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BEACON PROTEST — Hundreds of residents lined Main Street near its intersection with Route 9D on April 5 as part of the Hands Off! National Day of Action to protest the policies of the administration of President Donald Trump. For more photos, see Page 5. Photo by Ross Corsair

Gateway Project Faces Pushback

Apartments, retail proposed for Beekman Street in Beacon

By Jeff Simms

In some ways, a public hearing held Tuesday (April 8) on a proposal to construct two 4-story buildings with 64 apartments along Beekman Street at Route 9D in Beacon resembled a revolving door.

One by one, residents opposed to the 45 Beekman St. project registered complaints with the Planning Board, which has been reviewing the application since December 2023. As the speakers finished, Taylor Palmer, the applicant's attorney, approached the podium to challenge the complaints.

In addition to one- and two-bedroom apartments, the project at one of the gateways to Beacon (Interstate 84 is a few blocks away) is set to include 15,000 square feet of commercial space. Renderings show brick buildings with metal trim, although metal components may not be allowed in the city's linkage district, which connects the waterfront and Main Street. The building inspector will make a determination.

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A rendering shared with the Planning Board shows two buildings proposed for Beekman Street at Route 9D.

Beacon Schools to Ask for 5.09% Levy Increase

Administration promotes benefits for students, teachers

By Jeff Simms

Beacon school board members will vote April 22 on the district's 2025-26 budget proposal, which includes \$87.7 million

in spending and a 5.09 percent tax levy increase, just under the maximum allowed under a complicated state formula.

The board will hold a public hearing during its May 6 meeting, and district voters will be asked to approve the plan on May 20.

With the levy increase, the district could collect about \$50 million in property taxes.

The remainder of its revenue comes mostly from state and federal aid. Although state legislators had not approved a budget as of Thursday (April 10), Beacon is expected to receive about \$31.5 million from Albany, including \$21.7 in unrestricted foundation aid, a 2 percent increase.

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Glynwood Launches Farm Aid

Program spurred by federal cuts

By Leonard Sparks

Hudson Valley farmers reeling from cuts and freezes to federal funding will get some help from one of their own as the growing season gets underway.

On Tuesday (April 8), the Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming in Philipstown announced it is accepting

applications for private aid designed to buoy operations as the U.S. Department of Agriculture cancels grants, produce purchases for food pantries and schools and funding for other farming initiatives.

Describing its Hudson Valley Farm Relief Fund as a "time-limited emergency response," Glynwood hopes to raise as much as \$1.5 million to distribute to farmers in Dutchess, Putnam and nine other counties who have lost funding from nearly 20 federal programs.

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Cold Spring Finalizes Budget

Mayor: 'Costs are skyrocketing'

By Michael Turton

Following a public hearing on Wednesday (April 9), the Cold Spring Village Board is poised to adopt a budget for 2025-26 that will include \$3.66 million in general fund spending, which covers services such as police, garbage collection, road and sidewalk maintenance and Village Hall operations.

The tax levy will increase by 2.7 percent, the maximum allowed for the village for 2025-26 under a complicated state formula. The total levy will increase by \$52,101, to about \$1.98 million. The rate per \$1,000 of assessed value will increase by 10 cents, to \$12.25.

"Costs in every sector are skyrocketing and it's the same for every household and business in the village," said Mayor Kathleen Foley. "We shaped the budget carefully."

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5 FIVE QUESTIONS: NADIA AZIZI

By Brian PJ Cronin

Nadia Azizi, who lives in Beacon, is the outreach and events coordinator for the Hudson Highlands Land Trust. She leads volunteers who carry amphibians across busy roads on rainy nights to reach wetlands to mate.

Do the migrations change from year to year?

Yes. Last year we saw movement in late February and it continued into the first week of May. We had a real winter this year and, with those chillier nights, rainfall becomes less predictable. We have 27 volunteers, and they'll be geared up and ready to go and the rain in the forecast doesn't come. You have to be flexible and play the long game. So far this year we've saved over 600 amphibians. We're expecting more rainfall later this week but because it's been chillier, the migrations have been slowing.

When conditions are right, it's known as a "big night." What are the conditions?

You want consistent rainfall though a couple days of warmer nights above 40 degrees, and then a warm, rainy night. It doesn't matter if it's windy or stormy, there will still be crossings.



It's dark and raining, and you're in the middle of the road scooping up frogs while cars drive toward you. Why do it?

Amphibians are biological indicators. They tell you about an ecosystem's health. And whether we're looking at vernal pools [wetlands that appear in the spring but evaporate] or wetlands, they're valuable habitats for wildlife. They have lots of benefits, especially regarding climate change.

Two summers ago, we experienced heavy rainfall that caused flooding. Healthy wetlands and vernal pools collect stormwater and prevent it from overflowing into roadways and homes. When wetlands get paved over, it's destructive to wildlife and human habitats. There are thousands of vernal pools in New York and a strong concentration of them are in the Hudson Valley. When we collect data during these migrations, it gives the state DEC [Department of Environmental Conservation] a good idea where these pools are, how they're doing and what protections they need.

How did you end up at the land trust?

My background is in food business management. I attended the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park and worked at Marbled Meat Shop in Philipstown for two years. I got to know the former board chair of HHLT, who introduced me to the executive director, Katrina Shindledecker, and the opportunity presented itself: They



were looking for an executive assistant and a volunteer coordinator, and I was ready to shift career paths and move into the nonprofit world.

How can people help with crossings?

We're just a hub of a much larger project. I recommend visiting the DEC website, which has a page about local road crossings [see dub.sh/big-night]. We have volunteers this year coming from lower Westchester County, which is quite a hike. We welcome anyone who wants to help, but you shouldn't have to travel far. The website also has resources if you want to help on your own, without being part of a group.

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ON THE SPOT

By Michael Turton

What's your favorite way to have toast?

“Multigrain bread, just slathered with butter.”



John Pieza, Cold Spring

“Potato bread, toasted medium, with strawberry jam and cream cheese.”



Miranda Lora, Beacon

“Sourdough bread, with duck liver and fig marmalade.”



Urban Karlsson, Cold Spring

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NEWS BRIEFS

Breakneck Tunnel Work Resumes*Drivers can expect lane closures, delays*

Construction on the Breakneck Tunnel will resume on Monday (April 14) after being paused over the winter, according to the state Department of Transportation.

Drivers can expect daily lane closures and, beginning on Thursday, the closure of the southbound lane, according to DOT. When that lane reopens in June, the northbound lane will be closed. The project will continue through September.

In addition to upgrading lighting, the DOT is resurfacing the road, replacing the catwalk on the west side of the tunnel with a shoulder, repairing the tunnel liner and the masonry at the entrances, and widening the shoulder between the Breakneck and Brook trailheads.

Utility Payout Nears for Highlands Residents*Checks to be mailed starting April 18*

Beacon, Cold Spring and Philipstown residents who lost electricity supplied at a fixed rate when a supplier reneged on a contract will begin receiving compensation checks this month.

Joule Assets, which administered Hudson Valley Community Power on behalf of residents in 10 municipalities, said residents and small businesses enrolled in its

contract with Columbia Utilities as of July 18, 2022, will receive about \$50. Checks will be mailed beginning April 18.

The amount will depend on the number of eligible residents, said Joule, adding that the checks must be cashed by July 17 and will likely refer to the name of the lawsuit: Town of Saugerties et al v. Columbia Utilities Power LLC.

On Dec. 5, a state judge approved a \$1.5 million settlement with Columbia, which had agreed to sell renewable energy at 6.6 cents per kilowatt-hour for residences and 7.1 cents for small businesses under HVCP, a community choice aggregation plan.

In April 2022, Columbia notified the Public Service Commission, the state's utility regulator, that it intended to transfer CCA customers back to Central Hudson.

Putnam Hospital to Join Northwell*Connecticut approves NuVance merger*

The State of Connecticut on Tuesday (April 8) approved an agreement transforming the Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie and five other hospitals owned by NuVance Health into affiliates of Northwell Health, which promised to invest at least \$1 billion.

Despite \$1 billion in annual revenues, NuVance lost \$220 million during the two most recent fiscal years before its May

2024 application to merge with Northwell. It was projected to lose nearly \$150 million in 2024. Putnam Hospital lost \$32.5 million for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2023, and Vassar Brothers, \$40 million.

Sheriff Receives \$9K for Seized Guns*Vermont firm destroyed over 300 weapons*

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office received \$9,000 from a Vermont company that destroyed 307 weapons confiscated from crime suspects and people required to relinquish weapons because of protective orders.

State law requires police agencies to destroy weapons in their possession for more than a year, Sheriff Kevin McConville told the Legislature's Protective Services Committee on Tuesday (April 8). The Sheriff's Office used Century Arms, which melts the frames and receivers but salvages parts for resale.

"We still have more that will eventually be destroyed," said McConville, who received approval to allocate the proceeds to training and technology.

New Candidate in District 17*Democrat from Westchester declares for race*

A lawyer and former TV journalist launched a campaign on Wednesday (April 9) to unseat Republican Rep. Mike Lawler representing New York's District 17

in Congress, which includes Philipstown.

"If we are going to build a new House from the wreckage of Donald Trump and Mike Lawler, we're not going to do it with a 1990s political playbook," said Mike Sacks, a Democrat who lives in Croton-on-Hudson, in a statement. "Democrats need a candidate with vision who is willing to be bold, throw some punches and speak the truth to voters: It's time to unf*ck our country."

Sacks spent 15 years covering the U.S. Supreme Court for *The Huffington Post* and as a television political reporter. A single father of two boys, he holds a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a law degree from Georgetown.

Putnam to Collect Household Hazardous Waste*Event scheduled for April 26 at Fahnestock*

Putnam County will hold an event on April 26 on Route 301 in Kent to collect household hazardous waste for disposal.

The collection will take place at the Canopus Beach parking lot in Fahnestock State Park, 1570 Route 301.

The drop-off is open only to Putnam County residents, and registration is required at putnamcountyny.com/health/recycle, which also has a list of acceptable items.

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LETTERS AND COMMENTS

Putnam meeting

I hope that many people have or will watch the replay of the April 1 meeting of the Putnam County Legislature ("Putnam OKs Lower Sales Tax," April 4). The disrespect for constituents that certain legislators displayed was remarkable and would never happen in Philipstown. We are fortunate to have a legislator, Nancy Montgomery, who is connected to us and fights for us on every occasion, as she did most effectively at this meeting. Thank you, Nancy. We are also fortunate to have local leaders who listen to and respect the collective voice of constituents and work well with the representatives of our neighboring municipalities, the county and state.

The Carmel courthouse gallery was full of citizens from every town and village who had come to express their support for two critical issues. First, that farming is an important element of the local economy and, second, that the county should share a portion of the sales-tax surplus so that their town or village would have a source of revenue for critical infrastructure.

The Legislature shut the public down on both issues, choosing to deny the extension of the deadline to submit applications by farms to be included in the Agricultural District and shutting down the tax-sharing idea by voting to reduce the sales tax.

Three nights later, when Philipstown Supervisor John Van Tassel began his description of the Legislature meeting at a Town Board meeting, it seemed clear he was stunned by the outcome. John went on to eloquently restate the case for representative government, particularly at the local level. His comments about leaders needing

to pay close attention to their constituents came through loud and clear.

Many of us have come to Town Hall in support of or in opposition to an important local issue. Citizens are always given the opportunity to be seen or heard. Turning up in person, even if you can't or don't choose to speak, means something in our town. We are fortunate to enjoy a high level of representative government in Philipstown and should be aware that this is not the case for all the other towns and villages in Putnam County.

Nat Prentice, *Garrison*

'Most effective'

It's exciting to see that Rep. Mike Lawler, whose district includes Philipstown, is one of the most effective members of Congress in passing bills into law ("Lawler Among 'Most Effective,'" April 4). As Congress negotiates the new tax code, I urge him to be just as effective in ensuring the clean energy tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act are protected.

These credits help individuals in the Hudson Valley save money through adding solar in their house, getting off expensive fuel oil to heat pumps, or switching to driving electric and saving on the high price of gasoline. They also allow our schools and houses of worship to take advantage of these rebates, even if they don't pay taxes, through its innovative direct-pay provision.

At a time when energy affordability is paramount, I hope Rep. Lawler will keep using his effectiveness in Congress to protect these programs for his constituents in the Hudson Valley.

Sean Dague, *LaGrange*

Publishing press releases from elected officials is poor journalism and runs afoul of your stated journalistic standards.

Peter Davis, *via Facebook*

The editor responds: We don't publish press releases, although it is not surprising that Lawler issued one.

I cannot conceive of representation less effective than that of a legislator who sits idly by while the administration he unreservedly supports undermines our democracy, seeks unchecked, extortionate power, lays waste to the rule of law and our standing in the world, eliminates government commitments and entitlements needed by his constituents and plunges the economy and his constituents' life savings into ruin.

Robert Culp, *via Facebook*

Highlands Reserve

"Conservation subdivision" ("Hudson Highlands Reserve Gets Final Approval," April 4)? Who came up with that double-speak?

Mary Kate Pendergast, *Beacon*

Beacon firehouse

It's B.S. from corrupt politicians ("Beacon Engine Case Dismissed," April 4). When the firehouse needed major repairs, the city sure was fast to say the Beacon Engine Co. owned it. If this deed exists, why is it not public? Put it out for everyone to see because I don't buy this story.

Patrick O'Dell, *via Instagram*

The editor responds: We have posted the documents submitted by the city to the court with the story at highlandscurrent.org.





Photo by Jeff Simms



Photo by Dre Granero



Photo by Gary Ditlow

HANDS OFF

Hundreds of residents lined Main Street in Beacon near the intersection with Route 9D on April 5 to protest the policies of the administration of President Donald Trump. The rally was one of an estimated 1,400 that took place as part of a Hands Off! National Day of Action promoted by 150 civil rights, labor, LGBTQ+, veteran and elections groups.



Photo by Ross Corsair



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Price at the Pump

United States				
Current	3	2	3	5/10
Month ago	3	0	8	9/10
Year ago	3	6	0	8/10
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Current	3	1	3	2/10
Month ago	3	1	3	9/10
Year ago	3	4	6	8/10
Local				
Current	3	1	3	5/10
Month ago	3	1	5	0/10
Year ago	3	5	0	0/10

Source: gasprices.aaa.com, as of April 9.
Prices are average per gallon for regular.

Beacon Planning *(from Page 1)*

Streetscape elements would include benches, bicycle racks and a public area at the 9D intersection with sculptures and seating. A parking lot behind the buildings would sit close to the backyards of a half-dozen properties on High Street and Tompkins Avenue.

Some neighbors feel the proposal is out of scale with its surroundings and will detract from the 12 multicolored Victorian homes on High Street, part of Beacon’s protected historic district. They also say trees the developer intends to plant at the site will not adequately screen their views.

Project officials contend that the linkage zone is meant for high-density, mixed-use development and say the proposal is in line with nearby developments such as The View and West End Lofts, and civic buildings such as City Hall and the recently completed central fire station.

However, “the fire station requires multiple vehicles exceeding 25 feet and weighing 12 tons to park inside,” said Jim Zellinger, a West Church Street resident, on Tuesday. “Showing these buildings as comparable only demonstrates the oversized scale of the proposal.”

Palmer countered, saying the linkage district was created to encourage residential development that will support Main Street businesses. “The comprehensive plan and its [2017] update explicitly call for this type of mixed-use development along Beekman Street,” he said.



A rendering of the proposed addition (center) adjacent to the Telephone Building at 291 Main St.

Palmer shared a letter from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) indicating the agency did not believe the project would adversely affect the High Street-to-Tompkins Avenue neighborhood, which the agency said is eligible for the state and national Registers of Historic Places.

OPRHP conditioned its statement on the developer submitting a “construction protection plan” for historical resources within 90 feet and revising the rooftop design of the building closest to High Street.

Later in the hearing, Maryellen Case, a High Street resident, disputed the finding, even with its caveats. Case said she had called the state official who wrote the letter, and “she explained that the office is inundated with these types of evaluations. She also didn’t realize that there was any public opposition, particularly from High Street residents.”

Jill Reynolds, a former Planning Board member, also spoke, noting that the board’s review of the application is likely nearing its end. “I don’t know how you can stop that ocean liner before it hits the iceberg,” she said. “I just want to keep Beacon from becoming downtown White Plains.”

The project has been on the agenda for 14 meetings, Palmer said, and issues raised Tuesday “are important, but they’re comments that the board considered throughout the review process.”

The Planning Board typically holds public hearings on multiple elements of a project, such as environmental impacts or for site-plan approval, although speakers rarely distinguish their comments. It will continue the hearing on 45 Beekman next month while opening another on the subdivision of parcels at the site. “There’s still work to do here,” said board Chair John Gunn.

291 Main St.

Architect Aryeh Siegel presented the Planning Board on Tuesday with four design options for a proposal to construct an addition adjacent to the Telephone Building at 291 Main St.

The plans featured combinations of a flat or gable roof and brick or wood siding on the addition, which would fill the space between the two-story Telephone Building, built in 1907, and a car wash next door. In one option, parking bays planned behind the existing building would be separated by

columns. Each design showed the addition shorter than the Telephone Building on Main Street but with a set-back third story forming an “L” behind the main structure.

The addition, initially planned to include four apartments, would have commercial space on the ground floor and three apartments on the second and third floors.

The applicant has made significant efforts to “make the addition work with a historic building,” Siegel said. “Given the options, we’d like it if we could get some direction to work with.”

Board Member Kevin Byrne, who was critical of the proposal when it was introduced in November, said he felt the site plan made no sense. “One of the things we are required to do is to maintain the historic integrity of Main Street,” he said. “Moving forward on this without a radical change — in my opinion, it’s wasting everybody’s time.”

During a brief public hearing, a resident, Scott Lerman, said the applicant seemed to be “trying to shoehorn something where it can’t go, where it shouldn’t go.” He asked the board to “please say no to this,” leading Gunn, the board chair, to explain that it cannot arbitrarily vote a project down.

Board Attorney Jennifer Gray clarified: There are standards, such as for design, in the city zoning code, “and that’s where your ability to say yes or no to an application lies. If you say no, it has to be based on those standards.”

The hearing will continue next month.

Prophecy Hall

The Planning Board held and closed a short public hearing Tuesday on Prophecy Hall’s request to amend its 2023 approval for the redevelopment of the former Reformed Church of Beacon on Wolcott Avenue.

Originally envisioned as a hotel, cafe and event center, the development group said in December that it plans to open a 150-seat restaurant instead of the event venue. The 30-room hotel planned for the parsonage at the site will be downsized to 14 rooms.

The facility would offer brunch and dinner to the public and breakfast and snacks to hotel guests, with hours from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Thirty-six on-site parking spaces will be shared between the restaurant and hotel. Board members are expected to vote on the amendment next month.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13 – Palm Sunday
8:00 am - spoken Eucharist
10:00 am - Eucharist with music,
Both with liturgy of the palms

April 15 & 17 – Noonday Prayer
12:00 pm - Zoom

April 16 – Compline
7:00 pm

April 17 – Maundy Thursday
5:30 pm - Simple Potluck Supper, Parish House
7:00 pm - Eucharist with music and footwashing

April 18 – Good Friday
12:00 pm - Ecumenical Liturgy,
St. Mary’s in the Highlands, Cold Spring
4:00 pm - Children’s Service
7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross at Graymoor

April 20 – Easter Sunday
7:00 am - spoken Sunrise Vigil
with Eucharist followed by breakfast
10:00 am - Festival Eucharist followed by
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Philipstown Town Board to Study Short-Term Rentals

Also, council member protests Trump policies

By Leonard Sparks

The Philipstown Town Board agreed on April 3 to form a committee to draft a permitting system and operating standards for short-term rentals such as those booked through Airbnb and Vrbo.

The regulations would apply outside of Cold Spring, which approved its own code in 2021 that has yet to be enforced. The Village Board is revising the rules, saying they would have been too cumbersome.

Philipstown discussed restrictions as recently as 2022, when residents complained at a Town Hall workshop about a long-running rental in Garrison. On April 3, Van Tassel also referenced a recent fire at an Airbnb in Dutchess County that killed a Cape Cod woman and her infant daughter. According to prosecutors, the rental in Salt Point did not have smoke detectors, although the listing said it did, and the hosts did not have a town permit for short-term rentals.

Pledge protest

Council Member Jason Angell remained seated during the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of the meeting. He said he was protesting actions by the administration of President Donald Trump that he considers unconstitutional.

Reading a 2½-minute statement after the pledge, Angell said he “didn’t recognize my country” when masked immigration agents arrested Rumeysa Öztürk, a Tufts University student from Turkey, on March 25. Öztürk is accused of violating her student visa. The administration has not provided a reason for the detention, but she co-authored an opinion piece in the student newspaper demanding that Tufts “acknowledge the Palestinian genocide” and divest from companies with ties to Israel.

Angell also cited the Trump administration’s decisions to cut funding and programs approved by Congress. Those decisions are being challenged in lawsuits.

“When an elected official takes office, they take an oath to uphold the Constitution,” said Angell. “What happens if a person believes their federal government is violating the Constitution? Should they pledge allegiance to their government or to upholding the Constitution?”

Van Tassel said he agreed with much of what Angell said, but not with sitting during the Pledge of Allegiance. “But I appreciate your courage,” he said. Angell, whose term ends Dec. 31, is not running for re-election.

Town justice to resign

The town approved a letter of intent to appoint Cold Spring attorney Luke Hilpert to replace Camille Linson, who plans to resign from her town justice seat in June, according to Van Tassel.

Linson ran unopposed on the Democratic

and Conservative lines in winning a third, 4-year term in November. She joined the court after defeating Hilpert in a Democratic primary in 2016 and Republican Faye Thorpe in the general election. She ran unopposed in 2020.

Both Linson and Philipstown’s other justice, Angela Thompson-Tinsley, recommended Hilpert to fill the vacancy until the November election. Under state law, the winner will serve for a full term, rather than the 3½ years remaining in Linson’s term, according to town attorney Steve Gaba.

Oil moratorium

The board scheduled a May 1 public hearing on a law that would extend for another six months a moratorium on projects with oil tanks exceeding 10,000 gallons.

Philipstown enacted the moratorium in December 2023 to give an advisory committee time to revise zoning regulations that allow tanks with a capacity of up to 399,999 gallons. Allowing tanks that large puts drinking-water sources like the Clove Creek Aquifer at risk from leaks, spills and damage from natural disasters or extreme weather, according to the town.

While the draft law allows for two more six-month extensions, the committee is expected to finalize its recommendations soon, said Gaba.

Depot Theatre

A site near the water tower at the Recreation Department’s property off Route 9D is still the optimal location for a facility the Philipstown Depot Theatre initially proposed for a town-owned parcel off Route 403, said Council Member Judy Farrell.

The Depot wants to consolidate “scattered operations,” including costumes and prop storage, set construction, rehearsals and theater classes for high school students, board President Stephen Ives said in December.

The costumes are “wedged into a room” at the Recreation Center; props are kept in “moldy, mildew-infested” outdoor containers; and the scene shop is “jammed into a garage” at Winter Hill, he said. Larger props are stored at the town dump on Lane Gate Road.



Easter Egg Hunt

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Sunday, April 13
11:00am

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Wednesday, April 16-Sunday, April 20
*Join the Friars for all or part of this retreat.
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Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17
7:00pm

Station of the Cross

Friday, April 18
8:00pm
*Outdoors by torchlight, weather permitting,
or indoors at OLA Chapel.*

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19
8:00pm
Begins with blessing of the new fire.

Easter Sunrise Service

Sunday, April 20
6:44am (please arrive 6:30am)
*Outdoors weather permitting;
or indoors at St. Francis Chapel.*

Easter Sunday Mass

Sunday April 20
11:00am



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DRESSED FOR THE HEAT

By Michael Turton

The big-ticket item at any firehouse — the one that attracts the most onlookers — is a shiny new firetruck. The most recent purchase by the Cold Spring Fire Co. cost nearly \$1 million.

While not as flashy, firefighters’ gear and equipment is also pricey, from \$450 helmets and \$700 boots to \$5,000 thermal imaging cameras to identify hot spots behind walls and doors.

Unlike the North Highlands and Garrison volunteer fire departments, which are fire districts, Cold Spring does not tax residents directly for its services. Instead, three municipalities contribute annually to operating expenses. Most recently, that amounted to \$143,126, divided between Cold Spring (52 percent), Philipstown (29.5 percent) and Nelsonville (18.5 percent).

That isn’t enough to cover equipment, so the fire company has a long history of purchasing its own. “New equipment is about \$50,000 a year, and we save to purchase a new truck every 20 years or so,” said Chief Matt Steltz.

A campaign is underway to raise \$40,000 for equipment, including handheld radios required as part of a recent upgrade to

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- Structure Fire Gloves \$200
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- Bailout Kit and Harness \$1,000
- Bunker Pants \$400
- Boots \$700
- Total: \$29,310
- Not shown: Extrication Gloves \$115 / Pager \$500
- Jacket \$400
- Flashlight \$135
- Handheld Radio \$8,000
- Mask \$400
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- Irons \$350

Putnam County’s emergency communications system, said Charlotte Brooks, the firefighter who is chairing the drive.

The company has 30 active firefighters, including 17 trained to go inside burning structures. Steltz said while CSFC has seen more new members, including more

women, it comes at a cost because they all must be outfitted. “The basic gear is about \$6,000,” he said. “On top of that, gear has to be replaced every 10 years.”

He said the company takes pride in its 129-year history. “We’ve been here since 1896 and we’re one of the best in Putnam

County,” he said. “We had 200-plus calls last year and when we show up it’s with a full set of trained, professional firefighters. For \$143,000, that’s unbelievable.”

Brooks said a fundraising letter will be sent to residents soon, and donations also can be made at coldspringfireco.org.

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AROUND TOWN



◀ **ART TO MUSIC** — As part of his series at the Butterfield library in Cold Spring, pianist Daniel Kelly blends music with the arts. On April 2, while he improvised, Ireena Gurvich and nine participants drew along. After each movement, Kelly and Gurvich would explore what they found in each person's artwork. The next session is April 30 with flutist Jane Rigler. *Photos by Ross Corsair*



◀ **MUSICAL INVENTION** — Rob Flax's Boom Chick Trio, with Flax (fiddle, mandolin), Stava Tolstoy (acoustic guitar) and Eric Heveron-Smith (upright bass), performed on April 5 at the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley. "I play with strings, I hit stuff and I sing," said Flax.

▲ **SECRET GARDEN** — Under the direction of teachers Jenna Isabella and Rebecca Masback, Haldane middle school students performed *The Secret Garden* on April 5 and 6, based on the 1911 children's novel. Damian McDonald provided technical support, junior Lenny Chandler created the set concept and sophomore Alex Arcigal painted the prop portrait of Lily Craven. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

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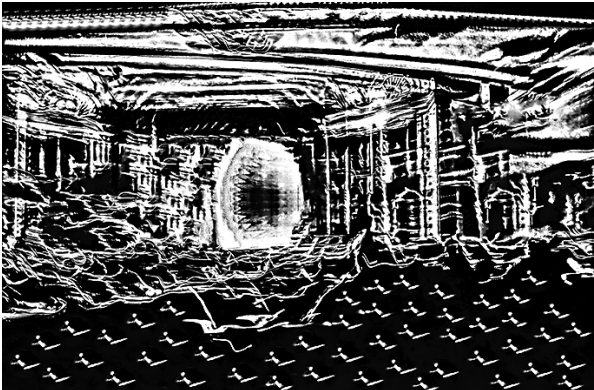


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The Calendar



"Unseen"



"Manuscript"



William Loeb

Photo by M. Ferris

Finding the Edges of Digital Art

Photographer ‘can’t leave the material alone’

By Marc Ferris

Sometimes it’s difficult to believe that William Loeb’s experimental photos began inside a camera. His black-and-white print “Manuscript,” which looks hand-drawn, zooms in on a microscopic section of a chandelier’s reflection on a Grand Central Station window.

Loeb does manipulate his shots with shading, cropping and “deciding what slice of the world the camera is focused on to create what’s inside the frame,” he says. “I take it to an extreme, so maybe it’s not exactly photography. It could be something else.”

At first glance, a shot of the Churchill Downs racetrack in his home state of Kentucky seems like a nightfall crowd scene, but the ominous sky is disproportionately huge.

“I can’t leave the material alone because it never captures the thing that I want,” he says. “I only know what I want after tinkering with it for hours.”

Prominent photos hanging in his house include a colorization of the iconic coin-operated binocular found at tourist locations and a street scene. But several enigmatic works feature white markings against black backgrounds.

Loeb, who arrived in Beacon more than a year ago after splitting time between

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"Gaslight"



"Age"



"Shall We Gather by the River" (2023)

The Shape of Things

Beacon artist casts about for meaning

By Marc Ferris

After moving from Brooklyn to Beacon in 2016, Elizabeth Mihaltse Lindy experienced crippling pain that shot down her legs, forcing her to stand on the train to New York City and back. Family issues and losses also hit hard and COVID-19 provided an additional test of fortitude.

Yet she finished her MFA at Lesley University in 2022 and, so far, post-surgery life has been mostly pain-free. But the experiences altered her artistic approach. Once primarily a fine-art painter, she will debut her newfound outlook at her first solo exhibition, *An Offering of Gravity and Grace*, which opens from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday (April 12) at Super Secret Projects in Beacon.

In Lindy’s work, which is infused with gravitas, symbolism and ritualism, she dips pliant sheets of mulberry paper in the Hudson River and wraps them around her body, especially her torso and legs, letting them dry for an hour or so, like a soft cast. People often compare the texture to cotton candy. She hangs the cocoon-like pods on the wall and photographs them in the wild, printing in black and white.

The show includes a video that documents part of the process-driven work and another that depicts a calming, mesmerizing scene of the undulating river. One sculpture on a pedestal features a 6-foot sheet of wet paper wrung free of water and crumpled into a clump that resembles a deformed baseball.

The installation “Silent Mourning” is a highlight that features four torsos stretched thin, as if to “reference absence through presence, or presence through absence,” she says. “I was a graphic designer [specializing in book covers], so it took a lot to share this work, much less put on a performance.



"Processing" (2023)

Though raw, honest and unpolished, it’s almost a spiritual practice.”

As part of the exhibit, Lindy will demonstrate a portion of her procedure at Long Dock Park on April 20 and conduct a ceremonial wrapping — a solemn ritual performed in silence — at a closing reception at the gallery on May 4.

The works themselves look like old marble statues with folds. Sometimes the river water is dirty and shades of brown seep onto the white fabric, which Lindy takes as a token of the negative aspects of life that most everyone experiences, like loss, grief, regret and heartache.

“The river imbues a mood to the work,” she says. “It can be choppy and there’s also stone, sand, grass and dirt.” Many of the photos show the ghost-like paper sheets in shapes and poses along the riverbank.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SECOND SATURDAY

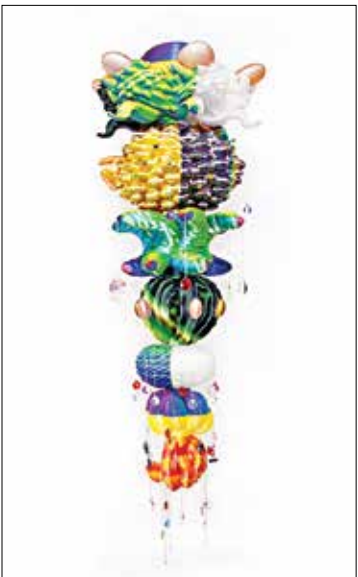
SAT 12
Elizabeth Mihaltse Lindy
BEACON
4 – 8 p.m. Super Secret Projects
484 Main St. | supersecretprojects.com
The artist's paper shrouds will be on display with photographs and videos in *An Offering of Gravity and Grace*. See Page 11. Through May 4.

SAT 12
Stories Told & Reimagined
BEACON
5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
The group show will feature work by 20 artists from the women's collective, CoMFY, exploring fairy tales and folklore.



SAT 12
Robin Adler
BEACON
6 – 8 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St.
845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
Adler's contemporary abstract works will be on view in *Breathing Room*. The curated member show is *Nest*. Through May 4.

SAT 12
Inner Excess
BEACON
7 – 9 p.m. Distortion Society
155 Main St. | distortionsociety.com
Evan Paul English curated this group show with works by Gracelee Lawrence, Kat Ryals, Sam Reeder, Colleen Rae Smiley, Jared Freschman and Emma Jackson. Through June 7.



COMMUNITY

SAT 12
Lantern Workshop
PHILIPSTOWN
Noon & 3 p.m. HVS
2015 Route 9 | hvshakespeare.org
Make lanterns for the fourth annual Highland Lights procession. The theme for 2025 is microcosmos, which celebrates pollinators and other insects. Also SUN 13. Register online.

SAT 12
Funminster Dog Show
PATTERSON
Noon – 3 p.m. Rec Center
65 Front St. | putnamservicedogs.org
All friendly dogs are welcome to compete for prizes in 10 categories, including best ears, at this annual fundraiser for Putnam Service Dogs.

SUN 13
Plantella
POUGHKEEPSIE
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. MJN Center
14 Civic Center Plaza
midhudsonciviccenter.org
Browse houseplants of all kinds — rare, unique and common — at this expo, along with botanical art and crafts. *Cost: \$12*

SUN 13
Home Bakers Meetup
BEACON
Noon – 3 p.m. Hudson Valley Brewery
7 East Main St.
dub.sh/home-bakers-meetup
Create something to bring to this gathering and talk technique with bakers of all experience levels. *Cost: \$20*

WED 16
Earth Day Community Dinner
GARRISON
6 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary's Way | dub.sh/GI-dinner
Support the Cold Spring Farmers Market and the Philipstown Food Pantry while enjoying a meal with neighbors and conversation about addressing food insecurity. *Cost: \$80*

FRI 18
Ecumenical Easter Liturgy
COLD SPRING
Noon. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St.
All are welcome to this community service.

SAT 19
Justice For All Of Us
BEACON
1 – 3 p.m.
Verplanck Avenue & Matteawan Road
bit.ly/April19Justice
Demonstrators will hold a rally and press conference to honor Sam Harrell, an inmate who was killed 10 years ago at the Fishkill Correctional Facility. Speakers, including Harrell's sister and prison reform advocates, will discuss recent inmate deaths and changes sought within the state's prison system.



Easter Egg Hunt, April 19

TALKS & TOURS

SUN 13
Highland Clearances
BEACON
2 p.m. The Factory Hotel
147 Main St. | bannermancastle.org
At this fundraiser for the Bannerman Castle Trust, Steve Blamires, a native of the Isle of Arran, will discuss five significant depopulation incidents in Scotland, with a focus on the Highland Clearances, a forced displacement of farmers. *Cost: \$10 donation*

MON 14
Basic CPR
BEACON
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St. | 845-831-1134
beaconlibrary.org
This non-certification course by the American Heart Association will teach lifesaving skills that can be adapted for adults, children or infants. Registration required.

TUES 15
Coffee Club
COLD SPRING
10 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org
Learn about roasting and brewing and explore flavors with a tasting.

WED 16
Walking Club
COLD SPRING
9:30 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org
Meet at the library and take a group walk with friendly conversation.

THURS 17
America's Most Hated Man
BEACON
7 p.m. Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive | 845-463-4660
beaconsloopclub.org
Jack Kelly will discuss his book about Gen. Benedict Arnold, the sea captain and patriot who became a traitor. *Free*

FRI 18
Run the Song
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com
To celebrate the launch of his book, author and music critic Ben Ratliff will be joined in conversation by Joe Dizney to discuss how his

running practice changed the way he listens to music.

SAT 19
Evergreen Minds Workshop
BEACON
10:30 a.m. Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org
People living with dementia and their caregivers will receive a guided tour focusing on a single artist before making art themselves. Donations welcome. *Free*

NATURE & OUTDOORS

SUN 13
Basics of Bird ID
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave. | butterfieldlibrary.org
This program by Pete Salmansohn will help birders of all experience levels expand their skills. For ages 7 and older.

WED 16
Learn to Sail
BEACON
7 p.m. Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive | 845-463-4660
beaconsloopclub.org
This is the first of an eight-session course led by captains of the Sloop Woody Guthrie to cover the basics of guiding a sailboat. *Cost: \$50*

SAT 19
Native Plants, Their Pollinators and Other Friends
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Master Gardener Janis Butler will talk about the relationships between native plants and insects and how to cultivate both in your yard.

KIDS & FAMILY

SUN 13
Magic in a Drop of Water
COLD SPRING
10:30 a.m. Split Rock Books
97 Main St. | 845-265-2080
splitrockbks.com
Julie Winterbottom will read at this Earth Day story time from her new children's book about Ruth Patrick, who "taught the world about water pollution."

WED 16
Easter Egg Hunt
GARRISON
10 a.m. Philipstown Rec | 107 Glenclyffe
philipstownny.myrec.com
Children and families are invited to search for treats around the grounds. Registration required. *Free*

SAT 19
Play Sets: Michael Heizer
BEACON
10:30 a.m. Dia Beacon | 3 Beekman St.
845-231-0811 | diaart.org
Children ages 5 and older and their families can learn about Heizer's work and make their own. *Free*

SAT 19
Easter Egg Hunt
COLD SPRING
11 a.m. Tots Park
4 High St. | 845-265-3191
The Knights of Columbus organize this annual celebration for children ages 8 and younger. Bring baskets and a can of food to donate to the Philipstown Food Pantry. Rescheduled due to weather from SAT 12.

POETRY

SUN 13
Poetry Open Mic
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020
desmondfishlibrary.org
Read an original or favorite poem for a maximum of five minutes, or come to listen.

SUN 13
Diana Goetsch
PUTNAM VALLEY
3 p.m. Tompkins Corners C.C.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
tompkinscorners.org
The poet, essayist and journalist will read from her collections, including *In America* and *Nameless Boy*. An open mic follows. *Cost: \$10*

VISUAL ART

SAT 12
Amy Talluto | Heather Cox
GARRISON
5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
Talluto's exhibit, *Skeleton Key*, includes paintings and Cox's show, *Roundels: Running Together*, has photo portraits and photo-sculptures. Through May 4.

SAT 19
Work in Decay
BEACON
1 – 3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org
In partnership with the Beacon Historical Society, the center will display photographs from the Patrick Prosser 1982 Collection, with modern updates. See Page 11. Through July 21.

SAT 19

Lucas Samaras and Meg Webster

BEACON

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

Max Hooper Schneider will discuss how the two artists influenced his work. *Cost: \$20 (\$12 seniors, \$12 students and disabled visitors, \$5 ages 5 to 11, free for ages 5 and younger and Beacon residents)*

MUSIC

SAT 12

The Magic of Motown

POUGHKEEPSIE

7:30 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St. 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

The group that formed from the 1960s quartet Shades of Blue will perform hits by the Temptations, Aretha Franklin, Smokey Robinson and others. *Cost: \$35 to \$85*

SAT 12

Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes

PEEKSKILL

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

Known as the “godfather of the New Jersey sound,” the band will play classics from its more than 30 albums. *Cost: \$56.50 to \$71.50*

SAT 12

Christine Lavin

BEACON

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

The singer, songwriter and guitarist, who began performing in 1975, will play songs from her new album, *Drum School Dropout*. Seth Glier opens. *Cost: \$30 (\$35 door)*

SUN 13

Eric Cha-Beach

COLD SPRING

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

With assistance from the Bard Percussion Studio, Cha-Beach will perform works by John Cage, Olivier Tarpaga, Nathalie Joachim and Lukas Ligeti. Donations welcome. *Free*

THURS 17

Rick Wakeman

PEEKSKILL

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

In his last solo tour, the keyboardist and his band will play music from Yes and other favorite songs. *Cost: \$54 to \$68.50*

FRI 18

Marty O'Reilly

COLD SPRING

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

O'Reilly's raw voice and gritty, soulful guitar will be accompanied

by Jeff Kissell on upright bass and Kyle Turek on drums. Donations welcome. *Free*



FRI 18

Durufié Requiem

COLD SPRING

7:30 p.m. Highlands Chapel 216 Main St. highlandschapel.org

The Highlands Choral Society, directed by Durward Entekin, will perform this Good Friday concert with organist Craig Williams and soloists Julie Heckert and Michael McKee. Donations welcome. *Free*

FRI 18

Joe D'Urso & Friends

BEACON

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

D'Urso, Loren Korevec, David Frye, Chihoe Hahn, Gary Solomon, Michelle Solomon, Christopher Brown and Jake Thistle will play a tribute to John Prine. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

SAT 19

Little Lies

BEACON

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

The Fleetwood Mac tribute band from Boston will perform the hits. *Cost: \$20 (\$25 door)*

STAGE & SCREEN

SAT 12

Your Bizarre Day

BEACON

8 p.m. Passion | 473 Main St. dub.sh/duke-comedy

Watch an improv comedy show based on weird days experienced by the audience or the performers. *Cost: \$15*

FRI 18

Nerd Nite Hudson Valley

BEACON

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandculturalcenter.org

Vassar professors Nancy Bisha and Mia Mask and author Gabe Henry will lead entertaining presentations on medieval castles, the English language and Black rodeos. *Cost: \$15 (\$20 door)*

Week Ahead edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a full listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar.

CIVIC

MON 14

City Council

BEACON

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

TUES 15

Ryan C.A.R.E.S. Van FISHKILL

2 – 4 p.m. Blodgett Library 37 Broad St. | patryan.house.gov

Constituents are invited to speak with Rep. Pat Ryan's team about their experiences with Optum or the effects of federal funding changes.

WED 16

Village Board

COLD SPRING

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

THURS 17

Assembly Office Hours

COLD SPRING

1 – 4 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. nyassembly.gov/mem/Dana-Levenberg

Staff from the office of Dana Levenberg, whose district includes Philipstown, will be on hand to answer questions and offer assistance.



PALM SUNDAY

April 13th 10:30 am service

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Digital Art (from Page 11)

Brooklyn and Columbia County, is one of four local photographers participating in an exhibit, *Work in Decay: The Renaissance of Beacon, Then and Now*, that opens April 19 at the Howland Cultural Center. It will focus on photos taken by Patrick Prosser in 1982 and donated to the Beacon Historical Society, paired with modern updates by Loeb, Michael Goldfarb, Pierce Johnston and Tony Cenicola.

Loeb climbed Mount Beacon to shoot the incline railroad's rusting gear house and promises to avoid surrealism when processing the final images. In darkroom days, he viewed photos as the beginning of a process that required interacting with instruments. All those instruments are now digital, such as Topaz, software Loeb relies on to "de-noise, play with the visible spectrum, sharpen smaller images within the photo and upscale the detail."

In a photo of an abandoned industrial site in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, nearly all the 400 windows look individually hand-tinted. For one favored behind-the-lens technique, he shakes the camera with intent, which turned photos of Manhattan buildings after dark into "Surveillance State." Its intertwined, squiggly lines look like they were etched with a stylus.

Another quasi-political photo, shot in Greenwood Cemetery during the pandemic, depicts a vague Manhattan skyline loom-



"Iphigenia"

ing beyond the graves and mausoleums to represent the plague subsuming the city.

"I'm trying to see the world beyond the world — to throw the viewer off-balance and enliven, entertain and create unsettling perceptions," Loeb says. "Where does the digital art begin and the photos end? No matter what you call it, there is a camera involved, but I also live inside Photoshop."

The Howland Cultural Center, at 477 Main St., is open Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Work in Decay begins with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 19 and continues through July 21.

Shape of Things (from Page 11)

Lindy presents the fabric unfurling into the air ("An Offering of Grace") or flat along the river's edge ("Attachment" and "On Neutral Ground").

Amplifying the somber mood, many of the works' titles weigh heavy: "Processing," "Mourning Ritual," "And the Room Went Quiet." In the photo "Shall We Gather by the River," which is nearly identical to the title of a hymn written in 1864 that celebrates baptisms, half of a lower-

body sculpture lies in the water.

Once, Lindy cast a form into the current as an act of letting go but it got stuck on a rock and returned to shore. Another time, "a woman asked me if it would harm the fish," she says. "I told her, 'I don't know, but I'm not going after it.'"

Super Secret Projects, at 484 Main St., inside Hyperbole, is open daily from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. An Offering of Gravity and Grace continues through May 4. See supersecretprojects.com.



"Silent Mourning" (2024)



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Classic Wheels

1932 Ford Coupe

By Michael Turton

There are two sure signs of spring: daffodils poking out of the ground and vintage vehicles rolling out of winter storage.



This week, Beacon resident Paul DiGiovanni pushed his bright red 1932 Ford coupe slowly out of the garage.

Nothing says “hot rod” louder than a customized ’32 Ford coupe. DiGiovanni said he saw the bright yellow version in the 1973 movie *American Graffiti*, fell in love with the look and knew someday he’d own one.

Someday was six years ago at Eric’s Muscle Cars in Clarksburg, Maryland. The previous owners had found the Ford in Ohio in nearly original condition and had it customized at Bransford Motorsports in Woodbine, Maryland. When the husband died, his wife sold the car. She said it held too many memories.

Today, the two-door steel body is the only original part. Even the frame was custom built.

DiGiovanni declined to say how much he paid. “It was a nice price,” he said, noting that the previous owner spent \$17,000 on the engine alone. Some 1932 Ford coupes have sold at auction for upward of \$100,000.



DiGiovanni has done little to the car apart from converting black engine hoses to braided stainless steel. “I’m a plumber by trade — I don’t have the knowledge to customize a car,” he said. “I wanted something I can get in, turn the key and take off.”

The car is “a beast” on the road and driving it after a hard day of work provides stress relief. “I get in it and just forget about everything,” he said.

He also likes the attention it commands. “I’ve been at a stop sign and had someone say, ‘It’s beautiful, can I take a picture?’” he said. “That gives me a lot of satisfaction.”

DiGiovanni has pushed the coupe to 95 mph but isn’t looking to race. He seldom

ventures more than 20 miles from home. “It gets about 5 miles per gallon of high test,” he said. “It only has a 10-gallon tank — I have to be sure there are gas stations.”

The car has few special features. The tan interior is fabric. There’s a stereo but no power steering, power brakes or air conditioning. But it does have a 355-cubic-inch Chevy V8 engine. “With two, four-barrel carbs and a 671 blower, it puts out 800 horsepower,” DiGiovanni said. “It’s all about the power!”

Power was something Henry Ford also appreciated. Adding more power to his vehicles made 1932 a significant year in automotive history. Before then, Chevy’s six-cylinder cars were outselling Ford’s four-cylinder

The Specs

Assembly: Dearborn (also Canada and overseas)	Transmission: 3-speed manual sliding gear
Body: 2-door coupe	Weight: 2,310 pounds
Production: 28,904	Tires: 18 x 5.25
Designer: Edsel Ford	Fuel economy: 13.5 mpg
Engine: 221 cubic inch (V8); 201 cubic inch (4 cyl)	Top Speed: 78 mph (V8)
Carburetor: Detroit Lubricator	0 to 60 mph: 16.8 seconds
Horsepower: 65 (V8), 40 (4 cyl)	Cost: \$495 (\$11,500 today)

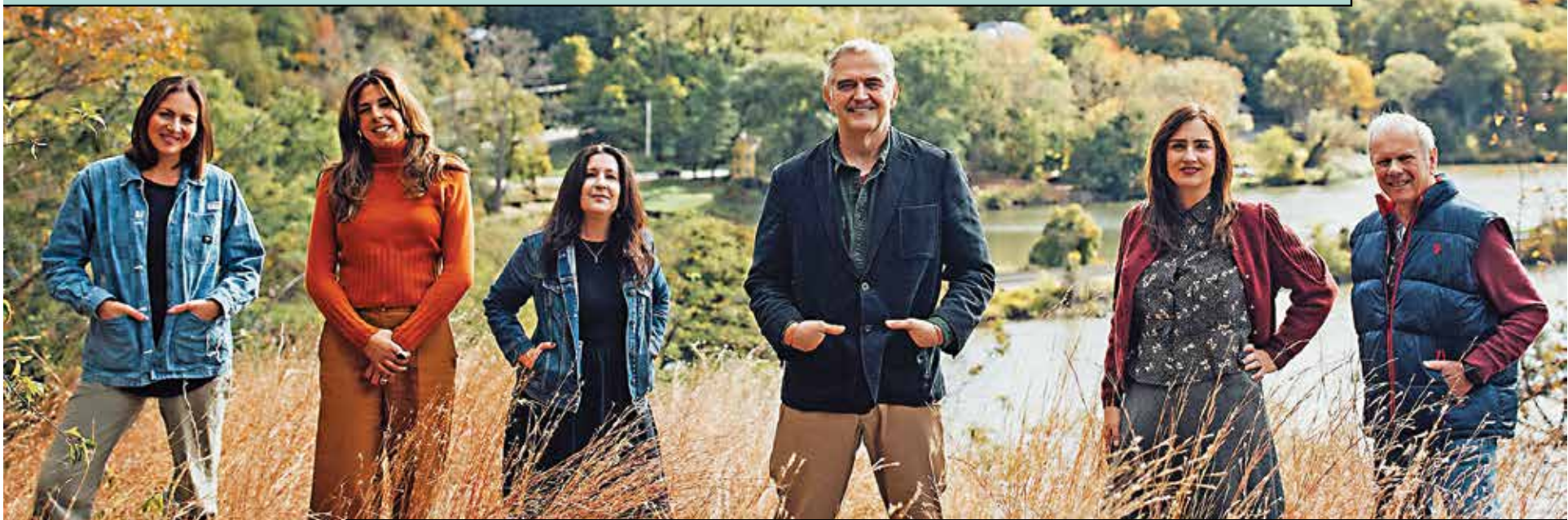
models. Not to be outdone, Ford introduced the flathead V8. It became hugely popular and an enduring part of American culture.

Police departments across the U.S. started buying it, attracted by the power. On the other hand, Clyde Barrow, of Bonnie and Clyde, also wrote Ford to say how much he appreciated the speedy car.

Before starring in *American Graffiti*, the ’32 Ford inspired the Beach Boys’ 1963 hit, “Little Deuce Coupe.” And the oft-misunderstood lyric “revved up like a deuce,” in the song “Blinded by the Light,” written by Bruce Springsteen and popularized by Manfred Mann, is a tip of the hat to the ’32 Ford coupe, aka the deuce.

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LOOKING BACK

IN PHILIPSTOWN

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (April 1875)

The shoe stores of Thomas Martin and Hugh Patterson were burglarized by culprits who fled toward Breakneck in a light wagon. "Strange to say, no reward was offered and, consequently, no pursuit was made," *The Cold Spring Recorder* reported. A week later, several pairs of ladies' gaiters were found in a buggy stored in an unoccupied building on Market Street that was once the Presbyterian Church.

Allen Brewer appeared to have "skedad-dled" from Nelsonville with all his family's goods except the calico.

A miniature steam engine puffed away in a hole on April 2 opposite Patterson's shoe store to thaw a frozen pipe 2 feet below the surface that had prevented any water from flowing below Chestnut Street. The work continued for more than two weeks. On April 15, the engine exploded outside Mr. Murry's store and a piece of burning charcoal landed between the collar and neck of Jimmie Mellravy, causing a blister.

Charles Emerson, who lived near

Mekeel's Corners, claimed he killed six crows with one shot from his English fowling piece. Jackson Tompkins of Putnam Valley said he shot 12 foxes over the winter.

The Episcopal bishop of New York visited Cold Spring for a Saturday morning service to install the Rev. Mr. Isaac Van Winkle as rector of St. Mary's Church. Van Winkle then left for a 10-day vacation.

Twice in a week, a train was stopped by a malfunctioning south signal, which did not instill confidence in the system.

Dr. Griffin of Nelsonville opened a branch office at the corner of Main and Stone streets that he manned daily from 7 to 8 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

Officer McAndrew caught two truants from the Rock Street School after "a lively chase."

After guests at the Pacific Hotel heard wild geese honking on the river, they began to shoot at them for sport.

The Recorder editor reported that Jacob Levi and Barney Clinton exchanged "a great many small rocks and vile epithets" just outside the newspaper office.

A freight engine, while taking water at the station, sent a spark onto the roof of a shed, but a young man spotted the smoke and climbed to put it out.

William Conroy drove to Sandy Landing Cove to wash the mud off his wagon, but the horse sank in the sediment. When Conroy climbed down to get it out, the horse knocked him into the water.

After determining that the oath given

to members of the Nelsonville board had been improperly administered, the village petitioned the state Legislature to legalize its past proceedings.

The governor vetoed a bill giving the Garrison and West Point Ferry Co. a half-mile monopoly. He said it was unconstitutional to give exclusive benefits to a private corporation.

The father of Miss Warner, author of *Wide Wide World*, died at the family home on Constitution Island. She sent for two clergymen to conduct the service but, when they failed to show, knelt by the coffin and led the prayers.

There was a split in the Baptist Church among parishioners who wanted to dismiss the Rev. Benjamin Bowen and those who wanted him to stay. When a deacon said taking a vote would be illegal, most people left. Those who remained then voted to keep Bowen for another year.

125 Years Ago (April 1900)

The M. Taylor Granolithic Co. rented the Truesdell property on Main Street to manufacture the liquid it used in its patented sawdust flooring.

The Cold Spring Hose Co. changed its name to the Cold Spring Fire Co. No. 1.

Dr. Lewis Morris, a former Cold Spring physician, was engaged to Katherine Clark, whose father planned to give the couple a mansion on Fifth Avenue.

After Thomas Coe began selling 26 eggs for 25 cents [\$9.50] at his dry goods store,

Truesdell offered 30 for 25 cents; Morris, 35 for 25 cents; and Secor, 36 for 25 cents. Morris then went to 50 for 25 cents.

Charles de Rham hired King Quarry Co. to cut a \$1,500 [about \$57,000 today] fountain and horse trough (shown today, below) for the highway near Indian Brook as a memorial to his late wife.



Mrs. Michael Clare reported to the village police officer that her husband had deserted her, leaving the family destitute. She wanted her children sent to a home.

The Board of Trustees purchased a fireproof safe for \$140 [\$5,300] that included private lockboxes for the boards of water and health.

The Thomas and Columbian Colored Concert Co. performed at Town Hall to benefit the Rev. William Eley, pastor of the St. James AME Zion Church at Fishkill Landing [Beacon].

The Recorder noted that "this country is now receiving from Europe about 10,000 immigrants a week."

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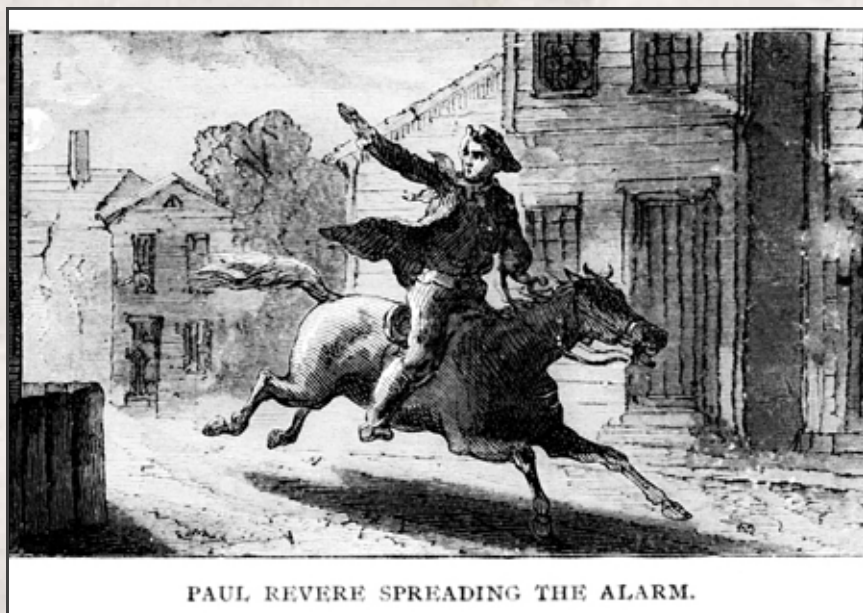
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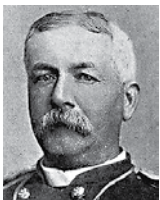
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Charles Mosher, the fish dealer, received 20 North River shad, the first of the season.

Mrs. Scullen gave birth to triplets, two girls and a boy. One girl died, but the other two babies were healthy.

Gen. Abraham Arnold, a hero of the 1864 Battle of Davenport Bridge (for which he received the Medal of Honor), and his wife visited her mother on Morris Avenue. [Arnold died in Cold Spring in 1901 and is buried at St. Philip's Church in Garrison.]



Congress appropriated \$1,200 [\$45,000] for a firing tunnel so that shots from West Point at a target on Cro' Nest did not ricochet into Cold Spring.

The Village Board instructed news dealers to stop throwing paper wrappers into the street at Depot Square because they were stopping up the culvert.

Writing from Madrid, the Hon. Hamilton Fish reported: "I went to see a bull fight and found it a disgusting, brutal sight, and I left in horror, and came to the conclusion that no nation in the world can succeed that can tolerate such a brutal and degrading exhibition."

Attorney Joseph Greene purchased a Hammond typewriter.

The Salvation Army was holding nightly outdoor meetings at Chestnut and Main streets.

A gang of boys who hung around the corner of Morris Avenue and Main Street broke several windows. "The respectability of their parents has prevented us from publishing their names," *The Recorder* said.

Burglars broke into the railroad station and stole \$6 [\$227] in change and a pistol but overlooked the cash in the ticket office.

100 Years Ago (April 1925)

The Knights of Columbus presented a six-reel silent movie, *That French Lady*, starring Shirley Mason, at its hall, plus a two-reel comedy.

Walter Callahan agreed to compete in a baton-twirling contest at a gathering hosted by the National Drum and Fife Corps of Newark.

After Pauline Dodge heard a commotion early in the morning in her Nelsonville home, she came downstairs with a pistol to find two intruders escaping through a window. She fired and "winged" one of them.

The Cold Spring Fire Co. reported it had responded to 21 alarms in the previous 12 months, not counting chimney fires fought with chemicals transported by auto.

Schwartz & Bros. opened a dress factory on Depot Square in the building formerly occupied by the Rite Form Corset Co. It employed 15 people.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected chair of the Taconic State Park Commission, with jurisdiction over state parks east of the Hudson River.

The Cold Spring Board of Trustees voted to adopt daylight saving time.

Frank Early, 22, of Cold Spring, a U.S. Marine who served on the USS Tennessee, participated in war games with a fleet near

the Hawaiian Islands.

The Philipstown Electric Corp. planned to spend \$51,000 [\$925,000] to bring power to the north part of town.

75 Years Ago (April 1950)

Bruce Larson, a junior at the Princeton Theological Seminary, was named pastor at the Presbyterian Church. He succeeded George Morrison, also a Princeton student, who left for missionary work in Egypt.

The Visiting Firemen of Garrison ended the 1949-50 basketball season with a 40-39 victory over the Texaco Fire Chiefs of Beacon at Haldane on a midcourt shot by Don Ingraham with 15 seconds left.

Cold Spring residents were warned to call the police if a dog annoyed them, rather than poison it, which had happened three times over the weekend in the vicinity of Mountain Avenue.

The local postmaster, Bernard Schatzle, said Sunday mail delivery and holiday window service would be suspended because of federal budget cuts.

50 Years Ago (April 1975)

An electrical fire damaged the Beau Jim Restaurant on Route 9 (formerly the Alpine Inn). Jim Muse, who operated the restaurant with his wife, Joan, said everything appeared to be in order when he left at 3:30 a.m.

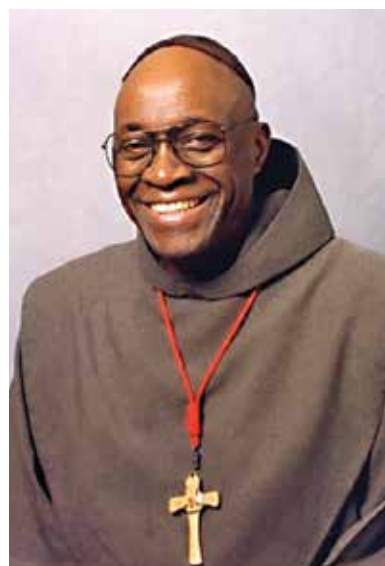
A Cold Spring committee organized a parade on April 19 as the first local event to celebrate the U.S. bicentennial.

Clearwater said that, unless it could raise \$50,000 [\$300,000] to repair dry rot in the main timbers of its sloop, it would not sail during the bicentennial year.

The state Department of Mental Hygiene created a toll-free line for residents of Putnam, Dutchess and 19 other counties to get information about mental illness, alcoholism, mental retardation and development disabilities.

The fifth car of the 25-car Bicentennial Freedom Train that stopped in Newburgh displayed patent models from the collection of O. Rundle Gilbert of Philipstown such as an 1878 telephone and early roller skates. The collection, which Gilbert purchased at a bankruptcy sale in 1941, filled 75 trailer trucks.

Martin Carter, 45, was ordained into the priesthood at Graymoor after becoming



Father Martin Carter

Graymoor

the first Black friar to make a perpetual commitment. The North Carolina native moved to Philipstown in 1947 at age 17 and became a brother in 1950. [Father Martin died in 2021 at age 91.]

An Ulster County resident wrote to the *Putnam County News & Recorder* with an offer to buy a subscription to the 85-year-old *Weekly People*, the newspaper of the Socialist Labor Party, for any Putnam County library that contacted him.

Fifty members of the Rolls-Royce Owners Club brought their cars to the Bird & Bottle Inn in Philipstown for a meeting.

A suspicious fire gutted an unoccupied home on Fair Street next to the Our Lady of Loretto rectory. The destroyed contents included an electric-train collection and paintings by the late artist Theodore Mosher, whose estate owned the structure.

Two hundred and thirty-five people paid tribute at a dinner at the Holiday Inn in Fishkill to Police Chief John Merante, who retired after 32 years with the force.

Members of Putnam County Right to Life held an hour-long vigil outside Butterfield Hospital with prayers, hymns and scripture readings.

25 Years Ago (April 2000)

Bob Bondi, the Putnam County executive, vetoed a resolution to pay \$275,000 [\$507,000] to settle a lawsuit brought by a

former fire coordinator against the sheriff. A federal jury had awarded John Leather \$845,000 [\$1.6 million] over his arrest in 1994, which he contended was politically motivated because he disagreed with the sheriff about control of the 911 system.

A Cold Spring police officer was attacked by one of two dogs that had pulled away from their owner on Morris Avenue, causing her to fall. When the officer arrived, the dog returned and bit him in the thigh. He retreated to the top of a parked car while the owner got the animals under control.

Before a full house that included many farmers, the Putnam County director of real property services petitioned the Legislature to create an agricultural district.

By a 5-2 vote, the Garrison school board adopted a \$5.4 million [\$9.96 million] budget with an 8 percent tax increase.

A state judge ruled that Nelsonville had "clearly demonstrated bad faith" in denying an application to build an 87-unit housing complex on a 20-acre parcel between the Cold Spring Cemetery and Pete's Deli. The developers had been seeking approval since 1981, when they brought a proposal for a 203-unit complex to the Planning Board. After a court ordered the village to allow a complex with 180 units, the board adopted a law limiting developments to one unit per 9,000 square feet. In the late 1980s, the developers tried again with proposals for 93 units and 87 units, which prompted another restrictive law. The village vowed to appeal.

Charmaine Choi

Charmaine Choi left this earth on Sunday, April 6th, following a rare adverse reaction to a medication. She was too vibrant to be taken from us so soon.



Charmaine was born and raised in Toronto, Canada. She moved to the U.S. to attend the Parsons School of Design and met her husband while living in New York City. In 2016 they moved to Cold Spring, where she became an integral part of the village. She had her son in 2020 and could frequently be found on Main Street with her family and their two dogs, Elvis and Aretha.

Charmaine was a talented artist, art director and graphic designer. She received many accolades for her work, including being honored at the 2024 Pentawards and winning Creative of the Year at the World Brand Society Awards.

She was bold, fierce, and would do anything for those she loved. She believed in mutual aid, community care and cultural reciprocity. She was a caregiver for her friends and their kids, and she loved to gather everyone around a table filled with food.

She leaves behind a legion of people who love her, including her husband, Patrick Biesemans, her son, Kayland Choi-Biesemans, and her parents, Betsy and Peter Choi.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to stopaapihate.org/donate.

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Cold Spring *(from Page 1)*

fully to address rising costs, to prepare for major capital projects and to stay within the cap.”

Major projects in the budget include upsizing the culverts and restoration of the northern section of Fair Street, including new sidewalks and improved parking, and engineering for repairs and infrastructure upgrades on Fishkill Avenue.

The village also plans to add two parking kiosks on Main Street and improve signage; implement pedestrian safety strategies at critical intersections; allocate funds for preventative tree pruning in anticipation of storms; increase wages by 2 percent for employees; and create a full-time laborer position to support roadways and facilities and water and wastewater crews.

Salaries range from \$13,296 annually for the part-time mayor position (trustees receive \$7,583) to \$87,342 for the highway crew chief. The officer-in-charge of the Police Department earns \$70,200 and officers are paid \$35.26 an hour.

Besides property taxes, the village anticipates receiving \$40,000 in hotel tax revenue, \$199,000 from parking meters, \$30,000 in permit fees, \$36,000 in interest, \$231,000 in court fees and forfeited bail and \$523,000 in state aid for infrastructure costs such as roads.

The water system, which is funded through usage fees, will increase its flat

rate by 50 percent and user fees by 5 percent, in part because of the anticipated bonding for \$8 million for repairs to the Upper Reservoir dam. New York State has awarded the village \$2.5 million for the project, and the amount the village will need to borrow is not yet known.

One resident spoke at the public hearing, to ask about water rates. Written comments can be submitted through today (April 11).

In other business...

■ Benedict Road, Lunn Terrace, Cedar Street Spur, upper Mountain Avenue and the north end of Fishkill Avenue will be repaved between April 14 and 18. Fire hydrants also will be flushed that week and may cause temporary discoloration or lower water pressure.

■ The board approved an agreement with the Cold Spring Police Benevolent Association that doubled the hourly rate officers are paid (to \$33.40) for providing security for commercial activities such as film production.

■ Cold Spring police responded to 85 calls in March, including 18 assists to other agencies and 11 traffic stops. The Cold Spring Fire Co. responded to six calls, including a downed powerline. Seventeen volunteers responded to at least one call.

■ Riverkeeper and the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail will conduct the 14th annual

Riverkeeper Sweep at Dockside Park in Cold Spring on May 3. State Parks will assist with replanting native vegetation along the shoreline. Riverkeeper Sweep includes cleanups along the length of the Hudson River from Saratoga to Manhattan.

■ The sloop Clearwater has asked for an unusual number of dockings between April 28 and May 16 because its home dock in Beacon needs repairs from storm damage. The nonprofit environmental organization has asked to dock for 12 educational sails, two public sails and a private charter. Ten of the dockings would include overnight stays. The board typically waives docking fees for educational groups but requested additional information on the public sails and charter.

■ The board moved forward on a request from a resident to purchase a piece of village-owned property adjacent to 41 Fair St. The buyer will cover survey and legal costs. The village has sold small pieces of land in recent years at a rate of \$4 per square foot.

■ The public restrooms next to the Visitor Center at the foot of upper Main Street are now open seven days a week.

■ Yard waste in paper bags will be picked up April 24. The 2025 schedule is posted at coldspringny.gov.

Visit highlandscurrent.org for news updates and latest information.



WAGS OF THE WEEK

Every so often, we visit the Animal Rescue Foundation in Beacon to meet a dog or cat available for adoption and post a photo and video at highlandscurrent.org.

Most recently we got to know Bruno, a 1-year-old pup. He was found as a stray and lived with a foster family before arriving at ARF, which says he is friendly and “loves absolutely everyone, including adults, kids, dogs and cats.”

We also met Oreo, a 1-year-old male cat who is “goofy, sweet and affectionate,” according to ARF. “He will call out with his little meow to make sure you give him lots of love.”

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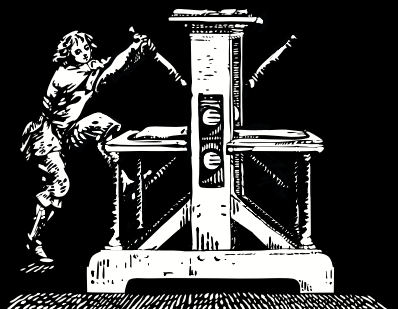
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Farm Aid *(from Page 1)*

Applications are open through April 21 at dub.sh/HV-farm-aid. Recipients can use the funds “in the most impactful way for their business,” according to Glynwood.

The funding freezes and contract cancellations began after Brooke Rollins took the oath as the USDA’s secretary on Feb. 13. A week later, Rollins said the agency’s programs “are focused on supporting farmers and ranchers, not DEIA [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility] programs or far-left climate programs.”

Some of the frozen contracts were for the USDA’s Partnership for Climate Smart Commodities program, which awarded grants to the Hudson Valley and three other regions to improve the ability of farmers to adapt to drought, extreme heat and other threats from climate change.

Glynwood, which oversees the program, hired Zach Wolf of EZ Farms in Columbia County to develop plans for eight farms. The practices included planting cover crops, as well as integrating more trees to act as a windbreak, improving soil, water and air quality and providing perennial crops in the form of fruit.

“We have partners who received letters out of the blue telling them that their government contracts — contracts that have been signed and that they were already doing work toward — have been canceled,” said Megan Larmer, the senior director of programs at Glynwood.

On Wednesday (April 9), U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan, a Democrat whose district includes Beacon, lambasted cuts to The Emergency Food Assistance Program, through which the USDA purchases locally grown farm products for food banks to distribute to hospitals, pantries, schools, senior centers and soup kitchens.

Some of the local beneficiaries, such as the



Farmers harvest greens inside a high tunnel at Glynwood. *Photo provided*

Philipstown Food Pantry, receive TEFAP-purchased food through the Regional Food Bank in Montgomery, which said it expects the cuts to cost it 200 tractor-trailer shipments delivering an estimated 8 million pounds of food from farmers.

“We’re all already feeling the crunch of the affordability crisis, which is made immeasurably worse by Trump’s tariffs. Now he’s ripping food away from hungry children — it’s absolutely disgusting.”

~ U.S. Rep. Pat Ryan

“I had to read this five times before I believed it,” said Ryan of the canceled ship-

ments. “We’re all already feeling the crunch of the affordability crisis, which is made immeasurably worse by Trump’s tariffs. Now he’s ripping food away from hungry children — it’s absolutely disgusting.”

Hudson Valley farmers who benefited from the federal Local Food Purchase Assistance funding are among those eligible for Glynwood’s emergency aid. Along with another program facing cuts, Local Foods for Schools, LFPA funding allows food banks, schools and childcare programs to buy food from farmers.

Using LFPA funding, the state’s Food for New York Families program awarded \$2 million in 2023 to the Regional Food Bank and \$2 million to Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County, which has bought and distributed 290,000 pounds of farm products via pantries and a truck whose stops include the county senior center and Chestnut Ridge in Cold Spring and the Brookside mobile home park in Philipstown.

Beacon Schools *(from Page 1)*

Direct federal aid accounts for about 2 percent of the Beacon district’s budget, or \$1.7 million. The Trump administration has threatened to cut funding to states and local districts that do not eliminate what the White House considers to be diversity, equity and inclusion programs, although New York State says it will resist.

Beacon administrators plan to use the increased funding to implement summer workshops for incoming Beacon High School students and increased mental health support for students at the high school and Rombout Middle School. Math and reading teachers for struggling elementary students will be hired, as well as a part-time speech instructor at the elementary level. Teacher training would focus on “the science of reading” — a research field that investigates how children develop reading and writing skills.

More than 75 percent of the budget will be spent on salaries and benefits for the district’s 682 teachers, administrators and other staff.

The proposed levy increase is larger than in years past due primarily to two factors:

(1) debt service (about 8 percent of expected expenditures) on a \$50 million capital project approved by voters last year and (2) increased residential development in Beacon.

The capital project will fund sweeping improvements at all six district schools and is the first such effort to trigger a tax increase in at least 15 years. In addition, Beacon’s tax base has also grown more than any other district in Dutchess County in the past five years. That growth is one of the factors in the complex state tax formula that determines how much a district can increase its levy; in Beacon it will allow the schools to add \$1.2 million to the taxes collected for 2025-26.

Superintendent Matt Landahl told school board members during their April 7 meeting that the district is creating individualized data sheets on budget impacts for each school. “This year is really important to give people as much information as they can have walking into their polling place,” he said.

While the levy is increasing, individual homeowners’ tax bills may not go up by the same percentage. Development in Beacon adds taxpaying households, while assessments also impact what a homeowner owes.

The district estimates that the owner

of a home assessed at the median value in Beacon (\$304,700) will pay \$3,127 annually in school taxes — still considerably less than other Dutchess districts (see chart). “In my mind, this is an argument to go to the tax cap,” Landahl said. “In our hiring and retaining employees, these are some of our closest-competing districts.”

If you expand the comparison region-wide, “that number just grows, if we’re talking about Orange County, Putnam County and obviously Westchester County,” he said. “That school tax estimate just gets bigger and bigger, compared to what we’re paying here.”

How Much People Pay

Estimated annual school taxes for a Dutchess County home assessed at \$304,700.

Beacon	Wappingers	Spackenkill
\$3,127	\$3,656	\$4,720
Arlington	Hyde Park	
\$4,941	\$5,011	

Source: BCSD

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AROUND THE REGION

Spring Valley

Attorney General:
Car Wash Had Jewish Price

The state attorney general said on March 31 it had ordered a car wash to stop charging orthodox Jewish customers more for service.

According to its investigation, Super 4 Seasons ran a "Passover special" that cost three times the standard price. In the days before Passover, many Jewish families clean their cars, homes and other spaces to remove *chametz* (leavened products).

The Attorney General's Office said it opened the investigation after receiving complaints that the Rockland County car wash was charging orthodox Jewish customers \$169 for a service otherwise available for \$47. When a state investigator dressed in traditional orthodox clothing asked about standard pricing, he was told the car wash was "not doing anything except shampoos and Passover cleanings." The employee said: "We are doing this just for you guys."

Wappingers Falls

Village Dismisses
Police Commissioner

The Village Board on March 26 fired Police Commissioner Dave Fisher, who told *Mid Hudson News* he was dismissed because he complained about the mayor and village treasurer to county and state

law enforcement.

"I think this was all about silencing the whistleblower," Fisher said.

Dutchess County District Attorney Anthony Parisi said that the New York State Police had investigated Fisher's allegations and found no support for them. The mayor said Fisher was terminated after the board hired its own investigator and also found them to be unsubstantiated.

Fisher was the third police commissioner in a year. In April 2024, the board dismissed Paul Italiano and appointed Carl Calabrese, who previously held the job from 2009 to 2020. Fisher replaced him in October.

Mount Vernon

Residents to Receive Free
Security Cameras

City officials announced on March 18 that they would provide free doorbell cameras to the first 400 residents who agreed to provide footage to police upon request.

The initiative is the first part of a \$1.5 million program that will create a real-time crime response center. Businesses with cameras can also participate.

The 400 residential cameras are expected to cost \$61,000, which would be covered by federal American Rescue Plan funds. Residents agree to keep them for at least two years and must agree not to post footage online or share it with anyone but the police for seven days.

Woodstock

Century-Old Ashes
Will Receive Burial

The cremated remains of a woman who died of a stroke will be buried in Oswego County on May 1 after going unclaimed for 100 years.

Kate Gary Richardson, 56, died in July 1923, soon after arriving in Woodstock for a visit. Somehow her remains ended up at Lasher Funeral Home; when it closed, they were sent with 36 other cremains to a rural cemetery. Of those, 17 remain unclaimed.

Kathy Wade, a volunteer at the cemetery, discovered Richardson was a schoolteacher and published poet. It's not clear why she was in Woodstock but Wade wonders if she was inspired to visit because of her interest in the arts. She said the only relative she could locate was an 86-year-old great-nephew in Florida.

Carmel

Appeals Court Rejects Lawsuit
Against Jail

A federal court on the U.S. Court of Appeals on March 27 rejected a claim made by the mother of an inmate at the Putnam County jail that corrections officials had contributed to her death.

According to court records, Alexandra Grimaldi, 23, of Carmel, attempted to hang herself at the jail in October 2015 while

suffering from acute heroin withdrawal. She died from her injuries in May 2016, and her mother, Nancy Lara-Grimaldi, filed a lawsuit seeking damages, alleging "deliberate indifference" by officers who put her daughter on routine, rather than suicide, watch.

A lower court dismissed the lawsuit, concluding that "no reasonable jury could find that these individual defendants knew or should have known that there was an excessive risk that Grimaldi would attempt suicide." The appeals court confirmed that decision.

Kingston

Executive Signs Transgender
Protection Order

Citing "very concerning actions at the federal level," Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger signed an executive order on March 31 designed to protect transgender individuals.

The order says the county government "shall strictly follow" state and county human rights laws prohibiting discrimination based on gender identity and expression and directs employees to "promote a safe and inclusive environment" in county buildings, facilities and services. The county has a Preferred Name and Pronoun Plan that allows its employees to use names and pronouns that reflect their personal gender identity.

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AROUND THE REGION

Wappingers Falls

Candidate Sues Village Over Vote

A state judge on Monday (April 7) dismissed a lawsuit filed by Jennifer Niznik, the Republican candidate for mayor, who sued the village after her Election Day win over incumbent Kevin Huber was erased following a recount.

The March 18 results showed Niznik with 412 votes, Huber with 370, and Charles Ferry with 151. The next day, the village clerk said he noticed an error that gave Niznik an extra 82 votes, possibly because the candidates appeared on party lines with similar names: Village Unity, Village First and Village United.

The judge ruled that no election laws had been violated. A second recount by the Dutchess County Board of Elections found Huber to be the winner.

Poughkeepsie

Town Passes ‘Good Cause Eviction’ Law

The Town Board on April 2 joined Beacon, Fishkill and the City of Poughkeepsie in passing a law that prevents “unreasonable” rent increases or evictions without “good cause.” The vote was 4-3.

Under the law, landlords can evict tenants for non-payment of rent, violation of contract and disorderly behavior; charge

for major repairs; and raise rents up to 10 percent annually or 5 percent plus the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. But landlords cannot evict tenants without cause, such as if they complain about deteriorated or dangerous conditions, the town said in a news release.

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A daily oasis for National Poetry Month

The Desmond-Fish Public Library in Garrison and *The Highlands Current* are back with another year of One Poem a Day Won’t Kill You! Each day in April, a recording will be posted at bit.ly/hear-poem-2025 featuring a community member reading a favorite published poem.

NOTICE

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will hold a public hearing on the budget at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of presenting the budget document for the 2025-2026 School Year.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for School District purposes during the 2025-2026 school year (the Budget), as prepared by the Board of Education, as well as the Exemption Report, listing every type of exemption granted, as provided in Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, may be obtained by any resident of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, commencing May 6, 2025, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during regular school hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at each of the District’s schoolhouses, at the Administrative Offices, and on the District’s website.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine:

- A. To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education as follows: Three (3) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2028; and
- B. To vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for School District purposes for the 2025-2026 School Year (the Budget).
- C. To vote on any other proposition legally proposed.

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the 2025 Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, will be held at the following polling places in the School Election Districts hereinafter set forth;

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1
POLLING LOCATION: BEACON HIGH SCHOOL
Description: - First Ward, First and Second District
- Second Ward, First, Second, and Third Districts
- Third Ward, First, Second and Third Districts
- Fourth Ward, First and Second Districts

SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2
POLLING LOCATION: GLENHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Description: Bounded on the north and east by Wappingers Central School District No. 1, Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County; south by the common town line of the Towns of Fishkill and Wappinger and west by the Hudson River.

Bounded on the north by the common town line of the Fishkill and Wappinger, east by Wappinger Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Wappinger, Poughkeepsie, Fishkill, East Fishkill and LaGrange in Dutchess County and the Towns of Kent and Philipstown in Putnam County and Central School District No. 1 in the Towns of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Dutchess County; southerly by Central School District No. 1 in the Town of Philipstown and Putnam Valley in Putnam County and the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County; westerly by the Hudson River and the City of

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

Beacon being the former Union Free School District No. 3 of the Town of Fishkill.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that petitions for nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the District Clerk by no later than 5:00 P.M. on the 20th day preceding the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, April 30, 2025. Such petitions must be signed by at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the District, shall state the name and residence address of each signer and the name and residence address of the candidate. Petition forms may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk on weekdays when school is in session, during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, has fixed Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Administrative Offices, 10 Education Drive, Beacon, New York, as the date on which the Board of Registration of said School District will meet between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M., prevailing time, for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for each election district for the Annual Meeting, Election and Vote, to be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at which time any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon such register if known or proven to the satisfaction of the registrars to be then or thereafter entitled to vote. Persons whose registration to vote with the County Board of Elections is current, pursuant to Article 5 of the Election Law, shall be qualified to vote without further registering with the School District’s Board of Registration, as well as all persons who shall have previously registered for any annual or special district meeting or election and who shall have voted at any annual or special district meeting or election held or conducted at any time during the 2021, 2022, 2023 or 2024 calendar years.

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

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

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

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that military voters who are not currently registered may apply to register as qualified voters of the school district. Military voters may request an application to register as a qualified voter from the District Clerk. Military voter registration application forms must be received in the Office of the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 5, 2025. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the school district must have received in the office of the school district clerk a valid ballot application no later than 5:00 pm on May 5, 2025. A military voter may designate a preference to receive a military voter registration, military ballot application or military ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail in their request for such registration, ballot application, or ballot. Such designation shall remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter. Ballots for military voters shall be mailed, or otherwise distributed, no later than May 6, 2025.

Roundup *(from Page 24)*

Haldane (3-1) hosts Putnam Valley at 5 p.m. today (April 11) and travels to Harrison on Tuesday (April 15).

Colin August, a Philipstown resident who plays for Hartwick College in Oneonta, was named on March 31 for the second time to the USILA Division III Men's Lacrosse Team of the Week. The junior scored five goals and added an assist to go with a pair of ground balls and a turnover caused in Hartwick's 11-9 win over SUNY Brockport on March 29.

GIRLS' LACROSSE — Haldane lost its third straight game, 21-11, at home on April 3 against Arlington. Kayla Ruggiero led the team with four goals and Samantha Thomas added three.

On Tuesday (April 8), Ruggiero scored her 200th career point in a Blue Devil victory over Ossining, 16-3. She ended the game with five goals, while Thomas and Marisa Peters each scored three and keeper Vivian Eannacony had six saves.

Haldane (1-3) was on the road on Thursday (April 10) at Hastings; the team is not scheduled to play again until April 22.

BASEBALL — The Blue Devils lost at home on April 4, 16-2, to Valhalla. Haldane had just three hits, all by Hunter Erickson. On Wednesday (April 9), the squad lost, 4-2, to Leffell. Leo Lanza went 2-for-2 with a run scored, while Hudson Yeaple pitched five innings and recorded eight strikeouts.

The Blue Devils (1-3) traveled to Dobbs Ferry on Thursday (April 10) and will host

Dobbs Ferry at 11 a.m. on Monday (April 14) and Briarcliff at 11 a.m. on Wednesday. Both games are at Mayor's Park.

SOFTBALL — The Blue Devils moved to 2-0 after beating Leffell, 14-2, on April 3. Eighth-grader Allegra Clementson threw 12 strikeouts, and senior Callie Sniffen went 3-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs. Ninth-grader Lainey Donaghy went 2-for-4 with an RBI and seventh-grader Mackenzie Tobin was 2-for-3 with a double, two runs and 2 RBIs.

They would make it 3-0 after a 10-3 win over Yonkers Montessori Academy on Wednesday (April 8). Donaghy went 3-for-4 with a home run, a triple, a double, and four RBIs. Sniffen went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Clementson again had a great start with 16 strikeouts while

giving up just three hits.

The Blue Devils host North Salem at 11 a.m. on Monday (April 14) and Hastings at 11 a.m. on Wednesday.

TRACK AND FIELD — Haldane competed April 5 in the Ossining Lion's Den Invite. For the girls, Koni Massas placed 14th in the high jump (4-0) and seventh-grader Olive Allebrand was 24th in the 800 meters (3:02.07). For the boys, Merrick Williams won the high jump (5-6), Rhys Williams was third in the 200 meters (23.89), third in the long jump (202) and fourth in the 100 meters (11.88); and Owen Powers was second in the 1,600 meters (4:45.95) and Jack Illian was ninth (5:00.86).

The team traveled on Thursday (April 10) to a league meet at Pawling and will travel on Saturday to another meet in Mount Vernon.

Renegades *(from Page 24)*

This spring Lombard attended the Yankees training camp. "The thing you learn from those guys is their attitude, the mindset and confidence they bring to the game every single

day," he said. "It takes a different type of confidence to be successful at the level they are."

"It was a good being here last year, getting a little taste of it," he said. "Physically, I'm just trying to get faster and stronger every year, trying to become an

all-around better baseball player."

Founded in 1994, the Renegades were part of the Texas Rangers' organization until 1996, when they moved to the Tampa Bay Rays. They won league titles in 1999, 2012 and 2017 and division titles three times since 2021.

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28. Calendar entry (Abbr.)
30. Zodiac animal
33. Chit
34. Concepts
35. Swelled head
36. Singer DiFranco
37. Proscribes
38. Eve’s mate
39. Born
41. Entryway
43. Dress designation
46. Ignited again
50. Shake — (hurry)
51. Dropouts
54. Portnoy’s creator
55. Coffee vessel
56. Barrel part
57. Fine spray
58. Sort
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2. LummoX
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4. Customs
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8. Tack on
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11. Celeb’s aide
16. Buddy
20. “Phooley!”
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25. Estuary
26. A gazillion years
27. Groups of five
29. El —, Texas
31. Turkish title
32. Oft-tattooed word
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Answers for April 4

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Kyle Carr threw the first pitch of the Renegades' 2025 season on April 4. Photo by Ross Corsair

Renegades 2025

Top Prospects, Strong Arms

New manager follows 'championship behaviors'

By Michael Turton

The Hudson Valley Renegades opened their 2025 baseball season with a winning weekend, besting the Jersey Shore BlueClaws in two of three games at Heritage Financial Park (formerly Dutchess Stadium). The 'Gades lost the season opener, 3-1, on April 4 in front of 3,600 fans but bounced back, winning 8-7 on Saturday and 6-2 on Sunday.

The team will finish a six-game road series with the Brooklyn Cyclones on Sunday (April 13) then return to Wappingers Falls for a six-game homestand with the Wilmington Blue Rocks beginning Tuesday.

The Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have a new and an "old" look going into their 132-game season in the South Atlantic League North Division. (The five minor-league levels are Rookie League, Single-A, High-A, Double-A and Triple-A.)

The entire coaching staff is new, led by manager James Cooper, 42, who takes over from Nick Ortiz, who left for the Houston Astros organization. Cooper previously managed the Yankees' Single-A affiliate, the Tampa Tarpons, and coached at Grambling State University in Louisiana for 12 seasons. As a player, Cooper was drafted by the Astros in 2004 and played two seasons in the minor leagues and a season in Canada.

Although the Renegades players range in age from 18 to their early 20s, this is an experienced team. The opening roster

included 21 veterans of the 2023 and 2024 squads along with nine newcomers. Nineteen of the 30 players are pitchers. The squad has six of the Yankees' top 20 prospects, including infielder George Lombard Jr. (No. 2) and pitcher Ben Hess (No. 4). The others are pitchers Bryce Cunningham (No. 6), Elmer Rodriguez-Cruz (No. 8), Carlos Lagrange (No. 19) and Kyle Carr (No. 20). The No. 1 prospect, Jasson Dominguez, is on the Yankees' roster.

The 2025 Renegades have a long tradition of winning to live up to. The team won 73 games last season and reached the league championship, where it lost to Bowling Green. It was the Renegades' 12th consecutive winning season. Since 2012 the Renegades have recorded the highest winning percentage in the minor leagues.

Asked on April 1 if he feels added pressure coming to a franchise where winning is the default, Cooper said "for me to leave this place better than I found it, we have to win it [the title]. That'll be the mission."

Cooper knows many of the players, having coached them in the past on other teams, including Lombard. "You understand what gets a player going if you've had a relationship over the years," he said. "We just want to do everything we can to develop these guys, put them in positions to go out here and dominate and give them a chance to move up."

Before receiving a \$3.3 million signing bonus in 2023, Lombard, 19, played short-stop at Gulliver Prep in Pinecrest, Florida. In 2024 he played 91 games with the Tampa Tarpons before joining the Renegades for 29 games.

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VARSITY ROUNDUP

BEACON

By Nick Robbins

BASEBALL — After a 7-4 loss on April 4 to Burke, Bulldog pitchers dominated in an 8-0 win over Franklin Roosevelt on Tuesday (April 8), with Derrick Heaton and Alex Young combining for a no-hitter. Heaton tossed nine strikeouts in five innings and Young worked the last two, getting some help from his infield. Ryan Smith had two doubles and two RBIs and Tye Elias had another key RBI while notching two hits. Overall, the Bulldogs picked up eight hits.

Beacon (2-1) faced Chester on Wednesday (April 9) and will travel to Liberty today (April 11). The Bulldogs host Goshen at 10 a.m. on Monday and Minisink Valley at 10 a.m. on Wednesday before traveling on Thursday to New Paltz.

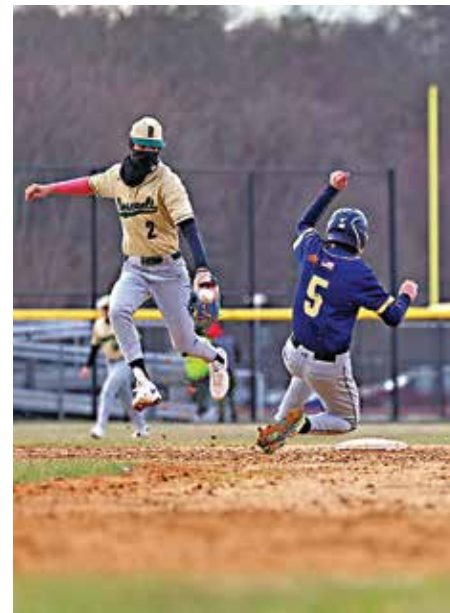
SOFTBALL — Beacon fell, 17-5, at Spackenkill on Tuesday (April 8). Kat Ruffy had a home run and three RBIs and Abby Haydt recorded two RBIs. The Bulldogs picked up a crucial 11-10 win over O'Neill on Wednesday. Beacon (2-2) travels to Chester today (April 11) and O'Neill on Saturday. Next week the team travels to Lourdes on Monday (April 14) and hosts New Paltz at 10 a.m. on Thursday.

BOYS' GOLF — Beacon fell to 0-3, losing to Arlington, 193-265, on Monday (April 7) and Monroe-Woodbury, 219-260, on Wednesday. Chance Hunter led the Bulldogs on Monday with a 45 while Jonah Espinosa shot a 49 on Wednesday. Beacon faced Washingtonville on Thursday (April 10) and will host Goshen at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

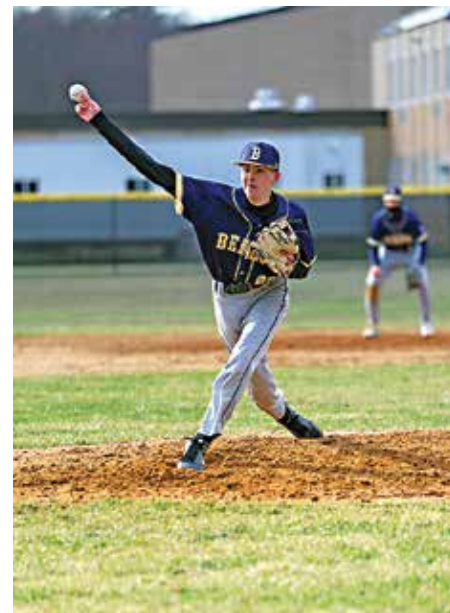
BOYS' TENNIS — The Bulldogs knocked off Lourdes, 6-1, on April 3 and Goshen, 4-3, on Tuesday (April 8) before falling to Washingtonville, 6-1, on Wednesday. Beacon (3-2) hosts Minisink Valley at 4:30 p.m. today (April 11).

TRACK AND FIELD — Beacon competed in the Colosseum Classic in Goshen on April 5, where Jayden Mihalchik won the hammer throw (180-7) and Noah Spiak won the 400-meter hurdles (55.89). Mihalchik also finished third in the discus (125-7) and Caellum Tripaldi was fourth in the 1,600-meter run (4:41.85).

For the girls, Bethany Rudolph had two fourth-place finishes, in the hammer throw (73-8) and discus (76-9), while Khloe Franklin was fourth in the 400-meter hurdles (1:14.32). The 4x800-meter relay team also finished fourth (11:50.49). Beacon will compete today (April 11) in The New York Relays in New York City.



Zachary Schetter (5) slides into second during Beacon's win over Franklin Roosevelt.



Derrick Heaton fires a pitch against FDR. Photos by Cadence Heeter

HALDANE

By Jacob Aframian

BOYS' LACROSSE — The Blue Devils picked up their first win of the season on April 5 at home against Edgemont, 15-3. They followed that up with another impressive win on Monday (April 7) over Tuckahoe, 17-4. Alex Gaugler and Fallou Faye each scored six times, Cooper Corless contributed two goals and Brody Corless scored once. Tuckahoe didn't score until there was 4:04 left in the second quarter, which Faye and Gaugler dominated, scoring all eight Haldane goals.

On Wednesday, on the road against Croton-Harmon, the Blue Devils extended their streak to three with an 11-5 victory. Faye had four goals, Gaugler had three goals and two assists and Cooper Corless scored three times.

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