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Little League season opener: see P. 20



Participants and directors at the *Our Town* workshop on April 9 at the Desmond-Fish library

Photo by A. Rooney

## Our Town Attracts Plenty of Local Characters

*Workshops draw 231 hopefuls for HVSF production*

by Alison Rooney

In they come: why, there's the man who used to deliver the mail — and, by gum, that young girl has grown nearly half a foot. A running commentary of this sort has gripped the readers and viewers of Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* for seven decades but also could be the ruminations of someone sitting on a Main Street in this or another town today. That's precisely the point of both the play and of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival's (HVSF) production, inspired by the Public Theater's Public Works initiative, that will come to life over the Labor Day weekend.

Community members from Beacon, Cold Spring, Garrison, Newburgh and Peekskill both are iterations of the people described in the iconic play and, by attending one of eight preliminary workshops conducted by the HVSF, demonstrated their hope to be included among the actors portraying those people or working behind the scenes.

The eight workshops drew a total of 231 participants, exceeding HVSF's expectations.

At a workshop held April 9 at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, 42 intrepid potential thespians signed in for two hours of activities led by *Our Town* director John Plummer. He asked the group to form a circle and urged them not to look at him but rather to direct their gaze at each other.

"Really study them, take them in, one

person at a time," he instructed. "How far are their feet apart? As you're studying these people allow yourself to 'write' a narrative about them ... Allow yourself to write their story. Try to see the complexity of them. In the way they stand you can divine something about their character. You're the playwright, in your mind."

Plummer next had participants alter their stance, got them walking, forming and re-forming circles, letting others look deeper into their eyes. He added drum beats and suspension/release reactive motion to the beats. This turned into light jogging, then jumping, in sync with each other, eventually doing the same without the cue of the drum.

These exercises, and those which followed, some of (Continued on Page 14)

## Beacon Rec Pushes for Afterschool Programs

*Department to ask council for \$270K for launch*

By Jeff Simms

Beacon city and school officials are considering an afterschool program that, if implemented, would provide a variety of daily activities at South Avenue, J.V. Forrestal and Sargent elementary schools.

Glenham, the fourth elementary school in the Beacon district, is located in Fishkill, so its students can already participate in afterschool programs offered by

the Fishkill Recreation Department. In fact, Beacon Recreation Director Mark Price said that his son has taken part in programs at Glenham, which inspired Price to investigate what could be done in Beacon. "I'd come to work and the three district schools within the city limits didn't have programs," he said.

Other parents noticed the void as well and expressed their concerns about a shortage of safe activities for younger children in Beacon.

"There has been a real need for working

families to have steady afterschool care," said Clarice Allee, president of the South

Avenue Parent-Teacher Association. In addition, "parents who stay at home who would like the option of enrichment within a flexible schedule. The draw is for their kids to remain in their

school building — in a place they feel safe and comfortable, surrounded by familiar faces, to engage in activities and social experiences that are a little different than what they participate in throughout the regular school day."

Price said he (Continued on Page 6)

## Police Activity in Cold Spring

*Department reports offer few details*

By Michael Turton

Policing Cold Spring will cost village taxpayers \$418,890 in fiscal year 2016-17. The fact that the Cold Spring Police Department (CSPD) accounts for more than 20 percent of village spending was raised as an issue during the March election campaign and was brought up again at the public hearing on next year's budget held earlier this month. CSPD operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week with one officer on duty at all times. Additional officers are occasionally used during special events. The force currently includes 14 part-time officers, a practice that is less costly to the village because part-time employees receive no benefits.

Given the presence of Putnam County Sheriff's Deputies, New York State Troopers and Metro-North officers in the village, some residents and officials have questioned whether Cold Spring requires its own force. Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith routinely describes the county as the safest in New York.

To get a better idea of the responsibilities of Cold Spring's officers, *The Current* examined CSPD activity reports submitted over the past two years to the Village Board by Officer-in-Charge George Kane, who has been with the Cold Spring force for 10 years.

The reports do not provide a great amount of detail. (Continued on Page 3)



Sgt. George Kane is officer-in-charge for the Cold Spring Police Department.

Photo by M. Turton



## Roots and Shoots

# Garrison School Embraces Its Forest

*New website designed to get students, teachers into woods*

By Pamela Doan

Students at the Garrison School have a 185-acre forest at their disposal, a resource gifted to the district in 1956 by the Osborn, Gunther and Sloan families for environmental education.

But other than an annual School Forest Day, to be held this year on Friday, May 6, students and teachers didn't use it frequently in lesson plans or recreation. Last fall, the board of education asked the school's new

principal, John Griffiths, to see if there were ways to encourage more visits.

"I found there were a lot of things holding teachers back," Griffiths says. "We went out of our way to remove logistics."

To that end, the school launched Forest Fridays, a nine-week pilot program. Administrators arranged for a bus to transport classes to the forest; teachers could sign up to take their students. It was so effective that Forest Fridays resumed on April 1 and will continue until the end of the school year.

Griffiths also wanted teachers to realize they didn't need a grand plan to get students into the forest. "There is value to just

being in nature. I want them to see the school forest as a lab, to try small ideas," he said. Whether it was a hike or spending time enjoying a view, Griffiths wanted to support teachers in experimenting to see how the students reacted and what impact it had.

"I'm a big fan of unstructured time in nature," he said. "It's vital for human development and a lot of studies say that just



The Garrison School Forest

Photo by Stacy Ricci



Two Garrison students in the school forest with Superintendent Laura Mitchell

Photo by Jill Corson Lake

getting kids out in nature helps them be more productive and able to engage in learning."

Griffiths said the district hasn't incurred any extra cost running Forest Fridays. Teachers have been able to sign up but it has not been a mandate. After the fall term, teachers requested more resources to create curriculum, bathroom facilities (portable toilets are brought in for the annual School Forest Day) and storage for materials in the forest.

The request for more curriculum resources struck a chord with Jill Corson Lake, who has two children at the school and serves on its Environmental Education Committee. She created a website at [gufsee.org](http://gufsee.org) with lesson plans and many other resources. It's a comprehensive tool for anyone who wants to hike in the forest (which is open to the public; a trail map can be downloaded at [gufs.org](http://gufs.org) under "Our District"), get involved or learn about environmental education.

Gorgeous photography makes the site easy on the eyes, too. Corson Lake's photos of the Hudson Valley and forest make the design and function aesthetically pleasing. She created it as a thesis project for her Master of Arts degree in Critical and Creative Thinking at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

"Jill's efforts to consolidate resources and help that process has been invaluable,"

said Griffiths. "[It helps to have] best practices, resources for introduction for students, and to professionally launch a brainstorm of ideas of what could be done." Corson Lake developed the site with input from the administration, teachers and the environmental education committee. "I wanted it to be both useful and well used," she said.

Corson Lake says the site remains a work in progress. A new vegetable garden at the school will be added on

April 21 and 22; she hopes students and teachers will update the Forest Fridays blog, and she'd also like to see the forest being used for research with information that could be shared through the site. The site also has the potential to be used as a community board for educators.

Corson Lake's interest in environmental education stems from her connection to the Hudson Valley. "It's really important for all children to learn outdoors and be in nature and to learn about this place where we live; to find out about geology, the Hudson River ecosystem, the history of our area, Pete Seeger's legacy," she said. "Because we have a school forest, I think we can make public education here special and unique."



Jill Corson Lake

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# Police Activity in Cold Spring

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Compiled monthly, they include the number of “calls for service” and parking and moving violation tickets issued. Calls to the department could cover a wide range of situations, from loud arguments or music, disabled vehicles and cars blocking driveways to more serious situations such as burglaries, assaults and fires.

Reports were not submitted to the board for five of the 24 months examined. Calls for service were omitted from two reports and the number of moving violations was missing from one. Two reports provided the total for two months rather than one.

Despite the inconsistencies, the data provides a snapshot of police activity in the village. During the 19 months reported over the past two years, 1,311 calls were taken and 1,088 parking tickets and 748 summonses for moving violations were issued. That works out to a monthly average of 77 calls for service (2.5 calls per day), 57 parking tickets per month (about two per day) and 41.5 moving violations (about 1.5 per day). Moving violations were given consistently through the year, while park-

Notes

1.

The nature of each “call for service” is not specified in the department’s reports to the Village Board.

2.

DNP = did not report

3.

The department said no data was collected.

4.

The report to the board included the total for this and the previous month; the totals given here were divided equally between the months.

ing tickets and calls for service rose in the spring and summer.

In the past, CSPD’s monthly reports included a detailed breakdown of calls for service, parking tickets and moving violations. That practice ended in January 2014. Current reports provide only monthly totals. It also is not apparent from the reports whether most of the activity takes place during the day or overnight.

Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy declined to comment on the CSPD reports but said policing would be discussed at the next meeting of the village board, which is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26.

Each week Cold Spring officers ...

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Respond to 18 “calls for service”

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Write 14 parking tickets

•

Write 11 tickets for moving violations

Averages based on 17 reports provided to the Village Board since July 2014.



File photo by M. Turton

Cold Spring Police Data			
	Calls for service	Parking tickets	Moving violations
2014			
Mar.	DNP <sup>2</sup>	DNP	DNP
Apr.	DNP	DNP	DNP
July	85	101	33
Aug.	104	81	48
Sept.	90	57	50
Oct.	DNP	55	47
Nov.	60	49	25
Dec.	75	22	17
2015			
Jan.	75	61	25
Feb.	DNP	123	N/D <sup>3</sup>
Mar.	74	43	35
Apr.	DNP	DNP	DNP
May	79	78	46
June <sup>4</sup>	79	79	46
July	90	70	42
Aug.	DNP	DNP	DNP
Sept.	80	53	35
Oct. <sup>4</sup>	80	53	35
Nov.	75	35	75
Dec.	80	30	42
2016			
Jan.	70	38	42
Feb.	54	31	55
Mar.	61	29	50

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Heuer for school board

Without question, Meredith Heuer is one of the most qualified people to ever run for a position on the Beacon City School District (BCSD) Board of Education. She has consistently shown her dedication to our community through her role as chairperson of the Beacon Arts & Education Foundation (BAEF), her work as a photographer with her Beacon Portraits series, and her attendance at school board meetings. Meredith's dedication to the Beacon community stems from being the daughter of an educator as well as being a product of the Detroit public school system. She firmly believes in public education and wants to see it thrive in the city which she lives.

Her passion led her to become co-chair

and eventually chair of the Beacon Arts & Education Foundation (BAEF), who since its inception in 2004, has supported more than \$100,000 worth of programming in the BCSD that serves all grade levels. One of these programs is the Calico Ball, a tradition that has been part of the third-grade curriculum for more than 25 years. Funding for it was cut out of the BCSD budget in 2009, but under Meredith's stewardship, BAEF has been able to fund this cherished Beacon tradition.

Ask any parent who has witnessed or student who has participated in the Calico Ball and they will tell you how much it is a part of the fabric of Beacon. BAEF is also proud to have funded new sound equipment in the high school, more than \$5,000 worth of musical instruments, teaching artists, Shakespeare in the high

school, live performances for the middle school and more. Meredith's determination made all of that happen.

In addition to running BAEF, Meredith also makes certain to attend and actively participate in school board meetings. She is not a bystander by any stretch of the imagination. She believes in a rich, diverse and thriving school district. She is doer. A motivator. A parent. A role model. She not only wants what's best for her children, but for the children of Beacon as well. Meredith is a selfless advocate for the students, parents, stakeholders and taxpayers of Beacon. Please join me in voting for her on Tuesday, May 17. I proudly and enthusiastically endorse Meredith Heuer for BCSD Board of Education.

Terry Nelson, *Beacon*

## School Boards Pass Budgets

### No contest expected for trustee seats

The Haldane and Garrison district school boards have both passed their 2016-17 budgets, which will now be considered by voters on Tuesday, May 17.

Voters will also elect new trustees, although there will not be a contest in either district. In Haldane, three incumbents — board president Jennifer Daly, Laura Scanga-Hammond (who was appointed earlier this year to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Peter Henderson) and Margaret Clements — filed petitions to fill three seats.

In Garrison, incumbent Derek DuBois filed a petition to retain his seat for a second term and newcomer Jill Corson Lake filed to fill the seat vacated by Charlotte Rowe, who is not running for a third term.

Haldane trustees voted unanimously at their April 19 meeting in favor of the proposed 2016-17 budget that includes spending of just over \$23 million, an increase of 0.96 percent over last year, which keeps the district below the state-imposed tax cap.

The Garrison board approved a budget on April 6 of \$10.2 million that was 0.79 percent higher than last year, with an estimated tax levy increase of 0.16 percent. The board also approved a proposition to purchase a new school bus.

## Main Street Project Underway

### Public meeting set for April 25

More than 10 years after the application for federal funds and four village mayors later, the Main Street

Project is underway in Cold Spring.

A public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, April 25 at the Cold Spring Fire House, 154 Main St., to share details about the project. Village officials will be joined by representatives from CHA, the project consultant, and Con-Tech Construction,



Deputy Mayor Marie Early (right) met with representatives of CHA Consulting and Con-Tech Construction earlier this week.

Photo by M. Turton

the contractor, to describe the work and the project timeline. The information may be of particular interest to Main Street merchants, residents and landlords. Information is also being made available on the village website at coldspringny.gov and its Facebook page at facebook.com/vcs10516.

The project, which got underway on April 20 with workers marking broken concrete, will include

improvements to badly deteriorated sections of sidewalks and curbs along Main Street from High Street to Depot Square-Lunn Terrace. Curb cuts compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be added. Sidewalk, curb and drainage improvements as well as paving will also be done on Furnace Street. The work is expected to take five to six months.

## Presidential Primary Results (Unofficial)

Tuesday, April 19

### Putnam County

#### Democrat

Bernie Sanders 3,573 (51%)  
Hillary Clinton 3,477 (49%)

#### Republican

Donald J. Trump 5,757 (70%)  
John R. Kasich 1,509 (18%)  
Ted Cruz 915 (11%)  
Ben Carson 58 (1%)

### Dutchess County

#### 18th Congressional District

#### Democrat

Clinton 6,864 (51%)  
Sanders 6,698 (49%)

#### Republican

Trump 6,839 (65%)  
Kasich 2,178 (21%)  
Cruz 1,417 (13%)  
Carson 105 (1%)

#### 19th Congressional District

#### Democrat

Sanders 4,982 (55%)  
Clinton 4,141 (45%)

#### Republican

Trump 5,608 (62%)  
Kasich 2,018 (22%)  
Cruz 1,264 (14%)  
Carson 105 (1%)



# Fire Company to Host Open House

*CSFC hopes to attract new members*

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Fire Company (CSFC) will open its doors to the public on Saturday, April 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of Recruit NY, a statewide effort to increase membership in volunteer fire departments.

"We want to make people aware of who we are and what's involved with being a firefighter," said Chief Steve Smith, who has been a firefighter for 24 years. He said the department is hoping to recruit younger members, something that happened almost by default in Cold Spring in the past as family members joined generation after generation. That is less common now. With more people working away from the village, and many commuting into the city, recruitment becomes more of a challenge.

## A job for everyone

It takes a commitment to be a firefighter, Smith said, but "it doesn't matter what your career is — we can train you. We can help you to help your neighbors out." The Cold Spring fire company's members have included male and female teachers,

military personnel, police, full-time firefighters, landscapers, electricians, self-employed business people and high school and college students, he said. Current members range in age from 16 to 75.

Three young CSFC firefighters epitomize the people Smith hopes will drop by the firehouse on Saturday.

Michael Etta's involvement in the fire company is part of a family tradition. His father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather also served as CSFC firefighters, he said. The 22-year-old joined in 2011 and is now a first lieutenant and qualified both as a driver and interior firefighter. His reason for joining was simple, he said. "It's always good to help people."

In contrast, John Parr, 18, who joined in 2014, was the first in his family to become a volunteer firefighter. He has one more course to become qualified to go into

burning structures. He joined CSFC at the urging of a friend, Stephen Junjulas, also a firefighter. "I enjoy every moment I'm at the firehouse ... and being there when it counts," he said, especially when being there includes a call to a fire. "And I like the guys here. It's like one big family." Parr said he also values the CPR, first aid and opiate-antidote training he's received.

Jeff Phillips, 20, is a second lieutenant whose father and grandfather also served with the fire company. "It's just something I've always wanted to do," he said. "And I wanted to give something back to the community." Phillips said he appreciates that he still has much to learn. "You learn something new on every call," he said.

## Junior Fire Academy

CSFC's Junior Fire Academy, held each summer, has been an effective recruiting tool. Established in 2002, the weeklong day camp teaches students ages eight to 13 the basics of fire safety and firefighting. Smith estimates that about 30 of the academy's graduates have

gone on to join local fire companies, including Etta, Phillips and Parr.

In addition to enjoying a hot dog or hamburger, Saturday's open house will give prospective members and the community a chance to have a firsthand look at CSFC's equipment and facilities, including a new 21-foot rescue boat.



John Parr

Photos by M. Turton



Jeff Phillips and Michael Etta

The Cold Spring Fire Company is deeply embedded in village history, dating back 120 years. The Cold Spring Hose Company No. 1, established in 1896, was renamed the Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 in 1900. Its first piece of equipment, a hose cart, was stored in a shed behind the office of J.G. Southard at the corner of Main and Garden Streets, now the Garden Café. The first firehouse was built on Garden Street in 1898 behind what is now Cold Spring Pizza.

In 1923 CSFC moved into the newly constructed municipal building which today serves as village hall. The company moved to its current location at 154 Main St. in 1974, taking over the former Post's Garage.

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Date: 4/20/2016

BY: Tina Merando, Town Clerk



## Beacon Rec Pushes for Afterschool Programs *(from Page 1)*

is hopeful that the Beacon City Council will allocate a total of around \$270,000 in funding for programming in this fiscal year and the next. He also believes they could be self-sustaining fairly quickly.

"If we have 10 percent participation [about 100 children between the three schools], we can build a program that's pretty affordable and can break even," he said.

As proposed, the programs would launch this September at the three schools and run weekdays from dismissal until 6 p.m. The daily schedule would include homework help, team play, a snack and a different specialized activity each day, ranging from yoga to music and movement to "classic" sports like kickball and soccer to a "kid's kitchen."

"We look at each day as a flavor, and



Omar Harper

File photo

those flavors can be as diverse as our community," Price said. "Our goal is enrichment and to provide a safe, fun afterschool program."

Ideally, the programs would be a partnership between the city and the school district. The city would provide staff and programming, while the schools would provide the space.

"I think any time the school district can work with the municipality to provide services to our facilities, it's a win-win for all," school board President Melissa Thompson commented.

Costs would be between \$13 and \$15 per day, Price said. (The Fishkill program is around \$11 per day.) Parents would be able to sign their children up for single days or by the week. A survey Price posted at [survey-monkey.com/r/BeaconAfterSchoolProgram](http://survey-monkey.com/r/BeaconAfterSchoolProgram) has generated nearly 200 responses, with

approximately 97 percent positive feedback.

"This is a great start," said City Council member Omar Harper, who participated in similar programs while growing up. "I'm 150 percent behind this. I can almost guarantee that I'm in a better spot because of a program I went to from third to fifth grade. It built [positive] habits in me."

Harper said his only concern is that the programs are affordable. "It's hard for the lower- to middle-class families to handle adding to their monthly expenses, and a lot of times those are the kids who are going to need this as much if not more [than others]," he said.

Price hopes to get a decision on the proposal from the City Council in May, which would give his department time to get the program up and running before the school year begins in September.

## Second Screening Added for Brian Nice Documentary

*First showing of photography road trip doc sold out*

The Philipstown Depot Theatre has added a second showing at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29, of *Offset – The Film: Seeing Beauty Through a Brain Injury*, a documentary by Adam Hall and Erin Hall about photographer Brian Nice, who was confined to his parents' Garrison home after a catastrophic brain injury. When his health insurance no longer covered physical therapy, Nice embarked on a cross-country road trip to photograph the American landscape and capture how he now sees the world.

The theater is located on Garrison Landing. An exhibition of Nice's work will be on view across the street from the theater at the Garrison Art Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Tickets to the 7:30 p.m. screening, which includes a Q&A, are sold out but seats are available for \$20 each to the new screening at 5:30 p.m. Visit [brownpapertickets.com/event/2518366](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/2518366). For more information about the film, see [offsetthefilm.com](http://offsetthefilm.com).



Photograph by Brian Nice



Brian Nice

Photo by Christine Ashburn

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York, on the 5th day of May, 2016, at 7 p.m. in the evening of that day upon the question of a LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE CHAPTER 175 BY AMENDING TOWN CODE SECTION 175-8 "ZONING MAPS" TO CHANGE THE ZONING DESIGNATION FROM "RR" TO "HC." All persons interested will be heard at the time, date and place specified above.

A complete copy of the proposed local law is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, Town of Philipstown, Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York where it may be examined during the Town office hours.

DATED: April 20, 2016

By Order of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown  
Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk

### NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL PURSUANT TO SECTION 506 AND 526 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

Notice is hereby given that the Assessor for the Town of Philipstown, County of Putnam, has completed the tentative assessment roll for the current year. A copy will be available May 1, 2016 at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY, where it may be examined by any person interested until May 24, 2016. On that day, the Board of Assessment Review will sit at the Town Hall, Cold Spring, NY between the hours of 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. to hear and examine all complaints in relation to such assessments.

The Real Property Tax Law requires that grievances be in writing. Forms for written submission are available in the Assessor's Office, Town Hall, Cold Spring, NY.

Dated this 22nd day of April 2016  
Brian J. Kenny, Assessor



## Spring Cleaning



Demolition has begun at the building adjacent to 1 East Main in Beacon. The former industrial site, a landmark along Beacon's east end, will ultimately house 19 loft units between Main Street and Fishkill Creek. Inset, a "before" picture of the site

Photos by Michael Turton (inset), and Jeff Simms, above



Sarah Beinstein and Megan Lawrence in a scene from *First Time Flippers* Photo provided

## First Time Flippers

*Beacon shop owners featured on cable show*

The owners of Nixie Sparrow, a DIY workshop space in Beacon, will be featured at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, in an episode of *First Time Flippers* on the DIY Network. The second-season episode, titled "DIY or DIE," first aired on April 16 and will be repeated several times over the next few weeks.

Megan Lawrence and Sarah Beinstein host curated DIY events throughout the Hudson Valley. The DIY Network pitches

the episode this way: "Megan and Sarah run a DIY blog and workshop, but they've decided to take their projects to the next level: flipping a house! These girls may have an eye for design, but they have a lot to learn about construction. With the occasional injury and lack of focus, the girls struggle to complete their renovations on time and anywhere near budget."

Nixie Sparrow is located at 291 Main St. and at [nixiesparrow.com](http://nixiesparrow.com).

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## Obituary

### Evelyn Byrnes-Mast

Evelyn Mary "Evie" Byrnes, 81, of Atlanta and Highlands, N.C., passed peacefully on April 6, 2016, after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

Evie was born in Manhattan and raised in Garrison. She graduated from Ladycliff College in 1956 as valedictorian, then started her career with AT&T in White Plains. She moved quickly from engineering to data processing, where she held numerous pioneering positions from programmer to division manager. After AT&T, she joined AMS, advancing to Southern Region vice president.

After her retirement in 2000, Evie volunteered at Atlanta's Northside Hospital. In 2003, she and her husband established a home in Highlands, where she became a hospice volunteer. She served in local board leadership positions for Hospice and the International Friendship Center. She also served as a founder and vice president of the Hospice House Foundation of Western North Carolina.

Evie was instrumental in bringing Four Seasons hospice to Highlands and western North Carolina and served on its board. Prior to her illness, Evie worked tirelessly on a capital campaign to ensure that a hospice house is built to provide compassionate end-of-life care to the residents of western North Carolina. She was an active member of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Bible Study and the Rotary Club of Highlands and a volunteer at the Bookworm and the Highlands Cashiers Hospital gift shop.

Evie is survived by her husband of 33 years, Kurt Mast, and stepchildren John (Donna) and David

(Ashley) Mast and Jenifer (Michael) Dobbs, sister-in-law Debbie Mast, all of Atlanta. Known as the "matriarch" elder sister of the John and Evelyn Byrnes family, she leaves behind six of her 10 siblings: Gerald (Joan) Byrnes of Cape May, N.J., Lawrence (Kathleen) Byrnes of Somerset, N.J., Walter (Alice)

Byrnes of The Villages, Florida, Sr. Ellen Byrnes of Lincoln Park, N.J.; Robert (Rosemary) Byrnes of Croton-on-Hudson and Paul Byrnes of The Villages. She also leaves her sister-in-law Gail Byrnes of Atlanta, brother-in-law James Brady of Charleston, S.C. as well as countless nieces and nephews who always sought her wise

counsel. Her beloved siblings John, Charles and Garrett Byrnes and Margaret Brady, whom she now is reunited with, preceded her in death.

In addition she leaves behind scores of friends in Highlands, Cashiers and Franklin, N.C., St Simons, Atlanta and New York. Evie Byrnes was a beautiful woman who possessed elegance, style and grace. She was a fine listener who made an impact on all who met her. Her abiding faith, warm smile, wise guidance and gentle demeanor are gifts she leaves to all of us. She enjoyed the company of many dear friends and devoted her time to faith, family and service.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held April 11 at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church in Highlands. A memorial mass will be celebrated in Cold Spring this summer.



The Santos family, who lost their Parrott Street home to a fire nearly a year ago, had their new, modular home crane-lifted onto the site this week.

Photo by A. Rooney

## Santos Home Finally In Place

*A year after fire, family ready to return*

by Alison Rooney

After months of site preparation and the laying of a new foundation, a new home for the Santos family arrived on Parrott Street on April 18. Constructed by Westchester Modular Homes, the home was put into place one floor at a time using a crane — a sight both surreal and spectacular.

The Santos' lost their home to a fire in May 2015 and have been living in temporary quarters in the home or with neighbors. Family members and neighbors watched the installation of the home together, from across the street: a far happier occasion than the last time they were gathered in that spot.

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# The Calendar



A participant adds her expression of words through objects and use of space at the DIA presentation at Howland Library.

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## Lessons in Service

*Students step up for others*

by Alison Rooney

**M**ax Hadden's family loves to travel. Though only in the ninth grade, Max has seen the Galapagos Islands, Botswana and Japan, where his mother, Jackie Huddleston Hadden, once lived. "If it's on a map, we want to go there," she said.

The next adventure for the Cold Spring family, planned for this summer, will be a journey to the island nation of Madagascar. As it was being planned, Max, who attends Poughkeepsie Day School, received an class assignment to research "an oppressive situation" in a foreign country and detail what might be done to change it.

What had been "just a trip" to Madagascar turned for Max into an opportunity. "Madagascar is one of the 10 poorest countries in the world, and 90 percent of the population lives on less than \$2 a day," he explained. "There's a lot of child labor, and many children are forced to work in jobs like mining."

Max has launched a clothing and school-supplies drive to benefit children in Madagascar, placing drop-off boxes at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison and the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and at the Garrison offices of pediatrician Peter Gergely. He is asking

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## Words Take Shape

*Understanding the art of Dia:Beacon*

by Alison Rooney

**T**he description of a workshop held at the Howland Public Library in Beacon on April 19 promised a discussion and introduction to the history and sites of the Dia Art Foundation. But the arts educators from Dia:Beacon, the foundation's museum here, quickly made it clear their program would not be exactly that.

Instead, said Kirsten Mosher and Alexandra Vargo, participants would create their own art as a way to understand the themes explored in the collection and how the contemporary artists featured at the Beacon museum approach their work.

Mosher and Vargo first asked attendees to introduce themselves and explain why they had come. Some were Dia members and said they visited the Beacon collection often; one, a Beacon native, said simply, "I want to know more about what's going on that place." The library's relatively new director, Amy Raff, also took part, noting she had just become a museum member.

Mosher discussed the language used by some modern artists such as Sol LeWitt, who creates graphite words that drafters can take and interpret, following his directions. Mosher rattled off a stream of his words and phrases: series, composite, grid, not straight, random, broken lines, points, arcs, uniform.

She continued by sharing a list of verbs that sculptor Richard Serra constructed in 1967 and 1968 that pushed his art in a new direction. These verbs became "the way he moved steel," Mosher explained, rattling off wave, dilute, repair, bond, crumple, split, remove, encircle, hinge, splash, rotate, scatter, continue.

"What shape does that word make?" she asked. "Today we're going to come up with words that describe things that are happening in this room, using language these artists would use. Then we'll use the language as directions to move things around the room. All will accumulate on our mat. We'll be drawing in space, creating something that will surprise us."

Participants took index cards and surveyed the room, including paintings on the wall, and listed words describing aspects of what they were viewing. They

laid the cards on a mat covered with materials: ribbons, balls, fabric. Mosher asked everyone to choose a card, then choose a material, and then to use that material in the way the card instructed, on an empty, adjoining mat.

All the while, Vargo filmed the mat, documenting the creation as it happened. At the conclusion it had become a colorful explosion of the directives of the guiding words: crossing, weaving, smush, angle, radiate, etc., the cards themselves interacting with their embodiments.

That exercise complete, Mosher said the question at hand was: "How does this help us make sense of what we're looking at?" She said that participants had just gone through a process that artists whose work is included in the Dia:Beacon collection use.

"After you do an activity like this you can ask yourself 'What does my language mean? What does movement mean when walking through a piece?' It's a physical action," she said. "We're having

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Max Hadden with some of the donations he has collected to bring along on the family's trip to Madagascar

Photo by Jackie Huddleston Hadden



FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Earth Day

Paul Tschinkel Art Film: Laurie Anderson

5:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Community Pesach Seder 2016

6 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
845-831-2012 | beaonhebrewalliance.org

International Film Night: War of the Buttons (Ireland)

7 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

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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SATURDAY, APRIL 23

World Shakespeare Day

Newburgh Last Saturday

facebook.com/NewburghLastSaturdays

Alpine Plant Sale

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens | 81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring | 845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Earth Day Cleanup

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Little Stony Point Park  
3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring | littlestonypoint.org

Spring 2016 Workation

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. & 2 – 6 p.m. Long Haul Farm  
69 South Mountain Pass, Garrison  
RSVP to longhaulny@gmail.com

Volunteer Landscape Day

9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison  
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Butterfield Library

10 a.m. *The Tempest / Sword in the Stone* (ages 3-6)  
10 a.m. Character-Mask Making (ages 7-11)  
11 a.m. Character-Mask Making (ages 3-6)  
11 a.m. *The Tempest / Sword in the Stone* (ages 7-11)  
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | hvshakespeare.org

Open House

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cold Spring Firehouse | 154 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-9241 | coldspringfd.org

Special Olympics Spring Games

10 a.m. Shea Stadium, West Point

Wow! for Kids: 5 Wild Animals of New York

10 a.m. CEIE | 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon  
845-838-1600 | bire.org

Advanced iPhone Photo Class

10 a.m. RiverWinds Gallery  
172 Main St., Beacon  
845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Earth Day Celebration

10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bear Mountain State Park  
55 Hessian Drive, Bear Mountain  
845-786-2731 | nysparks.com/parks/13

Bannerman Island Voices (Fundraiser)

Noon – 3 p.m. The Falcon | 1348 Route 9W, Marlboro  
800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

Graphic Novel Book Club for Teens

Noon. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

HVSF School Touring Production: A Midsummer Night's Dream

1 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | hvshakespeare.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit philipstown.info.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

Clowning and Improvisation Workshop for Teens

3 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | hvshakespeare.org

Introductory Workshop for HVSF Our Town

4 p.m. St. Mary's Church | 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-809-5750 x20 | eknapp@hvshakespeare.org

Jaynie Crimmins / Kate Rogovin /

Brian Nice (Opening)

5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Habitat for Humanity Putnam

Cornerstone Dinner

6 p.m. Clearpool | 33 Clearpool Road, Carmel  
habitatputnam.org

The Loom / We Got Whales

8:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center  
477 Main St., Beacon

845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Antiques Show & Flea Market

8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport  
428 Route 216, Stormville  
845-221-6561 | stormvilleairportfleamarket.com

Birdwatching Tour with Perry Pitt

8 a.m. Hubbard Lodge | Routes 9 and 301, Cold Spring | putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

American Heart Association Walk

9 a.m. Brewster High School | 50 Foggintown Road, Brewster | putnamheartwalk.org

Haldane vs. North Salem (Baseball)

9 a.m. Dutchess Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Beacon Farmers' Market (Opens)

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 8 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon  
beaonfarmersmarket.org

Garden Conservancy Open Day

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens | Noon – 4 p.m. Tea in the Garden | 81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring | 845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org

Wine Tasting and Dinner for Seniors

Bus departs at 10:45 a.m. | Philipstown Community Center | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Sparkshift Workshop

2 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring  
845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

Towne Crier Café

4 p.m. *When Voices Meet* (Film)  
7:30 p.m. Shannon Katz & The Peace Train  
379 Main St., Beacon  
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

16mm Film Screenings with John Frouts

8 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

MONDAY, APRIL 25

Haldane Sports

4:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Arlington | 4:30 p.m. Softball vs. Arlington | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Dutchess County Government Roundtable

5 p.m. River Station  
1 Water St., Poughkeepsie | hvyp.org

College Fair

6:30 – 9 p.m. Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave., White Plains  
914-995-4050 | westchestercollegefair.com

Main Street Project Info Meeting

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

The Anonymous People (Documentary) with Q&A

7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center | 19 Front St., Newburgh | 845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Leaf and Yard Debris Curbside for Wed.

Pickup (Cold Spring)

Zumba Gold for Seniors (First Session)

10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com  
Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

New Moms & Infants Group

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | Email whiteside.ks@gmail.com

Haldane vs. North Salem (Lacrosse)

4:30 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Coloring Books for Adults

6 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

Zen and the Art of Coloring for Adults

6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Beacon Historical Society

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-0514 | beaonhistorical.org

Talent Show

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

Board of Trustees

7:30 p.m. Village Hall | See details under Monday.

Recognizing Childhood Anxiety

7:30 p.m. Haldane Elementary (Music Room)  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Chair Yoga for Seniors (First Session)

9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com  
Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

Mexican Cooking Workshop

10 a.m. Philipstown Community Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill

10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Introduction to Botany

2:30 p.m. Glynwood Farm | 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Philipstown Communities That Care Coalition

3 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison | putnamncadd.org/ctc

Haldane Sports

4:30 p.m. Baseball vs. North Salem  
4:30 p.m. Softball vs. North Salem  
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring  
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

BeaconArts Meetup

6:30 p.m. Swann Inn  
120 Howland, Beacon | beaonarts.org

Hudson Valley Baseball Classic: West Point vs. Marist

6:35 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium  
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls  
4:45 p.m. Youth Baseball Clinic

Forum on Superintendent Search

7 p.m. Beacon High School  
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon  
845-838-6900 | beaoncityK12.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Zumba Gold for Seniors (First Session)

9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com  
Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

Trustee Election and Budget Vote

Noon – 8 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St., Beacon  
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

Inclusive Playgroup (grades K-5) (First Session)

5 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Student/Faculty Basketball Game

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

Cold Spring Chamber Awards Dinner

6 p.m. Dutchess Manor | 263 Route 9D, Beacon  
explorecoldspringny.com

Food Forum with Rebecca Weber

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

Nicholas Conti: The Godmother Wore Prada (Reading)

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

Beacon Music Showcase: 100andzero / 8 Bit

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Arbor Day

12th Annual Ree-Play Children's Tag Sale

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. University Settlement Park (Theater)  
724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon | weeplayproject.org

Introduction to Theatrical Makeup (grades K-6) (First Session)

4 p.m. Philipstown Community Center  
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Arbor Day Ceremony

5 p.m. Main St., Cold Spring

Fellowship Dinner

6 p.m. St. Mary's Church  
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring  
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

At Home With the Foley Sisters (Talk)

6:30 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring  
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Offset - The Film: Seeing Beauty Through a Brain Injury (Documentary)

5:30 & 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre  
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Brian Nice exhibit at Garrison Art Center | 10 Garrison Landing, Garrison  
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

John Hiatt

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



## Lessons in Service *(from Page 9)*



Members of Haldane's senior class in front of one of the two homes they worked on during a trip to New Orleans

*Photo by Nancy Martinez*

for donations of new or quality used clothing for infants and children up to age 4, especially girls' clothing, as well as notebooks, paper, pens, pencil sharpeners, rulers, erasers, scissors, glue and picture books.

The boxes will be in place until May 6. The Philipstown Boy Scout Troop 437 has collected donations for Max and the North Highlands Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary donated cash for one of its members to purchase supplies. (For more information, email [jjm@hadden.us](mailto:jjm@hadden.us).)

Max says he plan to pack everything in large duffel bags for the family to bring with them. The company that organized the family trip has provided the name of an orphanage in the capital city of Antananarivo, and the family also hopes to distribute the donations to other, more remote, locales along their route. "Learning this kind of stuff shows you how lucky you are," Max says. His mother adds: "It's now not just facts for a school paper; it has turned into something else entirely ... Ideally you want service to become a habit: to grow up and do service when nobody tells you to."

### Rebuilding a home

More than half of Haldane High School's senior class traveled to New Orleans earlier this month for the third trip of what has become an annual excursion to rebuild homes lost in Hurricane Katrina nearly 11 years ago.

The seniors spent the first two days of their four-day visit on interior framing, painting, siding, window installation, carpentry, cementing and landscaping under the guidance of Habitat for Humanity, then spent time as tourists in the French quarter and on swamp boats. As in the past, the students organized fundraisers throughout the school year to help finance the trip.

"It was incredible to be in an environment where most of us had no idea what we were doing, and watching us all struggle and learn together outside of our usual horizons," said Tobey Kane-Seitz. "The experience left me with a new skillset, and a great sense of pride for our small school."

Kane-Seitz is also involved in another service project, this one much closer to home, in Newburgh. To earn her Gold Award, the highest honor given to a Girl Scout, she created an online registry that

allows people to donate blue recycling bins and lids to residents of Newburgh. Contributions can be made through [myregistry.com/organization/Tobey-Kane-Deitz-Cold-Spring-NY/977327](http://myregistry.com/organization/Tobey-Kane-Deitz-Cold-Spring-NY/977327).

### Haldane seniors honored

Haldane seniors Marina Martin, Marissa DiPalo and Alex Garipey were honored on April 15 by the Putnam County Youth Bureau for their volunteer work. The presentation took place the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

Martin, as the student liaison for the board of directors of the Little Stony Point Citizen's Association, organized student volunteers to help at events and clean ups. She also developed a plan for a concession stand at the park and worked

with the association to create a business sponsorship program.

DiPalo, for her service project to earn a Gold Award as a Girl Scout, organized a shoe drive in which she collected 600 pairs of shoes to benefit, among other groups, the Walter Hoving Home in Garrison.

Garipey, the senior class president, helped organize a student-run 5K race to benefit autism research; stage managed many of the drama department productions, twice co-ran the Fashion as Art event and organized the student-faculty basketball game and many fundraisers for the class trip to New Orleans. "Not only was there a job for everyone to do, there was a collective sense of purpose," she said. "We were not just building a house, we were restoring a family's dignity."

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# The Buzz on Bees

## Tips to keep the hive healthy

By Anita Peltonen

“Stinging is part of beekeeping,” concedes Rodney Dow, who has a bee hood ornament on his pick-up and “Bee Happy” painted on the tail gate, “but the venom keeps your joints fluid!”

A commodities trader by day, the Garrison resident has kept bees for more than



Dow (white-haired, behind hives) answers questions on beekeeping near his established apiary at Glynwood Farm. The hives are strategically located near fruit trees and perennial flower areas.

Photos by A. Peltonen



Apiarist Rodney Dow presented Make Your Bees Thrive at Glynwood Farm in early April. Spring is when hive-building, breeding and honey-making begin.

50 years and clearly loves the little hummers that drift out of his hives at Glynwood Farm in Cold Spring. He spoke there at a workshop on April 2 about how to help bees thrive.

So as not to startle his charges, Dow says he warns them he'll be opening the hive to clean, collect honey or remove the Varroa mites that have, along with climate change, contributed to the colony collapse threatening the food chain. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, bee pollination is responsible for about

\$15 billion worth of crops each year.

The best time to go into the hives is mid-day, Dow says. Any other time and you're likely to find the bees testy. But he quickly reassured his audience: “Raw honey has natural peroxides to heal wounds!”

To best learn to beekeep and make sure you can tolerate stings, Dow suggests newbies apprentice with experienced apiarists. The initial housing and starter hives will cost about \$500. Dow, who in the 1970s taught agriculture at SUNY Farmingdale, also shared details of which plant and crop pollens make good honey: basswood and honey locust trees, legumes and buckwheat.

A crucial factor in keeping a hive

healthy: keep it dry. Honey bees can survive at minus 30 degrees Fahrenheit unless moisture has taken hold.

To get rid of mites, which suck on honeybees, lay eggs in bee larvae and transmit deadly diseases to them, Dow recommends simple remedies. “Spray Pam [cooking spray] on the bottom board,” he says. “The mites will stick to it. Afterward, count the number of mites you catch. If it is more than 20, treat again.”

The highest tolerable ratio of mites to bees is 2 percent, he said. Oxalic and formic acid also put pressure on the mites. Eventually, says Dow, the genetics of the mites and bees should help turn the situation around.

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## Words Take Shape (from Page 9)

a chance to rethink the ideas of language and movement as opposed to thinking about what it might mean symbolically. LeWitt said, 'It is what it is,' and that was meaningful to this generation of artists who are now in their 70s."

Mosher cited Robert Ryman, whose white paintings are a focal point at Dia:Beacon. "When he walks into his studio he's asking 'How can I talk about what is a painting in a new way?'" she said. "When you see his work, he's making experiments, answering that question in many different ways." Vargo added: "That's something we try to parallel: the artist educators are coming in with a question they investigate with the students. Here, the space informed us and you informed it."

The program continued with a discussion of how perspective changes the view of what is seen, such

as with Dan Flavin's "barrier" light installation. "Being at Dia is a very active experience, and there are so many different ways to activate it," said Mosher. "It's a slow process and there's a ritual of going back." As the majority of exhibits are permanently installed, there is ample opportunity for this.

The women then provided a quick tour of Dia's constellation of sites, including those in New York City, as well as elsewhere in the U.S. and at Kassel, Germany.

Dia:Beacon, which is located at 3 Beekman St., will hold its next Community Free Day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, with free admission, a gallery talk at 2 p.m. (Rattanamol Johal will speak on Joseph Beuys), interactive family programs and live music. For more information, visit [diaart.org](http://diaart.org).



Angle, weave, to radiate: all words and actions were depicted physically on a mat, suggesting an artistic process specific to one used by some contemporary artists.  
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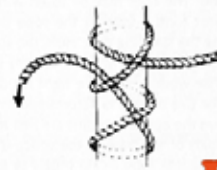
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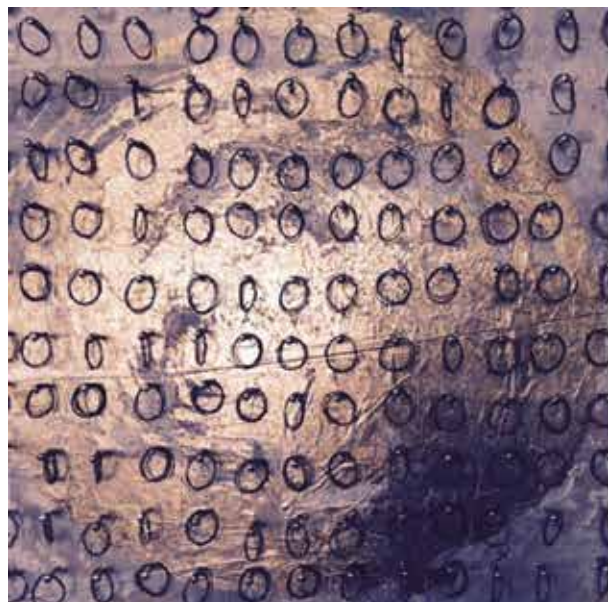
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## Our Town Attracts Local Characters *(from Page 1)*

which involved the placement of hands on “stranger’s shoulders,” were all aimed at achieving the connectivity essential for a cast to cohere. “Tune in to invisible bonds, believe that you can do this,” he said. “It’s like theater: if the audience isn’t giving a lot to you, double down and give them more.”

The second part of the session focused on a long jump rope, turned by HVSF Associate Producer Emily Knapp and Sean McNall, HVSF’s associate artistic director and one of three professional cast members who will appear in the production. Explaining that each person needed to jump in and through, and being met with more than a few “oh no” visages, Plummer told them: “If you’re afraid, go sooner, leap forward and face your fears. When one is jumping, all of you are jumping. There’s no backstage, you’re all rooting for the actor, the jumper. If you believe in them, they’ll make it through.”

And sure enough they did, in fits and starts. Two of the youngest had the most difficulty, and Plummer had them face each other, joining hands, telling them not to look at the rope. “You’re going to get each other through. Don’t wait: go!”

After a few more turns of the rope, they made it through, as Plummer championed the moment, “What you saw the two guys do: that’s drama. They fight through, they get killed — a tragedy! They get married — a comedy! We feel a sense of catharsis ... that was super hard; that was theater. We want to create a show where people applaud for that reason, because some-

thing got pulled out of you.”

Finally, Plummer called for a circle again, and spoke of what was at the core of all the exercises: “We need to push that ego down, get rid of the ‘I’ parts of ourselves and connect a ‘we’ instead. Especially when we’re doing a play called *Our Town*. Let’s do a play about our town made by our town. A town where boundaries are porous. Boundaries between stage and audience get invaded just as, late in the play, boundaries between life and death get broken.”

Plummer invited the attendees to the next level of workshops, to be held on April 23 or 30, in which the actors will work with the text. Auditions will follow in May, and although not everyone will be cast because of the number of people who have shown interest, there are a host of other ways people can participate backstage. There’ll be something for everyone to do, he said. Rehearsals



After the activities, participants learned about the nuts and bolts of the next few months.

Photo by A. Rooney

will begin in July and will increase in frequency and duration as the summer moves along. Participants should expect a commitment of anywhere from three to six rehearsals a week in August, he said.

Plummer’s parting words to the group were that “we want this to be a great show, not just, ‘Oh, it’s a nice thing they did for the community.’”

Interviewed after the workshop, several participants concluded they were raring to go. Ron Sopyla of Beacon, a theater teacher at a New York City public school, said when he does things now it is largely as a storyteller. “I miss being in an ensemble,” he said. “I thought this would be a fun way to become part of one.” Sopyla said while he expected the workshop would include theater games, “the jump rope was a surprise, but I made it! I’ll do anything to be a part of this.”

Daniel Phillips, 11, of Cold Spring, had a similar response: “I love HVSF, I watch all their shows. Today was a different way of interacting and I totally want to do this show.”

Linda Mueller of Cold Spring is perhaps exactly what HVSF had in mind when the notion of a community show was considered. A physician at NYU, she called this “completely unrelated to anything I ever do.” Mueller’s daughter, a former HVSF apprentice turned actress and, more recently, a nurse, told her about the workshop. “She said ‘Ma, you’ve got to do this.’ When you go to see plays, you’re always watching and you don’t know what actually goes on to get them there. HVSF has been amazing and I definitely want to be a part of this.”

There are two final workshops, and attending one is mandatory for anyone wishing to participate. The first will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary-in-the-Highlands Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring and the second on Saturday, April 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Desmond-Fish Library, 472 Route 403, Garrison. For more information, visit [hvshakespeare.org/whats-playing/our-town.html](http://hvshakespeare.org/whats-playing/our-town.html) or email Emily Knapp at [eknapp@hvshakespeare.org](mailto:eknapp@hvshakespeare.org).



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## Desmond-Fish to Honor Salman Rushdie

Novelist will receive award at annual dinner

The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will honor the novelist Salman Rushdie at its annual Associates Awards Dinner, to be held on May 6 at the Roundhouse in Beacon. Conservationist Andy Chmar and young-adult author Kimberly Sabatini will also receive awards.

Rushdie, who speaks often at libraries, universities and bookstores about his books and the importance of free speech, is best known for his 1989 novel, *The Satanic Verses*,



Andy Chmar, left; Kimberly Sabatini Photos provided

which prompted the ayatollah of Iran to issue a fatwa, or death threat, against him. He has written 11 other novels, in-

cluding *Midnight's Children* (which won the Booker Prize in 1981), *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* and, most recently, *Two Years Eight Months and Twenty-Eight Nights*, was published in English in 2015. His books have been translated into some 40 languages.

The novelist, who was knighted in 2007 by Queen Elizabeth, will receive the Hamilton Fish Award. Past honorees include Angela Lansbury, Calvin Trillin, Alice Waters, Frank McCourt, Toni Morrison, Arthur Miller, Tom Brokaw, Julie Taymor, Toshi and Pete Seeger, Ismail Merchant and James Ivory.

Chmar, who will retire this year as executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, will receive the Patricia Adams Award for community service. Chmar, a West Point graduate who spent 22 years in the Army, retired as a colonel and moved in 2000 with his wife Gayle Watkins, also an Army colonel, to their home outside of Cold Spring. During his tenure at the land trust, it has preserved more than 2,200 acres on both sides of the Hudson. Chmar also has served on the board of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival since 2005.

Sabatini, who will receive the Alice Curtis Desmond Award, given each year to a



Salman Rushdie

notable local author, is a former special education teacher who grew up in Beacon and writes young adult fiction. Her debut novel is *Touching the Surface* (Simon Pulse - Simon & Schuster).

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A photo from *Into the Arms of Strangers*

## Synagogue to Show Kindertransport Doc

*Film recounts effort to save 10,000 Jewish children*

*Into the Arms of Strangers*, which in 2000 won the Academy Award for best documentary, will be shown at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison at noon on Saturday, April 30, by the Philipstown Reform Synagogue. Narrated by Judy Dench, the film records the extraordinary effort that saved 10,000 Jewish children from the Nazi Holocaust during World War II. Called the kindertransport, the children were brought by train and boat from Germany and other nations under Nazi control to England.

The film will be preceded at 11 a.m. by a service led by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. A discussion will follow the film, including comments by Henry Stern, whose brother was saved by the kindertransport, and a short personal film of the memories of the kindertransport that a friend of the Sterns recorded prior to her death.

The free screening commemorates the annual remembrance of the Holocaust, or Shoah. For more information, email synagogue president Cathy Duke at cathye95@aol.com.

## Film Examines Long-Term Addiction Recovery

*Downing will screen doc on April 25*

The Downing Film Center in Newburgh, in collaboration with Friends of Recovery – Orange, will screen the 2013 documentary *The Anonymous People* at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, followed by a discussion.

The documentary, directed by Greg Williams, examines the lives of some of the millions of Americans who are in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs. The film center is located at 19 Front St. Admission is free on a first-come basis (the theater has 55 seats),

A scene from *The Anonymous People*

although donations are welcome at the door. For more information, call 845-561-3686 or visit [downingfilmcenter.com](http://downingfilmcenter.com). For more about the film and its companion book, *Many Faces One Voice*, visit [manyfaces1voice.org](http://manyfaces1voice.org).

## Peter Sanders Documentary to Benefit Art Center

*Reservations required by May 1*

Maryann and Rich Syrek will host a screening of Cold Spring filmmaker Peter Sanders's documentary, *Altina*, at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 13, in a benefit for the Garrison Art Center. The screening will take place at Skybaby Studios at 75 Main St. in Cold Spring. Sanders's documentary, which the *Village Voice* called "a joyful portrait," follows the life of his grandmother, the avant-garde sculptor Altina Schinasi Miranda (1907-1999).

A Q&A and dessert and coffee will follow. Donations are \$50 for one or \$75 for two. RSVP with payment and guest names by May 1 at [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org) or call 845-424-3960. Tickets will be emailed.



Altina in Washington, D.C., around 1979

*Photo courtesy of Peter Sanders*

## Putnam County Posts History Online

*Initiative will create historical archive*

Putnam County has teamed with an initiative called Hudson River Valley Heritage to bring images and records that document the county's history online. The new digital archive will be located at [hrvh.org/putnamcountyny](http://hrvh.org/putnamcountyny).

The initial contributions of business and architecture images were scanned by volunteers at the Patterson Historical Society. Recent additions from the Historian's Office and county archives include photographs of workers at the Borden Condensed Milk factory in Brewster, tourist shots from the late 1800s of Lake Mahopac hotels, photos of the "Old Put" New York railroad line, snapshots of the Oscawana Lake community



In a photo taken about 1930, Babe Ruth plays ball with local children while visiting friends at Oscawana Lake, Putnam Valley.

*From the photo collection of Willett C. Jewell and the Putnam Valley Historical Society*

in Putnam Valley and images from the 1895 Aqueduct Commission's Construction of Croton Watershed reservoirs, channels and dams.

## Registration Open for Spring Splatt

*Mud run open to children and adults*

The Friends of Philipstown Recreation will host its second annual Spring Splatt 5K Mud Run on Sunday, May 1, at the Community Center in Garrison. The event will also include a race for participants ages 12 to 21 and a kids' mini race.

The 5K race begins at noon and costs \$40 in advance or \$50 on race day. The student race is \$30 (\$40) and the kids' race, which starts at 1:30 p.m., is \$20 (\$30). The first 100 paid participants will receive a free T-shirt. Register at [active.com](http://active.com), at the community center, or call 845-424-4618. All proceeds benefit improving recreational facilities.

## Summer Music Lineup

*Riverfront series starts on July 10*

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has announced the line-up of musicians who will perform on Sundays in July and August at the bandstand as part of its Summer Sunset Music Series. The concerts are free and begin at 6 p.m. at the riverfront.

- July 10: Fuzz & Carrie from Caravan of Thieves (gypsy swing folk band)
- July 17: Scott Wolfson & Other Heroes (indie folk pop rock band)
- July 24: Jessica Lynn (country)
- July 31: The Big Takeover (reggae, ska)
- Aug. 7: KJ Denhart Group (folk, soul)
- Aug. 14: Spuyten Duyvil (Americana, folk, bluegrass)
- Aug. 21: Murali Coryell (blues)
- Aug. 28: Acoustic Open Mic Night

For the Aug. 28 open mic, the chamber is looking for Philipstown-based bands to perform two songs each, with the winning act

receiving a \$250 prize based on an audience vote. For more information, visit [facebook.com/coldspringmusicseries](http://facebook.com/coldspringmusicseries). The summer music series is sponsored by Downey Energy and Putnam County Tourism.

## Vassar Looks to the Stars

*Observatory open to public April 27*

As part of a month-long series of events celebrating Earth Day, "Stargazing at the Vassar Observatory" will be held at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27 (weather permitting) and the documentary *A Sidewalk Astronomer* will be screened at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 29 in Rockefeller Hall. The film profiles John Dobson, the inventor of the Dobsonian telescope mount, which made telescopes accessible to the public on every continent. That same day, the exhibition *Touch the Sky: Art and Astronomy*, opens at the Frances Lehman Loeb Art Center.

Directions to the Vassar campus, located at 124 Raymond Ave. in Poughkeepsie, are available at [vassar.edu/directions](http://vassar.edu/directions).

## Experts to Speak on Childhood Anxiety

*Talk set for April 26 at Haldane*

Two specialists in child psychology, Jarell Myers and Katie Thorpe Blaha, will speak at Haldane Elementary at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26, on recognizing childhood anxiety at home, school and in the community. They will address questions such as, "What's the difference between stress and anxiety?" and "What's developmentally normal and what's not?"

Thorpe Blaha is a clinical psychologist and postdoctoral fellow at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital in White Plains. She specializes in childhood anxiety disorders and trauma. Myers is a child clinical postdoctoral fellow at NewYork-Presbyterian who works with children and adolescents with anxiety disorders and adolescents struggling with substance use.

The event (Continued on next page)



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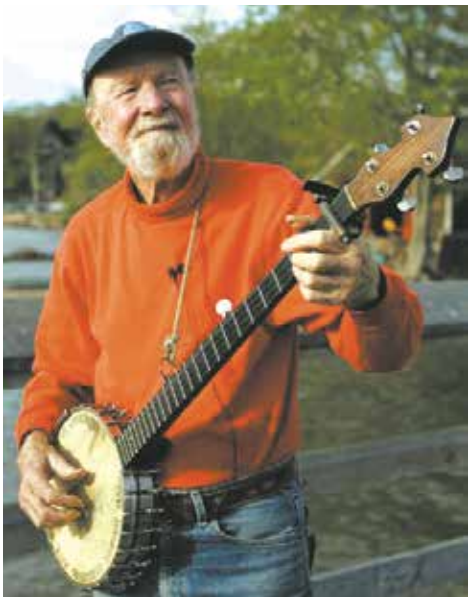
*Tompkins Corner to celebrate icon*

On Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 6 p.m., the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley will present a Pete Seeger Festival to celebrate the musical and humanitarian legacy of a neighbor, mentor and friend — and his birthday on May 3.

Performers will include David and Jacob Bernz, Dan Einbender and Roy Diggitt, Pat Lamanna, Mel and Vinnie, Melissa Ortquist and Karen Brooks, Andy Revkin, RJ Storm and Old School Bluegrass Band, Sarah Underhill, and Susan Wright with Steve Kirkman.

“The musicians we have invited to participate all performed with Pete and sailed with him on the sloops Clearwater and Woody Guthrie and worked with him at the Beacon Sloop Club,” said Judy Allen, coordinator of the festival. “In addition to singing Pete’s songs and their own, they will tell stories about the man who inspired so many people in the course of his 94 years.”

The festival is free but donations will be collected for the restoration of the sloop Clearwater. In the event of rain, the festival will be held indoors. The cultural center is located at 729 Peekskill Hollow Road. For more information, visit [tompkinscorners.org](http://tompkinscorners.org).



Pete Seeger

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## Glynwood Names Farm Apprentices

*Five students will receive hands-on training*

Glynwood Farm has recruited two livestock and three vegetable apprentices for the season as part of its Farmer Training program, which includes both hands-on training on the 225-acre farm and classroom education. On Thursday, June 9, their



Kyle Woehrle, Lexi Burko, Glynwood Director of Farmer Training Dave Llewellyn, Ali Mitchell, Charles Carrier and Caitlin Keller

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work will be showcased at a farm dinner in which they will be the guests of honor.

The apprentices this year are Kyle Woehrle, a Boston University graduate with a degree in marine science; Lexi Berko, who attended Delaware Valley College for Conservation and Wildlife Management and spent four years working at a certified organic vegetable farm in Pennsylvania; Ali Mitchell, a graphic designer from Los Angeles who was most recently assistant farm manager at Living Roots Ecovillage in Indiana; Charles Carrier, who is pursuing a degree in agroecology from Sterling College in Vermont; and Caitlin Keller, who has a bachelor’s degree in English from UCLA and a master’s in food systems from NYU.

## Find Farmers for Your Land

*Workshop will introduce network*

Putnam County landowners are invited to learn about the Hudson Valley Farmlink Network at a workshop at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at 112 Old Route 6 in Carmel hosted by Glynwood Farm and the county.

The network is a partnership of 15 organizations coordinated by American Farmland Trust that offers training, networking and one-on-one assistance for farmers and landowners. Attendees will learn how to work with the network and its Hudson Valley Farmland Finder site and assess the agricultural possibilities of their properties.

To attend, RSVP to Dave Llewellyn at [dllewellyn@glynwood.org](mailto:dllewellyn@glynwood.org).

## North Highlands Looking for Fire Commissioner

*Need candidate to fill vacancy*

The Philipstown North Highlands Fire District is looking to fill an upcoming vacancy on its Board of Fire Commissioners, continuing through Dec. 31 by appointment and then by election for the remaining year left on the vacancy.

Commissioners must be available on the first Friday and second Thursday of each month for meetings. Job duties include supervision of fire services provided and management of business policies, such as budgets and personnel. The commissioners are volunteers.

Candidates must reside within the North Highlands district throughout his or her term. To apply, call 845-265-7285, email [nhfiredistrict@optonline.net](mailto:nhfiredistrict@optonline.net) or send a resume to Philipstown North Highlands Fire District, 504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring, NY 10516, Attn: Secretary/Treasurer.

## Little Stony Point Cleanup

*Volunteers needed for April 23 event*

The Little Stony Point Citizens Association is organizing a park cleanup day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 23. Celebrate Earth Day by helping to clean this little gem just north of Cold Spring on Route 9D. Bring rakes and trash pickers if you have them, and drinking water in reusable bottles.

## New Poetry Book for Children

*Raven Howell’s Spinning Circles now available*

Raven Howell, a three-time recipient of a Letter of Merit for children’s poetry from the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, has released a new collection, *Spinning Circles: Action Poems*. The Cold Spring resident’s poems have appeared in popular children’s magazines such as *Cricket*, *Ladybug* and *Highlights for Children*.

The 22 poems in *Spinning Circles* provide a tool for parents, teachers and caregivers to share the zing and spark of kicking a ball, clapping hands, leap frogging or finger painting. Among children, Howell says she hopes the compilation will inspire tumbling, stretching, dashing, skipping, stacking and gliding.

*Spinning Circles* can be ordered in hardcover, paperback or Kindle editions at [amazon.com/dp/1634982851](https://amazon.com/dp/1634982851). Howell’s first collection, *Dozy Poems, Cozy Days: Poems to Calm an Active Child*, is also available.

## Library Needs a Few Good Stories

*Submit by May 13 deadline*

Have a story to tell? The Butterfield Library is looking for eight people to each tell a four-minute, non-fiction story of their own (without notes) during the Dragonfly Story Hour for Adults on Friday, June 3.

Moderator Anita Peltonen and host

Luanne Morse will select the eight submissions; entries are due by Friday, May 13. Submissions must be no longer than four minutes when told dramatically (about 650 words). If a prompt is needed, think along the lines of, “What it feels like to...” or “The first/last time I ever...” Storytellers must tell their own story.

To enter, submit by email to [jblhappenings@gmail.com](mailto:jblhappenings@gmail.com) with the subject line “Dragonfly Story Hour, Attn: Anita Peltonen & Luanne Morse” or drop off a hard copy at the library at 10 Morris Ave. Include a phone number and email address. The selected storytellers will be notified on May 20. You must be 18 years or older to enter. The event is made possible by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts.

## Screen-Free Week Begins May 2

*Kids encouraged to “unplug and play”*

A group of parents will encourage students in Philipstown to turn off their screens from May 2 to 8 as part of a national effort organized by the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood. Screen-Free Week encourages families to forgo screens for entertainment purposes for a week.

The campaign began in the 1980s focused on television but has since expanded with the number of screens in daily life. More than 100 families have historically participated in Philipstown since the local effort began in 2012. To register, visit the Butterfield or Desmond-Fish libraries; elementary school students will also receive information in their backpacks. For more information, call 914-420-9727 or visit [screenfree.org](http://screenfree.org). The site also has tips on how to help kids “unplug and play.”



## Beacon

## Towne Crier to Host Screening, Concert

*Film tells story of South African children’s choir*

The Towne Crier Café in Beacon will screen *When Voices Meet* at 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 24. The 2015 documentary tells the story of a 500-voice, multiracial South African children’s choir that traveled across the country during apartheid aboard The Peace Train. The children performed together (To next page)



Sharon Katz & The Peace Train Photo provided



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS (From previous page)

for seven years, then reunited 20 years later.

After a dinner break, Sharon Katz & The Peace Train will perform at 7:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$25 in advance and may be purchased at townecrier.com. For more information on the film, visit [whenvoicesmeet.com](http://whenvoicesmeet.com).

## Ree-Play Sale Opens April 29

*Sale benefits kids' programs in Beacon*

The 12th annual Ree-Play children's tag sale will take place from April 29 to May 1 at the University Settlement Park Theater in Beacon. The sale features hundreds of items, including gently used children's clothes, toys, books and games, along with maternity clothes and sports equipment. It runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

All proceeds fund children's programs in Beacon, including playground improvements and programs at the Howland Public Library and the Beacon Recreation Center.

On April 29 and 30, shoppers can fill their own bags with children's clothes for \$15. Everything, including bags of clothes, will be 50 percent off on May 1.

## Shanghai Quartet Returns to Howland

*Group will perform on May 1*

The Shanghai Quartet — Weigang Li and Yi-Wen Jiang on violin, Honggang Li on viola and Nicholas Tzavaras on cello — returns to the Howland Cultural Center for a performance at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 1.

Formed at the Shanghai Conservatory in 1983, the quartet has been a regular performer at leading chamber music festivals.



The Shanghai Quartet

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At its concert in Beacon, the group will play the *String Quartet No. 20 in D Major, K 499* by Mozart, the *String Quartet No. 1 in A Minor* by Bela Bartok and the *String Quartet in G Minor* by Edvard Grieg.

The performance will be followed by a reception. The Howland Center is located at 477 Main St. Tickets are \$30 (\$10 for students) and can be reserved by calling 845-765-3012 or visiting [howlandmusic.org](http://howlandmusic.org).

## Art Auction to Benefit School

*Randolph adding new building*

To raise funds for a new building called The Studios, the Randolph School is hosting an art auction at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. The building will be the home for art and music studios and a library at the five-acre Wappingers Falls campus.

The live and silent auction will include work by more than three dozen artists, including Andrea Moreau, Ed Benavente, Jessica Wickham, Deborah Davidovits, Emil Alzamora, Melissa McGill, Ethan Harrison, Rick Price and Leonard Freed. To view a

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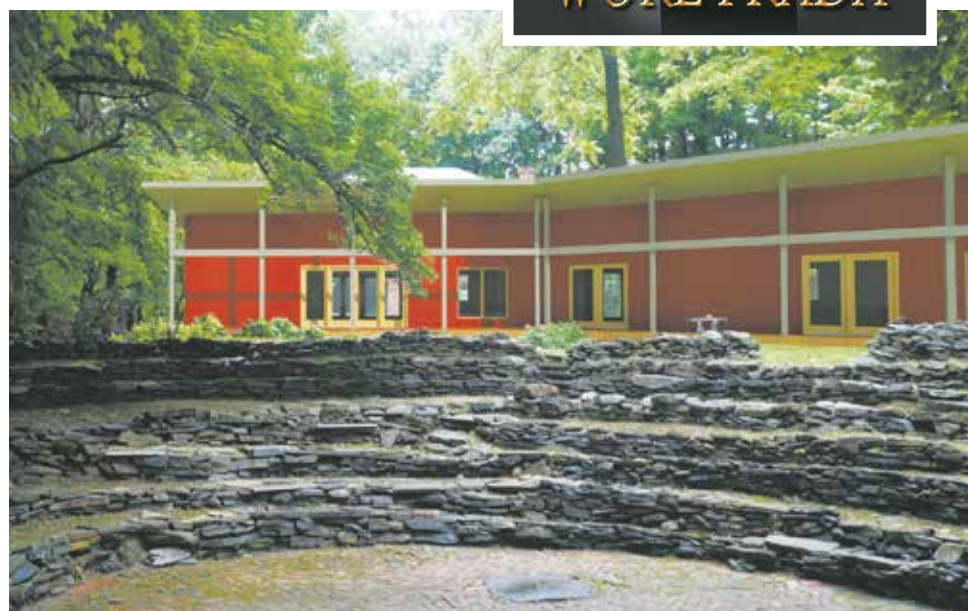
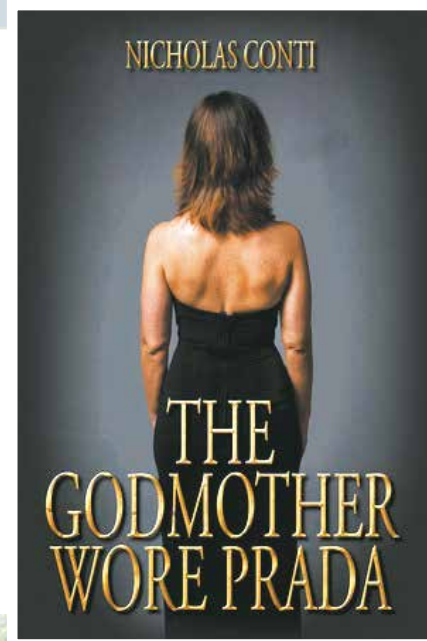
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catalogue and purchase tickets, visit [randolphschoolgiving.org/art-auction](http://randolphschoolgiving.org/art-auction).

## Can Fashion Save the Mob?

*Novelist to discuss latest book*

Screenwriter, actor and writer Nicholas Conti will discuss his latest novel, *The Godmother Wore Prada*, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at the Howland Public Library in Beacon. Can fashion help to not only clean up the mob, but revitalize it? Copies of the book and Conti's other titles will be available for sale and signing. The library is located at 313 Main St.



A conceptual drawing of The Studios proposed for the Randolph School

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## Sports

## Haldane Track and Field



Haldane freshman Maura Kane-Seitz (right) on her way to winning the 3000 meters in 12:01.36 at the League Championships at Putnam Valley High School on April 19. The Haldane girls won the meet, followed by Putnam Valley.

Photos by Peter Farrell



## Seniors to Host Faculty-Student Hoops Game

*Fundraiser will reduce cost of prom*

The second annual Haldane Students vs. Faculty basketball game will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 28, at the school. Admission is \$6 for adults and students and \$3 for seniors. Chil-

dren ages 5 and younger are free. All proceeds will go toward reducing the cost for seniors who are attending prom. Each grade will be playing one quarter against a group of different teachers from the elementary, middle and high schools.



Haldane senior Corbett Francis competes in the 100m event in the League Championship at Putnam Valley High School on April 19. The Blue Devil boys finished second in the meet behind Pawling.

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Sports

Perfect Day for Little League Opener



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Participation up after lengthy decline

By Michael Turton

The recipe for a perfect opening day for 2016 Philipstown Little League includes a number of key ingredients. Clear blue skies. Mild temperatures. The national anthem. The first pitch. Hot dogs. Proud parents. Dedicated coaches. Community-minded sponsors. And most of all — a lot of boys and girls who love baseball.

It came together perfectly on Saturday, April 16, at North Highlands Field, as baseball season officially got underway in Philipstown.

This year 134 players are taking to the field, an increase of nearly 14 percent over last season, according to league president Dave McCarthy. “That’s a lot of kids for a small town like Philipstown,” he said. “After 10 years of decline, this is the first year the league has grown.” McCarthy be-

lieves one major reason for the increase has been “keeping some sort of baseball happening all year, including Thursday night fun clinics and fall ball.”

Sponsors for the season are Angelina’s, Appalachian Market, Bailey Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, Harold Lyons & Sons, Head in the Right Direction Counseling, Flagler Landscaping, the Haldane Faculty Association, Industrial Arts Brewing, JVT Construction, Mid-Hudson Concrete, Moo Moo’s Creamery, North Highlands Engine Co. No. 1 and the *Putnam County News & Recorder*.

This year’s divisions are the Junior Minors (ages 5 to 7) with the As, Yankees, Mets and Rockies; the Minors (ages 8 to 10) with the Cubs, Giants, Mets and Yankees; the Majors (ages 11 to 12) and the age 16-and-under Junior League. The Minor and Major leagues play teams from Fishkill as well as hometown rivals. Playoffs will be the week of June 6, with championship Sunday and closing ceremonies on June 11.

Play ball!

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