its 2022 approval to redevelop the Tioronda Estate, including the former Craig House psychiatric hospital, as a luxury hotel and spa. To cut costs, Mirbeau has elected to renovate, rather than demolish, a 1978 dining wing, and no longer plans to build seven ground-floor "grotto" rental rooms.

The company also said it would not pave a portion of an interior road and an employee parking lot. The board held a public hearing on the changes last month and could approve them next week.

■ Developer Bernard Kohn's request at 248 Tioronda Ave. to move the Fishkill Creek Greenway and Heritage Trail away from flood-prone areas and eliminate a staircase leading to the trail. After a public hearing in April, the Planning Board may approve the changes, which do not affect the project's 64 apartments or a 25,400-square-foot commercial building, this month.

■ Beacon Arts Center LLC and Bay Ridge Studios LLC's proposal to build two four-story buildings at the corner of Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D) and Beekman Street. The project, which was introduced to the board in December, would include about 16,000 square feet of commercial space along with 64 one- and two-bedroom apartments.

# Judges Back Central Hudson Hikes

## Utility criticized for seeking higher delivery rates

By Leonard Sparks

Two administrative judges have recommended higher electricity and gas delivery rates for Central Hudson but rejected the increases the utility sought and demands by elected officials, advocates and customers to deny any hike.

The decision, released May 1, follows nearly a year of testimony that began last summer when Central Hudson said that it would seek state approval to raise revenue for electricity delivery by \$139.5 million and for gas by \$41.5 million during 2024-2025.

Under that plan, the utility's customers, including 6,800 households and businesses in Beacon and 5,200 in Cold Spring, Nelsonville, Philipstown and Kent, would have seen their monthly bills rise by an average of \$30 for each service.

The increases will be lower under the judges' recommendation, which, if approved by the state Public Service Commission, grants Central Hudson revenue increases of \$75 million for electricity and \$29.6 million for gas, according to an analysis of the decision by the Public Utility Law Project.

That's less than the \$128.7 million in new electricity revenue and \$47.2 million in gas increases requested by Central Hudson in a revised proposal but more than the \$65.5 million increase for electricity and \$25.1 million for gas sought by the state Department of Public Service (DPS).

Even the judge's lower amounts are "way too high," said Jonathan Jacobson, a Democrat whose state Assembly district includes

Beacon. "The original request was merely a bargaining chip and was never a serious proposal, so this recommendation is not a win for consumers."

How the increases affect monthly bills will not be known until May 21, the deadline for Central Hudson and DPS to submit those figures.

**"The original request was merely a bargaining chip and was never a serious proposal, so this recommendation is not a win for consumers."**

~ Jonathan Jacobson,  
State Assembly member

Central Hudson's basic delivery charge for electricity is 10.5 cents per kilowatt-hour; for gas, it's \$24.50 for the first 200 cubic feet, \$1.36 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) for the next 4,800 and 95 cents per Ccf for additional amounts.

But the decision noted that the "general sentiment" expressed at public hearings "was that Central Hudson is not providing basic service and should not be rewarded for its poor performance." The utility is being investigated over billing problems that began in 2021.

Rep. Pat Ryan, whose congressional district includes Beacon, described the recommendation as "outrageous."

"I'm again calling on the PSC to reject this exorbitant rate increase and hold public hearings," said Ryan. "We need real accountability and relief, not another corporate handout."

Central Hudson has said that the additional revenue is essential to replace aging transmission and gas lines, connect solar and wind projects to its system and add personnel and equipment to restore power after outages caused by extreme storms, which have become more frequent.

The company also said it planned to expand financial-assistance programs for low-income customers and increase its workforce by 20 percent.

Joe Jenkins, a Central Hudson representative, said on Tuesday (May 7) that the company is "reviewing the decision in its entirety and will provide additional information by the end of the month."

Overshadowing the process is continued anger over widespread problems that began when the company switched in 2021 to an \$88 million customer-service system. Programming errors caused delays in issuing statements that lasted more than three months for some customers and overcharges that affected more than 8,000.

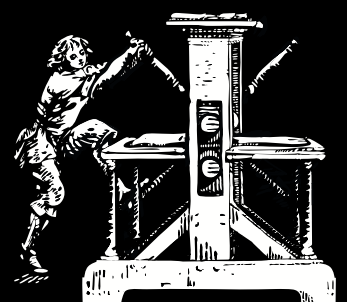
Central Hudson agreed to pay for an independent monitor to verify the utility's progress in correcting the sources of its billing mistakes.

The company also agreed to end its practice of estimating every other monthly bill and transition to reading meters monthly. The change launched with customers in Orange and Ulster counties and is scheduled to take effect in Beacon and Philipstown this spring.

Central Hudson, which during the pandemic shutdown paused efforts to collect past-due bills, announced April 19 it will resume collections this month on delinquent residential accounts. The utility said it will

focus on customers who are more than two months in arrears, beginning in the Kingston area and continuing through the summer.

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# Cold Spring Names New Officer-in-Charge

*Succeeds Larry Burke, who will remain on force*

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board on May 1 named Officer Matt Jackson as officer-in-charge, or the equivalent of chief for the part-time force.

He succeeds Larry Burke, who joined the Cold Spring Police Department in 2013 and became officer-in-charge in 2017. At the Village Board meeting, Burke handed over his badge to Jackson, who joined the force in 2021 and was recently named officer of the year.

"Larry has served the village beyond all expectations," Mayor Kathleen Foley said on April 10, when Burke announced he would step down from his leadership role.

When Jackson was named officer of the year in March, Foley praised him for "consistently demonstrating strong character, positive work ethic, confidence and excellence in discharging his duties in a calm and steady demeanor."

She listed a number of his outstanding actions in 2022-23, including aiding a mother giving birth; locating a lost adult suffering from dementia; administering naloxone in two overdose incidents; restoring the heartbeat of a cardiac arrest victim; and de-escalating a confrontation after a traffic incident, including securing a weapon drawn by one of the motorists.

Foley also noted that Jackson has taken on a leadership role with the Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association and is spearheading officer training for the department's new computer-aided dispatch system.



Larry Burke (left) hands the officer-in-charge badge to Matt Jackson, who was recently named Cold Spring's officer of the year.

Photo provided

## Parking *(from Page 1)*

Goulet, the owner of Poor George, outlined concerns and suggested changes. Lo and Goulet are co-chairs of the Main Street Committee of the Cold Spring Chamber.

More than 30 Main Street retailers signed the May 1 letter, which advocates measures the committee believes are "easily and quickly implementable and would provide equivalent revenue to the village, a better experience for locals and visitors, and much-needed relief to our local businesses."

The village's recently adopted 2024-25 budget anticipates \$284,596 in revenue from parking meters on Main Street and the Fair Street municipal lot.

The Main Street Committee's recommendations include:

- Lower the \$4-per-hour meter rate to \$1.50 or \$2.50 per hour. The committee said merchants are open to increasing the number of metered days, which are currently Friday, Saturday and Sunday, if the hourly rate is reduced, a move they say would make up for the revenue lost by a decrease in hourly rates.

- Extend the allowable parking time beyond the three-hour limit. The letter cites

"overwhelming" agreement among customers that three hours is inadequate for Main Street visits.

- Issue permits to Main Street employees, allowing them to park in residents-only parking areas, which the letter states are underused.

- Add meters for motorcycles in irregularly sized parking spaces, increasing revenue.

In a survey of 137 customers conducted by Main Street retailers, 70 percent of the respondents were locals. They rated lower rates as the No. 1 change they support. More "quick-stop" spots was second and more payment kiosks and increasing the three-hour time limit were ranked third and fourth, respectively.

According to the committee, the parking rules have hurt shopkeepers at the cash register.

"The effect has been felt immediately by Main Street businesses, with an average marked decline in revenue of 20 to 25 percent this April compared to last year," Lo and Goulet wrote. "A continuation of this trend will undoubtedly lead to a very different looking Main Street at the end of the year."

The letter wasn't discussed at the May 1

Village Board meeting, but Mayor Kathleen Foley commented the next day in an email.

"The board is grateful for thoughtful feedback of the merchants who signed on to the letter, and for the effort they made to collect data points and recommendations," she wrote. "We will discuss as a board in a future meeting and determine a time to continue this conversation with those merchants."

Chamber President Nat Prentice said via email that the letter "speaks for itself," adding that the unified response from merchants included "constructive content" presented in "a respectful and collegial tone."

## Fjord Trail

The Village Board's May 1 meeting was devoted almost entirely to residents' comments on the Hudson Valley Fjord Trail, especially in light of two HHFT information sessions in March and April on alternative routes for a planned segment between Cold Spring and Breakneck Ridge.

As many as 45 people attended the meeting via Zoom, along with a full house at Village Hall. Before hearing public comments, Foley emphasized the meeting was "not a referendum" on the proposed 7.5-mile trail and that

the critical time for the community's input will be after a Draft General Environmental Impact Statement is released in June. New York state parks is the lead agency in that environmental review.

"That's when your comments will have the greatest and most direct impact," the mayor said, noting that the Village Board has no approval role in the project and is limited to "advocacy toward the outcome and impact mitigation" within Cold Spring.

While the Village Board has not taken a position, Foley, Nelsonville Mayor Chris Winward and Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel recently issued a statement opposing a trailhead in Cold Spring, instead advocating "residentially scaled" paths and sidewalks to an entrance north of the village.

"The Village Board isn't simply for or against the trail," Foley said. "We as trustees have different opinions, just like the people we represent," a statement borne out during the public comments.

By the time about 30 community members had their say, the only consensus that emerged was a lack of consensus. A sampling of comments is posted with this story at [highlandscurrent.org](https://highlandscurrent.org).

## New Restaurant *(from Page 1)*

brunch-style cocktails available.

Prolo, who hails from Uruguay, and Martinez, born in Argentina, met in Miami, moved to the New York City area and looked in the northern suburbs for a place to open a restaurant.

"We know Cold Spring and love it," said Prolo. "We walked by Hudson Hil's and talked about how it would be perfect for us. The next time we passed by, maybe three months later, we saw the 'For Sale' sign and figured life was telling us something."

For now, the couple is living with family in Westchester County. They hope to open before the end of the month. A cousin, a niece, an aunt and an uncle painted, cleaned and spruced up the warren of six rooms, including prep stations.

Though many changes are coming to the menu, the couple decided to leave the bones of the two dining rooms alone. Martinez holds three college degrees, including in interior design, and plans to add minimalist touches to the rustic, blue-and-white décor.

"I want to keep what's good and add some flowers and plants for an organic, unprocessed-food, get-away-from-the-city vibe," she said.

Aside from overseeing the design, she will work behind the scenes to create cocktails and plate the food with artistry. Wine selections will lean toward Italy, Argentina and California, she said.

During the fallow winter months, Martinez plans to offer events centered on wine and art. "It will take some time to study Cold Spring and figure out what people need and want," said Martinez, whose

**"I want to keep what's good and add some flowers and plants for an organic, unprocessed-food, get-away-from-the-city vibe."**

~ Jessika Martinez

background is in marketing.

The restaurant side is Prolo's. He rose to management positions at upscale Miami hotspots Hosteria Romana and Fifi's on the Beach and said he understands the importance of smooth service.

"We served 500 tables every day — it was crazy," he said. For now, he is auditioning chefs. His sister will oversee the fresh

pastry program.

The fare at Cozy Corner will be American, a catch-all phrase, but the offerings are far more extensive than what was offered at Hudson Hil's. The accent is Italian because Prolo and Martinez have forebears from the country.

Their local partners include Cold Spring Fish in Philipstown and Trax Coffee in Beacon. Meat comes from an upstate farm. Seafood selections will eventually expand. Salads and toasts will revolve around the seasons. None of the sides should cost more than \$5, they said.

Beyond a bone-in rib-eye steak with rosemary, Argentinian influences will include choripan sausage, chimichurri sauce akin to spicy pesto, and an empanada appetizer with a twist.

"Instead of ground beef, we'll cut a steak into small pieces with a knife," Prolo said. "Like everything, I am going for simple, but good."



# New Options at Indian Point?

## Decommissioning board tests wastewater solutions

By Brian PJ Cronin

A week after Holtec, the firm that is decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant, challenged a state law that prevents it from discharging radioactive water into the Hudson River, an oversight board discussed alternate methods of handling the waste.

Holtec, which says it needs to dispose of at least 1.3 million gallons of wastewater, told the Indian Point Decommissioning Oversight Board that the amount will increase but did not indicate by how much. While the plant routinely discharged radioactive wastewater into the river during the 50 years it operated, the process has drawn renewed concern by critics who say the risks have been underestimated.

Arnie Gundersen, a former nuclear engineer and nuclear industry executive, told the oversight board at its April 25 meeting that the federal Environmental Protection Agency standard set in the 1970s for tritium, the radioactive material in the wastewater, was “not a health-based standard. It’s based on what was easily achievable.”

Gundersen said that further research is needed to determine the “synergistic toxicity” of tritium, or how it could potentially increase the toxicity of non-radioactive

pollutants it comes in contact with, particularly the PCBs in the Hudson River.

“We need to take another look at tritium, because it’s not as benign as we think,” he asserted. “Let’s wait for the science to catch up and store it until then.”

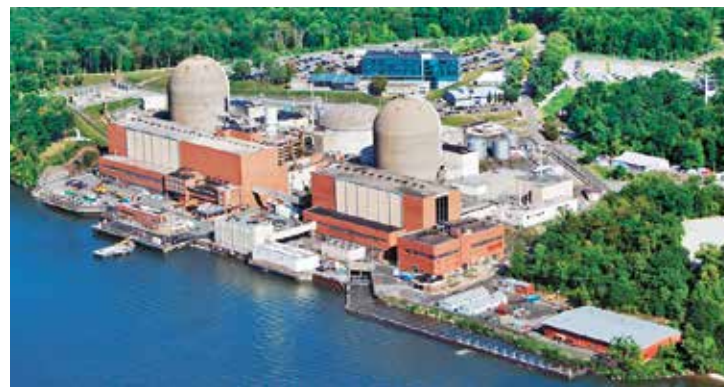
Environmental groups would like to see the wastewater kept on-site for at least 12 years, which is the amount of time that it would take for the tritium to decompose to half its current potency.

David Lochbaum, a retired nuclear engineer and former director of nuclear safety at the Union of Concerned Scientists who serves on the oversight board, has repeatedly warned that the tanks used for long-term wastewater storage have leaked elsewhere, and that they must be vented, which allows tritium to escape into the atmosphere.

In his presentation, Gundersen explained how the leakage problem could be addressed by storing the wastewater in tanks housed in the plant’s former turbine building, which has not yet been torn down. An empty backup could also be available if one of the tanks fails.

Berms placed around the tanks would stop leaks from reaching the Hudson, he said, and a rubber diaphragm placed over the vents once the tanks are filled “would allow air movement due to minor temperature changes while preventing evaporation.”

Frank Spagnuolo, a representative from Holtec, said Gundersen’s plan would not



An oversight board is deadlocked over what to do with wastewater from Indian Point.

File photo

solve its primary problem: Until the tanks and pools have been emptied and the wastewater is off-site, the company cannot fully decommission the plant.

Holtec announced in November 2023 that the ban on discharging wastewater into the Hudson would delay the completion of its work from 2033 to 2041. It sued New York State in federal court on April 18 to overturn the law. At the April 25 meeting, Spagnuolo said the company had calculated the time lost to legal battles into the anticipated delay.

“The tanks need to get released somehow, somewhere,” Spagnuolo said. “We can make this our grandchildren’s problem, if that’s what we decide to do.”

In a second presentation, Bridget Frymire of the New York Department of Public Service discussed the feasibility of shipping the wastewater off-site. That is what happened at the decommissioned Vermont Yankee plant from 2021 to 2023, although Frymire noted the site already had a railroad spur.

Vermont Yankee’s wastewater was shipped

to a Texas facility where it was solidified and buried. A facility in Tennessee that is also licensed for radiological waste disposal could put the Indian Point wastewater through a similar process.

This potential solution did not appease many of the community members who spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and said that offloading the Hudson Valley waste to another community would be an environmental justice violation. It would, however, shorten the decommissioning timeline.

State Sen. Peter Harchkham, a member of the board, suggested it would be helpful to see a cost and timeline comparison between Gundersen’s plan, shipping the wastewater off-site and going through “eight years of litigation.”

Because of the litigation, Holtec said it would not comment on whether it is considering either of the plans discussed at the meeting. The next meeting of the decommissioning board is scheduled for June 13.

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## Newburgh: Charity Head Arrested by FBI

The founder of a nonprofit who claimed last year that veterans had been evicted from a Town of Newburgh hotel to make room for migrants was arrested May 1 by the FBI.

Sharon Toney-Finch, 43, of Newburgh, led the Yerik Israel Toney (YIT) Foundation, which she said aided veterans. An investigation by *Mid Hudson News* debunked her allegation.

Federal prosecutors charged Toney-Finch with defrauding military charities and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and falsely claiming she had been injured during her service in Iraq and received a Purple Heart. Prosecutors allege she received unwarranted disability benefits and solicited donations from 2019 to September 2023 that she used for personal expenses.

State Sen. Rob Rolison, whose district includes the Highlands, nominated Toney-Finch for a state Women of Distinction award in May 2023 but the nomination was rescinded following reports she had hired homeless men to pose as veterans who had been evicted from the hotel.

## Virginia: Doctor Found Not Guilty of Abuse

A judge found the former medical director of the Cumberland Hospital for Children and Adolescents in New Kent, Virginia not guilty on April 26 of charges he sexually abused two former female patients.

The hospital was the subject of a story published by *The Current* in November 2020 after a Philipstown teenager was sent there by the county for treatment and said she had endured abuse.

According to CBS 6 in Richmond, the judge said he had doubts about the varying accounts given by the witnesses against Dr. Daniel Davidow, who testified in his own defense about the initial admissions exams that were at the heart of the allegations. The judge also noted that two nurses who had been “chaperones” during the exams reported nothing inappropriate.

The witnesses are among 46 plaintiffs, including the Philipstown teenager and her mother, who are seeking \$397 million from Davidow, the hospital and its owner in a civil trial scheduled for the fall.

## New York City: MTA Offers Discounts

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority board on April 30 approved a pilot program that will provide a 10 percent discount on monthly tickets within New York City and on express bus trips from Brooklyn and Staten Island to Manhattan.

It begins in July.

The plan was implemented to encourage residents in the outer boroughs not to drive into mid-Manhattan, where drivers will be charged \$15 a day beginning in June. Metro-North has 14 stops in the Bronx and Harlem.

Metro-North and Long Island Rail Road riders outside New York City will not receive the discount, but monthly prices were lowered 10 percent in March 2022 to encourage people to return to the trains after the pandemic.

## Warwick: Sheriff Seizes Illegal Gun

Police seized an illegal gun that was mentioned during testimony in E. Jean Carroll’s defamation lawsuit against former President Donald Trump.

In January, Carroll said on the stand during the civil trial that she kept an unlicensed revolver by her bed at her Orange County home. Police Chief John Rader told *Mid Hudson News* on April 14 that he visited Carroll at her home soon after her testimony, and that she surrendered the weapon until she could obtain a pistol permit.

## Orange County: Calls for Legislator to Resign

A Middletown Common Council member called on an Orange County legislator who has not attended a meeting since 2022 to return to work or resign.

Councilmember Joel Sierra, who earns \$29,000 annually, says he has been unable to attend meetings because of an injury he received as a Middletown firefighter, according to *Mid Hudson News*. The news site said it could not reach Sierra for comment. He has missed 113 consecutive meetings, it said. The Middletown mayor has also called for Sierra to be removed or resign.

Katie Bonelli, the chair of the Legislature, said it had no provision to remove Sierra.

## Poughkeepsie: Shelter Employee Charged with Dealing

A Poughkeepsie woman who worked as a security guard at a homeless shelter was arrested on April 4 and charged with selling cocaine to residents.

Police said undercover agents purchased cocaine on multiple occasions at or near the Webster House Overnight Emergency Housing, also known as “The Pods,” from Marlene Sosa, 32, who worked for a contractor, Hudson River Housing. Residents alerted police.

## Newburgh: College Donates Buildings

Mount Saint Mary College last month donated buildings at 417 and 419 Liberty St. to Habitat for Humanity for development into affordable housing.

Habitat said college students will work on the sites to convert them into homes by April 2025.



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AROUND TOWN



◀ **SEUSSICAL** — In eight performances last weekend at Beacon High School, young actors from the Beacon Performing Arts Center presented the musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss.

Photo by Ross Corsair



◀ **LINE DANCE** — The Nelsonville Fish & Fur Club held its 36th annual Fishing Derby on May 5 at the reservoir on Fishkill Road. Eighty-four children and their parents and grandparents braved the rain, and sponsors covered the lemonade, snacks and bait.

Photo by Ross Corsair



**NEWCOMER** — The herd of Sardinian donkeys at Magazzino Italian Art in Philipstown welcomed its 15th member on April 30 — a male foal born to Max and Destiny. The museum is considering names, including Dante, Donatello, Dominic and Donkey Xote. Museum co-founder Giorgio Spanu said the donkeys remind him of his youth in Sardinia, where they were used for farming.

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"Brief Lives #7"



"Central Charmer" (2024)



"Scroll #3" (2024)

## The Calendar

# Searching for Peace

*Buoyed by Buddhism and jazz, artist will share abstractions*

By Marc Ferris

Daniel Berlin steps to the canvas with a vague idea of what to paint. His studio routine consists of streaming jazz and letting the abstractions come to him.

"I may have some of the latticework in my head but not the structure or the concept," he says. "It's exhilarating, on the razor's edge. I'm going for the inscrutable."

A week before his latest exhibit, which opens on Second Saturday (May 11) at the Beacon Artists Union (BAU), Berlin sat in his living room framing and bundling far more pieces than will fit into the gallery.

Even his hangings are improvisational. "It has to be done right, which means making the art come alive," he says. "It's easy to make good art look terrible."

The show's title, *Brief Lives and Other Ruptures*, hints at the vicissitudes of life that everyone faces, like loss, regret and physical deterioration. (Joan Harmon will also be showing her sculptures in *Animal Dreams*.)

Berlin has spent his career in the art world as a creator or behind the scenes at galleries and museums, including a stint as an assistant to pop star artist Red Grooms. "He showed me how and what an artist should be in all aspects," Berlin says.

After growing up in Illinois, Berlin attended the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poets at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, aspiring to be a creative

writer. Instead, he earned an MFA in painting at the University of Colorado Boulder and moved to pre-gentrified Williamsburg in 1984.

"We had it all — junkies, shootings, prostitutes," he recalls. "But I also had a huge loft for \$500 a month."

Just before 9/11, he moved upstate with his pregnant wife to Accord, in the Ulster County center of what he called the Buddha Belt (because of the area's many centers and retreats), where he built a house and studio.

Berlin, who navigates life as a Tibetan Buddhist, also constructed a meditation hut not much bigger than a phone booth. His countenance is quiet, serene and contemplative; he produces what he calls "pseudo Mandalas," or devotional images.

Once he latches onto an idea in the studio, Berlin typically creates a series of works. At the new show, he plans to hang at least 25 of his *Brief Lives* monotypes, whose outlines evoke the Finger Lakes and feature at least four vertical streaks dominated by dark colors accented with shimmering contrasts. "Brief Lives #11" resembles five feathery corkscrews.

The artist will also display selections from other collections, including *Scroll*, a textured homage to the ancients, and *Central Charmer*, one of many series that overtly denote the painting's center with a shape.

In *Central Charmer*, it's a rectangle with a dozen slanted 45-degree lines sticking out, three to each side. But it could be a

square, a five-point star, an oblique image or a silhouette of Colin Kaepernick kneeling during the national anthem.

Another grouping that emerged from the jazz-fueled sessions includes what Berlin calls "protection paintings," a reaction to the 2016 presidential election that features menacing faces with sharp teeth placed at center frame and poised to bite.

Berlin sometimes works with watercolors or makes prints, but most of his output is oil-based. Dozens of silver and white paint tubes are piled atop one of his work desks.

His approach, he writes, "can be direct, raw, magnetizing and wakeful." Or, it could lead to "an outright self-referential flop." Surrendering to the spark while mindful of quality control, he seeks "that elastic moment where you recognize the space between your thoughts."

"I'm looking for something between playful and disciplined, like what Miles Davis said about playing notes: It's not what you paint, it's what you don't paint."

BAU Gallery, at 506 Main St. in Beacon, is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, or by appointment. See [baugallery.org](http://baugallery.org). An opening reception for *Brief Lives and Other Ruptures* and *Animal Dreams* is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday (May 11), and Berlin and Harmon will speak at the gallery about their work on June 2, the final day of the exhibits.



Daniel Berlin

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# THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)

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

## COMMUNITY

### SAT 11 20th Century Glass Sale & Show

**BEACON**  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Veterans Memorial Building  
413 Main St.

The Hudson Valley Depression Glass Club's spring show will include glass, pottery, china and vintage accessories. Food and drink will be for sale. Admission includes a raffle ticket. *Cost: \$5 (free for ages 10 and younger)*

### SAT 11 The Next 60

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

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

### FRI 17 Youth Climate Summit

**GARRISON**

4:30 – 7 p.m. Garrison School  
1100 Route 9D | 845-424-3689  
[gufs.org](http://gufs.org)

Learn about students' projects addressing sustainability, pollution, biodiversity conservation and emissions control.

### FRI 17 Pride in the Sky

**POUGHKEEPSIE**

6 – 10 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson  
Parker Avenue | [biggayhudsonvalley.com](http://biggayhudsonvalley.com)

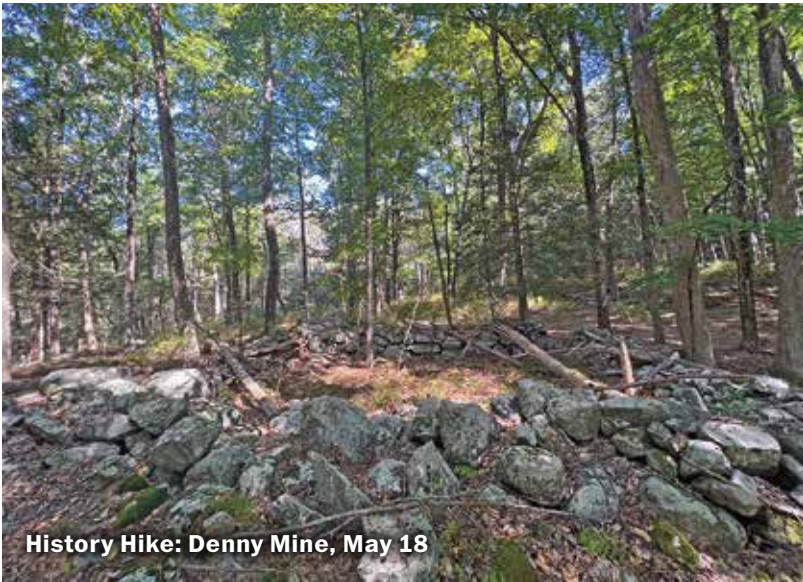
To kick off Pride Month, the bridge will be lighted in rainbow colors and there will be community festivals at the entrances from 6 to 8 p.m. with DJs, food and booths. At 7:30 p.m., there will be a Pride flag procession from the east side to the west side of the bridge. *Free*

### SUN 19 ARF 5K Run/Walk

**BEACON**

9 a.m. Memorial Park  
Robert Cahill Drive | [runsignup.com/Race/NY/Beacon/ARF5K](http://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Beacon/ARF5K)

The Animal Rescue Foundation's annual fundraiser will include a 5K run or walk, a 1K run or walk for kids and a virtual option to do a 5K with your dog. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the races start at 10 and 10:30 a.m. *Cost: \$20 or \$35*



History Hike: Denny Mine, May 18

### SUN 19 Spring Benefit

**GARRISON**  
4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
[philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

Support the Depot's programs and enjoy the theme of Everyone Wants to Be Seen with a party on the patio. *Cost: \$75+*

### SUN 19 Meet the Artists

**GARRISON**

6 p.m. Valley Restaurant  
2015 Route 9 | [hvshakespeare.org](http://hvshakespeare.org)

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's benefit will include music, conversation and a reading by actors involved in upcoming productions. *Cost: \$150*

## 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](http://putnam.cce.cornell.edu)

Browse vegetables, herbs, perennials, annuals and native plants and trees. Bring a soil sample for pH testing and get gardening advice, too. The 4-H club is offering pony rides in the park from 8 to 11 a.m.

### 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](http://commongroundfarm.org)

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

### FRI 17 Master Gardeners

**MILLBROOK**

10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Dutchess Farm and Home Center  
2715 Route 44 | [ccedutchess.org](http://ccedutchess.org)

Offering many plants grown by volunteers, the sale will feature annuals, herbs, perennials and vegetables. Also SAT 18.

### SAT 18 Houseplant Swap

**GARRISON**  
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
[desmondfishlibrary.org](http://desmondfishlibrary.org)

Trade cuttings and plants with your neighbors.

### SUN 19 Philipstown Garden Club

**GARRISON**

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive  
[philipstowngardenclubny.org](http://philipstowngardenclubny.org)

The annual sale will include pollinator-attracting plants, annuals, perennials, native species, herbs, vegetables and hanging baskets, some grown by members.

## NATURE & OUTDOORS

### SAT 18 Garden Clean-Up and Planting

**COLD SPRING**

10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Drop-in anytime during the day to help weed and plant. Registration encouraged.

### SAT 18 History Hike: Denny Mine

**PHILIPSTOWN**  
10 a.m. Fahnestock State Park  
398 Dennytown Road  
[putnamhistorymuseum.org](http://putnamhistorymuseum.org)

Learn about the mining history of our area and its geology on a guided hike with the Putnam History Museum. *Cost: \$15 (\$12 members)*

### SAT 18 Ecology Presentation

**COLD SPRING**

1 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
[butterfieldlibrary.org](http://butterfieldlibrary.org)

Haldane student Sophia Kelly will share her presentation from the Youth Climate Summit (see Page 2).

## TALKS & TOURS

### WED 15 3D Printing For Adults

**GARRISON**

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

Learn how to make projects on the 3D printer as part of the library's Digital Literacy series.

### WED 15 Financial Fitness for Artists

**BEACON**

6:30 p.m. Via Zoom | [beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Joyce Raimundo of the Pollock-Krasner Foundation will give a virtual talk hosted by the Howland Public Library about ways that famous artists became wealthy through their work. Registration required.

### THURS 16 Sign Language for Teens and Adults

**BEACON**

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Learn the basics of American Sign Language. Registration required.

### SUN 19 Linda McCauley Freeman

**PUTNAM VALLEY**

3 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
[tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org)

The poet will read from her collections, *The Marriage Manual* and *The Family Plot*. An open mic will follow. *Cost: \$10*



## STAGE & SCREEN

### SAT 11 Sightings

**GARRISON**

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
10 Garrison's Landing | 845-424-3900  
[philipstowndepottheatre.org](http://philipstowndepottheatre.org)

The original play by Mona Z. Smith follows three teenagers in the 1980s who get caught up in the UFO craze. The cast includes Karen Kapoor, Bobby Convertino and Jordan Kaplan. Also SUN 12. FRI 17. SAT 18 and SUN 19. *Cost: \$29*

### SAT 11 Ragtime

**WAPPINGERS FALLS**

8 p.m. County Players Theater  
2681 W. Main St. | 845-298-1491  
[countyplayers.org](http://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 12, FRI 17, SAT 18 and SUN 19. *Cost: \$26 (\$23 seniors, military, students)*

### THURS 16 Jordan Klepper

**PEEKSKILL**

7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
[paramounthudsonvalley.com](http://paramounthudsonvalley.com)

Known for his work as a *Daily Show* correspondent, Klepper will share personal stories in *Suffering Fools*, his stand-up show. *Cost: \$35 to \$50*



### FRI 17 Casablanca

**BEACON**

6 p.m. Bannerman Island  
845-831-6346 | [bannermancastle.org](http://bannermancastle.org)

Watch the 1942 film starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman set during World War II about love and impossible choices. Boats leave the Beacon dock at 6 and 7 p.m. *Cost: \$40*

### FRI 17 Your Bizarre Day

**BEACON**

7 p.m. Beacon Music Factory  
333 Fishkill Ave. | [bit.ly/bizarre-day-5-17](http://bit.ly/bizarre-day-5-17)

Watch TJ Del Reno, Lisa Pertoso and guest players perform improvisational comedy.

### SAT 18 The Artichoke

**BEACON**

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988  
[artichokeshow.com](http://artichokeshow.com)

Sandi Markx, Bridget O'Neill, Erin Barker, Kevin Allison, Jeff Simmermon and Richard Cardillo will be the featured storytellers. *Cost: \$20*

## KIDS & FAMILY

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

**POUGHKEEPSIE**

Noon – 4 p.m.  
Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum  
75 N. Water St. | [mhadutchess.org](http://mhadutchess.org)  
Find resources and enjoy music, crafts and games at this event hosted by Mental Health America of Dutchess County.

### TUES 14 Candy Sushi

**BEACON**

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134  
[beaconlibrary.org](http://beaconlibrary.org)

Students in grades 5 to 12 can make tasty treats with rice krispies and gummies. Registration required.



**FRI 17**  
**Teen Movie Night**  
**COLD SPRING**  
7 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040  
butterfieldlibrary.org  
Watch *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, the 1986 John Hughes comedy about the lengths a popular student will go to get away with skipping school. For grades 6 to 12.

**SAT 18**  
**Studio on the Farm**  
**WAPPINGERS FALLS**  
10:30 a.m. Common Ground  
79 Farmstead Lane | diaart.org  
Children ages 5 and older can make art on the farm with a working artist.

**SAT 18**  
**Car Seat Check**  
**GARRISON**  
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020  
desmondfishlibrary.org  
Certified technicians will assess your child's car seat, its installation and overall safety.

**SUN 19**  
**Laurie Berkner**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
The "queen of indie rock" will play a solo set for families. *Cost: \$29 to \$101*

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**  
**What Matters?**  
**BEACON**  
2 p.m. KuBe Art Center  
211 Fishkill Ave. | ecfa.com  
Multimedia artist and audio anthropologist Karen Michel will record interviews about things that matter to people.

**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* (see Page 11) and Harmon's sculptures in *Animal Dreams*. 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.

MUSIC

**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**  
**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**  
**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)*

**FRI 17**  
**Beacon Rising Choir**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church  
50 Liberty St. | compassarts.org  
The group's program will include works by people of color, LGBTQIA+, and women composers and songwriters to create an uplifting performance. *Cost: \$15 (\$25 door, \$10 seniors and ages 13 to 17 (\$20 door), free for ages 12 and younger)*

**FRI 17**  
**Tim Eriksen**  
**PUTNAM VALLEY**  
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.  
729 Peekskill Hollow Road  
tompkinscorners.org  
The Grammy nominee will play a Shape Note and Americana set following a singing workshop at 3:30 p.m. *Cost: \$25*



**FRI 17**  
**The AC/DC Experience**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
The Dirty Deeds tribute band will play all the rock band's hits. *Cost: \$35 to \$50*

**FRI 17**  
**The Englishtown Project**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The tribute band will play music



from a 1977 concert that included The Grateful Dead, the Marshall Tucker Band and New Riders of the Purple Sage. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

**SAT 18**  
**New Muse 4tet**  
**COLD SPRING**  
3 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St. | stmaryscoldspring.com  
Gwen Laster (violin), Melanie Dyer (viola), George Crotty (cello) and Andrew Drury (drums) will play new songs and music from their recording, *Blue Lotus*. Donations welcome. *Free*

**SAT 18**  
**The Sixties Show**  
**PEEKSKILL**  
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley  
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039  
paramounthudsonvalley.com  
Get an immersive experience in music from the 1960s. *Cost: \$37 to \$53*

**SAT 18**  
**Shemekia Copeland**  
**BEACON**  
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St.  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com  
The blues, soul and Americana singer will play music from her latest release, *Done Come Too Far*. *Cost: \$35 (\$40 door)*

**SUN 19**  
**Rolf Schulte and James Winn**  
**COLD SPRING**  
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration  
45 Market St. | chapelrestoration.org  
Schulte (violin) and Winn (piano) will play works by Stravinsky, Ravel, and Debussy. Donations welcome. *Free*

VISUAL ARTS

**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)*

**SAT 18**  
**Prom**  
**BEACON**  
2 p.m. KuBe Art Center  
211 Fishkill Ave. | ecfa.com/kube  
Dress in formal wear for the finale of the Back to School show with DJs, performances and dancing. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

CIVIC

**MON 13**  
**Dutchess Legislature**  
**POUGHKEEPSIE**  
7 p.m. Legislative Chambers  
22 Market St. | 845-486-2100  
dutchessny.gov

**MON 13**  
**City Council**  
**BEACON**  
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza  
845-838-5011 | beaconny.gov

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# 27 Songs, One Film

*Beacon musician makes a movie*

By Marc Ferris

Jeremy Schonfeld is a musician who wanted to make a movie.

"I had to figure out who around me could help," he says.

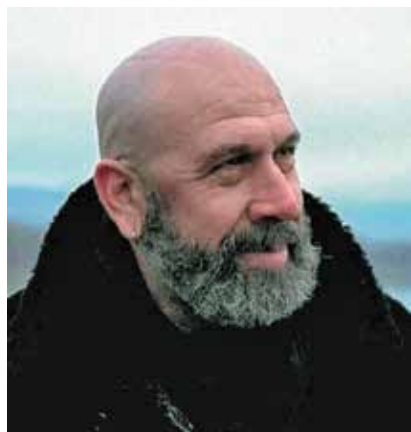
It took a city: Dozens of people from the Beacon arts community paraded across the screen or helped behind the scenes during the production of *The Father Who Stayed: Life in 27 Songs*, a visually and sonically inventive work that has been screened three times, including at Prophecy Hall in Beacon.

"Fewer than 100 people have seen it so far," says Schonfeld, who is submitting the film to festivals hoping it will attract a distributor.

Schonfeld, who directed, produced and wrote songs for the film, says he hired as many as 100 people, from the cinematographer and colorist to the extras, in the community.

"When you have so many people involved and it's just me putting this together, the scheduling was like herding cats," he says.

The film, a ghost story, took two years to complete. It runs an hour and 47 minutes and only a few scenes have dialogue. The action unfolds through 27 songs played by Schonfeld and other musicians.



Jeremy Schonfeld

"We thought about breaking up certain songs by putting quotes for people to read onscreen or overdubbing voiceovers, but I wanted to show instead of tell, so it's storytelling through music and the songs and the stories speak for themselves," he says. "There is nothing typical about this film, so there was no roadmap to follow."

*The Father Who Stayed* was filmed over a month, mostly in and around a rustic white building with green trim at the University Settlement Camp on Route 9D in Beacon. It centers on an essay written by a 13-year-old girl (Caroline Sottile) who was abandoned by her mother and shared a bond with her father



Christian Campbell, an actor from Beacon, plays the father. Photo provided

(Christian Campbell) during nightly reading sessions. The girl died at age 15 in an accident.

The film's rollout has been a slow burn, says Schonfeld, because it is self-financed and he is new to movie marketing. He also plans to release the soundtrack, along with another dozen songs.

A stalwart of the local arts scene, Schonfeld is a founder of the Beacon Bonfire Music + Arts Festival. After moving here with his family in 2018, he recorded an album, *Brooklyn to Beacon*, and like many transplants

## *The Father Who Stayed: Life in 27 Songs*

With Christian Campbell, Caroline Sottile, America Campbell, Ryan Dunn, Annalyse McCoy, Jen Malenke, Kelly Ellenwood, Rinde Eckert, Daniel Rowan, Sarah-Jane Casey, Gus Schonfeld, Melvin Tunstall III, Stephen Clair, Dimitri Archip, Donna Mikkelsen, Shoshana Bean, Blaine Alden Krauss, Will Bryant and Reji Woods

Rob Featherstone (cinematographer); Benjamin Lieber (editor); Lucas Millard (color, post-production); Ian Hatton (sound, post-production); Will Bryant (music); Rinde Eckert (concept development, spoken-word script); Tara Latorre (line producer); Ianthe Demos and One Year Lease Theater Co. (concept development)

from the borough, he's become a civic booster.

"Part of why I got involved with Bonfire is that I wanted to shine a spotlight in this area with a mission to create art where we live, to show that we don't need to be validated by New York City," he says.

"We have plenty of wonderful artists, so it was easier and more viable to build the machine [for the film] here than in the city, where we thought we had to be if we were to be considered serious artists."

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While scientists race to answer the question, "How can we?" The Hastings Center, a bioethical think tank, asks:

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Would Deliberate Extinction ever be the right thing to do?



Greg Kaebnick, PhD. Bioethicist  
Director of Research, The Hastings Center  
PI, "The Ethics of Deliberate Extinction" \*

It's almost an axiom of environmental ethics that species should be conserved.



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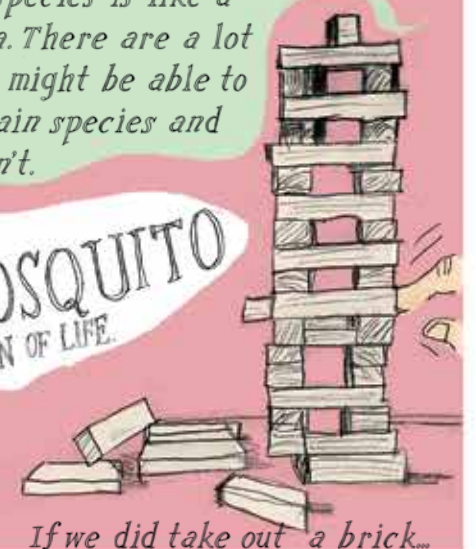
Mosquito-borne malaria causes a half-million deaths annually.

Good things could come from this technology.

By Deblucke

Taking out a species is like a game of Jenga. There are a lot of bricks. You might be able to poke out certain species and others you can't.

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If we did take out a brick...

...most likely one of the hundreds of non-malaria carrying mosquito species would fill in the gap.

Mosquito bites would NOT go extinct.



People think the genome is sacred.

Do we want to protect the mosquito genome?

Or do we look at it systematically: genomes are part of organisms, and they're part of ecosystems, and that is what we should protect.



What is the weight of a human life?



What is the weight of an entire species?

What is the weight of a parasitic, flesh-eating species?



Kaebnick et al. are also weighing the case for extinction of the New World screwworm and...

...Rattus rattus, one of several non-native, giant rodents destroying life on Pacific islands.

Who gets to decide?



On Nantucket and the Vineyard, Mice Against Ticks is using CRISPR to heritably immunize white-footed mice so they no longer carry the pathogen that causes Lyme. The public chose not to use a gene drive. Instead, thousands of genetically-modified mice will be released to breed and pass on their "improved" genes.

My view is that we will, of course, change the natural world to suit human behavior, but we also ought to change human behavior to suit nature.



Really annoying, biting flies? Probably we should accommodate them.





# The Heart of the Trail

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

**Major enhancements to the Breakneck Ridge Metro-North Railroad station** will encourage train travel directly to Breakneck Ridge and other popular trailheads, rather than through the Village of Cold Spring.

**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.





Small, Good Things

A Backhanded Homage

By Joe Dizney

**G**arlic mustard season is in full swing in the Highlands and I still haven't found a disposal strategy that will make the slightest dent in the mountains of the noxious stuff (six contractor bags full this week alone) pulled from the woodland understory surrounding my humble ornamental shade garden.

Nor have I solved the recipe conundrum: Invasive weed or not, its name holds such culinary promise.

After hours of dodging shad flies and bending over to pull the perennial by its roots, to the detriment of my back, the last thing I want to do is cook — in particular, anything that includes garlic mustard.

I needed something quick, flavorful and hot, and this one-dish sheet-pan meal remembered from a G. Daniela Galarza recipe seemed like the place to start.

In the basic version, chopped lacinato kale is massaged with a light vinaigrette, which serves as a bed for sliced pears (red or white, ripe or hard — it doesn't matter). The pears roast, along with everything else, at a relatively high temperature, softening



and caramelizing, and serving as a base for sweet sausage that browns on top. It's a combination that offers all the nutrition and flavor you could expect or want in a recipe so easy.

I made a modification to accentuate the recipe's strengths: thin-sliced red onions tossed and roasted with the vinaigrette-soaked kale. The dressing is sweetened by soaking golden raisins in white wine vinegar, along with a couple of cloves of smashed garlic, which are discarded but add a subtle funk. Coarse-ground mustard adds a zippy tang and texture and, come to think of it, along with the garlic-infused vinegar is a

backhanded homage to the seasonal pest.

Drained and reserved, the raisins are scattered over the kale-onion mixture and vinaigrette is drizzled over both the pears and sausage throughout the roasting. For the last 5 minutes of cooking, a handful of chopped walnuts add a satisfying crunch. Galarza suggests shaving Parmigiano over the served plates.

Although I am partial to pork, chicken or turkey sausage with sweet Italian seasoning, or even plant-based versions (the Beyond brand has one), are acceptable substitutes, although the roasting time may need adjustment.

Pan-Roasted Sausage, Kale & Pears

Serves 3 to 4

- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 2 cloves garlic, smashed
- 3 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 6 tablespoons olive oil (plus more for the pan)
- 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 1 bunch lacinato kale, chopped, thick stems removed
- 2 pears, any variety, firm or ripe, sliced
- 1/2 red onion, sliced thin
- 1 pound sweet Italian-style sausage links (pork, chicken, plant-based)
- 1/3 cup walnut pieces, roughly chopped
- Optional: shaved Parmigiano for serving

1. In a small nonreactive bowl, combine the raisins, garlic and vinegar for 30 minutes. Discard the garlic and strain the vinegar into a measuring cup, reserving the raisins in a small bowl. Heat the oven to 400 degrees and grease a sheet pan with a little olive oil.
2. Make a vinaigrette from the reserved vinegar, olive oil and mustard. Whisk all together with a pinch of salt and healthy grind of black pepper. Toss the kale and red onion and gently massage about 1/3 cup of the dressing into the kale and onions. Add the reserved raisins and toss. Spread the kale/onion mixture evenly on the baking sheet.
3. Scatter the sliced pears over the kale and onions and drizzle a little of the vinaigrette over them. Lay the sausages on top. Drizzle all with a bit more of the vinaigrette.
4. Roast for 15 minutes. Rotate the pan and roast for another 10 minutes. Remove the pan and scatter walnuts over all. Return pan to the oven for 5 minutes (for a total cooking time of about 30 minutes). Serve warm with the remaining vinaigrette, if any, and the shaved Parmigiano cheese if using.



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## Spongy Moths (from Page 1)

"It's irritating when you walk through a cloud of them, but at that point they're not particularly problematic," said Jones. The caterpillars do not bite, but their tiny hairs can cause a reaction that feels like a bite. Jones suggests wearing long sleeves and long pants for the next few weeks, and a wide-brimmed hat.

"There's going to be caterpillar crap falling everywhere," he said. The technical term is *frass*.

The Cary Institute hosts a page at [bit.ly/cary-spongy](https://bit.ly/cary-spongy) that lists strategies for dealing with the outbreak, besides hiding indoors. Since most of the spongy egg sacs have hatched, disposing of them is a waste of time. Burning the sacs with a blowtorch is a popular method but New York State's burn ban is in effect until May 14.

To protect a tree from the caterpillars, tie a band of burlap around the trunk. The caterpillars will fall to the ground and can be swept up and placed in a bucket of hot soapy water and composted the next day. Because of the prickly hairs, Jones recommends wearing latex gloves.

Wrapping a sticky band around trunks can ensnare beneficial pollinators. There's also the microbial insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), but you need a license to apply it. Jones said anyone with that license in the state is already booked for the season.

Squashing individual caterpillars won't make much of a difference, Jones said, but



Newly hatched spongy moth caterpillars

Photo by B. Cronin

"some people gain a certain degree of satisfaction from smashing a caterpillar. I'm not going to take that pleasure away from people."

The final option is to pray for rain. Spongy moths have two natural predators: white-footed mice and the fungus *Entomophaga maimaiga*. When the outbreaks get to be as big as they are, the mice can't eat enough to make a dent. The fungus needs lots of wet, humid weather over the next six weeks without having too many days in the 80-degree range.

"It's just like growing mold in your basement," said Jones. The fungus infects the caterpillars with spores that kill them, and as the caterpillars decompose the spores spread to new hosts.

The good news is that there shouldn't be much permanent damage. There may be a lot of defoliation in the Highlands this spring and summer, as there was last year in the first season of the outbreak, but most hardwood trees will recover. Eventually, the caterpillar population will get so big that it will get stressed trying to find enough food, weakening their immune system and making them more susceptible to the fungus. That will lead to a population crash and the end of the outbreak.

Whether that happens this year or next year is unknown. For those who would like to learn more, Jones is planning a public walk at the Cary Institute on June 8 to talk about the outbreak. "It's for anyone who wants to come and have frass fall on their head," he said.

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# Bike & Roll

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## EVENTS

**MODERN MAKERS MARKET** — 60 artisans, 3 food trucks and live music in Cold Spring at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on May 4 and 5 and June 8 and 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Go to [HopsontheHudson.com](http://HopsontheHudson.com) to see who will be exhibiting, cooking and singing. Come by train and then a short walk through beautiful Cold Spring. Free admission, dog-friendly and we will be there rain or shine. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @HopsontheHudson.

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### ADULT

- 1 *Finding Margaret Fuller: A Novel* by Allison Pataki
- 2 *Funny Story: A Novel* by Emily Henry
- 3 *James: A Novel* by Percival Everett
- 4 *It Lasts Forever and Then It's Over* by Anne de Marcken
- 5 *Kappa* by Ryunosuke Akutagawa
- 6 *Table for Two: Fictions* by Amor Towles

### CHILDREN

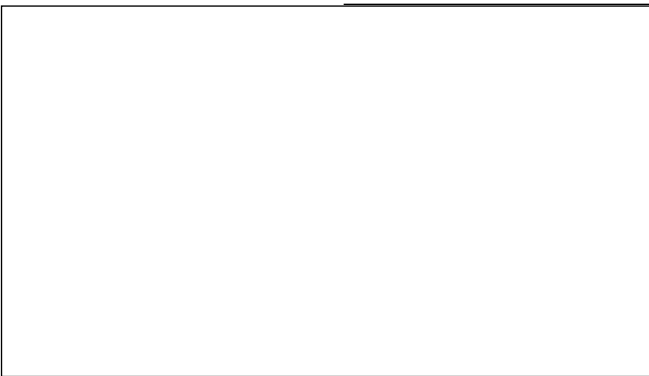
- 1 *Dog Man: The Scarlet Shedder* by Dav Pilkey
- 2 *Pretty Ugly* by David Sedaris
- 3 *Big Nate: This Means War!* by Lincoln Peirce
- 4 *Hilo Book 10: Rise of the Cat* by Judd Winick
- 5 *Waverider: A Graphic Novel (Amulet 9)* by Kazu Kibuishi
- 5 *InvestiGators: Agents of S.U.I.T. (Book 2)* by John Patrick Green

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# Bus Cameras *(from Page 1)*

Transportation. A state law authorized school districts and municipalities to begin using the cameras in 2019.

They capture and transmit footage to local authorities, who then decide whether to issue a citation, according to BusPatrol, the company that operates the systems in Dutchess, Putnam, and other New York counties.

BusPatrol funds the artificial-intelligence-powered cameras and keeps a percentage of the fines as compensation, with counties and local municipalities receiving the rest. Drivers who receive more than one violation face increasing fines.

Dutchess first offered it to school districts in 2021, and more than 750 buses now have stop-arm cameras installed, said Eoin Wrafter, the commissioner for Dutchess' Department of Planning and Development. Beacon's school district has outfitted 53 of its buses since January 2023, he said.

So far, more than 30,000 citations have been issued countywide, including over 700 to cars registered in Beacon, said Wrafter. After receiving a citation, car owners may either pay or dispute the violation with the issuing county.

In 2023, Dutchess County received \$240,000 in proceeds from the program, said Wrafter. The county has also seen a drop in illegal school bus passings, which are down 28 percent over the last year in the participating school districts, according to BusPatrol.

"Our bus drivers have seen a marked



A camera installed on a Wappingers school district bus is used by the same company partnering with Beacon and Haldane.

Photo by J. Asher

improvement in motorists obeying the state law," said Dwight Bonk, the superintendent for the Wappingers Central School District, one of eight Dutchess County districts that have opted into the program in addition to Dutchess County BOCES.

Whether Putnam, whose school districts have only had access to the cameras since April, will see the same results is to be determined, but Benante hopes to improve

safety for students. Brewster, Carmel and Mahopac have also joined the program.

Putnam just completed a "warning phase" in April, when 219 warning citations were issued in Brewster, 62 in Mahopac and 51 in Carmel, said Capt. Michael Grossi of the Putnam Sheriff's Department. BusPatrol began issuing citations with actual fines on April 28.

In the past, bus drivers have attempted to

catch violators by trying to quickly record license plates or reporting a description of the car, but "to get a license plate when someone is passing you is difficult," said Grossi. The camera system "gives us a lot of extra eyes out there," he said.

"Our bus drivers have seen a marked improvement in motorists obeying the state law."

~ Dwight Bonk  
Wappingers Superintendent

But some drivers have successfully challenged the tickets. A New York State appellate court has overturned citations issued in Suffolk County after finding that the video did not prove that the buses were properly equipped and marked, and had stopped to pick up or discharge students.

Still, the system is educating drivers who may not know they are required to stop in both directions when the flashing lights and stop-arm are displayed, said Andrew Rivera, the transportation supervisor for the Wappingers school district. Stopping is required even on a multi-lane divided road with a median, such as parts of Route 9, he said.

The video also provides evidence when buses are involved in accidents or other incidents, said Rivera.

## We agree that...

Current conditions along Route 9D from Cold Spring to Breakneck are dangerous.

Unmanaged crowds and traffic on busy weekends reduce quality of life for residents.

There aren't enough public restrooms, trash and recycling receptacles, and wayfinding signs to meet current needs.

Tourism supports local businesses.

We want to make visitors feel welcome here.

Families, teens, and seniors could benefit from a walkable, bikeable path that connects us to places we love without the need for a car.

Everyone deserves access to beautiful parkland, regardless of age or ability.

Something has to change.

## Let's keep talking...

Let's work together on real solutions.

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## HHFT expects the Fjord Trail will attract hundreds of thousands of new visitors and plans to promote weekday visitation:

“As we know, the weekends are the busiest . . . . We have just about 50% of our visitation falling on weekend days, with the other 50% spread out over the weekdays. So, since Saturday and Sunday are always the busiest, one of our strategies is going to be, how do we shift people from those peak weekend days into the weekdays?”\*

## Do we really want every day to be like a weekend?

\* ORCA Consulting presentation at Dutchess Manor, April 3, 2024.



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Puzzles

CROSSCURRENT

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- ACROSS
1. Volume-based

6. Outcome

12. Spud

13. Key in again

14. Chalkboard accessory

15. Vineyard harvest

16. Classic soda brand

17. "Excuse me ..."

19. Tolkien creature

20. First lady of scat

22. Lith., once

24. Six-pack muscles

27. *Carmen* solo

29. Staffer

32. Employer's directive

35. Hideaway

36. Couturier Christian

37. Science guru Bill

38. Small tablet

40. Iowa city

42. Top card
44. Hotel chain

46. *Casablanca* role

50. Tomorrow, in Tijuana

52. Witty retort

54. Billie Eilish hit song

55. Allow

56. Small maps

57. Indian yogurt dish
- DOWN
1. Apple center

2. Beehive State

3. Count with an orchestra

4. Mineral suffix

5. Lipstick shade

6. Incite

7. Salon jobs

8. Depot (Abbr.)

9. Father of Helios

10. Serving customers

11. Try out

12. Stock holder
18. Hispaniola resident

21. Trail the pack

23. Cutting tool

24. 100%

25. "Don't — stranger!"

26. Allowances

28. Perfume dispenser

30. Parched

31. Scrape (out)

33. Span. lady

34. Raw mineral

39. Dunkable treat

41. Egyptian peninsula

42. Both (Pref.)

43. *Misery* star James

45. Baseball legend Willie

47. Pride parade initialism

48. Actress Ward

49. "How — you?"

51. Mature

53. — jiffy

SUDOCURRENT

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WORDLADDER

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

PEDAL

MEDIC

MICRO  
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS
1. "¿\_\_\_\_\_ español?"

6. "Over the Rainbow" composer Harold

7. Move hastily

8. "It's \_\_\_\_\_ deal!" ("That's that!")

9. Lacking in passion
- DOWN
1. Rips into

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Triomphe (Paris landmark)

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3. Soft baseball hit

4. Téa of Spanglish

5. Coughed (up)

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## Sports

# VARSITY ROUNDUP

### HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

**BOYS' LACROSSE** — On May 2 the Blue Devils faced a familiar foe, the Briarcliff Bears, who beat Haldane in the Class D semifinal last year. This time, however, it was Haldane that came out ahead with a 9-5 win. The Blue Devils took a 4-0 lead after the first quarter, but the goals stopped coming and by the end of the third it was 5-3. Senior Frankie DiGilio scored two straight goals in the fourth quarter, giving Haldane a 7-3 lead, before the Bears scored two of their own in 19 seconds to cut the deficit again. In the last minute the Blue Devils scored two more times to take the 9-5 win.

Back at home on Monday (May 6), Haldane picked up its third straight win, defeating the Clarkstown South Vikings, 9-7. Senior goalie Jordon Hankel had 11 saves, while Liam Gaugler, Fallou Faye and Ryan Van Tassel had two goals each. On Wednesday, the Blue Devils honored their 12 seniors — DiGilio, Hankel, Gaugler, Van Tassel, Michael Murray, Erik Stubblefield, Luca DiLello, PJ Ruggiero, Evan Giachinta, Jesse Tippet, Dylan Rucker and Jack Hartman — but lost a thriller to the Westlake Wildcats, 9-7.

With 2:03 left in the third quarter, the Blue Devils were down 6-2 after Westlake scored four in a row. Then, in the final 1:36 of the quarter, the Blue Devils scored three straight of their own to cut the lead to one. Twenty-nine seconds into the fourth quarter, DiGilio scored to tie the game, but the Wildcats pulled ahead to take the victory.

Haldane has two more regular season games. On Monday (May 13) the Blue Devils travel to North Salem, and they host Yonkers at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

**GIRLS' LACROSSE** — The Blue Devils notched a 15-11 win on the road on May 3 against Keio Academy. But in their second game in two days, they suffered a tough home defeat, 17-4, on May 4 against Brewster. Haldane then won a thriller on Tuesday (May 7) at James I. O'Neill, 19-17. The team played its last game of the regular season on Thursday against Rye Neck at 4:45 p.m.

**BASEBALL** — Haldane couldn't score in the bottom of the seventh inning with the bases loaded, one out and the score tied 5-5 on May 3 against Pawling. The game then went to extra innings, with Pawling scoring four in the top of the eighth to win, 9-5. The two teams faced off again when the Blue Devils traveled to Pawling on Tuesday (May 7). The Blue Devils lost 5-1 and then on Wednesday



Haldane's Elaina Johanson eyes the net on May 4 against Brewster. Photo by Skip Pearlman

dropped another game, 11-5, to the North Salem Tigers.

On Thursday the Blue Devils played the Westlake Wildcats on the road. After that they have only two more regular season games: May 13 against Irvington and the next day against Alexander Hamilton.

**SOFTBALL** — After losing to Haldane earlier in the week, 10-7, the Croton-Harmon Tigers got their revenge on their home field, winning 13-1 over the Blue Devils on May 2. On May 3, Haldane lost 8-6 on the road against Putnam Valley. Sophia Taylor went 3-for-4 with an RBI; Allegra Clementson was 2-for-4 with two runs scored; Gabby Perilli went 2-for-5 with an RBI; and Callie Sniffen had two hits, including her eighth home run of the season.

Haldane bounced back with a thunderous 19-7 win on Monday (May 6) over Blind Brook. Sniffen delivered again, hitting her ninth home run to go with 4 RBIs and two runs scored. Eighth grader Sophia Taylor got the win for the Blue Devils.

The team extended its winning streak to two, defeating the Leffell Lions 13-6 on Tuesday. Clementson pitched well, striking out eight while going 2-for-4 at the plate with an RBI. Despite two big wins in a row, Haldane suffered a 15-0 defeat in five innings against Edgemont on Wednesday.

The Blue Devils' last game of the regular season was Thursday at home against the North Salem Tigers.

**TRACK AND FIELD** — The Blue Devils competed in the Crusader Relays on May 3 at Monroe-Woodbury. Jake Thomas finished

21st in the shot put with a distance of 35-11, a personal record for him. Owen Powers finished 11th in the boys' 3,200-meter run with a time of 10:03. Jack Illian was 13th with a time of 10:07 in the same event. Ashley Sousa took 21st in the girls' 1,500-meter run with a 5:37 time. Haldane's next meet will be tomorrow (May 11) at Middletown.

### BEACON

By Nick Robbins

**BASEBALL** — The Bulldogs are now 12-6 after splitting four games this week, including an 11-9 loss, fell to Newburgh on May 2. Derrick Heaton was 4-for-5, with a double, triple and 2 RBIs, while Jackson Atwell and Zach Schetter each drove in a pair.

Beacon then knocked off previously undefeated and No. 4-ranked Wallkill, 5-1, on Monday (May 6). Wallkill's starting pitcher, Kyle DeGroat, who has committed to play at the University of Texas, took his first loss in two years courtesy of the Bulldogs, who put on a show in front of the two dozen Major League scouts there to see DeGroat. Mikey Fontaine threw a complete game with five strikeouts and drove in a run.

The Bulldogs followed that up with an 18-1 beatdown of Liberty on Tuesday that saw Atwell go 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs and Fontaine 2-for-5 with 4 RBIs. However, the club struggled against Port Jervis on Wednesday, losing 6-3. The Bulldogs played Red Hook on Thursday, and on May 16 will take on Cornwall while awaiting a playoff opponent.

**SOFTBALL** — Beacon went 1-3 on the week, falling 17-0 to Spackenkill on May 4, losing 8-5 to New Paltz on Monday (May 6) and losing to Port Jervis, 7-0, on Wednesday. In between, the team beat Liberty, 21-4, on Tuesday in a win that should send them to the playoffs. They play three more non-league games to wrap up the season before postseason play: Goshen on Monday (May 13), Sullivan West on Tuesday and Washingtonville on Wednesday.

**TRACK AND FIELD** — Competing in the Race at the Oval Office at Staatsburg on May 4, Beacon dominated in the field portion of competition. Damani DeLoatch and Jaiden Rivera placed first in their respective groups for the triple jump, with DeLoatch winning at 46-5 and Rivera at 38-9. DeLoatch also placed fourth in the long jump at 19-11. Jayden Mihalchik took second in the pole vault at 10-0, third in discus at 100-6 and fourth in the shot put at 35-7.25. Noah Spiak was second in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:01.51 while the sprint medley relay team placed second at 3:41.83.

For the girls, Anajah Lamb was third in the pole vault at 6-0, Isabella Migliore placed fifth in the 800-meter run at 2:30.19 and the sprint medley relay took third place at 4:43.36. Beacon competed at the Glenn Loucks Games in White Plains on Thursday and will be at the Middletown Invitational tomorrow (May 11).

**GOLF** — The Beacon boys are now 5-8 on the season after going 4-2 in matches this week. They beat Burke, 237-248, on May 2 and then took down Burke again on Monday (May 6), 201-207. The Bulldogs also defeated Port Jervis, 201-229, and James I. O'Neill, 201-244, during multi-match play on Monday, but fell to Goshen, 201-174. On Tuesday, they lost to Cornwall, 226-220. The boys battled O'Neill on Thursday and hope to have golfers compete in the playoffs.

The girls improved to 9-7 after defeating Cornwall, 242-247, on May 2 and Ellenville, 163-176, on Tuesday (May 7). They took on Pine Plains on Wednesday and Minisink Valley on Thursday, and will face Lourdes (May 13) and John Jay (May 14) to wrap up the season.

**TENNIS** — Turning their season around after a slow start, the Beacon tennis team now sports a 7-6 record off the back of three straight wins. The Bulldogs knocked off Warwick twice, 4-3 and 6-1, on May 2 and then defeated Minisink Valley 5-2 on Monday (May 6). The streak ended with a 3-4 loss against Valley Central on Tuesday. They closed out the regular season on Wednesday by sweeping Monticello/Liberty, 7-0, 7-0, and now await a playoff opponent.