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A Nasty Hoax

School lockouts and police mobilization

By Kevin E. Foley

Putnam County Sheriff Donald B. Smith has confirmed that the incident this morning that closed both Haldane and Garrison schools, blocked off a section of Route 9D and had local police forces on high alert in multiple locations with special weapons, was in fact a hoax, a swatting hoax to be exact.

The incident, according to the sheriff, is the latest in a number of similar hoaxes that have occurred nationally that have come to be called “swatting” cases, namely false reports of hostage and other violent situations that are intended to call for a response from the special weapons and tactics (SWAT) police teams.

The call came into the sheriff’s office shortly after 10 a.m. reporting that a woman and her son were being held hostage at gunpoint in a home in the Manitou section of Garrison, below Route 9D along the Hudson River.

Law enforcement officers, including sheriff’s deputies, state police and Cold Spring police, closed 9D for about two hours while they investigated the situation that turned out to be fictitious.

“A false report like this one goes way beyond a prank—it is the product of a sick, twisted and criminal mind,” said Smith. “Falsely reporting an emergency causes serious disruptions in our community and puts *(Continued on page 3)*



As the weather warms, kayakers return to the Hudson River; local kayakers offer safety tips on page 6.

Photo by M. Turton

Six Haldane Board Candidates Answer Key Questions

Three seats to be filled in May 19 election

By Kevin E. Foley

The six candidates running for three trustee seats on the five-member Haldane Board of Education shared views on key issues at a forum sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) on Wednesday evening, May 13, in the Haldane auditorium. Lourdes Laifer, PTA president, and Laura Danilov moderated the discussion, posing questions to the candidates — Sarah Carnevale, Margaret (Peggy) Clements, Charles (Chuck) Hustis III, Margaret Parr, Koren (Kory) Riesterer and Evan Schwartz — as they enforced time limits and rotated the opportunity to be the first respondent. While generally praising the board’s recent success in hiring and budgeting, each candidate made distinctive claims about how to use available resources to provide the best education possible for every Haldane student.

To see a video of the complete candidates’ forum and to read each candidate’s statement, visit philipstown.info. Following are some highlights from their remarks at the forum:

State testing and ‘opting out’

Laifer’s first question asked the candidates to comment on an article the PTA had sent them in advance containing advice from the New York State Association of School Attorneys on the ways school boards should consider requests from parents who want their children to opt out of taking state tests.

Hustis suggested the board should remain neutral, as New York state has no opt-out clause. Advising resistance to media hype and knee-jerk reactions, Parr

said, “Nobody is happy,” and affirmed the board should “respond, comply and make the necessary moves to either work with [state testing requirements] or change [them].” Riesterer said the board should poll the community and act from a position of strength in “knowing what we as a small district want for our children” rather than fear of non-compliance.

Schwartz focused on letting parents know how Haldane uses test results, noting that the schools do not use it to label students and have never “taught to the test.” Carnevale agreed, while affirming that the opt-out movement by parents had gotten Albany’s attention in a way that could result in changes. Clements said the board should focus on two-way communication with parents as well as the right use of data, focusing on the “implications for the district, the children, the budget and how does the community feel about that.”

Fiscal priorities

Clements acknowledged that most of the school budget goes to staff but that the small amount left over should be spent on evidence-based solutions to defined needs with clear ways to monitor and measure success. Hustis noted the need to upgrade the infrastructure, suggesting that “down the road we may have to ask taxpayers to approve a bond” for these purposes. Parr stated that most of the board’s budget challenges involved unfunded mandates, negotiating contracts and responsible use of property taxes; noting a difference between wants and needs, she ranked her priorities as “safety, academics, extracurriculars, happy staff and keeping up with technology.”

Riesterer advocated for increasing enrichment programs and drawing on more of the community’s resources in terms of talent and available space. Schwartz, who has served *(Continued on page 5)*

Osborne Will Challenge Scuccimarra

Shea and Montgomery also seek Nov. re-election

By Kevin E. Foley

Democrat Lithgow Osborne, an unsuccessful candidate for Putnam County clerk last November, will run this coming November for the seat representing Philipstown (and some parts of Putnam Valley) in the Putnam County Legislature. Barbara Scuccimarra is the Republican incumbent legislator expected to run for re-election. She has not, however, announced her candidacy.

Osborne will be running along with fellow Democrats Richard Shea, the incumbent Philipstown supervisor, and incumbent Town Councilwoman Nancy Montgomery, both seeking re-election to their current posts. Richard Flaherty, just appointed to a Town Board seat (vacated by Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy) will round out the local Democratic ticket in seeking a full term of his own.

The Philipstown Democrats announced their ticket in a statement after *(Continued on page 3)*



Haldane Board Candidates - top left to right - Evan Schwartz, Charles Hustis III, Sarah Carnevale. Bottom left to right - Margaret Parr, Koren (Kory) Riesterer, Margaret (Peggy) Clements.

Photo by K. E. Foley

Marnie's Asian Kitchen to Go

Homestyle, fresh Asian takeout meals offered twice weekly out of St. Mary's Parish Hall

By Alison Rooney

Inventoriate travelers Marnie Henricksson and her former husband spent years roaming in Japan and Southeast Asia. Using a six-tatami-mat apartment “in a small town a subway ride outside of Tokyo” as a base, Henricksson spent a year there teaching English as a means of supporting her wanderlust. It was there, in a tiny space equipped with little more than a hot pot and a rice cooker, that Henricksson discovered the “fabulous markets, from which I learned

to cook. I'm from Minnesota,” she said, “and I grew up with canned vegetables and that whole era, so this was just amazing to me.”

Cut to decades later, and Henricksson, who, along the way, opened and ran a very successful pan-Asian restaurant in New York City and, more recently, the revered but short-lived Marnie's Kitchen just off the Taconic in Putnam Valley, is feeling that urge to cook again. She has just established “Marnie's Asian Kitchen to Go” at Cold Spring's St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, as kind of a regular pop-up, open Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5 to 8 p.m. with a changing selection of Henricksson's home-cooked Asian meals.

“The food is my take on these dishes, not completely authentic, but my style of fresh Asian food, in a friendly little place,” Henricksson said. She added that she uses “lots of citrus: lemon and lime juice, garlic and ingredients, for example collards, not typically found in Asian kitchens, but fresh and available here.”

It's very much a work in progress due to the newness of the concept and execution. Henricksson intends to offer four dishes each week (the same menu will apply to both Tuesdays and Wednesdays but will change weekly): three entrées and one vegetable, derived from Chinese, Thai, Burmese, Filipino, Japanese, Ma-

laysian and Indian cuisines. Usually, one of the entrées will be a stir-fry and another something “assembled.” The first selections will be tried and true favorites from her restaurants.

Mary's opened for the first time Tuesday, May 12; the initial offerings included sesame noodles with chicken breast, cucumber and snap peas for \$10, or vegetables-only for \$8; a Thai beef salad for \$10, without beef \$5; a Southeast Asian sauté of wheat noodles stir-fried with shrimp or chicken breast and spinach in a coconut milk, lemongrass, ginger, and garlic sauce for \$10, vegetables only \$8; and sautéed collard greens with garlic and Chinese sausage for \$5. A side of jasmine rice cost \$3. Henricksson will post each week's menu and prices on Sunday evenings via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or send them to those interested by email (add your email address at marnies.takeout@gmail.com if interested).

To keep the packaging waste to a minimum, there will be reusable containers for those who want to wash them and bring them back for the next refill. The rest of the containers will be recycled paper ones. There will be no plastic utensils, just wooden chopsticks.

After returning from her long stint in Asia, Henricksson took a giant step, with zero background in the restaurant business, by nevertheless opening one. “I was always interested in small businesses — that's my thing — and it all came together when we took that long trip. I came back and simply thought, ‘I wonder if we can open a restaurant?’”

Soon thereafter, Marnie's Noodle Shop opened in Greenwich Village. “I was a nobody on the food scene,” she recalled, “and for some reason just two weeks after we opened I got a full-page review in *New York* magazine; it was craziness. A month after that we got highlighted in the ‘\$25 and Under’ section of the *New York Times*. After that I got as much business as I could possibly handle, and never paid a dollar for advertising!” Henricksson recalled.

Marnie's Noodle Shop opened in 1991 and closed in 1998, when Henricksson, her then-husband and two daughters decamped to the country, moving to Putnam Valley and then overseas to Europe before returning to Putnam Valley. She wrote a cookbook, *Everyday Asian*, and tried restaurant-running again, opening Marnie's Asian Kitchen on Pudding



Thai beef salad, one of the first week's offerings at Marnie's Asian Kitchen at St. Mary's.

Photo by A. Rooney



The signboard outside of St. Mary's Parish Hall alerts fans of Asian food to the arrival of Marnie's Asian Kitchen to Go.

Photo by A. Rooney

Street, just off the Taconic. Although the food was praised, the location proved tricky with no chance to place signs along the Taconic; and before the advent of social media to promote it, there just wasn't enough traffic. The restaurant had a strong corps of local devotees, but, as it was also quite physically taxing, with Henricksson doing everything herself; she closed it and moved to Cold Spring about a year ago.

After her younger daughter left for college last year, Henricksson realized she had “no one left to cook for” and she missed it. Figuring out how to do so, without the pressures of running a restaurant, took some time, and she considered a number of options, including renting space at local restaurants that might be closed at night, before finding the space at St. Mary's.

“They've been so receptive to my coming in,” she said, “and are open to my inventing a way for this to be — getting my food to those who like the way I cook.” Henricksson knows there will be some trial and error at the beginning: “It's all about the right amount of food. Ideally eventually there will be preorders, which will let me calculate how much to bring, and we may run out of stuff during the first few weeks, but I think after about six weeks we will have the flow and it will be great. For me, at this stage of life I'm at, I want it to be fun.” To add to the fun component, Henricksson's two daughters will be helping her out during the first few weeks.

The day Marnie's first started serving, a note appeared on Facebook explaining what ensued: “I am overwhelmed by the incredible response we got for our opening day. We sold the food for two days in just a few hours! Consequently, we won't be open tomorrow but I now know how to prepare for next week. Thank you so much for your support and patience. I'll post again soon to let you know about preordering starting next week.”

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Graswald Indicted for Murder

Prosecutor says she was set to claim \$250,000 in life insurance

By Kevin E. Foley

The case against Angelika Graswald moved beyond simple accusation to indictment this past week as the Orange County District Attorney's Office formally reported to a judge that a grand jury had indicted the 35-year-old for second-degree murder in the fateful kayak incident that resulted in the apparent drowning of her fiancé, Vincent Viafore.

The alleged murder is said to have taken place off Bannerman's Island just north of Cold Spring.

Despite a plea from her defense attorney, Richard Portale, that she be released on her own recognizance, the judge presiding over a hearing on Wednesday

(May 13) in Goshen, New York, set Graswald's bail at \$3 million.

Prosecutors revealed for the first time that Graswald is the named beneficiary on two Viafore life insurance policies totaling \$250,000.

Assistant District Attorney Julie Mohl, according to several media outlets, characterized the life insurance benefits as part of Graswald's motive to kill Viafore. Mohl reportedly said Graswald acknowledged as much and further that she sabotaged Viafore's kayak so it would sink. Mohl was quoted as declaring that Graswald told authorities, "It felt good knowing he was going to die." Graswald allegedly waited 25 minutes before calling police for help, and, according to prosecutors, she staged her own kayak capsizing.

In a televised press conference after the bail hearing, Portale sought to throw doubt onto the prosecutor's assertions of

confessed guilt and clear motive. He described the assertion that his client had confessed to anything as a "complete contrast" to earlier claims that "there were inconsistencies" in her statements to police.

Portale said further that Graswald was suffering from hypothermia at the time of her initial questioning and that she sometimes experienced difficulty in understanding English but that she hid that with a confident tone even when not fully comprehending questions.

"She is confident that with the passage of time the truth will come out," Portale said of his client.

Todd Giudice, a North Highlands musician, was part of a small group of locals who traveled to the courthouse to offer a show of support for Graswald. Giudice said he and others were concerned about a rush to judgment about someone who might very well have had a language or



Angelika Graswald Photo source: NY State Police

cultural problem with police questions and who in any event is alone and in need of some solace from people who knew her.

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many innocent persons at risk as officers are responding rapidly to the call."

The sheriff said an investigation is underway to determine the hoax perpetrator.

Lockout

Alerted to the situation, Haldane and Garrison school officials initiated precautionary safety measures.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., word started reaching Haldane parents that the school was in what was first referred to as a "lockdown" and then refined to "lockout" situation.

The usual frenzy of conjecture resulted, with Facebook and other social media

posts speculating about everything from a gun-related incident, to a domestic dispute nowhere near the school grounds, to a "swatting."

Texts from students inside the Haldane complex confirmed that there was a lockout (meaning students could continue with their activities within the building, but no one is allowed to enter or leave the building) but that they had no idea why it was occurring. One high school student reported that in her classroom, all students were seated on the floor, in the corner near desks, and that after an initial period of nervousness, there was little anxiety.

At 11:30 a.m. Haldane Superintendent Diana Bowers utilized the Haldane message system, which sends messages out via phone calls as well as via text, to confirm the situation and assure the community that the students were safe and there would be further updates.

During the ensuing hours, students continued to text parents but were unable to shed any light on the situation beyond the all-important fact that they were all fine.

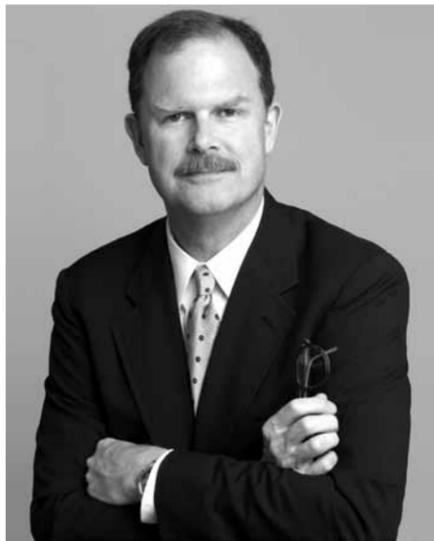
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Osborne Will Challenge Scuccimarra *(from page 1)*



Lithgow Osborne

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a meeting of the Putnam County Democratic Committee last Monday night at the Kent, New York, volunteer firehouse.

So far no other Republicans or other party candidates have announced a challenge to the Democrats, who hold all the seats on the Philipstown Town Board.

"We look forward to future opportunities to hear from Philipstown voters about their concerns and ideas for the future," said Osborne. "Philipstown deserves representation in the legislature that will actively fight for the issues that matter to our community," he added.

The Osborne and Scuccimarra matchup, if it happens, will likely be the most hotly contested race. Scuccimarra won her seat nearly three years ago over a not well-known Democrat, Stephen Rosario, in a presidential election year that brought out a significantly higher voter turnout than off-year elections typically do. Nevertheless, 3,000 people voted for

her (Rosario received over 2,500 votes), and that's a big advantage for an incumbent to have for re-election.

In 2011, however, Scuccimarra lost her Philipstown Town Board seat in a year both major parties ran candidate slates as the Democrats are planning this year. It remains to be seen if Republicans can put together a slate and a robust campaign.

Although Osborne lost his very uphill county clerk race against long-serving deputy clerk Michael Bartolotti, from the heavily Republican and far more populated eastern end of the county, he beat Bartolotti in Philipstown by a margin of 2,074 to 1,568, giving him claim to a strong local following going into this year.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Kory Riesterer a balanced voice**

To the Editor:

Whether you have kids in school or not, whether you've lived here forever or less than forever, Kory Riesterer is a smart choice for a seat on the Haldane Board of Education. She is a balanced thinker with a strong commitment to keeping costs down and an excellent record of enriching volunteer leadership at Haldane. You just can't beat that combination. I trust her with the difficult and complex decisions our current board members are facing. She is a moderate voice, an experienced professional and a practical thinker who is also excellent at creative problem solving. Her knowledge of the inner workings of the schools and district and the good relationships she's grown at all levels of Haldane — with staff, administrators, teachers, parents and current board members — will be an asset to the Board of Education and will make for an easy transition to the lineup.

I know Ms. Riesterer well and I've worked alongside her on committees at the village government level and at Haldane. I've experienced her diligence and work ethic and selfless dedication to this community firsthand. She always does her research; she always meets the deadline; she is the partner on your team that you know you can always count on to bring smart, thoughtful ideas to the table, to listen closely to all sides, and to follow through on her commitments.

I feel a deep appreciation for the work of our current board members and for the dedication shown by all of the candidates in this election who have put themselves forward in the spirit of service. I feel compelled to write this letter because I know without a doubt that any and all of them would be lucky to have Kory Riesterer on their team. I hope others will join me in voting for her.

Thank you,
Jennifer Zwarich
Cold Spring

Why vote no on library referendum

To the Editor:

I intend to vote against the imposition of permanent additional annual school taxes of \$73,150 on Haldane District taxpayers to support the Butterfield Library in the Haldane referendum May 19. A few years ago, Butterfield succeeded, by referendum, in achieving permanent annual property taxes payable by town residents of \$276,000, which we have been paying ever since and will continue to pay until the end of time as there is no way for the taxpayers or voters to repeal or reduce them. Last year, the Desmond-Fish Library successfully engineered a Garrison School District referendum imposing permanent annual additional property taxes on those residents of \$75,000.

Under current state law, these annual school taxes, totaling \$349,150 for Butterfield if the referendum on May 19 passes, can be reduced only if the Butterfield Board brings on another referendum to reduce them—a most unlikely event. One result is that the libraries receiving these public funds cannot be required ever to justify their use of taxpayer funds to any publicly elected body, while other recipients of taxpayer funds must obtain them through an annual open budget process. Moreover, the funds sought in the current referendum have little or nothing to do with the Haldane schools.

I love and use Butterfield, and consider it an important part of the Philipstown community. I applaud the open and very public way in which Butterfield has proposed and justified the current referendum. I also appreciate Butterfield's inclusion on its website of detailed financial information (which I could not find on the Desmond-Fish website). However, I must oppose any referendum to obtain permanent taxpayer funding at a level that cannot be reduced or changed through any political process.

Very truly yours,
Robert C. Bickford
Philipstown

Margaret Parr***Running for Haldane trustee***

After many years of considering a run for the Haldane Board of Education, I am pleased to announce that this year everything has fallen into place and I can finally commit the time and energy to this very important position. I am a graduate of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, with a B.S. in speech and spent my early career in the music industry at Sony Music International, as an associate director of special marketing.

As a 20-plus-year resident of the Village of Cold Spring, with two children who have attended Haldane since kindergarten, I think I can offer the Board of Ed a true pulse of this community. I believe in taking advantage of every opportunity life has to offer, and through the years many will know me as a familiar face from various activities including leadership roles in the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Philipstown Little League, Haldane PTA, Haldane Class Parent, an election worker at both school and town elections, and most recently from my employment at the Philipstown Recreation Department. I have passed this love of participation in the community on to my children who are active in Haldane varsity sports (baseball, basketball, volleyball and track), Model UN, National Honor Society, yearbook, Student Council, Leo Club, International Club and band. In addition to school activities, my son, John (Class of 2016) joined the Cold Spring Fire Company No. 1 as a junior firefighter this past year, and both he and my daughter, Catherine (Class of 2017), serve at Our Lady of Loretto parish — John

as a Eucharistic minister and Catherine as a lector.

I have watched with amazement generations of Haldane students grow up through the system and become vibrant adults who remain in this community and move beyond it to pursue their dreams. The previous Board of Education trustees have brought our school to a great place and I want to offer my services to continue in their footsteps.

I understand that the Board of Education's responsibilities include establishing a vision for the school that reflects a consensus of the board, community and district staff. In addition, the board is challenged with adopting a balanced annual budget, adopting a school calendar and negotiating contracts with employee unions, approving curriculum materials and the construction of a campus that will benefit the education process.

I know the board will have to work as a team with collaboration and respect to set the vision and goals for our school. I will consistently ask the hard questions and work for transparency in all that we do. I don't believe that we have to agree on everything, but once a vote is cast, I will support the consensus regardless of my personal vote on the issue. There is a chain of command in every school system, and I will do my best to direct any concerns of parents or community members to the appropriate person to handle their particular issues.

While I am not a career education professional, I do not consider this a handicap in my candidacy. I recently started working in the public school system in the business office at Hawthorne Cedar Knolls School in Westchester and hope that by joining the Haldane Board of Education I can continue my own education by learning more about how the

public education system in New York really works from the inside. The jargon, technical language and policy details that I may not know or fully understand yet, are likely the same jargon, technical language and policy details that the average parent also doesn't fully understand. I don't claim to be an expert by any means, but hope to serve as a bridge to the community by doing the research to educate myself and share information with clarity and simplicity to any community member who asks the questions. This will require steady and ongoing work on my part, and I feel that I am up to that challenge.

My love for Philipstown, Haldane and all of the children in this community runs deep. I would be honored to serve on the Board of Education at Haldane and hope you trust me with your vote on May 19.



Margaret Parr

Photo provided

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eight years on the board, suggested the need for a longer-term view beyond the current budget cycle or a “bubble class” when demographics create higher enrollments and staffing needs. Carnevale emphasized teacher training and small class size as the two issues with the most direct impact on students while also stressing the need for extracurricular activities that keep children busy and interested.

What the district might do better

Riesterer would like to see more focus on inclusion and diversity, enabling more children with different needs to be educated within the district and alongside their peers. Schwartz is enthusiastic about the schools’ growing use of project-based learning and professional development for teachers under the direction of Haldane Superintendent Diana Bowers. Praising the high level of parent involvement in Haldane, Carnevale also supported project-based learning and the creation of more opportunities for students to explore a variety of skills and activities.

Clements talked about providing the best education possible for students across the achievement spectrum, suggesting that no Haldane graduate should need remedial math or English courses before qualifying for further education. Hustis acknowledged the district’s success in creating good citizens and workforce members but added “there are also opportunities for improvement.” Parr suggested the district could better encourage children to “dream bigger,” to identify and pursue opportunities beyond Haldane in addition to keeping up with technology and learning from the students on that front.

Measures of student achievement

Candidates agreed that the district provided a solid academic foundation, but each noted how the schools might do more to prepare students for the challenges of a complex world and to reduce their vulnerability to addiction. Parr thinks the schools could teach more coping and stress-management skills. Riesterer would like them to foster a “broader view and more diverse understanding of the world” before they graduate, perhaps through more international exchange programs. Schwartz noted the advantages and limitations of a close community in developing social skills, suggesting that travel programs such as the New Orleans trip were becoming a new norm to help children expand their boundaries.

Carnevale stressed the specific need to help high schoolers participate in the larger world to avoid insularity and boredom. Clements acknowledged many successes but suggested there are “not an insignificant number” of children whose needs are not being met by Haldane schools, who may require more diverse experiences to prepare them for the real world. Hustis said the schools should enable children to experience community service, “encouraging them to be involved ... to keep busy and do good things” and thereby avoid drugs and alcohol.



Lourdes Laifer and Laura Danilov moderate the forum.

Photo by K. E. Foley

Candidates’ unique strengths

Schwartz zeroed in on his eight years of board experience as well as his career in education both as a special ed and social studies teacher and currently as a New York City high school principal. Carnevale stressed her 15 years of experience in teaching and learning, her recognition as the best high school teacher in New York City and her ability to predict if a theory will work in a classroom. For Clements, her experience as a Haldane parent, her success in negotiating complex environments and her view that Haldane is good but could be better are as relevant as her professional experience as an educational research psychologist.

Hustis emphasized his love of numbers, his pursuit of an advanced degree in math and his drive to help children move forward. Parr, noting she is not a professional educator, talked about integrity and shared values, commitment and the ability to “create balance, not only in the budgets but in the community and in the

life in general for the administration, staff, teachers and students.” Riesterer said her heart was with students who struggled as nontraditional learners for different reasons, and she wants to be sure their needs are met.

Don’t forget to vote

At the close of the forum, outgoing Board President Joe Curto echoed the opening remarks of Bowers in thanking the candidates for stepping up and offering their respective perspectives and expertise to board service. He advised the losers to stay involved and the winners to dive in and bring a fresh perspective to the issues. The three new trustees will each serve a three-year term, joining current members Jennifer Daly and Peter Henderson, whose terms expire in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

The message from all the candidates and forum presiders: VOTE! Polls are open at Haldane on May 19 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in Room 105. Park in the bell lot and enter through the side door.

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DATED: May 13, 2015
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**PROPOSITION III:
 BUTTERFIELD LIBRARY PROPOSITION**

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YES NO

US

YES NO

TUESDAY, MAY 19th at Haldane School
 Have questions? Contact us: jbldirector@gmail.com | 845.265.3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

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Kayaker Safety on the Hudson

Spring conditions are deceptive and dangerous

By Michael Turton

The unofficial start of summer — Memorial Day Weekend — is fast approaching, and that means that kayaking on the Hudson River is once again about to get into full swing. Recreational kayaking has burgeoned in recent years. Some 8.7 million Americans participated in the sport in 2013, according to a report by the Outdoor Industry Association. An additional 6.6 million Americans took part in fishing kayaking, sea kayaking and whitewater kayaking. The report also stated that 47 percent of recreational kayakers go out just one to three times a year, a statistic that underscores a lack of experience among many paddlers and the need for increased attention when it comes to safety.

According to the United States Coast Guard (USCG), there were 110 deaths in the U.S. connected with canoeing, kayaking and stand-up paddling in 2013. Considering that more than 15 million people enjoy kayaking in its various forms, the number of fatalities is actually relatively low. The tragedy lies in the fact that many, if not most of the deaths, could have been prevented had the victims been more aware of the risks involved with the sport and taken preventive measures.

Inexperience: a key factor

An analysis of USCG statistics pertaining to kayaking accidents published in 2011 yielded data that is not only cautionary but also hints at some of the preparedness kayakers need to embrace. Key among the findings: Drowning was the most frequent cause of death; the



Cold water can be fatal. Kayakers must dress for the water temperature, not the weather.

Photo courtesy of Hudson River Expeditions



Even expert kayakers are advised to always wear a PFD.

American Canoe Association photo

majority of drownings involved kayakers not wearing a personal flotation device (PFD); the most common injury was hypothermia. The leading factors contributing to accidents included hazardous waters, weather and kayaker inexperience.

Local advanced-level kayakers have seen that inexperience and lack of awareness played out on the Hudson River. "I see people who buy a kayak and (immediately) consider themselves to be 'kayakers,'" said James Hartford, a local architect and avid recreational kayaker. Hartford has taken numerous training programs through both Qajaq USA, an affiliate of the Greenland Kayak Association, and the British Canoe Union. He has also served as a teaching assistant at New York Kayak Company on Pier 40 in New York City. "The most common mistake I see is people overestimating their abilities, and seriously underestimating conditions," Hartford witnessed such flawed judgment on April 18, during a volunteer cleanup of Little Stony Point Park just outside Cold Spring. "People were paddling without PFDs in kayaks unsuitable for the rough conditions that day," he said.

Spring conditions deceiving

Numerous paddling websites strongly warn kayakers of a common and sometimes lethal mistake — dressing for the weather rather than the water temperature. On its website, the American Canoe Association (ACA) states that without proper equipment and clothing, cold water "quickly robs the body of its strength, diminishes coordination and impairs judgment" and that capsizing in water even as warm as 60 degrees can initiate "cold water shock." It adds that in such conditions, "the body can (quickly) become incapacitated ... and without a life-jacket this can be ... fatal." ACA asserts that when water is 60 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, "a wetsuit is a must and

a drysuit is highly recommended." Water temperature in the Hudson River doesn't usually exceed 60 degrees until well into June.

Cold Spring resident Ray Fusco, a lifelong paddler, former instructor and outdoor educator, echoed ACA's advice. "Spring is the most dangerous time of year to paddle ... it's deceiving," he said. "You've been stuck in the house all winter. Now the air temperatures are warm, it's beautiful and you're excited to go out." But he warned, "Cold water, warm air temps and nighttime paddling in spring is not for the faint of heart."

Fusco feels strongly that the Hudson River should never be taken lightly, least of all by inexperienced kayakers, even as its waters warm in summer. "On its calmest days it's perfect for beginners," he said. "But on the windy, choppy days, it's for advanced, skilled paddlers only."

'Commanded by a fool'

Charles Rowe of the USCG also warned of man-made hazards on the river in addition to those posed by nature. "The Hudson is a busy waterway for commercial traffic," including tugs, barges, container ships and oil tankers, he said. He pointed out that because kayakers are so low to the waterline, they are inherently difficult to see, especially in low-light conditions. His advice to kayakers: "The closer a commercial vessel approaches a kayak, the more limited is its vision. Steer way clear. This is not a collision you can win."

Rowe is equally clear about his No. 1 safety rule. "No matter how experienced a kayaker may be, if he goes out without a life jacket, then he is aboard a craft commanded by a fool," he said in an email to *The Paper*.

Fusco believes that when a kayaker fails to wear a PFD, it's likely due to "overconfidence and lack of education about the real dangers 'if' something goes wrong."

Educate yourself

There is widespread agreement among experts regarding the most important tips they would give kayakers to help them stay safe while out on the water, although they may differ slightly as to the order. Brian Grahn, owner of Hudson River Expeditions in Cold Spring and an ACA coastal kayaking instructor, emphasizes one fundamental suggestion, one that is almost guaranteed to incorporate all the other important aspects of kayak safety. "Educate yourself," Grahn said.

"Sign up for classes with accredited instructors, join a paddling club with accredited instructors, paddle with experienced friends and learn rescue skills," he said. "However you gain the awareness, knowledge and skills you need to safely enjoy kayaking — do it."

Grahn also likes to cite what he calls the four stages of learning that new or inexperienced kayakers are likely to go through as they develop their knowledge and skills: unconscious incompetence, conscious incompetence, conscious competence and unconscious competence. "The sooner a paddler gets to step 2, the safer they will be," Grahn said.

Key safety tips

The following are some of the key safety tips for kayakers, gathered from leading websites and from local kayakers Grahn, Fusco and Hartford:

- Learn fundamental skills from a qualified instructor.
- Wear a PFD.
- Dress appropriately for the water temperature, not the weather.
- Be aware of current and forecasted weather.
- Be aware of conditions and features where you will be kayaking.
- File a float plan with someone who can act if you don't return as planned.
- Be prepared for possible adverse conditions and incidents, including knowledge of rescue skills and cold water safety.
- Carry a fully charged cellphone in a waterproof container.
- Take along water and food and do not drink alcohol — it dehydrates you and impairs judgment.
- Be sure your kayak is appropriate for your skill level and local conditions.
- For more information on kayak safety, visit the ACA website at americancanoe.org.



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Beacon Sends Messages Into Future

A new time capsule to connect people with their counterparts 150 years from now

By Alison Rooney

It won't be via telephone or text message or even through one of those newfangled but inevitably soon-to-be-obsolete technologies like Skype, but today's Beaconites have been given the opportunity and ability to communicate with their counterparts of the future through the HELLO BEACON 2163 time capsule project created by artist Jill Reynolds. The unveiling of the capsule, which differs from the usual concept through both form and content, will take place this Saturday, May 16 — the day after Beacon's 102nd anniversary, at 1:30 p.m. at Howland Public Library.

There, Beacon Mayor Randy Casale and City Councilpersons Peggy Ross and George Mansfield will join Reynolds in drawing the curtains open to view the collection of nearly 2,000 messages, handwritten by residents. They have been individually sealed and stored in mini test tubes and placed inside a large glass vessel, designated to be opened in 2163, and are on display at Howland Library, unburied, until that time.

Reynolds, a flamework glass artist, first proposed the idea as part of the Beacon Centennial celebrations two years ago but suggested it a little too late for it to take place. She declares herself interested in "artifacts, history, memory — and the future. This gives people now another layer, a reason to think about the future."

When crafting the parameters of the project, Reynolds recalled her grandfather, born in 1892, recounting his mother's story of seeing Lincoln's funeral train going through Chicago when she was a little girl. Considering ways to make history more tangible, Reynolds seized upon 150 years as an appropriate benchmark, noting that if the average lifespan is 75 to 80 years, then 150 is about two lifetimes, "so for kids now, their great-great-grandchild would 'know' somebody who put a message in the capsule."

Using glass as the material for the time capsule is also significant for Reynolds. "I chose glass with the hope that the visibility of the messages and the vulnerability of the material will inspire careful guardianship," she said.

Reynolds created a similar project on a much larger scale in the year 2000, in Tacoma, Washington. Working on a commission, she made a glass capsule donated by Corning designed to last 1,000 years, all the while withstanding possible earthquakes and volcanic lava flows from the nearby mountains there. For this project, Reynolds' proposal was selected to receive support from Arts Mid-Hudson, with funds made available through the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

The collection of messages for HELLO BEACON 2163 began at last



The time capsule, filling up with messages in glass tubes to be displayed at Howland Library and opened up in 2163

Photo courtesy of Jill Reynolds

September's Spirit of Beacon Day, Pumpkin Day, numerous farmers market Sundays, at the auto show, the Open to the Sky Sukkot, on the street during Second Saturdays, continuing through the end of 2014. There were also six collection points around town. The concept was simple: Interested participants (who ranged in age from small children to the elderly) were asked to write down a message about Beacon or their life in Beacon, to be read by someone 150 years from now. Suggestions were offered — anything from

"Describe a contemporary fad" to "What's your favorite place in nature?" — but anything was fair game. Adding name and age was optional.

Participants were provided with special slips of acid-free paper and a souvenir pencil. Reynolds said that "99 percent of people wrote theirs then and there, on the spot, but some deliberated for some time before determining what to write, and others erased and rewrote, sometimes asking for new sheets, wanting to get it just right." Many people read (Continued on page 11)



Alex Garipey, left, and Katie Phillips: 5K race organizers who double as Haldane sociology students



Photo by A. Rooney

Haldane Class Studies Autism's Challenges

'We've learned about social problems and how some are pushed away from society and hidden.'

By Alison Rooney

The high school sociology elective at Haldane tackles many of today's concerns head-on. With units on gender, socioeconomic status, racism, family and children, social norms and sociological theory, the class presents students with real-life topics and allows them to reach into and beyond their own experience as they discuss and debate what shapes contemporary life in this country. The class, taught by social studies teacher Melissa Seideman, who also teaches the core 12th-grade government classes, is offered to juniors and seniors as part of the Dutchess Community College (DCC) accredited program in which high school students can receive college credit for classes taught at Haldane that have been vetted and approved by DCC.

The sociology class is only in its second year, and new elements continue to be added to it. This spring, the students went on a field trip to the Green Haven Correctional Facility, located in Dutchess County, a trip the majority of students called "life-changing" according to Seideman. Hearing about a "Youth Assistance Program" offered there from a colleague in another school district, Seideman said the program, which is in the "Scared Straight" vein, is generally presented to at-risk students but was tailored a little



Haldane sociology teacher Melissa Seideman

Photo by A. Rooney

differently to this group.

For junior Alex Garipey, it felt transformational. "It made me realize that just because people do bad things doesn't mean they're bad people. So many were remorseful. It changed my perspective on prisons and was completely eye-opening."

The culminating activity of this semester-long class is what Seideman has dubbed the "Sociology Passion Project," which encourages students to pursue a creative interest they would otherwise not (Continued on page 11)

The Calendar

For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info.
Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Kids & Community

Hudson Valley Fair

5 - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
hudsonvalleyfair.com

Bannerman Island Tour & Summit Hike

6 p.m. Newburgh dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Cheese 101: American Artisanal

7 p.m. Beacon Pantry
382 Main St., Beacon
845-440-8923 | beaconpantry.com

Art & Design

Beacon 3D Sculpture Exhibit Opens

Main Street, Beacon
beacon3d.org

Beacon Open Studios Kickoff

6 - 9 p.m. 2 Way Brewing Company
18 W. Main St., Beacon
beaconopenstudios.org

Film & Theater

On Golden Pond

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

Music

Open-Mic Night

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org
7:30 p.m. Sign-up

Harmony Road

8 p.m. BeanRunner Café
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

Jane Monheit: The Jazz of Judy Garland

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

The Rizdales: Tribute to Ray Price

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

3D Rhythm of Life

9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Hey Baby

10 p.m. The Hudson Room
23 S. Division St., Peekskill
914-788-3663 | hudsonroom.com

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers' Market

8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
csfarmmarket.org

Master Gardener Plant Sale

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cornell Cooperative Extension
1 Geneva Road, Brewster
845-278-6738 | counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam

Native Plant Sale

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hnnaturemuseum.org

Trough Workshop (First Session)

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Stonecrop Gardens
81 Stonecrop Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-2000 | stonecrop.org
Registration required.

Volunteer Book Sale Sorting

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Cruise Tour of Bannerman Island

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Beacon dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Hudson Valley Food + Farm Day

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Hudson Valley Fair

Noon - 11 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
See details under Friday.

Wetdown

Noon - 4 p.m. North Highland Fire Department
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
914-523-8331 | nhfd21.org

Hello Beacon 2163 Time Capsule Unveiling

1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Aqua Zumba

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

Move, Draw, Dance: Pelvis and Hip Joints

10 a.m. Center for Creative Education
464 Main St., Beacon
845-264-9565 | itsallaboutmovement.com

Art & Design

Storm King Art Center Openings

10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Luke Stettner: *Outlooks* /
Lynda Benglis: *Water Sources*
3 - 5 p.m. Member reception
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Beacon Open Studios

Noon - 6 p.m. Various locations
See map at beaconopenstudios.org
Kunsthalle Beacon
2 p.m. Elisa Osborne performance
5 - 8 p.m. Noah Sokoloff: *The Little Death* (Opening)

7 p.m. Vincent Digeronio: *Think. Strings.*

Machines.
211 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
212-625-1250 | kubeny.org

Sunset Tour

5:30 p.m. Manitoga
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Film & Theater

Silent Film Series: *Sherlock Jr.* (1924)

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

On Golden Pond

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Music

Jazz Vespers

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

Hudson Lyric Opera: *Best of Broadway*

7 p.m. Graymoor (Lady of Atonement)
1350 Route 9, Garrison
845-424-2111 | graymoorcenter.org

C'mon Beacon, Let's Dance

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

Electronica 1.3

8 p.m. Embark
925 South St., Peekskill
917-671-7772 | facebook.com/embarkpeekskill

Pink Ride

8 p.m. Quinn's
330 Main St., Beacon
845-831-8065 | quinnbeacon.com

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8 p.m. Chill Wine Bar
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8 p.m. BeanRunner Café
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Jorma Kaukonen

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

e'lissa Jones Band

9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
See details under Friday.

Stax of Soul

10 p.m. The Hudson Room
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Friends of Desmond-Fish

9:30 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

SUNDAY, MAY 17

Kids & Community

Beacon Flea Market

8 a.m. - 3 p.m. 6 Henry St., Beacon
845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Birds of Storm King Art Center Walk

8 a.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Mountain Laurel Outdoor Rec Fest

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Taconic Outdoor Education Center
75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring
845-265-3773 | parks.ny.gov

Beacon Farmers Market

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

Cruise Tour of Bannerman Island

11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Beacon dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Hudson Valley Fair

Noon - 10 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
See details under Friday.

Children and Families: Gliders and Kites

1 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Museum Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Kids' Open-Mic Night

6 - 8 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Fundraiser for Newburgh (Documentary)

5 - 7 p.m. Fullerton Cultural Center
297 Grand St., Newburgh
newburghfilm.com

Health & Fitness

Community Blood Drive and Festival

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lewis Tompkins Hose Co.
13 South Ave., Beacon
Register at bit.ly/1b8C1sN

Art & Design

Beacon Open Studios

Noon - 6 p.m. Various locations
See map at beaconopenstudios.org
5 - 8 p.m. Closing Reception
Kunsthalle Beacon (KuBe)
211 Fishkill Ave., Beacon

A Unique Art Exhibit From Graymoor (Opening)

2 - 4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-265-3652 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Vincent Michea: African Vibe (Opening)

5 - 8 p.m. Kunsthalle Beacon
211 Fishkill Ave., Beacon
212-625-1250 | kubeny.org

Film & Theater

Benvenuto Cellini (Opera on Film)

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

On Golden Pond

4 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Music

Armed Forces/Graduation Concert

2 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
845-938-4159 | westpointband.com

Jeff Entin and Bob Blum

4 p.m. BeanRunner Café
See details under Friday.

Serenade Quartet

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

Trio Valtorna

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

Tribes Hill (Folk)

4:30 - 7 p.m. Embark
925 South St., Peekskill
917-671-7772 | facebook.com/embarkpeekskill

Pick 'n' Grin Acoustic Session

6 - 9:30 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Tom Rush

7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Women's Networking Meeting

12:30 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

Mystery of the Fabulous McAndrews Estate

2 p.m. Peekskill Museum
124 Union Ave., Peekskill
914-736-0473 | peekskillmuseum.org

Philipstown Democrats Fundraiser

3 - 5 p.m. Private home, Cold Spring
philipstowndemocrats.org

MONDAY, MAY 18

Kids & Community

Organizing for New Parents (First Session)

7 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glencllyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Film & Theater

Open Auditions for A Grand Night for Singing

7 p.m. County Players
2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

Music

Rich Halley 4 (Jazz)

8 p.m. Quinn's
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Justice Court

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

Booster Club Meeting

7:30 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Nelsonville Village Board

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

School Budget & Trustee Votes

Garrison School District

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

Haldane School District

7 a.m. - 9 p.m. 15 Craigsides Drive (Room 105),
Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Beacon School District

7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Beacon High School
10 Education Drive, Beacon
Glenham Elementary School
20 Chase Drive, Fishkill
845-838-6900 | beaconcityK12.org

Lakeland Central School District

7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Van Cortlandtville Elementary
3100 E. Main St., Mohegan Lake
914-245-1700 | lakelandschools.org

Kids & Community

Town Dump Opens

7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Recycling Center
Dennings Avenue, Beacon | cityofbeacon.org
Tues. to Sat through Sept. 26

Howland Cultural Center (First Sessions)

10 a.m. Puppet Jubilee (ages 15 mos.-3)
4 p.m. Building and Drawing (ages 4-7)
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Howland Public Library

10 a.m. Knitting Club
10:30 a.m. Baby & Me (ages 0-2)
4 p.m. Crazy 8s Math Club (grades 3-4)
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaonlibrary.org

Desmond-Fish Library

Noon. Highland Knitters
4 p.m. Kids' Craft Hour
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Very Ready Reading Program (ages 0-2)

1:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring | 845-265-3040
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Third Tuesday Beacon Queer Night

6:30 - 9 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

An Evening of Rising Stars Arts Awards

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

Evening Moms

7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
Email whiteside.ks@gmail.com

Health & Fitness

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group

9 a.m. The Pantry
3091 Route 9, Cold Spring
415-420-4358

Free Hepatitis C Testing

10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Putnam Co. Health Department
1 Geneva Road, Brewster
845-808-1390 | putnamcountyny.gov

Caregiver Support Group for Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles

6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
908-230-8131 | pampetkanas.com

Stretching Workshop

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

Film & Theater

Open Mic Comedy Night

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

Meetings & Lectures

Book Club: *Child Star*

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

Digital Salon

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

Haldane School Board

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

Board of Trustees

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

Garrison School Board

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Kids & Community

Little Folk Farm Days

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Green Chimneys
See details under Tuesday.

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill

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

Desmond-Fish Library

10:15 a.m. Music & Motion for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour
3:30 p.m. Lego Builders Club
See details under Tuesday.

Howland Public Library

3 p.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
4 p.m. Movement + Art (ages 8-12)
See details under Tuesday.

African Drum Experience (ages 8+)

6 p.m. University Settlement Camp
724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-765-8440 | cityofbeacon.org

Fresh Pasta Workshop (Class)

6:30 p.m. Hometown at Home
259 Main St., Beacon
917-803-6857 | homecookingny.com

Sports

Haldane vs. Marlboro (Baseball)

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

Film & Theater

Open Auditions for *A Grand Night for Singing*

7 p.m. County Players
See details under Monday.

Music

Andy Stack (Hammond Organ Jazz)

8 p.m. Quinn's
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Planning Board

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

Library Board Meeting

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

Garrison School Board

7:30 p.m. Garrison School
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THURSDAY, MAY 21

Kids & Community

Butterfield Library

10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies
12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (ages 2.5-5)
See details under Tuesday.

Howland Public Library

10 a.m. Brain Games for Seniors
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5)
3:30 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4+)
See details under Tuesday.

New Moms & Infants Group

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

Meat and Vegetable Store Open

3 - 6 p.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | store.glynwood.org

Clay Garden (ages 7-12) (First Session)

4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Tuesday.

Art & Design

Arts Education Program Exhibition

4 - 6 p.m. Dia:Beacon (Learning Lab)
3 Beekman St., Beacon
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

Music

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7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

Live Band Karaoke

8:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures

Unique Ladies of the Hudson Valley

6 p.m. Nixie Sparrow
291 Main St., Beacon
facebook.com/unique ladies of the hudson valley

Zoning Board of Appeals

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

The Real World of Real-Time Data

7 p.m. Beacon Institute
199 Main St., Beacon
845-838-1600 | bire.org

Philipstown Planning Board

7:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

FRIDAY, MAY 22

Kids & Community

Kayak Tour: Destination Waterfall

2 p.m. Hudson River Expeditions
14 Market St., Cold Spring
845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com

Bannerman Island Guided Tour & Summit Hike

6 p.m. Newburgh dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Health & Fitness

Navigating Healthcare Options

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
800-453-4666 | misn-ny.org
Appointment required.

Film & Theater

On Golden Pond

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under May 15.

Music

Mayfest NY: Music / Art / Yoga

6:45 p.m. Opening ceremony
7 p.m. Hayley Jane and the Primates
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9 p.m. The Brummy Brothers
10 p.m. Ryan Montbleau
Surprise Lake Camp
Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring
mayfestny.com

Five Toed Dragon

8 p.m. BeanRunner Café
See details under May 15.

Muriel Anderson / Helen Avakian

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under May 15.

Haldane Class Studies Autism's Challenges *(from page 7)*

experience academically.

Throughout the school year the students are expected to use 20 percent of their dedicated time, either in or out of class hours, devoted to the project. After brainstorming, they are asked to come up with an essential question inspired by "their" sociological topic. They have to submit a project proposal, pitch it to the class and then write blog posts on their progress, addressing the connections made to texts, values and experiences, the challenges faced and conclusions drawn during the process. By May, they are expected to have completed their project and then must share it, in a 10-minute "TED-style" presentation.

Seideman said some "run with the idea, some get stuck. It's an action project, and a really open one, which is difficult for some kids — they want me to tell them what to do, but I want them to take ownership of it." Others have embraced the openness, producing projects on diverse subjects, including one comparing musical preferences to personality type, another comparing racism from both Cold Spring and New York City perspectives and a third analyzing learning strategies from elementary teacher observations.

5K on May 30

Sociology student Katie Phillips came up with her idea, "Outrun Autism," a 5K run/walk benefiting the Autism Speaks Foundation, which she has organized from start to finish, assisted by three other students, Gariepy, Anna Campbell Birn and Melissa Tringali, based on her own experiences and passions. "I love running and helping the community," she said. "My mom [Tricia Phillips] worked with special needs children at Haldane and I used to visit the classroom a lot. I decided to focus on that and researched and found the Autism Speaks organization. Being on the track team, I thought, 'Why not involve the high school and town to do a 5K in support? ... I chose a 5K and made it a run/walk race so everyone can participate; the distance is easy on a small campus, and we wanted to hold the entire race on the campus itself.'"

Phillips said the first step was "finding a solid foundation that everyone could trust." She then had to pursue all the necessary permissions from the

Beacon Sends Messages Into Future *(from page 7)*

their messages aloud to Reynolds, who said that they seemed to be divided into three subcategories: wishes for the future, sometimes cautionary, i.e., "I hope that Beacon isn't underwater"; apologies in the vein of "Sorry we messed things up"; and descriptions of life here and their favorite things about it.

The messages were each carefully rolled up and inserted into glass test tubes made by Reynolds her husband and fellow glass artist, Daniel Spitzer, before each tube was sealed. The large (five-gallon) glass container in which they will reside until 2163 was blown by Spitzer, who was a member of famed Seattle glass designer Dale Chihuly's studio in Seattle for a decade — and others at Urban Glass, a public access studio in Brooklyn. The lid for the container was made at Hudson Beach Glass, which also provided the sandblasting and stencil markings labeling the contents.

Reynolds and Spitzer, under their company name of Ten Willow Studio, specialize in museum-quality glassworks used in architectural installations, as well as light fixtures and sculptures for use in private homes. Recently, they began creating a line of very lightweight, uniquely



Time Capsule creator Jill Reynolds solicited messages from all over Beacon.

Photo courtesy of Jill Reynolds

shaped glassware, "Malfatti," produced from borosilicate glass.

Soon, the container, along with a newly-created pedestal to hold it, will make its way to Howland Library, where, rather than being buried and forgotten, it will be publicly displayed, next to portrait busts made by Giovanni Benzoni of General Howland and his wife, giving this link to the future another one to the past. The public is invited to the opening and can view the capsule, well, any old time — as it will be in residence in that very spot until 2163.

school district, get it put on the calendar, reserve a field, etc. Between them, the four students have organized publicity, solicited sponsorships as well as food and drink donations (including a large one from Cold Spring Pizza), established a Facebook events page to which nearly 500 students and community members have been invited, and dealt with all the other components needed to run a successful charity event.

As to how this race connects with the sociology curriculum, Phillips is clear: "We've learned about social problems and how some are pushed away from society and hidden. When I was in middle school, even through helping in the special ed room I was made fun of. I want to help it not be made fun of. I have friends who have siblings with autism and also I've volunteered at the Therapeutic Equestrian Center working with special needs people and I just wanted to do something for them. It's a way for me to leave my mark as a senior and help a huge cause and get awareness."

For Gariepy, another organizer, awareness is critical. "People are more aware when it comes to physical needs rather than mental.

People with autism have the most struggles because they don't fit in with their peers." Gariepy had originally thought of doing a documentary film on either autism or racism as her project, but "then Katie came up with this and it seemed perfect."

Outrun Autism will take place at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 30, at the Haldane turf field on Route 9D and Craigs Drive. All community members are welcome. There is a \$5 admission charge, payable on the day, and food and drinks will be available. The first three finishers even get a free T-shirt.

Both Phillips and Gariepy have loved the sociology class. Gariepy said: "We judge each other too harshly, as a society. We could be much more open, accepting." Phillips intends on double majoring in international relations and sociology next year at college.

For Seideman, this reaction is rewarding since she really enjoys teaching the class. "I love the mix of students I get in it, from the exceptional AP students to those struggling with academics and in and out of school. This results in such different perspectives, which is what it is all about.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Serenade Quartet Concert to Benefit St. Mary's

May 17 performance is second in Gordon Stewart series

On May 17 at 4 p.m., the second in a series of three chamber music concerts, sponsored posthumously by *Philipstown.info* founder Gordon Stewart to benefit the Episcopal Church of St. Mary-in-the-Highlands, will be presented.

The program features the Serenade Quartet: Krista Bennion Feeney and Keats Dieffenbach, violins; David Cerutti, viola; and John Feeney, bass; with special guest Rachel Evans, viola. All four musicians of the Serenade Quartet are leading artists in New York City and abroad in both historical and contemporary music. They perform together in the Orchestra of St. Luke's, the American Classical Orchestra and numerous other ensembles.

The program includes Mozart's *Salzburg Divertimento* in D major, K. 136; Haydn's String Quartet No. 4 for two violins, viola and bass in D minor, Op. 9, and the Adagio from the Divertimento for Nine Instruments; Schubert's *Galopp* and his rarely played Overture in C minor, D. 8A, for two violins, viola and bass; Brahms' Hungarian Dance No. 1 in G minor; and Lanner's *Die Romantiker* Waltzes.

The third program on June 14 will feature solo string music by Johann Sebastian Bach performed by Bennion Feeney on violin and Evans on viola, with Feeney on bass joining in for a trio.

General admission tickets are \$20 and are available at brownpapertickets.com. Student tickets are \$5, while children under 18 are welcome free of charge. Supporter tickets at \$100 and sponsor tickets at \$250 include preferred seating and acknowledgement in the program, and can be purchased by mailing a check to St. Mary's, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

For more information, call 845-265-2539 or visit stmaryscoldspring.org.

Fundraiser for Local's Documentary on Newburgh

May 17 event to help fund filming and production

Newburgh, the documentary, will be a continuation of photographer Dmitri Kasterine's work in the troubled downtown district, which was illustrated in his exhibition and book, *Newburgh: Portrait of a City* (2012, Quantuck Lane Press).



The Serenade Quartet

Photo provided

The filmmakers are having a fundraiser at the Fullerton Cultural Center, 297 Grand St. in Newburgh, on Sunday, May 17, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Newburgh, just across the river from Beacon, is an embattled city that has been called the "murder capital" of New York state and is on the federal list of America's 10 most violent cities.

Kasterine, who has photographed cultural figures from Roy Lichtenstein to Johnny Cash, Roald Dahl to Mick Jagger, will begin filming this June. He has a professional team behind the scenes assembled: producers Caroline Kasterine, his wife, and Emily Lansbury; editor Dick Gordon of Spot Welders; and assistant camera, Dan Guillaro.

In addition, Kasterine has some students from Newburgh who will apprentice him. The film is a collaborative, community documentary and will bring much needed attention to this city under siege from generations of poverty, drugs, gangs and violence.

Dmitri Kasterine's work was recently displayed at the National Portrait Gallery in London and is in the permanent collection of the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. He lives in Garrison.

Building Bridges Building Boats Asks for Community Feedback

Share opinions on summer, community and after-school rowing

Building Bridges Building Boats (BBBB) is considering adding new rowing programs for summer 2015. To better serve the community, BBBB is asking for input on three different river-based programs: first, the long-running Summer River Workshop for students,

which is in its 13th year; second, a community rowing opportunity for adults; and finally, a brand new after-school rowing program.

Community members are invited to share their opinions on these new programs by taking an online survey at surveymonkey.com/s/9FNFV5W.

Haldane Elementary School Spring Concert

Students performed on recorder and in chorus and band

The Haldane Elementary School Spring Concert on Thursday, May 7, was a wonderful success! The children loved performing for their peers during the day and for their families in the evening. The program opened with the third-grade students showcasing their recorder skills. They first played "Hot Cross Buns" and "Merrily We Roll Along." Next, Mrs. Satterlee's class performed "Gently Sleep," Mrs. Pray's class played "Go Tell Aunt Rhody" and Mrs. Moeller's class performed "The Big Bass Drum/The Triangle Song." Select students from Mrs. Pray's and Mrs. Satterlee's classes showcased their talents with "Ode to Joy" and they all closed with "Clair de la Lune."

The elementary fourth- and fifth-grade chorus sang "You've Got a Friend in Me," "Theme From Spiderman" and "Don't Worry, Be Happy."

The beginning band played the traditional round "Frere Jacques," "Love That Band" and "Let's Go Band." The beginning band fifth-grade assistants were Helen Chiera, Madison Chiera, Shea DeCaro, Rowan Locasio-McLaughlin and Meghan Tomann.

The advanced band opened with the "Star Spangled Banner" and the traditional "Parade Sequence" including "Grand Old Flag," "My Country" and "America," featuring the percussion section. They followed with "March of the Patriots," "Mission Impossible" and "Appalachian Hoedown," featuring the advanced band special ensemble. They closed with "Eye of the Tiger."

Congratulations to all of the talented musicians and their teachers, Choral Director Danielle Cornacchio and Band Director Debbie Contini.

Lisa Sabin to Headline Jazz Vespers May 16

Husband Marc Sabin to lead service

The Jazz Vespers at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown, 10 Academy St. in Cold Spring, will feature Lisa Sabin, local vocalist and actress. Her husband, the Rev. Marc Sabin, will lead the service.

Marc is a minister, counselor, poet, teacher, actor and playwright. Lisa has been a much-acclaimed Jazz Vespers standout, performing many favorite songs from the great American songbook. She is remembered by many for several productions such as "Come to the Cabaret," "Gleeful" and, most recently, "Shaken, Not Stirred: An Evening of James Bond Songs." She will join Tom McCoy, piano, Ed Xiques, sax, Lew Scott, bass, and Mike LaRocco, drums. There will be a wine and cheese reception following the program.

Jazz Vespers services are free, but donations are welcomed as an aid to keeping live jazz alive and well in Cold Spring.

Maloney Holds Veterans' Job and Resources Fair

June 6 event connects vets to employers, organizations

Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney will be hosting his annual Veterans' Jobs and Resources Fair, known as Operation Give Back, on Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Marist College in Poughkeepsie. The purpose of this fair is to connect veterans and their family members with organizations and agencies dedicated to helping veterans with resources and employment opportunities.

Maloney and his office are encouraging all Hudson Valley veterans, current service members and their family members to attend the event. Participants include the Department of Veterans' Affairs, VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System, American Red Cross, U.S. Marshals Service, Mobile Life Support Services, Inc., Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA), U.S. Small Business Administration and New York Life.

The free informational event will take place at Marist's James J. McCann Center, 3399 North Road in Poughkeepsie. Veterans can preregister for the fair at seanmaloney.house.gov. Employers or vendors that would like to participate in the fair may also register at Maloney's website.

For more information, contact Maloney's office at 845-561-1259 or oscar.dunham@mail.house.gov, or visit seanmaloney.house.gov.

New Amsterdam Singers at Chapel Restoration

May 31 concert of choral music, spirituals and cabaret songs

Singers from the New York chorus New Amsterdam Singers, founded in 1968 by Music Director Clara Longstreth, will present a diverse and tuneful program of vocal music on Sunday. (To next page)

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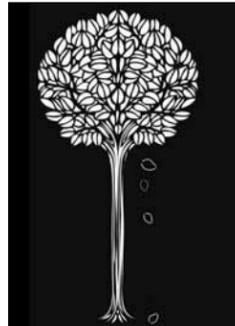
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

(from previous page) May 31, at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring. The concert at 4 p.m. is free and open to all.

In its third appearance at the Chapel, the group will perform musical settings by Paul Hindemith and Morton Lauridsen of poems by Rilke, James Agee and Robert Graves; choruses from the opera *Tess* by Matthew Harris with text by Thomas Hardy, a new work by Ben Moore based on letters of Vincent van Gogh, spirituals and songs of the cabaret.

The New Amsterdam Singers have performed with the New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein, at Alice Tully Hall as a guest of Clarion Concerts and with the American-Russian Youth Orchestra under Leon Botstein at Tanglewood and Carnegie Hall. Under Longstreth's direction the chorus has sung at the Irakleion Festival in Greece; the Granada Festival in Spain; the International Choral Festival at Miedzyzdroje, Poland; the Festival of the Algarve in Portugal; Les Chorégies d'Orange in France; and the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and in concert in Europe and Latin America.

The Chapel Restoration, at 45 Market St. in Cold Spring, is across from Metro-North Station, where free parking is available on weekends.

Explore Fahnestock at TOEC's Outdoor Rec Fest

May 17 is National Get Outdoors Day and Kids to Parks Day

The Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC) in Fahnestock State Park will celebrate National Get Outdoors Day and National Kids to Parks Day with their Mountain Laurel Outdoor Rec Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17.

Naturalist Peter Salmansohn from Putnam Highland's Audubon will start the event with a beginner bird walk.

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

REI Outdoor School staff will offer an opportunity to paddle a canoe and learn more about this sport. TOEC's High Ropes Adventure Course will also be open.

A wildlife presentation will take center stage at 2 p.m., when Brian Robinson displays live raptors and reptiles and educates everyone about these critters and their importance in nature.

A donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids is suggested.

For minors, canoeing or high-rope activity participation requires a signed and dated parental or guardian release form. Call 845-265-3773 for details or email paul.kuznia@parks.ny.gov.

Food and beverages will be available. Sorry, no pets are allowed. If inclement weather is forecasted, call before traveling. Due to limited space, groups of more than 15 participants cannot be accommodated.

Nonprofits Team Up for Conservation Conversation

Series of nature-inspired art events begins May 31

Conservation Conversation is a series of related events that highlight different forms of nature-inspired expression in the enjoyment and protection of natural habitats. Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, the Desmond-Fish Library, Garrison Art Center

and Hudson Highlands Land Trust have teamed up to offer activities and presentations that encourage participants to add their own voices and observations to inspiring presentations by professional and student artists and poets.

The program launches with a pop-up exhibition, *Breathing Space for the Hudson*, at Garrison Art Center, 23 Garrison's Landing, on May 31, from 3 to 5 p.m. Brandon Ballengée, visual artist, biologist and environmental activist based in New York City, presents an exhibition of interdisciplinary artworks inspired from his ecological field and laboratory research along with a dynamic presentation and talk. The show includes works from *Breathing Space for the Hudson* as well as works from his project *Frameworks of Absence*.

Conservation Conversation continues June 26, from 10:30 to 3 p.m., with a family workshop *A Nest for Every Bird*, offered by Constitution Marsh and the Desmond-Fish Library, that begins with an exploration of the world of birds and their natural habitats at the marsh, followed by an afternoon of bird-inspired stories and creativity at the library. Artwork created as part of the program will be exhibited in the library's children's room throughout the summer. During the opening reception on July 10, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., young artists are invited to speak about what inspired their nests.

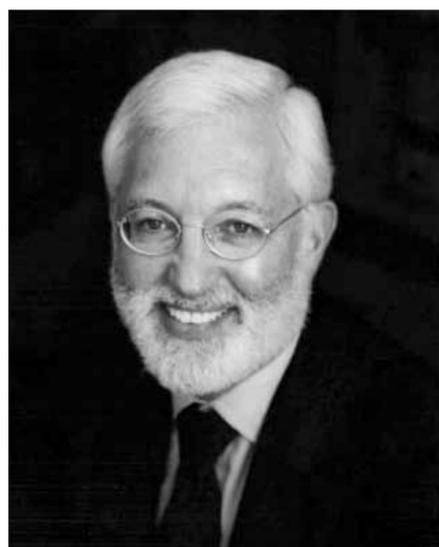
In addition, the public is invited to visit Hudson Highlands Land Trust's *River of Words Poetry Trail* at Constitution Marsh from July 13 through Aug. 17, during visiting hours. The Poetry Trail is a self-guided outdoor exhibition of nature-inspired children's poetry that winds through the sanctuary. Featured works are created by students from public schools within the Land Trust's mission area during environmental education workshops offered free through HHLT's Regional River of Words program.

To learn more about each of the Conservation Conversation events, visit the websites of sponsoring organizations: constitutionmarsh.audubon.org, desmondfishlibrary.org, garrisonartcenter.org and hhlht.org.

DFL Honors Rakoff, Hicks, Sadler and Schories

Associates Award Dinner at the Roundhouse May 29

Garrison's Desmond-Fish Library will honor U.S. District Court Judge Jed S. Rakoff, local philanthropists and community advocates Bill Hicks and Bill Sadler, and children's author and illustrator Pat Schories at their annual Associates Awards Dinner on May 29. The dinner will be held at the Roundhouse in



Jed Rakoff

Photo provided

Beacon.

Past honorees have included Angela Lansbury, Calvin Trillin, Alice Waters, Frank McCourt, Toni Morrison, Arthur Miller, Tom Brokaw, Julie Taymor, Toshi and Pete Seeger, and Ismail Merchant and James Ivory.

On the bench for the Southern District of New York, Judge Rakoff will receive the library's Hamilton Fish Award. Rakoff also holds the position of adjunct professor at Columbia Law School, where he teaches courses in white-collar crime, science and the law, class actions and the interplay of civil and criminal law. He has co-authored five books, written over 130 published articles, delivered over 500 speeches and authored over 1,500 judicial opinions.

The library will bestow Hicks and Sadler with the Patricia Adams Award for community service. "The Bills" have played an active role in community life for the past 20 years, making commitments to a host of nonprofits: Sadler has brought financial experience and sound judgment to the Desmond-Fish Library as a board trustee. Hicks, chair emeritus of the Putnam History Museum, encouraged the museum to take a fresh look at its Foundry Gallery and commit its resources to expansion.

Schories will receive the Alice Curtis Desmond Award. She is most well known for having illustrated the popular series of early readers about Biscuit the little yellow puppy, using her own beloved dog Spike as model; recently she illustrated *Forest, What Would You Like?* by Irene O'Garden. Schories is currently working on a second book about Big Chuck the Woodchuck, entitled *Pie for Chuck*, due out next fall.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the library at 845-424-3020 or visit desmondfishlibrary.org/dinner.

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Beacon

Riverfest V Returns With More Bands and Food

June 28 festival flanked by free concert series in Beacon

Beacon Music Factory and BeaconArts will present the fifth Beacon Riverfest outdoor music concert in the city's Riverfront Park beginning at noon on Sunday, June 28.

Beacon Riverfest V is an outdoor rain-or-shine rock, world music and food festival held in late June on the banks of the Hudson River in Beacon's Pete and Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park. The music lineup includes Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars; Tracy Bonham; Decora; Gato Loco; Jenny Dee & the Deelinquents; Breakfast in Fur; What Moon Things; Schwervon!; Shana Falana; Sidewalk Chalk; M Shanghai String Band; Simi Stone; and more.

Food vendors include Zora Dora; Flammkuchen; Lucky Noodles; Home-spun Foods; Gracie's Food Truck; Beacon Pantry; Barb's Butchery; Yum Yum Noodle Bar; Beacon Bites Food Truck; Drink More Good; Beacon Pie Company; and Tas Kafe.

Beacon Riverfest is a mass-transit-accessible event that this year is partnering with Zero to Go and its zero-waste goal for all vendors, as well as pledging a portion of the proceeds to Riverkeeper. The festival has added attractions such as the Family Tent, which includes high-energy, family-friendly performers, music, games, hula hoops and big-time bubble-making.

Tickets are \$15 through May 30 and \$25 beginning June 1 and are available for purchase at beaconriverfest.org. Visit the website for the detailed schedule as well as information on Riverfest in the Parks, a series of five free concerts in Beacon's city parks beginning on Memorial Day and running through July.



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Weissbrod Case Ends in Guilty Verdict

Must stay away from Bridget Villetto for a year

By Kevin E. Foley

Village Justice Thomas Costello found Richard Weissbrod, the defendant in a criminal case involving a shouting match that began at a Cold Spring polling station in 2014, guilty of one count of harassment in the second degree this week. In a decision rendered Tuesday (May 12) following a

bench trial held April 30, Costello found that Weissbrod “engaged in a course of conduct or repeatedly committed acts which alarmed or seriously annoyed Bridget Villetto and which served no legitimate purpose.”

The Paper ran coverage of the trial in the May 8 edition, which can be found on philipstown.info.

As part of the disposition of the case Costello ordered Weissbrod to avoid contact with Bridget Villetto, the complainant, for the next year. He also required Weissbrod to pay \$400 in fines by June 24.

The case was unusual in that it went to an actual trial despite the minor nature of the charges. Weissbrod, in a phone interview, acknowledged he insisted on his right to a trial despite offers from the district attorney’s office to accept a plea.

“All their offers involved admitting I did something wrong and I believe I was innocent of the charge,” he said.

Weissbrod added that he was not surprised by the decision but he was disappointed in the finding by Costello. He said he hadn’t decided whether to appeal or just get on with his life.



Richard Weissbrod, pictured at a 2013 Cold Spring Planning Board meeting.

File photo by Jeanne Tao

Stormwater Infrastructure and Green Jobs Forum

May 20 event in Newburgh on mitigating sewer overflows

A Green Stormwater Infrastructure and Green Jobs Forum will be held 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, at Kaplan Hall, SUNY/Orange Newburgh Campus, 1 Washington Center in Newburgh.

The agenda includes:

- 1:30–2:30 p.m. A webcast on green infrastructure and green jobs by Center for Watershed Protection about workforce development and employment programs in cities such as Newburgh that are ramping up plans to mitigate the impact of combined sewer overflows on local rivers and streams.
- Music break and refreshments.
- 3–4 p.m. A panel of local experts presenting examples and case studies of green stormwater projects, including representatives from the City of Newburgh and Greenway Environmental Services and staff and students from Nubian Directions.

For more information, contact Manna Jo Greene, Clearwater environmental action director, at mannajo@clearwater.org.



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Roots and Shoots:

How Warm Is Your Garden?

By Pamela Doan

Sometimes when you consider all the factors that go into successfully growing food to eat, it's amazing that it ever works and that we all aren't starving or dying off. It comes with a price, though. We have created so many shortcuts around nature in commercial agriculture that some things we call vegetables are actually questionably healthy and downright polluted with toxins. What I'm talking about is the daily effort required by home gardeners and small farms that grow organically or with limited fertilizers or pesticides.

I'll confess that I've sowed lettuce three times this spring without a single sprout. (Remember, first-time parent of an infant — it's arrogant that I even thought I could manage this.) The first time, I used last season's seeds that had definitely not been properly stored. That

was my excuse for failure. With new seeds freshly purchased, I tried again but didn't water as often as I should have. It's been more than three weeks since it last rained, and that wasn't even a significant amount. The lack of rain and unusually hot weather for the past two weeks have made caring for seeds and transplants more labor intensive, and neglecting it for even a day can cause the seeds to dry out and fail to sprout.

Back to Seed Sowing 101: Seeds need three things to release their energy and become plants — the right amount of water, the right temperature and a good location, usually in soil, although some will sprout in other mediums. Water helps dissolve the seed's coating to let the roots come through first. Temperature signals the seed that its growing season has arrived. Soil delivers nutrients to feed the plant as it grows.

A reader recently wrote to *The Paper* about the importance of soil temperature and suggested that we publish a weekly guide for seed germination based on the current temperature. That would be challenging, however, because soil heat varies based on a lot of different things that are unique to your location.

In Philipstown, we have many microclimates, and the topography varies from riverfront to mountaintop elevations of more than 1,000 feet with many hills and valleys in between. If you took soil temperatures

around your yard, you'd probably find that there is even a variance of 5 to 10 degrees or more in different sections. It isn't only that shady areas are cooler than sunny areas, either.

Air warms soil, and the more air that circulates in soil, the warmer it can become. That's why trapping air close to the soil with a row cover is an effective way to extend the growing season.

Soil that allows more air in has space in it and lots of organic matter. Dense soil is cooler because it both traps water and keeps out air. Clay soils are an example of cooler soil. The texture of a sandy soil, conversely, allows in more air, drains water faster and is warmer.

The color of the soil matters, too. Dark soil absorbs more heat, and light-colored soil reflects the sun's rays.

Seed germination temperatures are typically listed in three ways. There is a temperature at which germination is possible, an optimal temperature and a maximum temperature beyond which it is too warm for germination. Lettuce, for example, is a cool-season vegetable, and its seeds can germinate in soil that is 35 degrees, but the optimal temperature is much warmer at 70 degrees, which is also the maximum temperature.

I usually sow lettuce after the air temperature has been above 40 degrees for a couple of weeks. I use raised beds, though, which are generally quicker to warm up than direct seeding in the ground, another factor to consider.

Vegetables break down into categories based on their germination needs and are called either cool season or warm season. Bulbs are considered to be cold hardy or tender, meaning they can stay in the ground during a typical winter in our area or must be brought in to hang out in the considerably warmer basement until spring.

Transplanting seedlings from indoors

to the garden is another way to get a jump on spring planting when winter lingers, but it isn't as easy as just poking a seed into some potting soil on a sunny windowsill. For best results, carefully follow the seed packet instructions and don't forget to water. I'm still hoping for a lettuce harvest before summer's heat arrives.

Cornell University has a "Vegetable Growing Guide" for home gardeners online that's very useful on this subject: gardening.cornell.edu/homegardening.



Use a soil thermometer if you're concerned about planting at the right temperature. It should go as low as 0 degrees. Cooking thermometers won't suffice.

Photo by P. Doan



State Sen. Sue Serino (R-Hyde Park), left, honored Cadet Renee Mihail of Putnam Valley at West Point Day in Albany. Serino had the opportunity to recognize her for her service and commitment to the nation on the floor of the New York State Senate during its May 6 session.

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Sports

Edited by Peter Farrell

Haldane Track and Field Highlights From Louck Games

Competing in what coach AJ McConville said “is arguably one of the best high school track and field events on the East Coast,” the Haldane Blue Devils visited White Plains High

School on Friday, May 8, and again on Saturday, May 9, to compete in over nine events at the Louck Games. Haldane athletes set a few new Haldane School records and personal records.

Haldane Track and Field Athletes – Louck Game Highlights			
Athletes	Event	Time / Distance	Comments
Abbey Stowell	Girls Pentathlon		Haldane record
	100-meter high hurdles	17.11	
	High jump	4'6.25	
	Long jump	14-6	
	Shot put	28-7	
	800	2:45.12	
Marina Martin	Girls 400-meter dash	62.75	Haldane record
Kaitlyn Phillips Alii Sharpley Ruby McEwen Taylor Farrell	Girls 4x800 Tri-State	10:35.78	Haldane record (school record by 20 seconds)
Nick Farrell	Mile	4:36.63	Haldane record

Philipstown Little League Highlights

Giants beat Mets 8-2

By Max Watman

Just after Monday’s (May 11) quick sprinkle of rain knocked the worst out of the day’s unseasonable heat, two Philipstown Little League minors’ teams, the Giants and Mets, took to

the North Highland Fire Department diamond to face each other for the second time this season. The Mets, led by Coach Hunter Lee Erickson, came into the game undefeated, having scored an impressive 57 runs over the course of their six games, while limiting their opponents to only 14. This meeting would prove the end of their impressive run.

The Giants, managed by Mike Meeropol, came out fighting with Thomas Tucker hitting a double to the centerfield fence. A walk put two men on base, and Tucker stole third to put himself into scoring position. Roy Smith smacked a hit into centerfield to drive in the first



Thomas Tucker settles in behind the plate during the Little League minors Giants’ 8-2 victory over the Mets on Monday, May 11.

Photo courtesy of Dave McCarthy

two runs of the game.

The Mets wouldn’t go down without a fight. In the third inning, Hunter Erickson knocked a fly ball deep into center field, only to find the waiting glove of West Watman. In one of the most exciting plays seen on the Little League field this year, Milo Shuk raced all the way around the bases after a series of overthrows, and upon arriving home, Julian Ambrose, who retrieved an overthrow

from behind third base, threw the ball to Roy Smith, who made the tag for the out.

Momentum was on the side of the Giants, and by the bottom of the sixth they were leading the Mets by a score of 8-2. Ambrose came back to the mound as the Giants closer and, after trying his changeup, threw mostly heat to hold the Mets, striking out the final three batters to seal the victory.

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