DA Levy Wins Key Republican Support
Faces Bob Tendy in Sept. primary
By Kevin E. Foley

Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy received a significant boost to his re-election chances when the county Republican organization endorsed him as the official party candidate for the upcoming 2015 election. The endorsement came at a party convention on May 20 in Mahopac, where Levy received 107 delegate votes to 58 for challenger Bob Tendy, a criminal defense lawyer and the current Putnam Valley supervisor.

The endorsement by the party organization does not eliminate the need to compete in the Republican primary election on Sept. 10. But it does signal that nearly two out of three party activists, the people who traditionally get the vote out for a primary, are committed to having Levy, the two-term incumbent, represent them on the November ballot.

The county Conservative Party had already endorsed Levy, without opposition, a few weeks prior to the Republican gathering.

With the Democratic Party unable to find a candidate for November, the September Republican primary will likely be the deciding vote for district attorney this year.

"Adam Levy is no-nonsense prosecutor with over 23 years of courtroom experience serving Putnam County as district attorney, and this tremendous endorsement from the county Republican Party makes it clear that he continues to have broad support within the party," Levy said.

"I am grateful to the Republican organization for their continued support and to all of the delegates and party activists who came out to endorse me," he said.

Tendy, an attorney and former assistant county attorney, received the party nomination on May 31 in Patterson, where he received 104 delegate votes to 56 for challenger Adam Levy. Tendy, who is running on a platform of "clean government" and "accountability," said he is "pleased and humbled by the support of my fellow Republicans in Patterson and looking forward to a primary debate on the issues."
Please Pass the Pork Butt

By Mary Ann Ebner

Flying up the grill for graduation season and summer suppers takes me back to my youth and brings on a yearning for grilled pork. Dinners when I was growing up along the Mississippi River centered on preparing food influenced by early European settlers, but the most memorable meals in warm weather were often anchored with St. Louis barbecued pork steaks.

My family rarely ate high off the hog, as the top choice was typically pricier. But in place of fine ham and luscious loin, we splurged on pork steaks — not year-round — but for summer grilling. If there was a sure thing for a meal around our family picnic table, this was it. And it was nearly impossible to keep the grilling a secret. Neighbors and passers-by on the sidewalk would slow down to wave when they sniffed that blend of every sweet sauce and sizzling pork drippings in the air.

Now as my own family has moved across the country, we've explored many regional foods. There's always room in the repertoire to add new discoveries, but we also rotate deeply rooted recipes influenced by early European settlers, and regional foods. There's always room in the repertoire to add new discoveries, but we also rotate deeply rooted recipes.

For our festive meal, I made a special sauce and sizzling pork drip when they sniffed that blend of every sweet sauce and sizzling pork drippings in the air. When we sat down at the patio table to enjoy the graduation feast and Greg presented the platter of pork steaks, Jenny smiled with delight. "Fabulous!" she exclaimed with genuine appreciation. "You made pork butt." Well, our young sons, who had been preconditioned by their preschool head mistress to use "bottom" in place of "butt" at all times, jumped in their surprise. If a godmother could say "pork butt," why couldn't they give it a shout? "Pork butt! Pork butt! Pork butt!" They shook up the conversation, and we tried to camouflage our own laughing. At that shining moment, "bottom" took a back seat and "butt" emerged from backyard barbecue chatter to the kindergarten playground.

I could just imagine the look on the headmistress's face at the chanting. "You are role models for your children," she always reminded parents. "We'd like to leave the four-letter words out of our environment." The pork steaks, though commonly regarded as pork butt, are cut from the upper shoulder blade, nowhere near the ...
Pataki Declares for President

In his speech, Pataki announced his candidacy for the presidency. He pledged to honor the trust placed in him, and promised to confront the continuing threat of terrorism. He was joined by local supporters from Peekskill, where he once served as mayor. Pataki declared his intention to restore freedom rather than restrain it, and vowed to come back stronger than ever. He believed that we can only unite in adversity, that we are stronger than ever. He completely rejected the idea that we fear them. And they will, he said.

Hard line on foreign policy

Pataki urged a buildup of American military forces and a commitment to use them where necessary to fight terrorism. He said if elected he would seek a stay-at-home mother. Teddy served as the county's top cop, Sheriff Donald B. Hossu. Hossu eventually received a trial verdict of not guilty on all charges in April 2014. The governor's office never investigated Levy, and despite grumbling in the last year, centers on questioning Levy's motive. Levy's campaign statement did feature an adversarial reference to Hillary Clinton. Although he spent time criticizing the size and expense of the federal government, he did not directly invoke President Obama's name and only made a slight pejorative reference to Hillary Clinton.

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Pataki also said he would pursue a rewrite of the federal tax code. "I'd throw out an incomprehensible tax code written by lawyers at the direction of lobbyists in the interests of the powerful and replace it with simpler, lower rates that are fair to us all," he declared.

Libby Pataki speaking in Exeter

Pataki's views were also considered conservative. Although Levy understandably took unfair and unfair manipulation of facts to cast the Phillips Exeter Academy, a famed private high school. In his speech, Pataki referenced Republicans Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt, seldom invoked nowadays, but also Ronald Reagan, who is arguably the ideological founder of the contemporary Republican Party.

The New Hampshire presidential primary, always the first in the presidential season after the Iowa caucuses, will be February 2016. Pataki is the 10th candidate to formally declare with perhaps an equal number of candidates still actively considering joining the race. The prospect of such a large field of candidates makes it a particularly daunting challenge for all but the best financed candidates.

In his speech and earlier in the day in a posted YouTube video, Pataki made reference to the events of Sept. 11, 2001, while he was governor, a centerpiece of reference to the events of Sept. 11, 2001, a program of lowered taxes and reduced regulation could help revive the same aspirations to the American dream for a new generation of citizens.

He said if elected he would seek the repeal of "oppressive laws" such as Obama Care and Common Core. He did not elaborate on the nature of the oppression or what policies he would pursue in the areas of health care or education. Taking aim at Congress, Pataki said he would advocate a total ban on former representatives lobbying Congress for a purpose. Currently, dozens of the most powerful lobbyists are former members of the House and Senate.

DA Levy Weighs Key Republican Support

Levy's participation in and funding of Heritage Foundation-fueled "unafraid" and ethical questions. Former state Sen. Greg Ball and some other officials called on Cuomo to investigate Levy. Hossu has received a trial verdict of not guilty on all charges in April 2014. The governor's office never investigated Levy, and despite grumbling in the media from sources within the Westchester DA's office, no formal complaint against Levy ever emerged from any governmental office.

Smith filed his lawsuit against Levy that same month. As far as could be determined, both laws are still pending.

Tendy in primary

Although Levy understandably took comfort from his decisive victory at the Republican convention, Tendy claimed at least an impressive margin of support with about a third of the commit-tee members giving him in their vote. Tendy's candidacy, which he announced last year, centers on questioning Levy's conduct in office. Tendy served for four years as an assistant district attorney under legendary former Manhattan DA Robert Morgenthau.

Tendy told The Paper he was "pleas-antly surprised" by the committee vote. He said that his conversations with many people involved in party poli-tics showed widespread unhappiness with Levy.

Whether that assertion proves true will be determined in September. The Paper will also pursue amplification of Tendy's views in the weeks to come.
Governments Move to Enhance Safety of Crude-Oil and Passenger Trains

Oil lobby claims rules excessive, environmentalists find them too lax

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Moves to enhance the safety of crude-oil transportation and passenger railroads and to control oil processing advanced recently at both state and national levels, but one key initiative — stricter federal standards for so-called “bomb trains” — drew immediate attack both from industry insiders who termed the rules excessive and environmentalists who labeled them insufficient.

The latest developments include:

• Issuance by the U.S. Department of Transportation May 1 of the new set of rules covering rail transportation of crude oil and similar fuels, including phasing-out of railroad cars deemed too flimsy to carry highly flammable materials, setting of train speed limits, and use of better brakes on trains with extremely combustible cargo.

• Announcement by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on May 21 that it intends to rescind a November 2013 determination that an oil firm’s creation of a new facility for heated tar-sand crude oil in Albany posed no environmental threats.

• Introduction of a proposed law by Sen. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) to make the federal oil rail regulations tighter by demanding faster mothballing of less-durable tankers; applying train speed limits in rural and small-town areas, not merely in select cities; and enactment of a federal standard on oil volatility.

• Passage in Washington by the House of Representatives of legislation, now under Senate committee review, to help pay for equipping commuter rail lines with a system called Positive Train Control, seen by the National Transportation Safety Board as an important accident-prevention mechanism; and successful efforts in early May by the legislation’s House sponsor, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, a Cold Spring Democrat, to obtain nearly $1 billion to assist with installation of PTC by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, parent of the Metro-North commuter railroad that suffered fatal derailments in December 2013 and this past February.

Federal regulations

Capping almost two years of preparation and temporary measures, the U.S. DOT revealed its “final rule” on carrying of flammable liquids, such as crude oil and ethanol, by railroads. The “rule” — actually a 345-page document with numerous regulations and provisions — specifies in part that tank cars built after Oct. 1 of this year and transporting the most dangerous fuel must have walls 9/16-inch thick and contain other safety features; that older cars be retrofitted to make them safer; that the weaker cars be removed from service over the next two to 10 years; that certain cars (not all) have higher-quality brakes than those currently used; and that the most volatile trains reduce their speed to 40 miles per hour in metropolitan areas considered “high-threat urban areas” from an anti-terrorism perspective (in this state, only New York City and Buffalo qualify).

Safety has been our top priority at every step in the process for finalizing this rule, which is a significant improvement over the current regulations and requirements and will make transporting flammable liquids safer,” U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx declared.

Oil trains roll down the western side of the Hudson River, opposite Philipstown and past West Point, raising local fears of a derailment involving more than one car active in the valley and beyond and find the DOT rules lacking.

For instance, Riverkeeper said in a several-page analysis, “the new tank-car standards do not apply to every oil tank car but merely to long “High-Hazard Flammable Trains,” comprised of 220 continuous oil or ethanol cars or 35 such cars interspersed throughout the train’s length. However, Riverkeeper states, “94 tank cars can carry approximately 1 million gallons of oil, meaning that the worst cars will still be on the rails, hauling explosive oil, and not bound by any of this rule’s safety provisions.” In short, it asserted, DOT’s set of regulations “has huge loopholes.”

The_linux also will be involved in derailments that this year caused major confabulations in rural areas. The DOT wants to replace the 117 with a better DOT 117 model.

Riverkeeper said that while the new cars will have thicker walls, retrofitted tankers “will be allowed to stay in use” with a thinner shell, leaving them more likely to be pierced or torn open in an accident.

Riverkeeper observed that Canada, which presented its own set of heightened rules the same day as the American regulations, applies upgraded car-safety rules “to every single tank car,” and the NTSB recommended that the new U.S. standards apply to every single tank car carrying hazardous flammable liquids” as well.

Citing these and other reasons, on May 15 in the 21st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in New York City, Riverkeeper brought a legal challenge to the DOT regulations. Similarly, in San Francisco, the Sierra Club and other organizations filed a comparable federal appeals court suit. “These seriously flawed standards all but guarantee that there will be more explosive derailments, leaving people and the environment at grave risk,” Riverkeeper President Paul Gallay said. “The DOT completely failed to recognize that we’re in the middle of a crisis. We don’t need bureaucratic half measures that are years away from implementation. We need common-sense protections today.”

The American Petroleum Institute, a Washington-based trade organization for the oil industry, disagreed profoundly. API, too, filed a lawsuit, seeking a longer period of time in which to retrofit existing tank cars and objecting to the DOT stipulations regarding enhanced brakes, among other points. It described various demands under the new rules as “in excess” and beyond DOT purview.

In a statement before the lawsuit was submitted, API President and CEO Jack Gerard referred to “the 99.997 percent safety record of freight rail” and said API members “support upgrades to the tank-car fleet when they have been completed as quickly as realistically possible” but believe the DOT standard “will lead to shortages.”

Like the environmentalists, Schumer called for taking action swiftly. “Allowing these outdated oil cars to continue rolling through our communities for another eight years is a reckless gamble that we can’t afford to make,” he said May 4, announcing his draft bill. Earlier this year, he introduced a related measure that would exact fees for use of DOT 113 cars for fuel; the fees would go into a fund to cover costs of handling oil-train disasters. Both pieces of legislation were pending before the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee as of May 26.

Ann McGrath Gallagher Runs for Town Clerk

Will likely challenge incumbent Merando

By Kevin E. Foley

A s The Paper went to press Philipstown Democrats announced that Ann McGrath Gallagher will be their candidate for the office of Philipstown town clerk in the November 2015 general election.

A lifelong resident of the town, Gallagher has been secretary to the Philipstown Planning Board for the past 16 years, while raising three children Noah, Ian and Aidan with her husband, Ethan Gallagher.

According to the Democrats’ statement, Gallagher received an associate’s degree from Dutchess Community College and over many years, and I am so happy that such a faithful citizen is putting her best foot forward to help make our town a better place for all of us.”

Gallagher ran and lost a campaign against now incumbent Tina Merando 12 years ago. Merando has not announced her intentions for the 2015 election.

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Currently, buses have to offload students to increase the size of the property and give proposals to preserve the land from development. In 2030, the deed stipulates that GUPS could possibly use it for other purposes if that use is approved by a county court as being in the "public interest." It is open to the public as well who are welcome to hike there.

At the May 20 GUPS Board of Education meeting, Andrew Chmar, executive director of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, presented the board with a proposal to preserve the land from development in perpetuity. Chmar outlined two possibilities that would increase the size of the school forest, create better access and also involve financial compensation for the district.

The owner of the Garrison Golf Club, Christopher Davis, who is also a chairman of the HHLT board of directors, has offered to donate 70 acres to the district to increase the size of the property and give it space to create a parking area for buses and cars on Snake Hill Road, making it easier to transport students to the forest. Currently, buses have to offload students in the road, and there isn't parking area.

The donation is contingent upon the district either allowing the HHLT to purchase a conservation easement on the land or selling the land to the State of New York, both options would prevent development on it. Chmar said: "Ownership would remain with the district. All we're suggesting is to keep these deeds after 2030 and make them permanent through another action." If the state acquires the land, which abuts state parkland, it would expand the Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve. The school forest includes wetlands, meadow, forest and made a partnership agreement between the district, similar to the Audubon Society oversees Constitution Marsh in partnership with the state. The agreement could let the district continue using it as a "children's laboratory" while securing it for future generations.

A conservation easement, the other alternative, is also designed to preserve property forever for future development. The landowner, in this case GUPS, would still be able to use, access and control the land, even sell it, but it would always have the contingency about development.

In this scenario, HHLT would purchase the conservation easement from GUPS, and the two organizations would become partners. Chmar said that the district would benefit from their legal resources, volunteer network and land-management expertise. He said, "We would have expertise. He said, "We would have an opportunity to expand the forest, but it would always have the contingency about development.

If the board chooses not to act on any of the proposals, nothing would change. The district would be faced with the same challenges about lack of parking and bus access; it would have sole responsibility for managing the land and handling legal disputes and maintain complete ownership. A future board could review the fate of the forest's use now."

The Environmental Education Committee at GUFS, a group of 12 to 15 parents and one teacher who have been actively trying to make the school forest more widely used by families and classes, see the conservation easement as a necessary step, and the donation of 70 acres would clear many obstacles that prohibit the forest’s use now.

Board member Christine Foertsch, whose term is expiring at the end of June, made a statement at the meeting and said: "Educating our children in environmental awareness and stewardship is not a luxury, but an essential aspect to their development as fully rounded, responsible teenagers and then adults. The future will only bring more and more severe environmentally based challenges, and environmental education in early years forms the basis for material and responsible capacity to consider and meet these challenges." Foertsch has been active with the Environmental Education Committee.

As to the next steps, Foertsch was unclear. She said, "It was left hanging. Raymon O’Rourke, board president said we would digest it." Jill Lake, parent of two children at GUPS and an Environmental Education Committee member, has taken up the cause and personally reached out to encourage parents and the community to get involved and be informed. Lake said: "There is a lot of need to answer and lots of ideas to explore. The Environmental Education Committee just met on May 26 and came up with a good approach that we can share very soon." Lake sent out a letter to parents detailing each scenario.

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For Goodness Bake Raises Awareness in the Sweetest of Ways

Pop-up sale benefits Beacon’s Green Teens Program

By Alison Rooney

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ners around, all in aid of a worthy local cause, this year’s being Beacon’s Green Teen Community Gardening Program. Spearheaded by Beacons Kristen Cronin and Tara Tornello, this year’s edition will serve up its offerings on Saturday, June 6, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Cata

yst Gallery, 137 Main St., in Beacon. As FGB’s Facebook page described the not-so-typical event: “Some of the Hud

son Valley’s most celebrated amateur and professional bakers and confection-

ers are donating their time and talents to this bake sale. A wide array of sweet and savory baked treats, confections, and veg-

an, gluten-free, and sugar-free items will be available.”

Raising both funds and awareness for each year’s designated cause is part and parcel of this pop-up, pop-over event, now in its third incarnation. It began in 2013, as a response to the diagnosis of a rare liver condition in a mutual friend’s 6-month-old son, for which he had a suc-

cessful transplant. “We were drumming up possible ideas, something to draw the community in and bring awareness to the disease and to the Children’s Organ Transplant Association, an organization connected with it,” Tornello recalled. What occurred, then called simply “Bake Sale for Baby Felix,” raised $1,500 for the group and engaged over 50 local bakers, businesses and volunteers in the effort.

As the bake sale was successful, there seemed no good reason not to remount it a year later, and in May 2014, newly dubbed For Goodness Bake, it gained the support of over 100 bakers and other volun-
teers and doubled the funds raised to over $3,000, this time donated to Kids R Kids, a Beacon-based, volunteer-run program that works to reduce childhood hunger by providing nourishing, healthy lunches to children in need throughout the summer months, when school-based free-and-re-
duced-lunch programs are closed. As the organizers explained, “We got together to brainstorm a recipi-
et for this year and, really, it was a no-brainer, choosing Green Teens … Green Teens has increased its work engaging teens and offering food to those who are food insecure. They’re at a critical point, gaining momentum.”

In fact, the bake sale is directly across the street from one of the Green Teens’ gardens (lo-
cated on the grassy hill adjacent to the Titon Taoqueria restaurant), and there will be a few teens helping out at the gallery as well as conducting garden tours and leading hands-on gardening activities for younger children. Helanna Bratman, Green Teens’ program coor-
dinator, will also be at the sale for the majority of the day, talking to customers about the program. An exhibit of photo-
graphs of the work the Green Teens are doing will be on display at Catalyst Gal-

lery during the sale. According to the Green Teen website, the Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County program “empowers urban youth to be effective community change-agents by immersing them in the local food system.” Teens work in a veget-

able garden and then sell the fruits of their labor via a mobile market, offering affordable fresh food to parts of the com-

munity that do not readily have access to healthy, locally grown produce, especially senior centers, public housing and health centers. Each year, a photography exhibit displays their experiences.

As in earlier years, FGB has been whole-

heartedly supported by the Beacon com-

munity, and non-baked-goods assistance has come in the form of brand new laser-
cut signage from Fabhaus; tablecloths from the Roundhouse; handmade fabric bunting banners from Blackbird Attic Boutique; window floral arrangements from Diana Mae Flowers; window display/design from Margaux Lange; and supplies, design ser-

vices, fiers, decor and more from Home-

spin Foods, Beth Poagie, Liz Birch, F&P Printing (in New Windsor) and the UPS Store (in Fish-

kill), just to name a few.

As for the edible dona-
tions: Most offer “inter-
esting flavors, many with fresh fruit and spices,” according to Tornello. A small sampling includes pistachio brown butter doughnuts from the Dar-
lings Kitchen (Tornello’s own baking business); as-
sorted gluten-free goodies from Ella’s Relais; bacon bourbon chocolate-chip cookies from Barb’s Butch-

cr; sun-dried tomato and goat cheese turnovers from Stacie Merrill; and gluten-free fruit Krapies Treats from Kara Dean-As-
sael, brownies from Judith Filc; banana bread mini loaves from Clarice Allen; and breads from Beacon Bread, with plenty more to come.

The bake sale is cash only, and every bit of that cash will go directly to Green Teen. If you would like to donate your baked goods – from madelinea to maca-
rons, basically any sweet, handmade (no mixes, please) edibles for the fundraiser are still welcomed. As the organizers ex-

plained (having run out the first year, not realizing the capacity of the Beacon sweet tooth): “Once the last doughnut, cookie, or muffin has been sold, FGB closes up shop, hands over 100 percent of the proceeds to the beneficiary, and vanishes. Like super-

heroes, but with aprons instead of tights.”

To coordinate your donation, email FGB at info@forgoodnessbake.org or call 845-243-3855. For more information, visit their website, forgoodnessbake.org, and the Facebook page. For more information about the Green Teens, visit greenteen.org.
New Amsterdam Singers Bring Program of Contemporary Music to the Chapel

Garrison’s Clara Longstreth is music director

By Alison Rooney

One of New York City’s pre-eminent avocational choruses, the New Amsterdam Singers (NAS) is nearing its 50th birthday. And for all of those years, Clara Longstreth, a part-time Garrison resident, has been guiding in some capacity and serving as music director since 1968. The chorus, by nature of its size — 70 strong in the main group, 26 in the chamber chorus, specializes in double chorus repertoire, sometimes using echoing effects, as well as a cappella material, and has a reputation for performing music written by contemporary composers in addition to much by Bach and Brahms. NAS will return to the Chapel Restoration this Sunday, May 30, at 4 p.m. for a free concert. This marks their third appearance there, and the first in six years.

The Chapel Restoration program will consist of the works of several contemporary composers, including musical settings by Paul Hindemith and Morten Lauridsen of poems by Rainer Maria Rilke, James Agee and Robert Graves; choruses from the opera Jove by Matthew Harris with text by Thomas Hardy (“lovely and tuneful,” Longstreth says); and a new work by Ben Moore, Dear Theo, based on letters of Vincent van Gogh. Moore, also a painter, “revered van Gogh,” according to Longstreth, “and read the book of letters he wrote to his brother, Theo. Very moved, he has pulled together pieces of the letters and based this piece on selected passages. It has beautiful melodies and juicy harmonies.”

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The Calendar

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

FRIDAY, MAY 29

**Kids & Community**
Relay for Life of Fishkill
6 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-210-1139 | relayforlife.org/fishkill

Desmond-Fish Library Associates Dinner
7 p.m. The Roundhouse at Beacon Falls
2 E. Main St., Beacon
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org/dinner

**Film & Theater**
International Film Night: What’s in a Name?
7:30 p.m. Beacon Library
2 E. Main St., Beacon
718-631-3390, ext. 100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

**Music**
Trip: "Life Is a Highway"
8:30 p.m. The Pantry
3005 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-2840 | maxsonmain.com

**Cruise Tour of Bannerman Island**
9:30 a.m. Dutchess County Stadium
845-765-0885 | facebook.com/chillwinebar

**SUNDAY, MAY 30**

**Kids & Community**
Annual Yard Sale
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Van Neste Museum
504 Route 9, Fishkill
845-896-9560 | fishkillhistoricalsociety.org

Kajak Tours
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. Bannerman Castle
845-809-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
outrurainc.org

**Health & Fitness**
Move, Dance, Dance: Shoulders and Arms
10 a.m. Center for Creative Education
845-264-9565 | thatsAboutMovement.com

**Art & Design**
Sanctuary Tour With Stephen Talasnik
1:30 p.m. Bannerman Castle
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org

Garrison Art Center Reception
5 - 7 p.m.
845-424-3980 | garrisonartcenter.org

Moonwalk Timing Tour
9 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1 Main Road, New Windsor
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

**Film & Theater**
Simple Gifts: A Treasury of American Music
2 & 6:30 p.m.
845-833-1870 | balletartstudios.com

East Coast Jazz Trio
7 p.m. The Pantry
See details under Friday.

Taconic Opera:
See details under Friday.

**Music**
Emotional Creature
8:30 p.m.
584 Route 9D, Garrison
robertirwinanddirectorjessicamorgan.com

**SUNDAY, MAY 31**

Desmond-Fish Library closed on Sundays through summer
Dia:Beacon closed today

Kids & Community
Beacon Flea Market
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
845-202-0004 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Kayak Tours
9 a.m. Destination Watertfall
845-677-5857 | millbrookbookfestival.org

Voluntary Vessel Inspections
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cold Spring Boat Club
845-225-4300, ext. 266 | putnamsheriff.com

Cabaret in the Country: Sondheim unplugged
9:30 p.m.
3 Beekman St., Poughkeepsie
845-765-3982 | music@bannerman.org

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

**Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes**
8 p.m. The Depot Restaurant
1 Depot Square, Cold Spring
845-265-5000 | coastsidespring.com

Stanley Jordan
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

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Art & Design
Brandon Ballengee: Breathing Space
845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

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New Amsterdam Singers
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File & Theater
World Circus (Documentary, 2013)
2 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
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Music
Taconic Opera: Daniel, by Dan Montez
3 p.m. Presbyterian Church
39 N. Broadway, White Plains
859-886-7372 | taconicopera.org

New Amsterdam Singers
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Susan Fisher Wright
4 - 6 p.m. BearRunner Café
See details under Friday.

Ottaar Leibert & Luna Negra
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.

Rising Lion
9 p.m. Quin’s
See details under Friday.

MONDAY, JUNE 1
Kids & Community
Babies and Books Early Literacy Program
11 a.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfislibrary.org

Films & Theater
ROH Ballet: La Fille Mal Gardée
2 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Manorville Road, Pleasantville
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures
Arts Booster Club
3:35 p.m. Haldane School
15 Crospile Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Putnam County Legislature
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
44 Glenside Ave., Carmel
845-208-7800 | putnamcounty.ny.gov

TUESDAY, JUNE 2
Kids & Community
Howland Public Library
10 a.m. Knitting Club
75 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Meetings & Lectures
Book Club: In the Time of the Butterflies
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3
Howland Library closed at noon
Kids & Community
Annual Seniors’ Picnic
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Veterans Memorial Park
201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel
845-808-1700 | putnamcounty.ny.gov/Old

Meetings & Lectures
AARP Driver Safety Program
9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center
670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel
845-808-1700 | healthquest.org

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
Kids & Community
Yoga & Fitness
Nan: 3 p.m. Community Resource Center
23 W. Center St., Beacon
facebook.com/afarground

Impeccable Community Police Relations
12:30-4:30 p.m. Memorial Building/Bing Hall
413 Main St., Beacon
bit.ly/BeaconSpeaksOut

File & Theater
Superhero Camp
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Manorville Road, Pleasantville
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures
African Drum Experience (ages 8+)
914-734-3780 | hvhc.org/events

Health & Fitness
CPR for Lifeguards
6 p.m. All Sport Health & Fitness
17 Old Main St., Fishkill
845-896-5678 | allsportfishkill.com

Film & Theater
The Meditative Life documentary Series (Open)
7:30 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Manorville Road, Pleasantville
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

Meetings & Lectures
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845-265-3638 | boscobel.org
6 p.m. Boscobel
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845-265-8080 | putnamcountyny.com
201 Gipsy Trail Road, Carmel
5 p.m. Dempsey House
See details under Tuesday.

TODDLER TALE (ages 2–3)
10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Nuts for Cooking (Class)
5 p.m. Dempsey House
1992 Crompound Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-734-3780 | hvhc.org/events

African Drum Experience (ages 8+)
6 p.m. University Settlement Camp
724 Wicktort Ave., Beacon
845-765-8440 | cityofbeacon.org

Clearwater Public Salt
6 p.m. Cold Spring waterfront
845-265-8080 | clearwater.org

Beacon Summer Basketball Tryouts
6 p.m. Ages 6-9 | 7 p.m. Ages 10-12
See details under Monday.

Health & Fitness
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6 p.m. All Sport Health & Fitness
17 Old Main St., Fishkill
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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

Howland Library opens at 10:30 a.m.

Kids & Community

Spy / Nutcracker Clinic
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Putnam County Humane Society 68 Old Route 6, Carmel | 845-225-7777  puahumanesociety.org

Moms & Infants Group
See details under Tuesday.

First Friday in Cold Spring

Kids & Community

Senior Trip to West Side Story 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library 107 Glenside Drive, Garrison 845-265-4444 | howlandpubliclibrary.org

Howland Public Library
10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3–5) 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Meetings & Lectures

Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall 238 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

Howland Public Library
6:30 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga First Friday Healing Circle 6 - 9 p.m. Boscobel 1601 Route 9D, Cold Spring 845-809-5145 | skybabyyoga.com

Meetings & Lectures

Town Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall 238 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

Art & Design

Photo Arts: A Red Circle Retrospective (Opens) 2 - 9 p.m. Desmondfish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Film & Theater

10-Comedy Tour 8 p.m. Sugar Loaf Arts Center | 1361 Kings Highway, Chester | 845-610-5900 | sugarloafartsc.org

Music

Michael McDonald 8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe 30 First Street, Beacon | 845-202-7334 | beaconsloopclub.org

Prophets on the Farm: Ladybugs (ages 2–4) 10 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmroad Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

Country Living Fair 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds 6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck 866-500-3247 | stevbashows.com

How to Get Started Kayaking 6 p.m. Newburgh Library Annex 1401 Route 300, Newburgh 845-543-4071 | rwadmond@gmail.com

Philippstown Garden Club Silent Auction 6 - 9 p.m. Boscobel | 6001 Route 90, Cold Spring philippstowngardencircle.org

Health & Fitness

Navigating Healthcare Options 9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 800-453-4666迷惑 | appointment required.

First Friday Healing Circle 6:30 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga 75 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

Art & Design

Ann Provost / Ursula Schneider (Opening) 6 - 9 p.m. Boscobel 6-8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery 121 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Peekskill Open Studios (Kickoff) 6 - 9 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill | peekskillarttalks.com

Preschool on the Farm: Ladybugs (ages 2–4) 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farmroad Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

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Art & Design

Ongoing

Meetings & Lectures

Member Meeting 6:30 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club 2 Red Fynn Drive, Beacon 845-463-4660 | beaconsloopclub.org

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The New Amsterdam Singers Bring Contemporary Music to the Chapel

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Argento and a selection of material from Broadway musicals, including songs from Stephen Sondheim and Cy Coleman. Longstreth, who attended Radcliffe in the days “when women in the chorus were required to put on make-up,” didn’t major in music there, and in fact taught before returning to Harvard in her late 30s to obtain a second bachelor’s degree, this time in music. She followed that up with two years at Juilliard, obtaining a postgraduate diploma. “At Harvard,” she recalled, “my heart was going more and more towards music. I didn’t think of myself as a professional for a while, though.” Coming from a family of amateur musicians, she describes her childhood as one with “much singing of rounds in the car, and always Christmas caroling.”

Longstreth began at NAS as assistant conductor and felt for a period of time that “the chorus was improving faster than I was improving.” Still, she caught up and for decades now has steered the professional, come from all over the tri-state area at Avery Fisher Hall and Symphony guest-conducted around the metropolitan area. The chorus also, critically, chooses the repertoire.

The singers, the majority non-professionals, come from all over the tri-state metropolitan area and range in age from early 20s to over 80 – Longstreth noted that “altos and basses can keep going longer.” In addition, Longstreth has guest-conducted around the metropolitan area at Avery Fisher Hall and Symphony Space, for the New York Chorale Society, the Riverside Chorus (for a performance with the Linon Dance Company), the Juilliard Chorus and Orchestra and the Mannes College Orchestra. By and large, NAS performs three different programs a year, beginning with a holiday series in December, continuing with concerts in March and concluding the season in May; this concert will be a prelude to that one. All programs a year, beginning with the Irakleion Festival in Greece; the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and in France; and the Llangollen International Choral Festival in Wales; the International Choral Festival at Miedzyzdroje, Poland; the Festival of the Algarve in Portugal; Les Chorèges d’Orange in France; and the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales and in concert in Europe and Latin America. They will be returning to Greece in July.

Free parking is available at the Cold Spring Metro-North parking lot, located just across from the Chapel. For more information, visit chapelerestoration.org and nasingers.org.

Ptacek Home

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A natural forager for materials to reuse, refurbish and create with, Ptacek Homes has its own tree-milling and landscaping equipment. With each project, Ptacek directs the job, working with his crew. He described his role as “soup to nuts, which includes the finishes and the interiors but also things like putting in boilers, HVAC, glazing, and I add the craftsmanship that goes along with the project – why not be a builder and direct all that? I like being the lead guy who sees the whole project come together. It’s satisfying; there’s immediate gratification in the form of oohs and aahs. It’s interesting, in interviews and polls of ‘happy careers’, there’s a lot of contentment in my business.”

Ptacek is cognizant of the responsibility of passing along his expertise to the next generation. “With the guys I work with, I automatically teach them, plus I usually have summer interns, too. I stress that none of us, including me, should shy away from the heavy lifting plus I usually have summer interns, too. I stress that none of us, including me, should shy away from the heavy lifting.”

Ptacek is passionate about the craft of cabinet-making and passed that skill on to his sons. “I’ll pass along skills to the next generation. “With the guys I work with, I automatically teach them, plus I usually have summer interns, too. I stress that none of us, including me, should shy away from the heavy lifting.”

Ptacek Home’s expansion into furniture was driven by the staid economy of not too long ago. “The phone wasn’t ringing much in 2008, 2009, and I thought, ‘Why not make some- thing you like and see how it goes?’” he said. “It’s a recent passion, my own expression and outlet.”

June 5 is First Friday in Cold Spring

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to come in and create a piece of art to be displayed in the store. The Gift Hut is offering 10 percent off Melissa and Doug products from 6 to 8 p.m., June 5 only.

Tuscan Grill, Le Bouchon, Riverview Restaurant and Silver Spoon.

Concept Gallery features local artist Patti Villanova and her silk scarves. Gallery opens with the colorful works of Ann Provan and Ursula Schneider. Open concept Gallery features local artist Patti Villanova and her silk scarves. Coupons will be available at participating merchants at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill, Le Bouchon, Riverview Restaurant and Silver Spoon.

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**Bach Concert Closes the Gordon Stewart Series**

*June 14 performance benefits St. Mary’s Church*

The third and final concert in a series of chamber music concerts to benefit the Episcopal Church of St. Mary-in-the-Highlands will be presented on June 14 at 4 p.m. The program features a performance of the Brandenburg Concertos by the Blue Starmuseums. For more information, visit stmaryscoldspring.org or call 845-265-2323.

**Military Families Get Free BoscoBel Admission**

Program runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day

A ctive-duty military and their families can enjoy free admission at BoscoBel Gardens, plus more than 2,000 other museums nationwide, from Memorial Day until Labor Day through the Blue Star Museums program. Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and more than 2,000 museums across the U.S. For a complete list of participating museums, visit arts.gov/bluestarmuseums.

Blue Star Families is a national, non-profit network of military families from all ranks and services, including guard and reserve, with a mission to support, connect and empower military families. In addition to morale and empowerment programs, Blue Star Families raises awareness of the challenges and sacrifices of military families and works to make military life more sustainable through a variety of programs and partnerships.

To receive free admission at BoscoBel, military families must present a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card or a DD Form 1173-1 DD card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard) and National Guard and Reserve members.

BoscoBel is a historic house museum and cultural venue located on Route 9D in Garrison just one mile south of Cold Spring. From April through October, hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (first tour at 10 a.m.; last at 4 p.m.). BoscoBel is open every day except Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, visit boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

**Youth Players Assist Sherlock Holmes at Depot**

*Burping local actors in The Baker Street Irregulars*

The Depot Theatre Youth Players will be entertaining the young and old under the big top in their presentation of *The Baker Street Irregulars* this June. First appearing in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s original Sherlock Holmes story *A Study in Scarlet*, the Baker Street Irregulars are a group of street children (played by Anna Rowe, Sofia Wallis, Sam Bates, Daniel Phillips, Loreles McCarthy, Grace Vogel and Gael Frezza), led by Wiggins (Adam Cabo), who assists Holmes from time to time.

This time around, they may be the only hope of the Scotland Yard’s Lestrade and his men (Owen Edelson, Maya Gelber, Charlie Keegan). Upon investigating a mysterious murder at Wainwright’s Circus, Sherlock Holmes mysteriously falls gravely ill and is unable to perform his usual duties. The Irregulars show up and get the low-down from the apprentice acrobats (Sophie Sabin, April Ransom, Fiona Shanahan, Kate Meisner), fortune tellers (Joan McKevy and Hannah Benson), clowns (Gabriel Berger, Jude Columb, Senan Scott-Hamblen), animal trainers (Aurora McKee, Alex Danzlov, Kevin Mueller, Lula Ritter) and other entertainers (Mason Sharpey, Chloe Jackson, Kat Buslovich, Jon Keller, and Ramaq Ka-poor), as well as the circus owner (Sebastian Scott-Hamblen) and his daughters (Josephine Russell and May Columb).

With their snooping and clever detective work, the Baker Street Irregulars solve the crime and discover the mystery behind Sherlock’s sudden illness.

These talented young actors are led by directors Fay Gerbes Pacht and Thomas Kelley. Performances are Friday, June 5, at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 6, at 4 and 7 p.m., and Sunday, June 7, at 1 and 4 p.m. Tickets are $10 each and are available at brownpapertickets.com. Tickets are limited, so reserve while seats are still available. For information, call 845-424-3900.

**Jesus Christ Superstar Auditions at Depot**

**Appointments on June 13–14 for full performances**

Auditions for Philipstown Depot Theatre’s production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* will be held on Saturday, June 13, at 10 a.m. to noon and on Sunday, June 14, from noon to 5 p.m. at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, 10 Garrison’s Landing in Garrison. The show will run Fridays through Sundays from Oct. 23 to Nov. 15. To scheduled an audition, email Director Linda Spetz at lindspez@aol.com.

The parts up for audition are Jesus Christ, tenor; Judas Iscariot, tenor; Mary Magdalene, mezzo-soprano; Pontius Pilate, baritone; Caia-phas, bass; Anna, contralto; Simon Zealotes, tenor; King Herod, tenor; and other backup singers as the “Soul Girls,” disciples, priests, lepers and merchants.

For a detailed list of parts, visit philipstowndepottheatre.org.

**Color Compass Opens at Gallery 66 NY June 5**

*Features works by Rebecca Darlington and Jane Marcy*

Color Compass, a gallery show by Rebecca Darlington and Jane Marcy, will open with an artists’ reception on First Friday, June 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gallery 66 NY, 66 Main St. The show will be on view from June 5 to 28. The gallery is open every Thursday through Sunday, noon until 6 p.m.

Hudson Valley artist Darlington’s practice dissects notions of belonging, culture, identity, decoration and production by distilling these elements to their essence. Her ecological-topography work echoes human traditions and presents simple linked figures in elegant arrangements. Her paintings, installations and sculptures all examine the multiple connections that form a landscape in people’s lives.
Prepared for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Department will be registering children in the Operation Safe Child ID Card Program. Each card containing children in the Operation Safe Child ID Card Program. Each card contains the child’s name, biographical information and a fingerprint image of both index fingers. The card can be made in less than two minutes and can be carried in a wallet. In the event a child is missing, the card can be presented immediately to law enforcement officials and no time is lost in gathering the information.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Butterfield Library. For more information, visit butterfieldlibrary.org or call 845-265-3040. The library is located at 20 Morris Ave. in Cold Spring, near the intersection of Routes 301 and 9D.

**Stand-up Comedy Returns to Arts on the Lake**

Lamberth, DeCicco and Oliensis perform June 6

R esuming its program of stand-up comedy, Arts on the Lake presents comics Chris Lamberth, Regina DeCicco and Adam Oliensis on Saturday, June 6, at 8 p.m., at the Lake Carmel Arts Center, 640 Route 52 in Kent.

Headliner Lamberth from AXS TV’s Goin’ Off the Deep End: New York City’s official reptile! About 1,200 of them live in the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, located just below Boscobel House and Gardens. And every June, female turtles climb up the steep hill to Boscobel’s lush lawns to lay their eggs, using the claws on their hind feet to scoop out a nest where they will deposit 20 to 60 eggs, the size and color of ping-pong balls.

On Saturday, June 13, at 7:30 a.m., Boscobel will host its 21st annual Snapping Turtle Walk. Members of the Constitution Marsh staff will be on hand to discuss the habits and history of these living fossils and to introduce live specimens to the audience. Snapping turtles can live to be 100 years old, weigh up to 40 pounds and are 12 to 16 inches long.

After the discussion, guests are invited to walk Boscobel’s grounds to seek and possibly observe nesting female turtles. Complimentary coffee and donuts will be available at 7:30 a.m. Admission is $12 for adults, $8 for children ages 6 to 12 and children under 6 are admitted free. Friends of Boscobel members receive a 10 percent discount. Purchase tickets online at the Boscobel.org or call 845-205-3638.

**Multidisciplinary Artist in Peekskill Open Studios**

Freemansd studio open; video screened June 6 and 7

M arcy B. Freeman may be best known as a performance artist, but she has also appeared in a number of other art forms during her life during this year’s Open Studios event in Peekskill. Freeman’s studio, located at 1006 Brown St. #203, will be open to the public from noon to 5 p.m. on June 6 and 7. Visitors will discover a wide range of artworks on display, from abstract collages and drawings to Polaroïd photography and small sculptures, as well as a “bloom sale” of artworks. The artist will be on-site to explain the ways in which her works have been designed to “please the eye and tease the brain.”

Simultaneously, Freeman’s latest collaborative video project, called The White Room, will be on view at 1008 Main St. in a newly renovated building called the Flatz. This piece was created by Freeman and her long-time video partner, Gene Panczenko. When working together, the two artists are known as GeneFree. For more information about Freeman, visit marcyfreedman.com.

**Hudson Valley Bridges Exhibit of Bridge Authority on view in June**

T he Howland Public Library will be hosting the New York State Bridge Authority’s traveling museum exhibit for the month of June. Six free-standing panels will shed light on the facts and history pertaining to each of the five bridges that comprise the Bridge Authority: the Bear Mountain Bridge, Newburgh-Beacon Bridge, Mid-Hudson Bridge, Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge and the Rip Van Winkle Bridge. A panel describing the Bridge Authority is also included in this exhibit, which will run from June 1 to 24. Accompanying the information panels will be an iPad presenting a catalog of artifacts, archival photos and scanned news coverage of the bridges since the inception of the New York State Bridge Authority in 1932.

**Beacon Sloop Club Holds Strawberry Festivals**

Berry treats, smoked fish, music and more at free event

B eacon’s annual Strawberry Festival, held this year on June 14 from noon to 5 p.m., offers residents and visitors the opportunity to share hot, buttery biscuits heaped with sweet local berries and topped with honey-spiked organic cream. Additional berry items include hand-dipped chocolate strawberries and smoothies. Proceeds benefit the free sailing programs of the Beacon Sloop Club and its main vessel, the Edythe Guthrie.

This year’s festival will include an ancient tradition: a modern shad-bake tasting. For hundreds of years, Native Americans along the Hudson smoked fish on wooden platforms. Chris Bowser of the Hudson River Estuary Project and sidekick Tom Lake will demonstrate the technique by smoking and planking local rainbow trout (as shad is an endangered species). Free samples will be given out to guests starting at 1 p.m.

Environmental displays will dot the park, educating visitors about the Hudson’s living life in the Hudson and how to both appreciate and preserve it. Various local food and craft vendors will also participate.

Activities and crafts for children of all ages will be provided by Miss Vickie’s Music in Beacon. The Children’s Stage at the Howland Public Library will feature local musicians, including Raven’s Wolves, Jim Connor, Melissa Orquist and Friends, and the Apple Pickers.

The event is free to all and will be held rain or shine at the Pete and Toshi Seeger Memorial Park, 1 Red Flynn Drive in Beacon. For more information, visit BeaconSloopclub.org.
An Early Start for Tick Season

for nymph ticks, and although this season is not predicted to be as particularly bad as previous seasons, it’s not because of the brutally cold winter the Hudson Valley just endured.

“There is no strong correlation between winter cold and tick population,” said Ostfeld, in response to the oft-repeated mantra that harsh winters keep tick populations in check.

“Ticks are excellently well adapted to dealing with whatever Mother Nature throws at them. They don’t seem to care if it’s super cold in the winter or super hot in the summer.” Ostfeld also noted that some studies seem to suggest that heavy snow cover might actually be good for tick populations, as it insulates and protects them.

Instead, the best indicator of how robust the seasonal deer tick population is going to be depends on the population of another animal, and it’s not the one you think it is.

“A lot of folks assume that the amount of tick-borne illnesses is related to how many deer there are, but that’s not supported by most studies,” he said. “The name ‘deer tick’ is an obsolete name; the correct name is ‘black-legged tick.’ ‘Deer tick’ is easier to say, so that’s what most people still call it, but that perpetuates the notion that deer are the most important player in this.” Instead, the data that Ostfeld and his colleagues have been collecting for over 20 years suggests that it’s the size of the white-footed mouse population theummer before that indicates how robust the tick population will be the following year. White-footed mice are one of the primary reservoirs for the spirochete that causes Lyme disease. Last year, the population of white-footed mice in the Hudson Valley was rather low.

But that doesn’t mean people should get complacent. Dutchess and Putnam counties are still hot spots for tick-borne illnesses. Public health officials warn that there is no such thing as a low-risk year and that the numbers of reported cases of tick-borne illnesses in the area are not an accurate reflection on their prevalence throughout the Hudson Valley.

Rachel Gresse, a senior public health nurse for the Putnam County Department of Health, noted that almost all reported cases of tick-borne illnesses come in as a result of a positive lab test. But the lab test for Lyme disease is only about 50 to 60 percent accurate, and many Lyme disease patients are never tested at all. “If you go to a health care provider and they diagnose you with erythema migrans,” said Gresse, referring to the clinical name of the familiar ‘bull’s-eye rash’ that accompanies many cases of Lyme disease, “then that is a confirmed case. But I don’t hear about it because I don’t get a lab report. They won’t test the patient; they’ll just treat them.” Over the past few years, she’s been reaching out to health care providers in the area and asking them to report how many bull’s-eye rashes they’ve been diagnosing without running lab tests.

And in some cases, the weather itself may affect how many cases of tick-borne illness occur.

“When we have one of those summers in which it rains every weekend, then people aren’t going outside as much, so they’re not getting bit,” noted Andrew Rotan, a senior public health advisor with the Dutchess County Department of Health. So until the nymphal ticks become dormant in early July, residents of the Mid-Hudson Valley should continue to take precautionary measures. Ostfeld urged anyone going outdoors to pay particular attention to their shoes and socks. “The place where ticks are laying low, waiting for you to walk by, is either on the ground or on very low-lying vegetation, no more than a couple of inches above the ground,” he said. “A lot of people think that ticks can fly or jump or hop or fall out of trees, but none of that is true. They might sound like weird places, but ticks don’t care. They’ll lodge anywhere.”

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Poison Ivy
By Pamela Doan

It seems like most of my conversations lately involve either ticks or poison ivy. They both seem to be prolific this spring. They have a lot in common, too. Both are unwanted, can cause major lingering health problems and can be difficult to manage in the home landscape.

Personally, I've had both Lyme disease and a maddening rash from poison ivy in the past few years, and yes, it is horrible and makes you want to stay indoors or cover up to a hazzmat suit while gardening. Since neither choice is viable, here are some tips for managing poison ivy.

Beware of easy fixes. In our rush to find a solution that's simple and effective, dousing the lawn with pesticides and herbicides might seem like the best choice, but there's more to consider.

During my master gardener training, I learned two things about poison ivy that made me both astounded by it and afraid for the future. First, in tests conducted by Cornell University researchers, poison ivy was one of the plants that loved an atmosphere with higher carbon levels. That means as carbon continues to build up around our planet, poison ivy is going to thrive. It can grow bigger and faster and spread aggressively. Very bad news!

The second thing that terrified me was discovering that the thick, furry vines I noticed twining around tree trunks was poison ivy. The vine can reach the top of a tree, and any contact with it, even in winter, can cause the rash. Even if the vine is dead, the oil that causes irritation, urushiol, is still active for years.

Managing poison ivy in the yard begins with being able to identify it. I learned a rhyme as a child that has stuck with me, and we probably all know it: "Leaves of three, let it be." Young plants like wild raspberry in the spring can look similar. Poison ivy also likes to grow around other vines like the native Virginia creeper and can hide effectively among other weeds, too.

Poison ivy has a woody stem, and the leaves can look glossy. The leaves are smooth-edged and can be green in summer and reddish purple in the spring and fall. It never has thorns. The vine looks fuzzy. In our area, poison ivy can be a shrub, vine or ground cover.

Be vigilant about locating poison ivy in the spring when it first begins growing. Taking care of a 2-inch plant is a lot easier than trying to wrangle a vine off a fence or tree. Hand-pulling it at this stage is a good option. Take care to pull it out by the root; if you don't get it all, it will come right back. Cutting it back won't kill it, and then you'll be faced with the challenge of getting the oil off lawn mower blades or a weed whacker. Whatever touches the plant can have urushiol on it, and anything it comes in contact with can be affected.

Wipe down tools that touch the plant — a shovel, trowel, blades — with water and alcohol, being careful not to touch it with exposed skin. I read a tip in a magazine to wear plastic bags over thick rubber gloves. The bags that newspapers are delivered in when it's rainy can work well for this. The gloves protect your skin in case the bag tears, and the bag can be thrown directly in the trash afterward.

For large patches of poison ivy that are more challenging to manage, you could consider hiring a professional to take care of it for a fee. Some companies will dig it out and dispose of it and others will use herbicides. Roundup is the commercial name of glyphosate, a chemical made by Monsanto that is highly controversial and widely used. It can be purchased at most landscape centers and is a systemic, nondiscriminating herbicide. Sprayed on the leaves of any plant or tree, Roundup will kill. If you are trying to hit the poison ivy and accidentally spray the lilac bush, both will die; so it has consequences. Applied according to the directions, however, it can be used safely on a small scale in the yard. Applied incorrectly and used heavily, it can run off into waterways and soak into soil, and the World Health Organization has raised concerns about its carcinogenic properties for humans. Be very cautious about using it and consider it a last resort for controlling any unwanted plants, not just poison ivy.

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2015 Memorial Day Parade

Gathers Locals for March up Main

Community honors heroes

By Clayton Smith

On Monday, May 25, Cold Spring was flooded with excitement and patriotism as residents came together to make the annual Memorial Day Parade through the village all the way to the cemetery on Peekskill Road.

At 9 a.m. anxious children and adults waited at the bottom of Main Street for the start of the procession to honor fallen soldiers as well as local veterans. Among organizations that participated were the Cold Spring Fire Company, North Highlands Fire Department, Garrison Volunteer Fire Company, Philipstown Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

The Haldane High School Band left retiring teacher and member of the National Guard 42nd Infantry Division Band Debbie Contini with a nice last rendition of “Rye of the Tiger.” Attendees were also given a sizeable dose of bagpiper thanks to the Hudson Highlands Pipe Band.

At the corner of Main and Chestnut Street, Rev. Shane Scott-Hamblen of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church read a religious passage and handed the microphone to Philipstown Reform Synagogue’s Alan Steiner, who said a prayer for the deceased.

The parade then took a left down Fishkill Avenue and proceeded toward the Mountain Avenue Cemetery. Here Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) members demonstrated a three-voilel salute, firing three blank shots in honor of those who passed during wartime. The next stop was Nelsonville’s Church on the Hill, where Rev. Tim Greco read a Bible passage for the crowd before they continued on to the Vietnam memorial at the corner of Pearl and Main Streets. At this site, Eddie Cleary, organizer at Chapel on the Hill, read a prayer for those who lost their lives fighting overseas.

Finally, the community made it to the cemetery on Peekskill Road, the main stage of the festivities. The school band welcomed everyone with “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Rev. Anthony Rourke of Our Lady of Loretto Church introduced the guest speaker — Col. Maritza S. Ryan. Ryan has a rich history of serving the country, impressively being among the first women to graduate from West Point in 1982 and to serve as an administrative department head. She currently heads the Department of Law at USMA and has earned the title chief of military justice. She also received the Women’s Achievement Award from the American Bar Association.

During her speech, she pushed listeners to recall the achievements of heroes, or those who have given their lives for something bigger than themselves, and marvel at their skill and courage. She stressed that we should ask ourselves, “How would they want us to remember them on this and every Memorial Day?” Listeners were urged to think of the friends and families of the deceased — in some cases their “battle buddies” — and consider how difficult it must be to return without a friend or comrade. She declared that we should be thankful and joyous that great citizens like those we are mourning ever existed, offering a refreshing view of the usually melancholy holiday.

Edward Engelbreid then read the honor roll and everyone listened to the annual reading of the World War I poem “In Flanders Fields,” written by John McCrae.

Rev. Francis Geer of St. Philip’s Church in Garrison took the podium to give a story about his great aunt, who, during President Abraham Lincoln’s reading of the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln took notice of her and shook her hand, asking if she was all right. At the end of the story Geer urged others to come shake her hand, humorously saying, “Come shake the hand that shook the hand that shook the hand of Lincoln!” The Hudson Highlands Pipe Band closed the ceremony with “Amazing Grace.”

Haldane High School junior Jerome Famularo, who plays the piccolo in the band and helps Contini with conducting, found the Cold Spring Memorial Day Parade to be unique from most others. “I think our parade is different because of the bagpipes. You don’t see that in a lot of other towns.” Famularo was most happy to witness all the spirit that the town displayed on Monday.

Sports

Haldane Track and Field Highlights

Blue Devils medal in Class C Championships at Valhalla

By Peter Farrell

The Lady Blue Devils finished third overall with 60 points, the highest girls’ team score finish at Class C. The boys finished tied for seventh with 30 points. Coach AJ McConville commented, “Great performances across the board as we prepare to send 21 athletes between individual events and relays to state qualifiers on May 28-29 at White Plains High School.”

Class C Championships Highlights

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Philistown Little League Minors Highlights

By Dave McCarthy

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