**Butterfield Development Passes First Test**

Planning Board votes for a SEQR ‘neg dec’

By Kevin E. Foley

The Butterfield development concept plan for the old hospital site on Route 9D in Cold Spring cleared the first of the regulatory hurdles last Wednesday night (Feb. 19). The Cold Spring Planning Board gave the project a clean bill of health by making a negative declaration as to its potential environmental impact in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) law.

The board voted unanimously to accept developer Paul Guillaro’s updated Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) at the 14th public meeting held since September to review the project’s potential impact on various areas of village life.

The plan for the Butterfield development contemplates a 15,000 square foot office/retail building just off 9D, a 17,500 square foot office/retail space and 55 market rate condominium units contained within three buildings and three single family homes along Paulding Avenue. The current Lahery pavilion would remain as a location for medical services.

The board findings dealt with air, water and land quality, impact on historic buildings, endangered species, traffic and village infrastructure. The board also concluded that the development “is projected to result in a net tax benefit to the Village of Cold Spring, the Haldane School District, Putnam County and the Village of Cold Spring, the Haldane School District, Town of Philipstown and Putnam County.”

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**Putnam Pols Poised to Protest NY SAFE Gun Control Law**

Legislators oppose county seal use on NY State Police notices to gun owners

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Putnam County’s Legislature appears poised to link in a new assertion of county rights to its old opposition to gun control, moving to prevent use of the county seal on notices from the New York State Police to handgun owners reminding them to recertify their weapons every five years.

In Carmel on Tuesday night (Feb. 18), the legislative Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee took up the question of cooperation with the state police, a year after the legislature urged repeal of the 2013 NY SAFE Act — the New

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**Let Fjord Trail Hug Hudson River**

Voices from multiple local jurisdictions and groups heard at planning session

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Probably as many distinctive ideas as attendees — 125 — filled the room at a Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail forum Wednesday night, but consensus on key points emerged, especially on the merits of letting the proposed path hug the river as much as possible.

On the eve of the latest major snowstorm, the event at the Chalet on the Hudson north of Cold Spring drew not only residents of the village and other parts of Philipstown, plus elsewhere in Putnam County, Beacon, and southern Dutchess County, but environmental leaders and government officials, among them the whole Philipstown Town Board, Cold Spring Trustee Stephanie Hawkins, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale, Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, and representatives of the New York State Park system.

The agenda involved overviews of the proposed hike-hike path, intended to run between the Cold Spring and Beacon Metro-North train stations, followed by swapping of views on its preferred alignment and other nitty-gritty details of “trail-blazing.” A tableful of attendees living along the proposed route also injected cautionary notes about respecting private property rights in creation of the trail, which advocates believe could become a significant visitor lure and boost the Highlands economy.

As the program got underway, Steve Rosenberg, Scenic Hudson’s senior vice president, shared a bit of good news: Scenic Hudson is providing $100,000, which he said he hopes “can be a catalyst ... leverage other support” for the trail. The organization also has devoted staff time to the trail effort.

Philipstown resident Andrew Chmar, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, similarly announced that the HHLT will continue to lend manpower and financial assistance. “Our organization is really excited about this” and committed to offering “whatever it takes to make this happen,” he said. Chmar summarized some of the funding arrangements to date. “We’ve got land trust monies, plus the commitment of a major donor for this planning exercise to the tune of $129,000,” he stated. Moreover, “we have another $450,000 pledge for the consolidated funding application process,” a state funding mechanism, “of which the state recently awarded $300,000 for this project. So we have a $300,000 match right now for that $300,000 (state grant) with another $350,000 committed if this project receives further funding from the state.”

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef outlined her pursuit of financial backing through Metro-North channels as well as the likelihood of assistance from the state Department of Transportation. “Your state dollars are

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**Heroin’s Damaged Lives**

Parents, an addict and an educator speak out

By Michael Turton

This is the second article in a series on the use of heroin and other drugs in Philipstown. Last week’s article provoked a strong reaction in the community regarding the need to address the drug problem openly.

Two events in the past week indicated that the use of heroin and other drugs is a serious issue in this community, one that is gaining a higher public profile. Drug World in Cold Spring joined New York State’s Expanded Syringe Access Program (ESSAP) through which plagues can be disposed at a time to anyone 18 years or older. The program reduces the risk of disease among those who inject drugs.

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy held a Drug Education Forum at Haldane High School Wednesday (Feb. 19).

Max Barr: “Drugs lead to misery and failure.”

Photo courtesy of Teri Barr

Teri and Max

Teri Barr, long-time owner of Hudson Valley Outfitters in Cold Spring, moved to California last fall. She knows about heroin. A recovering alcoholic who has been sober for years, Barr also used heroin in the past. Her son Max, now 18, became addicted to heroin and is now in rehab, also in California. Teri said she first realized something was wrong when Max was about 14 — when money began to disappear from her home.

In an email to The Paper sent from the rehabilitation center, Max said talking heroin was experimental at first — and “a way to make new friends.” But he said, “It didn’t end up like that.” He said that withdrawals have been terrible but “trying to deal with the life I destroyed through drug use is the most challenging part of getting sober.” He knows what he would tell others who are contemplating drug use. “It’s not fun. It may look it ... but all drugs lead to is misery and failure.” He will soon

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How can the 28 days of February possibly seem endless? My reptile brain has kicked into overtime and the promise of spring seems delusional as I watch accumulating piles of snow and lengthening icicles. Each morning it’s hard to react with anything other than a reflexive, animal tug at the blankets and a desire to hibernate until the thaw comes.

But for now I am all in favor of forgetting this mess for a bit. I say it’s time to shine on us again, birds will sing, plants will grow, etcetera, etcetera, etcetera.

A note on ingredients and preparation: Canned cherry tomatoes are an under-utilized winter ingredient. For some reason the sweeter taste and texture of a quick sauce made from this culinary secret weapon is superior to the typical processed varieties. I’ve found them locally at Adams Fairacre Farms.

The beans, of course, can stand on their own (particularly if you add the sausage), but the saffron-tomato sauce is a great preparation to have around for other uses. I spooned a bit of it over grouper filets, which I baked for about 20 minutes to a VERY pleasant effect, and I can imagine using it with other firm-fleshed fish or even diver scallops with similar success. Both basic preparations will obviously freeze well for special last-minute dinners.

I also recently discovered an admittedly luxurious-but-unnecessary ingredient and possible addition: fennel pollen, available from Spice and Tease in the Grand Central Market. Lightly dusted over the final dish, it may just do the job that will help leave this frozen North behind — if only for the moment. Shades of Marseilles and bouillabaisse!

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Each morning it’s hard to react with any enthusiasm to the morning news, piles of snow and lengthening icicles.

For garnish:
¼ cup reserved fennel fronds or chopped flat-leaf parsley

For the beans:
1 cup dried cannellini beans, soaked overnight, drained
½ cup olive oil
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
3-4 cloves garlic, minced
2 bulbs fennel, chopped coarsely
1-2 small links chorizo (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chorizo), sliced
¼ cup olive oil
3-4 cups water or vegetable stock
1½ pounds medium shrimp, peeled

1. The beans: In the bottom of a heavy stockpot, heat the olive oil over medium heat. If using the sausage, just barely brown it first. Add the onion and garlic, cooking until the vegetables are tender but not colored. Add fennel and sausage until barely soft. Add drained beans along with water or stock (to cover by 1 inch). Bring to a boil, turn heat to simmer and cook until the beans are tender, about 45 minutes. (You may need to add liquid from time to time.) When the beans are tender season with salt and pepper. Remove the pot from the heat, and set aside.

2. The tomato sauce: In another saucepan, prepare the tomato sauce. Sauté the onion and garlic in the additional oil. At about 5 minutes, add dried chili flakes and continue cooking until vegetables are tender but not browned — 10 to 15 minutes. Add tomatoes, and sugar, raise the heat slightly, and continue cooking for another 5 to 10 minutes until the sauce thickens a bit. Add the sausage and wine raising the heat to high. Cook, stirring frequently, about 5 to 7 minutes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

3. With the tomato sauce just barely simmering, add shrimp and cook briefly, until barely colored (about 4-5 minutes).
4. To serve, spoon the beans in shallow bowls and top with the shrimp and tomato sauce in the center of each bowl. Garnish with the fennel fronds or minced parsley, sliced fennel and a few curls of lemon zest.
Children, Parents of Drug and Alcohol Addicted don’t let your kids kill you: a guide for strong recommendations it to other parents; one book helped her immensely and she diction has to change." She said that... make choices. They need to understand that there’s a cause and an effect; they have to be accountable. You’re still a child if you are 18 and in my home." She points to the lack of a supervised "hangout" for young people as a problem in Cold Spring. "Growing up in Tivoli, we had a coffee house, located in a church building. Students ran it but there was adult supervision." She believes that such a facility empowers kids. "It would be really good to have something like that (in Philipstown)." Monitoring is vital she said because coffee houses and teen centers can also attract undesirables. Haldane’s principal weighs in Heroin is a society-wide problem and high school students are not immune. Asked what level of concern prompts action at Haldane, Principal Brian Alm said, "We try to get involved at any level of concern, from confidential counseling up through disciplinary action." Involvement can extend beyond traditional school boundaries. Alm said it would be easy to "turn a blind eye" to incidents outside the school but that "...we tend to reach beyond normal school control, without stepping on the responsibilities of parents." He said when substance abuse by students off campus is reported that "we try to link families up with area resources," including sometimes having initial meetings between support agencies and the family. If a student is caught using drugs on campus Alm said a 30- to 60-day suspension is imposed. A qualified counselor must provide a substance abuse evaluation before the student can return to school. Surveys of students in grades eight through 12 regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use are conducted biennially in local school districts by the Carmel-based Putnam County Communities that Care Coalition (PCCCC). Results from 2008 through 2012 confirm the use of heroin at Haldane and other schools. Until this month Haldane did not release the survey data but Alm said the information was not ignored. "I have made it a matter of personal policy to share the results of each survey, in detail, with my class parents group each year that they come out," he said. "We have discussed the results at length and in depth. "Heroin is genuinely a concern at Haldane" Alm said. He said there is a perception among many students that it is a "big leap" from prescription drug use to heroin and that teenagers and adults alike envy needles and mainlining when it comes to heroin. "The fact is that users who try it for the first time snort the drug in powder form; truly a small jump from doing the same with a crushed prescription pill." While there is disagreement as to whether or not marijuana is a "gateway" drug that can lead to using heroin, Alm clearly sees it as a problem. He finds it troubling that students, "...believe that their parents would be more upset to find them in possession of cigarettes than marijuana," a statement that is confirmed by PCCCC survey data. Haldane has been much better. "His outlook is good now," Teri said.

MATT FRANCISCO & DONALD MacDonald FOR COLD SPRING VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Strong qualifications mean a stronger future for Cold Spring

MATT FRANCISCO

For 2 years on the Village Board of Trustees, Matt was Instrumental in keeping taxes low and this year’s budget increase to less than 1%. Matt cut wasteful insurance premiums by up to 16% annually and negotiated a retainer, ensuring fixed costs for a new Village Attorney, which saved us over $18,000 a year. Matt works hard to make sure all Cold Spring Village residents will benefit from development at Butterfield.

DONALD MacDonald

In 12 years on the Village Board of Appeals, as a member and as Chair, Donald overhauled the zoning appeals process to make it fair, public and efficient. Donald helped lead the effort to keep our wonderful Tots Park in its current location and he co-designed the updated playspace. When upset arose over the Guillaro waterfront development, Donald worked cooperatively and collaboratively to bring the public and the developer together.

VOTE FOR MATT & DONALD TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 6AM - 9PM
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**LETTERS**

**Disdained at suggestion to sacrifice trees**

Feb. 18, 2014

To the editor:

Like Barry Wells, who wrote last week, I am also dismayed by the mayor’s suggestion that we add 12 parking places to our busy Main Street by sacrificing 10 trees. The part-time resident of this street (front apartment over the Silver Spoon), who enjoys and depends upon one of those trees for necessary shade all summer long, I’m especially opposed to this idea, but the big picture is the main issue here: 10 fewer trees is 10 times less the shade, charm, and attractiveness for all Cold Spring residents — residents and visitors alike. Why bother to add parking if we’re at the same time turning the place into a concrete wasteland that no one would want to spend time in anyway?

Jacqueline Foerstch, Cold Spring

**Yes on Francisco**

Feb. 18, 2014

To the editor:

Cold Spring villagers can continue to benefit from Matt Francisco’s expertise and experience by electing him to a second term in office.

As with many elections, this one has aspects of a popularity contest. Is this candidate or that candidate my friend? Is liking someone the sole or primary criteria for supporting a candidate? Does the candidate unabashedly, without rhyme or reason, support my pet issue whether it is the basketball senior center or independent trash collection contractors? Do I then support a candidate for one or reason, support my pet issue whether for Trustees of the Village Board. My family was drawn to Cold Spring for its history and its strong choices on the ballot.

Sincerely,

Richard Weiss

**Matt Francisco and Donald Macdonald are strong choices**

Feb. 16, 2014

To the editor:

I am writing to express my support for Matt Francisco and Donald Macdonald for Trustees of the Village Board. My family was drawn to Cold Spring from the other side of Putnam County, and we settled in the village just as public debate over the Butterfield development began. We immediately recognized that ushering the project to a successful outcome, short- or long-term, would be a turning point for our town. I trust Matt’s considered approach and regard his professional qualifications to be essential for understanding the complexities of potential economic and logistical outcomes for Butterfield. He has judiciously represented village citizens during this necessary period.

Donald Macdonald’s qualifications as an architect and tenure on the Zoning Board make him uniquely equipped to deal competently with the complicated issues regularly confronting the Village Board. We all ask villagers to examine all competencies of each candidate when making your choice: Does the candidate have an unambiguous track record of working hard? Does the candidate possess the skills and knowledge to address the issues before us today? Does the candidate weigh options clearly and patiently? Does the candidate have a history of independent decision making? Does the candidate hear and consider everyone’s concerns and positions on off the bench? Does the candidate respect individual and property rights? Does the candidate take actions that will have our village a better place now and in the future? Does the candidate express that we must live as community with diverse opinions and goals? We maintain Matt Francisco clearly meets or surpasses all of these criteria. Richard Weiss

**Kudos to postal stewarts**

Feb. 19, 2014

To the editor:

Amid the snows last week, many of us did not receive a mail delivery for two, or even three days, especially in areas north of Main Street. While we were tempted to complain, it turns out that, in addition to the storms, the Cold Spring post office was short-staffed with one carrier on vacation and another out ill.

But, true to the motto, “Nor sleet, nor snow, nor gloom of night...” three stalwarts — Leslie Delamater, Walter Klietz, and Aaron Pulicano, and possibly others — bravely met the mess, did double duty in unfamiliar jobs, and saw to it that our mail got delivered. Kudos and thanks to all! 

Anne E. Impellizzeri, Cold Spring

**Candidates Forum for Cold Spring Village Board of Trustees**

Monday, March 3

7:30 P.M.

Halahan School Music Room

15 Crusade Side Drive, Cold Spring

Discussion with Village Trustee Candidates:

Michael Bowman

Cathryn Falde

Matt Francisco

Donald MacDonald

(Election to be held Tuesday, March 18)

All Invited!
Butterfield Development Passes First Test

The Planning Board did not accept the originally submitted EAF after a review by the board's professional consultant Chuck Voss found it lacking in details and justification for its claims. Voss subsequently altered his view and over the last few meetings praised the developer's team for their cooperation and the completeness of the information subsequently supplied. He repeatedly pointed to the application binder and noted the increased number of pages as visible proof of a successful review process. Planning Board members did not disagree with that assessment.

Although the Planning Board decided not to hold a formal public hearing (SEQR does not require one) public comment was permitted at the end of most if not all of the board meetings. Little comment was made over the months other than by some senior citizens and a few present and former local officials mostly expressing appreciation of the board's work and urging members to keep moving toward approval. While significant objection or critique of aspects of the developer's concept plan may still exist, there was no sign of it during this round of review.

Guillaro's lawyer, Steven Barshov, has made a point of underscoring the absence of people raising red flags on the environmental impact of the project at several meetings, no doubt to establish a clear record for any future arguments seeed toward a senior center. The Ailes family also referenced a commitment from Odell pointing to consolidated court offices.

Aside from Molloy, the chair, Planning Board members include Ann Impellitteri, Arne Staari, Karn Dunn and James Pergamo.

Looking further ahead

If the Village Board approves the zoning change the proposed project will also have to go before the Historic District Review Board for review of the design of the buildings and other aspects in relation to the strictures of the district.

Far more complicated will be the volunteer Planning Board's site plan review, which will involve painstaking, at times mind-numbing analysis of the myriad details involved in a project of this dimension.

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NY Alert

For the latest updates on weather-related or other emergencies, sign up at www.nyalert.gov.

Cathryn Fadde and Michael Bowman
Commitment * Cooperation * Common Sense

BOFAI started as a memorable way of combining our two names, to demonstrate our commitment to work as a team and our sincere belief that only by working together, can our Village remain and prosper. That "special place" we all know. That doesn't mean we all agree, nor should we. It does mean we should honestly discuss the issues, compromise where we can, but make decisions and move on. Transparency, accountability and responsibility, in other words, leadership. Bottom line, we all as residents of Cold Spring deserve nothing less. We hope each of you attends one of our upcoming events or a candidate forum. Ask questions, share ideas and if you're like many of your friends and neighbors, you'll join in supporting our efforts to accomplish these goals together.

Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde for Cold Spring Village Trustee
Tuesday, March 18th, 6AM-9PM - Cold Spring Firehouse
Formula Business Ban Approved

New parking committee to be formed
By Michael Turton

Formula businesses have been formally banned in Cold Spring. Trustees on the Village Board voted to approve a change to the zoning code that prohibits formula or “chain” retail businesses, restaurants and drive-throughs at their meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 18). The vote, which drew applause from the small audience, was 4-0 in favor. Mayor Ralph Fallback was away on vacation.

Final wording of the new law included a definition of a convenience store, one type of business included in the ban. The law permits small franchises that have up to nine outlets.

Trustee Matt Francisco said that the Dunkin’ Donuts now planned on the site of the former Elmco Cito service station on Chestnut Street was a “real wake-up call.” He said the Village Board acted quickly to prohibit other formula businesses. The new law “will help protect village character” he said. Francisco also commented that it was the only issue for which there has been complete agreement among board members.

Street peddler permit requested

Village Attorney Michael Liguori will review a proposal submitted by village residents Dan Rayner and Angela Devine requesting that they be issued a street peddler’s permit for their business, “Dragonfly.” The request states that Dragonfly sells “a wide array of items to include clothing for adults, children, toddlers and infants. The request is for a temporary street peddler’s permit.”

Trustees voted to establish a new parking committee to consider issues raised in an extensive parking report completed in 2008 as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. One aspect that has been raised is the time of services near the train station from 8:30 to 1:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

Two new committees planned

Trustees voted to establish a new parking and new arts committee to consider issues raised in the new parking report completed in 2008 as part of the Comprehensive Plan process. One aspect that has been raised is the time of services near the train station from 8:30 to 1:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

At the suggestion of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, a committee will also be established to deal with holiday lighting for Main Street. Last year Central Hudson did not allow the village to continue its long-standing tradition of cross-street lighting. The village had no funds budgeted for a new lighting system and instead repurposed old lighting and installed wreaths atop Main Street utility poles. The chamber also added lighting to a number of trees.

Procedural matters

At the end of the meeting, Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde, running as a team in the upcoming Village Board election, both brought up procedural issues. Fadde questioned if meetings of the two new committees would be open to the public. Liguori responded that the term “personnel matters” is not used in the Open Meetings Law. He said that the correct wording would be that the board enters executive session “to discuss the employment of a particular individual.”

February 22

Olive oil is back!

This Saturday only.

Kontoulis Family Olive Oil will sell their premium extra virgin cold pressed olive oils, olives, and olive spreads.

Also at the Farmers’ Market:

- fresh green, produce, meat, cheese, bread, coffee, wine and more!

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market is open from 8:30 to 1:30 every Saturday at St. Mary’s, One Chestnut Street, Cold Spring

csfarmmarket.org

Nelsonville To Open Polls for Uncontested Trustee Post

Duncan seeks re-election

By Liz ScheftheBuch Armstrong

William Duncan should have an easy time campaigning for a spot on the Nelsonville Village Board. He is running unopposed, seeking another two-year term as a village trustee.

However, despite the uncontested ballot choice, Nelsonville must open the polls as usual on election day, March 18. Village Clerk Pauline Minners confirmed on Tuesday (Feb. 18). As she observed, “anybody could win; anything can happen,” as it did in 2001. That year, Nelsonville Mayor Bill Miranda announced he would not seek re-election and another candidate came forward, with no obvious opposition. Then on Election Day, a flurry of write-in votes for Miranda returned him to office, his retirement plans notwithstanding.

Duncan also ran unopposed in 2012, when his present term began. Nelsonville’s board consists of a mayor and two trustees.
Building community and lifelong learning foundations

By Alison Rooney

In its earliest years Beacon's "Howland Circulating Library" as it was known at its founding in 1872, outlined stipulations now no longer in place: no member was allowed more than one volume at a time for every share owned by him (the library was then private), and gentlemen were requested to remove their hats on entering the room.

A history of the library, prepared for its centennial by Patricia McClure, describes the library in its first years as having "the aura of a classical academy of learning: culture oriented subscribers sort out the best in literature; voices were quiet and books protected behind locked doors." Its founder, General Joseph Howland, would find a much-altered, community-focused library today.

Originally located in the building created for it, what is now called the Howland Cultural Center, further east on Main Street, the library initially contained 2,184 books, and a collection of periodicals including the Wappingers Chronicle and the Matteawan Enterprise, and catered to 534 subscribers at the end of its first year. By 1911 some things had changed — a subscriber was now allowed to borrow two books per subscription provided one was nonfiction — and the library reflected a greater regional and international history, collecting book donations for soldiers in WWI, closing for weeks during the influenza epidemic of 1919, and, finally, in 1929, transitioning into a free institution.

Now, the library serves a population of about 25,000, including the City of Beacon School District, Fishkill and Wappingers Falls. Having outgrown its former quarters — the collection having increased by then to more than 10,000 volumes — the library relocated to its present premises, in what had formerly been Fishman's Five and Dime, in 1979. A 1980s expansion created multiple rooms containing adult, young adult and children's collections, a homework room and a community room, along with offices. Next door is Beacon Reads, a used bookstore operated by the library's Friends group. Signature features of the library are the "Common Clay" relief sculptures found inside the entrance doors. Conceived by Mika Seeger, and depicting hundreds of years of Beacon's history, this community art project, completed in 1992, grew out of a desire to make an enduring work of art by, for and about the people of Beacon.

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Rick Price's mural, located on the exterior of the building, depicts a tree of knowledge growing from the foundation of the Howland Cultural Center, which was the original Howland Library. Sprouting from this foundation are books on many subjects and in many languages.

Children's art — like this depiction of the South Avenue School by one of its students — enhances library walls.

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Scones and Champagne: Cup and Saucer Sets the Table for Downton Abbey Tea

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By Alison Rooney

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Shirley Wenlock-Hot behind a counter laden with British goodies.

Photo by A. Rooney

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The Calendar
Looking for things to do in and around Philipstown? Grab The Calendar and go. For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info. See you around town!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Kids & Community

Indoor Tut Tot 9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center 107 GlenHynde Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Winter Camp (ages 5-15) 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Free Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low Income 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org | Registration required.

International Gem and Jewelry Show Noon - 6 p.m. Westchester County Center 2964 Croopond Road, Yorktown Heights 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Bereavement Support Group 1 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospice 1900 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-666-4228 | hvcc.org/leavets

Partner Yoga Workshop 7 p.m. SkyBklaya Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring 845-205-4444 | skybkyoga.com

Film & Theater

Jacob Burns Film Center 3:30 & 8:30 p.m. The Battle of Algiers (1966) 6 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

International Film Night: No Loves Me, No Loves Me Not (France) 7 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Jazmin Yvonne (Music & Poetry) 7:30 p.m. Cunneen-Hackett Library | 1 Croton Point Ave., Croton-on-Hudson | 845-265-3611 | cunneen-hackett.org

Meetings & Lectures

Free Computer Help 2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-9020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Musical Shabbat 7 p.m. Congregation Beth Israel 1201 S. Division, Peekskill | 914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Wine Tasting

An Evening of Vodka Tasting and Bilinis 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Make a Seed Bomb Workshop 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Make a Seed Bomb Workshop 10 a.m. Four Books in a Box 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

Painting Workshop 2 p.m. 12 Grapes 12 N. Division St., Peekskill | 914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Cold Spring Recycling Center closed

Health & Fitness

Advanced Stage Cancer Support Group 12:30 p.m. Yorktown Jewish Center 2964 Croopond Road, Yorktown Heights 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Brain Injury Support Group 10 a.m. Four Books in a Box 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

免費中国语课程 (ages 5-14) 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Therapeutic Equestrian Center 115 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring | 845-265-3409 x14 | myfreetakeaways.org

EAGALA Skills Practice and Meeting 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Therapeutic Equestrian Center 115 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring | 845-265-3409 x14 | myfreetakeaways.org

International Gym and Jewelry Show 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Westchester County Center See details under Friday.

Learn & Serve Open House 10 a.m. - Noon, Scenic Hudson River Center Long Dock Road, Beacon 845-433-4400 x273 | scenicnyc.org

Rouge Paws Petz 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Wildlife Education Center 25 Blvd., Cornwall-on-Hudson 845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Free Parenting Workshop 11 a.m. New Era Creative Space 1016 Brown St., Peekskill | neceanspace.com

Soup Kitchen 11 a.m. Appalachian Church 50 Liberty St., Beacon | 845-831-5322 | beaconprestyrchurch.com

Hudson Valley Renegades Job Fair 1500 Route 90, Wappingers Falls 845-838-0004 | josephinegolds.com

Sauerkrall Making Workshop 1 p.m. Fairkâl Farm 9 Fairkâl Farm Road, Hopewell Junction 845-867-4377 | fishkillfarms.com

With Derek Delsing, author of The Former’s Man

Draw, Design, Build a Home for Your Toy 1 p.m., New Era Creative Space 1016 Brown St., Peekskill | neceanspace.com

Meet the Animals 1 - 2 p.m. Wildlife Education Center 25 Blvd., Cornwall-on-Hudson 845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

West Point Foundry Book Party 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Make a Seed Bomb Workshop 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Make a Seed Bomb Workshop 3:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Wine Tasting

Saturday, February 22

4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

American Red Cross Babysitting Training 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center 107 GlenHynde Drive, Garrison | 845-424-9020 | philipstownrecreation.com

Tal Chai 9 a.m. St. Philip’s Parish House 1101 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3971 | stphilipshighlands.org

Reptiles as Pets 10 a.m. - Noon. Scenic Hudson River Center 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

Brain Injury Support Group 10 a.m. Four Books in a Box 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

Sports

Army vs. American (Women’s Basketball) 3 p.m. Christ Arena, West Point 845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

Art & Design

Cabin Fever Workshops 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Books in a Box 10 a.m. Intro to Adobe Lightroom 12 a.m. Discover Your Writing Voice Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Diseased Events 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Free admission for Beacon residents 1 p.m. Free Art Tour | 3 Beekman St., Beacon | 845-440-0400 | diabeacon.org

Members’ Winter Walk 2 p.m. Storm King Art Center 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-5115 | stormking.org

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**Theatrical & Film**

**The Great Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**
Noon: Downing Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh
845-265-3680 | DowningFilmCenter.com

**Jacob Burns Film Center**
12:30 - 6:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. (Premiere)
245 Main St., Beacon
845-842-2789 | JacobBurnsFilmCenter.org

**Free Admission for Beacon Residents**
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. 12 Grapes Beacon
See details under Saturday.

**Music**

**Concert and Potluck Supper to Honor Pete Seeger**
5:30 - 10 p.m. The Falcon
1348 Route W, Marlboro
845-677-8977 | thefalcon.com

**Dance**

**Zappa Plays Zappa**
8 p.m. Bardavon
35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
845-473-0072 | Bardavon.org

**Love Letters**
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre
See details under Friday.

**The Miracle Worker**
8 p.m. County Players
See details under Friday.

**100th Night Show: An Unexpected Journey**
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
100th Night Show:
An Unexpected Journey
See details under Friday.

**8 p.m.**

**Towne Crier Café**
8 p.m. The Living Room

**9 p.m.**

**845-424-4618** | philipstownrecreation.com

**9:30 p.m.**

**Irish Music Night**
5:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | See details under Friday.

**Unplugged Sunday**
Meetup.com/Sunset-Sundays-Open-Mic-Jam

**Basketball at Philipstown Rec**
6:15 p.m. Youth Skills/Drills (grades 3-8)
7:30 p.m. Adult Men’s Pickup
107 Glenn St., Beacon
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Health & Fitness**

**Meditation for Women with Cancer**
6:30 p.m. Mahopac Public Library
1376 S. Main St., Mahopac
814-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Basketball at Philipstown Rec**
6:15 p.m. Youth Skills/Drills (grades 3-8)
7:30 p.m. Adult Men’s Pickup
107 Glenn St., Beacon
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Sports**

**Haldane vs. Hamilton (Boys’ Basketball Sectional)**
3 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
845-265-9254 | haldanschool.org

**Garrison Art Center**
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drop-In Life Drawing & Painting (Short Pose)
5 - 7 p.m. Open Studio Painting
See details under Sunday.

**Mayo Museum Open Paint**
3 - 6 p.m. Eat, Paint, Love
333 Main St., Beacon | eat-paint-love.com

**The Act of Killing**
(Documentary)
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Haldane
845-265-3611 | haldaneschool.org

**Garrison Art Center**
3:30 p.m. Printmaking Club
1376 S. Main St., Mahopac
814-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

**Meadow Sweet Drawing**
5 - 7 p.m. Open Studio Drawing
Painting (Short Pose)
Garrison Art Center
845-265-2525 | silverpencilolding.com

**A Place at the Table (Documentary) plus Discussion**
6:30 p.m. United Methodist Church
1040 Main St., Poughkeepsie | pastor@potholm.org
Rescheduled from Feb. 13

**Indoor Tot Lot**
Noon - 2 p.m. Philipstown Rec Center
107 Glenn St., Beacon
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

**Magic Tree House Book Club Civil War on a Sunday**
3:30 p.m. Buttefield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | buttefieldlibrary.org

**Saturday listings**

**The Big Beauty (La Grande Bellezza)**
7 p.m. Downing Film Center
See details under Friday.

**Music**

**Acoustic Music Jam**
7 p.m. On the Lake
640 Route 52, Kent Lakes
845-229-2665 | healthisland.org

**Community Chorus**
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-842-9898 | howlandculturalcenter.org

**Stair Climb**
7 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.

**Kenny Vessel Trio Jazz**
8 p.m. Quiero’s
330 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-8065

**Meetings & Lectures**

**Cold Spring Lions Club**
6:30 p.m. Call for location
1348 Route W, Marlboro
845-677-8977 | beaconch12.org

**Emergency Preparedness Committee**
7 p.m. 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | buttefieldlibrary.org

**Justice Court**
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspring.ny.gov

**Tuesday, February 25**

**Kids & Community**

**Philosophy Recreational Center**
9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. Indoor Tod Lot
6:30 p.m. Foot in Mouth Players (ages 10+)
See details under Monday.

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Meetings & Lectures
Knitting Club
10 a.m.  Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 914-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Haldane Fine Arts Committee
1 p.m.  Butterfield Library | 160 Main St., Beacon | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Emergency Planning Info & KI Distribution
2 - 7 p.m.  Town Hall | 265 Ossawana Lake Rd., Putnam Valley | putnamcountygov.org/jrcr

Financial Wellness Workshop
5 - 8 p.m.  Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Conservation Advisory Commission
7 p.m.  Police Training Room, 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon | 845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

Haldane School Board Workshop
7:30 p.m.  Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

A Bright Future for the Electric Car (Lecture)
7:30 p.m.  Cornwall Presbyterian Fellowship Hall | 222 Hudson St., Cornwall | 845-534-5500 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Board of Trustees Workshop
7:30 p.m.  Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Phillipstown Recreation Commission (Scheduled)
7:30 p.m.  Phillipstown Rec Center | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison | 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Phillipstown Tech Group
7:30 p.m.  Desmond Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-9000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26
Kids & Community
Howland Public Library
9:45 a.m.  Come & Play (ages 0-3)
10:30 a.m.  Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
3 - 5 p.m.  Drop-in Homework Center (grades 1-8)
4 p.m.  Snapology Lego Robotics

Mahoning Open Play
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  FH W Hall | 34 Korbel Ave., Cold Spring | 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers 10:30 a.m. Pre-School Story Hour (ages 3-5) See details under Tuesday.

Free Food Class (ages 6-9)
11 a.m.  Fishkill Recreation Center | 793 Route 52, Fishkill | 347-589-3225 | facebook.com/emilymusic-kids

Registration required.

Indoor Tot Lot
Noon - 2 p.m.  Phillipstown Community Center See details under Monday.

New Year's New T-Shirt (grades 6-8)
3 p.m.  Butterfield Library | 160 Main St., Beacon | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Rescheduled from Feb. 5

Young Naturalist Preschool Open House
3:30 - 6 p.m.  Outdoor Discovery Center | 100 Muser Drive, Cornish | 845-534-5500 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Riverbend Kids Chorus (ages 5-13)
4 p.m.  Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-264-3393 | rivertownkids.org

Health & Fitness
Marge's Knitting Circle for Women with Cancer
6:30 p.m.  Support Connection See details under Tuesday.

"Wing It" Support Night
7 p.m.  Murphy's Restaurant | 355 Kear St., Yorktown Heights | 914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

For men who have a loved one with breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer

Sports
Army vs. Boston University (Men's Basketball)
7 p.m.  Christl Arena, West Point | 845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

ThurSday, February 27
Kids & Community
Indoor Tot Lot
9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m.  Phillipstown Community Center See details under Monday.

Howland Public Library
10 a.m.  Brain Games for Adults 10 - 2 p.m.  Free Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low Income
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5) 3:45 - 5 p.m.  Lego Club and Block Party 4 p.m.  Crafty Kids See details under Tuesday.

Senior Day Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  Mother Lurana House See details under Tuesday.

Meat & Egg Store Open
3 - 6 p.m.  Glenwood Farm (Dairy) 362 Glenwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | glenwoodfarm.com

Sloop Wooly Guthrie Benefit Dinner
5 p.m.  Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon | 914-907-0928 | beaconsloop.com

Chess Club
5 - 7:45 p.m.  Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

2014 Beacon Arts Awards Honoring Linda T. Hubbard
5:30 p.m.  DiaBeacon | 47 E. Main St., Beacon | 845-202-7500 | diabeacon.org

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igneous collections of books, DVDs, computer programs and other software, the library extends its reach throughout the community with a variety of programming for all ages, babies to seniors. Ginny Figlia, head of youth services, says, “It feels like libraries have really morphed into being the community centers of the area they serve. I find it great that we’re often one of the first places people come into to meet, connect with each other, either when they’ve just moved here, or had their first baby.” Figlia, who has been at Howland for almost 25 years, enjoys the Steelers coming to town behind her parents in her first years now returning with babies of their own. “It’s satisfying seeing lifelong library users,” she says.

Teenagers are well-served by the library, and use it frequently, often coming in groups to every fourth Friday’s Anime Club and every third Friday’s Gaming Club. They can serve on the Youth Advisory Committee, advising on their wants and needs and hosting their own activities. A drop-in homework center runs each Monday through Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. following the Beacon school district calendar, and assistance is given to students in grades one through eight by seniors from the Beacon High School Honor Society.

Figlia, who notes she has a “wide teenage base,” attributes this, in part, to the library’s Main Street location, walkable from a number of schools.

Elementary-age children can choose from Tail Waggin’ Tutors, in which they are able to read to a therapy dog (who never criticism); or attend a Crafty Kid workshop, offered once a month to all ages. Preschoolers have dedicated story time/craft activities on Thursdays and enjoy unstructured play on the Imagination Playground blocks at the library’s “Block Party” afterschool Thursdays through the end of March or construct with Legos at the same time. Toddler Tales are just that, designed for two- and three-year-olds, Wednesday mornings. For those even younger, Come and Play Wednesdays are meant for babies, toddlers and young children with parents or caregivers. These take place year round on a come-and-go-as-you-please basis. The littlest are catered to at Baby & Me Story and Play, where those from “birth” to 24 months enjoy rhymes, lap games, songs and simple board books.

Community of active parents

Some programs require pre-registration, check with the library for details. Several programs are co-sponsored by weedplayproject.org, a group whose mission is to promote excellence in children’s and youth programming by building an organized coalition of community parents. They support the library and vice versa, for instance providing personnel to run events, while the library provides space and publicity. Figlia calls this an example of positive change through the years: “It feels like a difference in community involvement. Beacon is a tight community of active parents and they’re involved and supportive of the district and the library — there’s been a real swing in that direction.”

Figlia is particularly proud of a relatively new program, Young Adult Connections, which is a social support club for young adults (teenagers and beyond) with Asperger’s Syndrome and/or other social challenges. Along with certain “ice-breaking” exercises and games the group does yoga to provide coping mechanisms for anxiety issues and de-stressing.

Alison Herrero, Head of Adult Services and Digital Literacy has many offerings of her own. Along with a monthly daytime book club — new members always welcome — meeting every second Tuesday, there is a knitting club for novices to experts; one-on-one computer lessons Wednesday mornings, and Brain Games, sponsored by the Dutchess County Division of Aging Services, in which “the group plays mind-stimulating games and puzzles while adding a dash of friendship and laughs.” One Friday per month is devoted to International Film Night, on which each film is shown in its original language with English subtitles, and a culturally-matching dessert is served, made by library assistant Al Ma.

There are also many special events: Jane Austen’s birthday was celebrated with tea and cake; authors of more culturally-matching dessert is served, while adding a dash of friendship and laughs.” One Friday per month is devoted to International Film Night, on which each film is shown in its original language with English subtitles, and a culturally-matching dessert is served, made by library assistant Al Ma.

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In addition, there is scheduled tax help from the AARP for seniors, GED review for those taking that exam, and multiple appointment slots for assistance from the Beacon Historical Society.

Reference Librarian Peter McGivney, another longstanding staff member, is on hand to assist with research, something much changed through the years. “Once upon a time it was all homework. Now they can just go online and get all the wrong information there! Google really isn’t helping. I spend a lot of time finding stuff!” McGivney also assists with adults research- local history and/or their families. “Apparently everyone and their Uncle Bob has passed through Beacon,” he quips, adding that they possess city directories from 1914 through 1978, a genealogy index for the Beacon Evening News from 1940 to 1962 and the A-Z Database. A calendar on the library’s home page, beaconlibrary.org, includes details on recurring programs and special events. All programs are open to residents of the five counties (Putnam included), which join together under the Mid-Hudson Libraries banner. Howland Library is located at 333 Main St., and the phone is 845-831-1334.

Freedom’s Gardener: James F. Brown, Horticulture, and the Hudson Valley in Antebellum America

with Professor Myra Young Arstadt

Saturday, February 22, 5 p.m.

Join us as Myra Young Arstadt, Professor of History and Chair of Africana Studies at Bard College, discusses her new book about James F. Brown, a runaway slave from Maryland who became an estate gardener, coachman, and laborer with the Verplanck family at Mount Gulian in Beacon. For forty years, Brown diligently recorded the details of his life in personal diaries that Arstadt uses to recount his ascension from slave to voter in the landowner.

Admission: $5 general public/Members free RSVP: info@putnamhistorymuseum.org or 845-265-4010.

The Putnam History Museum 63 Chestnut Street, Cold Spring NY www.putnamhistorymuseum.org

Myra Young Arstadt

Photo by A. Rooney

Sunshine and books fill a corner of the children’s room at Howland Public Library.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Kids & Community

Indoor Tot Lot

9 - 11 a.m. & Noon - 2 p.m. · 3 Philipstown Community Center · See details under Monday.

New York Public Library

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. · Free Tax Assistance for Seniors and Low Income · See details under Feb. 21.

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. · Navigating Healthcare Options 800-453-4660 · mid-nyc.gov · Appointment required · See details under Feb. 21.

Health & Fitness

Free Level 2 Yoga Class

9:30 a.m. · Living Yoga 3180 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-809-5900 · livingyogastudios.com

Meetings & Lectures

Kirtan with Krishna Das

10 a.m. · Garrison Institute 14 Main’s Way, Garrison 845-424-4805 · garrisoninstitute.org

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A Place at the Table
Documentary Screening Rescheduled for Feb. 24

The planned Feb. 13 screening and discussion of the documentary about hunger in the United States, A Place at the Table, has been rescheduled. The film and discussion will take place at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, at the United Methodist Church in Peekskill.

Fifty million people in the U.S. — one in four children — don’t know where their next meal is coming from. The film’s directors Kristi Jacobson and Lori Silverbush examine the issue of hunger in America through the lens of three people struggling with food insecurity. A Place at the Table shows how hunger poses economic, social and cultural questions, and suggests these could be resolved once and for all, if the American public decides that making healthy food available and affordable is in the nation’s best interest.

From left, Dominic Maglio, Connor O’Reilly, Madison Chiera and Dillon Kelly competed Feb. 14 in free throw competition. Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

There will be dessert and a post-film discussion with representatives from the Peekskill Area Pastors Association (PAPA), Fred’s Pantry and County Harvest. The event is free and open to the public.

The United Methodist Church is located at 1040 Main St., Peekskill. PAPA represents a wide variety of houses of worship in the Putnam and Northern Westchester area.

Contact Rev. John Keane, SA, Francis- can Friar of the Atonement at 845-424-3671, ext. 3549 or email Rabbi Lee Pas kind at rabbi@firsthebrew.org.

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Free Throw Winners Advance to Regional Competition

The Knights of Columbus Loretto Council No. 536 sent six boys and girls to the District 54 Free Throw Competition Feb. 14, at the St. Columba School Gym in Hopewell Junction, and four of them came home winners.

Moving onto the Regional Competition on Saturday March 8, at Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie, will be Madison Chiera, who shot 12 for 25 in the 9-year-old girls bracket, Dillon Kelly who took the 10-year-old boys bracket by shooting 18 for 25, Connor O’Reilly who shot 21 for 25 in the 11-year-old boys bracket, and Dominic Maglio with 12 for 25 in the 12-year-old boys bracket. District Deputy Nick Longo presented a medal to each winner in the district competition.

Winners of the Regional Competition will advance to the Downstate Regional Tournament to be held in March.

10th Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Participants Announced

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week (HVRW) announced the list of 183 participating restaurants for the upcoming event, which takes place March 10 through 23. HVRW celebrates the region’s outstanding dining scene with a focus on farm-to-table, sustainable seasonal products, and buying local. As the region’s ultimate culinary experience where locals and visitors can savor the diverse flavors of New York State, HVRW features prix fixe, three-course dinners for $29.95 and lunches for $20.95. HVRW is presented by The Valley Table, devoted to regional farms, food and cuisine.

The participating restaurants are located throughout seven counties including Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Columbia and Ulster. See the full list at hudsonvalleyrestaurantweek.com.

Recreational Center
Closed Feb. 22

The Town of Philipstown has announced that the Recycling Center will be closed Saturday, Feb. 22.

Desmond-Fish Library
Hosts West Point Foundry Book Event

Local authors Trudie Grace and Mark Forlow present their book, West Point Foundry, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. The event will be held in the...

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Sunday February 23rd 3-5pm

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184 Main Street

Donations welcome, but not required, appetizers and all are welcome!
Sugar Snow

Learn how maple trees are tapped and syrup is made. Make fresh butter from cream and end the class feasting on homemade Johnny Cakes, butter and maple syrup. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday March 16, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday March 18.

Trade and the General Store

Learn all about “The General Store” during pioneer days. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 6, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday April 8.

Little House

Imagine sharing a one-room house with your whole family. Participants will build a one-room house model and make furniture and supplies needed to survive life on the prairie. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Solutions for House May 4, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday May 6.

Ma's Prairie Garden

Ma planted onions, carrots, pea, beans, turnips, cabbages and sweet potatoes to feed her family. Children will make seedling gardens to transplant in backyards. Participants should come to class with a cardboard box. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Sunday June 1, or 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday June 2.

Cost: $80 for the series, members $75. Cost for 2 children: $140 for the series, members $130. For more information or to register, contact Education Director Sember Weinman at education@commongroundfarm.org.

Guitarist Kenny Wessel Leads Trio at Quinn’s

Guitarist Kenny Wessel leads a trio for the next Monday jazz session at Quinn’s. Perhaps best known for his work in Ornette Coleman’s pioneering electric jazz ensemble, Prime Time, Wessel has distinguished himself as a musician, composer and educator. The list of artists with whom Wessel has worked has ranged from Lou Reed to Kurt Matur, Donald Fagen to Debashish Bhattacharya, Johnny Hartman to past Quinn’s jazz session artist Karl Berger, among hundreds of others. For this Monday jazz session, Wessel will be joined by Matt Pavolka on bass and Russ Meissner on drums.

The Kenny Wessel Trio will perform at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24. Quinn’s is located at 330 Main St., Beacon. As with every Monday jazz session at Quinn’s, there is no cover charge at the door. Reservations for the musicians will be requested and gratefully accepted.

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Scones and Champagne: Cup and Saucer Sets the Table for Downton Abbey Tea (from page 7)

consumption of all the food. As proprietor of Cup and Saucer, Wensel-Hot wears out the hats, missing in a bit of Mrs. Patmore (she cooks), Mrs. Hughes (she trains the staff), Carter (she’s the brains behind the operation) and Lord Grantham (she owns the place.) Although the Cup and Saucer has been open in Beacon for about 13 years — “the longest existing business on the east end of Main Street” says Wensel-Hot — she is not the original owner. Owned by a woman in her mid-20s as a retirement project, according to Wensel-Hot, her lack of restaurant experience, and the limitations of what was then a “just tea” menu proved to be “too much for her” and Wensel-Hot, who was working as a server there, bought it from her about seven years ago.

With a background in restaurant work, having “watched the chefs” during long stints at Fishkill’s Cornerstone Restaurant and the Inn at Osbourne Hill, she set about transforming Cup and Saucer, adding a much broader range of “international comfort food.” With an Austrian mother and a Hungarian father who emigrated to the UK, goulash, bratwurst and spaetle join traditional German dishes such as cottage pie and bangers and mash on a diverse menu which also includes lighter fare, with a variety of sandwiches, wraps and salads along with crepes and quiches. A British tea, for one or two, is always the lead item on the menu, and a small selection of British goods, including teas and canisters are available working here. Buying the building was a big decision but it’s all about perseverance — if it’s something you want to do, stick with it. I could see that the ‘just tea and tea sandwiches’ wasn’t working; the menu wasn’t diverse enough. Now we can have someone in who wants a traditional tea, but the person who comes with her can have a Reuben. Above all we’re not a froufrou place; we try to make it warm and working; the menu wasn’t diverse enough. Now we can have someone in who wants a traditional tea, but the person who comes with her can have a Reuben. Above all we’re not a froufrou place; we try to make it warm and welcoming. Now we can have someone in who wants a traditional tea, but the person who comes with her can have a Reuben. Above all we’re not a froufrou place; we try to make it warm and welcoming.
Putnam Pols Poised to Protest NY SAFE Gun Control Law

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York State Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act, passed by the state legislature after the December 2012 massacre of children in Newtown, Conn., and murder of two firefighters responding to a blaze in a rural New York community.

The three-person Rules Committee unanimously approved a draft resolution prohibiting unauthorized use of Putnam County’s seal, clearing the measure for adoption by the entire nine-member legislature at an upcoming session.

SAFE Act objections

Although the draft resolution does not mention the gun-control law by name, “this is in response to the NY SAFE Act. So we have to keep it in that context,” said Legislator Dini LoBue, who chairs the Rules Committee. “I am not in favor of the state police using the seal. “I think this is just further evidence that they want to aggravate the people, the gun-holders. We already have to use the name and or official seal” as “in some situations where private and other governmental entities indicated a desire to use the name and or official seal.”

LoBue said that if the state moves to recertify shall act as a revocation of the license recertification by Jan. 31, 2018. “Failure to recently shall act as a revocation of such a license,” the law warns. It directs that “not less than one year prior to such date, the state police shall send a notice to all license-holders who have not recertified by such time.”

Hence the state police interest in help from counties — or at least county seals. In a Feb. 19 memo, County Clerk Den-nis Sant objected to “the unauthorized use of the official county seal,” pointing out that “it has recently come to our at-tention that the New York State Police” in implementing the SAFE Act “was considering the dissemination of correspon-dence to Putnam County pistol licensees with our official county seal.” Sant said that he gave no permission to the state police, or Gov. Andrew Cuomo, to use the seal “on any of their correspondence for any of their endeavors under the NY SAFE Act.” He added that he had in-formed the county attorney.

Then the legislators got involved too. The draft resolution declares the leg-islate “denies any entity, including an-o ther governmental entity, permission to use the name and or official seal” as well as “the letterhead of any county de-partment or agency ... without written consent” of both the legislature and the county clerk. The draft resolution points to “situations where private and other governmental entities indicated a desire to utilize the name and or official seal of the County of Putnam for purposes not involving an official function of the county, in order to misleadingly suggest the county’s involvement in or support of such matters.”

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Legislators — committee members, joined by a handful of colleagues watching from the side — enthusiastically supported the draft. “I think especially in Putnam, where we took such a strong stand against the SAFE Act, to have our seal on future correspondence relating to this is really a slap in the face,” said Legislator Louis Tararo, a Rules Committee member. “It strikes me that the SAFE Act stuff is over the top, but I don’t know why anyone outside the Putnam County government would think they have the legitimacy to adopt our seal,” Legislator Kevin Wright, the third committee member, comment-ed. “It’s raw politics and it’s wrong.”

LoBue said that if the state moves ahead, the legislature will send a mes-sage to state officials. “All the surrounding counties are moving toward the same modernization” or resolution, “so we’re all on the same page,” she said. “And we have power by numbers.”

Sheriffs’ Association qualms

In New York State, with a few metro-politan exceptions, counties issue pistol licenses, while county clerks keep gun ownership records. The New York State Sheriffs’ Association likes the recerti-fication process because it, and related regulations, “conflict with sheriffs’ du ties regarding issuance of pistol per-mits.” Last May, the sheriffs’ group and individual sheriffs, including Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith, wrote a friend-of-the-court brief in a challenge to the NY SAFE Act by the New York State Rifle and Pistol Association (NYSRPA), the National Rifle Association state af-filiate. The Rifle and Pistol Association promotes bans on use of county seals in conjunction with the SAFE Act.

Controversy notwithstanding, a state police press spokesperson, Darcy Wells, told Philipstown.info/The Paper on Tues-day that “the recertification process is being developed. However, our primary concern is ensuring that all permit hold-ers recertify properly. If they do not they will lose their permits.” Wells said that while the NYSR is setting up the recer-tification mechanism, “counties have and will continue to be involved in the process as they have a vested interest” in only providing handgun permits to legally qualified people.

Upcoming: county seal use in campaigns

If legislators don’t want the state po-lice borrowing the county seal, they also seem reluctant to allow fellow Putnam County politicians to put the seal on re-election materials. The Rules Committee called for discussion next month on pro-scribing that practice as well.

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Roots and Shoots

Extend the Growing Season with Cold Frames and Hoop Beds

By Pamela Doan

I'm patient for the homegrown flavor of vegetables! I am. This winter seems to be lasting forever. Summer's harvest can't come soon enough. I've been looking into projects to extend the growing season. I've found creative approaches to reusing materials that are mostly laying around the garage that don't require a carpenter's skill level or special tools to assemble and can get fresh vegetables onto the table sooner this spring with a little luck.

Years ago before she went to prison, I watched an episode of Martha Stewart Living where Martha built a cold frame. Since it’s Martha Stewart, of course she claimed it was easy, but I was put off by the labor involved. Her method had some poor guy digging a double-coffin size hole several feet deep in the ground to serve as the frame.

Cold frames can actually be any size and can sit on top of the ground, they don’t have to be set in. The main characteristics are that it has four sides and a transparent cover or lid that latches. The rest is up to the builder or designer. Angled sides make it easier to lift. Use wood that is untreated as treated wood may leach chemicals into the soil.

The cold frame can be set into the ground enough that it's securely in place. If it's going to be filled with organic matter to plant in, make sure it's deep enough to hold the soil and give sufficient space for the tallest plants to reach their full height. If you're fortunate enough to have good soil, then plant directly in the ground. The cover and protection of the box will keep the plants toasty through winter.

I read about a few tricks to trap solar heat on *MotherEarth* that I'll share here. Make a solar heater by filling containers that are painted black with water. Plastic water jugs, freezer bags, or just about any decent size vessel that will hold water will do as long as it is painted black. It will retain and project heat. Fresh mire placed in a hole in the dirt will give off heat as it decomposes, as will hay or straw. Use a thermometer to track the temperature inside and if the plants are in danger of freezing, place blankets over the cover as an extra layer of insulation. Snow works remarkably well as an insulator, too, and chances are that will be available.

Plants in cold frames are in more danger of overheating than freezing, however. Set up the cover so that it can be propped open for ventilation or hinged up to allow it to cool. Old windows, shower doors or a sheet of Plexiglas can serve as the cover. Check the resale shops for materials. Try to find something that is shatter resistant, though. Thinner single-pane windows can crack or be smashed by debris and then you're cleaning glass shards out of the broccoli.

Hoop frames or hoop beds are another option for extending the growing season, or dare I say it, creating a four-season harvest. As with cold frames, there are a few options for designing these. The basic concept is to use flexible piping like PVC to create a u-shaped frame that semi-transparent cloth or transparent thick plastic can be attached to. Like a greenhouse or cold frame, it will trap heat inside during the cooler months.

Plants in hoop frames or hoop beds include all the cool weather vegetables such as broccoli, spinach, cabbage, kale, beets, radishes and varieties of greens. In our hardiness zone, these won't last much into October and can't be sown earlier than mid-April, depending on the specific vegetable. Once we get a decent melt of some of this snow, though, you could be planting in your new cold frame in March. There are many designs and specific instructions for materials. Try to find something that is shatter resistant, though. Thinner single-pane windows can crack or be smashed by debris and then you're cleaning glass shards out of the broccoli.

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Artist Martee Levi, top, helped hang works in the Anita Hart Bartler Gallery, as classes, including one on still life digital photography taught by Lori Adams (facing camera in lower photo), went on all around her.

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