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A Lonely Crusade

Galef pushes ethics reform in Albany

By Kevin E. Foley

Sandy Galef, who represents Philipstown and river towns south in the state assembly, has introduced a broad ethics reform package of legislative bills she said is intended to “create a distance between those who seek to influence the laws and those who make them.”

The Democrat’s proposals, which she introduced at a news conference in Albany last week, target inequities of power, ethics and transparency in state government. She said her proposals have received more attention than she might have expected only because “the media in Albany is hungry for someone to talk about ethics.”

A new Siena College poll found that 89 percent of New York state residents believe corruption in state government is a serious problem, which is not surprising given the cascade of indictments, trial and convictions of state legislators that culminated last year (Continued on Page 8)



The Paper’s Cold Spring trustee candidate forum was held at Haldane school on Feb. 29.

Photo by Michele Gedney

CS Trustee Candidates Make Their Case at Forum

Agreement on one thing: Village needs more revenue

By Michael Turton

The Paper hosted a forum on Feb. 29 with the three candidates running for two seats on the Cold Spring Village Board — Lynn Miller, Barney Molloy

and Steve Voloto. Moderated by Managing Editor Kevin E. Foley and myself, it can be viewed at philipstown.info. The election is Tuesday, March 15.

Tax-cap squeeze

Candidates were asked how the village might reduce spending in light of the state-imposed cap that limits any in-

crease in the 2016-17 tax levy to \$1,800 on its \$1.6 million budget. Specifically, they were asked if the \$400,000 annual cost of the Cold Spring Police Department could or should be reduced.

Molloy, the former planning board chair, acknowledged that while there is always a cost to policing, CSPD represents 30 percent of the levy. “There’s got to be ways to deliver that service more effectively, more efficiently,” he said. The Putnam County Sheriff’s Department recently renewed its Nelsonville substation and Molloy said a partnership with the sheriff or state police might enhance police coverage while reducing costs.

Miller, a Main Street business owner, commented that disbanding CSPD in favor of policing by the county isn’t “an either-or situation.” She added, “We have to find economies where we can, but need to preserve community policing.”

Voloto, a carpenter, said the issue requires serious study and questioned disbanding CSPD. “Is it really worth the sacrifice [to lose] officers who really know the community just to save a couple bucks?”

Consolidation

Voloto urged looking at consolidation of municipal services “really carefully before entering into any binding contracts, to be sure it’s good for the village.” He said he supports merging the village’s building department with that of the Town of Philipstown, but only if Cold Spring retains some oversight. “Village needs are a little different than the town’s,” he said.

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Parking Woes as Beacon Grows

City weighs options, including meters on Main

By Jeff Simms

A provision that calculates some city parking requirements using standards more than 50 years old is one of several issues Beacon officials are wrestling with as they anticipate increased development and, with it, traffic.

In recent months, the Beacon City Council has considered options, including meters, for freeing space on Main Street, where cars sometimes remain parked for hours, and for generating revenue for parking maintenance and Main Street improvements.

Mayor Randy Casale said Wednesday he can’t officially commit to parking meters but believes there’s a “good chance” they will be installed eventually.

Rather than dedicate police resources toward ticketing, Casale said he prefers the idea of “state-of-the-art” meters — ones



A prime spot in front of The Beacon Theatre

Photo by J. Simms

which would conceivably allow drivers to park on one end of Main Street, pay a parking fee that’s electronically “attached” to the car’s license plate, and then move

along Main for as many stops as needed, for the duration of the parking fee.

There would be several benefits, he said — stationary cars (Continued on Page 9)



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Small, Good Things

Brighten the Corners

By Joe Dizney

Last week's local weather was representative of trends established by what is reportedly the most intense El Niño in 100 years. All you have to do is think back to the last two years to acknowledge that 60°F temperatures in February and ground that goes "squish" instead of "crunch" are at least unusual for the Hudson River Valley.

Howling winds at night, torrential rains followed by snow ... or fog ... or ice ...(!) in the morning. You just never know.

Writing this on a beautiful sunny day makes it seem like a dream now. I really want to just get out and clean up the garden, but as soon as I do, I'm sure a cold snap will reappear to further confuse the vernal growth that has already begun way too early this year.

This meteorological whiplash also has very human psychological and physical repercussions and to combat the occasional, as usual, I cook. But the hearty winter stews and braises that usually seem so right for the final cold months are somehow heavy for these unseasonably bright days and don't do much to lighten the gloomy ones — and it seems like we never know which we're going to get.

You can't really complain or plan, just face the realities — and the uncertainties

— and deal with, or maybe even celebrate, them. Thinking light and bright and confronted with the late winter larder, I settled on a sunny yellow stew of squash, sweetened with leeks.

The squash (I used the readily available butternut variety, but a hubbard or even a sweetmeat pumpkin will do) is tossed with olive oil and spices — earthy cumin, marjoram and turmeric for even a bit more sunny brightness — and roasted, imparting a depth of flavor that makes the addition of meat unnecessary. Not being one to ever deny a pork product, the optional bacon con does have the advantage of further sweetening the sautéed leeks, as does the optional deglazing of the sauté pan with white wine.

I used a simple vegetable stock to puree about 75 percent of the roasted squash, roughly chopping and reserving the remainder to add later for a chunkier texture.

The addition of small, cooked, rice-sized pasta — orzo is readily available; but I found *pignolina* and small toasted *fregola* locally at Vera's Marketplace — offers a pleasant texture and additional substance. If wheat/gluten is an issue, you can use cooked rice but the stew will be appreciably thicker.

For a more substantial meal, add a healthy handful of greens (spinach, baby arugula or cabbage) at the last minute and heat it just through to wilt. Garnished with chopped chives or tarragon, enjoy this one little bowl of winter sunshine on your table.



Winter sunshine stew

Photo by J. Dizney

Winter Stew of Squash, Leeks and Pasta

5-6 cups peeled pumpkin or other yellow winter squash, cut into about two-inch cubes
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground turmeric
2 tablespoons dried marjoram
2 tablespoons butter
¼ pound pancetta, guanciale, or smoky bacon, chopped (optional)
4-6 large leeks, sliced, including

some of the tender greens
4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
¼ cup dry sherry or dry white wine (optional)
1½ cups cooked pasta (orzo, riso, fregola or pignolina)
2 cups baby spinach leaves, chopped roughly, or sliced cabbage or arugula (optional)
1-2 tablespoons chopped chives and/or tarragon for garnish

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. Cook pasta; drain and reserve. Toss pumpkin or squash with the olive oil, cumin, turmeric and marjoram. Salt and pepper lightly. Spread out on a parchment-lined baking sheet and roast for 30 to 45 minutes, checking and turning after 20 minutes so that it doesn't brown too much.
2. While pumpkin roasts, melt butter in a three-quart saucepan (large enough to hold the final stew). Add the bacon if using and sauté over medium heat for a couple of minutes, followed by the leeks. Cook for an additional 4 to 5 minutes over medium heat. Add wine or sherry if using and allow to cook off a bit; 1-2 minutes. Add stock and simmer for another 10 minutes. Keep warm.
3. Once pumpkin or squash is done, allow it to cool enough to process in batches in a blender or food processor, adding ½ cup or so of chicken stock to each batch as necessary to liquefy. For a chunkier stew, reserve some of the pumpkin cubes and add to the stock pot.
4. Add pumpkin mixture to the pot and heat to a low simmer. Add spinach, cabbage or kale if using and cook just long enough to cook through. Add pasta and simmer for another 2-3 minutes. Serve garnished with chopped chives and/or tarragon.

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"There are a lot of old buildings and unique situations [here]."

Molloy suggested replacing the practice of rolling the current budget into the next year with only minor adjustments in favor of zero-based budgeting, with all spending having to be justified annually. He also advocated reducing legal costs. "I don't think there's a conscious [recognition] that whenever you speak to a lawyer there's always an inherent cost," he said.

He also spoke against large year-end undesignated fund balances. Excluding funds reserved for the Main Street Project, Molloy said the current fund balance "is almost 20 percent of our budget," whereas most municipalities keep it at about 10 percent. "We don't need to keep \$250,000 around for a rainy day," he said. "It should either be returned to taxpayers or earmarked for infrastructure costs."

Parking meters

If there is unanimous agreement among the candidates on any issue, it was over the need to increase and diversify village revenue.

"Parking meters [on Main Street] can solve a lot of problems we face, particularly revenue that is not a tax on village property owners," Miller said. "Smart meters can be programmed any way we want, [including] low fees when parking demand is low and higher fees when demand is high ... or no fee when someone wants to park and run [into a shop] for 15 minutes."

Voloto agreed. "The technology is really amazing," he said. "But what I would really like to see in the meantime is the police department enforcing the parking regulations. I don't see it happening. I'd like to push hard to see that the rules we have are being enforced evenhandedly."

Molloy also saw no downside to meters, but said they have to be part of a larger solution. Meters could bring in from \$100,000 to \$300,000 a year, depending how they're programmed, he said, but the village first needs "a workable parking permit system" for residents.



Candidates, from left, Molloy, Miller and Voloto

Photo by Anita Peltonen

Molloy said that visitors he's spoken with can't believe they don't pay for parking in Cold Spring. He suggested rates be set higher on weekends. He also said that higher rates early on weekday mornings would discourage commuters from parking on Main Street and that rates could be reduced in mid-morning once shops are open.

Miller added: "If we put our heads together, we can put a system in place fairly quickly that is going to solve these problems and be fair to everybody — residents and visitors alike."

Riverfront properties

The Cold Spring Boat Club site and the highway department yard on Fair Street, both owned by the village, and Dockside, owned by New York State Parks, were each mentioned in the 2012 Comprehensive Plan as possible sources of revenue.

"The boat club is one of the most valuable assets we have as a community," Miller said, adding that she is committed to finding a way to develop the property that preserves the club's access to the river while enabling the village to generate revenue from docking and launching fees. "I believe there's a way to keep members of the boat club happy [while] also opening up the use, inclusive use, of a valuable property that belongs to all of us," she said. In Miller's view that includes looking at the entire riverfront in more detail than the Comprehensive Plan.

Voloto said "anything is possible" for the future of the boat club, but said he needs more information about the issues

involved, as well as information regarding potential of the highway garage. "If someone has an idea or proposal I'm glad to hear it," he said. He also feels the village should pursue management of Dockside with State Parks. He said the village is allowed to profit from use of the area and that while a permanent structure likely wouldn't be allowed, "weddings, small concerts, food trucks and any number of creative things" could generate revenue. "It's worth looking into," he said.

Partnerships

Molloy disagreed with Voloto, saying that agreements with New York State Parks are so restrictive that the village should leave management of Dockside to the state. He does, however, see considerable potential for the highway garage and the boat club site. "Let's cast the net out there" by putting out a request for proposals to develop the highway garage, he said. "Let's find out what's available and we might not be having this conversation about revenue next year. We might be arguing about what we want to see there" He said that an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Philipstown and Putnam County could be one way to free up the highway garage in order to develop the property.

Molloy said a candid conversation is needed regarding the boat club's future. "They're an important part of the community," he said, "but like everybody else they need to share." He said the site can be developed in a way that generates revenue, but that neither the village nor the boat club can afford to do it alone. "What we can do is partner with a private concern or larger government concern and generate creative ways to do that."

One important project...

Candidates were asked to briefly identify one important project they would want to work on if elected. "The Comprehensive Plan is an important blueprint for the village," Voloto said. "It bears study on my part."

Tourism is of special interest to Miller. She said that as a business owner who gains revenue from tourism, "I want to work to mitigate its impact on residents." She was critical of the state and county for their perceived lack of support. "I send a whole lot of money to Albany and Carmel and it never comes back to us," she said. "Carmel is happy to pour money into tourism that lands in our laps but they don't help us. They don't give a dime and they don't give a damn about what it costs us."

"It's really about asset management," Molloy said. The village "has no idea what it owns, what condition it's in and what the shelf life is." He also cited a need to plan beyond the retirements of a number of key village employees.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cold Spring Village Election

Candidate endorsements

Village Board election is March 15

I am voting for Barney Molloy for Trustee in the Cold Spring Village election on March 15. Please join me in voting for someone who has the experiences, qualifications, and skills that our village so desperately needs.

Molloy has served on the Emergency Task Force, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Code Update Committee and as chair of the Planning Board. While serving our village in these varied capacities, he has exhibited terrific organizational and managerial skills.

We all know that the state tax cap is creating very difficult budgetary constraints, but what is being done to deal with it now and in the future? What is our "plan" — none, it appears! That is why we need a long-term capital and asset management plan. Molloy has repeatedly exhibited the skills needed to develop such a plan.

He has also exhibited the ability and willingness to work with all, regardless of differing view points and philosophies to the betterment of our beloved village.

This coming election is much too important to our village to not take seriously who we vote for. Your vote matters and it should be for the one person who has the experience, ability, qualifications and the willingness to work hard to help our village deal with the difficulties ahead. That one person is Barney Molloy!

Bill Mazzuca, *Cold Spring*



Barney Molloy

Photo by Michael Turton

Cold Spring is fortunate to have three good candidates for the two open trustee spots. All are honorable, thoughtful, and committed to serving this community. I urge voters to choose the two candidates with experience in our village government — Lynn Miller and Barney Molloy.

Lynn Miller served a partial term as an appointed trustee in 2009-2010 and did an admirable job. She worked hard and collaboratively, showed consideration for differing views, brought fresh solutions to problems and exhibited common sense in her votes. She and her husband, Greg,

have been smart, neighborly and tenacious in building the Go-Go Pops business on Main Street.

Barney Molloy served two years as Planning Board chair during tumultuous times, and, in my view, showed good judgment, fairness, equanimity and a sound understanding of municipal procedure. He and I do not agree on some issues — I think the village should move elections to November, for example, while he opposes it — but what really counts is a willingness to work hard and to listen even harder. Barney has had the courage to raise uncomfortable questions about capital budgeting, the appropriate level of police services and the firehouse, to name just three. The village needs that.

These two very different people share an impatience to get things done that has not in many years been more needed. Vote at the firehouse on March 15 to elect Miller and Molloy.

Michael Armstrong, *Cold Spring*

Lynn Miller's infectious smile is a reflection of one of her greatest strengths as a community servant and leader; she is a "people person." A few years ago, when we met her as new residents to Cold Spring, she stepped right up and offered warm support in the form of a sympathetic ear, an encyclopedic knowledge of our village, and soup. There is no doubt that her natural way with people will serve the village. If we want to keep getting good things done here, we need someone with Lynn's talents for collaboration and cooperation.

Lynn understands the village of Cold Spring from two very important perspectives, both as a resident and a businesswoman. She is passionate about maintaining the unique charm and attractiveness of Cold Spring while creating opportunities for its residents and local businesses. She dives head first into a challenge but maintains the position of a peacemaker with a gift for creating victories for all at precisely those moments where others might give up or dig in their heels.

The proof is in her distinguished history of love and service to Cold Spring, including the creation with her family of a beloved landmark, Go-Go Pops on Main Street — famous well beyond our borders and a magnet for visitors far and wide. Her previous experience as trustee and her determination to continue serving us all inspires our votes. We encourage you to give her your votes as well.

Christine and Raymond Bokhour,
Cold Spring

As a confirmed political junkie and therefore, a glutton for punishment, I admit to watching far too many speeches by the candidates of both parties in this year's presidential primary season. One of the things I have come away with is that Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump actually agree that youth unemployment is too damn high. Well, at least they agree about something!

I have another admission: I hardly know Lynn Miller at all, having only met her personally a couple of times. But there is one thing I absolutely do know about her for a fact — she employs teenagers at her family business on Main Street. How fabulous is that?

Do you remember your first summer job or after-school job? What did that do for you?

For an entrepreneur to take on our community's youth as employees requires a leap of trust, a willingness to take on risk, commitment to training and fair dealing. That person should be commended. We know that kids with activities to occupy their minds and time — whether sports, volunteering or whatever — are more likely to have a sense of purpose and self-worth, and less likely to turn to substance abuse. I hope other businesspeople in Cold Spring and Philipstown follow her example.

It reminds me of the line in a song: "I believe the children are our future." We need elected officials who look ahead, far ahead, like Lynn Miller. Please vote for her.

Carolyn C. Bachan, *Cold Spring*

After years of fighting and finger pointing, Barney Molloy, because of his experience and management know-how, along with the rest of what used to be very professional planning board, got the Butterfield Project done. It wasn't easy, took two years of almost constant work, even as some did their best to stop the progress. But the whole time, Barney was always professional, took the time to explain to us seniors what the process was and what the law required. He never dismissed our concerns, misled or belittled us, and he was always consistent and fair. You only have to watch last week's meeting of the new planning board to see the difference. Unfortunately, it's like night and day!

That's why I'm writing this letter, because not only the seniors, but everybody in Cold Spring needs Barney on the Village Board. Vote for Barney Molloy on March 15!

Donna Anderson, *Cold Spring*

I'm delighted Steve Voloto is running for trustee. I have known Steve for years, and always found him to be a solid citizen: honest, reliable, smart, cares about the place he lives, and with a terrific sense of humor. Recently, my wife and I hired him to rebuild our barn behind our house. It was terrific to see that all the qualities I admire about Steve as a person are also there in Steve as a businessperson. He was so easy to work with, always gave us good options, was on time and on budget. And always a pleasure to have around.

Steve would be such a terrific asset to have on our village board. He's got my vote, and I hope he'll have yours.

Gregory McCoy, *Cold Spring*

As a 17-year resident of Philipstown, I strongly endorse Lynn Miller for position of village (Continued on next page)

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Cold Spring Village Election



Lynn Miller

Photo by Michael Turton

(from previous page) trustee. She is a uniquely qualified and passionate about improving our Village.

Lynn understands how local tourism impacts village finances and will dedicate her creativity and perseverance to help find effective solutions to the challenges we face. Her successful business Go-Go Pops has been one of my favorite places to patronize for their healthy offerings. That has afforded me with the opportunity to get to know Lynn, her husband, Greg, and son, Jack, over the years. She is also a person who is willing to hear others' opinions and is always willing to speak with anybody to hear her or his perspective.

Lynn really grasps the fact that this is a public service job and she is not seeking it for her own benefit but to serve the people of the community in an impartial way. She is always willing to listen to other opinions to learn and grow from them. Her door, literally and figuratively, is always open. I, for one, applaud that!

I stand with Lynn Miller and give her my full support for her successful candidacy. She will do right for the Cold Spring community and will have their best interests at heart.

Lydia JA Langley, *Garrison*

Our village government functions quite well, even as it faces important financial decisions. There's recent progress on long-standing debates: parking meters, environmental remediation near the boat club and the Main Street project.

In the March 15 election for village trustees, I'll be voting for Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto to continue the progress. Steve and Lynn would add the on-the-ground knowledge and vision of business owners who succeed in the local economy. Their voices and experience will benefit the board and the community.

Voters also have the opportunity to move the village election date from March to November. It's unfortunate that this year's presidential nominations are so fantastically insane, at least for one party, which might make keeping the village election in March seem desirable.

With a November election date, is anything stopping the village community from continuing to hold civil forums, talk to neighbors, write letters and maintain village focus? Would it be useful to see which candidates are feeding the party pipeline that wants to overturn Roe v. Wade and voting rights, ban immigrants by religion or carpet bomb various parts of the world (or pick your own party's issues)? Would the budget process be improved by new trustees having more involvement? Would more villagers get involved if the election were held when voter turnout is always higher? The possibilities in the last question push me toward supporting the move to November.

Keep the village moving forward by voting for Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto on March 15.

Aaron Wolfe, *Cold Spring*

Lynn Miller would be an effective trustee. I have always felt that Cold Spring should award her a Community Service Award because her creative, charming business, Go-Go Pops, is the pride of Main Street. Her commitment, energy, endless creativity and professionalism would translate very well as a trustee for the good of all of our village.

Paul Lansdale, *Cold Spring*

When my fiancée and I moved to Main Street a year ago, we happily discovered a robust network of friends in Cold Spring: people raising their families and contributing to village life. Today, it is with great pride and enthusiasm that I write to support the candidacy for village trustee of one of those most marvelous welcome-wagoners: Steve Voloto.

In the five years I have known Steve, he has proven to be a rational, reasonable and intelligent person. He is curious, deliberate and generous in his dealings, both personal and professional. Amazingly, despite these desirable attributes, Steve virtually lacks that enemy of democracy — ego. Though possessed of well-formed opinions, Steve is the one more likely to be asking the right questions than proving he has the right answers. A skilled craftsman and successful business owner, Steve knows it's better to "measure twice, cut once" — an apt metaphor in the context of small town governance where decisions directly impact each and every one of us.

As a newcomer here, I am grateful to be making my home in a community that cares deeply about its past, present and future. Steve's three-year old son, Sam, will graduate Haldane in 2030. When you head to the polls on March 15, I urge you to cast your vote for Steve Voloto, and running-mate Lynn Miller, so that Sam and his peers recognize the village you love today; one which owes so much to its past.

Liz Miller, *Cold Spring*

I am writing to show support for Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto in the upcoming election. Lynn will bring her business acumen, fair-minded community spirit and innovative ideas to the board. Steve's decades of experience in the carpentry and construction business will be an asset for managing budgets and coordinating multifaceted projects. Both are ideal candidates for village trustee — local business owners and invested residents who are dedicated to the success of our lovely village. Please vote for them on Tuesday, March 15.

Maya Dollarhide, *Cold Spring*

I am writing to urge my Cold Spring friends and neighbors to support Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto for village trustees. Both are residents and local business owners with a vested interest in helping Cold Spring thrive, and both have the competence, people skills and problem-solving abilities which comes with being successful entrepreneurs. Most importantly, both are friendly, approachable and open-minded. It's been a rough couple of years for governance in the village. It's time for some fresh air. Please join me in supporting Steve and Lynn.

David Birn, *Cold Spring*



Steve Voloto

Photo by Michael Turton

The owners of businesses on Main Street are a vital piece of what gives our village its unique character and sense of vitality. As the owner of a successful business on Main Street, Lynn Miller understands the issues business owners face. Lynn also understands the positive as well as negative impacts their tourist customers have on residents.

That is why I urge my fellow residents to vote for Lynn Miller on March 15. I believe Lynn has the credibility and character to work effectively to move the village forward. Remember: It's not in the talking, it's in the doing.

Donald Mac Donald, *Cold Spring*

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Cold Spring Village Election

(from previous page) We love Cold Spring. We have lived here for 16 years, and every day we feel lucky to be a part of this special community with so many wonderful friends and neighbors. Everyone wants what is best for this community, and as the time comes to vote for our trustees, the best thing for our village is to vote for Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto. Lynn and Steve both have the skills to work cooperatively and creatively to meet the challenges facing the village. They will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the task of making Cold Spring a better home for all of us. We hope you will join us in voting for Lynn Miller and Steve Voloto on March 15.

Sarah Gurland and Thomas Huber,
Cold Spring

It is with great enthusiasm that I endorse Lynn Miller. I have known Lynn as a neighbor and a proprietor of Go-Go Pops for several years. Lynn and her family are heavily invested in our town as business owners and contributors to the local theatre scene. (Some of us were lucky enough to catch her husband, Greg, at the Depot Theater this past December in *A Christmas Carol*.) Lynn's sense of community and devotion to the village of Cold Spring are inspiring. Holding "office hours" most days at Go-Go Pops, Lynn is always available for a quick chat. On Main Street she

is privy to conversations and comments of both visitors to our town and local residents, giving her a unique insight into the concerns of the larger community. As a trustee, I am certain that Lynn would look after the interests of tourism, which we need for revenue, as well as to the interests of the villagers.

Lynn's background in the media and arts make her especially valuable to the town. Cold Springs is a charming location. As a former stylist, Lynn has the skills to negotiate business from the film and print industry. As an artist, Lynn would bring creativity and outside-the-box thinking to solve problems we face as a community: How do we maintain our historic character and meet the needs of an expanding population? How can we develop the waterfront without over commercializing our town? What to do about the waste left by weekenders on our trails?

If you frequent Go-Go Pops you already know about her commitment to local, organic, free-trade and recycling — even her coffee cups and lids are biodegradable! Lynn's high standards and values are traits that we need. Cold Spring deserves Lynn Miller. Please join me and cast your vote for Lynn.

Joann Alvis, *Cold Spring*

I am urging voters to join me and vote for Steve Voloto and Lynn Miller. Both of these candidates have invested interest

for the village's welfare as business owners and long-term residents, which I feel more closely aligns with the residents who are working hard and raising their families here.

I support candidates whose ties to the village go far beyond the politics of elections but rather will impact both their families and economic welfare directly. Lynn has successfully owned and operated Go-Go Pops on Main Street for years which has been loved by residents and visitors alike adding to the sustainable vitality of our village. Running a Main Street business uniquely qualifies Lynn to have a personal understanding of many of the challenges facing the village as well as the tools to address them head on. As a general contractor, Steve's understanding of budgeting, project management and client relations will serve the board and residents well.

The success of both of these candidate's businesses demonstrates the understanding they have for working hard and working with other people to successfully rise to the challenges they have faced. Beyond their qualifications as local business owners/operators, it is the fact their livelihood and families' well-being is dependent on those of the village that will drive the use of their demonstrated good judgment. And this fact, uniquely qualifies them as candidates worthy of electing. So please join me in voting for the two candidates whose interests are those of all residents of this village.

Thomas Ambrose, *Cold Spring*

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Agreed: Move the election

I value people who are willing to reconsider their positions based on facts and differing views. I strive to do it myself. I've reconsidered the referendum to move village elections from March to November.

Initially, I thought it best to keep March elections. I've appreciated their local focus, outside the cacophony of town, state and federal elections. But I've scrutinized the pros of a November election, and I'm convinced.

It's been argued that by moving our elections, the budgeting process will improve; newly elected trustees will have more opportunity to shape the next fiscal year's budget. It's compelling to have all five Trustees accountable for the choices they make with our money. I'm not convinced, however, that this shift will facilitate capital planning. That should be happening throughout the year — thoughtfully, thoroughly. In fact, it's probably more effectively done outside annual budget deadlines.

I'm following the current budget discussions closely. For the first time in my nine years in Cold Spring, an administration is really taking apart the budget, identifying where to conserve and where to be creative. Previously the budget process was cursory, superficial. Mayor Merandy and trustees Murphy and Early are doing superb work. The state tax cap is placing dramatic constraints on the village; we must consider service-sharing seriously. Shifting the election is low-hanging fruit — it recaptures at least \$5,000.

Finally, folks argue that moving village elections to November will increase voter participation. I want them to be right. Get to the firehouse Tuesday, March 15 and vote yes on the referendum.

Kathleen E. Foley, *Cold Spring*

Parking Issues Surface Again at Butterfield Project

Planning board considers next move

By Kevin E. Foley

The Butterfield project on Route 9D in Cold Spring ran into some headwinds last week as the developer proposed changes to its approved plans.

The changes, which were presented to the Cold Spring Planning Board, involve relocating the medical facility owned by New York-Presbyterian/Hudson Valley Hospital from its current location in the Lahey Pavilion to Building 2 of the two commercial buildings under construction.

Under the new plan, the Putnam County Senior Center and a proposed U.S. Post Office that had been planned for Building 2 would relocate to Lahey Pavilion.

In a particularly insistent tone, Steven Barshov, the lawyer for developer Paul Guillaro, told the board that he did not think the changes should even need planning board approval. "There was a single site-plan review of the entire project and

it was approved," he said. "If you are not changing anything already approved in that review, no further review is needed."

Board Chair Matt Francisco and its other three members (there is one vacancy) sparred with Barshov and Guillaro over the village code and the meaning of the approval already granted the project.

The chief concern of the board was the effect the change would have on parking and traffic flow. For example, moving the post office would mean moving its loading platform, and board members wondered if the parking approved for Lahey would be adequate. And the hospital's new location would raise the question of capacity for more doctor's offices.

Francisco also pointed out that the previously approved parking had not taken into consideration the senior center as a place of public assembly requiring more parking spots. At one point, he characterized the parking as approved "but not necessarily compliant" with village regulations.

Planning for adequate parking is always a challenge in projects of this size. And there were also

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Tough Budget Prep for Cold Spring

Mayor and outgoing trustee square off over legal fees

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Village Board conducted an arduous line-by-line review of the village budget at its meeting on Tuesday, March 1. The review was the first step in the preparation of a spending plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year and took up nearly the entire marathon two-and-a-half-hour meeting.

The budget must be approved by the end of April. Village Accountant Ellen Mageean stressed that the numbers she provided on Tuesday were very preliminary. The most onerous challenge facing the board is to limit any spending increase to \$1,880 within an overall operating budget of \$1.6 million. The strict limit is due to a state-imposed tax cap, and property taxes are by far the largest source of revenue for the village.

The board's task is made more difficult by the fact that some areas of spending, such as employee benefits, will increase more than the cap, something that may require spending reductions in other, yet-to-be-determined areas. No major actions were taken as part of the preliminary review. Trustees made relatively minor adjustments and Mageean will provide new totals at the next board meeting.

Merandy and Bowman clash

Approval of bills is normally the most routine item at board meetings. That was not the case on Tuesday.

A heated debate began after Mayor Dave Merandy presented a printed summary of legal fees paid by the village so far in this fiscal year. He indicated the billing at the beginning of his term had been high, in the range of \$5,000 per month, but that "we are moving on a downward trajectory." The mayor said he questioned invoices from the village attorney and that after a detailed review had spoken

with one of the firm's partners, resulting in a reduction of more than \$3,500. He also requested that the firm be more prompt with its billing.

Merandy's summary showed that fees for general legal advice total \$51,776 between June 1, 2015 and January. The most recent invoices averaged \$3,000 per month. At that rate, the \$15,223 remaining in the budget for legal fees through the end of the fiscal year (May 31) will be sufficient.

The tension arose when Trustee Michael Bowman complained that he had not received the summary of legal costs in advance. Merandy replied that the latest invoice had not arrived until late morning or early afternoon on Monday, the day before the board meeting. Bowman said he would have reviewed the information had it been emailed to him earlier that day, prompting the mayor to respond sarcastically, "I'm sure you would have ..."

Later during the discussion of legal fees, Bowman questioned an invoice from last fall that included an inquiry to the village attorney regarding appointment of relatives to village boards. Merandy said he had asked about the possibility of appointing his wife, former trustee Stephanie Hawkins, to a board, adding he thought Bowman "would enjoy" such a move. The mayor said he had not actually intended to make such an appointment but wanted to know if it was legal.

Trustee Fran Murphy said she had also inquired as to whether her husband, Ed Murphy, would have to resign from the Zoning Board of Appeals after she was elected to the Village Board.

Bowman also complained about a \$1,000 fee for a legal opinion regarding the possibility of the village elections being moved from March to November, a cost the trustee said was not justified given the tight village budget. Merandy defended the cost, stating that the change of election date would save the village considerable amount money. It has been es-



The exchange between Merandy and Bowman was not as friendly as this photo might indicate. Photo by M. Turton

timated that the village would save about \$6,000 by holding its elections in November with the full cost being absorbed by Putnam County Board of Elections.

At one point Bowman said he had come to Tuesday's meeting prepared to file a Freedom of Information Law request for data on village legal fees had it not been provided that night. Merandy was clearly nonplussed, expressing disbelief that Bowman felt he had to FOIL such information. The "discussion" quickly degenerated. Merandy suggested that Bowman was being fraudulent in accepting his stipend for continuing as a trustee after moving to Nelsonville. Bowman responded in part by questioning Merandy's place of residence. The mayor lives on Academy Street in Cold Spring, having moved there after he and Hawkins married. He continues to own another home outside the village.

Toward the end of the meeting trustees

voted unanimously to eliminate a separate budget account for special legal counsel, an issue that had seemed to cause confusion in some of the billing for legal fees. The account for general legal advice remains intact.

In other business

• Merandy reported that work has slowed at the Cold Spring Boat Club where the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is overseeing the removal

of toxic coal deposits. Merandy said he had spoken with DEC's Dave Chiusano who said he was waiting for "verifiable information" regarding the cause of the slow down but that the overall timeline for the project should not be affected.

- A public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 8, at village hall regarding the installation of a pay station at the municipal parking lot on Fair Street.
- ReCommunity, the Beacon-based company that processes Cold Spring's recycled materials, has initiated a nationwide inspection program, which could result in fines being levied against the village when inappropriate materials are included with recyclables. Banned materials include wood and metal, plastic bags and trash, yard waste, food waste, hoses, strapping and wire as well as wet material and snow.

Parking Issues Surface at Butterfield *(from previous page)*

many advocates for greater green space for the Butterfield site as opposed to pavement. On the other hand, inadequate parking can cause strains on the surrounding areas.

Francisco said the board was going to consult with its counsel and consider its options. Its next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10.

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A Lonely Crusade *(from Page 1)*

in the convictions of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Senate Majority leader Dean Skelos.

While it is unclear if most of Galef's proposals will have enough support among her colleagues or the governor to become law, Galef said in an interview with *The Paper* that she "felt an urgency" to go forward in light of the two high-profile convictions. She said an effort needed to be made to turn around negative public perceptions of state government and cited Silver's defense lawyer's statement that, "This is the way Albany operates" as an indication that the situation has reached a low point.

"I don't think it has to be that way," she said. "If ever there was a time for us, as legislators, to proactively work together to enact true and serious ethics reform that rebuilds public trust in the way government works, it is now."

Among the 15 pieces of legislation Galef proposes are:

- A provision restricting campaign contributions from companies doing business with the state
- An eight-year limit on the terms of the Assembly Speaker and the Senate Majority Leader and a few other posts
- Preventing legislators from giving public money to businesses and non-profit organizations with which a family member is associated

- Prohibiting fundraisers in Albany County during the legislative session
- Requiring forfeiture of pension and retirement benefits from elected officials convicted of felonies

Galef's proposals strike at the heart of Albany's political culture. Anyone familiar with legislative sessions, which typically run from January to June, knows that fundraisers for legislators, attended by people with business before the committees a particular legislator serves on, are a staple of the social scene.

Galef acknowledged that some people, including colleagues in the legislature, believe you cannot regulate an individual's behavior or tendency toward corrupt acts. But she argued she thought it was the legislature's duty to "create roadblocks" to that behavior. "While a public official's conscience and behavior cannot be legislated, opportunities for illegal activity — or at the very least those that skirt the boundaries of ethics — can be removed," she said.

When pressed, Galef admitted she did not think the issues she is raising are at the top of agendas of either the Assembly, the Senate or Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

The Assembly, controlled by the Democrats and led by Speaker Carl Heastie, created a task force last year to study the ethics issue. It has yet to report any progress but is expected to introduce recommendations during this session. Galef



Sandy Galef reveals her proposal for ethics reforms.

Photo provided

said she twice delayed introducing her legislation thinking it better to wait for the task force. "But I decided to go forward to make sure my bills would be on the agenda," she said.

Galef expressed little optimism about

having hearings on her legislation, acknowledging such activity is not a favored Albany practice. She also said she didn't care if her bills were the ones ultimately passed. "But I do hope we end up addressing the issue with something of substance."

Beacon Residents Want Their Homes Rezoned

Hope change would forestall 70-unit development

By Jeff Simms

A group of Beacon residents have petitioned the city to rezone their properties, which sit in a zone that "links" Main Street to the riverfront, to deter a 70-unit residential development proposed for the neighborhood.

The parcels named on the petition — two on the west side of South Avenue and five on the west side of Wolcott Avenue (Route 9D) — are all within the "linkage zone" established by the city in 2013 to support businesses on the west end of Main. The seven parcels, however, as well as others directly outside of the linkage zone, also lie within the city's Historic District and Landmark Overlay, which requires owners to receive approval from the planning board for exterior alterations.

The property owners presented their petition to the City Council last month, asking that it restore the single-family residential zoning that existed prior to the approval of the linkage rezoning in 2013.

Removing the "linkage" designation, which encourages more dense residential development, would put a crimp in the plans of Unicorn Contracting Corporation, which hopes to build a 70-unit development on the lots next to the Reformed Church of Beacon on Route 9D, a few hundred yards past City Hall. The group presented its plans for the "River Highlands" development to the planning board in November.

While the developers did not sign the property owners' petition, city statutes allow for the review of properties within a zoning district if 50 percent of the property owners in a given block in the district sign a petition requesting the review.

The linkage zone was developed to in-

crease the "vitality, attractiveness and marketability" of the section of Beacon that extends from the west end of Main to the Metro-North train station at the riverfront. Its boundaries encompass Beekman Street, West Main and a portion of Wolcott Avenue as it runs in front of City Hall to just beyond the Reformed Church. Its intent was to encourage residential development to support Main Street businesses and create a "vibrant, economically successful, walkable and environmentally sustainable connection" between Main Street and the river.

Lisa Gallina lives in the Hammond Plaza condominium development on Beekman Street, and was instrumental in having the condominium board sign the property owners' petition. She says she supports the linkage zone in theory but believes a development as dense as the River Highlands would hurt Beacon's unique character and is indicative of a greater problem looming for the city.

"There's this hunger right now to move all these things in quickly," she said. "If we green-light seven projects at once, we're opening Beacon up to be rapidly overdeveloped and then lose its charm and lose its character. If it's not done well, Beacon will no longer be a place that people want to come to."

Gallina said she's concerned that development is spreading too quickly throughout the city, not just at the riverfront and in historic zones. There are between 400 and 500 approved residential units in the city's pipeline, with another 165 seeking approval.

Maggie Yarnis, who lives in a 19th-century home on South Avenue, fears one day walking out her front door to see a "Main Street-style" building across the street. Because she and other neighbors live just outside the linkage zone, "our complaints aren't accepted," she said, "but it's going to ruin the fabric of our neighborhood."

The residents' petition will now be forwarded to the *(Continued on next page)*

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Planning Board for its review. A public hearing will also be held within 60 days before the City Council makes a final decision on the petition. According to City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis, any development projects impacted by a council decision to change zoning designations would have to conform.

Council member Lee Kyriacou questioned at a Feb. 29 workshop whether the intentions of the zone are compatible with the historic houses in those neighborhoods.

“As far as I can tell, this is the only place where you [might] have Main Street-style

building on one side of the street and historic, single-family housing on the other,” he said. “I don’t know of any instances of that, anywhere.”

The River Highlands is not the only new development planned for Beacon’s linkage zone. While it is not part of the historic zone or named in the residents’ petition, “The View,” a 50-unit residential project, has been proposed for the wooded area on Beekman Street southwest of City Hall. The planning board has scheduled a public hearing on the proposal for March 8.

Parking Woes as Beacon Grows *(from Page 1)*

would be forced to move, freeing spaces; people would have more incentive to access Main Street on foot, decreasing congestion; and funds would be generated for maintenance and downtown streetscape improvements.

“To have a vibrant Main Street, you need to have parking spaces turning over,” Casale said, adding that meters wouldn’t be approved without giving the public ample opportunity to voice its opinion.

A discussion at a City Council workshop on Feb. 29 focused on what has become known as the “1964 provision.” While most building owners in Beacon must provide a certain number of off-street spaces based on their building’s use, the provision, adopted in the early 1970s, exempts that requirement if the building existed prior to April 1964 and has not increased “significantly” in impact. How the build-

ing is used also plays a role. The provision has been an issue during the planning board’s review of McAlpine Construction’s redevelopment of the Beacon Main Street Theater.

The term “significantly,” as defined by the zoning code, is 25 percent or more. A restaurant that existed before 1964, for instance, may have been required to provide 20 spaces. If the building still exists and would need 24 spaces under current regulations, the requirement for four more spaces would be waived because four spaces are not 25 percent more than the 20 spaces required in 1964.

In the case of the Beacon Theater, which was built in 1934, the McAlpine group is not required to provide parking beyond what was required in 1964, when the theater sat 800 people. McAlpine’s plans to introduce a 195-seat multi-purpose performance space



The Reformed Church of Beacon

Photo by J. Simms

along with 32 residential units have not been calculated as enough of a change to require additional off-street parking.

At a planning board meeting last month, however, the board asked the developers to look into restriping an area behind the theater — the section of Van Nydeck Avenue that sits between Teller Avenue (Route 52) and Tioronda Avenue — to make sure it has the maximum number of spaces. The street is not currently striped for parking.

The developers are scheduled to appear before the planning board for a continued review of their plans on Tuesday, March 8.

City Council member George Mansfield said this week that the 1964 provision can benefit a city with many historic buildings, such as Beacon. Because it offers exemption from parking requirements, it encourages the reuse — rather than aban-

donment — of existing buildings like the Beacon theater.

“Nothing could happen in that theater [without the provision] because no one could provide the parking that would be needed by current standards,” he said. At the same time, the provision immediately triggers a conversation about parking capacity, he said.

Parking meters would incentivize people not only to walk more but also to use less-desirable spaces such as those on streets other than Main, he said, while creating revenue from the more convenient spaces. But, he admitted, a move toward meters might not be popular.

“I haven’t made up my mind,” said Mansfield, who said he is open to arguments from both sides. “But we have to anticipate tomorrow and many years in the future. This conversation has to happen before it becomes too late.”

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Crossing a Line

Beacon councilmember called disloyal by party

By Brian PJ Cronin

Beacon City Council member Ali Muhammad, a Democrat who represents the 4th Ward, turned heads last year when he urged the Beacon Democratic Committee to not field a candidate for mayor and instead support incumbent Randy Casale, a member of the Independence Party. The committee declined and endorsed former Dutchess County legislator Ron Ray as its candidate.

Although Muhammad proceeded to petition for Ray, he publicly endorsed Casale, as well as Republican Marc Molinaro for Dutchess County Executive and Independence Party member John Foreman for the county legislature.

That didn't sit well with the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, of which Muhammad is a member. In August 2015, he was called before the committee, accused of disloyalty, and censured.

"It was basically a slap on the wrist and a written reprimand," he told *The Paper*. "But I continued to do what I do because I don't think I've done anything wrong. I've been extremely loyal to the people who I serve. I'm not the type of person to be quiet."

After the hearing, Muhammad, continued to endorse Casale, Molinaro and Foreman. In November, Muhammad (who was himself



Beacon City Council member Ali Muhammad rallies support in advance of his hearing.

Photo by B. Cronin

running for re-election), Casale and Molinaro all won by substantial margins, and Foreman defeated Democratic challenger Tony Sciarrone by fewer than 20 votes.

Now, Muhammad has been charged with disloyalty for a second time. If found culpable, he could be removed from both the Beacon and Dutchess County Democratic committees.

At the heart of the issue are the by-laws of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee, which state that committee members cannot support candidates who are not Democrats. Muhammad said he was initially unaware of this "disloyalty clause" but even had he known about it, he still

would have offered his support to Casale. "I didn't feel that Randy Casale had to be the best Republican or Democrat," he said. "I felt like he just had to be the best candidate for the job. And I didn't see anyone out there in the political landscape who was better. I understood after that that I was going against the by-laws. I wasn't trying to cause a ruckus. I just felt that I was doing the right thing by the people. And if that's the platform that we want to push, then let's get enough people in here so that we can change those by-laws."

By contrast, the loyalty clause in the by-laws for the Dutchess County Republican Committee states only that members may not donate to candidates outside the party, although they are free to endorse anyone, according to Justin Riccobono, the chair of the Beacon Republican Committee.

"You'd get a lot of stink-eyes across the room, but you wouldn't be bounced from the committee for that," he said. "And it happens. People have done it in the past."

Pam Wetherbee, the chair of the Beacon Democratic Committee and member of the City Council, said in a statement that committee members who wish to support outside candidates must resign from the committee.

"This is the normal way most committee people resolve the conflict between their personal preference and their obligation as a committee member," she wrote. "Resigning to resolve the conflict is not uncommon and we had a member do it in the past election."

The resignation is often accepted without prejudice to re-joining the committee. Charges for removal rarely occur because most people take the honorable way to resolve conflict of strongly held personal preferences and committee obligation by resigning."

In a follow-up interview, Wetherbee said that Muhammad was asked to resign from the committee if he wished to publicly endorse Casale but declined. She also pointed out that being removed would not mean that Muhammad would be removed from the city council or even from the Democratic Party.

"Even if he was no longer part of the committee, he could still run as a Democrat in the future and even ask for our endorsement," she said. "This has become a bigger issue than it really is."

Mayor Casale said the conflict is "one of the reasons why I'm not a big fan of party politics. I always felt that they find ways to ostracize you if you don't march to the beat of your party's drum. I learned that the hard way, which is why I'm part of the Independence Party now" after leaving the Republican party.

Casale also said that while Muhammad could run as a Democrat no matter what happens at the hearing, campaigning is easier with the support of the party. "It's tough if you don't know all of the election laws and you don't have someone to help you get through them," he said. "But I believe this will work out for Ali because no matter what happens in the hearing, he still has a strong voice in the community."

Although Muhammad could join Casale in the Independence Party, he says he'd rather stick with the Democrats. "Since I was 18 I've been pushing the Democratic platform because I live the Democratic platform," he said. "I'm an impoverished, underrepresented minority in America."

He plans to fight the charges because "it's a tarnish and it looks bad. Anyone running against me in the future could bring it up. Is it the end of the world? No, but what am I being punished for, truly? It's not a good look and I don't believe that it's warranted."

The hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, at the offices of the Dutchess County Democratic Committee in Poughkeepsie. Although it was not clear at press time if the hearing would be open to the public, Muhammad said that he would "bring as many people with me as possible, even if they have to wait outside. We're bringing the house down."

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The Calendar

A Schedule for the Irish

And their many friends

By Alison Rooney

Beacon will hold its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 25 years on Saturday, March 12. Dubbed the **Parade of Green**, it begins at 11 a.m. on Main Street with floats, marching bands and community members.

The **Dutchess County parade**, now in its 21st year, takes place a week earlier, on Saturday, March 5, rain or shine, beginning at 1 p.m. at West Main Street, ending at Mesier Park, in Wappingers Falls. Last year around 10,000 spectators watched it wind its way through town. The Hudson Highlands Pipe Band is one of many performers. Visit dscppc.org for details.

Peekskill's parade (in its 27th year) will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 3 p.m., preceded by a Mass at Assumption Church at 1:30 p.m. and a grand marshal's brunch at the Elks Lodge at 1038 Brown Street from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marchers make a left on First Street, then right on Union Avenue, right on South Street, left on Division, right on Main, right on James, and right on Brown. The reviewing stand is on the corner of Park and James.

Finally, the **Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties parade** (40th year), the third largest in New York State, takes place at 2 p.m. on March 13 on Route 6 in Mahopac. The step-off is at the corner of Croton Falls Road and Route 6. Buses will run starting at 11:30 a.m. from the K-Mart Shopping Plaza to the corner of Route 6 and Croton Falls Road. The Knights of Columbus Council 6318 and The Fraternal Order of Police Stephen P. Driscoll Lodge 704 will host a **post-parade celebration** at 10 Fair St. in Carmel from 3 p.m. on — with a corned beef dinner with soda bread, Guinness on tap and music with Liam O'Riordan ("direct (Continued on Page 13)



Dancers from the Kelly-Oster School of Dance

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At left, Leandra Rice, a mix of daffiness and villainy as Mrs. Lovett. She will perform two shows. Dante Nastasi, who portrays Sweeney Todd at two of the performances, is pictured next to the infamous chair.

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Attend the Tale of Sweeney Todd

The Demon Barber at Haldane

By Alison Rooney

After the silliness of last year's Haldane Drama production of *The Pirates of Penzance*, and the similarly comedic musicals that preceded it, Sweeney Todd is a giant change of pace. But with many students very familiar with the film, or at least the plot, it was embraced by the actors, who will perform the musical at the high school at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12, and at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. Because the audience will include younger students, some concessions were made, so although (spoiler alert) the slashings will be shown, there will be no gushing blood. There will be an ingenious "trap-door" chair through which some characters may meet an untimely demise. In addition, one song, which has overt sexual references, has been cut.

The students have been challenged by the music. In addition to the usual twists and turns of Stephen Sondheim's lyrics (some consider this show his finest score), there are multiple ensemble numbers with multiple parts and cues. The two leads have extensive, complicated songs. As is now standard with Haldane Drama, director Martha Mechalakos has double cast the show, with one group of principals performing the Friday night and Saturday matinee shows, while the second takes on Saturday night and Sunday matinee. The same ensemble performs all four shows.

Dante Nastasi, a Haldane senior who will portray Sweeney in the first two performances, before senior Theo Henderson takes the role, in his program biography described his feelings about the character.



Allie LaRocco will play Johanna at two performances.

"I first saw Sweeney Todd when I was a freshman," he wrote. "I fell in love with it almost instantly. I literally haven't been able to stop listening to the songs since then. I would even sing them with my fellow acting friends while we were backstage working on other, completely different musicals! And I would constantly daydream about one day maybe getting to act in a production of the show.

"Well, here I am four years later and not only am I acting in it, but I get to play Sweeney! I can never thank our director Martha Mechalakos enough for helping me make this dream of mine come true. I'm ... so happy to be (Continued on Page 15)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

George Stevenson Exhibit (Opening)
5 – 7 p.m. Robert McCaffrey Real Estate
140 Main St., Cold Spring
845-249-2751 | mccafrreyrealty.com

Plastic Harvest (Opening)
6 – 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

Shabbat Across America
6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
914-450-4188 | philipstownreformsynagogue.org

Climate Change Film & Conversation
7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Pictures Meet Words Poetry Jam
7 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Rescheduled from Feb. 23

Small Town Confessions
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Calling All Poets
8 p.m. Center for Creative Education | 464 Main St., Beacon | 914-474-7758 | callingallpoets.net

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Salute to International Women's Day
8:30 - 11 a.m. Walkway Over the Hudson
61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie | drcroc.org

Eagle Walk
9:30 a.m. Audubon Sanctuary
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2601 x15 | constitutionmarsh.org

Barn Dance and Sing-a-long for Kids
10 a.m. – Noon. Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

CPR/AED Certification
10 a.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Registration required.

Sesame Street Live: "Let's Dance!"
10:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Maple Sugar Tours
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall | 845-534-5506 x204

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade
1 p.m. W. Main at Delavergne, Wappingers Falls
dcsppc.org

The Met Live in HD: Puccini's Manon Lescaut
1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Paper Tigers (Documentary)
2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

National Women's History Month Exhibit (Opening)
3 – 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-3012
howlandculturalcenter.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit philipstown.info.

Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info.

School Invitational Theme Exhibition (Opening)
3 – 5 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Climate Change Film & Conversation
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Friday.

Exploration, Conservation & Community in Remote Places
7 p.m. Beahive Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon
845-633-0135 | beahivebzzz.com

Middle School Teen Night (grades 6-8)
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com
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Playwrights Reading at the Library
7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

CSFS: Written on the Wind (1957)
8 p.m. Old VFW Hall
34 Kemble St., Cold Spring | coldspringfilm.org

Coffee House
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon | 845-765-3012
howlandculturalcenter.org

Small Town Confessions
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Women of Ireland
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre | 655 Ruger Road, West Point | 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Maple Sugar Tours
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
See details under Saturday.

Sesame Street Live: "Let's Dance!"
1 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
See details under Saturday.

Climate Change Film & Conversation
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Friday.

Outstanding American Gardens (Talk)
2 p.m. Winter Hill
20 Nazareth Way, Garrison
RSVP to Imoss@gardenconservancy.org

Kacey Morabito Grean: Everything I Know I Learned on the Radio
5 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Molsky's Mountain Drifters
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Begins
valleytable.com/hvrw

Philipstown Community Center (First Sessions)
9:15 a.m. Intermediate Pilates
9:30 a.m. Power Hour for Women
10:15 a.m. Yamuna Body Rolling
4 p.m. Sports Sampler (grades K-6)
7 p.m. Cize Live | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

On the Shoulders of Women (Spoken Word)
6 p.m. BeanRunner Café | 201 S. Division St., Peekskill | 914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Yoga with Kathie Scanlon (First Session)
9:30 a.m. Old VFW Hall
34 Kemble Ave. Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Philipstown Community Center (First Sessions)
9:45 a.m. Zumba with Marisol Kamkoff
10 a.m. Write Your World with Susan Wallach
4 p.m. Breakfast Buffet Cooking Class (grades K-6)
See details under Monday.

Pete the Cat Math (ages 3-5)
1:30 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | Details under Friday

Young Homesteaders (ages 5-12) (First Session)
4 p.m. Common Ground Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Public Hearing on Village Parking & Board of Trustees Meeting
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov
Rescheduled from Feb. 23.

The American Dreamer (1971)
7:30 p.m. Beahive Beacon
291 Main St., Beacon
beaconfilmsociety.org

Quinnsonic Electronic Music Society
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnbeacon.com

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Career Assistance Session
11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon | 845-249-4642
dutchessonestop.org | Appointment required.

Indoor Soccer (grades K-6) (First Session)
4 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Monday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Foxwoods Casino Day for Seniors
8:45 a.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Monday.

Farm Skills Workshop: Swine School
11 a.m. Glynwood Farm | 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Star Quest (grades K-6) (First Session)
4 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Monday.

State of the County 2016
5:30 p.m. Putnam County Marketplace
7 p.m. Presentation by County Executive
Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St., Mahopac | putnamcountyny.com/soc2016

Chris Bowser: Tracking the Great Migration
6 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center
8 Long Dock Park, Beacon
845-473-4440 x273 | scenichudson.org

The Great American Jukebox (Talk)
6 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

An Evening of Irish Dance
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Friday.

Farmers' Market Community Dinner
7 p.m. Garrison Institute | 14 Mary's Way, Garrison
845-424-8204 | csfarmmarket.org

Buckwheat Zydeco
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café | Details under Sunday

Three Dog Night
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley | 1008 Brown St., Peekskill | 914-739-0039

Basic Pilates (First Session)
9:15 a.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Monday.

Minecraft Mania (grades 3+)
6 – 8 p.m. Butterfield Library | Details under Tuesday

Family Bingo & Pasta Night
6:30 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
See details under Monday.

Illusionist Ryan Dutcher
7 p.m. Glenham Elementary School
20 Chase Drive, Fishkill
845-838-6900 x5100 | ryandutcher.com

Jesus Christ Superstar
7 p.m. O'Neill High School, Highland Falls
845-446-4914 | hffmcsd.org

Sweeney Todd
7 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Half Moon Theatre 10-Minute Play Festival
8 p.m. Culinary Institute of America
1946 Campus Drive, Hyde Park
800-838-3006 | halfmoontheatre.org

Lil' Kim
8 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Finnegan's Farewell
8 p.m. The Beacon Theatre
445 Main St., Beacon
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A Schedule for the Irish (from Page 11)

from Cork”) and the Stephen P. Driscoll Pipe Band and dancers from the Kelly-Oster School of Dance.

On Thursday, March 10, the **Kelly-Oster School of Irish Dance** will perform at 6:30 p.m. at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. Kerry Kelly-Oster, founder of the school, which has locations in Hopewell Junction and on Long Island, traveled the world with her family, growing up competing and performing in Irish dance. The Kelly-Oster School has won multiple titles across continents, including in Ireland, and has performed at Radio City, Carnegie Hall and the White House. This event is free. Dancers from the school will also be participating in several parades, including those in Peekskill, Mahopac and Wappingers Falls.

In a performance marking the 100th anniversary of the 1916 Easter Uprising against British rule, which led to Ireland’s independence, Tompkins Corner Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present *A Nation Once Again* on Saturday, March 12, with songs and stories from the period. It will feature actors, singers and musicians playing mandolin, whistle and bodhran, along with fiddle and guitar, and tell the story in two acts that combines dramatic narrative with period songs and poetry. The writer-director is Neil Hickey, a journalist and author and Putnam County resident for more than 50 years. He is the offspring of

immigrant Irish parents from the village of Ballinspittle in County Cork and a student of Irish literature and history. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors and \$25 for families at brownpapertickets.com/event/2508687. The center is located at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road.

The 1916 rebellion is also the subject of an **Easter Uprising symposium** hosted by Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. The three-hour event will include workshops led by faculty members, followed by a panel discussion. The workshops include Poems of the Rebellion: From Yeats to Heaney, 1916 — The Pivotal Year, Celtic Spirituality — Beauty Ever-Ancient, Ever-New and In Their Own Words: Witnesses to the Easter Uprising. The keynote address, The New York Carmelites and Irish Independence, will be delivered by Vincent Begley, archivist for the Carmelite Friars in the North



Mikel Murfi in *Man in the Woman's Shoes*

Photo provided

American Province of St. Elias. The symposium is free and takes place in the Hudson Hall auditorium on campus at 330 Powell Ave. Reservations are required. Call 845-569-3467 or send an email to jeanne.conboy@msmc.edu.

The links between religion and music in Ireland are evident at a musical event, **Celtic Crossroads**, to benefit the Franciscan Sisters for the Atonement at Graymoor. It will be held at the Paramount Hudson Valley in Peekskill at 7 p.m. on March 16 and feature the songs of Phil Coulter performed by tenor Andy Cooney, Geraldine Branagan and the Irish Pops Ensemble. Tickets are

\$30 to \$55 and are available at paramounthudsonvalley.com.

If you fancy a bit of broad comedy, Kevin Alexander’s **Finnegan’s Farewell** is returning, or, as the producers describe it, being resurrected, at The Beacon Theatre. Audience members will witness an Irish wake for the dearly departed and beloved postal worker, Patrick James

Finnegan, who won \$2.2 million at the slots during a day trip to Atlantic City but fell off a ladder while painting his house soon after. At the performance, the audience will be treated to eulogies, sing-alongs, dinner, a cash bar and the reading of Paddy’s will. *Finnegan’s Farewell* will be performed at 7 p.m. on March 11 and 12 and March 18 and 19. Tickets are \$25 and available at thebeacontheatre.org/finnegans-farewell.

Irish actor Mikel Murfi will perform his one-man show, **Man In The Woman’s Shoes**, at the Flatz Ballroom at 1008 Main St., in Peekskill at 3 p.m. on March 6. Presented by Peekskill’s Embark and The Flatz in association with the Hudson Valley Irish Center and the Irish Arts Center of New York City, the play tells the tale of a man named Pat who walks the five miles from his cottage to town and back again, meeting a vivid tableau of personalities. All of these characters, as well as a wide range of farm animals, dogs and bees are brought to life through Murfi’s plastic features and vocal range. Tickets are \$20 at embarkmaninwomanshoes.bpt.me.

A **Peekskill pub crawl** departs at 6 p.m. on March 17 from the Elks Lodge and calls on The Hudson Room, Gleason’s, NY Firehouse Grille, Kyle’s Pub, Birdsall House, Division Street Grill, Ruben’s Mexican Café and The Quiet Man Public House, before 10 p.m., when the unveiling of the Grand Marshal Plaque will take place.

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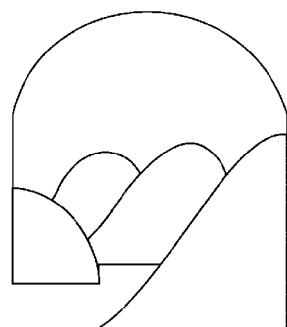
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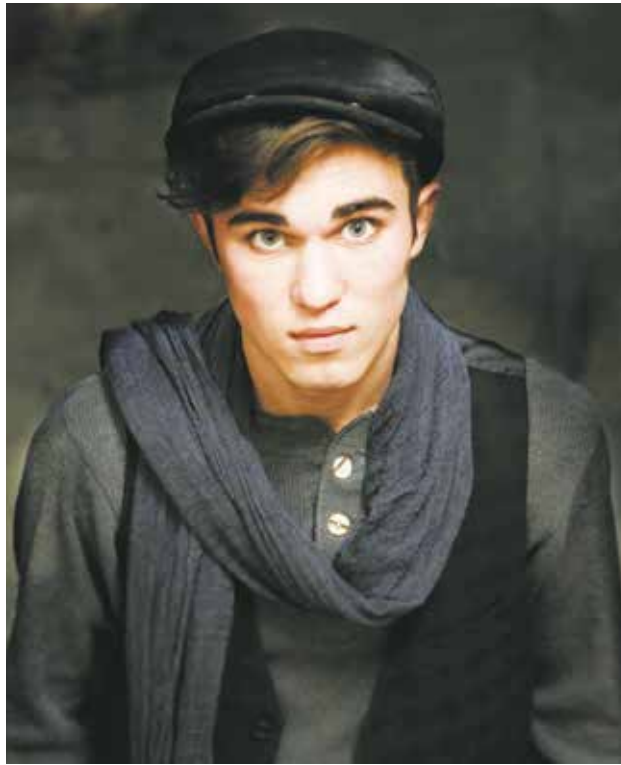
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Attend the Tale of Sweeney Todd *(from Page 11)*

doing this I can barely find the right words. I've been acting with Haldane Drama since the sixth grade. I've made so many unbreakable bonds, learned so many skills, and I've had experiences you wouldn't believe ... Enjoy the show! But if you don't I would be happy to give you a nice shave!"

The musical's book is based on *The String of Pearls*, an 18-part serial written by a hack writer/slash/publisher (read into the use of slash as you may) Edward Lloyd in 1846-47. He shared the tale of a certain "Demon Barber of Fleet Street" who returns to his East End haunts with a bloody mission.

Lloyd, who was known to have purloined plots from Charles Dickens, seized upon the ambiance of the more scurrilous precincts of London in the creation of this 19th-century serial killer and his female accomplice and the sailors, judges, wards, orphans and impresarios, not to mention a supercilious beadle, who surround them. Presumed by many, then and now, to be ripped from the headlines, the story proved to be catnip for readers.



Jeremy Roffman is pictured as a lovestruck sailor in *Sweeney Todd*. He will perform two shows.

Photo by Jim Mechalakos

The tale of the unbalanced barber wielding his knives was immediately turned into a play, which by 1852 had been produced in the U.S.

The original tale, which some historians consider an urban myth, contained many tell-tale details that modern

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interpretations have retained, notably an upstairs barber shop from which a rather large number of customers never emerge, and a landlady, Mrs. Lovett, operating a pie shop downstairs, with designs on the barber, and an ingenious, prescient idea for reducing, reusing and recycling said customers. Throw in lunatic asylums into which the innocent are, well, thrown, a madwoman who wanders the streets muttering and shrieking, a judge who seems unnaturally interested in his sequestered (very) young, golden-haired "ward," and an apprentice who perhaps learns his trade all too well, and there you have it: the perfect ingredients for a musical.

Actually it was first turned into a film, several actually, beginning with a silent, then followed by a 1936 edition; a musical appeared in London in 1959, and a ballet was made in 1960. In 1973 writer Christo-

pher Bond turned it into a play that added more backstory and psychologically-driven motivations to the set pieces. Stephen Sondheim based his 1979 musical on Bond's play and, in turn, the 2007 Tim Burton film starring Johnny Depp was adapted from Sondheim's musical.

Tickets for the Haldane production, available at the door, cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. Seniors are admitted free, and children under 12 are free at the two matinees. Parental guidance is suggested; very young children will likely find it frightening. As of this writing there were plans afoot to sell meat pies at the performances.

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Odell to Discuss State of the County

Annual presentation set for March 10

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell will present her annual State of the County address at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, at Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill St. in Mahopac.

Her emphasis for 2016 is business development. Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton will join Odell to unveil a partnership between Putnam County and the City of Danbury for a Regional Economic Initiative.

The event will also feature a Putnam County Marketplace from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to promote area businesses, organizations and non-profits. To participate, call 845-808-1150, ext. 49406. To RSVP for the State of the County address, visit putnamcountyny.com/soc2016 or call 845-808-1001.

St. Philip's Nursery to Host Sale

Annual event set for March 12

The St. Philip's Nursery School will hold its popular annual White Elephant Sale on Saturday, March 12, in the church parish house at 1101 Route 9D in Garrison (across from the Garrison School).

The sale opens at 9 a.m. (or 8:30 a.m. for early birds, with a \$5 entry fee) and continues until 1:30 p.m. It features gently used

toys, children's furnishings, clothing for men, women, and children, household items, and books, as well as fresh baked goods.

Items may be donated until Friday, March 11, at noon. For more information, call 845-424-4209.

History Museum to Hold Annual Meeting

Free lecture will follow

The Putnam History Museum will hold its annual meeting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, with a free lecture to follow by trustee Bill Jeffway on Native American and African American history in northern Dutchess County. "As the mystery of northern Dutchess' Chief Crow recedes, the stories of pre-Civil War rural African Americans emerge," said Jeffway, who will use a 1935 New York State roadside marker as a starting point.

To attend, RSVP to info@putnamhistorymuseum.org. The museum is located at 63 Chestnut St. in Cold Spring.

Finally, it's Maple Sunday

Outdoor Education Center will host breakfast, tours

Syrup production, a cross-cut saw demonstration and a pancake breakfast will sweeten many people's Sunday morning as the annual Maple Sunday celebra-

tion returns to the Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Cold Spring on Sunday, March 13 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Throughout the morning, educators will demonstrate both traditional and modern methods of collecting and boiling sap from sugar maple trees. Taste testers are welcome. Those who feel like taking a break from the activities can step inside the lodge for a pancake breakfast with maple syrup produced on-site. Bottles of the maple syrup will also be available for sale.

Admission to the event is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. The center is located at 75 Mountain Laurel Lane. For more information, call 845-265-3773.



Congressional Art Contest Opens

Submissions due by March 28

Student submissions are being accepted for the annual Congressional Art Competition, founded in 1982 to encourage young artists. Submissions must be framed and are due by Monday, March 28. Artwork and the required information and release forms should be dropped at the office of Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney at 123 Grand Street in Newburgh. The competition is open to high school students, although exceptions may be made for schools which have 7th through 12th grades on one campus.

Submissions will be posted on Maloney's Facebook page from April 18 to April 29, when visitors can vote for their favorites with the "like" button. In early May, the entries will be presented to a panel of judges from the 18th district, who will determine a grand prize winner, winners for each medium and a Facebook Fan Favorite.

The grand-prize winning artwork will be displayed in the Capitol for one year and the winning student plus a guest will receive airfare to Washington, D.C., for a reception in June. For more information, visit seanmaloney.house.gov/services/art-competition or call 845-561-1259.

Garrison Students in Jesus Christ Superstar

O'Neill High School presents rock opera

Students at O'Neill High School will perform the musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* under the direction of Philipstown's Christine Bokhour (who played Judas in the Philipstown Depot Theatre's produc-

tion last fall) on March 11, 12 and 13 at the school's auditorium in Highland Falls.

The story is loosely based on Gospel accounts of the last week in the life of Jesus from the view of Christ's betrayer, Judas Iscariot. The O'Neill version will include a six-piece rock band directed by Garrison's Paul Heckert and featuring percussion by Thomas Cunane. O'Neill students from Garrison participating in the production include cast member Alexandra Angelopoulos, trumpet player Alex Mancuso and lighting crew member Hudson Heckert.

Shows are at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, and Saturday, March 12, and 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

School Bus Requests Due April 1

All students in district allowed transport

The parents or guardians of students in the Garrison Union Free School District who plan to attend a private or parochial school during the 2016-17 school year and will need bus transportation must submit written notice to the district no later than April 1.

Forms are available at gufs.org or from the Garrison School Administrative Office at 1100 Route 9D. For more information, call Dick Timmons at 845-424-3689, ext. 225.

Fiddler to Play Desmond-Fish

Will discuss unusual melodies of Mississippi tunes

Harry Bolick will discuss and play Mississippi fiddle tunes during an appearance at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 13. His new book, *Mississippi Fiddle Tunes and Songs from the 1930s*, co-authored with Stephen T. Austin and published by the University Press of Mississippi, will be available for purchase. The Mississippi tradition stands out for its unusual melodies and rhythms.

Bolick's expansive repertoire includes Southern tunes and songs from friends, early commercial and field recordings, as well as many of his own compositions. He has eight recordings to his credit and performs with leading (Continued on next page)



Harry Bolick

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(From previous page) duos and bands, including the Wahoo String Band. He teaches fiddle and mandolin weekly at the Garrison Art Center as well as workshops around the country on Mississippi fiddle tunes.

The Desmond-Fish is located at 472 Route 403, at the corner of Route 9D. For more information, visit desmondfishlibrary.org.

Beacon

Oscar Nominee to Show Films

Sam Green shorts to be screened at Binnacle

Oscar-nominated documentary filmmaker Sam Green will screen some of his short films at Binnacle Books in Beacon at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. Based in San Francisco and New York, Green's 2002 film *The Weather Underground* was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature; it was also shown that year at the Whitney Biennial. His other films include *The Measure of All Things* (2014), *The Rainbow Man/John 3:16* (1997) and *The Love Song of R. Buckminster Fuller* (2012), a live cinematic collaboration with indie rock band Yo La Tengo. For more information, visit samgreen.to.

Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved at binnaclebooks.com/events. The bookstore is located at 321 Main St.



Sam Green

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Historian to Discuss Early Native Americans

Beacon Institute also extends exhibit

The Mount Beacon Incline Restoration Society will host a speaker at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at an exhibit it organized at the Beacon Institute. Historian Evan Pritchard will present an hour-long lecture and slide show on the "River Indians" who lived in the Hudson River Valley before 1609.

The author of *Native New Yorkers, The Legacy of the Algonquin People of New York* and founder of the Center for Algonquin Culture, Pritchard will share original maps and explain meanings of old place names, identify tribal boundaries, trails and river crossings.

At the same time, the Beacon Institute announced it has extended the Mount Beacon Incline Restoration Society ex-

hibit, which had been scheduled to end this month, until Oct. 2. The institute is located at 199 Main St. For more information, visit inclinerrailway.org.

Howland Shows Work of 43 Female Artists

Women's History Month exhibit

The Howland Cultural Center marks National Women's History Month with its 22nd annual exhibit of work by women artists of the Hudson Valley, including paintings, photography, sculpture, fabric art and ceramics. The exhibition opens with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

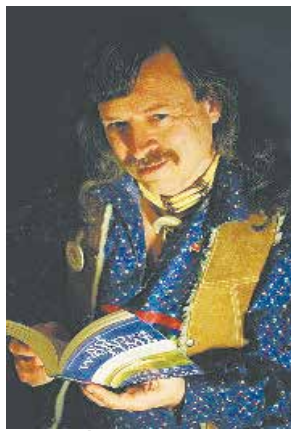
The 43 artists whose works appear are Pangea Bohl, Shirley Botsford, Lisa Breznak, Rosanne Cerbo, Mimi Czajka Graminski, Carolyn De Michele, Jan Dolan, Virginia Donovan, Amy Farrell, Karen E. Gersch, Jayne Gillman Crimmins, Mary Ann Glass, Carla Goldberg, Claudia Gorman, Erica Hauser, Susan Hennelly, Anne Huibregtse, Insun Kim, Lisa Knaus, Tanya Kukucka, Maria Lago, Pat Lane, Helen Lang, Joan Levitt, Carol Loizides, Basha Maryanska, Bibiana Huang Matheis, Cynthia McCusker, Linda Moriarty, Susanne Moss, Basha Ruth Nelson, Leslie Pelino, Elisa Pritzker, Kelly Preusser, Karen Roff, Ilse Schreiber-Noll, Eleni Smolen, Robyn Tauss, Melissa Pimentel, Carolyn Ullman, Kate Vikstrom, Leigh Williams and Jayoung Yoon.

The exhibit continues from 1 to 5 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday through April 3 except for March 13. After the reception, the Howland Center's Coffeehouse will feature Chilean singer Wilma "La Chilota" Cardenas Garcis and local performer Leah Anne Siegel with Miles Jakob on guitar at 8 p.m. Admission to the coffee house is \$10.



The Wanderer, by Melissa Pimentel

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Evan Pritchard Photo provided

Violinist Launches Youth Orchestra

Gwen Laster forms "creative strings" group

Gwen Laster, the violinist and composer, has started a Creative Strings Improvisers Orchestra in Beacon that will meet for the first of six Saturday sessions at 2 p.m. (beginners) and 3 p.m. (intermediate) on March 12 at the Center for Creative Education. Violinists, violists, cellists and bassists are welcome. The cost is \$315 for all six sessions, or drop-ins are \$60 per session. For information, email gwenlaster@gmail.com or call 718-930-3522. The center is located at 464 Main St.



Gwen Laster

Photo provided

Magical Music Machines

Experts to speak about jukeboxes

Filmmaker Andrew Stein and jukebox collector and historian Ed Liss will discuss "The Great American Jukebox" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 at the Howland Library in Beacon following the screening of a 45-minute documentary of the same name by Stein. The pair will also share recordings made from various jukeboxes, and Liss will discuss the history of the song machines. The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main St. For more information, call 845-831-1134.

Dutchess Bureau Holds Lunch Seminars

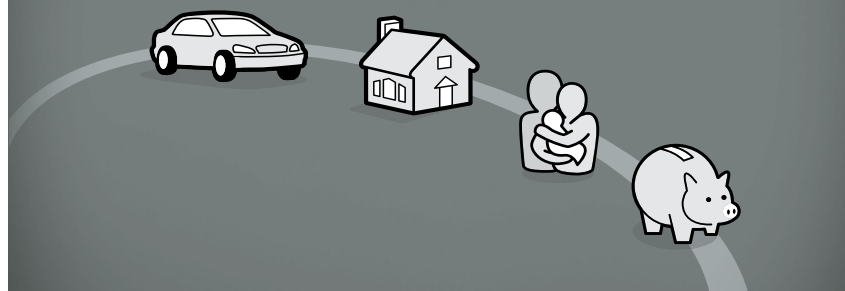
Discussing marketing to tourists

Filomena Fanelli, chief executive officer of Impact PR & Communications, and Katy Dwyer, president of Katy Dwyer Design, will discuss marketing strategies for tourism-related businesses at the first of four free Lunch & Learn sessions organized by Dutchess Tourism. The event takes place at noon on Monday, March 14, at the Hyatt House in Fishkill.

The series will continue on the following three Wednesdays — March 23 and 30 and April 6. Participants should bring lunch. Registration is required; call 845-463-5447 or email lydia@dutchesstourism.com.

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A Day of Health and Happiness

Radio host and studio owner
organize March 13 retreat

By Alison Rooney

Everybody's favorite heard-but-not-seen morning voice, Kacey Morabito Grean, a Cold Spring resident whose "Mike and Kacey In The Morning" show is a fixture on 100.7 WHUD-FM, will be seen and heard on Sunday, March 13, as



Kacey Grean

Photo by A. Rooney

she and MAYfest organizer Melia Marzollo present a day-long series of workshops and classes for women focused on the spiritual, physical and social well-being — how to try to achieve a kind of happiness and techniques for the maintenance of it.

Their event, called "A Day of Health and Happiness for Women," evolved from symposiums that the then-called Hudson Valley Hospital presented each October in Cold Spring until three years ago. Grean

took part in many of those events, and she missed them. She says she realized, together with a friend, that "hey, we can do this." So they did, presenting a well-attended day for women in Croton in January 2015.

Every month since then, under the banner of "A Circle of Women," Grean has organized small activities, often hikes, to gather women together in outdoor, contemplative pursuits.

Grean's interest in the mind-body-spirit spectrum extends to her radio broadcasting as well. In addition to her morning show, which airs weekdays from 5 to 10 a.m., she hosts "The Health and Happiness Show" on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m., which allows her to "sleep in." She describes the show, which is available as a podcast on KaceyRadio.com and shared throughout the day on Friday as "Health & Happiness Minutes," as a forum where "healers, doctors and dreamers share ideas to make your life richer."

In addition, Grean has turned to motivational speaking, presenting a talk, Everything I Need to Know I Learned On

the Radio, throughout the tri-state area, including at 12 Grapes in Peekskill on Sunday, March 6 (call 914-737-6624 for reservations). "Radio has taught me what my purpose is," she says. "I found that when I bring my best self to the radio, my purpose is to serve, even though that may sound hokey. Through it we have so many opportunities to touch people I try to take my time and make connections."

Envisioning a larger scope of arrangements, Grean reached out to Marzollo, who owns SkyBaby Yoga and Pilates Studio in Cold Spring and last year launched a multi-day music, art and yoga festival at Lake Surprise called MAYfest. Grean, who practices the Japanese healing art reiki, conducted sessions in the healing tent at the event.

What they've pulled together is a day of activities and togetherness for women. After a continental breakfast buffet and welcome from the co-hosts, breakout groups will begin, each facilitated by a woman and, in the case of the physical side of things, sectioned into different fitness levels so no one will feel pushed too hard, unless that's expressly what a participant is looking for.

Three morning workshops focus on the body. The gentlest is Nottingham's Qi-gong healing instruction, which Grean describes as the root source of many healing practices. For those seeking something less reflective, Phoebe Miller, founder of nOMad, will conduct a "mindful" Vinyasa session, a yoga-based class designed to get the kinks out — gently, yet with enough to invigorate through rhythmic movement. Core to the Floor is more vigorous, as Paula Carnabuci conducts a workout utilizing the Correctform mat, along with resistance bands and light weights.

The second group of workshops shift toward the spirit. Options include a talk by Grean with a guided meditation at the conclusion. Or attendees can try "The Celestial Map; How Astrology Offers Both Inner & Outer Guidance," presented by Demitra Vassiliadis of Heaven to Earth Astrology. The third session will be a demonstration of aromatherapy and hand massage with Cold Spring holistic

nurse Patricia Traina.

Vendors, among them nutritionist Holly Shelowitz and Healing Facials' Joan Forlow, will have tables for browsing during a healthy lunch buffet. Rock violinist Daisy Jopling will play throughout the day. After lunch, attendees will join in a 90-minute seminar, presented by Kelley Amadei, about how to uncover those habits in your life which are getting in the way of living a "best life." The day will end in a closing circle, guided by *Practical Intuition* author Laura Day.

It wasn't intuition that brought Grean to her now-unusual occupation of radio host. It began when she was chosen as a seventh-grader at St. Patrick's School in Verplanck to read a public service announcement for a walk-a-thon over the air from WLNA in Peekskill. "I heard my voice coming out of the radio and was amazed," she recalls. She studied journalism and media at Mercy College and returned to WLNA seven years after her first visit as a college intern before moving across the hall to WHUD. She left soon after for New York City, where she had a job lined up with Lite FM, but it fell through. "WHUD called, and I returned," she says.

Grean has the unusual experience of having a particular part of her recognized with regularity: her voice. It happens frequently, where she is anonymously doing something, then speaks, and can immediately see recognition take hold. She's also aware of the companionship and solace she has brought to listeners, one of whose family members shared with her that during some tough times, "I was her voice through the night. That brought me to my knees," Grean says.

While working that night shift, Grean had her days free, and she'd often come to Cold Spring and sit by the river. "One night the [work] phone rings, and it's a woman with an Irish brogue, saying she lived in Cold Spring," Grean says. "I said 'Oh, I've always wanted to live there.' She told me to call a number, that she knew of an apartment." (Continued on next page)



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A Day of Health and Happiness *(from previous page)*

Grean has been in Cold Spring ever since, cementing the move with wedding. Eight years ago, her chiropractor, whom she happened to go to school with at St. Patrick's, told her: "You're not married — you should meet my carpenter." A blind date was arranged, and the radio host and Mike Grean met at the bar at Riverview Restaurant. Nancy Montgomery, who was working behind it, said "Mike and Kacey" (echoing the name of the radio program), and that was that. Kacey and Mike, who owns Grean's Contracting, married two years to the day after that first date.

The Greans won't be leaving Cold Spring anytime soon. "I'm not over Cold Spring," Kacey Grean says. "When I drive up Main, I look in the rearview mirror and see those mountains. Cold Spring was my best friend all those years when I worked at night. I can't imagine leaving this town."

Tickets for "A Day of Health and Happiness for Women," which takes place



Melia Marzollo, posing outside the entrance to Skybaby Yoga in Cold Spring

Photo by Robert Sturman

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 13 at Dutchess Manor, 263 Route 9D, between Cold Spring and Beacon, cost \$80 each and can be purchased by searching for "MAYfest Presents" at eventbrite.com.

Charles Byrnes

(1937-2016)

Charles Edward Byrnes, 78, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., died suddenly on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 at the Westchester Medical Center. Born in New York City on March 31, 1937, he was the son of the late John E. and Evelyn F. (O'Connor) Byrnes.

Charles "Charlie" Byrnes grew up in Garrison as the fourth of 11 Byrnes children. He attended St. Patrick's High School in Newburgh, graduated from Manhattan College and received a master's degree in science from New York University in 1959. He began his career as a science teacher at Highland Falls High School and went on to work for more than 30 years in film and print advertising. Charlie loved the Giants and Yankees and was an accomplished athlete in his own right. He was well-known for his quick wit and wry sense of humor, his kindness, generosity and love for his family, friends and animals. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Survivors include two sons, E. Aran (Kimberly) Byrnes of Massachusetts, and Charles Justin Byrnes of Massachusetts; and his former spouse, Marie Stella (Byrnes). He also leaves behind five brothers: Gerald (Joan) Byrnes of Cape May, N.J.; Lawrence T. (Kathleen) Byrnes of Somerset, N.J.;

Robert (Rosemary) Byrnes of Croton-on-Hudson; Walter (Alice) Byrnes of The Villages, Fla.; and Paul Byrnes of The Villages.

He is also survived by two sisters, Evelyn (Kurt Mast) Byrnes and Sister Ellen M. Byrnes of Lincoln Park, N.J.; a sister-in-law, Gail Byrnes of Atlanta; and a brother-in-law, James Brady of Charleston, S.C. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Everett Aran and Sylvie Aida Byrnes, and many adoring nieces and nephews.

Three of his siblings passed away before him: John Byrnes, Garrett Byrnes and Margaret M. (Byrnes) Brady.

Friends may call at the Clinton Funeral Home, at the corner of Parrott and Pine streets (21 Parrott St.) in Cold Spring from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, and Friday, March 4. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 5, at Our Lady of Loretto Church, 24 Fair St., Cold Spring, with interment to follow in the family plot at Cold Spring Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charles Byrnes's name to the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org). Funeral arrangements are in the care of the Clinton Funeral Home in Cold Spring.

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Sports

At right, Will Zuvic (33) scores two of his 14 points in the Blue Devils' 52-47 victory over Chester in the Class C regional semifinals in White Plains on March 1. The Blue Devils move on for a rematch with Stony Brook in the regional final at Pace University at 6:45 p.m. on March 4. Far right, Tucker Beachak lines up to hit one of his six consecutive free throws as a result of three technical fouls against Alexander Hamilton in the Section 1 Class C championship on Feb. 27. He was named the tournament MVP.

Photos by Peter Farrell



Far left, the Haldane boys' varsity basketball team celebrates its third straight Section 1 Class C championship after a 61-52 victory over Alexander Hamilton on Feb. 27 in White Plains. At left, Allison Chiera drives to the basket in the Blue Devils' 48-32 win over Alexander Hamilton in the Section 1 Class C semifinal on Feb. 27 in White Plains. The girls lost to Pine Plains, 47-31, on March 2 to end their state tournament run.

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