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Beacon School Board Sets \$67 Million Budget

Public vote scheduled for May 17

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Board of Education on April 4 approved a 2016-17 budget with nearly \$67 million in spending that will now go before voters on May 17.

The budget maintains all existing programs and staffing levels and delivers modest salary increases while staying within the New York-mandated tax cap, said interim Superintendent Ann Marie Quartironi.



Ann Marie Quartironi, interim superintendent of the Beacon City School District

Photo courtesy of BCSD



The XQ Institute is challenging communities across the US to rethink high school. Haldane seniors, from left, Anna Birn and Alex Gariepy, and Haldane junior Ruby McEwen

Photo by M. Turton

Spending of \$66,750,000 is offset by \$36.6 million in tax revenue and \$26.8 million in state and federal aid. The district will receive an additional \$80,000 in "community" aid from the state, but lawmakers have yet to say where those funds must be spent. Miscellaneous revenue sources account for just over \$1 million.

Notably, the district is also drawing more than \$2 million from its reserves — a fund balance that Quartironi said is made up of money not spent in previous years and additional revenues collected prior to the tax cap.

The proposed budget is about \$500,000 more than 2015-16, which is "the lowest we've ever been" in terms of an increase, Quartironi said.

The tax cap, instituted statewide in 2012 by the Cuomo administration, requires school districts and local governments to raise property taxes each year by no more than 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Perhaps its

most visible effect for homeowners are the property tax rebate checks that have arrived each fall in recent years.

If voters approve the proposed budget next month, those checks will continue.

This year, the cap was 0.97 of one percent, the lowest it has been in years. With so little wiggle room, Quartironi said she was concerned about the Beacon district's ability to maintain its present level of services while still paying more in salaries, health insurance and retirement — staffing expenses that make up the bulk of the budget.

To cut costs, the district reduced the percentage it contributes to staff and teacher health insurance and retirement plans. Salary increases are slated for between 1 and 1.5 percent.

"The focus for us is always about what's best for the students, so there's not a lot of leeway," Quartironi said. "The tax cap affects our negotiations with unions so that we can't negotiate [higher] salary increases."

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Haldane in Running for \$10 Million Grant

Also, school board ready to vote on budget

By Michael Turton

The Haldane Central School District has reached the final stage of a national grant program that could result in the high school receiving \$10 million over a five-year period. Superintendent Diana Bowers made the announcement on April 11 in a joint press release with the XQ Super School Challenge, an education foundation chaired by Laurene Powell Jobs, widow of the late Steve Jobs.

The district is one of 348 finalists. Bowers told *The Current* that the district will submit its final proposal by the end of May and that the winning schools will be announced in July. Five to 10 schools will receive major grants, depending on the content and quality of applications, and smaller grants also may be awarded.

What may help

Bowers feels Haldane's chances are improved by the fact that its strategic plan, adopted less than a year ago, formed the template for its application and melds very well with XQ's goals. The plan seeks to develop "innovative models of learning" that will ensure Haldane graduates are "ready for college and careers with 21st century skills."

In the press release, the XQ Super School Project was emphatic about the need to improve education. "While the world has changed significantly, our high schools have changed very little," it said. "They simply aren't keeping up. The fact is, America is [ranked] number 17 in reading, number 20 in science and number 27

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The Current Wins Three Awards for Excellence

Recognition for reporting, photography and advertising

By Staff

The Highlands Current won three new awards last weekend during the annual conference of the New York Press Association (NYPA), the trade organization for over 500 weekly newspapers in New York state.

The awards, attributed to *The Paper*, *The Current's* former name, add to the total of 16 the paper has won in

three years of eligibility. The NYPA's Better Newspaper Contest is a juried competition conducted by a weekly paper group from another state under a reciprocal arrangement.

The three prizes included a third place award in the news category by Liz Armstrong for her story on the issue of naming the planned county senior citizen center at the Butterfield development for Roger Ailes in light of a county law that prohibits using the names of living people.

"Well-written story about a surprising county law. Good background details."

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The winning photo by Ross Corsair

Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

Storied Cooking

By Mary Ann Ebner

Ideas for putting a new meal together crop up around fine dining tables, farmers' markets and food trucks. There's no shortage of inspiration, whether from a bunch of baby carrots waving their green tops, to an endless stream of tempting food photos just a swipe away on the phone.

Though traditional cookbooks may seem stodgy compared to a perfect post of pasta primavera on an Instagram feed, printed and bound works of cooking devotion share much more than how-to instructions. Story-driven cookbooks can introduce a world beyond the recipes and ingredients that they present.

Lately, cooking prompts arrive by text from a friend who shares an interest in sampling good eating at hole-in-the-wall restaurants. A host of menus and meal propositions also find a way to my email from food news subscriptions. Some draw a quick look while others move to a list of saved recipes to consider. But even with constant access to a vast selection of online food pages, menus and quick-tip videos, I still linger over traditional cookbooks, not only for cooking's sake but to soak up an author's connections to farming, gardening or composing a repertoire of ethnic family favorites. It's not instructional guides that I love, but tapestries of recipes woven together with scenes of life and illustrated with artful design and

photography presented on paper.

One of my prized treasures weighs several pounds and claims a generous space on the pantry bookshelf. Written by John Besh, *My New Orleans: The Cookbook* piles on pleasure with cooking, culture, history and a dash of food tourism.

When we sold our family home in Austin, Texas several years ago, the buyers were making their relocation from New Orleans. Shortly after the closing, the cookbook arrived at our new home with a note from the buyers about their appreciation of Besh and the chef's respectful nod to New Orleans tradition and progressive invention of contemporary tastes. It's a beautifully written book paying tribute to friends, family and the freshest finds in food. I may never make his crawfish agnolotti with morels or dewberry streusel pie, but Besh won me over with descriptive narrative ("waist deep in a cypress swamp") from his crawfishing adventures.

Two years ago my family hosted a Mardi Gras dinner using Besh's big book, breaking in the pages with a few smudges of buttermilk and corn meal. Cooking together ended up becoming a cultural awakening of Louisiana cuisine, thanks to Besh. We honored the recipes but had a little fun making them our own. If a copy of Besh's cookbook that includes 200 of his favorite recipes and stories from his hometown presents itself, make room for it in your collection.

I try to limit new cookbook acquisitions to one or two a year simply due to space restrictions. But when there's a chance to borrow or browse a new publication, it's a joy to find more than something to eat in a cookbook. One recent rainy evening, I found a shelf of cookbooks at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison. The selection kept me out of the rain and engaged with a range of good reading. Some featured step-by-step in-



Find more than something to eat in traditional cookbooks.



Crispy cauliflower with apricots

Photos by M.A. Ebner

structions while others centered more on food travel and finding the choicest raw ingredients.

In *Pure & Special: Gourmet Indian Vegetarian Cuisine*, by Vidhu Mittal, a tangy lettuce wrap presented a possibility to include the nuances of Indian vegetarian cooking in spring's rotation. I stumbled on a few pages of brilliance with Diana Henry's "healthy meets delicious" cookbook, *A Change of Appetite*. A great read because the images and layout help tell the story, but Henry's work suggests a year of feasting on inventive healthy food, organized by seasons and showcasing dishes like yo-

gurt with honeyed saffron syrup, almonds and apricot compote. Not too intimidating, and who doesn't love apricots?

The combination inspired me to put apricots on my shopping list and I've been testing salads in my home kitchen. The recipe shared here combines crispy cauliflower and tangy toasted sesame seeds to create a somewhat nutty flavored medley. Try sharing a small portion as a side salad or as a tasting to hungry guests before breaking out more substantial fare. For this combination, dip into your premium extra-virgin olive oil and the best sea salt on hand. The ingredients are all everyday finds and inexpensive, but together they'll please on any plate.

Crisp Cauliflower with Apricots

1 head cauliflower
1 tablespoon sesame seeds
1 cup dried apricots, chopped

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 scallions, chopped
1 teaspoon sea salt flakes, crushed

Cut cauliflower into small florets and set aside. In preheated oven, bake sesame seeds on flat ungreased baking sheet at 400 degrees Fahrenheit about 5 minutes or until lightly golden. Remove seeds from oven and place baking sheet of cauliflower florets on top rack. Bake 20 minutes until florets begin to brown. Toss cauliflower, apricot pieces and chopped onion in mixing bowl. Mix sesame seeds with olive oil and add to mixing bowl ingredients. Stir mixture and sprinkle generously with salt. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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es. It makes it difficult across the board.”

The budgeting process in Beacon was helped this year by the retirement of seven teachers, as well as increased state aid. While the teachers will be replaced, new instructors will likely earn less than teachers with years of experience, Quartironi said.

As for government aid, the district's recent upgrade to “good standing” status meant it will no longer be eligible for a \$50,000 grant available to what the state calls “focus” districts or a \$50,000 federal grant for school improvement. The state legislature, however, increased its overall aid to the Beacon district by 2.5 percent — about \$650,000 — over last year.

Across New York, state aid for education will increase in 2016-17 to \$24.8 billion, the largest it's ever been and a 6.5 percent increase from a year ago.

Even with increased state aid and the seven retirements, the Beacon school system, and many others statewide, have been forced to dip into their reserves because of the cap. “Sooner or later we're all going to be out of reserves,” said board Vice President Bill Zopf at the April 4 meeting. “That's the same as paying more on your mortgage than you can and dipping into your savings account. When your savings account is empty, now you're in big trouble.”

Last year the district budget included \$2.5 million from its fund balance, and the

number has been as high as \$3.5 million. Earlier this year, a report issued by the state comptroller's office listed Beacon as “susceptible” to “fiscal stress” due to its low fund balance, a judgment that can affect the credit rating the district receives when borrowing money for capital projects.

“Now, all of the districts are looking at using fund balances,” Quartironi said. “But we want to use that conservatively, because once that's gone, it is gone.”

Before the public votes on May 17, the school board will hold a hearing at its May 9 meeting during which members of the public can ask questions about the budget.

On May 17 voters will also fill three seats on the board — those currently held by President Melissa Thompson, who is not running for re-election, and incumbents Christine Galbo and Tracy Everett, who have not stated publicly whether they are running. To date, the declared candidates are Meredith Heuer, chairperson of the Beacon Arts & Education Foundation; Michael Rutkoske, a capital asset program manager for Entergy Corporation; and Antony Tseng, an environmental engineer with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to the district budget, voters will decide whether to approve a separate \$385,000 transportation proposition. If passed, it will allow the school system to purchase three 72-passenger buses and a 20-passenger van.

Board to Hold Forum on Superintendent Search

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Board of Education will hold a forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, at Beacon High School to develop a community “vision” for its ongoing superintendent search. The forum will be open to district leaders, community members and teachers, said interim Superintendent Ann Marie Quartironi.

“We've all heard the feedback from prior board meetings,” she said. “We want to do a forum-type process ... to reach out to all the people in the area that have a stake in the school district.”

The forum will not be “the one and only meeting we will have” on the subject, Quartironi said. “We all have the same goal of wanting the best for our children and I think that we all need to talk about it and make that happen.”

In addition, the board will solicit public comments on the superintendent search during its April 26 meeting.

District parents have asked numerous times to be more involved since former superintendent Barbara Walkley resigned in January.

Kristan Flynn, an organizer for the Advocates for Beacon Schools, said the group “is so grateful the interim superintendent has embraced the need for a district vision and a process to achieve this goal that is inclusive of all stakeholders. It is our plan to move forward in concert with the district's efforts.”



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Can't wait to read the outcome," wrote the judges.

Photographer Ross Corsair won a second place award in the art photo category with his picture of a lone kayaker amidst the Hudson Highlands. One judge wrote: "Very nice photo. I think the composition was very well done. And what a gorgeous color sky you had to work with! The overall feeling, I got from viewing this picture was peace and serenity. Well done!"

A full-page advertisement for a Shop Lo-

cal campaign in Beacon won an honorable mention (fourth place) for *Current* advertising director Michele Gedney and layout editor Kate Vikstrom in the Multi-Advertiser category. "Nice clean ads that depict all sorts of shops," in the opinion of the judges.

The two-day conference, attended by managing editor Kevin E. Foley and Gedney, included numerous workshops on editorial and advertising issues for both print and digital newspaper operations.

The keynote speaker at a luncheon on

Friday, April 8 was U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of N.Y. Preet Bharara. The federal prosecutor is well known for his office's obtaining criminal convictions against over a dozen state legislators and other officials, including the top two leaders of the legislature.

Bharara spoke of the importance of local journalism to keep citizens informed about their local governments and institutions while providing a check on abusive practices.

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in mathematics. With schools created for a world we no longer live in, we are not preparing students for today."

Haldane is committed to implementing its strategic plan regardless of whether it wins an XQ grant, Bowers said, but a large injection of funds would obviously speed up the process. The new approach is being enhanced, she said, by the district's work with the New Tech Network and the Yellin Center for Mind Brain and Education.

"We want to teach students how to discover who they are as learners," she said, in order to help them develop "strategies for making them the best learners possi-

ble." Teacher training is a big part of that strategy and is reflected both in the strategic plan and the XQ grant application.

All aspects of education at Haldane could benefit from grant funding, according to Bowers. "The goals are the same in each program area," whether it's math, science, English or the arts and include "collaborative learning and entrepreneurship" while developing "grit and stamina" in students.

Budget vote ahead

Haldane School Board trustees will vote on a proposed 2016-17 budget on April 19. The plan calls for total spending of

\$23,098,874, an increase of 0.96 percent over the previous year, which falls within the state-imposed tax cap. District voters will vote on the budget on May 17.

New York state made the task of drafting the budget a bit easier for administration and trustees this year by doing away with the Gap Elimination Adjustment. "That means the state will not take away about \$220,000 as they have in recent years," Bowers said. While there was again no increase in foundation funding, she said, "we're happy having flat aid" rather than dealing with the uncertainties of the GEA.

Current Politics

No primary for Maloney

Republicans will have one

By Kevin E. Foley

Democratic Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney will not have to face a primary race this June. Potential challenger Diana Hird failed in an effort to gather sufficient voter signatures to qualify for a place on a primary ballot. The deadline for filing signed petitions was Thursday, April 14.

In a post on her campaign Facebook page Hird said:

"Unfortunately we missed getting on the ballot by 44 signatures. We worked hard, we learned a lot, and most of all, we created community. This is a beginning, not an end. I like to think we made a small difference just by being involved in this process and making our voices heard."

New York state election law requires candidates to file a minimum of 1,250 signatures of registered voters, in this case Democrats, who reside in the district. Typically campaigns seek to file in excess of the minimum as inevitably some signatures are disqualified for a variety of reasons.

According to the New York State Board of Elections website, Maloney appeared to have filed nearly 5,000 signatures. The Congressman also qualified for the Women's Equality ballot line. He also has the nomination of the Independence Party.

On the Republican side of the 18th district, candidates Phil Oliva and Kenneth DelVecchio had also filed petitions for an

expected June primary that may include others who filed after *The Current* closed its production.

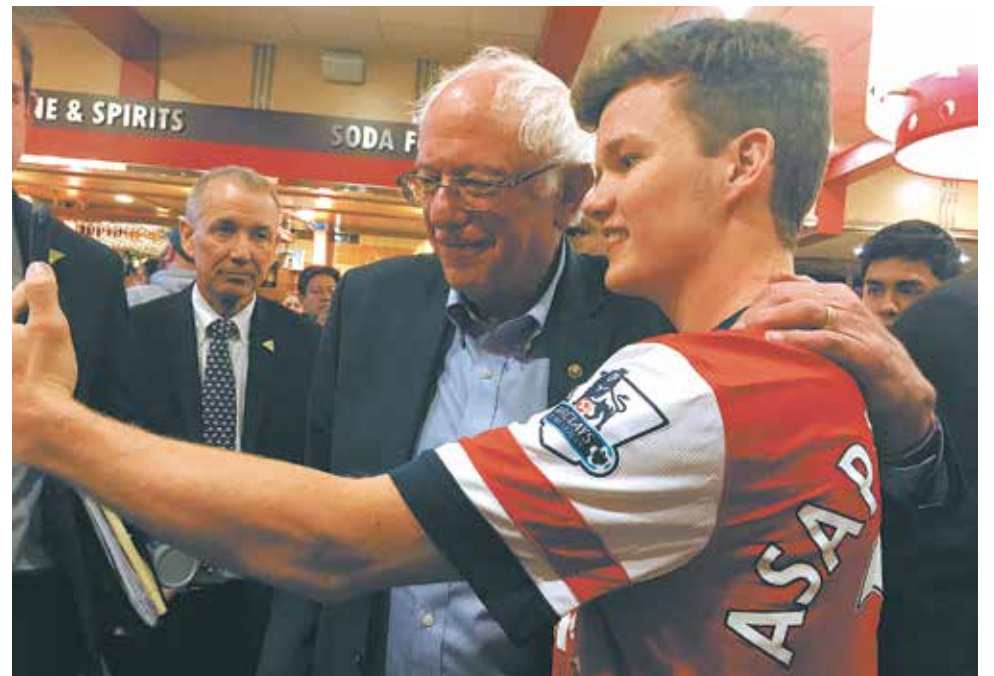
Oliva also filed petitions for the Conservative and Reform parties.

April 19 presidential race

Both New York Republicans and Democrats will vote this coming Tuesday for presidential candidates. Both parties' rules require candidates to win congressional districts to obtain most allocated delegates.

For the Dems, Hillary Clinton continued to lead in most polls by 10 or more points as she campaigned largely in New York City. Nonetheless, Bernie Sanders has drawn enthusiastic crowds as he campaigned hard in nearby Poughkeepsie, with plans for a rally in Newburgh.

Polls expect Donald Trump to win more than half the Republican primary votes. He also scheduled a rally for Poughkeepsie. Rivals Ted Cruz and John Kasich hope to cut into his lead with possible wins in individual congressional districts.



Philipstown resident Jack Lovell poses with Bernie Sanders at the Red Line Diner in Fishkill.

Photo provided

Beacon Planning Board Supports Zoning Petition

Public hearing will continue next month

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon Planning Board has voted to recommend that the city council approve a petition by a group of landowners to “downzone” seven parcels to slow residential growth in their neighborhood.

The planning board made its decision in relatively quick order during its monthly meeting on Tuesday (April 12), saying that the parcels, as presently zoned, are inconsistent with the city’s comprehensive plan.

The petition, which was filed in February, names seven parcels — two on South Avenue and five on Wolcott Avenue — inside Beacon’s Main Street-to-river “linkage zone,” an area designated in 2013 for expanded growth to support nearby Main Street businesses. The seven properties are also part of the city’s Historic District and Landmark Overlay, and the petition argues that the linkage and historic districts are incongruent.

Drawing its boundaries from the west end of Main, along Wolcott Avenue/Route 9D and down to the Metro-North train station at the riverfront, the linkage zone allows for Beacon’s most dense residential development, an effort on the city’s part to support businesses and create a “vibrant” connection between Main Street and the river.

The petitioners argued that linkage zoning on their properties conflicts with the comprehensive plan, which was enacted six years earlier and, due to the area’s historic nature, allows only “medium” density development of five to nine units per acre. For that reason, the land-

owners argued, the seven parcels should revert to their pre-linkage zoning.

City Planner David Stolman said on April 12 that the parcels would be “much more consistent” with the comprehensive plan if returned to their previous zoning. “If I were looking at it, I’d look at the whole linkage district and see if there’s anything else that stands out like a sore thumb,” he said.

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The comprehensive plan was adopted in 2007 and serves as the blueprint for development and growth citywide. Mayor Randy Casale recently appointed a 14-person committee to study the plan and recommend whether, and how, it should be revised.

The catalyst for the rezoning request, which has drawn support from a number of neighbors to the area, was the River Highlands, an approximately 70-unit complex proposed for the vacant lots on Wolcott just south of the Reformed Church of Beacon. Residents also feared that two houses adjacent to St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church on South Avenue could be demolished and rebuilt as “Main Street-style buildings” under the linkage zoning.

Church representatives said during a public hearing last week that they have no immediate plans to sell either house. And although it’s likely that St. Andrew’s will sell the lots for development eventually, church leaders pledged to do so in a way that’s consistent with the feel of the neighborhood.

A representative from Unicorn Contracting, the developer behind the River Highlands proposal as well as the Butterfield project in Cold Spring, declined to comment. The River Highlands proposal has only been in front of the Beacon planning

board once, for a preliminary presentation in November.

Neither Unicorn nor St. Andrew’s representatives signed the property owners’ petition. City statutes, however, allow for the review of properties within a zoning district if 50 percent of the property owners in a given block in the district sign a petition requesting the review.

A public hearing on the petition held last week by the Beacon City Council is scheduled to continue at the council’s May 2 meeting. Council member Peggy Ross said this week that there may be a third option between the parcels’ present zoning and a blanket reversion to pre-linkage zoning.

“We will have to take a new look at it,” she said, “because I think, personally, that it needs a gradation — as it gets closer to Main Street there should be more density.”

Beacon Farmers' Market Returns



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John and Kimberly Sabatini — for approval of alterations to an existing Single Family Residence. The proposal involves a 7.099 acre parcel lying along a private right of way extending southerly off Dick’s Castle Road. The tract currently contains an existing residence, with a 1,500 square foot alteration and addition planned. The overall site improvements planned incorporate a swimming pool, terracing of yard areas, landscaping, new driveway and parking.

The tract is situated in a Rural Residential (“RR”) Zoning District in the Town of Philipstown. {TM#60.-I-11}

At said hearing all persons will have the right to be heard. Copies of the application, plat map, and other related materials may be seen in the Office of the Planning Board at the Philipstown Town Hall.

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Historic Cemeteries Get Some Attention

Also, construction to start on Fjord Trail lot

By Michael Turton

Two of Philipstown's historic cemeteries are about to get some much-needed attention. Michael Leonard, a member of the Philipstown Town Board, chairs its cemetery committee and reported on the group's work at the board's April 7 meeting. The following evening, the committee met with members of the Putnam County Cemetery Committee to discuss work planned at the Cedar Street and Mountain Avenue cemeteries.

Improvements are being considered for two other cemeteries as well — at McKee's Corners, at the intersection of Route 301 and Route 9, and in North Highlands at the corner of Route 9 and Horton Road.

The Cedar Street Cemetery, located on the Nelsonville-Cold Spring boundary, has tombstones dating to the early 1800s. Cold Spring's Mountain Avenue Cemetery has graves dating to the 1750s. Neither cemetery is active. State law dictates that maintenance of abandoned cemeteries must be carried out at the town level.

"God's Acre"

The cemeteries exhibit a number of shortcomings, including fallen and broken tombstones, downed trees and inconsistent signage and fencing. Some graves are unmarked and property boundaries are



The Cedar Street Cemetery dates to the early 1800s.

Photos by M. Turton

sometimes unclear. At the April 7 board meeting, Leonard noted there are so many unknowns surrounding the Cedar Street cemetery that "it's almost like a mystery." He also shared that the Mountain Avenue Cemetery, established in the 18th century by the Davenport family, was once known as "God's Acre."

The town budgeted \$15,000 for improvements to be completed this year, Putnam County earmarked \$2,300 and

a private contribution added \$300. In addition to basic maintenance, Leonard said the cemetery project will include mapping and documenting the stones, repairs, improved signage and removal of downed and undesirable trees.

Cemetery website

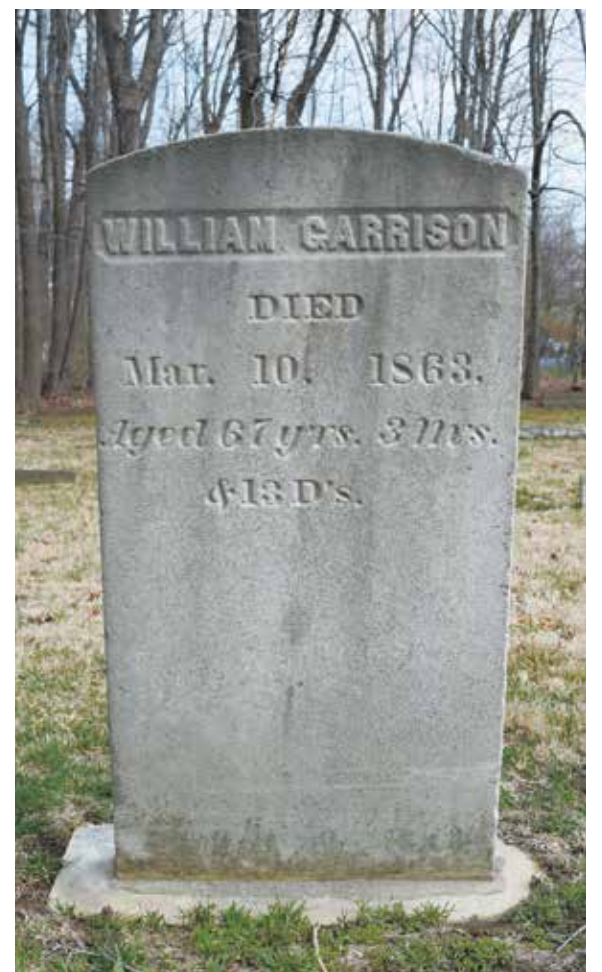
The Putnam County Cemetery Committee provides guidance to local committees and inspects a number of graveyards annually. It also operates a website, putnamgraveyards.com, that profiles cemeteries across the county, including 12 in Philipstown. Besides Leonard, the Philipstown Cemetery Committee consists of Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong, Sally Colinbaux, Dottie Gilman, Michael Robinson and Julie Scanga.

In other business...

- Supervisor Richard Shea was authorized to sign the project permit for construction of the Washburn Parking Lot opposite Little Stony Point as part of the Fjord Trail that will link Beacon, Breakneck Ridge and Cold Spring. Shea said construction should be complete by September.
- A public hearing will be held at the town hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, to consider a zoning change on a 7.3-acre parcel of land on Route 9 from rural residential to highway commercial. The property is owned by Bruce and Donna Kehr and is adjacent to Expanded Supply Products (ESP) and backs on to Clove Creek.
- Ken Skorseth, a soils expert and program manager at the South Dakota Local Transportation Assistance Program, recently visited Philipstown to assess local dirt roads. Terry Zaleski, president of the Philipstown Old

Roads Society, said Skorseth collected 200 pounds of soil samples and will outline his findings at a town board workshop tentatively scheduled for June 15.

- The board approved payment of \$15,000 to the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources, which provides programs for Philipstown's senior citizens.
- The board appointed Joel Coneybear as a director on the Philipstown Depot Theatre board.
- The board accepted the resignation of Jamie Adams as chairman and member of the Board of Assessment Review and appointed Gordon Casement as chairman through September 2020.
- The board approved the hiring of three town employees: Teri Fleming as clerk to the Highway Department; Tara Percacciolo as clerk to the Town Board; and Linda Valentino as secretary to the Planning, Zoning and Conservation boards. In addition, Cecelia Mastorilli was hired to train town staff to update and refresh the Municipal TV Channel, which broadcasts town board meetings.
- A proposal to move meetings of the Philipstown Planning Board from Butterfield Library to the town hall was not supported, mainly because the town hall meeting room is not handicap-accessible.
- The Town will contribute \$300 to the annual Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club's Kid's Fishing Day at Cold Spring's Fishkill Road reservoir on Sunday, May 1.



Work will focus on the Cedar Street and Mountain Ave. cemeteries.

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Village Main St. Contract Awarded

Water bills soon can be paid by credit card

By Michael Turton

Four mayors and more than ten years after the process began, the Cold Spring Village Board authorized Mayor Dave Merandy to sign the contract for the Main Street Project at its April 12 meeting, awarding the work to Con-Tech Construction Technology, a company based in Yorktown Heights.

The company's bid of \$516,500 was the lowest of seven proposals.

"We're very, very close to shovels in the ground," said Deputy Mayor Marie Early, adding that once village officials meet with the contractor, a public meeting will be held to outline scheduling and construction details.

The work is expected to take five to six months and should be complete by October, Early said. The project will repair the worst sections of Cold Spring's badly deteriorated Main Street sidewalks and curbs and will also add Americans With Dis-

abilities Act (ADA) compliant ramps. Improvements will also be made on Furnace Street, including paving, new sidewalks and improved drainage.

Cost of policing

The April 12 meeting also served as a public hearing on the tentative village budget for 2016-17, which features general-fund spending of \$2.8 million. Village taxes collected will total \$1,519,854, an amount within the state-imposed tax cap. Village Accountant Ellen Mageean noted the tax rate will actually decline by 0.74 percent due to an increase in the Fireman's Service Award next year. Trustees will vote on the budget at their Tuesday, April 26, meeting.

Resident Michael Armstrong read a prepared statement regarding the budget and the process used to draft it, urging trustees to take into account the 2012 Comprehensive Plan.

"The village urgently needs to have a conversation about where it stands in meeting its goals and objectives," he said. Armstrong also called for long-term capital planning and stressed the need to re-



Main Street, Cold Spring



The Main Street Project will fix the worst sections of Cold Spring's badly deteriorated sidewalks and curbs.

Photos by M. Turton

examine the cost of police services. "The county, state and Metro-North all provide police services to the village, and yet the village still proposes to dedicate \$1 in every four of its property-tax revenue to continue ... another layer of 24/7 protection — one that none of our neighbors in Nelsonville, Garrison or Philipstown seem to miss."

In other business....

- Village residents will soon be able to use a credit card to pay water and sewer bills. The village will contract with InvoiceCloud to provide the service. Early said the system should be in place in time for the July water bills.
- The board adopted a much-discussed new law authorizing metered parking at the municipal parking lot on Fair Street.
- Trustee Fran Murphy reported that a request has been sent to Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney for funding assistance under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act for further repairs to Cold Spring streets and the Lunn Terrace bridge that spans the Metro-North tracks. "We'll keep our fingers crossed," she said.
- Big Belly is back. Newly elected trustee Lynn Miller is re-examining the potential benefits of using the solar-powered trash compactors in high use areas of the village. The computerized system can also compact recyclables. Big Bel-lies have been discussed at length in

the past as a means of reducing the cost of garbage pickup by village employees during the tourist season.

- Merandy and Trustee Steve Voloto met recently with representatives of New York State Parks regarding the village taking over management of Dockside Park. Merandy said the meeting helped clarify that the village "can make money" at the site without handing all revenues over to the state. He also said the state is not opposed to buildings being constructed as long as development is "within the spirit of state parks." The mayor said that a workshop will be held on the future of Dockside and that the village will deal with the issue this year. "It's an incredible piece of property," he said.
- The mayor also reported that the village will not have to provide funding for the shoreline stabilization project being planned for Dockside.
- Trustees turned down a request from Green Mountain Energy to set up a sales table on Main Street on Wednesdays. In denying the request trustees cited the disruption that will be caused by the upcoming Main Street Project. They also pointed to problems in the past when some merchants have set up sales tables that encroached onto Main Street sidewalks beyond the three-foot limit allowed in the village code.

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The Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

What should and should not go in the bin

By Michael Turton

In March, the Cold Spring Highway Department collected 63 tons of trash as part of its weekly curbside pick-up. The haul was transported to the Wheelabrator facility in Peekskill, which charges a "tipping fee" of \$77 per ton for disposal. The cost to the village, including a 2 percent environmental surcharge, was nearly \$5,000, or about \$60,000 a year, not including wages and transport.

During the same month, 12 tons of recyclables were picked up in Cold Spring. Those materials were taken to ReCommunity in Beacon, which has no tipping fee.

Had those 12 tons been discarded as trash, the additional cost to the village would be \$11,000 annually. Had the figures been reversed — 12 tons of trash and 63 tons of recyclables per month — the village would save about \$48,000 per year in tipping fees.

A primer

While some environmental challenges such as fracking or disposal of nuclear waste are beyond the ability of individuals to address, reducing trash relies on individual effort and habits. With Earth



Sorting paper and cardboard at the Beacon facility

Photo provided

Day approaching on April 22, it is an appropriate time for village, town and city residents and families to reexamine their recycling habits.

In Cold Spring, "single stream" recycling is used — meaning that all acceptable materials can be placed at the curb in the same container. Recyclables are picked up early Friday morning and can be put out at the curb the night before.

What can be recycled

The following materials are accepted by ReCommunity:

- Glass, including bottles and jars, food containers and beverage containers
- Cans, including aluminum and other metal cans, loose jar lids, steel bottle caps and foil

- Paper, including newspapers, magazines and brochures; corrugated cardboard and paper bags; paper towel rolls, paperback books; cartons; greeting cards; junk mail; beverage containers; phone books; dry food cartons; paperboard boxes; file folders and office paper

- Plastics, including #1, #2, #4, #5 and #7 food and beverage containers, including bottles, jars, jugs and other rigid plastic containers (Check the bottom of the container for a number.)

What can't be recycled

- No plastic bags — they are considered the worst offenders in the recycling bin, especially if wet or dirty. Grocery bags can often be recycled at supermarkets.
- No materials should be placed in plastic bags.
- No shredded paper; the pieces are too small to sort
- No scrap metal, which can damage the recycling equipment
- No hazardous waste, including paint, automotive fluids, pesticides and batteries
- No diapers and bio-hazardous waste, including syringes, needles and sanitary products
- No non-recyclable plastics, including plastic lids and Styrofoam
- No flattened containers; the sorting machines mistake them for paper
- No caps or lids should be left on

bottles or jars. Loose metal lids can be recycled but plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars cannot.

- No liquids. Containers should be rinsed prior to being placed in the bin.
- No ceramics or non-recyclable glass, including china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex, porcelain and window glass
- No frozen food containers such as the paperboard containers for frozen pizza

Recycling trivia

- According to ReCommunity, 54 percent of the trash produced in the U.S. is landfilled, 25 percent is recycled, 12 percent is incinerated and nine percent is composted.
- Recycling aluminum uses less energy than making new aluminum and the material can be recycled indefinitely. The average aluminum can contains 40 percent recycled material.
- Paper can be recycled five to seven times before its fibers break down.
- Glass can also be recycled indefinitely. Five pounds of old glass bottles produce five pounds of new glass bottles.
- Plastics are usually "down-cycled," meaning they are most often used to make products other than their original purpose.

More detailed information on recycling, including a video of the process, can be found at recommunity.com/beacon. Much of the video was shot at ReCommunity's Beacon facility.

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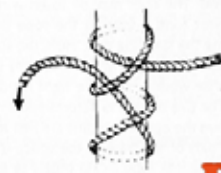
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The Calendar

Rabbits Gather at Gallery Garden

Kepner Rose creations pose, tilt, twist and turn

by Alison Rooney

“I may wake up tomorrow and never make a rabbit again,” declares Judith Kepner Rose, but, if you are a gambler, don’t put any money on it. The sculptor has been making rabbit after rabbit and rabbit again for the better part of a decade. Now, 15 of her creature creations have come together, in an exhibition, *Gathering of Rabbits*, in the back garden at Gallery 66 New York in Cold Spring.

Kepner Rose was a potter initially, and the rabbits entered her realm of bowls and mugs almost surreptitiously, when she, for no particular reason she can recall, added a rabbit leaning over the edge of one of her pots, tail up. “People got really excited,” she recalls, “and I continued to do that for a couple of years until I realized I could just make rabbits.”

The rabbits (technically, mostly hares) do things rabbits cannot do, which was intentional. “I want the creation to connect with the person viewing it, so my rabbits tilt, twist and turn, which is very unrabbit-like,” she explains. “Even without eyes, each has a particular tilt that beckons, ‘Come look at me’ ... Nobody has ever questioned the twisting — it’s more like ‘That’s a cool pose.’ ”

Kepner Rose begins by taking a block of clay and carving the creature out, using wire and a loop tool. She sculpts until a bunny or bird emerges (crows and cormorants are favorite subjects). After adding detail around the eyes and ears, she hollows out the form. Usually each dries for three or four weeks before being fired, so it doesn’t crack or distort. “It’s

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Left, *Crow of Trash* and right, *Sweet Snowshoe* by Judith Kepner Rose

Photos provided



Busy Times at Bannerman Island

Bannerman Island

Photo by John Morzen

Music, kayak cruises, gourmet dinners and Poe

by Alison Rooney

Not long ago, Bannerman Island was virtually inaccessible to all but the people working on shoring up what remained of the historic site redolent of its Native American, Dutch and Revolutionary War past. Located in the Hudson between Cold Spring and Beacon, the craggy island, with its visually striking ruins (remnants of a past owner’s Scottish heritage) has always inspired curiosity — so much so that when the property opened to the public for “hard hat tours,” they frequently sold out, as do the cur-

rent line-up of cruises and kayaking expeditions which venture to and around the island from May through October.

As the island’s gardens have been reclaimed by volunteers, the arts have gained prominence on the island. Over the past couple of years numerous performances have attracted concert- and theater-goers who savor the setting, with the chairs situated in a grove looking out to the romantically ruined tower that still dominates that part of the Hudson.

This year’s schedule is expansive, with performances from the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Company, Just Off Broadway, lots of bands, storytellers, the continuation of Melissa McGill’s public art project *Constellation* and a number of food

events. There are also cruise tours aboard The Estuary Steward and kayak expeditions with multiple departure points.

To herald the season, a special fund-raising brunch, “Bannerman Island Voices — Whispers From the Castle Keep,” will be held at noon on Saturday, April 23 at The Falcon in Marlboro. Along with music from Sheila Dee and the Dazzlers and a silent auction, the event will feature a multimedia presentation using interviews from Bannerman family members and employees who lived and worked on the island. Some material recounts and refutes many of the legends about the place. Original songs are included, as are projected historic images. The presentation was

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Judith Kepner Rose with two of her creations at Gallery 66 NY

Photo by A. Rooney

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

Pizza Night and Ice Cream Social
4 – 8 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
Call 845-265-9595 for take-out.

Paul Tschinkel Art Film: *Nan Goldin*
5:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Drew Lang: Architect as Developer (Talk)
6:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Youth Players: *Comic Book Artist*
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Haldane PTA Brain Show
7 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

I Loved Lucy Drag Bingo!
7 p.m. The Beacon Theatre | 445 Main St., Beacon
845-453-2978 | thebeacontheatre.org

Open Book / Jeffrey Pepper Rodgers & Wendy Ramsay
7:30 p.m. Beahive Beacon
291 Main St., Beacon
845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Open-Mic Night
7:30 p.m. Sign-up | 8 p.m. Performances
Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon

The Art and Practice of Vegetable Gardening (First Session)
8:45 a.m. Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Lions' Club Annual Shredder Day
9 a.m. – Noon. The Nest
44 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | coldspringlions.org

Philipstown Community Center (First Sessions)
9 a.m. Little Sluggers (age 3)
9 a.m. Soccer Clinic (grades 1-3)
10 a.m. Soccer Clinic (grades 4-6)
10:15 & 11:30 a.m. T-Ball (ages 4-5)
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Mulch & Clean-up Day
9 – 11 a.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Hudson Hewn: New York Furniture Now (Opens)
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring | 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

iPhone Photo Class for Beginners
10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery
172 Main St., Beacon
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Moving and Writing Workshop (ages 6-11)
10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Fresh Air Fund Presentation
10:30 a.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | freshair.org

ResistAIM Say NO Say YES Fest
11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
brownpapertickets.com/event/2529126

An Afternoon of Poetry with Simon Winchester
2 p.m. Storm King Art Center | 1 Museum Road, New Windsor | 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit philipstown.info.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

Introductory Workshop for HVSF *Our Town*
2 p.m. St. Andrew's Church
17 South Ave., Beacon
845-809-5750 x20 | eknapp@hvshakespeare.org

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

Youth Players: *Comic Book Artist*
3 & 7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Poetry of Place Panel
4 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Doc Bayne: The Great Chain Forge (Talk)
5 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Jazz Vespers
5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Hudson Valley Philharmonic: Bernstein's *Kaddish*
8 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie
845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Terrance Simien & The Zydeco Experience
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Earth and Art Activity Day
2 – 4 p.m. H.V. Center for Contemporary Art
1701 Main St., Peekskill
914-788-0100 | hvcca.org

Youth Players: *Comic Book Artist*
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Mamma Mia!
3 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre | 655 Ruger Road, West Point | 845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

Kids' Open Mic
6 – 8 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

MONDAY, APRIL 18

Tax Day

Haldane School Board Candidate Petitions Due

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 19

Leave Leaf and Yard Debris Curbside for Wed. Pickup (Cold Spring)

Presidential Primary Vote
Polls open 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Earth Week Volunteer Cleanup
Seeger Park, Beacon | clearwater.org

Center for Digital Arts
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adam Chau: *Digital Calligraphy* (Opening) | 6:30 p.m. Gallery talk
7 p.m. How to Open an Etsy Shop
27 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-606-7304 | westchestergallery.wordpress.com

Introduction to Dia:Beacon
6 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Breakneck Ridge Trails Update
6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Haldane School Board
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Garrison School Board
7:30 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Spring Cleaning Workshop
1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Dutchess County Historical Society Annual Meeting
5:30 p.m. FDR Presidential Library
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park | 845-471-1630
dutchesscountyhistoricalsociety.org

Adult Pick-Up Soccer (First Session)
6 – 8 p.m. Philipstown Park, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Town Board Workshop: Indian Brook Road Parking
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall
238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

Poem in Your Pocket Day

HVP Young People's Concert for Earth Day
10 & 11:45 a.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie | 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Earth Day Story Hour (ages 3+)
1:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Sensory Trail Ribbon Cutting
4 p.m. Therapeutic Equestrian Center
115 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
myfeettakewings.org

Haldane vs. Peekskill (Softball)
4:30 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Good Work: Hudson Valley Open House
5:30 – 7 p.m. Re>Think Local
115 Broadway, Newburgh
facebook.com/events/1661968637397891

Folk City: New York and the American Folk Music Revival (Talk)
6:30 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

Poetry Reading in Honor of Norm Olsen
7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Tuesday.

Science Cafe: Billion Oyster Project (Talk)
7 p.m. The Hop | 554 Main St., Beacon
845-838-1600 | bire.org/events

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day

3D Printing: A Hands-On Workshop
9:30 a.m. Center for Digital Arts
27 N. Division St., Peekskill | 914-606-7304
westchestergallery.wordpress.com

Earth Day Clean-up
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Long Dock Park, Beacon
845-473-4440 | scenichudson.org

Tech Drop-in Day for Kids
3 – 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Garden Bros. Circus
4 & 6 & 8 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Paul Tschinkel Art Film: *Laurie Anderson*
5:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
See details under April 15.

International Film Night: *War of the Buttons* (Ireland)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Yoga for Back Pain Workshop
7 p.m. Living Yoga Studios | 3182 Route 9, Cold Spring | 845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

C'mon Beacon, Let's Dance
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Blue Devil Booster Club Recognition Night
8 p.m. Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring
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Busy Times at Bannerman Island (from Page 9)

conceived by Neil Caplan, executive director of Bannerman Castle Trust, the nonprofit that manages the island and its structures, and includes music and lyrics by Tom Herman and direction by Frank Marquette.

There have been only five owners of the island since the time of the Revolutionary War: William Van Wyck of Fishkill, Mary Taft of Cornwall, Francis Bannerman of Brooklyn and The Jackson Hole Preserve (Rockefeller Foundation), which donated the island to the state of New York. It was Francis Bannerman, who emigrated from Scotland to New York as a child, who bought the island (chancing upon it during a canoe trip) as a place to store the large supplies of ammunition and other material which were the stuff of his successful Brooklyn-based business. Construction began on a simulated Scottish castle and other storage buildings in 1901; Bannerman and his family used it as a summer residence.

The trust hopes to stabilize the structures on Pollepel Island (the original and traditional name) so that it can be a safe and long-term destination for public tours and events. The current focus is on the south wall, which needs to be stabilized at a cost of about \$300,000. "The tours help, but we need people to get behind it, to say this is part of history," Caplan says. "Even if something happens [to an island structure], we will continue, no matter what."

Work will begin in July on restoring the interior of the Bannerman residence with

improved masonry, flooring, lighting and walkways. Once completed, it will become an education center.

The season itself begins April 30 with tours aboard the 44-passenger Estuary Steward, which departs from Beacon and Newburgh. These combine the short trip to the island with a walking tour. The island is not handicap-accessible and there are 72 steps to get to the historic trails; comfortable shoes are suggested, and children younger than 10 are in most cases discouraged from attending. On Saturdays the boat leaves from Beacon Institute Dock at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. There is also an 11 a.m. trip from Newburgh's Blue Point Restaurant Dock. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$30 for children.

For those who would prefer to paddle, kayak fundraiser tours are organized in Beacon by Mountain Tops Outfitters, in Cold Spring by Hudson River Outfitters and in Cornwall by Storm King Adventure Tours. Each includes equipment, instruction and an island tour. The cost of \$100 to \$130 per person includes a portion donated for preservation.

Those wishing to view the early evening transformation of the skies above the island, as conceived by McGill in her popular *Constellation* installation, on view through summer 2017, can journey by water on either the Estuary Steward or via kayak through Storm King Adventure Tours. Tours begin on May 7 and can be booked through melissamcgillconstellation.com.

There are also viewing points on both sides of the Hudson; visit the website for full details.

For city-dwellers, many of these tours can be combined with a rail excursion on Metro-North (web.mta.info/mnr/html/getaways.htm); the Beacon dock is adjacent to the rail station. Tickets can be purchased through Metro-North. Those wishing to make a longer visit to Beacon can take advantage of special overnight packages available with lodging at Swann Inn of Beacon; visit swanninnofbeacon.com.

The setting of Bannerman Island, dramatic and romantic, needs no set designer. Embracing the vistas, three theater companies are matching subject to setting. The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Company, which last year presented *An Iliad*, this year attaches itself to the Scottish castle and will present an all-female cast in *Macbeth*, which will also be produced under the tent at Boscobel and head to Beacon on July 23 and 24.

In a lighter vein, frequent HVSF actor Jason O'Connell will reprise *The Dork Knight*, which he describes as "a look into one man's obsession with movies about another man's obsession with dressing up like a rodent and punching people" on Aug. 14.

On Sept. 17 and 18, Just Off Broadway, in association with the Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center, will perform the Arthurian legend Lerner and Loewe musical *Camelot*.

Closing out the Bannerman season on Oct. 1 will be a performance by Frank

Marquette of *Poe's Last Mystery*, in which Poe, desperate and destitute, agrees to read from his poems and tales of mystery and is visited by his own characters, who seek revenge on him.

All shows include a cruise, one-hour self-guided tour and the main stage production. Refreshments will be available. There is a four-show package for \$240; individual tickets are \$65.

Other tales will be told by Cold Spring's Jonathan Kruk, who spins his "Legends and Lore of the Hudson Valley" yarns for children on Sept. 3 and by Eleanor Owen Seeland, who will discuss the 10 years of her childhood she spent living on the island on June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20.

The aptly named Third Sunday Music Tours combine a cruise and self-guided island tour with music of various genres. First up is the Judith Tulloch Band on May 15, the Costellos (June 19); Beacon Music Factory's Summer Boot Camp Concert (July 17), The Flurries (Aug. 21), Santa Rita (Sept. 18) and the Gravikord Duo (Oct. 16). Tickets are \$35.

Foodies can gravitate to several culinary events, including a wine and cheese cruise on June 10 that departs Beacon at 6 p.m. A more rustic Fourth of July bash will be catered by Loughran's Irish Pub and depart from Beacon at noon. The Hudson Valley Chefs Farm Fresh Dinner Fundraiser includes a five-course meal on Sept. 10, departing Beacon at 3 p.m. Tickets for most events can be purchased at bannermancastle.org or by calling 855-256-4007.

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Rabbits Gather at Gallery Garden (from Page 9)

remarkably slow and a very inefficient way to make a rabbit!" she says.

As in this show, Kepner Rose sometimes positions the rabbits so they appear to interact with each other. Sometimes she perches them on an object, a ball standing in for a rock, for example, so that she has the ability to get the rabbit into more adaptive positions. All of this may not be immediately apparent to people strolling into the garden, and that moment of surprise, when they start to examine what they are seeing more closely, is one of the joys of Kepner Rose's work.

Though she's never had a pet rabbit (nor dog or cat — "I feed the birds," she says), Kepner Rose has developed a fondness for them, even sculpting one titled "Hungry Bunny" with ribs showing after she learned that the Northeastern Cottontail was becoming endangered. Funnily enough, she rarely sees any rabbits in Cold Spring, but a colony of them have been spotted near the Garrison Art Center, where she does most of her work, sort of in the "If you build it, they will come" vein.

Kepner Rose, whose day job is working with community development organizations who create affordable housing, has been creating at the Art Center for a long time now. "I've evolved from pots to sculpture," she says. "I came in with no formal art education [besides some training at the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven years ago], and it's been a really comforting, warm, safe environment in which to explore." Citing Deb Lecce, a studio potter based in Carmel, as a mentor, Kepner Rose says "it's very much like a big family. And the pottery studio is a wonderful place; I love to set up in front of the windows and look out over the river."

In 2015 Kepner Rose's person-sized cement rabbit was a landmark on Beacon's Main Street as part of Beacon 3D. One of similar stature graces the grounds of Cold Spring's Manitou School. Her smaller works have been shown in galleries in Chicago, Denver and Tucson, and this June one of her works will be included in *Menagerie* at the Baltimore Clayworks.

Gathering of Rabbits runs through May 8. Gallery 66 NY is located at 66 Main St., Cold Spring. For more information, visit judithkepnerrose.com or gallery66NY.com.



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Furniture Now and Then

Boscobel exhibit contrasts old and new designs

by Alison Rooney

The permanent collection at Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, much of it displayed in its Federalist mansion centerpiece, includes many pieces of furniture and decorative arts heralded as masterworks and made in New York between 1800 and 1820. Now, two centuries later, the collection has been joined, at least for the next few months, by their contemporary equivalents: furniture designed and hand-crafted by the renaissance of woodworkers and cabinet makers in the Hudson Valley.

Hudson Hewn: New York Furniture Now, which opens April 16 and runs through Aug. 14, displays “old” furniture and objects and “new” together in the Exhibition Gallery and, in artful contrast, throughout the period rooms of the house itself. The hope is that “visitors can appreciate the iconic views and still see how contemporary design can interact with that,” says curator Jennifer Carlquist. “So much of Boscobel is in pairs; by removing one and putting a contemporary object in its place you get a dialogue, a punctuation point.”

Carlquist, who joined the Boscobel staff last year, has been eager to draw

attention to the collection and connect it to living artists and designers to attract new audiences to the site, particularly people interested in contemporary design. “Conversely, people interested in antique design don’t necessarily think they are interested in contemporary design,” she says, “but the adage, ‘Things aren’t made the way they used to be’ just isn’t true.”

There are 37 objects in the show, with around a third located in the mansion, where some objects were removed for the exhibit to allow the contemporary objects a chance to be seen functioning within the room.

In some instances, chairs or other pieces of furniture, emblematic of what was *au courant*, are paired with something put to the same use, but in different form, now. For example, a barrel-back cabriole chair made of mahogany, beech and pine from around 1795-1805 is paired with a conceptually similar modern creation in ash and waxed canvas by Celia Gibson and Michael Moran of Moran Woodworked Furniture.

The same goes for a trio of Windsor chairs: an example from hundreds of years ago with two recent designs, where “each interprets the vernacular form in different ways, and all of them can work anywhere — from porch to dining room to parlor,” Carlquist says. Furniture has always

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The Jupiter Windsor Chair, designed by Dzierlenga Furniture of Salt Point, NY is made from reclaimed and bleached, spalted maple.

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(from previous page) defied classification, she notes, because it can be considered fine art, sculpture, decorative and a craft, sometimes at the same time. “It can have a narrative, or just be about aesthetics or about function,” she says. One part of the exhibit, in particular, poses the question, “What is sculpture and what is furniture?”

The work of 17 artists and designers, most with a background in fine arts, is shown in *Hudson Hewn*, but they are “standing in for hundreds of others in the Hudson Valley,” Carlquist says, noting that each designer had to have one or two pieces which could relate to historic design and also to the permanent collection. “We started with about 60 furniture makers and narrowed it down,” she says. Initially, none of the 17 selected to participate had ever been inside Boscobel, but upon visiting, many took inspiration from what they discovered.

Carlquist found the makers from extensive clipping files she maintains, and a great deal of research looking at online blogs, which she calls a tremendous resource. There is indeed a furniture-making movement in the Hudson Valley, one related, says Carlquist, to similar ones in cooking, gardening and many other back-to-the-earth, “slow” activities.

“People are interested in their life reflecting this place, and that was true in the early 1800s as well,” she says. “Living this way now draws people here, because you have to have space and an abundance of locally sourced, often reclaimed, wood.

The Hudson Valley has a long tradition of wonderfully rustic furniture, all made in keeping with the environment.” Speaking of Moran Woodworked Furniture, specifically, as an example, Carlquist says, “They work with salvaged trees, and they know every tree. To them, furniture is a rebirth of that tree.”

The contributing artists and designers include Munder-Skiles of Garrison and Joseph Fratesi and Thomas Wright/Atlas Industries of Newburgh, as well as Dzierlenga Furniture (Salt Point), Jason Rokey/Fern Handcrafted Furniture (Hudson), Josh Finn (High Falls), Rob Hare (Ulster Park), Asher Israelow (Brooklyn and Hudson), Nikolai Jacobs (Rosendale), Jeff Johnson (Poughkeep-



Left, the Jeff Johnson-designed China Cabinet, while open (Photo provided) Above, three writing tables: Nicolai Jacobs' work from salvaged construction beams and a tilting mechanism from an office chair; a Rob Hare painting table; and a Joel Curtis design from 1817 (Photo by A. Rooney)

sie), Christopher Kurtz (Kingston), Mike Leggett (Woodstock), Moran Woodworked Furniture (Gallatin), David R. Morton/Big Tree Woodworks (Kingston), Samuel Moyer Furniture (Staatsburg), Cedric Martin/Pacama Handmade (Woodstock), Michael Puryear

(Shokan) and Michael Robbins (Philmont). *Hudson Hewn* will be open during regular museum hours and is included with admission to the house or grounds. An illustrated catalog will be available in the gift shop. There will be several exhibition-related programs over the next few months. See boscobel.org for details.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Anti-Pipeline Group to Hold Fundraiser

Fest will have carnival, music and film

A group working to stop construction of Spectra Energy's Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) gas pipeline through New York will hold a fundraising festival at the Paramount Hudson Valley on Saturday, April 16.

ResistAIM's "Say NO Say YES Fest" will begin at 10 a.m. with a carnival of games, sustainable crafts and activities, and nonprofit groups presenting about renewable energy and sustainability. At 11 a.m. the Eco Family Circus and Variety Show will take the stage. At 3 p.m. *How to Let Go of The World (And Love All the Things Climate Can't Change)*, a new film by Josh Fox, who was nominated for an Oscar for his documentary *Gasland*, will be screened. At 7:30 p.m. there will be an activist-oriented show filled with music and comedy and surprise guests, both musical and political. Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered at brownpapertickets.com/event/2529126. Children ages 12 and younger are admitted free.

"Alarming" Rise in STDs in Putnam

Health Department expresses concern

The rates of chlamydia infection reported by doctors to Putnam County health officials has jumped more than 200 percent over the past eight years, far eclipsing the rates in the state (38 percent, excluding New York City) and nation (32 percent).

"Rates are measured in number of cases per 100,000 people and while we still have lower case numbers, the rate of increase is alarming," explained Dr. Michael J. Nesheiwat, the interim commissioner of health.

In addition to chlamydia, physicians must report cases of gonorrhea and syphilis. Chlamydia and gonorrhea take a heavier toll on young people, particularly women, Nesheiwat said. Syphilis, the less common of the three but potentially fatal, has surged in recent years, particularly among men. In Putnam County, there are

10 confirmed cases so far this year, more than all the cases last year.

The good news is that all STDs — and there are quite a few, including HIV, herpes, HPV and trichomoniasis — can be prevented with the proper use of latex condoms. Unfortunately, it is possible to have an STD without any signs or symptoms and to spread it.

Primary care providers can test for STDs and prescribe antibiotic treatments. For residents who are under- or uninsured, Putnam County's health center Open Door provides service on a sliding pay scale. The office is located at 155 Main St. in Brewster; call 845-279-6999.

The Dutchess County Health Department offers testing, diagnosis and treatment of STDs at its Family Partnership Center at 29 N. Hamilton St. in Poughkeepsie; call 845-486-3535. The services are free and confidential.

Time for Spring Cleaning

Expert organizer will share strategies

Madeleine DeNitto, owner of Garrison Concierge, will present a workshop at the Desmond-Fish Library at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, "From Cobwebs to Clutter: Cleaning & Decluttering Step By Step," with tips on creating an inexpensive action plan.

This will be the first event in a new series scheduled for Wednesday afternoons at the library that will be followed by refreshments. If you have an idea for a class or activity, email dfiprograms@gmail.com. Desmond-Fish is located at 472 Route 403, at the corner of 9D.

Special Olympics Comes to West Point

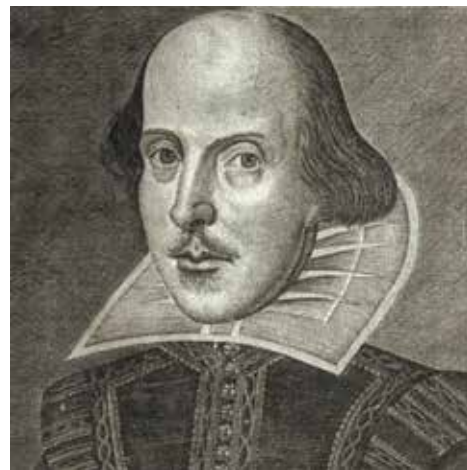
Games scheduled for April 23

More than 825 athletes, including those from Putnam and Dutchess counties, along with 650 cadets and volunteers, will gather at West Point on Saturday, April 23, for the 32nd Annual Hudson Valley Region Spring Special Olympics.

The competition kicks off at 10 a.m. with the opening ceremonies and a parade of athletes at Shea Stadium. Track

and field, swimming, power lifting and adaptive games will take place until 4 p.m. at sites throughout campus. A torch run will begin from the Highland Falls Rite Aid at 9:20 a.m. Community members are encouraged to line Main Street to cheer the runners.

Attendees should enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome gates. Proper identification is required. Concessions will be available.



Shakespeare in Cold Spring

HVSF sponsors day of activities

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival has organized a number of free events in Cold Spring to celebrate World Shakespeare Day on Saturday, April 23.

At 10 a.m., the Butterfield Library will hold an interactive staged reading of *The Tempest* and *Sword in the Stone* for children ages 3 to 6 and a character-mask workshop for children ages 7 to 11. At 11 a.m., the younger children will make character masks and the older children will see the staged readings.

At 1 p.m., HVSF's School Touring Production will present *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at Haldane Junior High School for children aged 12 and older. At 3 p.m. there will be bard-related activities for teenagers at St. Mary's in the Highlands in Cold Spring.

At 3 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, HVSF company member Zachary Fine will lead a workshop for teenagers on clowning and improvisation.

At 4 p.m. at St. Mary's, HVSF will host a workshop for *Our Town*, which will be casting members of the community, including children ages 11 and older, for performances later in the summer. Visit hvshakespeare.org for more information.

The HVSF office at 143 Main St. will be open all day for visitors to enter a raffle, purchase tickets for the summer performances at Boscobel and meet the staff. At the same time, many Main Street businesses, including A Twist of Fate Salon, Archipelago, Bijou Galleries, Burkelman, C+E Paint, Cold Spring Antiques Center, Cold Spring Pizza, The Country Goose, The Country Touch, The Silver Spoon, Swing, Indigo Chic and Vintage Finds, will offer discounts.

For reservations to any of the events, visit hvshakespeare.org/whats-playing/world-shakespeare-day.html. Business owners who would like to take part can email Nora Rosoff at nora@hvshakespeare.org.

Home Sales Up but Prices Flat

Real estate report gives details

Realtors in the four-county lower Hudson region served by the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors reported 3,391 residential sales during the first three months of 2016, an increase of 18.5 percent over the same period in 2015, but prices were relatively flat.

There were about 9,700 properties listed in the four counties, about the same as last year, although the stock in Putnam County dropped 6.6 percent. Putnam County had 255 sales, a 30 percent gain over last year, and the median sale prices rose 10.5 percent, to \$300,000, although the relatively small number of sales can cause large percentage increases. The median sale price of a single family home in Westchester, by contrast, was \$569,950, down from \$600,000 last year.

In Dutchess County, there were 442 sales of single-family homes that closed in the first quarter of 2016, an increase of 32 percent over the same period last year. The median selling price of \$233,100 was down about 2 percent. Average days on market increased about 4 percent, to 144 days, and the number of listings dropped about 9 percent, to 1,470. The median selling price of condos, meanwhile, was \$159,900, about 17 percent higher than in the first quarter of 2015.

The figures are based only on homes listed in the Mid-Hudson Multiple Listing Service and do not include private sales.

Tick Season Has Arrived

Health Department outlines precautions

With mild weather arriving, tick numbers are increasing and mosquitos will be breeding. Both will be looking for warm-blooded hosts to bite. Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, babesiosis and other tick-borne illnesses, along with a growing group of mosquito-carried diseases — West Nile, chikungunya and Zika virus — are looming possibilities, however remote they may be.

"With our relatively mild winter, we are already seeing more ticks this season," said Dr. Michael Nesheiwat, interim commissioner of health for Putnam County.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in this area, but not the only one, he noted. Cases of babesiosis, anaplasmosis, ehrlichiosis and powassan virus have been on the rise over the past few years. In the spring, when the population of nymph ticks increases, it is important to take precautions because their tiny size makes them more difficult to spot.

West Nile Virus has been the biggest mosquito-borne concern, but no cases have been confirmed in the county since 2011, and only three cases of chikungunya have occurred, all since 2014.

Preventing bites should be a top defense. Shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts should be worn whenever possible. Insect repel- (Continued on next page)



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lent containing DEET should also be used as well, paying close attention to the directions provided by the manufacturer. Children should not apply this product themselves.

Putnam residents are advised to remove all standing water. Rain storms often result in pooling water. Anything in the yard that collects water can become a breeding site for mosquitos if left for more than four days. Some mosquitoes, including the A. Albopictus, even prefer small items like a bottle cap full of water, in which to breed. Only one lone specimen of A. Albopictus has ever been found in Putnam, and while it has been shown to be capable of carrying the Zika virus in a lab, it has not yet been seen as a reliable carrier in the real world.

"Checking your yard now and after every rainfall is crucial," says Robert Morris, the county's director of environmental health. "Anything that traps water — old tires, rain gutters, cups or cans, even leaves and tree holes — may provide a breeding spot. Drill holes in tires or dispose of them properly; clean gutters, and overturn all containers, however small."

Contrary to popular belief, smaller pools of water are more productive for mosquito breeding than larger bodies of water, which have natural mosquito predators such as fish and dragonflies. The health department continues to apply larvicide to targeted road catch basins. This season mosquito tracking by the county and state departments of health will be increased as well.

Christians and Jews Share Service

St. Mary's provides home for synagogue

On Sunday, April 10, the Philipstown Reform Synagogue and St. Mary's Episcopal Church of the Highlands worshipped together in a joint service led by Father Shane Scott-Hamblen and Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. It was the second time the congregations have worshipped together.

The St. Mary's parish house has been home to the Philipstown Reform Synagogue for the past five years. "The church members and Father Shane have made our congregants feel that the parish house is our spiritual home," said Cathy Duke, the

synagogue's president. "This warmth and welcoming attitude and our work together not only represents the best of what it means to be a religious congregation but also the best of what it means to be American citizens in one of the most beautiful towns in our country. We recognize and honor our common spiritual bonds."

Following the service, both congregations enjoyed a brunch in the parish house.

Jazz Vespers Ends Season on Apr. 16

Renee Bailey will be guest vocalist

The final Jazz Vespers of the season takes place at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown. The season typically ends in May but that performance this year will be replaced by a benefit concert featuring John Cimino and a group of young artists.

Music director and pianist Tom McCoy has recruited Renee Bailey as the guest vocalist, Cameron Brown as bassist, guitarist Tony DiPaolo and drummer T. Xiques, son of founding Jazz Vespers member Ed Xiques. Rob Scheps will be featured on flute and soprano saxophone. The performance is free but donations are welcome. A wine and cheese reception will follow. The church is located at 10 Academy Street in Cold Spring.

Fire Company to Hold Open House

Cold Spring firehouse open April 23

The Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 will host an open house with food and beverages from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 23 at 154 Main St. to show off its gear, equipment and trucks and provide information on how to become a volunteer firefighter.

Environmental Summer Internships

Applications due May 1

The Philipstown Garden Club is accepting applications for its annual summer internship program, now in its 20th year. The deadline is May 1.

The program is open to middle school and high school students from the Philipstown area. Each student is assigned to and mentored by staff at Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary, Manitoga, Stonecrop Gardens, Glynwood Farm or the Garrison Institute.

Students work eight 20-hour weeks during July and August and receive a stipend of \$1,000. The work schedule is determined by the mentor organization and the intern.

Before applying, students should visit the websites of the participating organizations to learn about their missions. Candidates will be interviewed and selected by the Garden Committee. For an application and more detailed job descriptions, visit pgcinternship.com.

Summer Camps at the Library

Butterfield will host two programs

The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring has announced the dates for its free summer camps for elementary school and middle school students. The half-day camps, which are funded by an anonymous donor, are open to Philipstown residents.

The first camp, "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" for children entering first through fifth grades, will take place from 9 a.m. to noon from July 11 to 15. Its activities, games, and crafts will be based on the summer reading theme of fitness and sports. It will include visits from special guests such as author and performer Jason Edwards and educators from Animal Embassy and Mad Science. The camp is limited to 20 students and registration opens May 1.

The middle-school camp, "Get in the Game," for students entering sixth through eighth grades, will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Aug. 1 to 5. It is open to 15 students. Registration began April 1.

To register, visit butterfieldlibrary.org and click on the calendar. For more information, call 845-265-3040.

Concert to Benefit Clearwater

Manhattan event set for Apr. 29

On Friday, April 29, the NYC Friends of Clearwater and the New York Society for Ethical Culture will co-host a benefit concert for the restoration of the sloop Clearwater, "All Hands on Deck," with artists including Kim & Reggie Harris, the Chapin Sisters, Bethany & Rufus, the Peace Poets, Judy Gorman, the Ebony Hillbillies and Bev Grant.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. at NYSEC, located at 2 W. 64th St. in Manhattan. Tickets start at \$20 and can be ordered at buytickets.at/nycfriendsofclearwater/48803.

For more information, call 212-316-1654.



Hikers at Breakneck Ridge Photo provided

Breakneck Ridge Update

Stewards will discuss state of trails

The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will host a discussion of Breakneck Ridge at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19. Hank Osborn, the East Hudson program coordinator for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, Fred Osborn III, commissioner of the Taconic Region for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, and Don Weise, author of *Circuit Hikes in Harriman*, will discuss visitor management and safety at Breakneck Ridge and the surrounding trailheads.

The first 20 attendees will receive a copy of Weise's book, courtesy of the Trail Conference, a non-profit organization responsible for building, maintaining and protecting more than 2,150 miles of public trails. For more information, visit nynjtc.org/breakneck. The Desmond-Fish Library is located at 472 Route 403, at Route 9D.

Free to Wander

Fees waived at 127 national parks

To mark its 100th anniversary, the National Park Service will offer free admission to its 127 sites that charge entrance and tour fees on 16 days in 2016, including from April 16 to 24 during National Park Week. (Fourth-grade students get free annual passes through the Every Kid in a Park program, and active military and

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Rabbi Helaine Ettinger shares the Torah scroll. Photo provided

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citizens with permanent disabilities also are admitted free year-round.)

In New York, participating parks include the Roosevelt homes in Hyde Park (Val-Kill and the FDR home); the Vanderbilt Mansion in Hyde Park; the Martin Van Buren home in Kinderhook; Teddy Roosevelt's home, Sagamore Hill, on Long Island; and the Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater. For more information, visit nps.gov/planyourvisit/fee-free-parks-state.htm.

Galef Offers Summer Internships

Open to high school and college students

Sandy Galef, who represents Philip-Stown in the state assembly, is accepting applications for unpaid summer internships in her downtown Ossining office for high school and college students.

Everyday projects include writing let-

ters and press releases, researching bills and assisting in addressing constituent concerns. Many interns also focus on special projects, such as town meetings and press conferences. Interns also have a chance to travel to Albany with Galef when the legislature is in session.

Students may apply their hours as an intern as volunteer hours required by schools or religious organizations. To apply, visit assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Sandy-Galef/story/46712.

Beacon

Revolutionary War Heroine

Actor to portray first woman to enlist

The actor Judith Kalaora will portray Deborah Samson Gannett (1762-1827), the first woman to enlist, fight in and be honorably discharged from the American military, in a one-woman show at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Fishkill at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 30.

The Fishkill Historical Society is sponsoring the performance as part of its Ellen Lachowicz Memorial Lecture Series, in part because Gannett spent time in Fishkill during her service.

Gannett, an indentured servant by the age of five who became a schoolmarm and farmhand, enlisted with the Fourth Massachusetts Regiment of the Continental Army under the alias Robert Shurtliff on May 20, 1782, while wearing an old soldier's uniform with her chest bound and her hair tied back.

Tickets to the performance are \$10 for society members and \$20 otherwise. They must be ordered by Thursday, April 21, using the form at fishkillhistoricalsociety.org; only 100 are available. Any unsold tickets will be available at the door. The church is located at 1200 Main St., near All Sport.



Judith Kalaora as Deborah Samson Gannett

Photo provided

Dia to Share History at Howland

Talk will include drawing exercise

Educators from the Dia Art Foundation will visit the Howland Public Library in Beacon at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, to discuss the foundation and its history and goals and share a drawing exercise related to its collections.

Founded in 1974, the Dia Art Foundation sites (diaart.org) include artworks, installations and exhibitions at Dia:Beacon, in New York City and farther afield, such as Walter De Maria's *The Lightning Field* (1977) near Quemado, New Mexico, and *The Vertical Earth Kilometer* (1977) in Kassel, Germany. Dia provides artists with long-term support to realize ambitious projects.

Materials for the drawing exercise will be provided. The Howland Library is located at 313 Main St.

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Folk singers in Washington Square in the early 1960s

Photo: Museum of City of New York

Historian to Discuss Folk Revival

Lecture on April 21 will include live music

The cultural and urban historian Stephen Petrus will speak at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at the Beacon Sloop Club on New York City and the American

folk music revival of the 1950s and '60s. The event will include live music organized by the American Center for Folk Music as well as a circle of song.

Hear the stories of a variety of characters, including Izzy Young of the Folklore Center, Mike Porco of Gerde's Folk City and John Hammond of Columbia Records, and performers such as Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan and Dave Van Ronk who brought a

new style — largely traditional and rural — to urban audiences.

Petrus, a research fellow at the New-York Historical Society, in 2015 curated the exhibition *Folk City* at the Museum of the City of New York and co-wrote an accompanying book, *Folk City: New York and the American Folk Music Revival*.

The club is located at 2 Flynn Drive. For more information, visit beaconsloop-club.org or call 845-463-4660.

Earth Day Clean-up

Volunteers will descend on Long Dock Park

Scenic Hudson has planned a clean-up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, April 22, at Long Dock Park in Beacon to celebrate Earth Day by cleaning the shoreline and removing invasive plants. Wear clothes you won't mind getting dirty, including long pants, sturdy, closed-toe shoes and a hat. Also bring gloves if you have them, plenty of water and a snack. Participants under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, contact Antony Coneski at 845-473-4440, ext. 273, or by email at aconeski@scenichudson.org.

Visit highlandscurrent.com for news updates and latest information.

Sports



A painting of Coach Tony Percacciolo

Booster Club to Honor Coach Percacciolo

Event scheduled for April 22

The Blue Devil Booster Club will hold a Recognition Night at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 22, to honor former Haldane head football coach Tony Percacciolo (2006-10). The event, open only to adults, will be held at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center.

Admission is \$40 at the door and includes light fare and beer and wine. The center is located at 75 Mountain Laurel Lane in Cold Spring. RSVP to bluedevil-boosterclub@gmail.com.

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