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The newly appointed board of the non-profit Putnam County Visitors Bureau, clockwise from top left: Kevin Callahan, Deborah Walker, Victoria Causa, Elizabeth Carson Tompkins, Chairman Barney Molloy and Philip Tolmach

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Meet Your Tourism Board

*Six appointees begin search
for executive director*

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The six newly appointed members of the non-profit Putnam County's Visitors Bureau board, chaired by Barney Molloy of Cold Spring, is pushing ahead with efforts to hire an executive director to replace Libby Pataki, who resigned earlier this year after questions arose about her financial oversight of the agency, including whether it had a functioning board.

The Current sat in on the new board's Sept. 28 meeting, its fourth, as members handled routine business, pausing to explain their reasons for wanting to serve and their perspectives on tourism.

However, after words of caution from the chairman, one subject remained off the table: Putnam County's refusal to share sales tax revenue with the municipalities in which it is generated, which in western Putnam often involves tourist spending.

Molloy, the former Cold Spring Planning Board chair and mayoral candidate, explained that the board had not yet begun reviewing such policy matters as sales tax practices. "That's not something we've discussed as a board, and that's not something we've worked on with our attorney," he said.

First days

The tourism board began its work on Aug. 3, following months of uncertainty after Pataki's resignation amid questions about her

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Can You Afford to Live Here?

*Analysis focuses on taxes,
housing, living expenses*

By Jeff Simms

An analysis of the affordability of living in New York, including specific data about the Hudson Highlands, suggests the state is losing hundreds of thousands of residents annually.

By quantifying the cost of living throughout the state, the Reclaim New York Center for Government Reform and Accountability, a Manhattan-based non-profit founded in 2013, says it hopes to inspire a "citizen movement" to help fix a system it calls "broken from the top down." It has said its programs "focus on empowering citizen-driven oversight that increases transparency, makes government more responsive and makes our state more affordable."

The group's principal officer, according to an IRS filing, is Stephen K. Bannon, a businessman and conservative filmmaker who is CEO of Donald Trump's presiden-

tial campaign, co-founder of the Government Accountability Institute and former chairman of Breitbart News.

Although federal census figures show New York's population has grown 2 percent over the last five years, Reclaim's Executive Director Brandon Muir, citing an analysis of IRS data, says 1.8 million people have left the state since 2000, including 126,000 in 2014. Illinois was second, losing 82,000 residents that year.

The crux of the study is what the organization calls a "wake-up cost" — the price one pays, through taxes and living expenses, to live (or "wake up") in New York state. In Beacon, the report calculates that taxes, rent and other costs leave a family making the median income of \$68,000 with only \$500 per month to save for retirement, education and other long-term expenses.

And while the Hudson Highlands, and Beacon in particular, has become a destination for Manhattan and Brooklynites priced out of the city, Muir says that its wake-up cost — the organization provides a personalized calculator at

reclaimnewyork.org — provides a more accurate snapshot of what it costs to live here. For example, you may pay less income tax after moving from New York to the Highlands, but higher property taxes could wipe out the savings.

"Our point is not to come across and make a decision for you," Muir said. "But no one in the market now is giving you the tools for this kind

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County Buses Brought Seniors to Butterfield Meetings

*Legislators question whether
renting out vehicles was legal*

By Holly Toal

Putnam County rented buses to advocates for a proposed senior center at the Butterfield development in Cold Spring to bring supporters to legislative meetings when the measure was being considered — an act that lawmakers who have questioned the cost of the project called a misuse of county property.

Kevin Wright (R-Mahopac) said renting county buses to transport seniors to the meetings was "unquestionably improper, if not worse," and that the matter should be referred to the state Attorney General to review its legality.

"I need no clarification, I know it's wrong," Wright said at the county's Sept. 22 Rules Committee meeting. "It's inexcusable; just horrendous."

The matter came to light after a group of seniors was seen disembarking from a county vehicle at

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Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

Chocolate Reserve

By Mary Ann Ebner

It often pays off to stash a little chocolate — and cocoa — in the cupboard. The confectionery staples embellish everything and cool weather calls for cocoa. To those who temper chocolate, temperature matters beyond the chocolate thermometer. As autumn arrives, chocolate delicacies hold up longer, while demand from chocolate lovers increases.

When temperatures dipped, Alps Sweet Shop stepped up chocolate production. The family business, which has locations in Beacon and Fishkill, has handcrafted small-batch fine confections for more than 90 years. It was founded by Peter Charkalis and today is run by his granddaughter, Sally Charkalis-Craft, and her husband, Terry Craft, a master chocolatier.

Customers streamed in to Beacon's Main Street location last week to choose from sweets in cases brimming with chocolate-covered caramels, heaven-and-earth truffles, chocolate glace fruits, almond butter crunch and molded chocolates.

Terry Craft and his candy makers work year round but fall production keeps them in the kitchen even longer, stirring kettles bubbling with the likes of salted caramel and dark chocolate. He studied his craft in the U.S., Belgium, France, Canada and

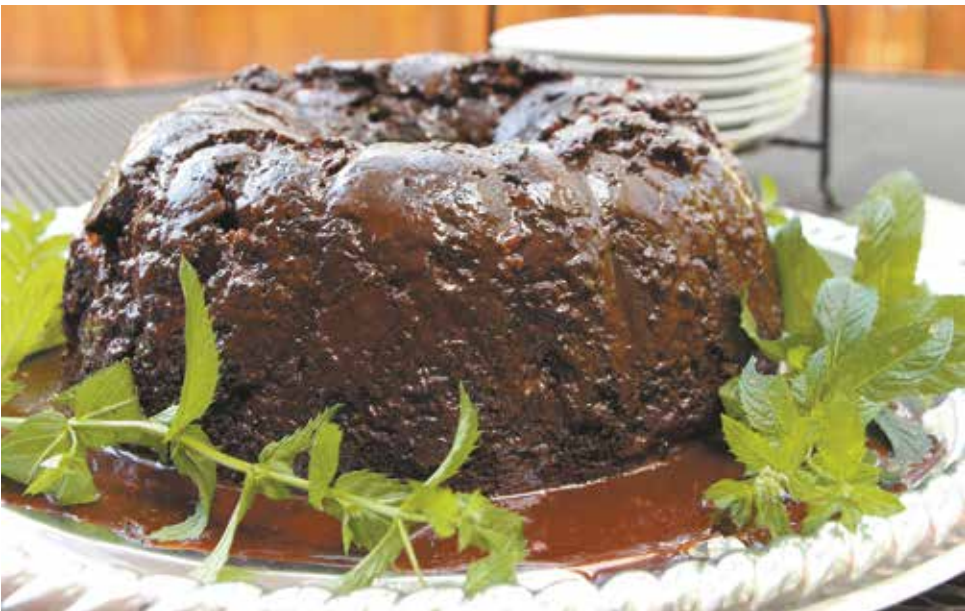
England, and although producing confections is labor intensive, he says he finds the work rewarding. "It's a feel-good type of business," Craft said. "People are either coming in here to make themselves happy or to make someone else happy."

The recipes haven't changed since Peter Charkalis's day, but the production methods have evolved from the days when every morsel was handmade. Sally's mother, Mary Charkalis, recalled a turning point in 1968 when the shop bought its first piece of machinery, an enrober. Her grandfather was not happy about the purchase, so her father waited until he was on vacation in Greece to have it delivered. (He eventually came around to appreciate its benefits.)

An enrober — which moves confections down a conveyer belt, along a cold plate to set the bottom and then through a curtain of chocolate for coating — still stands ready in the Beacon shop. Alps has since further modernized its methods by purchasing an automated candy wrapper and computerized molding equipment.

Like any connoisseur in matters of taste, Craft knows cocoa (or cacao, as it is more commonly known where it's grown). He prefers a Criollo cocoa bean from Ecuador. The common Forastero bean is a close second but he says it doesn't have the pronounced flavor. As a third option there's the Trinitario, a hybrid of the Criollo and the Forastero.

"The best of the best [chocolatiers] can tell you while eating them not only what



Fragrant cocoa powder, Kahlua and rich chocolate enhance this Bundt cake.

part of the world a bean is from but the region or plantation where they're grown," Craft said. "This particular plantation has a patented fermentation process and right now I have exclusive U.S. rights. These Ecuadorian Criollo beans are right off the plantation." He cracked open a bean, removed the nib and gently crushed it.

"The nib is where the excitement starts," he explained. "The nib is pressed and the cocoa butter is extracted and what's left is called the chocolate liquor," the paste that serves as the essential ingredient for chocolate. Craft sells the Ecuadorian product to restaurants and pastry chefs as well as a microbrewer. He also coats whole beans in organic chocolate and recently filled an order for 25,000.

"You can taste the earthiness, a savory

touch, fruitiness and the soil of the region," he said. "And the cocoa bean is off the charts with its flavonoids and high in vitamins and minerals."

Savor a piece of gourmet chocolate or make the cake recipe here that calls for cocoa powder and bits of chocolate. Some chip chocolates have a high melting point, so a better choice is a premium chocolate like the break-up bars that Alps produces in milk, dark and organic white chocolate.

Home cooks should be able to find small quantities of good cocoa at local markets. Natural unsweetened cocoa, non-alkalized, will be darker while alkalized will soften bitterness. Some cocoas may also affect rise and texture of a cake. This chocolate cake always pleases, thanks in part to flavorful chocolate, powerful cocoa and a dose of Kahlua.

Chocolate Kahlua Cake

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| 1 ¼ cups sugar | ¾ cups canola oil |
| 1 ¾ cups flour | ⅓ cup Kahlua |
| 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda | 6 ounces chocolate, broken into small pieces |
| 1 teaspoon salt | |
| ½ cup natural unsweetened cocoa powder | Glaze |
| 4 eggs, beaten | 2 tablespoons cocoa powder |
| 16 ounces sour cream | 3 cups powdered sugar |
| | 1 ½ cups Kahlua |

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter Bundt pan and dust with cocoa. Mix flour, cocoa powder, sugar, baking soda and salt. Add eggs, sour cream, oil and Kahlua. Stir thoroughly and fold in chocolate pieces. Pour batter into pan and bake 1 hour.
2. Whisk glaze ingredients and set aside.
3. Allow cake to cool, then invert. Pour glaze over cake and set 1 hour. Refrigerate if serving next day. Serve with fresh mint leaves.



Terry Craft, master chocolatier and co-owner of Alps Sweet Shop, pours 110 pounds of salted caramel onto a cooling tray at their Beacon location. *Photos by M.A. Ebner*

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Haldane High Principal Settles In

Small school has challenges, but he hopes to give every student a voice

By Alison Rooney

Peter Carucci, hired this year as the principal of Haldane High School in Cold Spring, has worked in schools with thousands of students and one that had fewer than Haldane, which has about 300.

He said he feels he's in a "good spot" at Haldane. "I love it here," he said. "I feel like this is my home."

"One thing I've learned is that not everyone in the district has learned all the amazing things that have gone on here; we're going to work on that," he said. "The community supports the school and the school supports the community; we're one and the same."

Among the impressive things, he said, are experiential learning, expanded senior internships, "and last week the senior class spent the day kayaking — just incredible." He would like to see more interaction between high school and elementary students so that there's a greater sense, particularly for the families of younger students, "that this is a K through 12 campus."

Carucci began the job on July 1, succeeding Brian Alm, who left after nine years for the Ossining school district. He used the summer months to get his bearings. "Before the kids got here, I met with almost all of the staff," he said. He admired the teachers' work ethic, he said. "They'll do whatever it takes to do right by the kids."

The new principal said he approached the meetings with his personal framework in mind: "Let's find the most positive outcome." Discussions sometimes centered on curriculum issues, particularly with the frequent state-mandated alterations. Carucci noted this can be challenging and frustrating, citing as an example the virtual elimination of trigonometry, which affects advanced science and math classes. He said he and the teachers have a plan to "scaffold" the subject in over the course of a few years' worth of instruction.

"My whole angle on instruction is supporting teachers so they can hold on to the interests of kids," Carucci said. "It's a lot harder to be a teacher these days because of legislation. Teachers in general need to know that they're heard, that their ideas are incorporated. After all, who better than a teacher to know these things?"

Citing the turnover in staff in guidance and pupil personnel services, along with his own arrival, Carucci said he hoped to "provide a sense for consistency for students and staff, by keeping ongoing, egalitarian dialogues; it's important that everyone feels they have a voice."

There is ongoing pressure on students to take Advanced Placement classes (for which they can earn college credits), which



Peter Carucci

Photo by A. Rooney

brings challenges because scheduling can be more difficult at a smaller school.

"As a small school we still strive to put forth everything that a larger school does, but we simply don't have the same resources," Carucci said. "Here our staff wears many hats, but it takes more energy to do the same things. We want to provide the same opportunities, but it's actually much

harder to program individually in a small school. A large school has multiple sections of some classes so schedules can be moved around to accommodate more easily."

"I thankfully have a lot of experience in programming and hope to continue to individualize: try to make it work," he continued. "Also,

we're able to expand and offer courses in different ways," such as independent study, online courses and activities including a new Shakespeare club and a history club.

While not a substitute for a classroom course, the clubs have led students to some unique experiences, such as mapping gravestones at a local cemetery and discovering a piece of the original fencing.

Not having everything in school derive from a "top-down world" is important to Carucci. "Students need to see that their accomplishments come from them," he said. "For instance, there's now a student parking lot, which they brought in as an issue. This helped give them a sense of ownership. Not only does it take parking issues out of the community, it's taught them how to handle the things that have come up in relation to it."

Carucci is aware that not all students feel the same motivation. Those are the teens he intends to reach. "In large schools, kids can be anonymous, which actually can be a good thing," he said. "Here kids are in the play, on the field, tutoring, working, so active, and everyone knows about those kids. It's hard for some kids who aren't as involved, and we want to give these kids the attention they deserve.... It's rewarding to see the not-as-involved kids find their niche, even if their niche is not knowing what it is yet."

"Before the kids got here, I met with almost all of the staff. They'll do whatever it takes to do right by the kids."

Their Families Approved



Angela Janas and Carl Howell

Photo by Rebecca Reed / Here With You Photography

In a happy ending unlike that of *Romeo and Juliet*, the play that brought them together, Carl Howell and Angela Janas celebrated their wedding on Sept. 24 at University Settlement in Beacon. The actors played the lead roles in the 2012 Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival production. They met and kissed for the first time (in character) at the auditions.

Clearwater Names New President

Betsy Garthwaite is former sloop captain

The former sloop Clearwater captain, Betsy Garthwaite, was named president of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater's board of directors at the organization's annual meeting on Sept. 24. She succeeds Anne Todd Osborn of Garrison, who had held the position since 2013 and will now serve as vice president.

Garthwaite is facilities manager at the Ulster Performing Arts Center in Kingston, where she lives. She has been involved with Clearwater since 1983. After working her way through the crew ranks, she served as captain of the Clearwater from 1992 to 1995.

In addition to Garthwaite, five new board members were elected at the annual meeting: Bob Alpern, Jeffrey Domanski, Neil Gordon, Lucy Johnson and Sarah Underhill.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continental Village taxes

It has been suggested that students in the Garrison/Lakeland School District area could assimilate gradually into the Garrison district ("Caught Between Two Districts," Sept. 23). Families could decide to stay in Lakeland until their children graduated. There are approximately 270 Continental Village students now in the Lakeland District, grades K-12. All other homeowners could opt into the Garrison District immediately. Take it one step further and envision one Philipstown School District. Streamline and use facilities and personnel more efficiently and fairly.

Continental Villagers live and pay taxes in Philipstown, Putnam County. Many children start in the pre-school program offered by the Philipstown Recreation Center and then never see their classmates again because they have to go to the Lakeland School District. It's time we consolidate.

Kathie Kourie, *Continental Village*

Your article portrayed our frustrations very well. I just hope there is way to change the system before we are forced out of our houses by increasingly unfair taxes.

April Leonforte, *Continental Village*

Putnam gun permits

I have no wish to disparage the personal views of, for example, the county clerk ("Court Orders Putnam to Release Gun Permits," Sept. 23), but I do have strong objections to the county spending public funds to allow county officials to violate state law. Even if, as claimed, the county attorneys did the initial work, it is not free. Retaining private appellate counsel is a large direct outlay. Any public official who decides as a matter of conscience to ignore the law should resign.

Camilla W. von Bergen, *Garrison*

Our taxpayers dollars are being spent on advocacy. How much is still a mystery. I have submitted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request regarding these

expenses. I suggest that Putnam County gun owners who care about this issue take up this issue and advocate for themselves. It is not the job of the county clerk and the county executive.

Lithgow Osborne, *Garrison*

New art space

Bravo to Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu for sharing their collection and giving recognition to the artists ("Modern Art Space to Open in Philipstown in 2017," Sept. 23). This is where all types of art belong — in the Hudson Valley, birthplace of art in America.

Steven Petruccio, *Fishkill*

The Butterfield vote

Putnam County legislators plan to sign a lease for a senior center at the Lahey Pavilion in Cold Spring at their Oct. 4 meeting.

Before they do, I wish that for once they would tell us exactly what they are agreeing to. I want to know the name of the center. I want current competitive estimates for what it will cost to renovate Lahey for this use. I want to see the floor plan or at least get a good description of it. I want to hear about the program offerings. I want to know whether the center is strictly for seniors, as originally announced, or for the community, as Barbara Scuccimarra recently commented.

After they tell us these things, I would like a period for public questions and comment before they sign the lease.

Why would I make these demands?

The legislature has not kept us up-to-date with current, accurate information throughout the process. The most recent numbers come from an attachment to the Sept. 6 meeting agenda, and there have been some revisions since then. Overall, the lease and the plans appear to be strongly in favor of the developer, and not great for us taxpayers. When questioned, the legislators have

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Taking it to the Street By Anita Peltonen

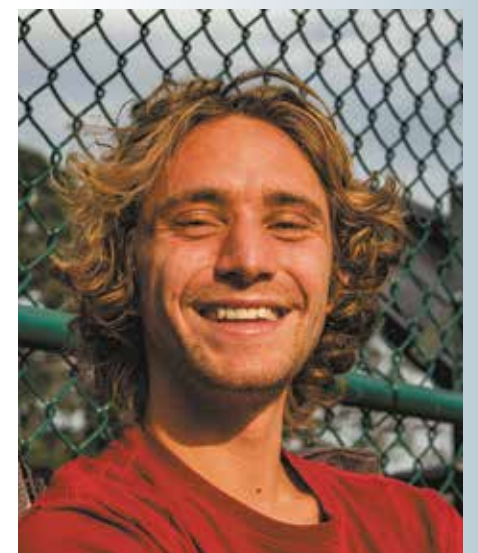
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"A tour of America's best junkyards, which are in Kansas, Kentucky, North Dakota and Washington."
~ Jim Bessent, West Winfield (near Utica)



"Greece and Italy. More overseas travel. That's where I'm deficient. As soon as we're done with college for our three kids."
~ Terese Olsen, Cold Spring



"Across the country, national-park-hopping along the way. I'm leaving on Sept. 29!"
~ Collin Milone, Poughkeepsie

Putnam Officials Blast Oil Barge Plan

Scuccimarra: "We're talking a mile of barges"

By Michael Turton

At a Sept. 26 press conference at the Cold Spring riverfront, Putnam County officials and representatives from two regional environmental organizations spoke out against a plan to increase the number of oil-carrying barges on the Hudson.

The plan, which requires U.S. Coast Guard approval, was proposed by the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey and the American Waterways Operators earlier this year and calls for 43 new anchorage spots between Yonkers and Albany, including space for up to five barges between Beacon and Newburgh, which the Maritime Association describes as "a major petroleum distribution center and prime deep-water port."

Putnam County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown, said the scale of the proposal is a serious problem. "We're not talking a few" barges, she said. "We're talking a mile of barges. Not only are the barges parked there, they're un-

lit and unmanned," which could impact the environment, tourism, boating and fishing.

Scuccimarra noted that in 1963 a proposal to construct a hydroelectric plant on Storm King was defeated due to the efforts of community activists. "I'm hoping that will happen again," she said.

Proponents of the project have cited safety concerns. The American Waterways Operators argues there is not enough anchor space on the river, which forces captains to push through to Albany and limits the number of barges that can travel the river.

Jeremy Cherson of Riverkeeper noted that adding anchorage would mean more oil will be transported along the Hudson, especially with the recent lifting of the ban on the export of American crude oil and hydraulic fracturing in the Dakotas. In addition to the risk of spills and navigation hazards, he said anchoring can cause damage to the bottom of the river, a habitat that supports two endangered species, the Atlantic and shortness sturgeon.

Cherson also questioned whether the barge proposal would be consistent with waterfront revitalization plans adopted by Hudson River communities. (Cold Spring's draft plan is yet to be approved, pending an update of the zoning code.)



Althea Mullarkey of Scenic Hudson, Jeremy Cherson of Riverkeeper, legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, County Executive MaryEllen Odell and legislator William Gouldman

Photo by M. Turton

Althea Mullarkey of Scenic Hudson argued the industry views having more anchorage spots as a way to warehouse crude oil on barges. "That's not what the Hudson River is meant to be," she said. "Tourists do not come to visit warehouses or large parking lots." She said even a minor oil spill could impact drinking water and wildlife habitat. "We are bearing all the risk and getting none of the benefits."

Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said she expects the legislature at its

Oct. 4 meeting to pass a resolution opposing the barge plan. "We have to make sure that the last 50 years of good work that's been done to restore and rehabilitate the Hudson River has not gone unnoticed," she said.

The Coast Guard is accepting public comments about the proposal through Dec. 6. Based on a sampling of the more than 2,900 comments collected so far, the vast majority of respondents from up and down the Hudson oppose the proposal.

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refused to provide current, accurate information to support their claims that the Butterfield senior center is a good deal. Their refusal to communicate has created an atmosphere of hostility and distrust.

The seniors who have been waiting so long and working so hard to get a senior center here deserve to have it. For that matter, I will be a senior in a few years, and I will want to use the senior center. I just don't want us to have to pay considerably more than we really should.

And that's why I'm making these demands, and that's why you should, too.

David Limburg, *Nelsonville*

Spectra Pipeline

Spectra continues to plow ahead with its Algonquin pipeline project in spite of massive public protest, many citizen arrests and the protests of federal and local officials

who are trying to prevent a catastrophe.

Spectra aims to open the pipeline on Nov. 1 and start pumping fracked gas through a 42-inch diameter pipe that runs 105 feet from Indian Point, an old, leaking, dangerous nuclear plant sited one mile from the intersection of two earthquake faults in the Hudson River.

Two safety inspectors who worked on the proposed methane gas pipeline say Spectra cut corners when it came to project, worker and environmental safety (see rifuture.org/spectra-safety-allegations.html). Last year Paul Blanch and Richard Kuprewicz presented their findings to Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials that showed the NRC had based its safety assessment of the project on a calculation that was partially handwritten, unapproved, undated and unsigned and used

fictitious, false and unsupported assumptions.

This misleading "calculation" threatens the safety of more than 20 million residents and the infrastructure of the greater New York metropolitan area, and is risking trillions of dollars of damage and possibly the U.S. economy. It must be invalidated and the construction halted until an independent, transparent, structured risk assessment, as outlined by the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), is completed.

Spectra's law-breaking and environmental irresponsibility is placing many millions of lives on the line. Our senators and representatives must protect their constituents by pushing the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to issue a stop-work order.

Judy Allen, *Putnam Valley*

Election Forum Scheduled for Oct. 10

Candidates invited to share views

The League of Women Voters of Putnam County will host a candidates' forum at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 10 at the Mahopac Library, 686 Route 6. The organization has invited a number of candidates, including Sue Serino, a Republican who represents Philipstown and Beacon in the state senate, and her Democratic challenger, Terry Gipson; Sandy Galef, a Democrat who represents Philipstown in the state assembly, and her Republican challenger, Greg Purdy; James Reitz and Gina Capone, who are facing off for Putnam County justice, and Faye Thorpe and Camille Linson, who would both like to be the new Philipstown town justice.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown:

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Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York

upon the question of a LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE TOWN CODE CHAPTER 163 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC.' All persons interested will be heard at the time, date and place specified above.

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

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Garrison Man Arrested for Allegedly Making Threats

Detained in Monroe after call from Hasidic village

A man living in Garrison and apparently struggling with mental illness was arrested on Sept. 23 at Kiryas Joel, a Hasidic village in Orange County, after police say he showed up wearing body armor and made terroristic threats.

State police said Frank Zebzda, 30, faces six charges, including making a terroristic threat and wearing of a body vest, both felonies, resisting arrest when officers removed the armor and possession of a small amount of marijuana. Police say he also was carrying a folding pocket knife.

The state police said it received a phone call from the Kiryas Joel public safety office that there was an individual in the village wearing a black tactical vest and taking photos of the schools, the public safety building and the shopping mall.

While being interviewed by troopers, police say Zebzda became belligerent and refused to identify himself. As the troopers were placing Zebzda under arrest, he began to scream racial and ethnic obscenities.

He was arraigned in the Town of Monroe Court and sent to the Orange Coun-

ty Jail in lieu of \$150,000 cash/\$350,000 bond.

Asked by a reporter from News 12 why he was wearing armor, he responded, "Because you're allowed to be because of the Second Amend-

ment." He told the judge he was mentally ill, on disability and living with his mother in Garrison, and that he was at Kiryas Joel because he is a medical proxy for a resident there with cancer. It was the resident's fam-

ily who called the police, he said.

According to News 12, Zebzda told the judge he wanted to represent himself, because he knows the Constitution very well, but at another point said, "I don't know how I got here."

On Zebzda's Facebook page he says he attended Lakeland and Ossining high schools. He posted in May about his struggles with mental illness.

"From the constant hell of anxiety, to the darkness of depression, from people not understanding to not listening, mental illness is a black cloud the covers many of us that though we angrily lash out, have



Frank Zebzda



Zebzda in custody

News 12 photo

no way to cope or express how to feel better in that moment," he wrote. "No matter how much we beat the disease, the cloud is always there and people seem to notice. We all know someone who struggles with a mental illness, know that the disease does not define them but is a part of them."

He also posted in June about a GoFundMe campaign he had launched to finance The 13th Agenda, a "freedom-fighting organization that we are trying to build from the ground up." The page, which has been removed, said Zebzda was from Yorktown Heights.

Continental Village Fire Calls

- Aug. 19 – Aqueduct Road – Rubbish fire
- Aug. 21 – Peekskill Waterfront – Boat in distress
- Aug. 21 – Anthony's Nose – Injured hiker
- Aug. 22 – Bear Mountain Bridge Road – Superstructure climber is stuck
- Aug. 24 – Old West Point Road – Fire alarm activated
- Aug. 25 – Hudson River – Boat in distress
- Aug. 28 – Roa Hook Road – Car-motorcycle crash with injuries
- Aug. 30 – Putnam Road – EMS assist
- Sept. 8 – Camp Smith, Alarm activated
- Sept. 9 – Camp Smith, Fire alarm activated
- Sept. 9 – Bear Mountain Bridge Road – Crash with injuries
- Sept. 10 – Bear Mountain Bridge Road – Crash with injuries
- Sept. 10 – Annsville Circle – Crash/fuel spill
- Sept. 11 – Camp Smith – Fire alarm activated
- Sept. 12 – Annsville Circle – Crash with injuries
- Sept. 24 – Annsville Bridge – Crash with injuries
- Sept. 24 – Chateau Ridge (Peekskill) – Brush fire
- Sept. 24 – Sprout Brook Road – Crash with injuries
- Sept. 25 – S. Mountain Pass – Brush fire
- Sept. 26 – S. Mountain Pass – Brush fire
- Sept. 26 – Laurel Terrace – Brush fire

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Can You Afford to Live Here? (from Page 1)

of information. Understand what your total tax burden is — then you can have an educated conversation about what you can afford.”

In Cold Spring, which has a lower property tax rate, the picture is somewhat

rosier. Village households making the median of \$85,000 are left with about \$1,200 a month for savings. However, Muir said that Cold Spring residents will need to save \$805 per month from ages of 45 to 65

Cold Spring			
	Recent grad (rents)	Married +2 (rents)	Married +2 (owns)
Median income	\$48,707	\$84,966	\$169,932
Home value	0	0	\$860,298
Income	\$963	\$1,263	\$3,265
Property tax	\$217	\$250	\$1,282
Sales tax	\$91	\$254	\$356
Excise tax	\$19	\$55	\$81
Rent/mortgage	\$1,264	\$1,456	\$3,954
Food	\$259	\$715	\$1,048
Transportation	\$373	\$1,046	\$1,534
Energy	\$44	\$120	\$176
Water	\$22	\$86	\$86
Health insurance	\$60	\$361	\$361
Renter's insurance	\$18	\$18	0
Cell phone	\$55	\$154	\$154
Internet/TV	\$45	\$91	\$112
% of income	84	85	88
What's left	\$630	\$529	\$1,752

to pay the property taxes they'll owe from ages 65 to 85.

Reclaim's study lacks data on wages in the Highlands, but other research has found that jobs in the region often do not pay enough to support the cost of living

here. According to the Newburgh-based Pattern for Progress, only 30 percent of Beacon's roughly 15,000 residents work within the municipality. Another 31 percent travel to either Westchester County or New York City.

Beacon			
	Recent grad (rents)	Married +2 (rents)	Married +2 (owns)
Median income	\$48,707	\$68,052	\$136,104
Home value	0	0	\$450,120
Income	\$963	\$853	\$2,435
Property tax	\$224	\$231	\$1,096
Sales tax	\$108	\$245	\$349
Excise tax	\$19	\$54	\$81
Rent/mortgage	\$1,200	\$1,238	\$3,151
Food	\$325	\$701	\$1,048
Transportation	\$443	\$1,024	\$1,530
Energy	\$66	\$142	\$213
Water	\$26	\$69	\$69
Health insurance	\$60	\$361	\$361
Renter's insurance	\$18	\$18	0
Cell phone	\$55	\$154	\$154
Internet/TV	\$45	\$91	\$112
% of income	93	91	93
What's left	\$165	\$491	\$744

Source: Reclaim New York

County Buses Brought Seniors to Butterfield Meetings (from Page 1)

the Historic Courthouse in Carmel before the legislature's Sept. 6 meeting. At the meeting, the county approved a 15-year lease to rent space at the former Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring for a senior center. The agreement has been scrutinized because the county plans to spend \$1.3 million to develop the center and because it has not released details of the lease.

Barbara Scuccimarra (R-Philipstown) said she didn't see any conflict with renting a county bus to seniors who wanted to attend a legislature meeting when they may not have other means of getting to Carmel.

"The Office for Senior Resources does transport seniors to anything they want to go to," she pointed out. "They've been to Albany to lobby for senior issues, they've been to memorial services. I don't

believe it's that unusual for the Senior Resources to transport seniors. And whether to bring the attorney general into this ... I don't know if I see the necessity for that."

Carl Albano (R-Carmel) also said alerting the attorney general would be a waste of time.

"We bused seniors to a meeting about a senior proposed project in their town," he said. "I'm not losing sleep over this."

Dini LoBue (R-Mahopac Falls), who chairs the Rules Committee, said she was astonished that the county had rented its buses to a group that hoped to influence a vote. "In the eight years that I have been here ... I've never seen anything like this," she said. "I don't understand how you don't understand that this is inappropriate."

Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) said that

while a notice posted about the availability of transportation to Carmel for the meetings "was not worded properly" because it "did not appear to be open to everybody," lawmakers wanted to encourage seniors to "participate in government." Newsletters distributed to seniors by the county suggested they attend the legislative meetings to "offer their support for this important project."

Joe Castellano (R-Southeast) agreed with Nacerino and emphasized that taxpayers had not paid for the buses. Instead, Cold Spring resident Donna Anderson, an active supporter of the senior center, was invoiced on Sept. 8 by the Office for Senior Resources for \$742 for round-trip bus service to legislative meetings on May 3, Aug. 23 and Sept. 6.

This led former Cold Spring trustee

Stephanie Hawkins to ask the Rules Committee if the county was starting a bus service. "Are county transportation services for hire?" she asked.

Discussion turned to what role Patricia Sheehy, head of the Putnam County Office for Senior Resources, had in organizing the trips. Scuccimarra asked to read a letter from Sheehy into the record. When LoBue objected, Scuccimarra said the discussion should be tabled until Sheehy could be present.

"I'm surprised Pat Sheehy wasn't invited here to speak on her behalf," Scuccimarra said. "We should not discuss this any further until Pat Sheehy is here to defend herself and can read this [letter] from her boss in Albany" at the New York State Office for the Aging.



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Beacon School Board Fills Two Empty Seats

Board now complete with nine members, five of them new

By Jeff Simms

Kristan Flynn, a marketing professional, and Craig Wolf, a retired journalist, have been appointed by the Beacon school board to fill the seats of Jose Munoz and Frank Garnot, both of whom resigned this summer.

The school board is again complete with nine members. Five have joined the board this year after three new members were elected in May.

According to guidelines issued by the New York State School Boards Association, the seats filled by Flynn and Wolf must be contested in May 2017. The seats held by Anthony White and Kenya Gadsden, who are the board's president and vice president, will also be on the ballot.

The board appointed Flynn and Wolf during its meeting on Sept. 26 after considering five applicants who included Frank Bugg, April Farley and Jonathan Griesing. Five board members voted for Flynn, with Gadsden and Georgia Patchen dissenting. Wolf was approved unanimously.

"He had a great vision of what Beacon is now and a positive vision for Beacon in the future," board member Meredith Heuer said of Wolf.

Flynn and Wolf have both been regular attendees at school board meetings over the last year. Both also have been involved — Flynn as an organizer and Wolf as a member — with Advocates for Beacon Schools, a parent group that emerged in 2015 following a series of controversies involving district personnel.

Flynn "has a unique perspective," said board member



Kristan Flynn



Craig Wolf

Antony Tseng. "To this day, I feel that one of the turning points of one of our old meetings was when we kept advocating for a certain point with the board [and] we kept saying it wasn't personal, and she pointed out that it is personal [because] it's our kids. She'll be a great addition to the board."

Superintendent search

Parents, teachers, students and administrators all told the recruiting firm looking for a new superintendent for the Beacon school district that they would like a collaborative person who's eager to build trust.

The search is now about six weeks old, and at the Sept. 26 meeting representatives from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates (HYA) reported on the results of interviews and

forums in August and September with stakeholders.

The underlying theme of the firm's report, said Deborah Raizes of HYA, is that "you're really looking for a real people person who can bring the district together. That's the sense that we want to convey."

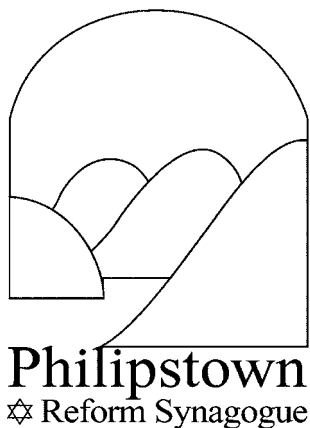
The firm interviewed 65 people and 129 more contributed their views through an online poll, which HYA's Edward McCormick characterized as a good participation rate. He noted that there, too, "the first thing that popped up on the list" were issues of trust and communication, more so even than professional experience.

Of the 129 online respondents, 68 percent said the priority — out of 25 possibilities — was finding a superintendent who could "foster a positive, professional climate of mutual trust and respect among faculty, staff and administrators." Ninety percent of the teachers who took the poll ranked that trait highest.

The Beacon district has been without a permanent superintendent since Barbara Walkley resigned in January. She was the sixth superintendent, not counting interims, to leave since 2006. Ann Marie Quartironi, the district's finance chief, has been acting as interim superintendent in the months since.

A detailed breakdown of findings can be found under District News at beaconk12.org. The next step for HYA will be recruiting and interviewing candidates. The goal is to have a superintendent in place by Jan. 1.

The Beacon Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Beacon High School. The board will adjourn to executive session and is expected to take action afterward.



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highlandscurrent.com/galleries

FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

Paper Tigers (Documentary)

7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

50 Liberty St., Beacon

moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

Starship featuring Mickey Thomas

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St., Peekskill

914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Adult Dance Party to Benefit Haldane

9 p.m. SkyBaby Yoga | 75 Main St., Cold Spring

845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

SATURDAY, OCT. 1

World Vegetarian Day

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

9 a.m. – Noon, Putnam Department of Health

1 Geneva Road, Brewster

845-808-1390 x43150 | Registration required.

Live Poultry & Farm Animal Market

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange Hall

128 Mill St., Putnam Valley

putnamvalleygrange.org

Songwriting Class & Workshop (First Session)

9:30 & 11 a.m. Beacon Music Factory

333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon

845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

Costume Sale

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. HVSF Office

143 Main St., Cold Spring

845-809-5750 | hvshakespeare.org

Cold Spring Town-Wide Tag Sale

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | explorecoldspringny.com

Introduction to Babysitting

10 a.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring

845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Raising Backyard Chickens

10 a.m. Putnam Valley Grange

128 Mill St., Putnam Valley

914-949-4679 | putnamvalleygrange.org

Twin Forts Day

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fort Montgomery

690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery

845-446-2134 | nysparks.com

Woolly Bear Caterpillars

10 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center

100 Muser Drive, Cornwall

845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Stony Kill Harvest Festival

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stony Kill Farm

79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls

stonykill.org

OctoberFEAST (Clearwater Benefit)

Noon – 5 p.m. The Hat Factory

1000 N. Division St., Peekskill | clearwater.org

Public Comment Meeting on Pilgrim Pipelines

12:30 – 4 p.m. Newburgh Free Library

124 Grand St., Newburgh

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Poe's Last Mystery at Bannerman Island

2 p.m. Boat departs Beacon Institute dock

800-979-3370 | bannermancastle.org

Beacon vs. Eastchester (Football, Homecoming)

3 p.m. Beacon High School

101 Matteawan Road, Beacon

845-838-6900 | beaconcitK12.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com



The Farm Show at Saunders Farm on Old Albany Post Road in Garrison will hold a mid-run reception from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1. For more info, see collaborativeconcepts.org.

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Army vs. Lafayette (Men's Soccer)

4 p.m. Clinton Field, West Point

845-938-2526 | goarmysports.com

Annual Benefit Performance

4 p.m. Manitoga

584 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

Annual Lawn Party

5 p.m. Chapel Restoration

45 Market St., Cold Spring

845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

My Friend – The Cat

8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre

10 Garrison Landing, Garrison

845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

The McCartney Years (Tribute)

8 p.m. Ike Hall

655 Ruger Road, West Point

845-938-4159 | ikehall.com

SUNDAY, OCT. 2

Support Connection Support-a-Walk

9 a.m. FDR State Park, Yorktown Heights

914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Masters of Illusion

7 p.m. Bardavon

35 Market St., Poughkeepsie

845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

MONDAY, OCT. 3

Beacon City Council

7 p.m. City Hall Courtroom

1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon

845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Garrison Fire District Meeting

7 p.m. Garrison Fire Company

1616 Route 9, Garrison

845-424-4406 | garrisonfd.org

TUESDAY, OCT. 4

Putnam County Legislature

7 p.m. Historic Courthouse

44 Gleneida Ave., Carmel

845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

Haldane School Board

7 p.m. Haldane Music Room

15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring

845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Ham Radio Meeting

7 p.m. East Fishkill Library

348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction

914-582-3744 | qsysociety.org

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

Hudson Valley Help Wanted Career Fair

11 a.m. Anthony's Pier 9

2975 Route 9W, New Windsor

hudsonvalleyhelpwanted.com

Crazy 8s Math Club (grades K-2) (First Session)

3:30 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St., Beacon

845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Beacon vs. Haldane (Girls' Tennis)

4:30 p.m. Beacon High School

101 Matteawan Road, Beacon

845-838-6900 | beaconcitK12.org

Garrison School Board

6:30 p.m. Garrison School

1100 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURSDAY, OCT. 6

Senior & Caregiver Health Fair

9 a.m. – Noon 29 Westbrook Drive, Cortlandt Manor

914-734-3557

Community Conversation

3 p.m. St. Philip's Church | 1101 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Haldane vs. Croton (Girls' Tennis)

4 p.m. Haldane High School

15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring

845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Beacon vs. Lourdes (Volleyball)

4:30 p.m. Beacon High School

See details under Wednesday.

30th Annual Dutchess County Executive's Art Awards

5:30 p.m. Villa Borghese

70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls

artsmidhudson.org

Town Board Meeting

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Town Hall

238 Main St., Cold Spring

845-265-3329 | philipstown.com

Putnam County Budget Address

7:30 p.m. Putnam County Golf Course

187 Hill St., Mahopac

845-808-1880 | putnamcountyny.com

5:30 p.m. Business Expo

FRIDAY, OCT. 7

Fall Craft Fair and Bake Sale

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cold Spring Methodist Church

216 Main St., Cold Spring

Beacon Sports

4:30 p.m. Girl's Tennis vs. Brewster

4:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Carmel

Mostly Monotype (Opening)

6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery

121 Main St., Cold Spring

845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

The Ephemeral (Opening)

6 - 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring

845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

Mountainside Dance Night

7:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church

50 Liberty St., Beacon | 845-831-5322

To Hell and Black (AC/DC Tribute)

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

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Booking the Bands

Beacon has become a stop for talent on tour

By Brian PJ Cronin

It wasn't long ago that, if you were in Beacon and hoped to hear live music, your best bet was to bump into Pete Seeger.

But as one of Pete's oldest friends once wrote: *The times they are a-changin'*. Walk down Main Street on any given night and you're likely to hear music spilling out of the Towne Crier Café, Quinn's or Dogwood, each of which opened in Beacon within the past five years. Add the Beacon Music Factory's new home on Fishkill Avenue for those who want to learn to perform, the Beacon Soundworks recording studio and not one but two instrument shops, and the city has quickly become the best place in the Hudson Valley to consistently hear or play live music.

What seems like an overnight success began more than 40 years ago in an unlikely place: the floor of the New York City stock exchange.

That's where Phil Ciganer was



Loudon Wainwright III

working as a trader during the day while he explored New York City clubs into the night. Realizing that his passion was for bands rather than bonds, Ciganer decided to open up his own club. Wary of the drug epidemic then ravaging the city's night life, he traveled the country, looking for a burgeoning artistic community that could benefit from what he had in mind. He found the perfect place: Austin.

"The problem was, when you left Austin, you were in Texas," Ciganer recalls. "I wasn't so sure about Texas."

Instead, Ciganer took over a general store by the side of the road in Beekman and opened the Towne Crier Café there in



Daniel Carter (center) leading his band at Quinn's

Photo by Michael Bogdanffy-Kriegh

1972. "I decided I'd just try the place out for a few months," he said. "Suddenly it's 16 years later." From Beekman, the cafe moved to Pawling and then, in October 2013, to the old DMV building on Beacon's Main Street.

That same month, a block away, the breakfast hangout Quinn's was transformed into a Japanese restaurant/dive bar/music venue. The owners tapped a friend, James Keepnews, to book a Monday night jazz series.

Keepnews and Ciganer, along with Keepnews' colleagues at Quinn's, have brought an astonishing amount of talent to Beacon, including William Parker, Ani DiFranco, Rickie Lee Jones, Thurston

Moore, John Sebastian, Leon Russell, Michelle Shocked, Commander Cody, Dar Williams, Marc Ribot and Suzanne Vega, to name a few. This fall, Ciganer is bringing singer-songwriters Loudon Wainwright III and Patti Larkin to town, Keepnews has booked jazz pianist Matthew Shipp for St. Andrew's Church and Japanese pop punk legends Shonen Knife will be swinging by Quinn's on their 35th anniversary tour.

Ciganer has a deep roster of connections to draw from, but when he started out, booking bands was a battle. "I had to do networking without the internet," he said. "Going to festivals and other venues,"

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- USA
Catherine Gerasimov
- France
Kathryn Hart
- USA
Irina Korotkow
- Australia
Galina Krasskova
- USA
Iwa Kruczkowska
- Poland
Krystyna Malinowska
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Booking the Bands *(from Page 11)*

interfacing with other musicians and telling them that I had a place up here they could perform. Back then there really wasn't any other place to play in the lower Hudson Valley, so that helped me build an inventory of musicians."

Ciganer's break came in the form of a break down. A British folksinger who booked a night at the first Towne Crier a month after it opened called the day of the gig to tell Ciganer that he was stuck in Cape Cod with a busted van. He offered to phone a few friends to see if someone could fill in at the last moment. Desperate, and without any other options, Ciganer agreed.

A few minutes later, Ciganer's phone

rang. "I understand you need some help tonight," said the voice on the other end. It was Pete Seeger.

Seeger not only performed that night, but formed a lifelong friendship with Ciganer, which opened the door to more connections and led to Ciganer founding the Clearwater music festival.

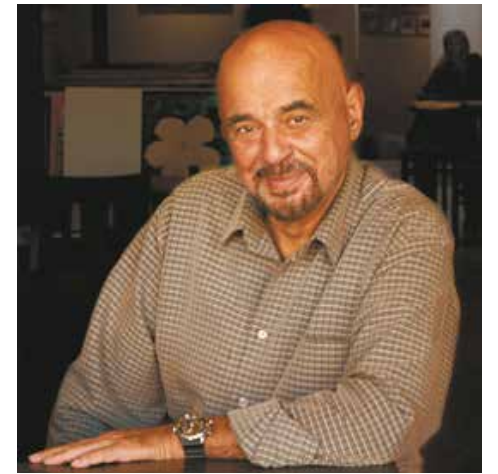
When Quinn's opened, Keepnews had already amassed a roster of contacts thanks to years of producing concerts throughout New York. But it still took a lot of phone calls and emails to fill the early bills. "Now, though, there's very little of me having to reach out at all," he said. "And I'm proud of the fact that we've been filling up the place on Monday

nights with people who may not even consider themselves jazz fans but they really like the vibe that we have going on in there. There's a lot of interesting people here in Beacon, and they're the kind of people who are attracted to new experiences."

Keepnews has also brought punk and heavy metal bands to Quinn's, and the venue hosted a classical music night this past summer. "Being able to present a beautiful classical music night



Shonen Knife will perform at Quinn's. Photo by Akira Shibata



Phil Ciganer

in a former diner is a wonderful experience, and I'd like us to be able to do more of that," he said.

Ciganer, who says he spends 8 to 12 hours a day listening to new music to stay abreast, believes the live music scene in Beacon is just getting started. "I'd like to see a big regionwide festival based here, like South by Southwest," he said. "You can see what that did for Austin."

Keepnews says that if the crowds keep getting bigger, the talent he can help bring to town will get bigger as well. Many of the concerts he books at Quinn's are free, with attendees being asked to chip in for the band.

"Sometimes the donations that come in well exceed the money that we've guaranteed to pay the artists," he said. "But sometimes it doesn't. I hope that people factor in that along with the price of a few beers at the bar, they should plan on throwing some money to the musicians, because if I could start guaranteeing musicians that there will be at least 50 people, then there's no end to the incredible amount of talent I could bring in there. Just a little more support would open up a lot more doors."

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Lauren & Riley: Emphasis on the Funky

Beacon retailer nears sixth year on the east end

By Alison Rooney

After a series of jobs ranging from police dispatcher to personal assistant, followed by motherhood, Kim King wasn't sure precisely what she wanted to do next. But she knew she wanted to be her own boss.

Enamored of the east end of Beacon, she decided to open a store. Despite having no experience in retail, she followed her instincts. Nearly six years later, her experiment, Lauren & Riley, is still going strong.

"I love this end of town, and this space at that time had been empty for two years," she says. "It's a great space and we're hanging in there."

While attempting to keep her stock unique, at least to the east end, King has filled Lauren & Riley (named for her daughters) with clothing, accessories, teas, socks, sunglasses, soaps and lotions, all with a slight emphasis on the funky.

"With most of the clothing, I only get six per style — two smalls, two mediums, two large — and I never get anything twice, with the exception of a different color," she says. "So I tell people if they like it, now's the time to get it." A section of special occasion dresses has a vintage feel to it, though the clothing is new — a vibe which



Kim King, owner of Lauren & Riley

Photo by A. Rooney

extends somewhat to the store as a whole.

King finds her merchandise at trade shows and Etsy and also by happenstance, including items worn by customers. "The tourists are the weekend foot traffic, but it's the locals who keep me going," says King, who tries to keep her prices reasonable for that reason. "There are very few items over \$100." She keeps a number of good gifts on hand because people often want to purchase a present that doesn't need to be tried on, such as scarves and jewelry.

Her store has sections for children and ties and flannel shirts for men. (King says she is asked constantly if she has men's

clothing, and she is inching slowly into that area, as well as messenger bags.) There are pants and candles, perfume, shoes, bras and camis, even parasols hung artfully from the ceiling. The warm space, lined with exposed brick and burnished wood floors, is frequently decorated, something King particularly enjoys. There are paintings by local artists lining the walls, evoking a gallery.

King says she has definitely "felt the Beacon boom. It gets better and better, with more people moving into the area. Beacon's blown up, which is great in many ways, but I'm always aware of those who have been



Named for proprietor Kim King's daughters, Lauren & Riley has been located on the east end of Beacon's Main Street for over five years. Photo by A. Rooney

here for a long time too and I try to have things here for that community too."

Lauren & Riley is located at 462 Main St.; call 845-831-3862. Online shopping is available at laurenandriley.com and its Facebook page is updated weekly with new merchandise. The store is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

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If You See Kudzu, Say Something

Backyard naturalists collect reams of data for scientists

By Pamela Doan

Although anyone can participate, if you live in a suburban or rural area, are retired or of that age, and enjoy nature, hiking and gardening, you fit the profile of a typical "citizen scientist."

A number of programs in the area and the country rely on an army of these volunteers to observe wildlife and plants. Locally there are deer and turkey counts for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, invasive plant tracking and

bird counts, among other projects.

"What we ask people to do is significant," says Theresa Crimmins, assistant director for the National Phenology Network (usanpn.org), a project launched in 2009. "You have to read materials, register on the site, find species you can observe in our database, familiarize yourself with the species and then monitor it through a season."

In seven years, the network's 8,000 "backyard naturalists" have collected 8.5 million records about 1,100 species, 800 plants and 300 animals in every state and Puerto Rico. (The New York project is at nyphenologyproject.org). At least 25 research papers have been published using the data, which can be downloaded freely.

Before it launched the project, Crimmins says the network developed protocols to ensure the data would be scientifically useful, such as checks to minimize errors. "The questions are defined carefully but it's all contingent upon successful identification," she says. For example, "you have to know that what you're recording is for a sugar maple, not a Norway maple or striped maple or red maple."



A Blue Grosbeak photographed by Mike Timmons, a FeederWatch volunteer in Indiana

The citizen-scientist program helps counter a general lack of phenological information available to researchers in the U.S. It also helps track climate change. "It has a major ripple effect in understanding what species may become dominant or potentially extinct," Crimmins says. "Phenology is simple and straightforward — when does the plant leaf, flower and fruit — but it's a useful indicator."

The network's data was recently put to practical use by University of Minnesota researchers who wanted to determine if the Twin Cities needed to start street cleaning to prevent leaves from entering the storm drains and ending up in lakes, where they contribute to algae blooms. Homeowners were enlisted to join the network and track falling leaves. National park and fish and wildlife refuges also use their data in planning.

Birdwatching for the greater good

Some of the longest-running citizen-scientist work involves birds. The Audubon Christmas Bird Count is in its 117th year; the Putnam Highlands Audubon Society has been participating for 62 years.

Project FeederWatch, overseen by Cornell University, is in its 30th year and has 20,000 participants. "We have about 70 people who have done it every year," Project Leader Emma Grieg says of the program, which provides scientists with a long-term data set.

Research done with the Cornell data has investigated how bird communities are changing in response to climate change, how different diseases affect populations, and migratory changes in response to more gardens and bird feeders on the West Coast. "The scale at which you can ask questions opens a whole new set of possibilities," Grieg says.

Smartphones have made crowdsourced science more accurate and widely available, not only because data can be submitted more easily but because observers can photograph what they are seeing.

Set up is easy. Install a bird feeder, register, get your kit and observe birds in your yard. For details, see feederwatch.org.

Plant movements

Invasive plant species are a growing concern. In Putnam County, the Cornell Coop-



A Lesser Goldfinch, common in this area, photographed by a FeederWatch volunteer





erative Extension launched a pilot program in 2015 to train volunteers to look for 26 invasive species. The county has been mapped into 103 five-kilometer square blocks and more than a third are being observed.

The goal is to establish baseline data, said Jennifer Stengle, the project leader. Volunteers survey three 400-meter spots in their assigned block: along a road or parking lot with a high density of invasive species, at a trailhead and along the trail. One question is whether hikers or wildlife are inadvertently advancing invasive species.

If a citizen scientists spots any of 13 species that have not been found in Putnam County or are only rarely seen, photos and GPS coordinates trigger a rapid response. This summer, kudzu, a fast-growing vine dubbed "the vine that ate the South," was found in Brewster, well beyond its range.


Stengle said that it was likely planted there years ago but mild winters have now allowed its root system to become strong enough. "The vines are about 120 feet tall and several inches thick," she said. The sighting was reported to the state's Kudzu Team and a Lower Hudson Valley strike force to determine if it needs to be removed, which is costly and time-consuming.

For more citizen scientist projects, including those that count wildlife, visit the Department of Environmental Conservation (www.dec.ny.gov/animals/1155.html), Lower Hudson Prism (lhprism.org/content/volunteer-opportunities) or the Habitat Network (yardmap.org).

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Meet Your Tourism Board (from Page 1)

stewardship and the disclosure she had created a separate non-profit, the Putnam Tourism Corp., whose mission of promoting tourism mimicked that of the Visitors Bureau. Both organizations paid her a salary, and the situation and unresolved questions led to a New York State attorney general's investigation.

The six members of the new board were appointed by Acting Tourism Director Frank Smith, who worked under Pataki and now runs the agency. Each had responded to an advertisement placed in the *Putnam County News & Recorder* and two newspapers in the eastern part of the county about the openings. Smith received seven responses. He told a legislative committee in July that he thought every applicant was well-qualified and so appointed them. One quit shortly after being chosen.

At its first meeting, the board members chose Molloy as chairman, and another Cold Spring resident, Deborah Walker, who has a background in administration in financial institutions, as secretary. Brewster realtor Kevin Callahan is vice chairman, and Phil Tolmach, a landscaper who serves on the Town of Kent Conservation Advisory Committee and Kent Planning Board, is treasurer.

Finding a leader

At its Sept. 28 meeting, the board devoted most of its attention to its director search, concluding the meeting with an executive session to review applications. Tolmach, the board's treasurer, recused himself when the discussion began and left the room, noting he was among the candidates for the job.

The position, when advertised in April, gave a salary range of \$65,000 to \$75,000 annually.

Molloy said he expected the board would receive about 40 applications before the Oct. 14 deadline. The hopefuls so far include a dozen people who applied during a search conducted in the spring that was subsequently abandoned. The county — which oversees the bureau — rewrote the job description, adding more details, and Smith asked those applicants to reapply. Applications can be downloaded at tourputnam.org.

Why get involved?

In a roundtable conversation at the meeting, and in two phone interviews, the board members explained their rationale for seeking the unpaid posts.

Barney Molloy, 56, says he came to the

board because "I love a challenge" and can lend experience with non-profit management and related activities. He cited a study that determined that every \$1 spent

on tourism produces \$7 to \$9 in economic activity. That is a reality "Putnam County literally cannot afford to overlook. And the impact tourism will have, whether we effectively manage it or just let it happen, is something we have to be cognizant of, especially on the western side of the county. There are challenges to infrastructure on the western side of the county that maybe the county needs to be more aware of — and come up with a plan to ameliorate some of those impacts as well as maximize the investment opportunities. Putnam needs to step up, and that's an important component of what the tourism bureau can and should be doing, coming up with a vision, a strategic plan."

Elizabeth Carson Tompkins, 67,

of Carmel, a retired high school English teacher and language department chair, she said she felt she "had the time to devote to local projects" and noted that "Putnam is strategically placed" to promote and significantly benefit from tourism. Moreover, "I'm a big fan of Putnam County" and what it has to offer, suggesting that one function



Molloy

of the Visitors Bureau is to "get behind" such events as Restaurant Week and help "make them happen." She expressed enthusiasm for her new role and colleagues: "We're all in this to learn and grow as a team."

Philip Tolmach, 66, of Phil Tolmach

Plants in Carmel, joined the board because "I'd like to help out," a desire that earlier spurred his involvement in Kent's civic life. "I believe I have some good ideas;

I'd like to share them with the rest of the board," he said. He described tourism as "the only growth industry we might have," although he also would like to see the county "attract good green business," such as select technology ventures. And, "I'd love to bring a hotel to Putnam County" at the right location, he added.

Victoria Causa, 59, an international

human relations executive who lives in Carmel, explained that she loves the county, which she considers "sort of the diamond in the rough that people see as a pass-through

as opposed to a destination. But there's so much to offer that with the right focus and the right people pushing in the same direction we can make this a place where people want to come and spend some time and some money and really get the beauty and joy out of what Putnam has." Also, "after having seen the struggles the county has been through, I think the outlook I bring can be refreshing" because of her global perspectives and experiences. She said she'd like to "attract industry on a limited basis," but not in a way that

leaves Putnam "overrun with a lot of people and crowds."

Deborah Walker, 60, also has "always

had a love for the county and wanted to find ways that maybe I could just participate and bring some of my talent" to the wider community. Her background includes event

planning and she's interested "in seeing how we could move forward.... We need to bring more tourism in, just make people more aware of what's available. We need to have more money coming in."

Kevin Callahan, 60, a broker with

Covington Commercial Realty in Brewster, has found "I really enjoy being in Putnam County" and thus "take advantage of all or most of the amenities," from climbing

Breakneck, kayaking at Cold Spring and attending Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival productions at Boscobel to hiking in eastern Putnam. "In my mind, tourism is economic development," he said. An advocate of turning old train tracks into trails, he's mapped out possibilities in Putnam, which "is right in the middle of huge potential for rail trails" as well as "right on the cusp of some really great things happening" overall, he said. "If we can bring more people into Putnam it will help stabilize and lower property taxes. I decided to volunteer and see if I could add something to tourism."



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Moon Watch

Library to host talk and viewing

The Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will observe International Observe the Moon Night at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, with a talk by Ken Bailey of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association followed by viewings of the moon through a telescope on the lawn. Attendees are invited to picnic and bring binoculars.

Mostly Monotype Opens at Buster Levi

Barbara Smith Gioia to show new work

Barbara Smith Gioia will show new work at Buster Levi Gallery in Cold



Real Love, by Barbara Smith Gioia

Spring with an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7. The exhibit features monotype, silkscreen printing, collage and acrylics on canvas and on paper. The show continues through Oct. 30.

Libraries Host Alzheimer's Talks

Programs address dementia and healthy aging

The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring and Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison will host talks for people with Alzheimer's and their family or caregivers.

On Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. the director of Early Stage Services at the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter will speak at Butterfield about the changes that take place with dementia and how to stay connected through every stage of the disease.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m., at the Desmond-Fish, the Alzheimer's Association will present "Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body." The program will cover the latest research on healthy aging and provides tips for lifestyle choices that maintain brain and body.

Garden Club Fundraiser

Pink Elephant Sale set for Oct. 8 and 9

On Saturday, Oct. 8, and Sunday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, the Philipstown Garden Club will host its annual Pink Elephant Sale at the Garrison School athletic field at the corner of Route 9D and Upper Station Road. The sale will feature a variety of items donated by members, including antiques, household items, clothing, tools, jewelry and accessories. The event will be held rain or shine.

Bonfire at Boscobel

Annual family event takes place Oct. 9

Cool fall evenings are great for gathering around a roaring fire. On Sunday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m., Boscobel invites the community to enjoy a family bonfire in the West Meadow overlooking the Hud-

son River. The event includes music from Tenbrooks Molly, stargazing with museum educator Lisa DiMarzo (weather permitting) and marshmallows for toasting while supplies last.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$3 for children ages 2 to 10. Children ages 2 and younger are admitted free. Attendees are invited to bring chairs or blankets and two food trucks will be on site. Tickets are available at boscobel.org.

Jazz and Dance for Haldane

Foundation to raise funds for programs

The Haldane School Foundation will host its annual fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 14, at Pamela's Bird and Bottle Inn off Route 9 in Garrison. "Vintage glamour" is encouraged but not required for the Roaring '20s-themed party. Dinner and cocktails will be served. The benefit begins at 7 p.m. and tickets, which are \$155 each, can be purchased at haldaneschoolfoundation.org.

Free Breast Cancer Screening

Putnam Hospital Center offers program on Oct. 15

On Saturday, Oct. 15, women between the ages of 50 and 64 who do not have health insurance may be eligible for a free breast exam and mammogram at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. Screenings take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Outpatient Radiology Department. To register, call Cancer Services Program of Hudson Valley at 855-277-4482.

Haunting Show at Gallery 66 NY

Cold Spring exhibit has spooky art

Gallery 66 NY will explore the haunted side of Halloween with a selection of spooky artwork from five artists opening from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 7. The exhibit includes wooden skulls, funerary masks, creepy paintings of dolls, old por-



Gallery 66 NY will auction off a number of artsy chairs on Oct. 1 for charity.

traits and photographs by Lisa Scheffer, Heidi Ettinger, Galeyn Williams, Peter Cheney and Jay Friedenberg.

The exhibit continues through Oct. 30. Gallery 66 NY, at 66 Main St., is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit gallery66ny.com or call 845-809-5838.

Gallery 66 NY also will host a "Chair-ity" fundraiser from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1, featuring chairs painted by Hudson Valley artists. The chairs will be sold through a silent auction, with a portion of the proceeds donated by the artist to a charity of his or her choice.

Chapel Continues Concert Series

Cellist and pianist to perform Oct. 9

The Chapel Restoration will continue its Sunday concert series on Oct. 9 with cellist Ruth Sommers and pianist Jason Cutmore. The pair will perform Fauré's *Élégie* and *Après un rêve*, Saint-Saëns' *Sonata No. 1 in C Minor* and Boulanger's *Trois Pièces*.

Sommers is the founder of the Dobbs Ferry Chamber Music Festival and director of the Festival of Chamber Music. Cutmore serves on the faculties of the Third Street Music School Settlement and Turtle Bay Music School in Manhattan. The concert is free, but donations are welcome.



Pianist Jason Cutmore



Photo by Bob Sasson Cellist Ruth Sommers

Winning Verse on the Poetry Trail

Includes students from Haldane, Garrison

Eight student poets from five school districts, including Elaine Llewellyn and Liam Gaugler from Haldane and James D'Abruzzo and Vanja Booth from Garrison, were recognized at a ceremony on Sept. 25 during the Hudson Highlands Land Trust's River of Words program. The poems were chosen from hundreds of submissions created during River of Words workshops.

The poems can be read through Nov. 13 along the Poetry Trail, a temporary installation at the Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall.

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Untitled (Dirt) by Robert Morris (1968/2016)

Beacon

Free Admission and New Exhibit at Dia:Beacon

Community Day takes place on Oct. 8

On Saturday, Oct. 8, residents of Dutchess and Putnam can visit Dia:Beacon at no charge to view exhibitions and attend tours and talks. An exhibition of works by Robert Morris begins that day and Jeffrey Weiss, a curator from the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, will give a talk about the artist at 2:30 p.m.

The museum has purchased an ensemble of six painted plywood sculptures first shown at the Green Gallery in New York in 1964, as well as a seventh object intended for that exhibition, which have been fabricated under Morris's supervision specifically for Dia. They include *Untitled (Cloud)* (1962) and *Untitled (Boiler)*, *Untitled (Corner Beam)*, *Untitled (Corner Piece)*, *Untitled (Floor Beam)*, *Untitled (Table)*, and *Untitled (Wall-Floor Slab)* (all 1964). It also will show *Untitled (Dirt)* (1968).

The museum, located at 3 Beekman St., is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visitors will need to present ID to prove residency. For more information diaart.org/freeday.

Art Residency Continues Through Oct. 8

Artists working daily at Long Dock Park

The second annual International Artists Residency in Beacon continues

through Saturday, Oct. 8. Organized and curated by Basha Maryanska, the residency is an opportunity for artists from the U.S., Australia, and Europe to spend time in the Hudson Valley concentrating on their art. International artists will be showing their art and working at the Scenic Hudson River Center at Long Dock

Park daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Maryanska, a native of Poland, studied at the Sorbonne and lives, paints and teaches art in Beacon. She also has run international residencies in Arizona, Florida and New Mexico. The residencies are sponsored in part by BeaconArts.

Film Festival to Screen Oscar Winner

Short-film director will stay for Q&A

The Beacon Independent Film Festival will screen the Oscar-winning short film *Curfew* at the Howland Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14. (The screening was postponed from Aug. 12.) A question-and-answer session with writer and director Shawn Christensen will follow, along with a reception. The 19-minute film, released in 2012, won the Academy Award for Best Short Film – Live Action and was the basis for Christensen's 2014 feature film, *Before I Disappear*.

The film follows Richie, played by Christensen, who at the lowest point in his life



A scene from *Curfew* with Shawn Christensen and Fatima Ptacek



Paintings by members of the Thursday Painters will be on display at the Howland Public Library in Beacon. The exhibit opens Oct. 8.

is asked to look after his 9-year-old niece, Sophia (played by Fatima Ptacek), for a few hours. Admission is \$20 at the door, with proceeds benefiting BIFF and the Cultural Center, which is located at 477 Main St. in Beacon. For more information, visit curfewfilm.com.

Pink Kiss

Event will raise funds to fight breast cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and the Lorraine Tyne Boutique and Sparkle My Headscarves are hosting their fourth annual Pink Kiss fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 6 to 9 p.m. Located at 161 Main St. in Beacon, the wedding jewelry and accessories boutique will have giveaways, refreshments and makeup sessions. Attendees are encouraged to wear pink. For more information, visit facebook.com/Lorraine-TyneINC.

Thursday Painters Art Show

For the past two years, a group of seniors has been meeting weekly at the Beacon Recreation Center to paint together. Some were new to the form and others have been practicing their art for years. On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Howland Public Library will open the Thursday Painters' second annual exhibit with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. during Beacon's Second Saturday.

Dancing for a Cause

Event to benefit food pantry and Clearwater

The Beacon Sloop Club is hosting a "double-hit" dance to benefit the Saint Andrew's & St. Luke's Food Pantry and Clearwater on Sunday, Oct. 9, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Luke's. The Judith Tulloch Band and the Gaslight Tinkers will provide music, and there will be a silent auction with food and drinks. Tickets are available at beaconsloopclub.org.



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What's in a (Street) Name?

Some are historic, others less than creative

By Michael Turton

Parents are known to think long and hard before naming a baby. Its influence could last for generations.

Street names last a long time too, but how much thought goes into them? When a street is born, do community leaders wring their hands, worrying about whether the selection will sit well with voters? Do they pour through street-naming books or streetnames.com for suggestions? Or do they pick names out of a hat?

Some street names salute events in history. Others pay homage to community icons. Still others show no hint of creativity whatsoever. A few are puzzling, even mysterious.

The Current conducted exhaustive research into how some of Cold Spring's street names came about, excepting names such as Pine, Cedar and Oak, which we suspect have something to do with trees. Here are a dozen that stood out:

Main Street

This name for the principal road in a village is common but far from the most popular street name. That honor, according to the National League of Cities, goes to Second Street, with 10,866 occurrences in the U.S. Main Street comes in seventh. In what sounds like an Abbott & Costello routine, Third is second, First is third, Fourth is fourth, Fifth is sixth, Sixth is eighth and

Seventh is tenth. Park is fifth and Oak is ninth. Questions as to who is on First and what is on Third remain unanswered.

Morris Avenue

This street honors George Pope Morris (1802-1864), a poet songwriter, essayist and newspaperman. The Cold Spring resident is best known for his poem, "Woodman, Spare That Tree!" ("Woodman, spare that tree! / Touch not a single bough! / In youth it sheltered me, / and I'll protect it now.")

Wall Street

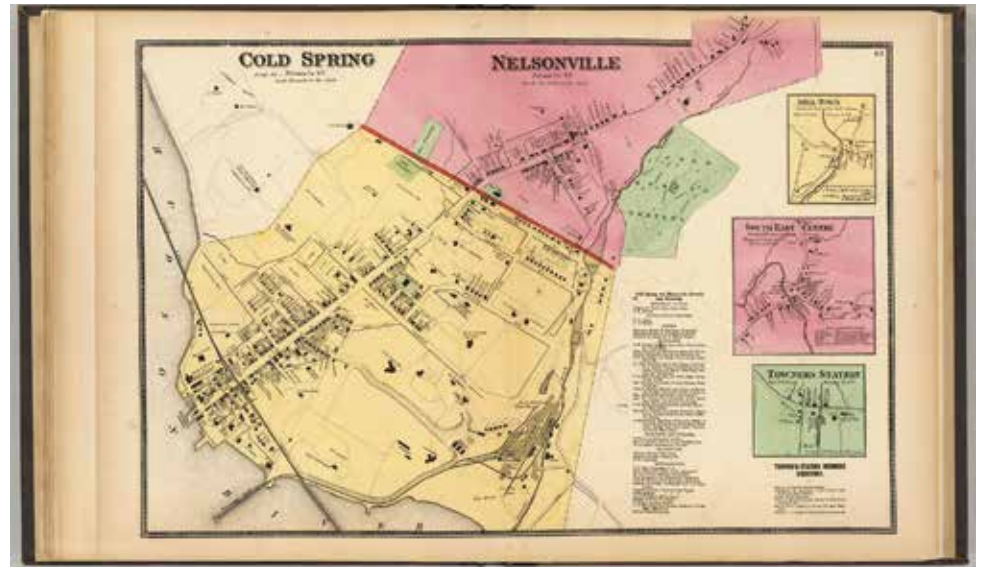
There are two hypotheses: at one time this was the financial center of Cold Spring or it is named for the aesthetically pleasing stone wall that runs along its upper section, which seems more likely.

Craigside Drive

The street that leads to the Haldane campus was once the driveway to Craigside, the estate of Julia and Daniel Butterfield. He was a general in the Union Army and credited with having composed "Taps," and she bequeathed the funds used to build the Butterfield Library and Butterfield Hospital. As often happens, the name of the estate was corrupted when the street was named.

B Street

Cold Spring's mystery street. It is not between A Street and C Street, neither of which exist. One hypothesis is that the first families to settle on the street each had surnames that began with B (an 1868 map shows Baxter, Bliss and Butler among the seven residents of the unnamed street).



An 1868 street map of Cold Spring and Nelsonville

Rumsey Collection

Furnace Street

The street points toward the West Point Foundry. Nearby Parrott Street is named for Robert Parker Parrott, a West Point grad who was superintendent of the foundry and invented in 1860 what became known as the Parrott rifle. His estate was north and south of Wall Street; at the end of the Civil War he donated the land for the construction of St. Mary's Church, which was completed in 1868.

West Street

The most western street in the village.

Fishkill Road

Unlike nearby Fishkill Avenue, which is now a dead end, at least Fishkill Road takes you toward Fishkill.

Kemble Avenue

This street commemorates Gouverneur

Kemble (1786-1875), a two-term Congressman who was the driving force behind the construction of the West Point Foundry.

Paulding Avenue

Named for Gouverneur Paulding (1829-1913), a prominent resident and nephew of Gouverneur Kemble, this was one of the first neighborhoods in the village.

Rock Street

Named for the impressive rock outcrop along its south side.

The Boulevard

Toronto residents scratch their head about a street named Avenue Road. Cold Spring has The Boulevard. Shouldn't The Boulevard include a descriptor such as Washington in honor of the time the president spent in the village? _____ Boulevard. How would you fill in the blank?

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The Busy Season Never Ends

Even without the Days of Awe, Beacon synagogue has a packed schedule

by Alison Rooney

A spate of new programs and activities, among them a preschool and monthly “soul strolls,” have been folded into Beacon Hebrew Alliance’s already extensive calendar. All of them are related in some way to segregation and inclusion, explains Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek. “We live in a segregated society. BHA is a place where all different parts of the community can intersect,” including different generations and faiths.

BHA includes about 150 families, some of whom moved to the area because of the synagogue. It’s not just families with young children, Spodek says, but also retirees attracted to “the beauty, the arts, access to the city, and now, with the new condos becoming available, it’s a perfect place for them.”

After members expressed interest in a preschool, several took the reins and a half-day program debuted this fall. It serves 10 children (with spots available) and the

curriculum, created and taught by Ilana Friedman and Diana Cowdery, emphasizes the outdoors, with garden beds for the children to tend, singing and exploring books.

“Children have a natural spiritual awareness that we lose as adults” Spodek says. “Some days after morning prayers people of grandparent age come down and interact with the preschoolers. The Talmud says ‘the world is sustained by the breath of school-children’ and there’s something magical which happens having little kids in the mix.

“Society offers limited opportunities for natural organic interaction. Having a preschool in the same space as where we’re working on police/community relations, counseling and all the other things we do, offers more opportunity for serendipitous encounters.”

For the soul strolls, Spodek and Josh Kaplan, an environmental educator, lead ambles designed for people from all traditions and faiths who are “looking for a richer spiritual experience in the forest,” the rabbi says. He leads the adults while Kaplan guides the kids, devising activities to help them pay closer attention to what’s around them. “The miracle of the burning bush was not that it was on fire, the miracle was that Moses noticed this,” Spodek observes. “How do you cultivate paying close attention to the world?”

With the adults, stopping points lend themselves to contemplation. “We combine chanting, silence and words. In one exercise we considered a line in liturgy: ‘Who is the person who delights in life? The one who guards his tongue from evil?’ We chanted that and talked to each other about another person for five minutes straight using only the positives — no ‘buts.’ It was very liberating for a lot of people to express ... starting from a place of love.”

Another stop might involve meditating while perched on an uncomfortable rock. “How do we come to ‘be’ with the things in



Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek with artwork which says, twice, “There’s nothing other than the divine,” from Deuteronomy 4:35

Photo by A. Rooney

BHA Days of Awe

Unless noted, services take place at Beacon Hebrew Alliance, 331 Verplanck Ave.

Sunday, Oct. 2

7 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Oct. 3

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah, Day 1
10 a.m. Family Service
4 p.m. Tashlich (Long Dock Park)

Tuesday, Oct. 4

9 a.m. Rosh Hashanah, Day 2
10 a.m. Family Service

Thursday, Oct. 6

7:30 p.m. Travel to Israel and Palestine Info Session

Saturday, Oct. 8

9:30 a.m. Shabbat Shuva Soul Stroll (Little Stony Point)

life that are uncomfortable?” the rabbi asks. “The ability to sit and say ‘this thing is unpleasant’ and then understand, when you have clarity in your soul, you can address it better. These are ways of letting people access spiritual power without tripping over it.”

A recent addition to the BHA schedule are monthly meetings of the Sisterhood for Peace and Justice, an interfaith women’s circle, and a monthly Bina chanting service led by cantor Ellen Gersh. “We want to facilitate people’s spiritual lives and not have them tripping over language,” says Spodek, who notes there is no prayer book and fluency in Hebrew isn’t required.

On the horizon is a spring trip to Israel and Palestine, which Spodek sees as “an opportunity for people to get behind the scenes by avoiding the propaganda. There are no bad guys; it’s more nuanced. We will have an Is-

raeli guide and a Palestinian guide, understanding that there are two competing narratives. As a core principle you don’t have to abandon what you think and believe to understand the other point of view.” An informational meeting about the trip will take place Oct. 6.

“A through thread to all of our programs is encountering the divine through human experience,” Spodek says. “People spend a lot of time deciding whether or not they believe the stories and, by doing so, embezzle their own spiritual richness. We rob ourselves of experiencing the divine; the divine isn’t just found in people who look or think like you. It’s found in every tree, every rock. How do we cultivate our ability to see that?”

A House That Gives No Shelter

The month of October brings the start of the busy season in the Jewish calendar, filled with preparations for the High Holy Days and the Beacon Hebrew Alliance’s annual *Open to the Sky: Beacon Sukkah Project*, which runs from Oct. 16 to 24 at Polhill Park. A sukkah is a rickety house that gives no shelter. It is used for seven days around the harvest and then disassembled, symbolizing the impermanence of everything.

The sukkah to be constructed near the Beacon Visitors’ Center will host a number of free events, including:

- A session at noon on Oct. 18 with folk singer and Cold Spring resident Dar Williams on music as a form of social protest.
- A reading at 4 p.m. on Oct. 19 by Sabecha Rehman, whose memoir, *Threading My Prayer Rug*, tells of her Muslim upbringing in Pakistan and her move to America.
- A conversation at 4 p.m. on Oct. 20 with Beacon Mayor Randy Casale and Chief of Police Douglas Solomon about local policing.
- A round of Speed Neighboring at 3 p.m. on Oct. 23, in which people talk to each other for a few minutes before rotating.



Preschool teacher Ilana Friedman with students

BHA photo

High Holy Days in Philipstown

The Philipstown Reform Synagogue will observe the High Holy Days and mark the beginning of the Hebrew year 5777 starting on Sunday, Oct. 2, at St. Mary’s parish hall in Cold Spring.

Paul Kaye, Noah Kaye and Cathy Duke will lead the services, accompanied by a holiday choir. A transliterated prayer book, *The Wings of Awe*, will be used.

A Rosh Hashanah service will take place at 8 p.m. on Oct. 2, with a kiddush of apples and honey to follow. Morning services will begin at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 3, concluding at 12:30 p.m. with a walk to the Hudson for Tashlich, the ceremonial casting away of one’s sins.

Yom Kippur observances will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11, with the lofty melody of “Kol Nidre.” No refreshments will be served to respect

those beginning their fasts. On Oct. 12, Yom Kippur services begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 1:30 p.m.

Services resume at 4:15 p.m. and will include the traditional Yizkor memorial services. As the sun begins to set, the day’s observances will end with the candles, spices and shadows of a Havdalah service. A light “break fast” of juice and bagels will be hosted by the Board of Trustees.

As in the past, there will be a *Book of Remembrance* to honor loved ones and dry and canned goods and personal care items will be collected at all services for the Philipstown Food Pantry.

St. Mary’s is located at the corner of Route 9D and Main Street. For more information, call 845-265-8011 or visit philipstownreformsynagogue.org.

Sports

High School Scoreboard

Cross Country		Goals: Lambe (2); assists: Matt Wynant (2)
Beacon at Bowdoin XC Classic (5,000m)		Haldane 2, North Salem 0
73	Jayen Lare 18:54.10	Goals: Andre van Dommele; Keifer Convertino; Saves: Blaine Fitzgerald 9
97	Bud Rutkoske 19:56.10	
104	Richard Kish 20:07.50	
106	Alexander Ullian 20:18.90	
131	Matthew Dowd 22:52.10	
Team finish: 17 of 20		
86	Tiara Boone 32:11.50	
87	Jenna Maffei 32:26.90	
Football		
Pawling 20, Haldane 0		Sleepy Hollow 3, Beacon 0
David Bellucci ran for three touchdowns for Pawling. The score was 7-0 until late in the third quarter. Next: Oct. 1 at Rye Neck.		Beacon 1, Lakeland 0
Beacon 26, Byram Hills 21		Goal: Victoria Banks, Saves: Meagan Meeuwisse (12)
Boys' Soccer		Haldane 4, Putnam Valley 2 (OT)
Haldane 4, Pawling 1		Beacon 4, Peekskill 0
Goals: Seth Warren; Andre van Dommele (assist Warren); Justin Roffman (assists Mike Harmancin, van Dommele); Justin Villa.		
Beacon 4, Hendrick Hudson 1		Girls' Soccer
Goals: Devin Lambe (2), John Mesnick (1), Kyle Davis (1).		Haldane 5, Pawling 0
Beacon 4, Sleepy Hollow 1		Goals: Alzy Cinquanta (2), Julia Rotando, Missy Lisikatos, Anna Rowe; assists: Allison Cheira, Lisikatos, Jade Villella, Evy Ashburn; saves: Amelia Hall (3)
		Girls' Tennis
		Haldane 3, North Salem 2
		Haldane 3, Valhalla 2
		Haldane 4, Beacon 1
		Haldane 4, Westlake 1
		Volleyball
		Haldane 3, North Salem 1
		Hendrick Hudson, 3 Beacon 1
		Westlake 3, Haldane 1

Two Last-Minute Scores to Win

The Beacon Bulldogs trailed 21-14 at home on Sept. 24 with three minutes left against Byram Hills when, on fourth and 12, Alex Benson caught a 50-yard pass from Jaden Novarro that took Beacon to the 3-yard line. Andre Davis ran the ball in, making the score 21-20, but Beacon's extra point attempt was blocked. On its ensuing possession, Byram Hills drove to midfield where it stalled with just over a minute left, facing a fourth and two. Hoping to run out the clock, the Bobcats went for the first down, but the runner fumbled. The Bulldogs' Manny Garner scooped up the ball and returned it for the winning score.

Beacon (2-2) takes on Eastchester at home on Oct. 1.

Meanwhile, on the Haldane turf in Cold Spring that same afternoon, the Philipstown Hawks third-and-fourth grade team took on the Tuckahoe Tigers. With four seconds left and the game tied, the Hawks' Hunter Erickson threw a perfect pass to Asa Miller, who ran 82 yards for the score and an 18-12 win.



The ball comes loose during a tackle by A-Jay Borromeo (52) as Byram Hills attempts to convert a fourth-and-two ...

Photos by Rem Dinio



... and is scooped up by Manny Garner (2), who returned it for the winning touchdown.



Asa Miller sprints for the end zone as time expires in the Hawks' 18-12 win against Tuckahoe.

Photo by Sheila Williams



Emily Bautista of Beacon serves during her match on Sept. 26. Haldane prevailed, 4 to 1.

Photos by Anita Peltonen



Alii Sharpley and Hali Traina won their doubles match against Beacon, 6-3, 6-4.

Tennis Play Day on Oct. 8

On Saturday, Oct. 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the Haldane Blue Devil Booster Club will sponsor a Community Play Day at the Haldane tennis courts on Route 9D in Cold Spring. The free event will include mini matches, drills and prizes for all ages and skill levels. Donations are welcome to fund improvements to the tennis courts and to support the girls' tennis team training program. In the event of rain, the play day will be held in the Haldane gym.

Philipstown Soccer Club Results (Week 3)

Boys		East Fishkill 6, U8 Storm 0
U16 Chargers 5, Dover 5		Girls
U14 Warriors 4, Mount Vernon 3		U13 Raptors, 4, LaGrange 0
U13 Arsenal 8, Poughkeepsie 1		Southern Ulster 2, U12 Phoenix 0
U11 Strikers 3, New Paltz 0		LaGrange 2, U9 Hawks 1
U9 Force 2, East Fishkill 2		For game recaps, see highlandscurrent.com