



Taxpayer Issues Shaping Up for May Vote

Butterfield Library proposition on the agenda

By Pamela Doan

Two school budgets and a proposal for funding for the Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library will be facing Philipstown taxpayer approval in May. At the Haldane Central School District Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, March 10, board members heard from Library Director Gillian Thorpe, herself a former School Board president, and from Superintendent Diana Bowers and Business Manager Anne Dinio about all the financial items that will be brought before voters.

The library-funding presentation only specified that the school district's attorney and the library's attorney agree that the library has a legal right under state law to place a proposition on the district's ballot during the budget referendum. Thorpe didn't specify what the proposition would entail. The proposition is entirely separate from the school budget and does not impact the property tax rebate. The library needs to present petitions with 25 signatures of eligible voters to be on the ballot, and they will do so at the March 17 meeting.

A follow-up call to Thorpe seeking details about the proposition didn't produce further information. She said she is only willing to share information in a sit-down joint meeting with *The Paper* and the *Putnam County News and Recorder*, which couldn't be accommodated before *The Paper's* deadline. She declined to share the content of (Continued on page 3)



Icicle shadows, above, and Bear Mountain ice sculptures, right Photos by Michael Turton

Beacon Has Dutchess' Only Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Dedicated community members get training to serve

By Brian PJ Cronin

Antony Tseng, a director of the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, can instantly answer any question you have about the history or the current operations of BVAC. There's only one question that stumps him.

"How long have I been here?" he repeated, while sitting at a conference table in the BVAC headquarters. "I've officially lost count. But I guess I'll say since 2000." He leaned over to the speakerphone perched on the table. "How about you, Nick?"

"Since I was 15 years old, in 1990," said Chief Nick Sarchilli over the other end of the phone.

Forty years of service between them, for which neither one of them has been paid a dime.

Tseng and Sarchilli are just two of the 45 volunteers who somehow find the time to put in between 12 and 30 hours a week serving the City of Beacon through BVAC. Although the corps does have 16 paid employees as well, none of its funding comes from taxpayers or municipalities. As the only volunteer ambulance corps in Dutchess County, it funds itself through donations, insurance reimbursements and special events. BVAC's major annual fundraiser will take place on Sunday, March 22, at Dutchess Manor on Route 9D. And since Dutchess Manor is generously donating the venue, staff and food, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to supporting BVAC.

"It's a chance for people to not only support us, but to talk to us, get to know us and learn how they can (To page 6)

Town Board Urges Action to Prevent 'Bomb' Train Accidents on Hudson

Also looks at Narcan police training, local government consolidation

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Citing the "explosive and ... corrosive" nature of crude oil transported by trains and the "immediate, significant risk" of a Hudson Highlands accident, the Philipstown Town Board last Thursday (March 5) urged federal and state governments to protect the public, economy and environment from derailments and other disasters.

In other business at their meeting at Town Hall, board members discussed the adequacy of Narcan training — especially in the Cold Spring Police Department — to prevent heroin-overdose deaths. They likewise continued consideration of local government consolidation.

'Bomb' trains

The five-member board unanimously passed a resolution calling for strict oversight of the transportation of dangerous Bakken shale oil and heavy tar-sand oil, carried by train along the west shore of the Hudson River, and, slightly less frequently, by barges and tankers on the water.

Such trains typically consist of more than 100 rail cars, many regarded by the National Transportation Safety Board and other critics as too flimsy to carry combustible fuel. They started to appear a few years ago, with a boom in production from North Dakotan and neighboring oil Canadian fields, and run twice a day, snaking between the water and the mountains and passing by the U.S. Military (Continued on page 3)

Cold Spring Election Debate Controversy Nelsonville candidates also appear

By Mike Turton

The election forum hosted by the *Putnam County News and Recorder* (PCNR) on Monday, March 9, was as significant for what was missing as it was for what actually took place. Two candidates running for office in Cold Spring, mayoral hopeful Dave Merandy and his running mate Marie Early, vying for a trustee seat, opted not to attend. That left only mayoral contender Barney Molloy to field questions pertaining to the village's top elected position. Molloy



Nelsonville trustee candidates Danielle Pack McCarthy and Thomas Robertson at the PCNR debate

Photos by Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

questioned Merandy's and Early's records and the two took up his challenge in an email to *The Paper*, also explaining why they boycotted (Continued on page 4)



Director Antony Tseng and President Andrew DiLuvio of the Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Photo by B. Cronin

Small, Good Things

Organizing Principles

By Joe Dizney

I believe it not only matters *what* we eat, but *HOW* we eat, and by extension how we *consume* — how we shop, how we conserve, recycle or waste; how we share — how we fit into the larger physical, social and spiritual organism of life on this earth.

With thinkers of every stripe sounding alarm bells about the cumulative effects of mindless consumption (rf.: Naomi Klein on the environment and economy; Dan Barber and Mark Bittman vis-a-vis food, farming and consuming), it's disingenuous to avoid the fact that we are at some paradigmatic tipping point.

What has this got to do with chicken liver? (Vegetarians, no disrespect intended. Some of my best friends are vegetarians. I am not.)

This red meat reverie was prompted by a visit to the Marbled Meat Shop on Route 9 and a perusal of the upright freezer. (I treat a good meat market with the same reverence I would a good bookstore, with both unfortunately becoming about as hard to find.) What have we here? Beef kidney, liver, heart, tongue! Lamb parts — a *head* even. What treasures!

A confession: In an earlier existence I dallied with membership in an “eating club” called the Offal Truth, which consisted of monthly jaunts around metropolitan New York in search of shall-we-say truly *visceral* eating experiences: haggis on Burns’ Day, *tête de veau* in a theater district *boîte*, a particularly memorable excursion for barbecued sweetbreads at a Kosher-Uzbeki restaurant in Queens.

Offal is defined literally and etymolog-

ically as “off-fall,” the bits that fall away when the beast is butchered — decidedly *not awful*.

My South Louisiana upbringing was saturated with early exposure to delicacies like hog’s head cheese, *boudin* (white and black, the black being better known as blood sausage) and “dirty rice” — delicious but containing *God-knows-what* and *who cares?* — and inured me to food prejudices and aversions that seem to be “normal” (whatever *that* is) in other cultures.

Seasonal *boucheries* along Bayou Lafourche and the Mississippi consisted of the communal slaughter and complete processing of a mature pig, and I remember them as familial/social celebrations — equal parts charcuterie and sacrament — in which no part was wasted and the only thing remaining was bones.

That’s a far distance from the shrink-wrapped, uniformly pink, hormonally pumped, USDA-approved “choice cuts” available in most supermarkets where the label is the only signifier that you’re getting beef, pork or lamb.

This is also what is most encouraging about seeing places like Marbled Meat Shop in Philipstown and Barb’s Butchery in Beacon spring up nearby: a local, on-the-ground commitment to quality, craft and the ecology of consumption.

I am not proselytizing for an all-offal diet nor even advocating the carnivorous life. I am trying to make the point that if we *are* going to eat meat, we also have a responsibility to do it mindfully, respectfully and economically.

First, that means eating less meat overall and, to the best of our means, to consume livestock raised and processed humanely and in conditions that are conscious of the ecological impact of the process.



Calamarata with chicken livers

Photo by J. Dizney

Which brings me back to chicken livers. That same freezer contained a trove of one-pound packs of said livers, an innocuous and familiar cut (Remember *rumaki*? Chopped liver anyone?) and consequently what we might consider your basic “gateway” offal.

Nutritionally, liver contains more protein by weight than white meat chicken. This plus is admittedly offset by a considerably higher percentage of dietary cholesterol.

This recipe is offered mainly as it presents a surprising combination of ingredients that somehow come together to make a dish more complex and subtly comforting and tasty than a mere description would suggest. Anecdotally, in

the Small, Good Things Test Kitchen™ my tasters commented that had they not known what they were eating, they never would have suspected the combination — this while requesting second helpings, always a good sign.

Based on a recipe by Florence Fabricant, I substituted *calamarata*, a short, large-diameter tube pasta (available at Adams Fair Acre Farms) in place of *tagliolini* or strands. I specified olive paste as per the original recipe but were I to make an adjustment based on tasters’ comments, a half cup or so of roughly chopped, good quality black olives would substitute and supply additional textural interest. The recipe mashed or pureed slightly would also make an excellent topping for crostini. Halve this recipe for a crostini appetizer course.

Calamarata With Chicken Livers, Fennel and Black Olives

30-45 minutes; serves 4-6 as a main course

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| 1 pound chicken livers, cleaned | 3 to 4 tablespoons black olive paste |
| 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil | Salt and pepper |
| 3 shallots, diced small | 16 ounces dried calamarata (or other large, short, tube-shaped pasta) |
| 1 cup chopped fennel | 2 tablespoons chopped flat-leaf parsley |
| ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes | Grated Parmigiano-Reggiano |
| ½ teaspoon chopped dried rosemary (or 1 tablespoon fresh) | |
| 2 tablespoons tomato paste | |

1. Heat and salt a large pot of water for the pasta. Pat the livers dry with paper towels and chop into rough ¾-inch pieces. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté shallots and fennel over medium heat to soften slightly (5 to 6 minutes). Add the liver, pepper flakes and rosemary; continue to sauté until liver loses its redness (3 to 4 minutes).
2. Stir in tomato paste. Cook 7 to 8 minutes to thicken sauce slightly. Stir in the olive paste. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Keep sauce warm on low heat.
3. Add pasta to the boiling water and cook per package directions. Add ½ cup water from the pasta pot to the sauce.
4. Drain the pasta (reserving another cup of the pasta water). Dump the sauce into the pasta pot and add pasta when drained. Keep pasta and sauce on a low heat for about a minute, stirring to incorporate sauce and allow pasta to absorb some of the liquid, adding pasta water if necessary to keep it from getting too dry. Before serving, stir in chopped parsley. Turn into a large serving bowl or serve from the pot. Pass freshly grated cheese at the table.

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tary Academy at West Point, villages and schools, across a narrow stretch of river from Philipstown.

Railroad personnel dubbed them “bomb” trains, and their mishaps, leaking oil and shooting flames far into the sky and across wide swathes of ground, have occurred in North America in headline-making repetition: On Thursday afternoon, a few hours before the Town Board vote, an oil train derailed near the Mississippi River in the countryside outside historic Galena, Illinois; on Saturday (March 7) a train went off the tracks in Ontario. Both accidents set off conflagrations, and the Canadian derailment prompted authorities to warn residents to not tap their usual water for drinking, due to fears of contamination. A similar accident took place nearby in Ontario in February — the same week an oil train derailed in West Virginia.

“There have been serious incidents with these, explosions across the country,” Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea said Thursday night. In the Hudson Highlands, “if you have an oil spill of the magnitude that these could cause, it would be just absolute devastation. So we feel it’s incumbent on this Town Board to take action.” In doing so, the Town Board joins counterparts in other river communities. Given a record of “negligence” and “deficiencies” in crude-oil transport, Shea said that “something should be done now. This is a dangerous business and it’s not to be taken lightly.”

Philipstown’s resolution points to Constitution Marsh and other river wildlife

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habitats as needing protection and terms “tourism supported by the pristine and natural environment and unique landscapes of the Hudson Highlands ... a key part of Philipstown’s economy.” The measure calls on state and federal governments “to immediately order a full environmental impact study of the potential impacts of increased crude-oil transport by train, barge or ship through the Hudson Highlands and to enact stringent rules and regulations for the transportation of crude oil.” It also urges them “to explore and develop alternative means for the distribution and transportation of crude oil.” Copies were to be sent to state and national officials. The Putnam County legislature held a committee presentation on “bomb” trains last month and is expected to take up a similar resolution soon.

Later, during the public comment period, Cold Spring Trustee Stephanie Hawkins stood “to thank the Town Board and the county legislature for their leadership on behalf of everyone calling for meaningful changes to stop the ‘bomb’ trains.”

Narcan training

The board got varying information on whether the Cold Spring Police Department can administer Narcan. The question arose when Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra told the board that the county health department has

assumed responsibility for Narcan training for the county and would provide Narcan to first responders. The general public also can take the training; meanwhile, law enforcement personnel are being trained or already have been, across Putnam, she added. “The only police in the whole county that haven’t received training and feel they don’t need it is the Cold Spring police,” she said. “They felt that since the sheriff had the training, they didn’t need to. I wish the Cold Spring police would take the plunge and do the training.”

Councilor Nancy Montgomery expressed surprise. “This is the first time I’ve learned that the Cold Spring police were not trained,” she said. “We learned from being EMTs [emergency medical technicians] that the first one on the scene usually is the police.”

Hawkins subsequently clarified the Cold Spring Police Department’s stance. “The police did not decline Narcan training because they prefer it’s dealt with by the Sheriff’s Office,” she said. Rather, she explained, “we have one officer trained in Narcan, and he’s working on protocols for our police regarding training. And there are some issues we have about liability and the chain of custody of drugs in those situations.”

Councilor John Van Tassel, a former paramedic, observed that “Narcan, as we’re learning, is a quick fix. Obviously, it’s not the cure for the heroin epidemic. But it will buy the person some time.” The more people trained to administer it, “the better chances we have of actually keeping somebody alive,” he said.

Consolidation

Shea reported on a recent meeting with state and federal representatives regarding government consolidation — “and we do need to look at consolidating between Nelsonville, Cold Spring and Philipstown,” he emphasized. “Something is going to happen, otherwise our taxpayers are going to suffer. We need to come up with something for 2015” to meet state demands. “There are a number of things we could combine and simple things we could be doing.” As examples, he proposed that local emergency services join the town in combined fuel purchases, using town channels that supply it at discounts through the state government, with the taxpayers in the participating jurisdictions sharing in the benefits; and mergers of the Philipstown, Nelsonville and Cold Spring justice courts and building departments. “There are several” good ideas “we are going to take action on,” Shea said.

Montgomery, the deputy supervisor, concurred and recommended a review of “how we compare financially to other municipalities [in New York] and efforts other municipalities have taken to make their government more efficient and better.”

Scuccimarra picked out the justice courts as “the glaring consolidation [opportunity] right there.”

“There are a lot of glaring ones,” Montgomery replied.



Butterfield Library Director Gillian Thorpe discusses a proposition that the library wants to include on the district’s ballot.

Photo by P. Doan

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the petition.

Budget 1 and Budget 2

Bowers and Dinio presented two scenarios for budgets. Budget 1 has enhancements and additions, including two new teaching positions, an additional teaching support person to manage enrollment in kindergarten if necessary, staff development, a new peace officer position and enhanced opportunities for students in co-curricular activities and sports. Budget 2 was described by Bowers as “very close to the amount presently available assuming a minimal amount of state aid.”

The district will not have definite numbers concerning their state aid until the state’s budget is approved. State legislators are scheduled to pass a budget by April 1, but sometimes it does not get done by then.

Budget 2 had four key differences from

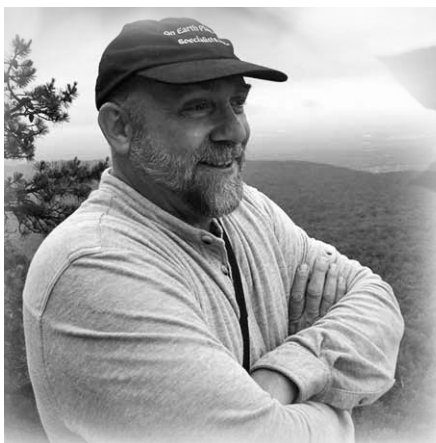
Budget 1, and each impacted staff positions. Bowers was clear on the district’s priorities — teachers’ skills and expanded opportunities and situations for student learning. Bowers has found savings and ways to reallocate money that the district is spending on services by identifying other ways to achieve the same purpose. For example, the district currently outsources their communications and public relations support to BOCES (Board of Cooperative Educational Services) and will bring those responsibilities in-house.

Board President Joe Curto said, “It sounds like we’re at Budget 2 and could be at Budget 1 depending on some outside forces beyond our control.” Board members requested tweaking some of the language and clarifying some areas but were overall supportive of the proposals and optimistic that they could be achieved.

The tax-increase limit for Haldane is 2.72 percent, and both budget proposals are at that cap. Bowers said, “The taxpayer is not going to pay that additional 2.72 percent because it will be refunded just as it was this year. It makes sense for districts to go for the most they are allowed. The taxpayer will get a rebate from the state for the difference.”

By staying within the tax levy limit, district taxpayers are eligible for the rebate. Bowers said that last year the rebates were relatively small because the district’s limit was 1.09 percent, and that was the refund. It will be higher depending on the calculation. Curto said, “Theoretically, the increase is zero for the taxpayer. You pay it and then you get it back.”

The budget proposals are available on the district’s website. They are scheduled to make final decisions on the budget at their April 14 meeting.



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Cold Spring Election Forum Controversy

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the event.

The two remaining candidates for trustee, Fran Murphy and Bob Ferris, addressed questions on issues that have become staples in the 2015 campaign — from capital projects and the Cold Spring Police Department to parking and crumbling sidewalks. Other issues included the impact of Cold Spring’s “vocal minority,” the need for more effective communications with residents and merging local highway departments.

Two candidates competing for one open trustee seat on the Nelsonville Village Board also squared off. Danielle Pack McCarthy and Thomas Robertson assessed Nelsonville’s priorities, the impact of a new Cold Spring firehouse, safety along Main Street and other issues.

For full online coverage of the March 9 debate as well as the candidates’ forum hosted a week earlier by *The Paper*, visit *Philipstown.info*.

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A personal letter to George Washington from his wife

Dear George,

It was so kind of you to stop at that dealership in Newburgh and buy me that newfangled automobile for our anniversary. But, dear George, you also promised me a new road for such use. I believe you called it “blacktop.” How’s your horse, Blueskin? Did it go lame yet from the muddy, snow-ridden, rutted Old Albany Post Road in Garrison? I know you miss ol’ Nelson, who went blind from the dust storms of the old dirt roads on Indian Brook ... I miss that rascal, too! Gunshot wound? We know the truth ... But, back to ME and our good neighbors ... I did take my vehicle out for a spin and it sure did! I spun out real good on that parcel by the “Bird and Bottle” Inn. That was too much for my timid heart, and oh, also for my neighbor who had her baby in the backseat. Thankfully, Baby was strapped in and didn’t come careening out the windshield. I was stuck real good in the foot-deep trenches of mud and slush and would have called for help, but you need to get me one of those things they call a cellphone ... maybe for Valentine’s Day? So, dear George, could you use your substantial influence to provide the safety and practicality of that “blacktop” you promised? It would thrill me to pieces and a few other hundreds of folks who like safe travelin’. Yes, there will be those rough riders who like to speed at any cost, but it sure beats the rough roads, ruined axles and accidents that we all have to suffer with, for the few that are just pure idiots and will do their dirty deeds, dirt roads or not. Not to mention, maybe saving the taxpayers in the long run for all of the maintenance these well-traveled roads constantly require, to no avail. Oh, and before I forget, I heard about these new things called dentures and implants, so for our next anniversary, you can get rid of those troublesome “seahorse” teeth and get something modern and comfortable. You deserve it!

All my love, Martha

(Maryann and Richard Syrek, *Garrison*)

Vote for Merandy and Early

Dear Editor:

After observing Marie Early’s contributions to the Comprehensive Plan, then the LWRS, then the Zoning Board of Appeals as well as the Code Update Committee, one can only conclude there are a few in the village who can touch Marie Early’s dedication to preserving and enhancing our village life — that is why I will be voting for Marie for trustee and urge my fellow residents to do the same.

For those who remember the long genesis of the current “new” Haldane High School building, Dave Merandy’s involvement is instructive. As a member and then head of the school board, Mr. Merandy

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was instrumental to calibrating the district’s long list of building needs with the size of its residents’ pocket books. Dave did this without causing divisiveness and rancor within the community.

That was no small feat and, with the significant capital costs facing the village — firehouse, dam repair, wastewater infrastructure — Dave’s resume and skill set are exactly what the village needs in its mayor going forward. That is why I urge my fellow residents to vote for Dave Merandy for mayor.

Donald MacDonald,
Village of Cold Spring

Dear Editor:

I believe Dave Merandy would be the best mayor we’ve had since Anthony Phillips. They have similar backgrounds in long-term residence, construction professions and longstanding dedication to public service in our community. I know he wants to be our mayor to make Cold Spring a better place to live, work and raise our families. He dedicated his time and efforts for 10 years on the Haldane School Board and has during that time and to this day gained the respect of his board peers and the general public. He wants the position of mayor not for the title, but for what he believes the village needs and deserves. I am sure he will approach his duties as our mayor in the same manner as he has in his past public service, with integrity and openness.

Marie Early I have known since my wife and I moved here 13 ½ years ago when she went out of her way to come to our home and introduce herself during one of her endless walks through the village. I have found her to be knowledgeable, informative (fairly giving the background on both sides of any village issue), and dedicated, having been on many volunteer and appointed assignments for the village’s and its residents’ benefit. Please vote for Dave and Marie on March 18; you’ll be happy you did when you see their dedication to our village.

David Marion, *Village of Cold Spring*

Former mayor endorses Merandy and Early

Dear Editor:

I was mayor of Cold Spring for 16 years. I have a better understanding than most people of what it takes to keep the village running. It’s not just sitting in board meetings and voting for this or that. On almost a daily basis you have to deal with construction issues. You have to be able to communicate with trades people and architects, read plans and more. I was continually drawing on my construction background to understand and manage projects when I was mayor.

Infrastructure and construction are the most important issues facing our village today — our dams, our firehouse, our sewer system to name a few. Who better to be our new mayor than Dave Merandy? He has

extensive working knowledge of both construction and public service. He has what’s needed to run our village efficiently.

Dave was born and raised here. He’s a father who got involved with his kids’ afterschool activities, volunteering countless hours in our youth programs. He led the Haldane School Board and now serves on the Town Board. He has worked very hard to change things for the better in our community.

I grew up with Marie Early. She’s a lifelong friend. She is one of the sharpest people you’ll meet. We’re lucky Marie returned to Cold Spring in her retirement. Since her return Marie has volunteered for a number of boards in the village. She’s not afraid to roll up her sleeves and get the job done. I’m always impressed with her initiative-taking and professionalism.

You can’t find harder-working people than Dave and Marie. They come with lots of experience and knowledge of our small village.

It’s important that we get it right this time and elect folks who will represent us and work hard for everyone.

I’ll be voting for Dave and Marie and I think you should too.

Anthony Phillips,
Former Cold Spring Mayor

State ethical reform

Dear Editor,

For the second year in a row, the topic of ethics reform is being used as a bartering chip to determine how over \$140 billion of our tax dollars will be spent.

Last year the governor bartered with GOP Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, and IDC Leader Jeff Klein to shut down an ethics investigation, known as the Moreland Commission. It was only after they shut it down that they finally got around to working on the budget. This was done in a closed-door meeting without input from other members of the legislature.

This year the governor is bartering with ethics once again. Governor Cuomo has even stated that he’s willing to delay passage of the budget beyond the March 31st deadline if the legislature does not agree to his proposed ethics reforms.

As taxpayers, we should be questioning the ethics of using “ethics reform” to negotiate the serious business of how our money will be managed. And more importantly we should remind our elected representatives that they have the power to pass ethics reform right now. There’s absolutely no reason to tie this important issue to the budget, and there’s no legitimate reason to delay meaningful ethics reform any longer.

Every member of the state legislature should be demanding and working to pass these needed measures now. Any official convicted of abusing the public’s trust should be stripped of their taxpayer funded pensions, and the campaign finance laws must be changed so that LLC’s and big corporations can no longer buy and sell the outcomes of our elections.

The New York State Legislature has the ability to solve these pressing issues today. Failure to do so could lead to a late budget, which would place important funding for entities such as school districts, cities, towns, villages, and public health services in jeopardy. We should not tolerate such irresponsible actions, and we should insist that our government seize this historic opportunity to pass truly effective ethics reform now. Then they must direct their full attention to passing an on-time state budget that provides solutions to reducing the cost of living and doing business in our communities.

Terry Gipson, *Rhinebeck*
Former NY State Senator
Dutchess and Putnam Counties

Two Trial Dates Set in Local Cases

By Michael Turton

As a rule, the vast majority of cases that come before Cold Spring’s Justice Court are settled without a trial. The March 11 session of that court proved to be the exception as trial dates were set for two ongoing cases.

Cold Spring resident Richard Weissbrod faces a charge of harassment in the second degree. His trial was set for April 16 at the Justice Court. Weissbrod is alleged to have harassed a resident at a Cold Spring polling station on Election Day in March 2014.

The case involving Ray DiFrancesco, operator of Whistling Willie’s American Grill, will go to trial at the Justice Court on May 18. DiFrancesco is charged with three misdemeanors — assault, reckless endangerment and making a false statement — in connection with an incident that occurred near the restaurant in the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2014. At Wednesday’s court session Judge Thomas Costello indicated that two motions filed by DiFrancesco’s attorney; one to have the case dismissed and another to disqualify Judge Costello, were rejected by the Putnam County Supreme Court.



Peer Mentoring at Haldane: High School Students Work With Eighth-Graders

Facilitating discussions on pertinent topics

By Alison Rooney

Taking advantage of the plus sides of a K through 12 campus, Haldane has pioneered a new program this school year, pairing selected and trained upperclassmen with small groups of eighth-graders one period every other week in sessions that troubleshoot issues pertinent to those on the threshold of high school.

Building upon the Second Step curriculum introduced in elementary school, Elementary/Middle School Principal Brent Harrington came up with the idea of having the program “taught to eighth-graders by high school students just three or four years older than those they are teaching.” (In sixth grade the home-room teacher is responsible for teaching it, while in seventh it is part of a quarterly rotation of subject areas.)

He explained: “We were looking for a way to bridge our eighth-grade students’ transition to high school while ensuring a fully articulated K-8 character education program. The opportunity to take advantage of our exceptional high school students seemed like a natural fit.”

Harrington’s been pleased with the results thus far: “Our high school mentors have been incredibly dedicated and enthusiastic about this new program, and as a result, we are already hearing positive feedback from our eighth-graders.”

The Second Step curriculum, described as designed to instill “social-emotional skills” through a combination of stories, activities, videos and music, has a different curriculum for each grade, built upon earlier iterations of it, with 20 lessons each year for elementary levels and 13 for middle school. Those for eighth grade include empathy, bullying prevention, conflict management, making positive choices and goal setting.

Haldane school psychologist Tara Rounds, who, along with high school guidance counselor Kristen Sautner and prevention specialist Deanna Murannelli, is overseeing this initial running



Peer mentor and Haldane 11th-grader Addie Westerhuis, standing, facilitates a lesson on bullying and friendships with Ellis Osterfeld, left, and Genna Sposet.

Photo by A. Rooney

of the peer-mentoring program, said the program “lends itself nicely to having a structured experience.”

Harrington said that having it as a credited course for high school students ensured “a certain level of commitment, while having these three staff members oversee the program made sure we had the “right people on the right seats on the bus.”

Murannelli, Rounds and Sautner worked with 20 juniors and seniors for a couple of months prior to the program beginning, laying the groundwork and discussing how it should be implemented. Now that the program is running, they meet with the mentors once every other Friday, during lunch period, alternating weekly with the mentoring sessions. The mentors watch the videos and go over the planned questions and activities ahead of time. Sautner calls the selected high school students “mature leaders we can fully trust with this material and knowing the boundaries, working with eighth graders.”

The program overseers feel that both age groups benefit from the pairing. Getting to know two or three high schoolers makes the entry into high school less intimidating and gives the eight-graders a connection once they get there. (Generally, three high schoolers work with about 10 eighth-graders; there are seven separate

groups going at a time.) The older students benefit by gaining experience in managing a new situation, in communicating ideas and public speaking and in refining their own views on these topics, many of which are still relevant in high school.

In recruiting candidates for the mentor positions, Sautner mentions the program to all 10th- and 11th-graders during her yearly scheduling meeting with them. She makes sure that each potential mentor is ready to give up a whole year’s worth of Friday lunch periods and that, indeed, they are ready to make a full commitment for an entire year, the year that follows. They then apply to be mentors.

At one recent session, mentors Addie Westerhuis and Michael Bentkowski, joined part way through the session by Marissa DiPalo, all juniors, discussed bullying among friends. Westerhuis addressed the younger students with as much command as an adult teacher, explaining that this “lesson” was designed to give them the skills to work together and how to deal with conflict. She said the suggested techniques would be helpful in all facets of life. Video footage of actual eighth-grade counterparts describing what had happened to them was projected onto a screen where the mentors could stop and start it easily, pausing to say things like “Define the word ‘bullying’” and “How do you think it feels to be in that situation?” She then asked

them to consider the differences between bullying and teasing. Westerhuis had no difficulties countering a somewhat flip-pant response to one student and telling another group to “Please be on task.”

As always, an adult, in this case Rounds, was in the room, observing and stepping in when needed, but more often holding back and letting the mentors manage the situation. “As an adult, I wanted to say something at times, but I intentionally didn’t, and sure enough, Addie addressed it,” Rounds said.

Meanwhile Bentkowski spoke softly but firmly to a table of two resistant to giving responses, telling them, “Sharing your different solutions can expose you to a different way of thinking.”

All in all, the team of three mentors grappled with the usual span of tuned-in and tuned-out, hands up in the air excitedly to answer questions versus some fooling around that every middle school teacher deals with multiple times a day.

DiPalo, who said that she was considering teaching as a career, said she loved peer mentoring. “It puts things in perspective and shows you how much work teaching really is,” she said, noting that it was really different from some one-on-one tutoring she had done previously. Westerhuis concurred, adding, “Learning to manage a class, you understand how teachers get frustrated.”

Asked how it felt to adhere to the structure inherent in this program, Westerhuis said there was still flexibility. “If it gets off track and it’s in a productive way, we’ll go with it, so it’s not inhibiting ... We try to get their own personalized experience and not just formulated answers.” Westerhuis hopes to continue as a mentor next year.

Eighth-grader Olivia Olsen was intrigued by the program before it began. “I was curious about what it would be like, and I was excited to talk to high schoolers and get insight,” she said. Olsen was glad that high schoolers were the facilitators. “It’s harder for adults to relate to people my age, and with high schoolers, it’s easier for them to remember.” Olsen called the program itself “good, but some of the situations they raise are very unrealistic; it would be better if it was a little more relatable.” Still, she (To page 11)

VOTE FOR MOLLOY/FERRIS

I am asking my fellow Village Voters to join me in voting for Barney Molloy for Mayor and Bob Ferris for Trustee in the Cold Spring Village Election on March 18, 2015.

Barney Molloy’s far reaching experience in civic affairs; non-profit agencies; and governmental positions has honed terrific organizational and management skills. Barney Molloy has repeatedly exhibited these skills during his tenure as the Chairman of the Cold Spring Planning Board and with the several other volunteer committees in which he has devoted much time and effort. Also, Barney’s 18 years in private sector work at MetLife/State Street, as a business financial planner, will bode well for our Village, as we face numerous and varied future budgeting issues and constraints.

Bob Ferris has made a career of service to our country, town, county and of course, our village. Service in the U.S. Army; Town Dog Control Officer; 32-year career with the Sheriff’s Dept.; and volunteering to serve on the Village Parking Committee and the Haldane Safety Committee, have all helped to develop Bob’s philosophy of “Let’s Get The Job Done!” Bob Ferris is especially concerned about the Tax burdens facing our Village Taxpayer and will, therefore, work diligently to make certain we get the “biggest bang for our buck.”

Barney Molloy and Bob Ferris have the professional backgrounds and governmental experiences and proven records, along with a willingness to work with all, regardless of differing viewpoints and philosophies, to lead our dearly beloved and unique village during present and future difficulties.

Once again, please join me in voting for **Barney Molloy** for Mayor; **Bob Ferris** for Trustee on March 18, 2015.

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**Thank you,
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How You Can Still Do the Things You Want

Free Stanford-developed diabetes self-management workshop series at Butterfield Library focuses on the positives

By Alison Rooney

With six two-hour sessions devoted to the topic, people diagnosed with diabetes can learn just what they can do to both control the disease and still do all the things they want to do.

This focus on the positive is at the core of a newly developed workshop, offered free of charge courtesy of a grant, by the Putnam Independent Living division of the Westchester Independent Living Center (WILC), an advocacy group for individuals with disabilities. The workshop takes place at Butterfield Library beginning Tuesday, March 24, in morning sessions from 9:30 to 11:30. Geared both to adults who have been diagnosed and their caregivers, the workshop is particularly designed for those diagnosed with Type 2, but those with Type 1 are welcome as well.

“It’s all about self-management,” said



Diabetes workshop facilitators Lonna Kelly, left, and Mildred Caballero-Ho Image courtesy of Putnam Independent Living

Lonna Kelly of WILC, who will be facilitating the workshops with Mildred Caballero-Ho. “It’s for those who are newly diagnosed along with people who have had it for quite a while but who could use a better plan to manage their chronic illness. Having peers participate is a big component.”

Caballero-Ho said: “It’s not just about managing their diabetes, but also about the impact that diabetes has on their lives. We assist people in becoming active managers. People get to talk to one another about strategies and provide support to one another.”

Kelly added, “It’s a serious (To page 14)

Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Support Group Starts Up in Philipstown

A casual sharing of information on new treatments, and simply living with the condition

By Alison Rooney

“It takes time, several months, to pull people together,” said Sally Smith, who has taken that gestation time with a group she and a fellow multiple-sclerosis-diagnosed friend began late last year to share and support others nearby with the same illness. The group, which meets casually at the Cold Spring Coffee Pantry, was designed for sharing “how we’re doing, our treatment and what’s new.”

Smith, who has had MS for about 25 years now, said the changes in treatment during that time are extraordinary: “Back then there were only a handful of drugs and they were all injected — now they’re oral. In the past five years or so there’s been an explosion of activity in the treatment field, a lot of new research on diet and burgeoning fields emphasizing holistic treatment without medication — it’s very exciting.”

Introduced first to a friend of a friend through their shared condition, they

heard, anecdotally, of many more in this area who had MS as well, and it was learning of this that stimulated them to start the support group, putting the word out through flyers, etc. Smith’s trainer at All Sport gym connected her with another woman, and slowly the group has built.

It’s still very small, and Smith likes it that way, for now. “It’s been a great chance to get to know each other,” she noted, “but we’re very open to anyone who is interested joining the group. Male, female, had it for years or new to it, everyone is welcome. We also have someone now who has a different illness, with some very similar issues, and we’re more than open to that as well.”

The group is self-help oriented, with no leader. “We’re completely casual,” said Smith, who in her professional life is a clinical social worker and acupuncture therapist.

Anyone interested should get in touch with Smith via her cellphone, 415-420-4358, or email, sally@acupressuretherapy.net. A specific date has not yet been set for the next meeting, but they have tended to take place on Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Beacon’s Volunteer Ambulance Corps (from page 1)

join us,” explained Tseng.

The Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1959. Back then, its sole ambulance was a burnt out 1948 Cadillac that had been donated by a car dealership in New Jersey. Its headquarters was the old gas station that used to stand at East Main Street across from the firehouse, where the Dogwood parking lot sits today. And for the first 20

years of their existence, the BVAC wasn’t dialed into the county dispatch system. If the ambulance was needed, someone would have to call a BVAC volunteer at their house.

Today, BVAC is part of the Dutchess County Bureau of Fire dispatch system and responds to over 2,400 calls a year. The old Caddy has been replaced by three state-of-the-art ambulances, two SUVs and a rugged six-wheel utility task vehicle that has scaled Mount Beacon as far as the fire tower and even driven on the Metro-North train tracks to get to an emergency. Instead of an abandoned gas station, the corps resides in a compound that they built themselves with the help of the Naval Reserve Seabee unit in the late 1970s. Located near the former Highland Hospital, the site is remote enough to warrant frequent visits from deer and groundhogs, but close enough to Route 52 that the corps can quickly reach an emergency no matter where in their 20-square-mile territory it takes place.

Within those 20 square miles are a diverse array of challenging terrains and environments. The BVAC has to be prepared to respond to calls in cities (downtown Beacon), suburbs (Glenham, Dutchess Junction and southern Chelsea), mountains (Mount Beacon and Fishkill Ridge), prisons (the Fishkill Cor-

rectional Facility), rivers (the Dutchess County side of the Hudson River from the Beacon-Newburgh Bridge down to the Dutchess-Putnam county line), and even emergencies that take place on Bannerman’s Island. The infamous and appropriately named Breakneck Ridge Trail also straddles the Dutchess-Putnam county line. When a call from Breakneck comes in, the dispatcher has to geolocate the caller’s cellphone signal to determine which side of the county line it’s coming from, and if BVAC or responders in Putnam County get sent out.

But the biggest change that the corps has undergone in its 56-year history is the ever-increasing level of sophistication in terms of the care that they can provide. In January, BVAC celebrated its five-year anniversary as a certified advanced life support service, an extremely rare designation for a volunteer ambulance corps to achieve. With that certification comes the ability to use advanced life-saving equipment like a 12-lead electrocardiogram to monitor the heart’s electrical activity, or a constant positive airway pressure system to keep a patient’s airways open. They can run intravenous lines into a patient or place tubes down an unconscious patient’s throat and into their lungs to ensure that they keep breathing.

And so can you

“We provide the training,” said Tseng in response to how community members can join BVAC for themselves. “We don’t send you out there until you’re comfortable.”

Those who are interested have to fill out an application and pass a background check. Once they’re admitted to the corps, they receive training to become CPR and OSHA certified. Additional training is required for those who want to drive the ambulance, and the corps will even sponsor those who want to undergo the full emergency medical technician (EMT) training.

It’s a tough job, but even though the work is unpaid, it has its rewards. For Tseng, who grew up in New York City but didn’t feel “at home” until he moved to Beacon, it’s a chance to give back to the community he loves.

“For every 10 patients that I transport, there’s one that says, ‘Thank you,’ and says it sincerely,” he explained. “That rewards me. That makes me come back.”

The Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps’ annual fundraising brunch will take place Sunday, March 22, at Dutchess Manor, 263 Route 9D, outside Beacon, with seatings at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Donations are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for children. To reserve tickets or for more information, call 845-831-4540, ext. 6, or visit beaconvac.org.



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The Calendar

‘Dutchess County’s Seedy Underbelly’ Is Not Quite That

Colonial documents provide glimpses of life centuries ago

By Alison Rooney

The Community Room at Beacon’s Howland Library is not known as a particularly nefarious spot. Nevertheless, the lure of what was described as “Dutchess County’s Seedy Underbelly” proved too great for the curious souls who filled most of the seats at an afternoon talk last week.

The talk, which proved to be more lucid than lurid, was given by Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum, who began by noting, “There are those who don’t think the library should be encouraging sex and violence — well there will only be slightly veiled references to these.”

Indeed, those references were inferred by reading and analyzing a trove of what are called “ancient documents,” a newly catalogued set of what are the oldest in Dutchess County’s

collection. These documents are largely from the Court of Common Pleas established in 1691 in Poughkeepsie; the first records drawn from there date to 1721.

There have been four county courthouses in Poughkeepsie — some were lost to fires — and all of these documents relate to what was heard in the courthouse itself, reflecting the community at large. First indexed by Vassar Professor Henry McCracken during the 1950s, the collection has since 2012 undergone modern indexing and is now coded by searchable format files. Currently, the government of Dutchess County is working on a collaborative

project with the New York State Archives to create digitalized TIFF images of each document, far superior to the microfilm scans of yore, according to Tatum.

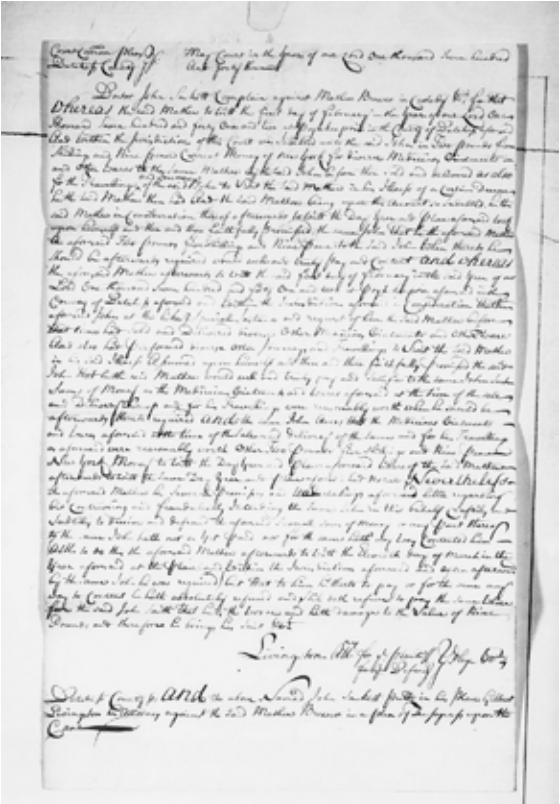
After an explanation of the source material from which his tales were gleaned, Tatum got down to business, regaling the attendees with what he dubbed “the scandals, the not-so-white-washed lives of our ancestors.” He noted that the paperwork for most (largely civil) court cases consisted of six documents, often in languages other than English

(predominantly Dutch) including a declaration, indictment, arrest warrant and verdict, which together show the “arc of the case — interesting bits which give us tiny portals, rather than large drawn-out stories.” Tatum called it “rare to have all of them.”

Debt

Starting with promissory notes, which he called 18th-century credit cards, Tatum explained that “like today, people overspent. The vast majority of cases relate to debt, all different kinds.” For example, in 1734’s John Alsop v. William Coat, Coat was sued for the sum of eight pounds, eight shillings and six pence for “diverse wares, merchandises, liquor and one bullock.” In another, from 1739 to 1741 Matthew Dubys owed Samuel Monrow “18 pounds for salt, molasses, lead shot, gunpowder, types of cloth, spices, rum, hats and pastorage for two horses.” To show the sums involved, Tatum mentioned that the average farm laborer in that period earned about four pounds annually.

Slaves were considered objects and



Document circa 1743, part of the Ancient Document Collection from the Dutchess County Court of Common Pleas. Image courtesy of Dutchess County Government Department of History

mentioned in documents accordingly, with one referring to a bill of sale for “Phyllis, a negro wench of 14 years of age”; Tatum reminded the audience that

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Haldane’s Got Parent Talent

March 26 variety night at Towne Crier lets the grown-ups strut their stuff

By Alison Rooney

Haldane’s students are always being shown off. Whether it’s through their achievements in sports, the arts or academics, the spotlight is frequently trained on them. Could genetics play a role in all of this? When it comes to the performing arts, the answer appears to be a resounding “yes,” as that spotlight is about to be readjusted and focused on their talented parents. The first annual Haldane’s Got Talent variety show, a benefit for the Haldane School Foundation produced by Stacy Lab-

riola and Craig Roffman, debuts at Beacon’s Town Crier on March 26. Parents will take center stage, showing off a range of skills rumored to include singing, juggling, drumming, joke telling, storytelling and beyond.

Labriola and Roffman’s original idea was to do a storytelling evening, but concerns about getting enough participants morphed that idea into a variety show. Labriola explained the idea behind it: “Parents always go out and support their kids at talent shows, concerts, sporting events, school plays etc. We thought it was time to let the parents have a little fun. The Towne Crier was a great venue last year for the MotherLode concert also benefiting the HSF. So we decided to do it there again. And maybe the kids can come out and support us

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Above, poster for Haldane’s Got Talent, designed by Haldane dad Craig Roffman



Dar Williams at West Point for Songwriting Clinic

At left, Dar Williams, singer-songwriter and Cold Spring resident, visited West Point on Tuesday evening, March 10, to hold a songwriting clinic for cadets. Interspersing songs and conversation, Williams shared her views on finding time and inspiration to create music and lyrics. She was invited by Maj. Barrett Ward and the Cadet Fine Arts Forum.

Photo by Maj. Paul de León

The Calendar

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Kids & Community

9th Annual Family Bingo & Pasta Night

6:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Theater & Film

Pirates of Penzance (Musical)

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

Night of the Living Dead (1968)

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

Music

Michael Musgrave (Classical)

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

Jukebox Romantics / Gameday Regulars

8:30 p.m. Quinns | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnsbeacon.com

Tom Chapin With the Chapin Sisters & Friends

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

Cruise Control

9 p.m. Whistling Willie's | 184 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

Thrown Together

9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Meetings & Lectures

Shabbat Across America Service & Dinner

6 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-598-3746
philipstownreformsynagogue.org

Sports

Haldane vs. Stonybrook (Boys' Basketball, Class C Regional Final)

7:30 p.m. Suffolk Community College | 533 College Road, Selden | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Second Saturday in Beacon

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | csfarmmarket.org

Salute to International Women's Day

9 a.m. Walkway Over the Hudson | 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie | 845-454-1700 | wlahv.org

Maple Sugar Tours

10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Open House

Noon - 2 p.m. Manitou School
1656 Route 9D, Cold Spring
646-295-7349 | manitouschool.org

St. Patrick's Day Craft Party

3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Aqua Zumba (First Session)

8:30 a.m. Beacon High School | 10 Education Drive, Beacon | 914-475-0493 | cityofbeacon.org
Reservations required.

Childbirth Classes (One-Day Program)

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-734-3257 | hvhc.org/events

Bereavement Support Group

11 a.m. Our Lady of Loretto | 24 Fair St., Cold Spring
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Art & Design

Andrianna Campbell on Robert Smithson

2 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St., Beacon
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

Second Saturday Openings

Alison M. Jones: Following Rivers

5 - 7 p.m. Beacon Institute Gallery
199 Main St., Beacon
845-765-2721 | bire.org

Group Show: CoMFY 15

Meredith Heuer: The Beacon Portrait Project

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

Group Show: Ravenswind Midnight Masquerade

5 - 8 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon | 18 Front St., Beacon | 845-831-7837 | loftsatbeacon.com

Group Show: Artist Books

5 - 8 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St., Beacon
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Group Show: Over the Rainbow - Follow the Yellow Tech Road

6 - 9 p.m. Marion Royael Gallery
159 Main St., Beacon | marionroyaelgallery.com

Anna McNeary and Jack Angiolillo:

A Year in Rotation

6 - 9 p.m. The Catalyst Gallery
137 Main St., Beacon
845-204-3844 | catalystgallery.com

Art Murphy Group Show: Experimental Art Collaboration

6 - 9 p.m. bau Gallery | 506 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7584 | baugallery.com

Ellen Siebers: Soft Nails

6 - 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery | 454 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Group Kaiju: Skullbrainer

6 - 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery
163 Main St., Beacon | 212-255-2505
shop.cluttermagazine.com/gallery

Leslie Fandrich: The Ladies

6 - 9 p.m. Dream in Plastic | 177 Main St., Beacon
845-632-3383 | dreaminplastic.com

Theater & Film

Pirates of Penzance (Musical)

2 & 7 p.m. Haldane School | Details under Friday

Music

Philipstown Depot Theatre

2 p.m. Master Class with Michael Musgrave (Classical) | 7 p.m. Young Artists Evening of Opera, Lieder and More | Details under Friday

Live Music

8 p.m. The Depot Restaurant
1 Depot Square, Cold Spring | 845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

C'mon Beacon, Let's Dance

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

Milton / Simi Stone

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

The Differents

9 p.m. Whistling Willie's | See details under Friday.

Live Music

9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | Details under Friday

Meetings & Lectures

Citizen Preparedness: What to Do When Disaster Strikes

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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Scout Sunday
8:30 a.m. Our Lady of Loretto | 24 Fair St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3718 | ourladyofflorettocs.com

Maple Sugar Tours
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
See details under Saturday.

Beacon Farmers Market
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center
Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | beaconfarmersmarket.org

Summer Camp Open House
1 - 4 p.m. Camp Combe YMCA
684 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-526-0808 | campcombe.ymca-cnw.org

Traditional Irish Dance Program
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Theater & Film

Pirates of Penzance (Musical)
2 p.m. Haldane School | See details under Friday.

The Tempest Stage Play (Film)
2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill | 914-739-0039

Cabin Fever Film Series: David Salle
3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org
Rescheduled from March 8

Music

Trio Jardin (Classical)
4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Anita Merando
5 – 8 p.m. Whistling Willie's | Details under Friday

Pick n’ Grin Acoustic Session
6 - 9:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Brewer & Shipley
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café | Details under Friday

Lace Curtains / Panther Acne
9 p.m. Quinn's | See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

The Talmud as Literature (First Session)
10 a.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

MONDAY, MARCH 16

Kids & Community

Summer Program Registration Opens
8:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

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

Seniors’ St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon
10 a.m. Putnam County Golf Course
187 Hill St., Mahopac
845-265-3952 | putnamcountyny.com
Transportation available from Cold Spring

Cooking With Chef Stef: Indian Appetizers (Class)
11:30 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | chefstefny.com

Booster Club Awards Night
7 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Meetings & Lectures

Nelsonville Village Board
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St., Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick’s Day

Kids & Community

Howland Public Library
10 a.m. Knitting Club | 10:30 a.m. Baby & Me (ages 0-2) | 313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Philipstown Recreation (First Sessions)
10 a.m. Parent/Child Clay (age 2.5+)
3:45 p.m. Ceramics (grades K-3)
4 p.m. All-American Eats (grades K-6)
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Kids in the Kitchen (ages 3-5)
12:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Kids’ Craft Hour (grades 2+)
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Third Tuesday Beacon Queer Night
6:30 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Health & Fitness

Zumba With Stephanie Lotz (First Session)
8 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Philipstown Recreation Center (First Sessions)
6 p.m. Adult Ceramics | 6 p.m. Adult Clay
Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Film & Theater

Open-Mic Comedy Night
9 p.m. Quinn's | 330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnfbeacon.com

Music

Country Line Dancing
7 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn | 55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls | 845-786-2731

Meetings & Lectures

African-American Military Traditions in the Hudson River Valley (Talk)
6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Digital Salon
7 p.m. Beahive Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Village Election
6 a.m. - 9 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Howland Public Library
9:45 a.m. Come and Play (ages 0-3)
3 p.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
4 p.m. Children Read to Dogs (grades K-5)
See details under Tuesday.

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill
10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library
10:15 a.m. Music & Motion for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
See details under Tuesday.

Philipstown Recreation (First Sessions)
12:30 p.m. Mudbunnies (ages 3-5)
3:45 p.m. Ceramics (grades K-3)
See details under Tuesday.

Intro to the Graphic Novel (Demo Class)
4:30 p.m. Ages 9-14 | 6:30 p.m. Ages 15+
Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Health & Fitness

Power Hour Exercise Class for Women (First Session)
9:30 a.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
See details under Tuesday.

Planning Board
7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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Dave Merandy for Mayor · Marie Early for Trustee
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- Make decisions based on facts
- Use a proactive, not reactive approach to Village needs
- Seek community input on Village matters
- Keep residents updated monthly on Village projects
- Find alternative sources of revenue for capital improvements and projects
- Prepare for Village employee retirements and replacements

NYS DOT GRANT (SIDEWALKS & LIGHTING)

To improve communication about this project we will:

- Appoint a Village Board liaison to NYS DOT
- Liaison will give monthly project updates
- Publish project timeline and history

COLD SPRING FIREHOUSE

The Cold Spring Fire Company is important to us. We will support the Cold Spring Fire Company’s future operations by helping to:

- Identify costs of fixing existing structural issues
- Identify site options, including cost, accessibility, impact on neighborhood
- Identify Fire Company member and community preferences for firehouse location

COLD SPRING BOAT CLUB

The Boat Club is part of a living, vital waterfront in our Village. We will work to help the Club continue its use of this valuable Village property and:

- Work with the DEC to ensure the timely removal of 100% of the toxic source material
- Negotiate updated lease terms which will protect both the Village and the Boat Club
- Provide information about Village-wide Boat Club membership

We have many more ideas. Please ask us about them.



On Wednesday,
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for Trustee

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Back to Basics Party – Row “C”



‘Dutchess County’s Seedy Underbelly’ (from page 7)

slave auctions were held in Dutchess.

Other debt was incurred for wood planks, a corollary to the lumber mills nearby, which, though they weren’t supposed to be manufacturing (that was theoretically to be done in England), appeared to be doing so as documented in bills for “milled lumber.” Similar situations appeared with iron processing; a 1751 suit alleged that there was a failure to deliver shipment of refined iron. The military presence in the area was reflected in a 1748 suit brought by 12 individuals suing for back wages for what was essentially mercenary service, claiming a “shorting of soldiers.”

The ‘seedy’ stuff

In a different vein, as promised, the talk veered toward matters sexual, with a 1764 recognizance, a type of bond issued for William Briggs, for “Bastardy.” Tatum noted that “strangely these types of suits are largely from Beekman!” He cited a description of one: “Suzanne Harrington claimed that William Briggs had carnal knowledge of her body several times and a son was born.”

Tatum explained that “Poor Laws” of the time deemed the “municipal government responsible for supporting anyone who could not support themselves. Normally towns would exert themselves to find the father and thus avoid raising taxes.” To do so, “they often relied on midwives to ask laboring women, ‘Who is the father of your child?’ and nine out of 10 times they got a name ... Often, justices settled upon

someone and told him, ‘You’ve got to pay for the pregnancy and the child’s upkeep,’ which meant sending money every week until the child was old enough to support herself, meaning at least until the age of 10.”

Violence is not just a contemporary police blotter occurrence. Tatum explained that there was one court that met twice a year with three justices per town. He described a typical case: “People just dropped dead. In the 18th century it was not out of the realm of possibility to run across a dead body sprawled across a road or town well. For instance, Robert Kelly, 37 years old, goes to visit a friend’s house, goes out from there, doesn’t come back. His friend’s female slave goes to the well, finds Kelly. Twelve jurors were called up, looked into the facts of the case to determine if [there was] foul play or not. Then there’s Salvanus Garlic — awesome name — goes to a buddy’s home to fetch a milk cow; goes into his friend’s house, drunk; next day, found dead with a great hole in his head — and the cow nearby. Jury rules: drunk, slipped, hit his head, deemed accident. Death was much closer to people in 18th-century Dutchess County than it is today.”

Want more?

Those interested in learning more should start with a look at the home page for the Dutchess County Department of history at dutchessny.gov/history, or phone William Tatum at 845-486-2381.



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Peer Mentoring at Haldane: High School Students Work With Eighth-Graders (from page 5)

aspires to become a mentor herself in a few years. “It’ll be fun to be at the other end,” she said.

In addition to those referred to already, this year’s peer mentors are Lucy Austin, Weronika Bajsicka, Melissa Biavati, Katherine Campirides, Jonathan Clemente, Peter Close, Maisy Curto, Al-

exandra Gariepy, Theo Henderson, Stephen Junjulas, Wylie McDonald, Paige O’Toole, Kaitlyn Phillips, John Swartzwelder, Melissa Tringali, Kelly Vahos and Corydon Zouzias.

For more information on the K-8 Second Step program, visit cfchildren.org/second-step.

Haldane’s Got Parent Talent (from page 7)

for a change? Why should they have all the fun?”

Recruitment emails were sent out, along with ye olde word of mouth, setting a few parameters, the main one being that parents could perform with their children, but for once it’s all about the parents. “We need variety,” one notice said, requesting jugglers, comedians, tap dancing, rock bands, yoga poses to music, original songs, funny parodies. And that’s pretty much what has resulted: a mix of parents known for their performing, with quite a few who have kept their talents hidden thus far. The lineup is still a work in progress but promises to include a mixture of jazz, opera and rock vocals, Labriola herself covering a White Stripes song on drums: adult tap dancers who study with Katie Bissinger, some comedy, possibly a girl group, definitely

another edition of the teacher dance number, which always knocks ’em dead at the Haldane Talent Show, and lots of et ceteras. Labriola and Roffman will emcee.

Spouses, grandparents and most of all kids are most definitely encouraged to attend and welcome to cheer and jeer, but, said Labriola, “I hope the kids and adults will be as kind and encouraging to one another as the kids are at the Haldane School talent show.”

The door opens at 6 p.m. for dinner, and the show starts at 7 p.m. All net proceeds benefit the Haldane School Foundation. Tickets can be purchased in advance online at townecrier.com for \$25, or at the door for \$30; they are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door for those under 18. The Towne Crier is located at 379 Main St. in Beacon, and the phone is 845-855-1300.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Supporting Charlie Hustis of Cold Spring

Merchants accept donations, fundraiser March 21

The Cold Spring Merchants have set up a Go Fund Me account for Charlie Hustis, at gofundme.com/n5bkw8, to help fund medical treatment and support him and his family.

According to the website, Hustis, well known as the guy behind the counter for 38 years at Cold Spring Pizza, has been diagnosed with cancer in his small intestine. He has been in and out of the hospital while he and his wife Jamie are living with a relative, and while their son Chuck is living with a friend, since they cannot reside in their apartment because the ceiling recently caved in.

Donations can be made at the website or sent as a check payable to Charles Hustis and mailed to Cold Spring Merchants Association, 97 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

A fundraiser has been scheduled for Saturday, March 21, at the Silver Spoon, with a night of music. All donations will go to the fund.

Ariane Festival Returns to the Depot Theatre

Five one-act plays performed March 20-22

The Philipstown Depot Theatre welcomes to its stage the Fifth Annual Aery Theatre Company Ariane One-Act Festival on March 20, 21 and 22.

Five original one-act plays by award-



A scene from *Another Famous Dead Artist*, with Rick Schneider and Amanda Greer

Photo courtesy of Depot Theatre

winning local playwrights will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 4 p.m. Sunday. Included are *Another Famous Dead Artist*, written and directed by Anthony Marinelli, with Rick Schneider, Amanda Greer and Lucy Dolly Caires; *The Date Dinger*, written and directed by Albi Gorn, with Donna White, Gary Simon and Tom Ammirato; *Mister Kabuchi*, written by Patrick J. Lennon and directed by Christopher Lukas, with Michael Edan and Christopher Lukas; *Home*, written by Kristina Zill and directed by Nancy Larsen, with Nancy Maloy, Dan Anderson and Doris Jean Kolarek; *Grey Areas*, written and directed by Richard E. Knipe Jr., with Ali Bernhardt and Joe Niola.

The festival is dedicated to the memory of Aery Theatre member Ariane Orenstein, who lost her long battle with cancer in 2011 at age 51. Her life on and off the stage is a model to all those lucky enough to have known her.

For more information visit the Depot Theatre box office or call 845-424-3900. Tickets are available at brownpapertickets.com and philipstowndepottheatre.org, at \$15 (\$12 seniors).

Town Planning Board Will Not Meet in March

Next meeting April 16

The Philipstown Planning Board will not be meeting in March 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16.

HVSF Stirs Up Double, Double Toil and Trouble

Macbeth comes to life at Paramount Theater March 21

The Paramount Hudson Valley Theatre will present the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival educational touring company's production of *Macbeth* on Saturday, March 21, in downtown Peekskill. Shakespeare's tragedy tells the tale of a young man's murderous ambition to steal the crown and will seize the imagination with witches, warlords, spells and superstitions.

The March 21 performance at the Paramount Theater will be the first stop for this touring production. The play runs approximately 90 minutes and is suitable for middle-schoolers and up, including a post-show talk with the cast.

The performance will take place at 2 p.m., March 21, at the Paramount, 1008 Brown St. in Peekskill. Tickets are \$23 for adults, and \$17 for students/seniors/kids. For tickets and more information, visit paramounthudsonvalley.com or call the box office at 914-739-0039.



Bargain hunters at the 2014 St. Philip's Nursery sale

Photo courtesy of St. Philip's Nursery

St. Philip's Nursery to Hold White Elephant Sale

Annual event set for March 21

On Saturday, March 21, the St. Philip's Nursery School White Elephant Sale will be held at St. Philip's Nursery School, 1101 Route 9D in Garrison (across from the Garrison School) to raise money for the nonprofit preschool.

The sale hours are 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Early-bird entrance is available at 8:30 a.m. for a \$5 fee. Everything is priced to move, and especially great bargains are available after 1 p.m.

The indoor yard sale features gently used toys, children's furnishings, clothing for men, women and children, household items, and books, with items to refresh children's shelves and wardrobes and to help people find their next Halloween costumes or locate that unusual gift. This is also an excellent opportunity to recycle goods within the community. Also featured are baked goods, and a light lunch is available.

The Nearly New Boutique will be located in the small room on the north end of the building, with items that have the tags still on them or are nearly new in excellent condition.

Items may be donated to the sale until Friday, March 20, at noon. The nursery school was established by St. Philip's in 1960 and currently enrolls 32 children ages 2 to 5 from Garrison, Cold Spring, Fort Montgomery, Putnam Valley and Peekskill. For further information, call 845-424-4209.

Register for Computer Classes for Seniors

Volunteers still needed

Putnam County Office for Senior Resources Computer Learning Center for Seniors will hold registration on Thursday, April 2, at the William Koehler Senior Center, 180 Route 6 in Mahopac and the Putnam Valley Senior Center, 117 Town Park Lane, Putnam Valley. Registration hours at both sites will be from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Anyone 55 or older can register for a variety of computer classes from basic to advanced, from using an iPad to digital photography.

Register in person or call Cathy O'Brien at 845-628-6423 or email her at c.obrien23@comcast.net. Those interested in volunteering should also call O'Brien.

Putnam Audubon Holds Spring Dinner and Talk

Silent auction with buffet dinner

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society will hold its annual spring dinner Saturday, April 11, at Taconic Outdoor Education Center's Highland Lodge.

A social hour begins 5 p.m., followed by a silent auction buffet dinner at 6 p.m. At 7 p.m., Eric Lind, director of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, will present "Celebration of the Birds."

Tickets are \$35 before March 25; \$38 at the door. The PHAS requests that attendees do not bring children under age 12. For reservations, email swixblue@hotmail.com or phone P. Kuznia at 845-265-3773, ext. 102. Make checks payable to PHAS and mail to PHAS, P.O. Box 292, Cold Spring, NY 10516.

To get to TOEC, take Route 301 to Denytown Road (between Taconic State Parkway and Route 9); go ¼ mile to Indian Brook Road; turn right and go ¼ mile to Mountain Laurel Lane; then turn left and go ½ mile to Highland Lodge.

Cold Spring Chamber of Commerce Scholarships

Philipstown high school seniors apply by April 10

Cold Spring and Philipstown high school seniors are invited to apply for the Philip Baumgarten Memorial Scholarship, awarded by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote high school student interest and involvement in the community as volunteers and as valued workers for local businesses. Applications are due by Friday, April 10, and the scholarship will be awarded on Thursday, April 23, at the Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has shown community spirit and commitment by volunteering for a Philipstown nonprofit or charitable organization and/or by working for or with a local business, if possible a Chamber of Commerce member. Seniors are asked to submit two letters of recommendation along with the completed application.

Application forms are available from Carol Hopper at Haldane High School, Suzanne Schmidt at O'Neill High School, Stephanie Impellitiere at Garrison School and Nat Prentice, chamber member, at 845-661-8937 or natprentice@mac.com

Register for Art Center's Summer Teen Program

Early registration includes tuition discount

Garrison Art Center's Summer Art Institute for Teens is open for registration. The Summer Art Institute was founded to enhance the arts education provided by area high schools. The 3-week program offers artists grades 9-12 the opportunity to work in five professional studios under the guidance of teaching artists, and is aimed at any art student who is interested in portfolio development or just being immersed in the fine arts and would like to spend time learning new skills and growing creatively. *(Continued on next page)*

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(From previous page) The program takes place July 20 through Aug. 7 with an exhibition Aug. 8–9, and early registration (before May 1) includes a discount on tuition.

The Summer Art Institute's commitment is to be supportive, encouraging and open-minded, while also teaching a vital skill set. Call the Art Center at 845-424-3960 or visit the website, garrison-artcenter.org, for more information or to register. Students are encouraged to meet in advance of registration for a tour of the studios and a thorough description of what to expect in the program.

Hudson Valley Food and Wine Experience April 15

Benefits Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center

The 17th Annual Hudson Valley Food and Wine Experience, featuring food and wine tasting, silent auction and raffle drawing, will be held Wednesday, April 15, from 6 to 9 p.m., to benefit the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center (WRC), a nonprofit organization providing services to the community.

The mission of the WRC is to provide education, advocacy, and services to the community in order to create a safe, supportive environment that eliminates violence and promotes gender equality.

The general public is invited to enjoy a tasting from some of Hudson Valley's restaurants, wineries and artisan food and beverage producers. Music will be provided by Anna Ostrofsky and students of the Westchester/Putnam Youth Symphony.

The event will take place at Villa Barone Hilltop Manor, 466 Route 6 in Mahopac. For more information or to make a reservation, visit pnwwrc.org or contact the Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center at 845-628-9284 or info@pnwwrc.org. Tickets are \$75 per person. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent to the law.



Vassar Art Center Opens New eMuseum

Collection available for viewing online

The Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center announces a new online searchable database of all 19,000-plus objects in the collection, making the museum's holdings available for viewing at any time.

The database, which can be found at emuseum.vassar.edu, allows users to

explore the entire collection through searches by keyword, artist's name, accession number or a variety of other search criteria. With eMuseum, users can search for works that are in storage as well as works currently on view in the galleries. Along with essential details about each object, such as title, artist, date, medium, dimensions and artist's life dates, users can find information about how each object entered the collection, its exhibition history and its publication history.

Digital images are included for at least 60 percent of the objects, with more images being added on an ongoing basis.

Admission to the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center is free; the Art Center is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, the public may call 845-437-5632 or visit flac.vassar.edu.

Beacon



Franc Palaia's polaroid, *Colleoni by Verrocchio, Venice*

Photo courtesy of RiverWinds Gallery

RiverWinds ArtBooks Show Opens March 14

10 Hudson Valley artists collect art into books

RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main St. in Beacon presents *ArtBooks*, a collection of books by 10 Hudson Valley artists who have pulled together their artwork and their thoughts to create collections in books. The show includes the artists' books and framed artwork from the books. The artists' reception is Saturday, March 14, 5 to 8 p.m. The show runs through April 4, 2015.

Featured in the show are Lori Adams' *Little Flowers With Big Attitudes*, containing close-up photography of small flowering plants; Johanna Altman's photos of the animal life at *Horsemen Trail Farm*; Marika Blossfeldt's *Essential Nourishment — Recipes from My Estonian Farm*, a book of recipes and photographs; Virginia Donovan's *Comforting — 98 Ways to Help a Loved One Through a Serious Illness*; Mary Ann Glass' *Roman Walls, Chiaroscuro* and *River Reverie* (photos taken with her iPhone and enhanced with phone apps); Linda T. Hubbard's *As a Crow Flies* series of Hudson River aerial photographs made into a book; Galina Krasskova's *Numinous Places*, depicting how she learned to root herself and find joy in the world; Eric

Lindbloom's *Salt Grass*, close-up studies of Cape Cod salt marsh grass; Franc Palaia's *Polaroids* and *Nightlife*, 78 color plates of wall paintings of Rich Hamblon; and Amy Wilson's coloring book, *Harrietta and Henry Visit Beacon, NY*.

For more information, visit riverwindsgallery.com or call 845-838-2880. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Monday noon to 6 p.m. and Beacon Second Saturday noon to 9 p.m.

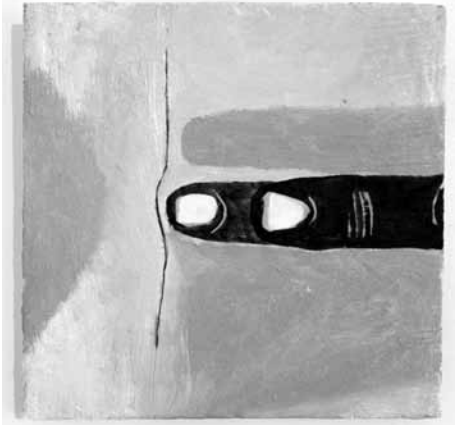
Siebers' Soft Nails Opens at Matteawan

Artist reception Second Saturday, March 14

Matteawan Gallery presents *Ellen Siebers: Soft Nails*, an exhibition of small-scale oil paintings opening with a reception 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, and on view until April 5. The exhibition coincides with the 2-year anniversary of Matteawan Gallery, which opened in March 2013.

Siebers' paintings combine abstraction and representation in unusual ways. Her current series is inspired in part by the German abstract painter Blinky Palermo, as well as by the Shakers religious sect, known for their simple lifestyle and austere elegant furniture and architecture. For her paintings she uses ¾-inch plywood panels with beveled edges and makes a traditional gesso out of powdered marble as a ground for oil paint. Her panels vary in size from 6 to 22 inches, but they are always square. For Siebers the square panel presents an ambiguous space that is as much a window as it is an object.

Originally from the Midwest, Siebers recently moved to the Hudson Valley from Brooklyn. In 2014 her work was included in a solo exhibition at Bushwick Open Studios, curated by Peter Shear, and in group exhibitions at Smart Clothes Gallery and the Prince Street Lofts/Verge Art Fair, also in New York. Siebers received an MFA in painting



Ellen Siebers, *Soft Nails II*, 2014

Photo courtesy of Matteawan Gallery

from the University of Iowa and a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin Madison. She is currently an adjunct professor of art history at the College of Mount Saint Vincent in the Bronx.

Beacon Players Perform Pippin April 10–12

Musical tells of prince's search for happiness

The Beacon Players present the musical *Pippin*, with performances 7 p.m. Friday, April 10; 7 p.m. Saturday, April 11; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12. This production is presented in cooperation with M.T.I.

With a score from the four-time Grammy-winner, three-time Oscar-winner Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*, *Godspell*, *Children of Eden*), *Pippin* has been successfully produced on stages ranging from high school to Broadway.

Heir to the Frankish throne, the young Prince Pippin is in search of the secret to true happiness and fulfillment. He seeks it in the glories of the battlefield, the temptations of the flesh and the intrigues of political power (after disposing of his father King Charlemagne the Great). In the end, though, Pippin finds that happiness lies not in extraordinary endeavors but rather in the un-extraordinary moments that happen every day.

Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/students and senior citizens. The box office will open for *Pippin* ticket sales on March 14 and will then be open every Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m., and every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are also on sale through beaconplayers.com.

Midnight Masquerade Opens Second Saturday

Lofts at Beacon Gallery shows leather, tattoo art

The Lofts at Beacon Gallery presents a new exhibition, *Ravenswind Midnight Masquerade*, featuring artists Barbara Doherty of Midnight Zodiac Leather Works, Brenda Heady Krajchy and Patrick Hannagan of Ravenswind Art & Tattoo, and abstract expressionist painter Nikki Rae.

An opening reception with wine and cheese will take place Second Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will be on view from March 14 to April 30. The Lofts at Beacon Gallery, 18 Front St. in Beacon, is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit loftsatbeacon.com or call 845-202-7211.

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How You Can Still Do the Things You Want (from page 6)

illness and it has to be taken seriously, but there's a lot people can do to manage it well, from monitoring blood sugar to incorporating positive thinking and stress management as well."

The program stresses the positives. "This is about what you can do, not what you can't," Caballero-Ho said, with Kelly interjecting, "For example, you can definitely still eat out."

"Doctors tend to tell you all the things that will hurt you," said Caballero-Ho. In fact my husband has diabetes and he is far healthier now, managing it, than he was before. These sessions will put a different spin on things."

Both facilitators have experience with chronic illness themselves — Caballero-Ho through her husband and also her own experiences with rheumatoid arthritis, which she was diagnosed with at age 5, and Kelly's brother was diagnosed with diabetes when he was 8. "There's always been a focus and awareness of it in our family's lives," Kelly noted.

Misconceptions are part and parcel of a diabetes diagnosis; for instance, Caballero-Ho said that when her husband was diagnosed, "Honestly, I thought it was going to be a huge burden and that he was going to have a lot of complications. In fact in my mind I thought it meant he would have a shorter life span." This workshop aims to dispel those misconceptions.

The six-week evidence-based program (participants are urged to join at the outset, though they can begin with the second session if necessary) was developed at Stanford University, and the facilitators were trained through SUNY Albany. Topics to be covered include nutrition; problem solving; preventing low blood sugar; coping with depression and different emotions; skin and foot care; managing sick days; and how to manage relationships with doctors so that they don't just tell you what to do and what not to do.

Another component is deciphering food labels. "It's really helpful, because labels

are so mysterious; we break them down," Kelly said. The workshop will also address the impact of a diabetes diagnosis on those around the person diagnosed, or "how do we communicate with them in the best way for them to be supportive of us?"

The session dates are consecutive Tuesday mornings March 24 and 31, April 7,

14, 21 and 28, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Anyone with questions on the program is welcome to call Kelly at 845-228-7457, ext. 1110, or email her at lkelly@putnam-ils.org. Pre-registration is required as places are limited and is done through Butterfield Library either at butterfield-library.org or by phone at 845-265-3040.

Garrison School Principal Announces Retirement

After 35 years June 30 her last day

The principal of Garrison Union Free School, Stephanie Impellittere, recently announced to faculty and the Board of Education her intent to retire at the end of the school year, effective June 30.





In a message to parents, Impellittere wrote: "Over the last 35 years I have had the distinct honor of serving the district in many capacities and in each position have found my experience to be so rewarding and inspiring. I began my career as a first and second grade combination teacher, then taught second grade. Even 35 years ago, we struggled with the size and numbers in each class and like today, worked towards creative and innovative ways to serve the students of the district. As the years went by, I served as the school guidance counselor, CSE chairperson and when the District restructured the administrative team in the early '90s, served as the assistant principal. After a series of budget cuts, that position was changed



Principal Stephanie Impellittere
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and then I had the honor of teaching kindergarten for many years. Restructuring occurred again and I was invited to serve as the interim principal and for the last eleven years as principal of the Garrison School."

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Roots and Shoots:

New Regulations on Exotic Species Take Effect Now

By Pamela Doan

This week the new Department of Environmental Conservation regulations and prohibitions on the sale and transport of invasive species take effect. Passed last fall, the new rules restrict 69 plants from being sold, bought or transported into the state. An additional six plants are prohibited from being introduced into the wild.

In two columns last fall, I wrote about the regulations and offered lists of alternatives to the newly banned and strongly discouraged plants. There are some popular landscape choices on the lists, including Japanese barberry, burning bush, autumn olive and several Asian honeysuckle vines. They are all exotic species not native to this area, and they lack the predators and control factors that keep them in check in their native ecosystems. In our environment, however, each has devastating effects on the native flora and fauna, crowding out native plants and altering the landscape.

Locally, Eric Lind, the director of Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, has dealt with many invasive species, including phragmites, which is banned from sale by the new regulations. Many marshes and wetlands are being taken over by phragmites. They are the tall reeds with feathery tips that outcompete native reeds and can quickly become a monoculture. According to the New York Invasive Species Clearinghouse, non-native phragmites can “alter habitats by changing marsh hydrology; decreasing salinity in brackish wetlands; changing local topography; increasing fire potential; and outcompeting plants, both above and below ground.”

In Constitution Marsh, Lind said,

“We have our choice of exotics, and we have to think carefully about what we can do to prevent degradation of the habitat. We were lucky because it was only in a few isolated patches in the early stages of its progression and we were able to control it and restore the marsh.” Lind’s research showed that phragmites in tidal wetlands led to diminishing bird populations, and it was clear that they could achieve a goal of maintaining habitat for wildlife if they could keep phragmites out of Constitution Marsh. “We took a proactive approach and didn’t control it for the sake of controlling it. We had to use scientific research to know we could make a difference,” said Lind.

In his view, the regulations are necessary and will go a long way toward protecting our native ecosystems. Constitution Marsh is also part of the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management, an umbrella group of organizations and individuals who are working to protect and restore our environment from threats of invasive species. They were involved in advising and shaping the regulations.

Carol Capobianco, director of the Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, is also part of PRISM and applauds the regulations. Her organization is focused on building awareness and recognition for the role of native plants in the landscape. “From a restoration standpoint, if you remove invasive plants, you



Phragmites are commonly seen in many local marshes and wetlands. Photo credit: Steve Dewey, Utah State University, Bugwood.org

any home garden or landscape. As is true for many native plant lovers, they prefer plantings that have more than just aesthetic value but also sustain wildlife, birds and pollinators. Lind said: “We have a garden here that’s a little rough but we’ve identified over 40 species of butterflies. Small improvements can make an amazing difference. In the fall, I’ve watched migratory songbirds gobbling these berries.” He mentioned specifically spicebush, winterberry holly, purple coneflower and wild bergamot. Each has berries or flowers that produce nectar for pollinators and seeds for birds.

Capobianco said that she plants on a theme: “Things that are edible by me and by birds.” She favors the paw paw tree, dogwood or *Cornus florida*, *Amelanchiers* including shadbush or serviceberry, and low-bush blueberry. Virginia bluebells are one of her favorite perennials.

For more information on invasive species, there are two upcoming events. On March 21, the Cary Institute in Millbrook is hosting a free event, Invasive Species in the Hudson Valley, covering the impact and controls for common invaders, and on April 2, the Native Plant Center and DEC are holding a forum, New York State’s New Invasive Plant Species Regulations: Impacts and How to Adapt. Check their websites for details and registration.



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Sports

Haldane Basketball: Boys Advance to Regional Final

Lady Blue Devils fall short in OT loss

By Peter Farrell

Haldane came to Mount Saint Mary's College in Newburgh on Tuesday evening, March 10, hoping for a sweep in the Class C regional semifinals as the Lady Blue Devils were playing Pine Plains in the opener, and the Haldane boys were playing the night-cap against Chester.

Girls fight to the end

In the opener, Haldane jumped out to a 10-4 lead midway through the first quarter as their speed and tight defense kept the taller Pine Plains team from scoring or establishing any rhythm. The Lady Blue Devils took a 12-8 lead into the second quarter when their offense came alive, with Haldane players driving to the basket and pulling up for jumpers over the towering Pine Plains defense. Before you knew it, Haldane's lead was 21-8 with 5:40 left in the second quarter. Haldane had a chance to pull even further away, but a few costly turnovers led to Pine Plains baskets, and soon the Bombers were back in the game, trailing the Blue Devils by 1 point at 26-25. Haldane headed into halftime with a 28-25 lead.

In the third quarter, Haldane continued to hold the lead, as they did most of the game, but Pine Plains stayed close



From left, on March 10, Haldane's Allie Monteleone drives to the basket in the regional semifinal. Haldane boys celebrate their win over Chester. Peter Hoffman shoots over Chester defense in the Blue Devils' regional semifinal win.

Photos by P. Farrell

with some timely defensive stops and clutch 3-point shooting. With Haldane entering the fourth quarter leading 40-34, the Blue Devils turned up the offense and defense and pulled out to a 46-36 lead with 4:40 left to play. Pine Plains was on the ropes and the Blue Devils had a chance to pull away, but the Bombers went on a 10-0 run, knotting the Blue Devils at 46-46 with 2:30 left in the game. Haldane went up by 2 in the final 90 seconds before Pine Plains came back yet again and tied the game at 50-50. In the final minute of regulation, Pine Plains took the lead on clutch free throws, going up 52-50 with 5.4 seconds left on the clock. Not a lot of time for most folks to cross the street, never mind run the length of the court and make a game-tying, buzzer-beating basket, but that's exactly what Haldane senior Allie Monteleone did, slicing through the Pine

Plains defense with determination and heart, hitting the clutch basket and sending the Haldane faithful into a frenzy.

In overtime the momentum was clearly on the Blue Devils' side with that buzzer-beater, but soon the momentum would shift as Haldane lost their leading scorer Monteleone to her fifth and final foul with 3:50 left in the overtime session. That did not stop the determined young Blue Devils players, as they continued to battle Pine Plains and led 55-54 with 2:30 left in OT. As the game wound down in the final minutes, Pine Plains hit some key baskets and free throws to pull ahead 59-58 with 5.4 seconds left in the game. Haldane had one last chance to try and win the game, but the Pine Plains defense denied Haldane and went on to victory, 59-58.

Senior Monteleone led Haldane with 26 points, followed by sophomore Marissa Lisikatos with 15 points.

Boys hang in

How the following Class C boys regional semifinal game would stack up against that opening OT thriller we would soon find out, as the Haldane boys faced off in a rematch against the Chester Hambletonians, who had beat Haldane 63-62 during the regular season in a last-minute heartbreaker on the Blue Devils' home court in Cold Spring. With Haldane fans



packing the stands, the Blue Devils took the defensive in the first quarter, leading Chester 6-5. As the second quarter got underway, both teams continued to struggle on offense, with Haldane up 12-8 and 2:45 left in the first half. As the Haldane and Chester fans traded chants, players on both teams battled for every rebound and possession as they knew this was going to be another close contest.

Haldane and Chester entered the half tied at 14-14. At 5:21 in the third quarter, the Blue Devils were up 21-16 but could not pull away from Chester, as both teams continued to struggle to find their offense. Haldane had the lead starting the fourth and final quarter, up 25-23. The determined Hambletonians would make the stop or key basket to keep the Blue Devils close.

With 2:43 left in the game and Haldane clinging to a 35-30 lead, Haldane's leading scorer Peter Hoffmann picked up his fifth and final foul to the delight of the Chester fans and players. Hope was in the air for the Chester faithful, but not for long. The remaining Haldane players stepped up and continued to play aggressive defense and attack the basket, with Will Zuvic providing a spark off the bench and senior Edmund Fitzgerald hitting clutch free throws to extend the lead in the final seconds. Senior Garrett Quigley sealed the victory with his first career dunk, as Haldane prevailed 44-34 to move onto the regional finals to be held this Friday, March 13, at Suffolk Community College on Long Island, where they will face the Stony Brook Bears. Game time starts at 7:30 p.m.

The leading scorer for Haldane was Hoffmann with 19 points.

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