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Pedal Into Spring Takes Over Cold Spring's Main St.

Bicycle race to feature hundreds of riders, international field

By Michael Turton

ain Street Cold Spring is ready for what merchants and organizers hope will be a very busy May 4 and 5 weekend, and if the international cycling race scheduled for Sunday is any indication, it will be. Pedal Into Spring, a first-time event organized by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with Putnam County Tourism, will take place both Saturday and Sunday. The Ridge Hill Putnam Cycling Classic will be held on Sunday.

Pedal Into Spring, a flower festival, will offer two full days of Main Street activities, ranging from mini horses, face painting and storytelling to guided tours of village gardens and educational displays. Live music will be performed both days from noon to 5 p.m. on a stage located between Hudson Valley Outfitters and the Foundry Café. Tents and tables will line the street as merchants and organizations take their wares out to the sidewalk.

The cycling event, which will start and finish in Cold Spring, is the only U.S. stop on the UCI World Cycling Tour, a series of timed, Gran Fondo-style rides held on five continents. It will also serve as the American qualifier for the Masters World



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Putnam Legislature, County Executive Work to Keep PARC Preschool Open

\$150,000 found for first part of school year

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

he Putnam County Legislature Wednesday night (May 1) asked County Executive MaryEllen Odell for \$150,000 in funds to keep the PARC Preschool for autistic children open through the first half of the 2013-14 academic year.

Odell responded that on her part "there's a commitment" to supply the funds and take other steps to ensure continuation of the Mahopac-based, privately run but state-supported school, beset by inadequate New York state reimbursements for educational services and similar fiscal constraints.

After talks with PARC, the Legislature voted unanimously to urge Odell to supply the \$150,000 in county funds to assist the school through the fall and, in 2014 budget-setting, ask that Dutchess and Westchester counties, "which also benefit fr0m the preschool program in PARC, join with us" to fund the remainder of the next school year. In March, the school announced its intention to close in August because of funding shortfalls. The news created consternation among school supporters, including parents from Philipstown, who rely on PARC to help their children. The school enrolls 53 youngsters, aged 3 to 5, and employs 47 full- and part-time staff members. Anguish over the expected closing came at the same time that New York's draft budget proposed a 6 percent cut in the state Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), prompting a wider outcry over diminished support for those with special needs. That cut was later reduced to 4.5 percent. PARC, the Putnam branch of the New York State (Continued on page 3) Association

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Farmers' Market Moves to the **Great Outdoors**

New Market Manager Ava Bynum aims to make the market a destination

By Alison Rooney

y all accounts, the Cold Spring Farmers' Market's (CSFM) move to Boscobel last year worked out exceedingly well for all. The increase in customers made the vendors happy, and Boscobel gained exposure to a broader swathe of the community. Shoppers appreciated the much-improved parking and the layout, making for an easy stroll from stall to stall.



Market Manager Ava Bynum Photo by A. Rooney

This year, with the departure of former longtime market manager Steve Bates to the Pleasantville Farmers Market, the CSFM has acquired some new energy in the form of Manager Ava Bynum, who, though being (or perhaps because of being) only 21, is uncorking a fount of ideas all in aid of the market becoming, in her words, "more of a community destination and a source for education." Calling it a "personal mission" to make local food accessible and affordable, Bynum is

Cycling Championships in Trento, Italy, in September.

Three hundred cyclists have registered to date, including two world champions and a strong international field, according to a press release issued by the Putnam Cycling Classic. Threetime World Cyclocross Champion Erwin Vervecken of Belgium and double world champion Ann Marie Miller of New York City head the list of international riders. Strong contingents from Costa Rica and Canada will also take part. "I rode in the first classic (in Cold Spring) (To page 3)



Cold Spring's Bijou Galleries is one of a number of Main Street businesses competing to create the display window that best depicts Pedal Into Spring and its dual themes of flowers and bicycles. Photo courtesy of Bijou Galleries going forward with a "whole new push for programming."

The core vendors will be returning, and there will be a few more "in-rotation" vendors added, including Captain Lawrence Beer and North Winds Lavender Farm. There will be a new seating area and more prepared food sections, including coffee and breakfast options, along with lunch, to encourage people to linger awhile in conjunction with their shopping. This area will overlook a space cleared for performances and demonstrations, which will take place every week.

The first Saturday of each month will see musical performances, including one by Tom Chapin on June 1. The second will be devoted to children's programs. The hope is for parents to come and grab breakfast and chat with friends while kids enjoy an activity.

On the third Saturday, there will be gardening instructions tailored to the farmers market sensibility. (Continued on page 4)

Mouths to Feed Spring Mix

By Celia Barbour

t the old folks home in Sleepy Hollow where my parents live, most meals are served cafeteria-style, with a help-yourself salad bar and a dessert table set up near the hot-foods line. Whenever my family goes to visit, the kids load up their trays like frenzied seagulls, the freedom of choice overwhelming their budding rational faculties.

My father, despite his 91 years, is no more restrained. In fact, he usually puts them to shame. Last Sunday, while they worked their way through waffles, omelets, bacon and sausage, he sat down to a tray filled with French toast, cookies, churros, scones, egg salad, pickled beets and a peculiar ice cream float he'd composed himself of cranberry juice topped with two scoops of cappuccino crunch

ice cream.

Most of it made me laugh: My father long ago cut some deal with the gods of body fat and arteriosclerosis that allows him to gorge on cookies and cake without paying the consequences.

But the beverage irritated me. Irrationally so. The idiosyncrasies of our parents can do that to us, even - perhaps especially – when they reach an age when we should be summoning up our deepest wells of tolerance towards them.

The thing is, I grew up wincing at his deranged food combinations. For years, he drank Coke mixed with Tang every night at suppertime. At lunch, he dipped peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in cream of mushroom soup. More recently, when my younger sister made a remarkable Burmese chicken stew, he poured prune juice into his portion to cool it down.

And one day, when I was in sixth grade and my mother was in graduate school, he was put in charge of preparing school lunches for my sisters and me. He made us American cheese and jelly sandwich-



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es. We were old enough to be not just grossed out but also socially mortified, and begged our mother never

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to leave him with that task again. Lately, I've been reading about "super tasters" - people whose palates are so sensitive that, to them, flavors the rest of us would find mildly unpleasant are intolerable, and those we'd find enjoyable, exhilarating. Something like 15 percent of the population of the United qualifies. States Another 15 percent are at the other end; called "nontasters," they barely register with their noses and tongues what goes into their



The open window

mouths. The rest of us are somewhere in the middle.

When I started working in the food world, I met people who took great pride in their educated palates. A meal at a restaurant could turn into a subtle game of one-upmanship as everyone vied to identify the almost imperceptible ingredients in one another's appetizers and entrees. For awhile, I went along with it, but in the back of my mind there was always this small fear that I was secretly like my dad: completely numb to flavor, a nontaster. Eventually I had to admit that the evidence did not support this theory. But still there are times when I'm at work developing or adapting a recipe when the bottom seems to drop out of my confidence, and I think: Is this actually deli-

The open window

The recipe evolved from one I read about in passing in The New York Times last year. The combination stuck in my head, though when I looked it up again, I realized I'd altered the recipe quite a bit. Warwick gin works especially nicely here.

1 part gin (or vodka) 1 part St. Germain elderflower liqueur 1¹/₂ parts fresh grapefruit juice 3-4 parts prosecco lots of ice

Combine all the ingredients in a pitcher or glass and stir. Serve at once.

cious, or am I completely deluded? Last weekend, some friends came for dinner, and, inspired by the weather, I made a pitcher of cocktails. The combination of fresh grapefruit juice, prosecco, elderflower liqueur and gin tasted to me just like spring: sweet and floral, with a bracing note of bitterness. But just to be sure it wasn't some boozy version of a cranberry-cappuccino-crunch float, I gave Peter a taste before our friends arrived.

I'm sure it's true what the psychologists say: that the traits we dislike most in others are those we fear most in ourselves. I'm also sure that the next time we head down to Sleepy Hollow, tucking a jar of this delectable cocktail into my bag could help me view my dad's concoctions - fruit salad mixed with tuna, anyone? - as expressions of his own radical culinary genius.



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Concept of Linking Cold Spring and Beacon With 'Fjord Trail' Advances

Creating a hike-bike path By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The concept of a pedestrian path along the Hudson River between Cold Spring and Beacon took another small step forward last Saturday, April 27, when an ad hoc group gathered to get updates and outline goals.

Held in Garrison at Winter Hill, a former mansion turned into offices for nonprofit organizations, the session drew about 35 attendees, including two town supervisors, Philipstown's Richard Shea and Fishkill's Bob LaColla, and Cold Spring Trustee Stephanie Hawkins.

Known unofficially as the "Hudson Fjord Trail" or "Hudson River Hike-Bike Fjord Trail," the path would parallel the river, Metro-North railroad tracks, and Route 9D, starting with a stretch between Cold Spring and Beacon. (Ultimately, it might extend south to the Bear Mountain Bridge, cross the Hudson, continue on the western side of the river to the Newburgh-Beacon bridge, and wind back through Beacon to Cold Spring.)

Since 2006, the trail has been pursued at the governmental and nonprofit level with growing momentum. Recent grants bring the amount available for preliminary work, such as drafting a master plan, to \$26,000. Numerous difficulties remain, including finding a way to get hikers through or around the Breakneck highway tunnel. However, one potential problem, the need to acquire property from private owners, has apparently been averted. "We don't see taking of anybody's land, trespassing, or anything

like that," said Mark Wildonger, a professional planner with Scenic Hudson.

Michael McKee, chairperson of the Philipstown Greenway Committee, an offshoot of the Hudson River Valley Greenway (New York state partnership with towns and counties), said the trail idea evolved from con-

cerns about pedestrians along Route 9D. On part of 9D, a narrow, two-lane, curving state highway, the speed limit is 55 miles per hour, although the road often teems with hikers using trailheads between Cold Spring and Beacon. One, Breakneck trail, is reportedly the most popular day-hiking destination in the country. With the trail, "the whole experience of the road will change from a sort of autobahn to a parkway" friendly to hikers, McKee said.

Participants took up numerous topics, including signage to direct visitors to hiking trails, use of the weekend trolley to reach trailheads, marketing, collaborating with local businesses, reducing the 9D speed limit, and parking, though no one seemed to want the latter overemphasized to the detriment of scenery and hiking.

"It's not about cars. It's about people. It's about walking," said James Hartford, a Cold Spring architect who, on a pro bono basis, provided a design for a hiking shelter at Little Stony Point, a trail stop, and, with Little Stony Point caretaker John Teagle, is undertaking other improvements.

"Car-free is carefree – that's what we

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last October," Miller said. "It's a hard and beautiful race course ... a worthy event for an international effort."

The start of Sunday's race will be highly charged as hundreds of cyclists leave from Dockside Park in a mass start at 10:30 a.m., then head out into Putnam County on circuits of 79 and 39 miles. The finish line will be at Mayor's Park on Fair Street.

Pedal Into Spring will also have its competitive aspects. Shopkeepers will vie for the best storefront display – the window that best captures the weekend's dual themes of flowers and bicycles.

Bike owners of all ages can also take part in a friendly competition for the best decorated bicycle, all to be featured in a riverfront parade on race day. Each participant will receive a T-shirt sponsored by Putnam County Tourism and a gift certificate for a Go-Go Pop, and the winners of each of the four categories (Most Patriotic, Most Floral, Most Innovative and Most Extreme) will receive a certificate from the Chamber of Commerce. Registration and judging, managed by Haldane students, will be held from 10:45 a.m. on Sunday to 11:30 a.m. The parade will begin by the bandstand at 11:45 a.m. and will be safe, with a Haldane student as a front rider watching for any cars and potholes, and Haldane students on each of the three corners of the race, which runs from Main Street to Market Street, around Fish Street, onto West Street and back to the bandstand.

Alison Anthoine, chair of the Pedal

Into Spring publicity committee, said the group focused its energies on public relations, event listings and promotional materials rather than advertising. Several thousand copies of Eventful Magazine, whose centerfold is the latest edition of The Paper's popular Philipstown Visitors' Map, were distributed regionally. "I received several calls in response to our press release, (including) one from a New York City cycle club that will have 100 cyclists riding up on Saturday," Anthoine said. Metro-North will offer the Putnam Classic Express on Sunday, leaving Grand Central Station at 7:50 am and arriving in Cold Spring just after 9 a.m.

For more information, visit pedalintospring.com and putnamcycling.com.

Putnam Legislature, **County Executive Work** to Keep PARC Preschool Open (from page 1)

for Retarded Children Inc., runs programs beyond the preschool, and its officials participated in the fight against the 6 percent cut as well.

Wednesday's unanimous county Legislature vote to give PARC \$150,000 came with strong endorsements from individual legislators, who cited a need to intervene early to assist disabled children to avoid difficulties later as the children grow up and attempt to continue their educations or adjust to society. They also said that the outlay for the school is balanced by the expense of sending the children elsewhere, with the toll of long bus rides and transportation costs factored into the financial equation.

"If we did not have the program in Putnam County, we'd be spending the same amount of money, if not more," said Deputy Legislature Chairman Anthony DiCarlo. Looking ahead, beyond the PARC allocation, he called for restoration of the OPWDD money at the state level as well. "We want to see all that 6 percent restored, for all people with disabilities," he said.

Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown, backed the assistance to the school but cautioned her fellow legislators to look at the bigger picture. "I worry that there are other organizations out there that will be in the same circumstances as PARC," she said. "And what do we do then - say, 'No, we can't do it, we don't have any more funds'? We have to get to the root of the problem - and hope the state comes through."

Legislator Sam Oliverio of Putnam Valley, who led the effort to aid the school, said the \$150,000 could be drawn from a county sales tax surplus and reimbursed by the state, if it adjusts its support levels. Meanwhile, the emergency aid "is a stop gap" to buy time, he said.

After the meeting, Odell said that "I consider the \$150,000 a good gesture." Along with a commitment for that amount, "there's a partnership with them (PARC)" to find adequate resources, she said. "This is an opportunity to collaborate and not just write a check. We're going to be a model for all the nonprofits" and governments "because this is not just about PARC. We're going to make sure this resonates."

PARC supporters expressed gratitude to both the legislators and Odell, presenting the latter with a bouquet of flowers.

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James Hartford displays his design for a shed for hikers

want" to foster as an attitude, said Dar

Williams, another Cold Spring resident.

trail advocate, asked rhetorically, "Where

can people write checks to? It's been a

persistent issue." He urged creation of a

distinct entity, with "a group name and an

account set up" to receive contributions.

cussing a formal name for the trail and

an official organization to support it.

Describing the trail as "a great thing,"

LaColla, the Fishkill supervisor, advised

against a title that sounds too Philip-

stown-oriented. "What I'd hate to see is

any kind of parochialism," he said. The

river constitutes "a natural resource that

is a regional asset," he added, noting that

another potential attraction, a rebuilt in-

cline railroad up Mount Beacon, would

likely increase the area's attractiveness.

June and to meanwhile dig into the vari-

ous topics raised. Hartford also sought

assistance with the Little Stony Point

shed and related upgrading. "This is

something you can all volunteer to do

right now – help us with this," he said.

Participants decided to meet again in

The group then spent some time dis-

Funding came up, too. Shea, a long-time

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

at Little Stony Point, a stop on a planned 'Fjord Trail'



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Former Haldane Teacher Pleads Guilty to Sex-Related Charges

Sayers resigns, will be registered as sex offender

By Michael Turton

Joseph Sayers, the Haldane High School teacher charged with attempted dissemination of indecent materials to a minor last April, has resigned his teaching position and will soon be sentenced after having pled guilty.

In an email to *The Paper*, Tracy Everson, deputy communications director with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, said Sayers will be sentenced to time-served and "shock probation" on June 11. Shock probation "usually includes weekends in jail or a short period of jail time," she said. Sayers will be on probation for five years with sex offender conditions and will be required to register as a sex offender after a hearing is held to determine at what level. New York state classifies sex offenders in

three categories, Level 3 being the most serious. Level 1 offenders are required to register for a minimum of 20 years while Level 2 and Level 3 offenders are registered for life. Sayers' resignation from Haldane was part of a plea agreement he agreed to in court on March 19, when he pled guilty to Attempted Dissemination of Indecent Material to a Minor, a class "E" felony.

Superintendent of Schools Mark Villanti said that Sayers tendered his resignation last week. School Board trustees accepted the resignation on April 25. As required by New York state education law, he had been on paid leave since the time of his arrest, pending the outcome of the charges against him.

A press release issued by Westchester County District Attorney Janet DiFiore on April 3, 2012, stated that Sayers engaged in a series of conversations with an undercover investigator who assumed the role of a 15-year-old girl in an Internet chat room. The online conversations took place between March 5 and April 3, 2012. The release also said the undercover investigator clearly identified herself as a 15-year-old and that Sayers "discussed specific sexual acts, in which he would like to engage."

Sayers taught grades 10-12, including Advanced Placement (AP) United States History, AP Government and Politics, Participation in Government and Economics. Immediately after the arrest, veteran teacher Dennis Cairl came out of retirement to take over Sayers' classes. Melissa Seideman now teaches those courses and has been hired as a full-time probationary teacher. "She has excelled with us and uses technology extensively in her classroom," Villanti said of Seideman, who graduated magna cum laude from Ithaca College with a bachelor's degree in social studies education. She also holds a master's degree in education from the University of New England.

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For example, there will be talks on composting, the storage of root vegetables, and components aimed at children, including "farmers market Spanish lessons," and environmental workshops.

On fourth Saturdays there will be cooking demonstrations for local chefs or caterers — each with an important stipulation: that the recipe must be purchasable for under \$20 for a family of four.

This ties in with Bynum's wish that there be access to local foods and that the market cater to everyone in the community. She described the market as different from others she has visited in that most of the farmers themselves show up to sell their food here, and that many other regional markets feature crafts produced locally but not necessarily sourced locally.

With CSFM vendors, questions are asked in the vein of, with bakers, "Where are you getting your milk? Your herbs?" If these components are not sourced locally, the market works with the vendor to show them some options for possibly fulfilling this in the future. "It's about pushing people to make that leap," said Bynum.

She added that she sees the market as a place to do complete weekly shopping: "your bread, mushrooms, chicken, beef, honey, maple syrup and just an incredible offering — with other markets you have to supplement outside of the market."

Asked about the economics of such shopping, as perceptions are that farmers market shopping can be pricier and out of reach for some, Bynum replied, "As someone who is living on a budget and feeding myself from the market, it can be done. Also, think about food as part of your health. Sometimes cheap food means cheap food and can have repercussions." Bynum also mentioned that most of the produce vendors now accept food stamps and W.I.C. vouchers and that she is working with other vendors in hopes of doing the same.

Bynum grew up in Garrison and now lives in Beacon. She began working at the tender age of 11 for Four Winds Farm, a market mainstay, as a cashier — a "random job I picked up which wound up being an introduction to everything else that I'm doing." She spent a week at Four Winds in her teens, which led to a stay several seasons long.

With the farming knowledge she acquired, she started a garden for the (nowclosed) Garden Road School in Peekskill and taught there last year. That led to another of Bynum's offshoots: the founding of Hudson Valley Seed, a new nonprofit that works to establish educational gardens in schools and integrate them into curricula, incorporating science, math, English in outdoors, hands-on work. Participating institutions include schools in Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Garrison and Beacon, where children are growing tomatoes, green onions and basil with the objective of having a salsa party as a concluding activity.

"It really is about starting as young as possible re food access. Children who learn nutrition in school ideally have those lessons reinforced at home, and that's really only possible with a farmers market," said Bynum. Bynum has tapped into many other regional environmental organizations; she currently works parttime for Clearwater as an educator and participated in last summer's River Institute program run by the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries' Center for Environmental Innovation and Education. She is also helping to run the Power of Song program at Haldane. "It's interesting to think how all the different things tie in all related to food, education and access."

What Bynum has chosen not to do is to go to college. She's watched her peers depart, while she opted to travel and then work on a farm, all of which have given her a different perspective. She affirmed that "this area has offered me everything I want to learn about, and there are so many mentors here to learn from. There's also such a diverse demographic to work with. Anyone can find an education anywhere; I've had so many opportunities to create my own education here. I expect to be here for some time - in fact in some ways I find I am just now discovering this area and everything that this community has to offer. My focus comes from feeling passionate about many things: politics, literacy, economics. I've heard from mentors that I needed to pick one thing from this web of things. Food is the one thing that has its fingers in all of this. By affecting food I can affect all these other things; food is the answer."

The CSFM will be located at Boscobel starting May 11 through Nov. 16 and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each Saturday. For more information, visit cs-farmmarket.org.

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Rep. Maloney Announces NEA Investment in Two Hudson Valley Organizations

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival to receive \$20,000 grant



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney announced that the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) will invest in two Hudson Valley organizations including the Dutchess County Arts Council and Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. These investments, each at \$20,000, will help expand the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival and arts programming along the downtown Main Street corridor of Poughkeepsie.

"These are strategic investments in jobs and the Hudson

Valley economy, helping to revitalize our cities and towns by attracting tens of thousands of tourists to the region every year," said Maloney.

"We are thrilled and grateful for the support of the NEA. This is a true partnership in developing future generations of theater audiences and exposing them to the magic of live theater," said Abigail Adams, managing director of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival is the largest youth employer in Putnam County, and their audience has grown to 39,000 in 2012.

"The NEA Artworks Award will allow the Dutchess County Arts Council to provide a series of arts and cultural events held on Queen City Saturdays, the third weekend of every month," said Linda Marston-Reid, the president of the Dutchess County Arts Council. "These events will occur along the Main Street in Poughkeepsie, increasing the grassroots efforts by local stakeholders to improve the blighted neighborhood through the arts."

In total, the NEA is supporting more than 800 organizations in 46 states. NEA grants have a powerful multiplying effect, with each grant dollar typically matched by nine dollars of additional investments in this country's nonprofit arts organizations. Groups interested in applying for a NEA grant are encouraged to visit www.arts.gov.

First Presbyterian Church Puts Belief Into Action

By Jeanne Tao

he buildings that house the First Presbyterian Church of Philiptown in Cold Spring may lie tucked away from major roads at 10 Academy St., but its presence is nevertheless felt throughout the town and beyond. Home to the

area's food bank, Community Nursery School and monthly Jazz Vespers, the church offers opportunities for community, spiritual growth and outreach.

The church melds structures and styles from the distant as well as the more recent past, reflecting a synthesis of old and new that permeates several other aspects of the church. For example, their website (presbychurchcoldspring. org) describes Sunday worship as "a combination of traditional and modern,



First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown

with hymns and more modern music, choir and instrumentalists, piano and organ, dance and drama." As if to demonstrate that conglomeration of styles, at a recent Sunday service, Music Director Tom McCoy played both classic and modern hymns on the piano, improvised through parts of the service, and ended with a keyboard piece by J.S. Bach.

The congregation first met in 1828 above the pattern shop of the West Point Foundry and later at the Union Church on Market Street, which also housed other denominations until they could build their own churches. The original building of the Presbyterian Church was completed in 1868, with an addition for Sunday School built in 1888. The Social Hall was finally added, complete with kitchen, offices and renovations to the older buildings, in 1968 – 100 years after they first occupied the original building.

The Presbyterian Church

The Presbyterian Church proper traces its roots to the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and writings of French/Swiss theologian John Calvin. From Switzerland, Calvinist and other Reformed teachings spread to Scotland, England, Holland and France. The Presbyterian Church was formed in America by Presbyterians mostly from Scotland and Ireland, with the first presbytery (a group of congregations) organized in Philadelphia in 1706.

make up a "session," which governs the congregation. Several presbyteries make up a synod, and the General Assembly governs the entire denomination.

Calvinism stresses the sovereignty of God in all things, which notably includes a belief in God's election of some for salvation from damnation, regardless of their own actions. Other themes of Reformed theology include the shunning of ostentation, idolatry and tyranny, in favor of "the transformation of society by seeking justice and living in obedience to the Word of God," according to the PC(USA).

Putting grace into action

The Rev. Leslie Mott, First Presbyterian's pastor, and her congregation focus on Christ's "healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners" (from the Presbyterian

> "Brief Statement of Faith"). First Presbyterian's website comments on balancing belief and action: "We wrestle with how our Reformed beliefs intersect with the issues of our lives, and we reflect on putting the grace of God into action in our neighborhoods and in the world." The latter explains their participation

in many programs to help those in need.

The Philipstown Food Pantry stands as First Presbyterian's most well-known mission. Created over 30 years ago, the food bank collects and distributes food for families in need of assistance every Saturday morning from 9 to 10 a.m. In

order to provide healthy, fresh produce to the families who come to the food pantry, First Presbyterian began the "Inspiration Garden" on their front lawn in 2010.

When Hurricane Sandy hit New York and New Jersey last fall, First Presbyterian like other organizations collected items for donation, but they have continued to help with recovery months later. The church "adopted" a mother and two children who had lost everything in the storm, collecting and donating furniture, money and whatever else they needed to help them get back on their feet.

Church members also volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit ecumenical organization that builds and repairs houses, which families in need can purchase through no-profit, no-interest mortgage loans. Volunteers go on certain Saturdays, usually from around 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., to Newburgh's Habitat for Humanity, doing construction and other work. On Saturday night, April 27, departing at 10:30 p.m. and returning around 4 a.m., a crew from First Presbyterian made one of its twice-a-year "Midnight Runs" to New York City, bringing food, toiletries, clothes and companionship to the homeless. The Midnight Run (midnightrun.org) is a volunteer organization that coordinates these runs, with different churches, schools and other organizations signing up for individual runs throughout the week. This spring, members of the confirmation class went on the run, and a group of 25 West Point cadets helped with preparations. Mott explained: "The most important thing that we do is to stop and have conversation ... because the homeless are essentially invisible. I've heard fascinating stories, and I've found unbelievably brave people. I mean, there is mental illness, sure, but there is also a community there that is very real and present, so we go to be part of that and to show people that they're not forgotten."

When asked if it was difficult to learn what these people are going through, she said, "It is heartbreaking, but it's also an incredibly joyous experience for them and for us."

Those kinds of experiences bring people to First Presbyterian. Mott said: "The mission that we do is larger than the church, so people contribute to the food pantry who aren't members of the church but are friends of the church. People find a place here, even if it's not in worship. It's a place of service; it's a place of fellowship; it's a place of recovery."

Church of the Open Door

First Presbyterian is also known as "The Church of the Open Door." Many members mention the welcoming tone of the church, its pastor and its congregation as part of why they love the church. One member said he joined 15 years ago because of its "open-minded, progressive theology." Cathy Carnevale of Cold Spring, who joined in the past year, said she was drawn to the music and to Mott's sermons, which are "not steeped in dogma."

Carolyn Llewellyn, who helps with Sunday School most Sunday mornings, explained what she likes about the church: "They clearly did some activism, and the music drew me in absolutely, right away. I love Leslie, too. It was a mix of all those things – the congregation, the music."

She praised Mott as a spiritual leader, but added that the congregation is also active. "I find Leslie to be very thoughtprovoking and very inspirational, and not just her," she said. "They have parishioner-led bible study, they have people from the congregation giving a sermon."

Being a mother of small children, Llewellyn also appreciates the strong presence of youth in the church. She said







Volunteers, including 25 West Point cadets, helped prepare clothes, food and other supplies for First Presbyterian's midnight run on April 27. Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian

she "liked the mix of ages," which made it "very alive."

Along with their Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., the church also offers other kinds of practices, such as meditative walking of their labyrinth. The bible study group on Sunday from 9 to 10 a.m. and Wednesday morning contemplative prayer from 7 to 8 a.m. are practices that attract some members who may not even attend the regular Sunday service. Jazz Vespers occurs at 5:30 p.m. on the third Saturday of every month from September through May.

The outreach programs mentioned here are by no means an exhaustive list; there are many other activities, including mission trips to Nicaragua, that the church engages in. For more information, visit presbychurchcoldspring.org, email 1presbyterian@gmail.com or call 845-265-3220.

Traces of the Trade: a special film screening and discussion with James DeWolf Perry

Book now for an early-bird discount Saturday, May 11, 5 p.m.

Traces of the Trade is a documentary in which filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave trading family in U.S. history. She and her nine cousins, including James DeWolf Perry, retrace the Triangle Trade, bringing them face to face with the history and legacy of north's "hidden enterprise." James DeWolf Perry was the film's principal historical consultant, which led to him receiving an Emmy Award nomination.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), or PC(USA), of which First Presbyterian is a member congregation, is the largest Presbyterian denomination in the U.S. and grew out of a series of mergers (and divisions) culminating in 1983.

The aspects that make the Presbyterian Church distinct from other Protestant denominations, according to the PC(USA) website (pcusa.org), are its organizational structure and its emphasis on Reformed theology.

The Greek word presbuteros, meaning "elder," points to the important role played by church elders in their government. Ruling elders are laypersons elected by a congregation, while teaching elders, or ministers, are ordained by a presbytery; both

Seating for this event is limited to 45 attendees. Tickets: \$15 Tickets purchased before May 5: \$10 RSVP to: info@putnamhistorymuseum.org or call 845-265-4010



Life on the Ridge A community of retirees, a feisty property manager and an operatic parrot

By Lois Powers

very morning, Peggy, a 4-year-old blue-fronted Amazon parrot, sits by her window in Chestnut Ridge in Cold Spring and calls to the crows congregating in their morning ritual at the Hudson River. Within minutes the trees on Chestnut Street grow black with birds - loud, cawing birds, reminiscent of bu-



Jan Thatcher with Peggy

gle-call at summer camp, only of a natural, environmental, more annoying kind - inviting those still asleep in the Cold Spring retirement community to rise and shine. After the morning reveille, those crossing Peggy's path may hear vaguely reminiscent operatic chortles, or the first bars of "The Star-Spangled Banner," from the talented parrot living in Chestnut Ridge.

Life in the ample one-bedroom apartment complex is good, attested Jerry Solomon, a recent Chestnut Ridge but longtime Cold Spring resident and owner of the local antique shop Solomon's Mines on Main Street, as well as for Jan Thacher, a 40-year Cold Spring resident and former member of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Plan, who rescued Peggy from a Hopewell Junction shelter a few years ago. Both men express gratitude for their government-subsidized apartments, without which they would be forced to leave Cold Spring, a common sentiment among residents.

The retirement community of 63 onebedroom apartments was built in 1978 by developer Al Kaplin "to provide decent and safe housing for eligible lowincome families, the elderly and persons with disabilities," as determined by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). During the early days, Dan Dunning was hired as propsoon took the reins as owner. Recently, when asked whether the senior complex might be sold in the future, relinquishing its Section 8 government-subsidized status, Dunning said, "It is our plan not to change Chestnut Ridge in any way, and we will continue to serve the community based on income criteria HUD gives us." Chestnut Ridge is suitable for independent-living seniors 62 and older with maximum incomes of \$29,050 for a single person and \$33,200 for couples.

Most residents drive, but a van sponsored by Philipstown's Recreation Department is available to take shoppers to Wal-Mart and Shop-Rite twice a month. With full kitchens in their apartments, most eat in but sometimes plan outings to restau-

> rants, movies, local theater productions and town meetings. Indoor activities are limited and usually develop spontaneously among a few friends. A monthly meeting takes place in the community room to discuss entertainment ideas or matters of import to residents, ranging in age from 41 to 100 years old.

> The neighborly "we take care of each other" attitude is commonly mentioned when speaking to any of the residents. "I love every minute of living here," said Joan Villetto, a 30-year Philipstown resident living in Chestnut Ridge

for the last 13 years. "Everything's taken care of for us here; they even clean off our cars in winter!"

Vinny Travis, property manager and fix-it man for the complex, spoke of a friendly neighborhood atmosphere with only a few "complainers." He said with



Chestnut Ridge

an impish smile, "I give everybody a hard time, but I love it here!" His father, the previous property manager, Pierre, takes folks to the doctors and helps with vacationers' mail and pets, whenever needed.

Calling it a "neighborhood," Charlie Merando, cousin of Philipstown's Town Clerk Tina Merando, lives across the street from Chestnut Ridge and enjoys joining his neighbors for summer lawn parties and cookouts, deflecting the occasional but good-natured jibe of being called "carpetbagger" since, though living in Cold Spring his entire life, he was actually born in Beacon Hospital.

The Chestnut Ridge apartments are available to those with disabilities, as well. Newcomer Suki Mawson, 41, is the youngest member of the community, having become disabled in a head-on collision on Route 9 when in high school at Haldane. "It's nice being with older people who don't have the dramas others are going through," she said. "It's com-

forting to have such neighbors. We all look out for each other."

Living in the subsidized com-

plex is providing Suki an opportunity for a new life. Daisy, her year-and-a-halfold pug puppy, has to be walked several times a day, and Suki is finding new strength and a commitment to complete recovery, thanks to Daisy, she said. Suki's goal is first to get herself to the Cold Spring train station and then back to work one day soon.

The apartments' location is ideal for Philipstown seniors, who can walk to Foodtown, Drug World, the post office and two banks, with the Putnam History Museum right across the street. Yes, all agree, life is good on the Ridge.

Diane Chipman, co-executive director of the Putnam Housing Corporation (PCHC), a HUD-certified Housing Counseling Agency, reported there are three other senior-housing apartment complexes in Carmel and one in Mahopac under the PCHC umbrella. For more information, call 845-225-8493. Also, there are two privately owned senior-housing complexes in Carmel and another in Brewster for seniors with higher incomes. Call 845-256-8630 for details.



Haldane students participating in Screen-Free Week play amidst the string sculpture created at the home of a Haldane parent on April 30. As of May 2, 115 students were trying not to s with screens this week. Photo by J. Tao



Garrison School students show off awards they received in the Tri-County Science Fair in White Plains on April 20. Garrison, the smallest district in the regional science competition, received more awards than any other school in

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Joseph Dunn, left, and Donald Kimmel in Beyond the Fringe

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Sneaking a Peek Beyond

the Fringe

Groundbreaking British satirical comedy lives again in Depot Theatre production

By Alison Rooney

e live in an age where satire often overtakes its subject, in which the satirized are frequently in on the joke, or at least wish they were. This freedom to roast societal mores, public figures and virtually any target on the coals of humor wasn't always the staple of comedy that it is now - not here or across the pond. It simply wasn't done in British humor until the advent of Beyond the Fringe (BTF), which made its debut at the Edinburgh Festival in 1960. A compilation of sketches taking aim at everything from politicians and the royal family to preserved-in-aspic rituals of post-World War II British life, the show brought together a foursome, Alan Bennett, Peter Cook, Jonathan Miller and Dudley Moore, who had performed material in this vein in various combinations at Oxford and Cambridge in the late 1950s. Long runs in the West End and a successful Broadway transfer followed, as did a partnership between Cook and Moore, which lasted for decades. BTF is widely acknowledged as an inspiration for Monty Python, That Was the Week That Was, Rowan Atkinson, and much of the British humor of the past half-century. This, in turn spawned such North American variants as Laugh-In, Saturday Night Live and Second City Television. It has been described as giving voice to a sense of loss of national purpose, with the end of the British Empire, albeit in a very, very silly way. And now that silliness mixed with daggers is being revived by the Depot Theatre, in association with World's End Theater (WET), with four Yanks putting their Brit on and presenting the

material to a new audience.

The ringleader of this band of merry men is Joe Dunn, who both directs and co-stars, along with Andre Herzegovich, Donald Kimmel and Taylor Douglas. Dunn has had a professional involvement with BTF before. He started off as a comedy writer in Los Angeles, working for syndicated shows, then shifted into performing, doing improv training at the famous The Groundlings improv and sketch comedy theater. After a year spent in the house troupe at the Comedy Store, followed by another guesting with different troupes, he felt the urge to do longer shows and plays and created a company, The ReEstablishment Theater, which subsequently found its own home in the 65-seat theater above which Dunn lived. A fan of British comedy since childhood, and having "hooked into" BTF "age at 10 or 12," he performed in a run of it in Los Angeles about 14 years ago. Dunn's wife received a job offer, which brought them to the Hudson Valley about four years ago. Dunn felt confident in suggesting this production to the Depot Theatre when a three-week slot opened up



Andre Herzegovich in Beyond the Fringe

Photo courtesy of Depot Theatre

without much notice. "I know the show very well logistically, and it's not complicated. I had a couple of potential cast members in mind, some of whom I had worked with (in last's year's WET production of *A Way of the World*), and I

E.L. Doctorow to Read at Chapel on Sunday, May 5

Sunset Reading Series presents author of The Book of Daniel, Ragtime, and Billy Bathgate

By Ivy Meeropol

or a few years now I've been working on the great American author E.L. Doctorow, wearing him down and pestering him to no end, the goal being to secure a reading at the Sunset Readings, the literary series Rebekah Tighe and I run at the Chapel of Our Lady Restoration.

I've known Edgar since I was a kid. I was 3 when *The Book of Daniel* was published, a novel where the central character is based on my own father, the eldest son of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, who were executed by the U.S. government in 1953 for conspiracy to commit espionage.

"The historian will tell you what happened. The novelist will tell you what it felt like."

My family is somewhat split over how they feel about this book. Some don't like the liberties he took with the so-called "true story." I, however, love this book with a passion, in part because, when I read it at age 17, it helped me understand so many of the unruly, confused emotions I had about my family's legacy.

This is what Doctorow does. He's said it best himself: "The historian will tell you what happened. The novelist will tell you what it felt like." The author of such novels as *Ragtime, The March*, and *Billy Bathgate* continues to publish powerful work and will have a new book out this year.

On Sunday, May 5, we are thrilled to present E.L. Doctorow at the Chapel of Our Lady of Restoration, 45 Market St. in the Village of Cold Spring. The reading begins at 4 p.m., but we strongly suggest an early arrival.

thought we could make a decent go of it — the absurdist humor is timeless."

Since there were multiple editions of BTF, Dunn and his colleagues have been able to use a pick-one-from-column-A approach, excising some sketches whose then-topicality now renders them too obscure. "Most of the material really stands up," he said. Though some references are of a historical nature, most of it is universal, "and just plain silly," said Kimmel.

"It had a profound effect on the culture, on how the British public interacted with government, church, the authorities — it left few sacred cows unskewered," noted Dunn.

Kimmel added: "That's probably why it had such an impact — it managed to sabotage their culture on a number of levels in such a ridiculously silly way. Whether or not you're the person being laughed at, you had to laugh at yourself. Good satire has *(Continued on page 11)*



Meetings & Lectures

Free Computer Help 2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Book Group: When Things Fall Apart

7 P.M. LIVING YOGA STUDIOS 3182 Route 9, Cold Spring | 845-809-5900 livingyogastudios.com

The Tribal Knot (Reading)

7:30 P.M. HUDSON VALLEY WRITER'S CENTER 300 Riverside Drive, Sleepy Hollow 914-332-5953 | writerscenter.org

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Kids & Community

Philipstown Bulk Cleanup 8 A.M. - 1 P.M. GARRISON FIRE DEPARTMENT 1616 Route 9. Garrison 845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

Cold Spring Farmers' Market 8:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN **COMMUNITY CENTER** 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison | csfarmmarket.org

I Love My Park Clean-Up

9 A.M. CORNISH ESTATES Meet at Little Stony Point Parking Area, Route 9D RSVP to thomjohnston1@verizon.net

9 a.m. Butterfly Garden HUBBARD LODGE, FAHNESTOCK STATE PARK RSVP to 914-276-2618 or pastaelco@optonline.net

Food Pantry

9 - 10 A.M. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILIPSTOWN | 10 Academy St., Cold Spring 845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Nature Play Area (ages 2-10)

9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org Guided activities at 10:30 am, 12:30 & 2:30 pm

Textile Recycling Drive 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. SARGENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 29 Education Drive, Beacon | 917-846-1022

Pedal Into Spring Festival 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. COLD SPRING A Taste of the Secret Garden

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF VILLAGE GARDENS | pedalintospring.com

Outdoor Discovery Center Programs

10 A.M. DIG IN! BURROWING ANIMALS 10 A.M. HYPERTUFA PLANTER WORKSHOP 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Spring Fair & Plant Sale

NOON - 4 P.M. LONG DOCK PARK, BEACON 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Hudson Valley Fair NOON - 12 A.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Friday.

Camp Open House 2 - 4 P.M. MANITOGA | 584 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org

SITTING on the **BENCH** * by Tara *



ve been receiving the usual plaudits for my columns, mais oui, particularly for my recent comment on the motorists who drive too fast on 9D, tailgating and overtaking on double lines while putting cyclists at risk. Now I turn my attention to Main Street which has its own problems, namely speeding in the 25 mph zone. The roaring engines of drivers sometimes drown the important news and views being exchanged on the sidewalks by shopkeepers and pedestrians. I'm eager to hear the gossip because the revelations are often quite juicy.

However, that doesn't mean there's no gallantry among some drivers on Main Street, as I'll explain. The other day, I was outside the Goose with the boss and her friend, Debbie, who has a pretty little dog, Penny Lane, and with Nils and his equally pretty dog, Millie. Suddenly we heard a frenzied shout, "Lucy! Lucy!" We turned and saw a boy, maybe aged 10 or 11, who had just emerged from the pizza parlor. And we saw the reason for his concern. A little brown Cockapoo, obviously scared, was in the middle of the street. Traffic was coming from both directions. Swift action was needed.

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The boss raced into the path of the vehicles, putting up her hands and shrieking, "Stop! Stop!" at the approaching cars. What a drama queen. The drivers, five of them, all braked and stopped as the boss ordered. Most people do what the boss orders. The little Cockapoo ran into Kemble Avenue, followed by the boss. With Debbie's help, she managed to grab the dog's collar with its name tag. "Is her name Lucy?" the boy asked. It was. "Okay," he said. "I thought I recognized her. She belongs to people on Garden Street. I'll take her home."

Later we learned that the runaway

The Calendar

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Health & Fitness

Community Blood Drive

1616 Route 9, Garrison

6 P.M. TEAM TAILGATE

7:30 P.M. GAMETIME

Art & Design

Sports

2 - 8 P.M. GARRISON VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION

Army vs. Johns Hopkins (Lacrosse)

9:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN/HIGHLAND FALLS

MODIFIED VS. CONNECTICUT WOLCOTTS

914-584-7194 | pattyotex@yahoo.com

Collaborative Concepts Pop-Up Project

10 A.M. - 4 P.M. BELLE LEVINE ART CENTER

845-803-8622 | putnamartscouncil.com

House, Studio and Landscape Tour

845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org

845-265-2204 | themarinagallery.com

1:45 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY

845-424-3020 | comedyintheafternoon.com

472 Route 403, Garrison

8 P.M. THE FALLS THEATRE

Calling All Poets

477 Main St., Beacon

2681 W. Main, Wappingers Falls

845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

8 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER

845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Orlando Marin, The Last Mambo King

914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

The Compact With Erin Hobson

845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

7:30 P.M. BEANRUNNER CAFÉ

201 S. Division, Peekskill

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521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac

11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA

584 Route 9D. Garrison

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Kids & Community

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Preschool on the Farm (ages 2-4): Ladybugs 10 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. COMMON GROUND FARM 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Remembering War in the Hudson Highlands, 1775 to 2013 (Opening) 6 - 8 P.M. PUTNAM HISTORY MUSEUM

63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring 845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Indoor Tot Park

NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Children Read to Dogs (ages 7-10) 3:30 - 5 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY

472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Wine Tasting

4 - 7 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP 180 Main St., Beacon 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com

5 - 8 P.M. ANTIPODEAN BOOKS 29 Garrison's Landing, Garrison

5 P.M. - 12 A.M. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM 1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls hudsonvalleyfair.com

6 - 9 P.M. BOSCOBEL

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Middle School Teen Night (grades 6-8) 7 - 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison

7:30 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Tim D'Acquisto / Michael Chandler / Grace Kennedy (Opening) 6 - 8 P.M. MARINA GALLERY 153 Main St., Cold Spring

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Hudson Valley Fair

Earth Day Family Night 6 - 8:30 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Cocktail Party and Silent Auction

1601 Route 9D, Garrison

Spring Farm Dinner

6 - 10 P.M. GLYNWOOD FARM

845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com Annual Frog Walk

6 - 9 P.M. GALLERY 66 NY 66 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com **Theater & Film** Comedy in the Afternoon

had escaped through a hole in a fence. Her explorations had then taken her to Main Street. With Lucy rescued, all was serene again. But isn't there a lesson here? If those cars had been roaring up and down Main Street at 10 or 20 miles over the speed limit, Lucy {and the boss} could have come to a sticky end, n'est ce pas? At the Goose, an appropriate shipment of Carry On and Keep Calm merchandise is on sale notebooks, mugs, teapots and tea towels.

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Wine Tasting 3 - 6 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP See details under Friday.

Cinco de Mayo Dinner

6 P.M. ST. MARY'S CHURCH 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring 845-440-8290 | stmaryscoldspring.org

Art & Design

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds 9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. 1601 ROUTE 9D, GARRISON 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Collaborative Concepts Pop-Up Project 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. BELLE LEVINE ART CENTER See details under Friday.

House, Studio and Landscape Tour 11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA \$8 for Philipstown residents today See details under Friday. (To next page)



Ruksana, 10 years old, is one of the girls featured in the documentary Girl Rising, showing at the Downing Film Center in Newburgh May 4 and 6.

Photo by Dyu D'Cunha/Ten Times Ten LLC

Dia:Beacon

11 A.M. - 6 P.M. FREE FOR BEACON RESIDENTS 1 P.M. TOUR 3 Beekman St., Beacon 845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

Members Opening Celebration of 2013 Exhibits

3 P.M. STORM KING ART CENTER 1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Björn Meyer-Ebrecht: Constructions (Opening)

5 - 8 P.M. MATTEAWAN GALLERY 464 Main St., Beacon 845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

Collaborative Concepts Pop-Up Project (Reception) 6 - 9 P.M. BELLE LEVINE ART CENTER

See details under Friday.

Theater & Film

Girl Rising (Documentary) NOON. DOWNING FILM CENTER 19 Front St., Newburgh 845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Comedy in the Afternoon 1:45 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

Aida

8 P.M. THE FALLS THEATRE | Details under Friday

Music

Pedal Into Spring Live Music NOON - 5 P.M. MAIN STREET, COLD SPRING pedalintospring.com

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5 - 9 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Tenbrooks Molly

7 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Adam Larson Quintent 7:30 P.M. BEANRUNNER CAFÉ See details under Friday.

Hudson Valley Philharmonic: Avner Dorman's **Cello Concerto 8 P.M. BARDAVON THEATER** 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Last Minute Soulmates 8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE'S

184 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

The Klubnik Band 9 P.M. MAX'S ON MAIN | See details under Friday.

Latin Jazz Dance Band 9 P.M. SOUTHERN DUTCHESS BOWL 629 Route 52, Beacon 845-831-3220 | sdb300.com

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Saturday May 11, 2013 5:00

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23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison, NY 10524 garrisonartcenter.org 845.424.3960 The Riverside Galleries open Tues thru Sun 10 to 5

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Meetings & Lectures

Overeaters Anonymous

8:30 A.M. GRAYMOOR SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER 1350 Route 9, Garrison | 917-716-2488 | oa.org

Free Computer Help 2 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

Cinco de Mayo

Kids & Community

Beacon Flea Market

8 A.M. - 3 P.M. HENRY STREET PARKING LOT Behind Main Street Post Office, Beacon 845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Nelsonville Fish and Fur Club Kids' Fishing Day

8 A.M. - 4 P.M. COLD SPRING RESERVOIR Fishkill Road, Cold Spring

Nature Play Area (ages 2-10) 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER See details under Saturday.

Hudson Valley Reptile Expo

9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. MID-HUDSON CIVIC CENTER 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie 845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Ridge Hill Putnam Cycling Classic & Pedal Into Spring

10 A.M. - 6 P.M. MAIN STREET, COLD SPRING putnamcycling.com

Totally Toads

10 A.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Bike Decorating Contest and Parade

10:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND JUDGING 11:30 A.M. WINNERS ANNOUNCED 11:45 A.M. PARADE BEGINS BANDSTAND ON MAIN STREET, COLD SPRING pedalintospring.com

Not Your Mama's Sunday School (ages 8-16) 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. SCHOOL OF JELLYFISH 183 Main St., Beacon 845-440-8017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

Beacon Farmers' Market 11 A.M. - 3 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON'S RIVER CENTER Long Dock Drive, Beacon

845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

Hudson Valley Fair

NOON - MIDNIGHT. DUTCHESS COUNTY STADIUM See details under Friday.

Children and Families: Storytelling 1 P.M. STORM KING ART CENTER

1 Museum Road, New Windsor 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Spring Sheepshearing Celebration 1- 4 P.M. GLYNWOOD FARM 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Totally Toads

2 P.M. HUBBARD LODGE | 2880 Route 9, Cold

Meet the Animals 2:30 P.M. WILDLIFE EDUCATION CENTER See details under Saturday.

Constitution Marsh Spring Party

4 - 7 P.M. AUDUBON CENTER & SANCTUARY 127 Warren Landing, Garrison 845-265-2601 | constitutionmarsh.org

Tasting Class: Oxidation in Wine

6:30 P.M. ARTISAN WINE SHOP 180 Main St., Beacon 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com

Health & Fitness

Pick-up Adult Soccer 8:45 A.M. BEACON MEMORIAL PARK ATHLETIC FIELD meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

HVHC Maternity Fair

10 A.M. - 2 P.M. HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL CENTER 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-734-3557 | hvhc.org

Art & Design

Drop-In Art Sessions

9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. DRAWING AND PAINTING FROM LIFE (LONG POSE) 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. BASIC ETCHING 1:30 - 3:30 P.M. PRINTMAKING CLUB GARRISON ART CENTER 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Collaborative Concepts Pop-Up Project 10 A.M. - 4 P.M. BELLE LEVINE ART CENTER See details under Friday.

Free Admission for Beacon Residents 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. DIA:BEACON See details under Saturday.

House, Studio and Landscape Tour 11 A.M. & 1:30 P.M. MANITOGA

See details under Friday.
Paint Out! With Ed Vermehren

Noon. RIVERWINDS GALLERY 172 Main St., Beacon 845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Theater & Film

Comedy in the Afternoon 1:45 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

Dear Governor Cuomo (Documentary) With Q&A 6:30 P.M. BEACON SLOOP CLUB 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 917-658-4492 | beaconsloopclub.org

Music

Acoustic Jazz Benefit for Reformed Temple of Putnam Valley 4 P.M. BEANRUNNER CAFÉ | Details under Friday

First Sunday Jazz 5 - 8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE'S See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Brave New Gita 4 P.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER 464 Main St., Beacon 347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com Sunset Readings: E.L. Doctorow 4 P.M. CHAPEL RESTORATION 45 Market St., Cold Spring | sunsetreadings.org

Religious Services

See philipstown.info/churches for Sunday listings

MONDAY, MAY 6

Kids & Community

Voter Registration

8:15 - 9:15 A.M. GARRISON SCHOOL | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison | 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Bridge Club

9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon

845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org Cooking: Knife Skills 101 With Nicki Sizemore

9:30 A.M. PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Yoga for Toddlers 10 A.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER

464 Main St., Beacon 347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

Indoor Tot Park Noon - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER See details under Friday.

Little Bookworms (preschool) 1:30 P.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring

845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Garden Activity for Kids

3 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org Sponsored by Haldane Garden Committee

Homework Center (grades 2-5) 3 - 5 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Basic Cooking Techniques (Class)

7 P.M. ELLA'S BELLAS 418 Main St., Beacon 917-803-6857 | homecookingny.com

Health & Fitness

Philipstown Recreation Center Basketball 6:15 P.M. YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS/DRILLS (GRADES 3-8) 7:30 P.M. MEN'S BASKETBALL 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Drop-In Drawing & Painting From Life (Short Pose) 9:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER See details under Sunday.

Theater & Film

Girl Rising (Documentary) 7 P.M. DOWNING FILM CENTER See details under Saturday and photo on page 9.

Music

Community Chorus 7 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon City Council 7 P.M. MUNICIPAL BUILDING 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon 845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

Member Meeting 7 P.M. COLD SPRING BOAT CLUB 5 New St., Cold Spring 845-265-2465 | coldspringboatclub.com

Parents Support Group

7 P.M. COLD SPRING HEALING ARTS 6 Marion Ave., Cold Spring | 914-522-9044 Sponsored by Haldane and Garrison PTAs (Continued on next page)





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TUESDAY, MAY 7

Kids & Community

Voter Registration

9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL See details under Monday.

Indoor Tot Park

9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN **RECREATION CENTER** | See details under Friday.

Senior Day Center 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE 1350 Route 9, Garrison 800-338-2620 | graymoorcenter.org

Kids' Activities at Howland Library

10:30 A.M. BABY & ME (UP TO AGE 2) 3 -5 P.M. HOMEWORK CENTER (GRADES 2-5) 4 P.M. BLOCK PARTY (0-3) & LEGO CLUB (4+) 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Kids' Activities at Butterfield Library

3:30 P.M. BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM MEETING 3:30 P.M. GREAT READS FOR GUYS (GRADES 4-5) 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Kids Craft Hour

4 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Music

The Dream Choir

7 P.M. YOGASONG STUDIO 27 Travis Corners Road, Garrison 845-424-4340 | yogasongstudio.com

Meetings & Lectures

Knitting Club

10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Close Encounters With Birds of Prey

(Lecture) 6:30 P.M. SCENIC HUDSON'S RIVER CENTER Long Dock Road, Beacon 845-473-4440, ext. 273 | scenichudson.org

Solopreneurs Sounding Board 6:30 P.M. BEAHIVE 291 Main St., Beacon

917-449-6356 | beahivebzzz.com

Haldane School Board

7 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring 845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Library Board Meeting 7 P.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Board of Trustees Workshop 7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Mah Jongg Open Play 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. VFW HALL

34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill **10 A.M. CHESTNUT RIDGE, COLD SPRING** 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Kids' Activities at Desmond-Fish Library

10:15 A.M. MUSIC & MOVEMENT FOR TODDLERS 1:30 P.M. PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Adult Pick-Up Soccer 6 - 9 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN PARK

1235 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Art Along the Hudson Juried Exhibit (Opening) 6:30 P.M. BETSY JACARUSO STUDIO AND GALLERY 43-2 E. Market St., Rhinebeck 845-516-4435 | artalongthehudson.com

Theater & Film

Open Mic Night

Open Mic Night

Comedy in the Afternoon 1:45 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

Music

Group Harmonica Workshop 6:30 P.M. BEACON MUSIC FACTORY 50 Liberty St., Beacon

9 P.M. DOGWOOD | 47 E. Main St., Beacon

7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main St., Cold Spring

845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Meetings & Lectures

Garrison School Board

1100 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3689 | gufs.org

34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring

Historic District Review Board

845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Kids & Community

Voter Registration

Indoor Tot Park

See details under Monday.

9 A.M. - 11 A.M. & NOON- 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER

7:30 P.M. VFW HALL

7:30 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL

Cold Spring Planning Board

845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Philipstown Conservative Committee

845-392-3405 | philipstownconservative.com

8 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main. Cold Spring

845-202-3555 | beaconmusicfactory.com

7:15 P.M. FIRST CALL 8 P.M. WHISTLING WILLIE'S | Details under Friday **OUR LADY OF LORETTO** 24 Fair St., Cold Spring

Elementary School Concert 7 P.M. HALDANE SCHOOL

845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

291 Main St., Beacon

Health & Fitness

Pick-up Adult Soccer 5:30 P.M. SARAH TAYLOR PARK Old Main St., Fishkill

Dance * Drum * Sing * Hum 7:30 P.M. BEACON YOGA CENTER 464 Main St., Beacon

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball 7:30 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN RECREATION CENTER 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Theater & Film

1:45 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY See details under Friday.

Sneaking a Peek Beyond the Fringe

to have that element that allows you to laugh at yourself."

There wasn't a thought of transposing any of it to an American setting and/or to modernizing it. As such these four American actors have to convincingly settle into the skins of quintessentially British types and characters. The key to it, said Dunn, is that the dialogue is almost like a musical score. "The original inflections have a tonality; performing it differently is like hearing a sour note. It doesn't necessarily lend itself to new interpretation."

Kimmel concurred: "The rhythm is very clearly spelled out in the text. Once you get the hang of the dialect you apply to it, it's obvious if you make the wrong choice you realize it."

In fact, Dunn very recently discovered a televised version dating from the 1990s, having never seen it before, and was surprised to find very similar cadences there, so even without a reference point "we knew the genre well; a new twist wasn't necessary."

What they have come up with will wind up being a series of three- to 15-minute sketches, with disparate targets. The actors are mixing and matching, no one actor is taking on, for example, just the Jonathan Miller roles. In addition, they've included several sketches in the second act written by comedians associated with BTF, which Dunn called "a bonus treat."

BTF will be performed May 10-26, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets can be ordered through www.brownpapertickets.com or by phoning the box office at 845-424-3900.

Heeling Autism 5K Walk/Run

3:15 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3689 | gufs.org

Children Read to Dogs (ages 7-10)

3:30 - 5 P.M. DESMOND-FISH LIBRARY 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Bingo Night

6 P.M. DOORS OPEN

860-428-1012 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring

Game Night 7:30 P.M. BEAHIVE

845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

meetup.com/hudsonvalleycoedsoccer

347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com

Comedy in the Afternoon

Music

Beginning Fiddle, Cello & Mandolin 7 P.M. GARRISON ART CENTER 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Open Mic Night 8:30 P.M. 12 GRAPES 12 N. Division St., Peekskill 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Centennial Book Launch Party 6:30 - 8 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | beaconcentennial.org

Chess Club

7 - 10 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER See details under Wednesday.

Special Board for Comprehensive Plan/LWRP 7:30 P.M. VILLAGE HALL | 85 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

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Kids & Community

Voter Registration

9 A.M. - 9 P.M. GARRISON SCHOOL See details under Monday.

Indoor Tot Park

9 - 11 A.M. & NOON - 2 P.M. PHILIPSTOWN **RECREATION CENTER** | See details under Friday.

Garden Volunteer Day

9:30 A.M. - NOON. TRAILSIDE MUSEUMS AND ZOO Bear Mountain State Park 845-786-2701, ext. 265 | trailsidezoo.org

Kids' Activities at Howland Library 9:45 A.M. COME & PLAY 10:30 A.M. TODDLER TALES (AGES 2-3) 3 -5 P.M. HOMEWORK CENTER (GRADES 2-5) 4 P.M. MOVE + PLAY (AGES 5-7) 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Chess Club

10 A.M. - 1 P.M. HOWLAND CULTURAL CENTER 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

See details under Friday. **Brain Games for Adults 10 A.M. HOWLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY** 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Nature Strollers

10 A.M. OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Senior Day Center

10 A.M. - 2 P.M. MOTHER LURANA HOUSE See details under Tuesday.

Bouncing Babies

10:30 A.M. BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Kids' Activities at Howland Library 10:30 A.M. PRE-K STORY TIME (AGES 3-5) 3 - 5 P.M. HOMEWORK CENTER (GRADES 2-5) 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org





COMMUNITY BRIEFS

First Presbyterian Shows Documentary *IAm* May 10

What's wrong with the world? What can we do about it? These are questions tackled in the documentary film *I Am*, which will screen at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown on Friday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. The church invites the public to the screening, which will be followed by a community discussion.



Director Tom Shadyac, left, and Morgan Freeman Photo courtesy of First Presbyterian

After recovering from a serious cycling accident that almost left him incapacitated, director Tom Shadyac (*Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* and *The Nutty Professor*) had questions about life and success. Accompanied by a small film crew, he traveled around, enlisting journalists, scientists and spiritual leaders, seeking answers to his questions. *I Am* is a movie about his quest for enlightenment. It is a life-affirming and energetic call to improve the way people live.

This event is free and popcorn is included. Kids over 12 and adults are invited. The First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown is located at 10 Academy St. in Cold Spring.

Putnam History Museum to Screen Film on Slave Trade in the North May 11

On Friday, May 11, starting at 5 p.m., the Putnam History Museum will



DeWolf family tree

screen *Traces of the Trade: A Story From the Deep North*, a documentary in which filmmaker Katrina Browne discovers that her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. She and her nine cousins, including James DeWolf Perry, retrace the Triangle Trade, bringing them face to face with the history and legacy of the North's "hidden enterprise."

DeWolf Perry was the principal historical consultant on *Traces of the Trade*, which led to him receiving an Emmy Award nomination. He is also the executive director of the Tracing Center on Histories and Legacies of Slavery. DeWolf Perry is making a dedicated trip from Cambridge, Mass., to present the film to residents of the Hudson Valley.

There will only be 45 seats available for this event, and tickets are \$15 per seat. To purchase tickets and RSVP, call 845-265-4010 or email info@putnamhistorymuseum.org. The museum is located at 63 Chestnut St. in Cold Spring.

Local educators and the public are welcome to attend an Interpreting Northern Slavery workshop on May 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz; the cost will be \$25. This event is co-sponsored by Historic Huguenot Street and Teaching the Hudson Valley.

Putting the Chestnut Back on Chestnut Street

For Arbor Day the Philipstown Garden Club planted two American chestnut trees in Cold Spring on Chestnut Street, a street once lined with those grand trees. Most of the American chestnuts trees (which reached 100 feet high by 50 feet wide) in the East Coast were destroyed by blight.

"We have been working on the American chestnut tree project for five years,"

> said JoAnn Brown, PGC horticulture chair. "We planted small seedlings at Stonecrop and members' homes until they were ready to be permanently planted. Today we are proud to give Chestnut Street back its namesake!"

> The trees, part of PGC's attempt to repopulate the area with chestnut trees, were planted on the grounds of



Philipstown Garden Club President Beverly Leardi, left, and Horticulture Chair JoAnn Brown plant an American chestnut tree on Chestnut Street April 26. Photo courtesy of PGC

The Nest in Cold Spring. The rest of the trees will be planted at Bannerman's Island, Fishkill, the Garrison Institute, Garrison, and at Hubbard Lodge at Fahnestock Park.

Shop Putnam Business and Home Expo in Carmel

The 2013 Shop Putnam Business and Home Expo is being held at Putnam Hospital Center on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is being hosted by the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce, in cooperation with the Putnam Chambers of Commerce, Putnam Hospital Center and Cornell Cooperative's Putnam Extension.

Over 100 vendors are already registered and more are being added every day. Business from throughout the county will be represented.

The free event will feature the area's food, family entertainment, raffles, prizes, cheerleading performances, demonstrations, seminars, workshops and more. Display booths will be set up in both indoor and outdoor areas. The Expo will also offer a food court.

Admission and parking are free. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Putnam Hospital Center is located at 970 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel. For additional information, contact www.shopputnamexpo.com or call 845-278-6738.

Vendor opportunities are open to all Putnam and Northern Westchester's businesses. Chamber rates apply for any business that is a chamber member of any of the Putnam County Chambers of Commerce. To register as a vendor, call the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce at 845-628-5553. as transformational. He said: "Showing these Polaroids is something I've wanted to do for a long time. They are taken over a period of many years, using an inexpensive camera and 600 color film. The resulting strong, rich colors and the 3-inch-by-3inch format worked for me, as did the compositions that came from peering through the small viewfinder."

In his paintings and drawings, Chandler views the natural world in surreal ways challenging memories of common objects and imbuing them with new meanings. His impressions and memories are taken from the day's uncertainties and chaos and given context on paper and canvas.

Kennedy's works in oil alter commonly visible objects,

many often ignored. "In my work as a garden designer, my goal is usually toward achieving a fairly conventional ideal of beauty," she said. "My art, though, has been centered on the byproducts of human interactions with the natural world. And to my own horror, I find those so-called degradations incredibly beautiful — and often sadly funny."

The exhibition opens with a reception with the artists on Friday, May 3, from 6 to 8 p.m. The exhibition is on view through May 26 at the Marina Gallery, located at 153 Main St. in Cold Spring. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m., or by appointment. For more information contact the gallery at 845-265-2204.

Art Along the Hudson Kickoff Event May 15

The Rhinebeck and Red Hook arts communities are hosting the 10th annual Art Along the Hudson (AAH) Spring Kickoff Media Event, on Wednesday, May 15. The purpose of this event is to bring together business owners, elected officials, artists, arts patrons and the media with a focus on the many and varied cultural opportunities available and how they generate economic growth.



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Three Artists Alter Common Images at Marina Gallery, Opening May 3

The Marina Gallery announces an exhibition of new works by Tim D'Acquisto, Michael Chandler and Grace Kennedy.

D'Acquisto's work alters common images in ways that can only be described



Artwork by Grace Kennedy Photo courtesy of the artist

The evening begins in the Rhinebeck High School auditorium at 5:30 p.m. with guest speakers celebrating the role the arts have in our lives. State Sen. Terry Gipson and Dutchess County Executive Marc Molinaro will share a few words about the arts and economic development in the region. Liza Donnelly, local cartoonist with *The New Yorker*, is the keynote speaker who will share her views concerning the arts and education. And special guest lyric soprano Kimberly Kahan will perform.

The celebration continues at the Juried Art Exhibit reception 6:30 at the Betsy Jacaruso Studio and Gallery, 43-2 E. Market St. (in the courtyard behind Bread Alone) in Rhinebeck, with refreshments donated by village restaurants and live music.

The exhibit includes artwork representing each of the AAH communities

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

along the Hudson River corridor: Ossining, Peekskill, Garrison/Cold Spring, Beacon, Newburgh, Greater New Paltz Area, Poughkeepsie/Hyde Park, Rhinebeck/Red Hook, Kingston, Saugerties and Woodstock.

The Juried Art Exhibit will be on view from Thursday, May 9, through Saturday, June 1, at Betsy Jacaruso Studio and Gallery. For more information, call 845-516-4435. Gallery hours are Thursday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on the exhibitions and offerings of the Art Along the Hudson Kickoff evening, contact betsyjacaruso@gmail.com or visit www.artalongthehudson.com.

Mountain Laurel Outdoor Rec Fest at Fahnestock

The Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC), within Fahnestock State Park, invites all to join in celebrating National Get Outdoors Day and National Kids to Parks Day during TOEC's Mountain Laurel Outdoor Rec Fest on Sunday, May 19, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Staff from the Audubon's Constitution Marsh Sanctuary will start the program off with a bird-banding demonstration. Afterward, Peter Salmansohn from Putnam Highlands Audubon will lead a beginner bird walk.

Hudson Valley Orienteering and Orienteering Unlimited will introduce folks to the sport of orienteering. Instruction and a practice course will be available to test new skills.

REI Outdoor School staff will be bringing their kayaks, offering an opportunity to paddle and learn more about this sport. To participate, an REI signed release is required.

Hudson Valley Outfitters staff will bring their professional weighted hoops for everyone to try "hooping," an outdoor family activity that is also healthy exercise.

TOEC's High Ropes Adventure Course will also be open. A TOEC signed release form is required for participation.

Raptors and Reptiles will take center stage at 2 p.m. Bill Robinson will display live wildlife and talk about these critters and their importance in nature.

The suggested donation for adults is \$2, for kids \$1. No pets are allowed. If inclement weather is forecasted, call before traveling. Food and beverages will be available. For information, contact TOEC at 845-265-3773.

For minors, kayaking or high rope activity participation requires a signed and dated parental or guardian release form. Call for details or email paul.kuznia@



Samples at Taste of Boscobel 2012 attracted 200+ visitors to its west meadow overlooking the Hudson River.

Photo courtesy of Boscobel

bel.org or in person or by phone during regular business hours. Advance ticket prices are \$35/person as Food and Wine/ Beer Sampler and \$30/person as Food-Only Sampler (designated drivers, teens, etc.). Tickets at the door cost \$40/person as Food & Wine/Beer Sampler and \$35/ person as Food-Only Sampler. Friends of Boscobel members receive a 10 percent discount. The event is free for children 10 and under, and all tickets include free grounds admission.

Boscobel offers a wedding couple special at \$25/person for those who register for a walkthrough of Boscobel's grounds as a possible wedding venue. (Walkthrough must be taken by May 18.) Contact cfogarty@boscobel.org to schedule a walkthrough and receive the discount code.

For more information, visit Boscobel. org or call 845-265-3638.

Beacon

bau Gallery Celebrates 100 Monthly Exhibitions

Beacon's bau Gallery will celebrate their milestone of 100 consecutive monthly exhibitions, which happens to coincide with City of Beacon Centennial. To honor the centennial and bau's 100th exhibition milestone, their exhibition, 100+1, will feature 100 works of art, 100 artists and, in the Beacon Room, their +1 solo artist, Kathy Feighery.

The Gala Opening Reception will take place Saturday, May 18, from 6 to 10(+) p.m. The "soft" opening will be on the traditional Second Saturday, May 11.



sculpture and collage. An opening reception will be held Saturday, May 4, 5 - 8 p.m.

For this exhibition, Meyer-Ebrecht created a group of wooden floor sculptures that are meant to be walked on, becoming part of the gallery itself. These works relate to an ongoing interest in architecture and how it engages with people and the world around them.

For Meyer-Ebrecht, architecture doesn't need to be on a grand scale but can be a simple structure that defines a space. In his wall-mounted book cover sculptures, the pages of a book are removed and the cover cut into pieces and reassembled. Meyer-Ebrecht explains that he was thinking about the book's own architecture "with the cloth-cover functioning as a façade of sorts."



Untitled (market stall) by Bjorn Meyer-Ebrecht Photo courtesy of Matteawan Gallery

Matteawan Gallery, at 464 Main St. in Beacon, is open Friday and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m., and Sunday by appointment. For additional information, visit www.matteawan.com or contact Karlyn Benson, info@matteawan.com or 845-440-7901.

Documentary on Wooden Boat to Screen at Beacon Sloop Club

The Beacon Sloop Club Winter Lecture Series concludes on Friday, May 17, with *Charlotte: A Wooden Boat Story*, a documentary film about tradition, craftsmanship, community and a love of the sea.

Charlotte is a film about a boatyard, the Gannon & Benjamin Marine Railway, located on the island of Martha's Vineyard. Ross Gannon and Nat Benjamin established the boatyard in 1980 with the purpose of designing, building and maintaining traditionally built wooden boats, and in the process they transformed Vineyard Haven harbor into a Mecca for wooden-boat owners and enthusiasts. After a long career of designing and constructing boats

for others, Benjamin embarked on building a 50-foot gaff-rigged schooner for use by his family and friends — her name is Charlotte.

This free event will be held on Friday, May 17, 7 p.m. at the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Flynn Drive, Beacon (adjacent to the harbor). In the event of inclement weather, check the website at www.beaconsloopclub.org. For further information, call 845-463-4660 or 914-879-1082.



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Taste of Boscobel Offers Catering, Wine and Beer

On May 19, Boscobel will hold its second annual tasting affair, Taste of Boscobel, featuring caterers, wineries and microbreweries in the Hudson Valley and beyond.

Taste of Boscobel 2013 participants (thus far) include: East Fishkill Provisions, Fresh Company Catering, Chatham Brewery, Happy Bitch Wines, Holbert's Catering, Inn Credible Caterers, La Talaye Catering, Legends Ivana Wines, Le Moulin Catering, Main Course Catering, Oak Beverages, Oliver Kita Fine Catering, Pinnacle Tent and Events, Sterling Affair Caterers, The Thayer Hotel and The Winery at St. George.

Taste of Boscobel will take place on Sunday, May 19, from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online 24/7 at BoscoArtwork by Kathy Feighery Photo courtesy of bau

Solo in the Beacon Room, Feighery was one of the six founding members of bau Gallery back in 2004 and was in the first bau exhibition nine years ago. Her works have been shown extensively in the Hudson Valley and in New York City.

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The Scoop on Beacon Creamery: One Name for Two Different Shops

One is a re-creation of a 1930s soda fountain, the other an ice cream parlor **By Alison Rooney**

on Iarossi is one of those small business owners who keeps getting new ideas about things he loves – things like ice cream, soda fountains and Christmas ornaments. In a tale out of a Frank Capra movie, 20-something years ago, Iarossi was toiling for a bank in Connecticut that went under. Layoffs everywhere were rampant. Instead of sinking into a hole, he went into research mode, fueled by his love of ornaments, and took the retail plunge, opening up Kringle's Christmas House in Fishkill.

Needing to expand, the Hudson Valley native went to check out Beacon, where larger spaces were available. He made the move and opened there 18 years ago, selling ornaments year-round in two large rooms on Main Street.

The ice cream parlor

About six years ago, Iarossi and his sonin-law, Scott Zolotas, were asked by Mountain Tops Outdoors clothing retailers Katy and Buddy Behney to join them in opening a business at the far western end of Beacon's Main Street after a mutual landlord suggested it.

"It just fell into place," said Iarossi of the ice cream shop, adding that the great location, Hudson River view and patio sealed the deal. Using Jane's Ice Cream was Iarossi's idea; he had tasted it years ago. "Once you taste it, you're going to want it, hands down, no comparison," he said.

Jane's comes up with some flavors specifically for Beacon Creamery. These have

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When running three businesses (including the

Bank Square Coffeehouse) proved to be too much for the Behneys, Iarossi and Zolotas bought them out. There was no trepidation for Iarossi about going into business with an about-to-be family member: "He's such a nice guy - he's one of my closest friends." The ice cream store now alternates with Kringle's Christmas House – the economy taking a toll on operating each of these businesses year-round.

The other creamery

Iarossi and Zolotas' newest venture also took hold in almost a happenstance way. A couple years ago, Iarossi ran into Jim Brady, managing director of The Beacon Theatre, who showed him around the then-unrestored space. "We climbed over some concrete and there was practically nothing there," said Iarossi. "We'd like to put a soda fountain in there" was enough to jumpstart Iarossi into business No. 3.

Zolotas, a landscaper by trade and extremely handy, according to his father-inlaw, built everything and put the floors





Beacon Creamery is located next door to the Beacon Theatre. Photo by A. Rooney

down. They worked together on its 1930s soda fountain look, complete with blackand-white patterned floor and even what appears to be a player piano hoisted onto a platform behind the counter.

This Beacon Creamery is less an ice cream parlor than a soda fountain with nods to the present, seen in its range of espresso, cappuccino and lattes, and to the past, with the spotlight on malted, shakes, floats and egg creams. A specialty is the "two-tone shake," made with one type of ice cream on top of another. Light lunches are offered, with daily soups during winter and quiches and salads in spring. Baked goods, all homemade, include brownies, muffins, strudels, pies, cookies and "Scott's phenomenal cheesecake," according to Iarossi.

This Beacon Creamery, about to celebrate its first birthday, sees most of its business in the evenings. Packed after performances next door, where they serve as the concession for the theater, and on Second Saturdays, it's a place where people can head for just a dessert after dining nearby. They also host birthday parties in conjunction with the theater. The kids have lunch at the creamery, head next door to see a movie and return afterwards for ice cream, cupcakes or cake.

They also host theme nights - for a recent Titanic night, together with a screening of the movie next door, they reproduced the desserts served to firstclass passengers. Last summer they held Wednesday happy hour nights with 25cent root beers. They also participate in community events and are planning something special for Beacon's upcoming bicentennial parade.

The Beacon Creamery soda fountain is located at 445 Main St., and hours are from noon, sometimes a bit earlier, to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays through Thursdays; to 9 p.m. on Fridays and "10 or later" on Saturdays; they are closed on Mondays. For more information, visit their Facebook page or phone 845-765-0444.

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Fahnestock's Canopus Lake Beach and Winter Park to Get Overhaul

Ombined state and private funding effort continues Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park's Canopus Lake visitor and recreation area is in store for a major overhaul as renovation begins this month. The project is being funded through a public-private partnership led by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Open Space Institute's Alliance for New York State Parks program, the Taconic Regional Commission of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and the Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks.

To date, \$825,000 in public and private funding has been identified and raised toward a \$1.2 million goal that will help improve and update run-down public facilities at the park's swimming beach and Winter Park area, including the café space, ski and snowshoe rental area and restrooms.

Of the \$825,000, half has been raised through private donations, while the remaining \$400,000 was



Edgar Masters, left, George Pataki, Bob Tendy, Bob Bickford, Barbara Scuccimarra, Andy Beers, Dr. Lucy Waletzky, Erik Kulleseid, Libby Pataki, MaryEllen Odell, Fred Osborn III and Katrina Shindledecker gathered on April 26 to celebrate the renovations. Photo courtesy of NYS Parks Taconic Region

secured through a New York State Environmental Protection Fund grant awarded through Gov. Andrew Cuomo's Hudson Valley Regional Economic Development Council.

The first project in this multi-phase initiative will remodel and winterize the public bathhouse and update the lifeguard facilities, then rehabilitation work will begin on the main courtyard, café space and winter recreation area. All facets of the project will improve energy and water efficiencies at the site. Additional plans for the park include naturalizing the swimming beach and the trails and pathways in the area, improving sustainability features, installing a fully accessible fishing pier and enhancing recreational and play opportunities at the park.

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Roots and Shoots Lasagna Gardening

By Pamela Doan

reader asked: "No-till gardening and lasagna gardening are mentioned frequently in this column. How can I get started?"

If you're ready to give up the backbreaking work of digging and rototilling your garden and flower beds every year, here's an outline to get started. No-till gardens and lasagna gardening both refer to an easy approach that is also a way to prevail over our rocky and slightly acidic soil tendencies in Putnam County. Instead of tearing up the ground, simply create beds on top. Organic matter, which many people have in their yards already, is used as the layers of the "lasagna." No topsoil is necessary, and an afternoon of work can create a rich garden soil that holds water, drains well and has fewer weeds.

Last year I set up three beds with wood sides and one bed that wasn't enclosed. I did very little weeding, and my soil held water beautifully. Happy plants.

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Creating a no-till vegetable garden

Determine where the garden will get lots of sunlight. Most vegetables need six to eight hours of sun every day.

Measure the space and make a diagram where the beds will go. All mine are crooked and not quite level, but the corn doesn't seem to care. If right angles are important to you, mark the ground with string to set them up.

Raised beds can be made of many materials, including bricks, blocks and wood. I used cedar planks to make my beds, because cedar is naturally rot-resistant and untreated. Twelve-inch-wide planks are available and make a perfect depth. I've tried two different sizes, 3 by 8 foot and 4 by 8 foot. The 3-by-8s are on the outside of the garden, and I can push them right up to the deer fence and still reach across it. The 4-by-8-foot beds need to be accessible on three or four sides, though, unless you've got basketball-player limbs. If using treated wood, line the bed with landscape fabric to prevent the chemicals from leaching into your soil. Twelve inches deep is entirely sufficient, but making the beds higher means less bending and



Woody

Raised beds

Photo by P. Doan

stooping. Adding a ledge around the top edge looks nice and functions as a place to sit or keep tools.

Attach hardware cloth, a heavy-duty wire mesh, to the bottom of the bed to keep out voles and other critters that will want to burrow up into your bed. Do not skip this step. Once the beds are in use, taking them apart to add it once you've got invaders is a drag.

Once you've got the bed built and in place, start with a layer of cardboard or newspaper on the bottom, overlapping the edges. This suppresses weeds and keeps anything that was growing under the box from growing up into it. Soak the newspaper or cardboard with water before you layer on top of it.

I add a layer of wood chips to my boxes because I have a huge pile that's been sitting and decomposing nicely for several years. As a general rule, use wood chip mulch around trees and in beds only after it's been aged for more than a year. Use fresher mulch for paths.

Next, add layers of peat moss alternating with organic matter, any of the following: compost - you can make your own using vegetable and fruit scraps, coffee grounds, grass clippings, shredded leaves and other plant material; hay; sawdust; straw; or wood ashes.

In my experience, a 4-by-8-foot bed needs about one 3-cubic-foot bag in this formula - peat moss, shredded leaves, peat moss, compost, peat moss, compost.

Here's a great tip passed along from another master gardener. Shred leaves in a barrel or trash can using a weed whacker. It's like a giant immersion blender. Make sure to use protective eyewear, though no need to blind yourself for a tomato.

For further reference, check out Lasagna Gardening by Patricia Lanza or this guide on Cornell's website: blogs.cornell.edu/horticulture/about/basic-gardening-info/.

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View from Peekskill Road

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