Dramatic New Year’s Eve Rescue
Putnam County to develop rope rescue team
By Michael Turton

The latest rescue of lost-and-stranded hikers came at a time when even the most dedicated of volunteers would have preferred to be at a party. The incident began late in the afternoon of Thursday, Dec. 31, and didn’t end until around 3:30 a.m., well after the ball had dropped in Times Square and most revelers had gone to bed.

Two hikers from Dutchess County, a man in his 40s and his 11-year-old daughter, along with two Burmese Mountain dogs, set out on a hike that took them along trails north of Cold Spring off Route 9D. According to Josh DiNardo, then chief of the Cold Spring Fire Company (CSFC), the call for assistance came in around 5 p.m. “It began to get dark sooner than they expected,” DiNardo said. He said the pair became disoriented and strayed away from the trail, a turn of events that resulted in them not only being lost but stranded in a precarious spot.

Early on, DiNardo, who served as incident commander during the rescue, was able to get a rough fix on the pair’s location. He spotted a light from the man’s cell phone. “I was able to get a rough fix on the pair’s location, although the girl suffered mild hypothermia. The two had not dressed for the colder night weather.”

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Beacon Agenda: Balancing Growth with Quality of Life
Developing affordable housing another big challenge
By Jeff Simms

Prior to the November election, nearly all of the candidates for Beacon’s City Council spoke, in one way or another, about sustaining the city’s ongoing growth, yet not sacrificing the charm and livability that in recent years has made Beacon desirable to so many.

Now, as 2016 begins, Mayor Randy Casale, who was re-elected in November, and the City Council — unchanged from 2015 except for new electee Omar Harper, who was sworn in Monday night — are likely to find managing that growth among the chief issues they will contend with this year.

As many as 100 new residential apartments and condominiums are expected to be ready for occupancy in 2016, with hundreds more approved for subsequent years and more in the planning stages beyond that.

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Renewal Farm Raises $150K for Immediate Needs
Garrison-based recovery program now planning for long-term
By Alison Rooney

Driving along routes 9D or 9 during the warmer months over the past few years, you may have slowed down, noticing a farm stand. If you stopped, and while making a selection from the array of produce, herbs and flowers available, noticed a sign saying “Renewal Farm” and asked the people manning the stand about it, you would have learned that the farm was not merely a place where vegetables were grown, but a comprehensive transitional vocational and housing program for men recovering from debilitating addictions.

Now, that program, which has been operated by the New York City-based social service nonprofit Project Renewal, in association with St. Christopher’s Inn in Garrison, is under threat of closure due to shifting federal funds as a result of policy changes. Renewal Farm has managed to raise $150,000 through online fundraising to keep the program going through the end of June, when they hope and anticipate that other funding opportunities, including foundation grants and New York State monies, will keep it afloat for the rest of the year and hopefully many more years beyond that.

These six months are a needed “bridge,” according to Project Renewal Chief Executive Officer Mitchell Netburn, who describes the government as shifting its support not toward permanent housing for the homeless, but toward transitional programs and housing for ex-offenders who have been rehabilitated, thus saving permanent housing for those who are truly homeless.

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Renewal Farm is a real working farm, with bountiful results.

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Flowers and vegetables are sold seasonally by residents and staff from Renewal Farm. Images courtesy of Project Renewal.
Sunday Pot Roast
Serves 6
1/4-1/2 cup dried porcini pieces
4 cups stock (beef or vegetable)
1 3-to-3½ pound beef chuck roast
4 tablespoons olive oil, divided
1 large yellow onion, diced
4-5 garlic cloves, minced
1 tablespoon chopped rosemary
1 tablespoon chopped thyme
2 tablespoons tomato paste
1/3 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons molasses
2 large carrots, peeled and cut into rough 1-inch pieces
2 medium parsnips, peeled and cut into rough 1-inch pieces
3 celery ribs, cut into 1-inch pieces
1 large rutabaga or turnip (about 1 lb.), peeled and cut into rough 1-inch pieces
2 cups pearl onions (ends removed and peeled)
1 bay leaf, whole
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
Juice of one lemon

1. Position rack in the lower half of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees. Reconstitute dried mushrooms in 2 cups stock — simmer for 10 minutes, allowing to sit for another 10 and strain. Add the strained stock to the remaining 2 cups of stock and reserve. Roughly chop the reconstituted mushrooms and reserve.

2. Pat meat dry and season on all sides with salt and pepper. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add beef to the pot and sear on all sides (4-5 minutes per side) using tongs to turn the roast. Transfer to a plate when browned.

3. Lower heat to medium and add a splash more of olive oil. Add onion, garlic, mushrooms and herbs; cook, stirring often, until onions are soft.

4. Add about 2 cups stock and scrape browned bits from the bottom of the pot. Add tomato paste, soy sauce and molasses; stir to incorporate. Return roast to the pot, adding stock to a bit more than halfway up the meat (amount will depend on the size of the roast); bring to a simmer stovetop. Reconstitute dried mushrooms in 2 cups stock — simmer for 10 minutes, allowing to sit for another 10 and strain. Add the strained stock to the oven for 30-45 minutes.

5. Once simmering, remove from heat. Cover first with a sheet of aluminum foil and then with the lid. Transfer to oven and cook 2 to 2½ hours. (Check at 4½ hours and then with the lid. Return roast to the oven for 30-45 minutes.)

6. Remove pot from the oven and arrange the vegetables, bay leaf around the meat. Re-cover and return to the oven for 30-45 minutes.

7. Transfer meat to a plate, tent with foil and allow to rest for 15 minutes. While meat rests, add lemon juice and parsley to the sauce and vegetables. Slice roast against the grain or pull the apart into chunks with a fork and return to the pot. Serve, spoon beef, vegetables and sauce over mashed potatoes, buttered egg noodles or rice.

It is interesting to note Mr. Carroll’s specialty — pediatrics — for as interesting and important as this rule is to adults, its ultimate effects are even more meaningful to childhood and adolescent development and behavior.

International studies consistently reveal that children who eat dinner with their parents regularly—not only eat healthier but exhibit better academic and physical performance, social resilience and self-esteem and have fewer problems with truancy, teen pregnancy, depression and drugs or alcohol.

As we all tend to regularly eat “on the fly” (the average American eats one of every five meals in his or her car!), and this tendency only increases with each ever-younger, over-scheduled generation, this all makes a substantial argument for family dinners.

I hear you groaning. I don’t mean to paint some paeon to Norman Rockwell imagery or suggest another stress point for overworked and overloaded families. Thefamilydinnerproject.org, a project of Harvard’s School of Education, has been studying the process and results for three years and offers a free online program designed to gradually get you started.

Some general tips:
• Schedule it (just like any important thing in your life), but be flexible: If schedules don’t match, stretch it out: dinner with one parent, dessert with the other parent after work.
• It doesn’t even have to be dinner: consider family breakfast or lunch on the weekends.
• Keep it simple: Pre-make meals: a double batch of soup or casseroles. Freeze half for later in the week. (But do make them!) Turn off technology! The table is one of the choicest places to have meaningful conversation.

Here’s a classic mid-winter Sunday night dinner to get you thinking. And if you don’t have a birth family handy, an extended family of chosen friends is a fully operational substitute.
Dramatic New Year’s Eve Rescue (from Page 1)

and had taken no food or water.

It was a noteworthy night for DiNardo for reasons other than the rescue. When he went up the mountain he was CSFC chief. But his term expired at midnight, and colleague Steve Smith took over. By the time he descended the mountain DiNardo was assistant chief. “I think that was pretty unique,” he said.

Rope rescue

The Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services was recently awarded a federal grant of $150,000 help develop a rope rescue team. The fledgling Putnam County team will be created in partnership with the Westchester County Technical Rescue Team. The grant was awarded in early December through the 2015 Technical Rescue and Urban Search and Rescue Grant Program and will run through August 2018.

“Each skill will be added block by block until the county has a multi-disciplined response group in place,” she said, adding that the bureau will pursue additional funding to support building and maintaining the team.

Currently, local fire companies often call the Orange County Rope Rescue Team when their specialized assistance is needed, such as New Year’s Eve. The team is comprised of members of several fire departments from Orange County, along with those from the City of Newburgh, West Point, Port Jervis and Monticello.

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.
Maloney Faces Challenge From Within Party

Local Democrat plans to seek nomination

By Kevin E. Foley

Diana Hird, a political neophyte, but one with apparent zeal for both local and national issues, has launched a liberal challenge to U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a fellow Democrat, to represent the 18th Congressional District.

The congressional primary takes place on June 28. But first Hird must file a petition with the New York State Board of Elections with at least 1,250 valid signatures of registered Democrats who live in the 18th district. Campaigns may start collecting signatures on Mar. 8 and must file between April 11 and 14. The board certifies primary candidacies on May 5.

Hird, a lawyer, announced her intention to run through a Facebook page and a campaign website at dianahird.com. She exhorted people to sign up for her petition-signature gathering effort.

"Professionally, my work spans a broad spectrum of experience, from federal government service to finance and business," she wrote. "More recently, I have volunteered as a community advocate in the City of Newburgh." Hird has also participated in local theater projects for children and adults. In 2012 Hird was actively involved in a group that successfully opposed a soil mine project in Philipstown on Route 9.

Hird lives in the North Highlands area of Philipstown, which can also be described as Cold Spring, given the postal address. Maloney claims Cold Spring as home, as well, so the race could draw significant local interest. The 18th Congressional District includes Philipstown, Cold Spring, Nelsonville, Beacon, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Middletown and other parts of Putnam, Orange and Westchester counties.

"I am putting myself on the line starting now and running against Sean Patrick Maloney in the Democratic Primary for District 18," Hird wrote. "I’ve spent too much time researching Congressman Maloney’s record and publicly expressing my shock at everything I find. If I’m going to complain, then I need to step up and offer an alternative. I am doing this at great sacrifice to myself and my family. I am doing it nonetheless because politicians like Maloney are, quite frankly, very dangerous to the integrity of our political system. I will explain more as I go forward."

From her summaries of Maloney’s voting record and descriptions of her opposing positions on issues such as employment, social welfare and the environment, it is evident Hird’s line of attack is from the left. Maloney’s votes in favor the Keystone oil pipeline from Canada (President Obama ultimately vetoed the project) or most recently the House bill (which the Senate did not take up) to tighten restrictions on refugees entering the country are among actions that have rankled liberals within his constituency.

Hird also intends to make an issue of Maloney’s fundraising from Wall Street financial and legal firms, which she asserts influences his positions on issues. On her campaign site she says Maloney receives 76 percent of his campaign funding from sources outside the district — a statistic drawn from a report by the Center for Responsive Politics (opensecrets.org), which parses political contributions — although a large portion of those out-of-district funds appear to have come from donors in the New York City area. (Twenty-one percent of contributions to Maloney’s campaign, according to the center, have come from out of state.)

While Hird states that her fundraising has “a chance to stand proudly as an example to the rest of the country,” she doesn’t yet say what, if any, limitations she will place on giving to her campaign.

First Parking Meter for Cold Spring

Water meters require costly upgrade

By Michael Turton

Parking meters are coming to Cold Spring — well, one parking meter, at least. At its Jan. 5 meeting, the Cold Spring Village Board approved a lease with Parkeon, a firm that specializes in parking management. The three-year, $11,723 lease includes installation of a pay station in the municipal parking lot on Fair Street, a move endorsed by the parking committee chaired by former mayor Anthony Phillips.

The solar-powered station, which is expected to be operational by spring and will be owned by the village after the lease is paid, will accept cash and credit cards. Rates have not yet been determined. Trustee Cathryn Fadde said that visitors who extend their stay will be able to make additional payments with a smart phone.

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Water meters going cellular

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of Badger Meters described for the Village Board the cellular technology used in the latest generation of meters, which would enable water department staff, residents and businesses to monitor use on a daily basis. Currently leaks and other situations that waste water, sometimes in very large amounts, can go undetected for weeks.

Phillips said that a switch to the cellular meters would also save him and his staff a great deal of time because the new meters would be monitored remotely rather than through visits to each meter. Cold Spring’s water system includes close to 900 meters that would need to be replaced at a cost of $200 each, or about $180,000. Sprague estimated that installation would cost $75 to $100 per meter, or an additional $67,500 to $90,000. Phillips said he would prepare a report for trustees recommending that action be taken soon in order to include the cost of the meters as part of bond anticipation notes to be used to finance other water-related projects planned for 2016.

In other business...
- Representatives of O’Brien and Gere Engineering outlined the firm’s suggested approach for repairing the upper dam at the reservoir on Lake Surprise Road. Tectonic Engineering and Surveying Consultants outlined their strategy several weeks ago. Greg Phillips and Bart Clark, a consultant with Environmental Associates Engineering, will soon recommend which of the two firms should be awarded the engineering contract for the dam repairs. Tectonic has worked on the dams in the past. O’Brien and Gere, established in 1945, focuses on dam-related projects.
- Fourteen area residents will be sent registered letters notifying them their water will be shut off if they fail to pay outstanding water bills. The charges cannot be added to the residents’ tax bills because they live outside Cold Spring. Most of the unpaid bills range between $300 and $1,400, although one resident owes $7,419 for four properties. Mayor Dave Merandy said he would also pursue other remedies with the village attorney.
- After several previous discussions, the board passed a resolution to amend Chapter 108-21 of the Village Code, which outlines requirements and timing for the clearing of sidewalks after snowstorms.
- The trustees voted to support a Planning Board recommendation to grant a parking waiver to the owners of the new bakery and cafe being established at 15 Main St. Because the parking space required in the Village Code is not available, the owners will instead pay a fee of $1,000 in lieu of providing four parking spaces, a measure that has been used a number of times in the past.
- Board members voted to have the Planning Board act as lead agency in the State Environmental Quality Review as part of the Planning Board’s review of an application to establish Barber & Brew at 69 Main St.
- Trustee Fran Murphy reported that she is seeking ways to remind village residents, business owners and commuters that depositing commercial or residential trash in Main Street garbage cans, a practice she said happens too often, is a violation under the Village Code and subject to fines.

**POSITION AVAILABLE**

Full-time Highway Clerk for the Town of Philipstown’s Highway Department. Any interested person should send their resume to:

Carl Frisenda, Highway Superintendent
Town of Philipstown
238 Main Street / P.O. Box 155
Cold Spring, New York 10516

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The village of Cold Spring is seeking residents to serve on the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Recreation Commission and Independence Day Committee. If you are interested in serving, please send a letter of intent outlining your qualifications (or attach a resume to your letter) by post or email attachment to:

Mary Saari, Village Clerk
Village of Cold Spring
85 Main Street
Cold Spring, NY 10516
Email: vcsclerk@bestweb.net

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**TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN**

**TAX COLLECTION**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, Tina M. Merando, the undersigned Collector of Taxes of the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam and State of New York, have duly received the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes within the Town of Philipstown for the year 2016 and that I will receive the same at the Philipstown Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, from January 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. In January ONLY the Tax Collector will be at the Town Hall, Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Taxes will be collected without penalty if paid on or before January 31, 2016. On all taxes paid after January 31, 2016 an additional 1% penalty will be assessed for each month or fraction thereof thereafter until such taxes are paid or until the return of unpaid taxes to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. Partial tax payment (50% of total tax) will ONLY be accepted during the month of January 2016. The second partial payment will be assessed a 1% penalty charge each month until July 31, 2016 when all unpaid second partial payments will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

Full payment of taxes will be accepted without penalty during the month of January 2016. After the month of January, a 1% interest penalty will be assessed each month until May 1, 2016 when all “fully unpaid” taxes will be turned over to the County Treasurer for collection.

DATED: December 31, 2015

Tina M. Merando
Tax Collector
Town of Philipstown
Renewal Farm Raises $150K for Immediate Needs  
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Vegetables and flowers are grown from seed by the residents of Renewal Farm.  
Images courtesy of Project Renewal

Renewal Farm yields results, in many ways.

able to maintain sobriety for a period of time, but eventually can and do. And for many people, getting clean and sober in their own communities is very difficult. With Renewal Farm we can take them away from the temptations and place them far from their former communities, for a period of time. And this program has really worked — the cut in funding has nothing to do with performance."

Originally launched in 1996 in much larger premises at Camp La Guardia, an 800-bed shelter for New York City's homeless, located in Orange County, the program ended there when the camp itself was closed down in 2007. With St. Christopher's own mission as both a Franciscan friary and a substance abuse counseling center dovetailing with the tenets of the Renewal Farm program, a request was made to Garrison and Highlands country clubs to donate two acres for use as farmland, with the men in the program, guided by a farm manager, serving as farmers. The donated land was transitioned into a two-acre agricultural field, with men from the program helping to clear the land and install the infrastructure needed for successful farming of it. By 2008, Renewal Farm was up and running at its new site. Residents of the program benefit from comprehensive treatment and health services provided by St. Christopher's Inn and, surrounded by the serenity of the Garrison woods, operate the farm which serves as a workshop, educating the men about agricultural techniques, but helping them develop good life skills and work habits, things augmented by Renewal Farm staff members, of whom there are seven: the program director, a case manager, farm manager, peer counselor and three drivers/monitors. The produce that the farm yields is donated in part to St. Christopher's and to the country clubs that the farm yields is donated in part to St. Christopher's and to the country clubs in exchange for the use of the land. It is also donated to local food pantry organizations, and some is sold at farm stands. The program has resulted in successful outcomes overall for the men who have participated, according to Project Renewal, with far lower than usual rates of recurrences of testing positive for alcohol and drugs after participation. Residents participate in addiction treatment groups to achieve sobriety and learn marketable job skills, along with horticultural skills on the farm. According to Program Director Bill Mercer, there's a compendium of other things which go into the care these men receive: "We drive them to job interviews, help them with studying for their G.E.D., connect them with volunteering opportunities, and we do enjoyable things with them too, like taking them bowling at West Point and hiking at Bear Mountain — things which show them that they can get enjoyment from things other than drugs and alcohol and that they are more than their addiction." With many of the men wishing to stay "in the country" after graduation, they are also assisted with permanent housing and employment post-graduation.

In the words of Project Renewal, which serves 16,000 people overall in many different programs, largely in New York City, in their appeal for funding, "What's the secret of Renewal Farm's success? It is set in a special sanctuary in Garrison, New York, far from the neighborhoods and people that enable drug use. The natural beauty of the setting — along with integrated drug treatment and critical reentry services like job training, job placement and housing assistance — inspires change." For CEO Netburn, even though Renewal Farm is but a small cog in Project Renewal's wheel, it's an important one. "These are people who have struggled with substance abuse for decades, and each is a life and each touches other people's lives," he says.

Mercer has a deep knowledge about what he speaks: "I've been there myself, and I've never seen clients adapt so well to an environment. To remove people from the places and things which contribute to their addiction is a real eye-opener. Many of these men have never seen nature before — that's one of the big pluses. And they see results: from a little seed into a beautiful plant. They come to understand that they can have a new beginning; they too can grow into a better and different person. My staff here at the farm are completely dedicated to renewing the lives of these clients. We're in it for the clients and we hope to stay here for a long time. You have to be in it for more than money. It's a blessing to do this — to come from that environment yourself and then be able to give back to this." The fundraising campaign for Renewal Farm has reached its immediate goal, but funds are still needed to keep the farm going beyond the next six months. Donations can be made at savenerufarm.org or at projectrenewal.org earmarked (a simple note will do) for the farm.
The Calendar

Portraits Drawn; Questions Popped

Residency at Matteawan helps artists create, not just exhibit
By Alison Rooney

A fter the excesses of the holiday season, Beacon’s Matteawan Gallery shifts gears each January, inviting an artist in to work on a very specific project within the gallery space. The goal of this Winter Residency is to give artists the space to create a new body of work or to continue working on an ongoing project in a new environment. The residency focuses on work that has a “social, performative or participatory component,” according to gallery notes.

In 2014, the first year of the program, artist Angelika Rhinnofer worked, for one week, in the gallery transcribing interviews previously recorded for a priori, a project about family history and identity, with collected narratives from individuals whose curiosity and attempts to make sense of memories, stories and facts eventually led to the discovery of their ancestry. Last year, interdisciplinary artist Mollie McKinley, in a two-week residency, made a set of “new ritual objects,” using rustic and found objects as tools of ritual transformation in videos and photographs. The residency culminated in the creation of a set/installation in the gallery which embodied and contradicted the romantic solitude of the interior winter cabin.

This year, Matteawan has extended the residency to a full month, as it houses Beacon artist Jean-Marc Superville Sovak, who will present I Draw & You Talk, an oral history project that combines portrait drawing with discussions of local issues and current events, thus embodying many of the stated goals of the residency. For the month of January, he will be in the gallery most days of the week, with regular hours on weekends from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a closing reception on Sunday, Jan. 31, with a talk by the artist at 3 p.m.

Superville Sovak’s project begins with a poll question for the day advertised on a sandwich board outside the gallery. People walking by are invited to enter and discuss the topic with the artist and to enjoy a homemade cup of soup while he draws a pencil or ink portrait of them. Passersby who choose not to enter will have the opportunity to vote on the topic with a “yes” or “no” opinion by dropping a pea into the appropriate container affixed to the sandwich board.

In this project Superville Sovak is especially interested in the opinions of those who may not normally visit an art gallery. The artist hopes to “physically bridge the virtual rift between the long-time residents of Beacon versus weekend visitors and those who have moved here in recent years.”

The drawings of visitors will be displayed in the gallery for the duration of the residency, after which participants can collect their portrait in exchange for taking part in the project. The conversations with Superville Sovak will be recorded, compiled and edited for a podcast to be streamed on a dedicated website. Documentation of the voting results will also be displayed on the website: idrawyoutalk.wordpress.com.

Matteawan Gallery Director Karlyn Benson approached Superville Sovak and asked him to give the idea of a residency some thought. Superville Sovak, who works in a variety of media, including pen and ink drawing, sculpture and video, was intrigued by the opportunity to “try out something different, not having the usual trappings of programming — using the

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Calendar Highlights
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Making Comics (First Session)
2 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Mark Peterson: Political Theatre (Opening)
5 – 9 p.m. Hudson Beach Glass
6:30 p.m. Artist’s talk | 162 Main St., Beacon
845-440-0068 | fiveaedditions.org

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
Piano Festival: Gilles Vonsattel
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-765-3012 | howlandmusic.org

MONDAY, JANUARY 11
Blood Drive
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road, West Point

Phillipstown Community Center
10 a.m. & 6 p.m. Cooking Dinner with Fernanda Sinchi
4 p.m. Paint Your World for Seniors
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | phillipstownrecreation.com

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Haldane Student Wins Arts Award

Lucy Austin recognized for acting and voice

Lucy Austin, a senior at Haldane High School, was named a 2016 National YoungArts Foundation Honorable Mention Winner in Theater in an awards program recognizing young artists and performers. She was one of 819 winners from 42 states selected from more than 12,000 applicants in grades 10 to 12.

As a result of the award, Austin will be attending a week-long residential regional cross-discipline masterclass this April, with participants presenting their work in performance at Manhattan’s Baryshnikov Arts Center in programs co-curated by Artistic Director Mikhail Baryshnikov, Artistic Administrator Pedja Muzijevic, and Christian Hebel. Previous winners, in fields ranging from the visual arts to many musical and dance forms, have worked with renowned mentors including Marina Abramovic, Edward Albee, Placido Domingo, Zaha Hadid, Wynton Marsalis and Robert Redford. Among the list of previous YoungArts winners are actresses Viola Davis and Kerry Washington and author Sam Lysyte.

Austin’s submission consisted of videos of classical and contemporary monologues from Marivaux’s Careless Vows and Melissa James Gibson’s What Rhymes With America, respectively, and a song from the musical Giant, by Michael John LaChiusa.

YoungArts aims to identify and support next generation artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts, assist them at critical junctures in their educational and professional development and raise appreciation for the arts in American society. For more information visit youngarts.org.
JM Superville Sovak, signing copies of his work recently

Photo courtesy of the artist

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Concert to Benefit Proposed Folk Music Center

Organizers will spend 2016 getting feedback

By Jeff Simms

A benefit concert will be held on Sunday, Jan. 30, at the Towne Crier Café in Beacon to raise funds and awareness for a proposed American Center for Folk Music that would celebrate the genre and its pioneers.

Organizers announced their plans this past September, staging a street concert as part of the annual Spirit of Beacon parade. The timing for the announcement was intentional, said David Bernz, a Center board member, as folk legend Pete Seeger had long championed his hometown of Beacon and utilized gatherings like Sunday sing-alongs to bring residents together.

"Pete was really devoted to creating the Beacon that exists now," said Bernz, a Grammy award winner who produced Seeger’s final four albums.

In time, organizers hope the Center will occupy a physical space in Beacon, although much of 2016 will be spent on a “local listening tour,” gathering input about how to best serve the local and folk community, said David Ross, the Center’s board president. Once a location has been secured, programming could evolve to include teach-ins, symposiums, archives and exhibits, and school- and community-oriented programs.

The hope is that the Center will work with and complement the other institutions and agencies already celebrating the folk tradition throughout the region, Ross said. “We thought it could really be useful for this community and region to have an organization that honors folk singers by providing support for folk music as an integral part of the education of our children,” he said.

The Center operates as a nonprofit under the auspices of BeaconArts but intends to branch out as a separate organization. “We’re feeling very confident, but we’re also aware of the road ahead,” Ross said. “It’s a long road and we’ve just begun to travel it.”

The Sunday show at the Towne Crier begins at 7:30 p.m. and will feature local and regional musicians including Guthrie’s Ghost (Hope Machine’s Steve Kirkman & Fred Gillian, plus David Bernz, Jacob Bernz and Amy Fradon), Beacon’s Solar Sound Band, Susan Bozso and other guests. All seats are $15. Visit townecrier.com or call 845-855-1300 to purchase tickets. The Towne Crier is located at 379 Main St.

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Tall County Releases New CD (from Page 7)

questions of Ned and Liz Rauch, who live in Garrison and are new parents. (The band’s third member, Colin DeHond, spends most of his time further north, in the Adirondacks.)

Q: Gestation has to have been a big theme around your household this year. Did growing a baby influence your songwriting?

Ned: Baby-growing spurred us toward finishing the songs and the record before baby-rearing began, as we weren’t sure how much time we’d have once Louise, who is now six months old, was born. Turns out we’ve still got time to write songs, but gigs are a bit trickier. But now that she’s here, baby-rearing began, as we weren’t sure finishing the songs and the record before

our situation. A lot of musicians really suffer because people — labels, consumers, streaming services, etc. — don’t seem to value music (live or recorded) very much, which is a shame.

Q: Some of your songs contain passages with let’s-see-how-many-words can fit in a short musical phrase. Others are quite sparse. Do you seek a balance between these when coming up with the 14 or so tracks which make up a full-length CD?

Ned: It just seems like some songs need a lot of words, either for narrative or rhythmic purposes; others don’t. A long record like this one needs variety. If we had a guitar break on every song, it’d be boring. Some logic applies to wordiness. And getting dressed! The other day, I found myself wearing a necklace and a scarf at the same time. Most days that’s not the case. Balance is key.

Q: How does the terrain and the environment of New York state, both this region and Colin’s Adirondacks base, influence your musically? (from Page 7)
Historian to Discuss Foundry Ordinance

**Takes place Jan. 9 at Putnam History Museum**

Cold Spring Town Historian Mark Forlow will discuss select mechanical drawings of the West Point Foundry ordnance book at the Putnam History Museum at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 9 in a presentation entitled “The West Point Foundry Goes Boom! WPF Ordnance Design Book 1846–1878.” Forlow is co-author with Trudie Grace of the West Point Foundry, published in 2014.

Known for production of the Parrott rifle during the Civil War, the West Point Foundry was prolific in its production of many types of ordnance and attending equipment — cannons, projectiles, fuses, gun carriages and gun sights — in the pre- and post-war periods as well.

Forlow, who conducts guided tours of the Foundry site, will answer questions during a wine and cheese reception following the presentation. Admission to the event is free for museum members, or $5 for non-members. RSVP by calling 845-265-4010 or emailing shannon@putnamhistorymuseum.org. The museum is located at 63 Chestnut St., in Cold Spring.

Arts Council Looking for Outdoor Works

**Exhibit will focus on Safe Harbors Green in Newburgh**

The Orange County Arts Council is seeking proposals for an outdoor group art exhibit to be juried by Nora Lawrence, curator at the Storm King Art Center, for exhibit to be juried by Nora Lawrence.

The application deadline is Feb. 15.

For entry forms or additional information, call Dan Dillon at 845-265-3802 or Youth Director Bob Flaherty at 845-265-3191.

Nature Museum Will Host Indoor Planetarium

**Also offering four-hour beekeeping course**

On Saturday, Jan. 16, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will host Skylab: Indoor Planetarium. There are two shows, at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., at the Outdoor Discovery Center on Muser Drive across from 174 Angola Road. The program is designed for children ages 4 and older. (Note that sitting in the inflatable Skylab Planetarium is on the floor so is not recommended for those with limited mobility.) Admission is $7 for museum members or $10 for non-members.

The museum is also offering a four-hour introduction to beekeeping for teens and...
Community Briefs

Saunders History Projects on Display

Desmond-Fish will host awards

The contest, which has been conducted annually for more than 30 years, is named in honor of Jean Saunders, teacher, historian and the first curator of the Putnam History Museum. An awards ceremony and pizza party will be held at the library on Saturday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11 (snow date Feb. 14, library visit). Through Sunday, Jan. 13, the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will accept food donations. The Howland Public Library is making “Food for Fines” campaign. Through Sunday, Feb. 14, library visitors can reduce or pay off their fines for overdue items by donating food items such as peanut butter, canned tuna and bags of rice that will be given to St. Andrews Food Pantry with the assistance of I Am Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Avenue. A light supper will be provided with a cash bar.

The nominating slate includes Rick Brownell of Freedom Ford for president, Carl Oken of the Elks for vice president, Susan Pagone of Antalek & Moore Insurance for treasurer, Carmen Johnson of the Beacon Welcome Center as recording secretary, Dave Eberle of the Beacon Sloop Club as corresponding secretary and Patrick Moore of Antalek & Moore, Sheryl Glickman of Notions-N-Potions and Jannette Burgess of La Bella Rosa Florists as directors.

To RSVP for the dinner, call 845-831-4300 or email tsuple@antalek-moore.com.

Beacon Music Factory Offers Free Lesson

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T he Howland Public Library Board of Trustees has begun a search for an interim trustee to serve from February 3 through June 30. Trustees are expected to attend monthly board meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library, 333 Main St.

Each trustee should also be prepared to serve on a committee and be able to attend monthly committee meetings, as well. Trustees must be U.S. citizens and residents of the Beacon City School District. To apply, download an application at beaconlibrary.org and email to Derek Sanderson, the board’s Nominating Committee chair at derek.sanderson79@gmail.com and Howland Library Director Amy Raff at amy@beaconlibrary.org, or drop it off library. The deadline is Friday, Jan. 22. If the appointed trustee wishes to continue to serve, he or she would to run for election in April.

Beacon Chamber to Hold Annual Elections

Dinner and vote scheduled for Jan. 13

The Beacon Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual election meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Beacon Elks Lodge, 900 Wolcott Avenue. A light supper will be provided with a cash bar.

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Frank C. Bowers, Jr. (1925-2016)

Frank C. Bowers, Jr. of Marlton, N.J., passed away peacefully on Jan. 1, 2016. Frank, son of Frank Collins Bowers and Anne Edna Pennefather, was born on Nov. 11, 1925, in New York City and grew up in Bronxville, N.Y.

During his youth, Frank was an accomplished tennis player and an excellent student. Frank entered the Navy’s V-12 officer training program at Hobart College in 1943. He had reached the rank of Lieutenant, j.g. at the time he was discharged from active duty in 1946. Upon discharge, he matriculated at Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1948 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. Following Yale, Frank attended Cornell Law School where he received his law degree in 1951.

Frank practiced law in Carmel from 1951 until his retirement in the early 1990s. Frank served as Putnam County Judge presiding over county court, surrogate’s court, and family court matters for the County from 1974 through 1980. In 1981, he returned to private practice. As an attorney, he represented the towns of Carmel and Patterson, and the Village of Brewster, and was for 10 years, the assistant District Attorney for Putnam County. Frank also held the positions of assistant District Attorney for Putnam County, and President of the Putnam County Bar Association. He had been a director and past president of the Putnam Community Hospital, a director of the former Mahopac Hospital, and a member of the Carmel Rotary Club.

A voracious reader, Frank read thousands of books throughout his lifetime. He particularly enjoyed reading biographies of past presidents and statesmen. He was an avid golfer, sailor, and enjoyed traveling. Frank is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Gloria (Haight) Bowers of Marlton, N.J., his daughter, Patricia Daniel (Eric) of Medford, N.J., son David (Diana) of Cold Spring, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dunkin’ Donuts Mystery

By Michael Turton

A listing on the real estate website Zillow for the rental of the Dunkin’ Donuts gas station and convenience store on Chestnut St. in Cold Spring caused a flurry of local chatter — as well as a claim by the property owner that the listing is bogus. The listing, posted on Jan. 6 (Wed.), describes the property available for rent as, “Profitable Gas Station with Dunkin’ Donuts full Approval. Heavy traffic road next to Westchester county. Net income $130,000. Monthly rent $6000. Lease 10 year contract. No oil school needed, the location comes with full fuel supply.”

On Wednesday afternoon, Sunny Sheld, manager of the convenience store and gas station said that nothing at the site is available for rent. Dunkin’ Donuts Manager Heather Morgan said she had spoken to Paul Sardinha, owner of the franchise, and that he knew nothing about the property being available to rent.

The Paper spoke with Nastassia Nadaspasava, Zillow’s contact in the listing on Thursday morning. The Zillow ad includes some terms such as “studio” and “multi-family” causing some to wonder if the listing claimed that the building includes an apartment. Nadaspasava said that no apartment is involved. She declined to name of the person who placed the listing but emphasized that the Dunkin’ Donuts portion of the building is included in the space being offered for rent.

Early Thursday afternoon The Paper again spoke with Sheld, showing him the Zillow listing. He reacted immediately saying, “This is BS. This is total BS — I’m calling my boss.” Syed Hussain, a Long Island businessman, told The Paper that the real estate listing is not genuine. He went on to say that he owns 35 gas stations, mostly on Long Island, and that some include Dunkin’ Donut franchises, car washes and convenience stores. Hussain was adamant that no part of his Cold Spring operation is up for rent. “I spent a lot of money” developing the Cold Spring site he said, adding “I’d be crazy” to rent it so soon. Hussain was equally emphatic that he owns both the building and the land surrounding it.

Putnam County records list the site owner as Port Washington Realty on Long Island.

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How to Survive a Bad Day on the Trail

*Cold Spring firefighter to offer course in wilderness first aid*

By Michael Turton

Injuries on area hiking trails are not uncommon and a Nelsonville resident wants to make sure outdoor enthusiasts are qualified to help victims receive proper medical treatment.

Matt Kane is a member of the Cold Spring Fire Company, and is one of dozens of first responders who came to the aid of two stranded hikers during a dramatic rescue on New Year’s Eve north of the village. Neither hiker was seriously injured, but had they been, Kane, a certified Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician, was ready to render first aid. He is launching a program through which he will pass some of that knowledge to others, especially those who enjoy hiking, canoeing, kayaking, camping, hunting and fishing.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, and Sunday, Jan. 24, Kane will lead a two-day course on wilderness first aid at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC) with Todd Johnston Wright, director of outdoor education at St. Michael’s College in Colchester, Vermont. It will entail training in the essential areas that first aid providers need to consider when treating injuries outdoors. “It will cover all the basics,” he said. “That includes response and assessment of a victim’s condition, traumatic injuries, environmental injuries, and soft tissue and medical injuries.” Training in CPR and use of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) will also be offered as an option on Saturday evening.

Kane, who owns and operates Prime Paddlesports (primepaddlesports.com), said TOEC is an excellent venue for the course. “We’ll do basic training inside, then send participants outside where they’ll have to deal with various first aid scenarios” in authentic settings, he said. TOEC also has cabins which can be used overnight by out-of-town participants. Kane, who is very involved within the tristate paddling community, said a number of canoeists and kayakers from Connecticut, New Jersey and other parts of New York have already enrolled.

**Learn to improvise**

An underlying theme on both days, Kane said, will be to remind participants that they must be properly equipped and prepared to deal with the unexpected whenever heading out on area trails or on the Hudson River. In wilderness first aid, learning how to improvise using available materials is an invaluable skill. “You need to learn to use what you have with you, whatever is in your pack,” he said. “A kayak paddle or hiking pole can be used as part of an improvised splint when treating an injured arm or leg.” Ideally, he said, someone rendering first aid in the outdoors would have disposable rubber gloves in their pack to protect against infectious disease agents when coming in contact with an injured person. “But you can also improvise by using zip-lock bags,” Kane said. “Take a look at what’s in your pack,” and ensure it’s well stocked, he said. He also recommends sealing important pack items in waterproof containers whenever possible.

The TOEC-based course will cover the gamut of injuries and scenarios that first aid providers may come across when outdoors, from cuts, bruises, sprains and fractures to hypothermia, heat exhaustion, dehydration, insect and snake bites and seizures. “It’s a lot of information in a two-day course,” Kane said. “As with any skill, first aid requires updating on a regular basis. You have to go back periodically,” he said. “If you learn navigation skills but haven’t used them in three years, you have to take a refresher course.”

**More programs planned**

Kane will offer a second Wilderness First Aid program in March and he hopes to add a third course in June aimed at camp counselors. He also hopes to offer the more comprehensive Wilderness First Responder program. Kane said that ultimately he would like to see his training program produce a contingent of well-trained Philipstown residents who can be actively involved as volunteers, offering aid to those injured on area trails and other outdoor settings.

The fee for the Wilderness First Aid program is $200, with optional CPR/AED training available for an additional $50. The certification, provided by the New Hampshire-based SOLO (soloschools.com), is valid for two years. Participants should dress appropriately for the outdoors in January and bring a bag lunch as well as their outdoor pack, whether it’s for hiking, paddling, skiing or hunting. Those completing the course will receive a copy of SOLO’s Field Guide to Wilderness First Aid. For more information or to register, email info@primepaddlesports.com.
By Alison Rooney

They came dressed for dinner — or, more precisely, for an almost-proper tea. Devotees of Downton Abbey gathered on Sunday evening, Jan. 3, in the appropriately wood-paneled drawing room (well, main reading room) of the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison to imbibe, ingest, chat, compete and swan about attired in their finest finery. All that was missing was the plot: if there were blackmailers, devious under-butlers, mercenary swains and children of uncertain parentage about the place, they were invisible on this occasion.

For those who may be living in another century or something and are unaware this is the final season (of six) of the revered British drama, it is not for lack of a public relations assault by the producers and PBS. This hugely popular cavalcade of British estate life, the upstairs and downstairs of it, which, in unspooling the lives of the Crawley family and their coterie of cousins, cooks, physicians and even a long-lost Russian prince-turned-refugee (a story for another party) has touched upon some of the tumult affecting England during the period beginning just prior to World War I. It continues for 15 years or so after that; the rest of this season has been shrouded in secrecy, although it has concluded airing in the U.K. after that; the rest of this season has been shrouded in secrecy, although it has concluded airing in the U.K.

Upon entering the Desmond-Fish, one could spot several ladies sporting hats, flappers, debutantes, aristocratic women with a certain hauteur, and, yes, several who were forthright in their right to dress down. There was the odd man or two, but it was quite obviously a devoted female flock, joined together to enjoy the overabundance of desserts including, of course, scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam provided by Sarina Tamagna-Hawes, president of the Friends of Desmond-Fish Library. (She was wearing a rather magnificent hat — made in England, of course.) Some of the other goodies were provided by Riverview Restaurant and Hudson Hills; it was put together by the library’s Karen Thompson. A simple question posed to some of the party-goers: “Take one plot line and tell what will happen this season, and what should happen?” yielded much thought and, at times, lengthy answers. Anne Osborn, who later took home the trophy (fittingly in the form of a bottle of champagne) for the highest score on the Downton trivia challenge, had this to say: “Mary will find someone she loves again. It’s looking like it is the tall guy who drives cars she met at the blue Danube being plied by such a vessel, which appears in a commercial before the start of every episode (Viking being the prime sponsor of the show).”

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Meanwhile, Terri Waivada was most interested in “the story of the son-in-law who goes to the other side of the Atlantic. With his Socialist loyalties he might get involved in politics in Boston.”

Gail Watson had no theories about this season. Perhaps that was because she was so overwhelmed with digesting all that had occurred on the three seasons (the first three) she and her husband Glenn binge-watched recently aboard a Viking Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. As any loyal Downton watcher knows, hearing the name Viking Cruises conjures up an image from above of the blue Danube being plied by such a vessel, which appears in a commercial before the start of every episode (Viking being the prime sponsor of the show).

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