Donuts, Coffee and Gas Coming

Construction projected at eight weeks

By Michael Turton

It may be the only project in Cold Spring that has rivaled Butterfield in the amount of chatter it has generated, and ironically, much of the conversation has probably taken place in area coffee shops and cafés.

After two and a half years of rumors, fears, anticipation and delays, construction of a Dunkin’ Donuts shop, including a drive-thru and convenience store, has begun, where, for 25 years, Kenny Elmes operated his Elmesco Citgo service station — on Chestnut Street (Route 9D) adjacent to Foodtown Plaza. Ricardo D’ippolito, Director of Operations with New York City-based MarkInvest Inc. and its construction arm, RDI Creations, told The Paper that construction of the popular coffee and donut franchise will take approximately eight weeks, barring any major setbacks.

Four members of Cold Spring’s Tree Advisory Committee take a close look at a large, village-owned tree in front of the Ming Moon Restaurant on Main Street. From left, Kory Riesterer, Mary Saari, Committee Chairperson Jennifer Zwarich and Tony Bardez.

Butterfield’s Bumpy Road

By Kevin E. Foley

The proposed Butterfield commercial and residential development project ran into some surprising upset Wednesday night (Sept. 17) as a majority of the Cold Spring Planning Board raised objections to the board counsel’s interpretation limiting their authority to review the mass and scale of the project.

To varying degrees four of the five members, Anne Impellizzeri, Arne Saari, Karn Dunn and James Pergamo, expressed concern over the size of the buildings and the impact the project would have on the 5.7-acre parcel of land as well as the overall impact on the village. They said they were under the impression that the site plan review process, now under way, afforded them the opportunity to address the broad impact of the development’s plans as well as the many specific details involved in a site plan review.

For approximately 45 minutes the members, led by Saari, rallied with appointed counsel Anna Georgiou, inquiring about and at times insisting that the Board of Trustees did not intend to limit the Planning Board’s role in assessing overall impact from building size and number of residential units and other factors. “I have been trying to have a conversation about this for six months and every time I was put off,” said Saari, a long-time Planning Board member. “I believe the Village Board listened to the Planning Board and left it to the Planning Board to make appropriate changes.”

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Cold Spring’s extensive inventory of historic buildings is a major resource, perhaps one reason why people almost universally see the village not just as “quaint,” but as an attractive place to live or visit.

In recent months, another significant resource, often overlooked in the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life, has come into focus. A group of community volunteers has begun a process, which over the long term, will conserve the aesthetic and monetary value of the resource in question, ensuring that it thrives for at least as long as the village’s historic buildings. That resource is the large inventory of trees growing on village-owned lands. And the group is the Tree Advisory Committee.

An inventory conducted in 2013 identified 437 publicly-owned trees in Cold Spring, most of which line the streets, providing shade, oxygen, beauty and numerous other benefits. It’s a village forest that boasts more than 40 species — from Red Maple, Black Locust and Zelkova to Pin Oak, Weeping Willow and Eastern Red Cedar. The total tree population has actually increased to about 500 since then, thanks to new plantings along Main Street and a fledgling nursery established on Kemble Avenue.

While the role trees play in beautifying the landscape is obvious, the economic value of urban trees is much less recognized. A recent survey of Cold Spring’s village-owned trees conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension estimated their value at $1.8 million. And that didn’t include the hundreds of trees found on private lands.

An interesting horticultural puzzle

Like any resource, trees have to be maintained, and stewardship of Cold Spring’s street trees in particular suffered a few years ago when an informal group of residents who had tended the trees for years, was unable to continue the work. In November 2013, the Village Board advertised and

Rumors ended in 2012

On the evening of April 3, 2012, after months of rumors, Elmes first presented plans to convert his service station to a Dunkin’ Donuts shop to the Cold Spring Planning Board. Reaction was immediate, mixed — and emphatic. Few residents sat on the fence. While many supported the likable Elmes and his right to develop the site as he saw fit, many others raised objections to the board counsel’s interpretation limiting their authority to review the mass and scale of the project.

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West Street is now one way from North Street to New Street. The street is not closed however — although this sign indicates that it is. See story, page 4. Photo by M. Turton

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I could see my breath this morning as I walked the dog. Fall is on the way and winter will be close behind and although the farmer’s market is still featuring the late bounty of summer, the red of tomatoes will soon give way to the orange of pumpkins and sweet fresh corn will be a thing of the past.

On these cool nights and chilly mornings I turn between a desire for warm, creamy comfort foods and the last of the sweet, fleeting freshness I’ve become accustomed to over the last few months.

A trip to the local farm store for eggs reminded me of a tasty and very traditional Hudson Valley specialty: sapahn. Samp. Sappaen. Sapappen. Suppawn. Suppan. Supah! These are just a few lexical variations and progeny of Europe and the African-Bantu. The freshly ground corn meal from Clinton Corners’ Wild Hives Farm that prompted this revelry was simply labeled “bank,” an Italian foodstuff worth exploring, and get it on to upscale restaurants.

Beyond that it took Hudson Valley food and market pioneers such as chef Waldy Malouf (currently senior director of food and beverage operations at the Culinary Institute of America) to bring it all back home. Despite being a southerner by birth, his 1995 The Hudson River Valley Cookbook did much to focus the culinary spotlight on the HRV, and in it he solidly reclaimed the mush known as supawn as the valley’s own. His master recipe calls for chicken broth, which would certainly make for a richer tasting mush, and a bit of cheese, both of which are nice but not really necessary. And while he amps the fabulosity quotient of this simple preparation with a Lobster Gratin with Unrafted Smoked Blue cheese, it’s with the addition of more simple ingredients that sapahn (whatever!) shines as a small, good thing.

Adapted from The Hudson River Valley Cookbook (by Waldy Malouf with Molly Finn, 1998, Harvard Common Press, paperback). Cook time: 20 minutes; 4-6 servings.

**Late-Summer Sapahn**

*1 cup coarse ground cornmeal (locally sourced: Wild Hives Farm’s polenta)*
*3 cups water (or chicken or vegetable stock if you’re feeling expansive)*
*2-3 tablespoons butter*
*1 cup cream*
*1 tablespoon raw organic sugar*
*1 teaspoon salt*
*2-3 tablespoons butter*
*½ to 1 cup raw corn kernels*

1. Heat the water or stock and cream in a 2-quart saucepan over medium heat until just steaming. Add the salt, sugar and butter and stir to incorporate.
2. Begin adding the cornmeal in a thin stream, whisking as you add it so that it does not clump. Stir for a minute or so to ensure that it is completely mixed in.
3. Cook the mixture (for a total of 20 minutes) whisking or stirring occasionally. It should begin to thicken by the 10-minute mark or so, bubbling slowly. It is done when it just barely stays off the sides of the saucepan.
4. About 2 minutes before finishing, add the fresh corn and stir to incorporate evenly.

Serving soft: Serve immediately if desired soft, topped with the sweet or savory topping of your choice (see below).

**Pan-fried or baked:** Or pour the sapahn immediately into a lightly greased 8-inch baking pan, cover with plastic wrap and let cool in the refrigerator. When completely cooled, turn the sapahn out onto a cutting board and cut into squares or triangles. Fry lightly on the stovetop in a lightly greased pan or brown in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes at 350 degrees, lightly brushed with butter or oil on a baking sheet.

And none of these additions seem more “right” right now than the last of the summer sweet corn. A combination of creamy, warm cornmeal combined with fresh sweet kernels off the cob is the very essence of corn. Served “soft” straight from the pot, or allowed to set in a pan and cut into squares or triangles and re-heated — pan-fried in butter or oil (or bacon fat!), or browned in the oven — this late summer sapahn serves as the perfect delivery device for whatever temporary or seasonal culinary delicacy you might desire.

The version shown in the photo is topped with a simple vegetarian ragù of summer tomatoes and arugula, topped with slivers of Sprout Creek Farm’s “Bogart” aged cow’s milk cheese. Or try it simply covered in sautéed greens. Wait for later in the season and serve it with braised short ribs. Have it for breakfast with a fried or poached egg, or topped with butter and a splash of maple syrup. For dessert, top with roasted figs and Nettle Meadow’s Maple Chevre.

It’s very forgiving and always appreciated, but what shall we call it...?
Tending to Cold Spring’s Trees (from page 1)

Jennifer Zwarich was one of the first residents to respond. Surprisingly, “tree hugger” is not how she describes herself. “I consider myself more of a realist hugger” is not how she describes herself. “I consider myself more of a realist hugger,” she said. “But … trees captured my imagination as a young child.” Later, it was the challenges faced by urban trees, “a really interesting horticultural puzzle,” that caught her attention. “Street trees are forced to survive in very difficult growing conditions,” she said. “They take such a beating, bright red in the fall,” she said. “Street trees are forced to survive in very difficult growing conditions,” she said. “They take such a beating, but … trees couldn’t care less, Zwarich said, adding that the tree might still be saved if the damage can be mitigated.

Two current situations point to the work that needs to be done. One is a beautiful Zelkova in front of Ming Moon restaurant on Main Street. It’s one of Zwarich’s favorites. “I’ve been watching it since I moved here. It isn’t very old, but it is one of the larger and nicer shaped trees on the street and it turns a stunning, bright red in the fall,” she said. Zwarich said the tree probably appears healthy to most people, but it actually suffering from “girdling” or restricted roots that will eventually strangle and kill it. The tree’s canopy has begun to show signs of stress over the past couple of years. “A wider tree pit and some early root pruning could have prevented this situation,” Zwarich said, adding that the root pruning could have prevented this situation.

In what will now be an ongoing process later, it was the draft of a detailed, long-term Tree Management Plan. Ironically, TAC will soon be disbanded and, if approved by village trustees, replaced by a Tree Advisory Board or Commission, which will take up the work recommended in the plan.

Forming TAC was only the first step in what will now be an ongoing process to more effectively manage Cold Spring’s trees. A tree ordinance drafted by the committee is nearing approval by the Village Board. The group has also written the draft of a detailed, long-term Tree Management Plan. Ironically, TAC will soon be disbanded and, if approved by village trustees, replaced by a Tree Advisory Board or Commission, which will take up the work recommended in the plan.

The naming issue may sound trivial however Zwarich can attest to the importance of perception — and misperception. When TAC was first formed there was a mistaken notion in some quarters that the new committee would have powers over trees located on private lands. Zwarich emphatically points out that TAC and the group that will likely replace it, deal exclusively with trees located on village property, including streets and village parks. In addition, she emphasized that the role of TAC and the yet-to-be-formed new group is strictly advisory. Ultimately, she said, all decisions regarding management of village-owned trees will continue to rest with elected trustees.

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Dunn echoed concerns. “There were at least three of us who were concerned about mass and scale during the EAP (environmental assessment) process and we were told that we could address this during site review,” Dunn said.

Strongly disagreeing, although she maintained her opinion was only advisory to the board, Georgiou said that when the Cold Spring Board of Trustees approved new buildings for the old hospital site (known as B&4A they essentially also approved the concept plan developer Paul Guillaro had submitted at that time. She said the trustees foresaw that the size of the buildings and the number of residential units would be then made “as of right,” she said, adding that the size and scope of the project could be reduced only if the developer agreed or proposed it.

Planning Board Chair Barney Molloy reminded the board that there had been multiple discussions regarding the change of zoning and its connection to the developer’s concept plan. He recalled there had been two joint meetings with the Village Board and then the Planning Board wrote a detailed memo expressing its concerns and desire for greater flexibility than the draft B&4A zoned. Molloy suggested, “By and large the Village Board rejected most of what we asked for,” he said.

Empirezili, the main author of the board’s letter to the trustees, seemed to accept Molloy’s recollection of events. But she observed ruefully, “I have grave doubts the community understands particularly the mass of this project or even that the Village Board understands what they have led us to.”

“When Saari suggested the Planning Board formally ask the Village Board what its intent was when it approved the B&4A change, Molloy replied, “The attorney who drafted it (Georgiou also served as counsel to the Village Board for this issue) at the behest of the Village Board is sitting before us. She is telling us this was the board’s intent and legally that is the state of things.”

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A visibly disconcerted Guillaro, the developer, rose to remind the board that since the approval of the concept plan he had reduced the size and scope of the buildings and other elements to varying degrees as indicated in the presentation of the site plan. “We do not use these terms,” he said. Molloy acknowledged this and reminded the board other accommodations were still possible as the site plan review continued.

Nevertheless, when Molloy attempted to move on with making a formal referral of the site plan to the Historic District Review Board, which must also review the project’s design plans, Saari balked. Pergamo and Dunn agreed with him that the board should move to ask the Village Board about its intent. The discussion then continued with counsel about how best to draft such a letter. After a while Molloy suggested that perhaps the board would move into a private attorney/discussion session.

Board members more or less nodded agreement but without any further discussion of the reasons why they could consult with counsel for over an hour in public session but now needed to be out of ear shot of public and media.

After a 45-minute closed-door meeting the members returned and without further substantive public discussion they voted to accept the site plan application for Butterfield Realty Limited and make that its referral to the Historic District Review Board, apparently accepting their chairperson and lawyer’s perspective on where things stood legally. Saari voted no.

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Drivers initially ignored change in direction

By Michael Turton

The entire length of West Street on Cold Spring’s waterfront is now one way, running north to south. The Village Board recently made the change in response to concerns over traffic congestion and safety. Previously, drivers going into town on West Street had a difficult U-turn as they approached the entrance to Dockside Park. A right turn onto North Street was prohibited because it is one way, running toward the river. Traffic in the area was chaotic and dangerous at times during summer months, especially when Moo Moo’s Creamery was busy.

John Dunn, a resident who lives within a block of West Street, welcomes the switch to one-way traffic. “The change makes good sense and has been needed for some time,” he said.

Dunn thinks there are flaws in the transition however, particularly signage. “The initial (new) signage was poor — (drivers) were paying no attention and continuing to head north on that stretch of West Street,” Dunn said. He said that a portable “Do Not Enter” sign placed at the corner of West Street at Main Street indicates that the north end of West Street is closed — which is not the case.

Dunn has suggestions that he thinks will improve the situation, including placing a one-way sign on West Street at Main Street, so that drivers coming down Main toward the bench can see that West is now entirely one way — and that right turns are no longer permitted. “And some other signage needs to be considered, so that traffic flows down Fish Street to North Street and then, southbound, onto West Street,” Dunn said. He also encouraged village officials to communicate the recent change to residents. “Folks are so accustomed to (West Street being) the one remaining two-way stretch on the waterfront that it is going to take some time for people to wrap their heads around it.”

Barney Molloy, standing left, Karn Dunn and Anna Georgiou, seated, and Paul Guillaro, standing right. Photo by K.E. Foyes.

Traffic Congestion Prompts One-Way West Street Route Switch

Barney Molloy, standing left, Karn Dunn and Anna Georgiou, seated, and Paul Guillaro, standing right. Photo by K.E. Foyes.
Teacher Dunking and Pony Riding All Part of the Fun

Haldane PTA Back-to-School Potluck and Picnic laid out welcome mat
By Alison Rooney

Another one of those whipped-up-to-perfection late summer days provided the welcoming ambiance for the fourth annual Haldane Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Back-to-School Potluck and Picnic. The afternoon affair, held soon after classes began for the year, saw children enjoy the school's blacktop playground as parents, teachers and administrators socialized.

PTA President Lourdes Laifer, now encouraging on her second term, calls the picnic “a terrific way for families to socialize, meet other families and get to know administrators, faculty and staff in an informal setting. It brings people together in a casual, stress-free setting. It allows for parents to enjoy conversations while their kids play and have fun.”

Popular plunge

Soon after the 3:30 p.m. start Laifer took the microphone and welcomed everyone, thanking in particular those teachers, many sopping wet but smiling nonetheless, who had participated in the very popular dunk tank, in front of which a long line of students was in continuous formation, with eager ball throwers aiming carefully, attempting (and generally succeeding) to plunge one of their teachers (and school principal Brent Harrison as well) into a vat of cold water.

Laifer then introduced Haldane’s new superintendent, Dr. Diana Bowers, who, in brief remarks, thanked everyone for the warm welcome she has received thus far at Haldane. Bowers kept it short and sweet, and then the entertainment began, as the band Laminated Menu, consisting of Cold Spring’s Neil Santelmann on guitar, Margaret Hundley Parker on bass, and Beacon’s Sophia Jackson on vocals and guitar, revved things up. According to Santelmann, though they’ve played such local musical hotspots as Dogwood, Quinn’s, Bank Square and the recent Hoot-on-the-Hudson, this gig was pretty hard to top.

Dotted around the blacktop were tables at which parents could join the PTA, sign their children up for after-school enrichment programs, and learn about the Haldane School Foundation (plugging their fall fundraiser, which takes place this year on Oct. 4, at The Garrison). The Haldane School Garden offered tours of that busy campus hub.

Children’s activities included a craft table, much bubble blowing, general run-around and the never-fail attraction of the swings and ‘climbing things.’ Tables filled with pizza donated by Angelina’s, as well as potluck items brought in by families, were quickly depleted.

The traffic circle area was devoted to pony rides, with Haldane parent Laurie Yodice, of Hot-to-Trot Stables bringing along quite a few of her horses for the children to enjoy.

Collaborative efforts to move forward

The event was put together by volunteers and teachers and members of the organizing committee, including, according to PTA thanks: Mary Costigan, Danielle Hyatt, Yvonne Mee, Catherine Platt, Jane Pon- ton, Juliana Rincon-Tomizawa, Jackíe Wlodarzak, Anne McBride, Maureen O’Brien, and high school seniors Samantha-Leigh Ford, Fiona Mueller, and John Swartwout.

Asked what struck him as most exciting about this new school year, Harrison said he was “... excited to welcome Dr. Bowers and her leadership and vision for Haldane as we move forward.” He also expressed enthusiasm for the opening of Haldane Elementary’s new “Makerspace,” funded by an out-of-cycle grant from the Haldane School Foundation. While noting that he would explain more about this at a later time, he described it as a single location space available to all elementary school students, grades kindergarten through five, within the school, which “will allow us to rethink classroom design to foster great collaboration and creativity — both of these necessary 21st-century skills.”

Haldane School Board President Joe Curto, returning to this position after an absence of a few years, said that at the next board meeting the board will present their goals, most significantly, embarking on a new strategic plan, which he called very important. He praised the new superintendent, saying, “Dr. Bowers has a very clear vision in developing teaching and learning and taking Haldane to a different level of conversation, academically.” Curto said another initiative for the year is the “re-branding of the school, in the form of a project extracting all the great things about the school and ‘telling the story’ as it hasn’t been yet.” Curto noted that fellow board member Jennifer Daly would be taking the lead on it.
What Makes Putin Tick?

Author Jennifer Ciotta discusses Russian leader in fictional light at Butterfield Library

By Alison Rooney

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omeness has acted as an assist for Jennifer Ciotta's historical fiction novel, I, Putin. The book, published in 2012, has hit its stride in sales more recently, as its subject has gained increased focus on the world's stage. Ciotta, who has lived in Carmel for the past two years, will give a free reading and talk at Butterfield Library at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Sponsored by the Putnam Arts Council, her talk will address her motivations for writing the book and, in particular, how she connected to Vladimir Putin as a character; the book is based on a first-person, from his point of view. Ciotta expects that she will also delve into the contemporary issues surrounding Putin today, though she is careful not to note that she is "not a foreign policy expert — this will be my take on what's going on now and what I think may happen."

Peering into Putin's presidency

Ciotta, who spent two years — from 2000 to 2002, in the Peace Corps in close-to-Russia Estonia, developed a keen interest in Putin's presidency. In 2000 to 2002, in the Peace Corps in close-to-Russia Estonia, developed a keen interest in Russia when, soon after her arrival, she "realized he would be big someday" and she wondered what was making him tick. Ciotta spent the ensuing years reading up on Putin and eventually completed a master's degree at New York University, with Putin as her focus. Her studies culminated in I, Putin and a thesis focusing on Putin's KGB mentality.

In telling the story of this time, Ciotta decided to write in the historical fiction vein because "parts of the story are fictionalized. Many elements of Putin's life [as described in the book] are true: growing up in St. Petersburg, his split with his wife, how his daughters are kept very private, in the tradition of European leaders ... I chose this genre because I wanted to dramatize parts of the story yet still keep close to the actual facts, so it wound up as sort of historical fiction meets alternate history.

Ciotta says she tried to approach her personification of Putin "by looking at him from a narrative point of view. The Western way is usually more black and white. If you look at television or books, you'll find people describing male protagonists who either have good and evil sides. I tried to approach things from a Russian point of view, with more gray areas. For example, in the West [described frequently as the 'feminist protest punk band'], two of whose members were imprisoned for nearly two years after protesting against Putin's re-election. Pussy Riot are often made out as saints, but they have done some anti-Semitic things and some vulgar things in public. You can pick up a lot of nonfiction work about Putin, and in it he is always the bad guy, but I think Putin truly believes he is doing the best for Russia. For him, some of the leadership in the West is too fast and loose — he's more controlled."

Although Ciotta says she personally disagrees with some of Putin's decisions, for example his anti-gay laws and international adoption retaliation policy as well as his tightened control of the media, she understands where they are coming from within his psychological make-up.

As the book has now been out for two years, those years coinciding with so many changes in Russia under Putin, Ciotta has received constant reader feedback, and says that many have told her that they "understand Putin and that the things that have happened in the past two years make sense to them because of the book. The Kursk tragedy was the first time one saw the Putin we see today — you can see his motivation and his beliefs right there." Asked how Russian readers have reacted, Ciotta says they either "love it or don't like it at all. Alternate history is not as popular there so they don't like the fact that he's so fictionalized. And some say 'this is all stuff I know already; this is the way we think of him anyway.' But some Slavic readers really like it. One told me he thought that the way the book is written made it sound as if it was translated from Russian — it was that real."

Changes in Russia ... once more

Because of its exceptionally topical nature, I, Putin has recently hit the Amazon Kindle Bestseller lists. "The book is selling better now, and mostly on Kindle, not in paperback," Ciotta says. It recently toppled Dr. Zhivago in the Historical Russian Fiction and Alternative History category, she notes with excitement. I, Putin was Ciotta's debut novel. She followed it with another book, in a very different vein, No Bulls**t Guide to Self-Publishing, which made the Amazon Kindle Top 100 Best Seller list in Education & Reference in April 2014. She has just finished the first draft of her third, changing genres again. She describes her next effort as a young adult crossover, which she explains as being tailored to those 16 and up, including adults: "very dark, sexual novel centered around a teenage love triangle, based on a true story." As "some people will be familiar with it" she is not naming those involved, as "it will blow the ending." For more information visit vladimirputinnovel.com/author/.

As a teenager, Lansing, with her younger twin brothers, was evacuated from England to New York at the start of World War II to escape the nightly bombings of London by Nazi Germany. She was invited to live with the Perkins family of Cold Spring, the start of her lifelong friendship with Anne Perkins Cabel, an honoree at the museum's gala dinner.

Lansbury has received singular honors in the past year. In November 2013, Hollywood recognized her 70-year career on screen with an honorary Oscar. Last spring at Windsor Castle, HM Queen Elizabeth II named Lansbury a Dame of the British Empire for her work in the arts and for her charity and philanthropy. Gala tickets may be purchased on the museum's website or via check. Tickets are $250 each or $2,500 for a table. Benefit committee memberships are also available. For more information, visit putnamhistorymuseum.org or call 845-265-4000.
Kate Vikstrom’s Watercolors on View at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill

Beacon artist Kate Vikstrom is showing a selection of watercolor paintings at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill in Cold Spring, New York, beginning Sept. 16.

Vikstrom came to Beacon in 2012 after living many years in the Pacific Northwest—primarily in the coastal rainforest of Southeast Alaska, and for a few years on the Puget Sound in Washington state.

“My favorite watercolor teacher once said, ‘Travel and see one thousand mountains, then come home and paint mountains,’” she explained. Vikstrom doesn’t produce likenesses of exact locations. Instead, she depicts scenes she hopes will evoke recognition for any viewer of places or moments they have experienced. “The French Impressionists lit my artistic fires,” she states. “They were intent on conveying an ‘impression’ as opposed to exact details.” Several years ago Vikstrom lived for three months in Paris, where she explored their work first-hand.

Her artistic sense is also influenced by living in close connection with great bodies of water. “My favorite places are where water and sky seem to have no hard edges; where earth, water and air intermingle in the mist,” she explains. That she chooses to work in watercolor because of the element of surprise. The artist must be willing to let go of control, where hard edges; where earth, water and air intermingle in the mist. She expresses that she chooses to work in watercolor because of the element of surprise. The artist must be willing to let go of control, where hard edges; where earth, water and air intermingle in the mist.

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Enjoy a meal and a glass of wine surrounded by Vikstrom’s paintings at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill, 91 Main St., Cold Spring, on view Sept. 16 through Jan. 11. All works are available for sale through M. Studio Gallery, 914-715-1913, which represents the artist during this exhibit. Visit katevikstrom.com to see Vikstrom’s watercolors, and also her collages, whimsical house portraits, and graphic design. While there, sample her soft jazz vocals and YouTube creations as well.

Vikstrom joined Philipstown.info in 2012 and works as the graphic designer and layout editor for The Paper.
Local artist wins Windows on Main Street Grand Prize and Gallerists’ Pick Award: Tess Elliott with her winning installation at People’s Bicycle, 430 Main St., Beacon. Tess has returned to school this fall to complete an MFA. Photo courtesy of the artist.

Mayhem and Madness comedy show  
12:30 p.m. Patrick Hyens  
5 - 8 p.m. Ten Brok Moly  
See details under Friday.

A Concert of Ideas (Benefit)  
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown  
10 Academy St., Cold Spring  
845-265-3220  
presbychurch@coldspring.org

Grand Opening Party  
7 - 9 p.m. Beacon Music Factory  
629 Route 52, Beacon  
845-202-3555  
beaumanufactory.com

Livingston Taylor (Benefit)  
7 p.m. Yorktown Stage  
1274 Commerce St., Yorktown Heights  
914-962-0966  
justinweirtonfund.org/concert

The Duprees (POW/MA Day Concert)  
7 p.m. Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave., White Plains  
914-965-4050  
countycenter.biz

Round Up Texas BBQ  
12:30 p.m. Patrick Hyens  
5 - 8 p.m. Ten Brok Moly  
See details under Friday.

Ballroom Dance Party  
8 p.m. Swing lesson  
9 p.m. Dance with DJ Joe Donato  
Hudson Valley Dance Depot  
733 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie  
845-204-9833  
hudsonvalleydance.org

John Arrucci Trio  
8 p.m. Bearrunner Café  
Details under Friday.

The Differences  
9 p.m. Whistling Willie’s  
See details under Friday.

Judy Tallich Band  
9 p.m. CHW Wine Bar  
173 Main St., Beacon  
845-765-0885  
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Decorra / Poutoon  
9 p.m. Southern Dutchess Bowl  
629 Route 52, Beacon  
845-831-9220  
sdb300.com

Beki Brindle and The Hot Heads  
9:30 p.m. Main on Main  
Details under Friday.

Felix Cabrera (Blow)  
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes  
See details under Friday.

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Sought After Services  
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Selichot Services  
7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance  
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon  
845-831-2012  
beaconhebrewalliance.org

National Back to Church Sunday

Kens & Community  
PHC Reservoir Classic Road Race  
8 a.m. Putnam Hospital Center  
670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel  
845-475-9742  
healthquest.org

Beacon Flea Market  
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Lot, Beacon  
845-202-0094  
beaconfleamarket.com

Kayak Tours  
8 a.m. Destination Waterfall  
9 a.m. Bowman’s Castle  
Noon. Nature  
Hudson River Expeditions  
See details under Saturday.

Meditation, Yoga and Tour  
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Chouinard Monastery  
2020 Route 301, Carmel  
powomensleadershipalliance.com

44th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Blue Mountain Reservation  
See details under Saturday.

Rodrick Nation Pow Wow  
11 a.m. - 7 p.m. FDR State Park  
See details under Saturday.
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Greek Fest 2014  
Noon - 6 p.m. St. Nicholas Church  
See details under Friday.

Westchester Sleazier Expo  
Noon - 6 p.m. Westchester County Center  
198 Central Ave, White Plains  
914-995-4050 | countycenterbiz.

Oktoberfest 2014 with die Schlauberger  
Noon - 6 p.m. Bear Mountain State Park  
See details under Saturday.

Bannerman Island Tour  
12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock  
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

Children & Families: Gliders and Kites  
1:30 p.m. Storm King Art Center  
845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Lost Pond Hike  
2 p.m. Manhattan  
584 Route 90, Garrison  
845-424-3812 | Hudsonvalleyramble.com

Nature Program: Beavers  
2 p.m. Hudson Lodge  
2850 Route 3, Cold Spring  
845-265-3773 | Hhnaturemuseum.org

Pioneer Living (First Session)  
2 p.m. Common Ground Farm  
79 Farmtoad Lane, Wappingers Falls  
845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.com

Annual Lawn Party  
3:5 p.m. Maple Grove Historic Site  
9 Hettip Court, Pougtkeepsie  
pougtkeepsieorganization.org

Kids: Open Mic Night  
6 - 8 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12grapes.com

Art & Design  
Coutler Young: The Florence Scovel (Reception)  
2 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

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John Hatt  
8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall | 13 Main St, Tarrytown  
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Meetings & Lectures  
Fundraiser for County Clerk Candidate Lizbeth Underwood  
3 - 5 p.m. 5 Dock St, Garrison’s Landing  
845-265-4774 | sbaonlineforcounty.com

Jennifer Clottee: I, Polin: A Novel (Reading)  
3 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Kids & Community  
ANF’s (ages 2-4) (First Session)  
11 a.m. Education and Center  
25 Cornell-on-Hudson  
845-534-7881 | Hhnaturemuseum.org

Grasshopper Grove Club (ages 4-5)  
First Session  
11:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muskrat Drive, Cntry  
845-534-5066 | Hhnaturemuseum.org

Developmental Check-in (ages 4 mos. - 5 yrs)  
1 - 4 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St, Beacon  
845-830-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Health & Fitness  
Outdoor Yoga  
6 p.m. Stony Kill Farm | 79 Farmtoad Lane, Wappingers Falls  
845-831-1617 | stonykill.org

Basketball at Phillipsburg Rec  
6:15 p.m. Skills & Drills (grades 5-8)  
7:30 p.m. Men’s Pickup  
10 Glencyffe Drive, Garrison  
845-424-4618 | philippsburgrecreation.com

Sports  
Haldane vs. North Salem (Girls Soccer)  
4:30 p.m. Haldane School  
See details under Saturday.

Roller Derby Boot Camp  
7 p.m. Roller Magic | 4178 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park  
5 hatesrollerderby.com

Theater & Film  
Dead Poet’s Society (1989)  
1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library  
472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Joan Rivers, A Piece of Work  
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Meetings & Lectures  
Putnam County Legislature: Butterfield Development  
6 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St, Cold Spring  
845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Kids & Community  
Baby & Mo (ages 0-2)  
10:30 a.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St, Beacon  
845-830-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Finnery Living (First Session)  
2 p.m. Common Ground Farm  
See details under Sunday.

Crazy 8s Math Club (grades 3-5)  
3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library  
10 Morris Ave, Cold Spring  
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Fundamentals of Drawing (ages 7-10)  
(First Session)  
3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center  
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison  
845-424-9460 | garrisonartcenter.org

Craft Hour (grades 2+)  
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison  
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness  
Women’s Pick-up Basketball  
7 - 9 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center  
See details under Monday.

Sports  
Haldane High School  
4:15 p.m. Girls Tennis vs. Pawling  
6 p.m. Volleyball vs. Pawling  
See details under Saturday.

Army vs. Central Connecticut (Men’s Soccer)  
7 p.m. Clinton Field, West Point  
845-938-2526 | gearmysports.com

Theater & Film  
Fake It So Real (Documentary, 2012)  
7:30 p.m. Beacon Swiss | 291 Main St, Beacon  
845-629-1027 | info@beaconartsociety.org

Music  
Beacon Music Factory (First Session)  
7 a.m. GarageBand Software Inside-Out  
7 p.m. Group Ukulele, Level I | 8:15 p.m. Group Ukulele, Level II | 629 Route 52, Beacon  
845-202-3555 | beaconfactory.org

Meetings & Lectures  
Fremontian and U.S. Presidents (Talk)  
3 p.m. Howland Public Library  
313 Main St, Beacon  
845-830-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Kids & Community  
Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill  
10 a.m. Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring  
845-424-4618 | philippsburgrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library  
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers  
1:30 p.m. Pre-School Story Hour (ages 3-5)  
3 p.m. Lego Club | See details under Tuesday.

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845-809-5347 x226  
www.iguitarworkshop.com  
sales@iguitarworkshop.com
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Toddler Tales (ages 2-3) 3 p.m. Howard Public Library See details under Tuesday.

Crazy 8s Math Club (grades K-2) 3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library See details under Tuesday.

Health & Fitness

Adult Co-Ed Soccer 6 p.m. Philipstown Park / Route 9D, Garrison 845-842-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Beacon Arts Membership Meet-up 7 p.m. Beacon Institute 199 Main St., Beacon | beaconarts.org

Music

Emmylou Harris 8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall 13 Main St., Tarrytown 914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Meetings & Lectures

Open House Noon - 5 p.m. Free work day 7 - 11 p.m. Happy hour networking Bearville Beacon | 291 Main St., Beacon 845-765-1490 | beariveltvzest.org

Erev Rosh HaShana 7 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance 331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon 845-832-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

Recreation Commission 7 p.m. Village Hall 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 | coldspringgov.org

5775 High Holidays Service 8 a.m. St. Mary’s Parish Hall 1 Cheesht St., Cold Spring 845-265-8001 | philipstownreformjapanagape.org

Rosh Hashanah Service 8 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley 362 Church Road, Putnam Valley 845-528-4774 | rhpvg.org

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Rosh Hashanah Local schools closed

Kids’ Community

Spy/Neuter Clinic for Cats 7:30 - 8:15 p.m. drop off/Fishkill Town Hall 807 Route 62, Fishkill 845-489-2378 | soundearth.com/fishkillcares

Butterfield Library 10:30 a.m. Blood Bouncing Babies 12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (ages 3-5) 10 a.m. Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Howland Public Library 10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5) 3:45 p.m. Lego Club (ages 4-5) See details under Tuesday.

Children Read to Dogs 3:30 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Stand-Up Paddleboard Fitness 10 a.m. Hudson River Expeditions 14 Market St., Cold Spring 845-805-5935 | hudsonriverexpeditions.com

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center See details under Monday.

Art & Design

Center for Digital Arts at WCC 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Group Show: Retrospective, Part I (2004-2008) Opening 7 p.m. Anthony Antonello: Art of and About the Internet (Talk) | 27 N. Division St., Peekskill 914-606-7300 | westchestergallery.wordpress.com

Theater & Film

Music

Tina Bar Night 7 - 11 p.m. Bear Mountain Inn 55 Hessian Drive, Highland Falls 845-786-2731 | stbearsbearteam.com

Semi Stone Band 7:30 p.m. Tewks Diner Cafe 379 Main St., Beacon 845-855-1300 | townseervice.com

Boz Scaggs 8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall 13 Main St., Tarrytown 914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Iron Dog 9 p.m. Quins’ 330 Main St. Beacon 845-831-8065 | quinsbeacon.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Hebrew Alliance 9 a.m. Shacharit 10 a.m. Family Service See details under Wednesday.

Reform Temple of Putnam Valley 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service 1 p.m. Tashlich Service See details under Wednesday.

Phlippsburg Reform Synagogue 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service (St. Mary’s) 12:30 p.m. Tashlich Service (Cold Spring waterfront) See details under Wednesday.

Beacon Chamber Bash 15:30 p.m. Nipponic | 427 Main St., Beacon 845-454-4154 | beaconchamber.org

All Business, Community Wide Networking Mixer 6:30 - 9 p.m. Silver Spoon Cafe 124 Main St., Cold Spring coldspringbeaconchamber.org

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Kids & Community

Putnam County EDC Breakfast 8:30 a.m. Putnam County Golf Course 187 Hill St., Mahopac 845-808-1021 | putnamedc.org

Preschool on the Farm: Sunflowers (ages 2-4) 10 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farra Stead Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-235-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Rhyme Time By The Hudson (ages 1-5) 10 a.m. Boscobel | 1500 Route 80, Garrison 845-265-3039 x100 | boscobel.org

Rhonebeck Arts Festival 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds 65500 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck | arthdez.com

Start-Starry Night Benefit 6 - 10 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson 61 Parker Ave., Poughkeepsie 845-834-2867 | walkway.org

The Wiggles, Ready, Steady, Wiggle Tour 6:30 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie 845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Health & Fitness

Navigating Healthcare Options 10 a.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon | 800-453-4666 minny.org | Appointment required.

Living Yoga Studios Noon. Free! Hard Core Yoga Class 7:30 p.m. Partner Massage Workshop 3162 Route 9, Cold Spring 845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

Sports

Haldane High School 4:30 p.m. Boys Soccer vs. Pawling 4:30 p.m. Volleyball vs. Spackenkill 7:15 p.m. Football vs. Pawling (Homecoming) See details under Saturday.

Art & Design

Introduction to Watercolor (First Session) 10:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison 845-424-3900 | garrisonartcenter.org

Meet and Greet with Us It’s Saturday! 8 p.m. Little Theatre | 335 Main St., Beacon 845-836-2977 | missomann.com

Baklakah 9:30 a.m. 12 Grapes 124 Main St., Peekskill 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Hebrew Alliance 9 a.m. Shacharit 10 a.m. Family Service See details under Wednesday.

Oppression in the Soma Retreat (Opens) 3 p.m. Garrison Institute 14 Mary’s Way, Garrison 845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Shabbat Shovav 8 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley See details under Wednesday.

ONGOING

Art & Design

Visit philipstownarts.org/gallerys

Religious Services

Visit philipstownre.com/services

Meetings & Lectures

Alcoholics Anonymous

Visit chinatown.info/aa

Support Groups

Visit philipstownre.com/support

FAMILY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

10 a.m. Holy Communion — 10:30 a.m. Family Service — 11 a.m. Children’s Choir and Children’s Service, Joan and the Great Fish

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.

Swing Dance 8 p.m. Beginner’s lesson 8:30 p.m. The Fried Bananas Poughkeepsie Tennis Club 125 S. Hamilton St., Poughkeepsie 845-454-2571 | hudsonvalleymddance.org

Back To The Garden 6:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe See details under Sept. 19.

Cold Floor Repair 9 p.m. Whistling Willie’s See details under Sept. 19.

Backbeat with Rudy 9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon 845-838-6273 | massomann.com

Baklakah 9:30 a.m. 12 Grapes 124 Main St., Peekskill 914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon Hebrew Alliance 9 a.m. Shacharit 10 a.m. Family Service See details under Wednesday.

Ongoing Services in the Soma Retreat (Opens) 3 p.m. Garrison Institute 14 Mary’s Way, Garrison 845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Shabbat Shovav 8 p.m. Reform Temple of Putnam Valley See details under Wednesday.

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**Holiday Sparkle Returns in December**

Boscobel presents *Sparkle 2014* when the gardens and grounds will showcase beautiful lighting displays and set the stage for memorable attractions. Returning this year will be Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus in the enhanced Sparkle Garden, the beautiful Snow Queen Stilt Walker, Ice Carving Demonstrations and The Taghkanic Chorale. 

Award recipients will light the way in recognizing one of these crucial relationships with this year’s Harvest Award,” said Kathleen Frith, Glynewood’s president. “We applaud John and Jean-Paul for inspiring farmers across the Hudson Valley to work together to move agriculture in the region forward.”

Now in its 12th year, Glynewood’s Harvest Award celebrates farmers, organizations and businesses that demonstrate innovation and leadership in sustainable agriculture and regional food systems. In the past three years, the award program has focused on exemplary agricultural enterprises in the Hudson Valley that align with Glynewood’s regional mission. Gill is a third-generation farmer and the former owner of Gill Farms in Ulster County. The 1,255-acre property is now the site of the Hudson Valley Farm Hub, a major non-profit center for resilient agriculture being developed under the stewardship of the Local Economies Project. Gill serves as the Farm Manager.

Glynewood, originally from the Netherlands, is the founder and owner of Roxbury Farm, a 375-acre biodynamic farm in Kinderhook, N.Y., that has one of the largest community supported agriculture programs in the region. He is widely considered to be a pioneer in organic and biodynamic agriculture.

**Pretty Old and Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work Screen at Downing**

Our Downing Film Center offers, in addition to its regular scheduled film, two noteworthy films at special screenings on Sunday, Sept. 21, and Monday, Sept. 22.

**Pretty Old**. When 30 women aged 67 to 94 descend on Fall River, Massachusetts, to compete in the 30th anniversary of the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant, hilarity to compete in the 30th anniversary of the Ms. Senior Sweetheart Pageant, hilarity and heartbreak ensue. Under the direction of pageant founder Len "Low Price" Kaplan, these women share intimate experiences and stir lifelong insecurities that challenge common misconceptions of aging. Pretty Old will screen at the Downing Film Center on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 11:15 a.m. and Monday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are general admission $8.50, seniors and students $7, children and members $6.

**Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work**: As a retrospective on the life and work of Joan Rivers, this well-reviewed and award-winning film takes the audience on a year-long ride with legendary comedian Joan Rivers in her 70th year of life. It peels away the mask of an iconic comedian and exposes the struggles, sacrifices and joy of living as a ground breaking female performer. Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work will screen at the Downing Film Center on Monday, Sept. 22, at 1:15 p.m. only. Tickets are general admission $7, members $6. Tickets can be purchased at the box office or at downingfilmcenter.com. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 845-561-3686 and leave a message (if necessary), The Downing is located at 19 Front Street, Newburgh.

**Visit Constitution Island on Family Day**

Enjoy Family Day on Constitution Island from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. Pack a picnic, hike trails, and listen to Revolutionary War fortifications. Hot dogs, drinks, Go-Go Pops and salads will be available for purchase. Docents will discuss the Warner House and Gardens, occupied from 1836 to 1910 by Belle Costello and the use of Constitution Island does not constitute endorsement of the CIA or its programs. Donations are gratefully accepted, and also accepted first served). The event is free, donations gratefully accepted, and also accepted online.

**Gala to be held at Boscobel**

For the past 25 years, the Hudson Highlands Land Trust has been dedicated to protecting the natural resources, scenic beauty and rural character of New York State’s Hudson Highlands.

To celebrate this milestone, HHLT is hosting a 25th Anniversary Gala at Boscobel House and Gardens in Garrison, at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10. The evening will be capped off by a fireworks display over the Hudson River starting around 9:45 p.m., which will be visible from various points along the river for the general public to enjoy.

For more information, or to buy gala tickets, contact info@hhlt.org or call Kathy Hamel at 845-824-3559, ext. 4.

**Community Briefs**

**Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work**

Join us at the Downing Film Center on Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. to watch a screening of the award-winning documentary Joan Rivers: A Piece of Work. This event is free, and no reservations (first come, first served). The event is free, donations gratefully accepted, and also accepted online.

**Constitution Island Association**

The Constitution Island Association was founded in 1916. Visit constitutionisland.org or call 845-265-2501.

The United States Military Academy and United States Army Garrison West Point are not co-sponsors of this event, but are aligned with Glynwood’s regional mission. The island is accessed by boat. Ferries will run from the South Dock of West Point at 10 and 11 a.m., then every 40 minutes until 4 p.m. Passenger capacity is 35. No reservations (first come, first served). The event is free, donations gratefully accepted, and also accepted online.

**County Flu Clinic Rescheduled for Sept. 22**

Two more planned for October

The first flu vaccination clinic, originally scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15, has been rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 22. The clinic starts at 2 p.m. and runs until 6:30 p.m. at the Carmel Fire Department, Route 52 and Vink Drive in Carmel.

Two additional clinics have been scheduled. The first is at the Garrison Fire Department, 1516 Route 9, on Wednesday, Oct. 8, from 2 to 6:30 p.m., a second is scheduled at the Carmel Fire Department on Monday, Oct. 20, from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Call 845-908-1290 on clinic day to confirm.

Clinics are open to Putnam County residents 18 and older. The fee for flu vaccine is $25 for residents under 60. Those 60 and older, or with a Medicare card, receive the (Continued on next page)
Eco-kids programs encourage children to learn and play outdoors. 

Visit putnamcountyny.com for more information.

**Local PTAs Battle Nature-Deficit Disorder**

Programs help children discover the outdoors

Recent studies have shown that American kids are spending less and less time outdoors, playing in nature, and having the same kind of open, exploratory childhood than that of their parents and grandparents. This unfortunate phenomenon, which carries serious implications for children’s mental and physical development and health, has been coined "nature-deficit disorder." Philipstown, as Last Child in the Woods by author Richard Louv in his water-}

At Haldane, Carina Frantz is organizing the PTA after-school courses, and at Garrison, Julia Wynn is doing the same. Each program runs for a set period of weeks and there is a small cost involved.

### Register for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Putnam County accepts items Sept. 27

Putnam County will hold Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Putnam County Department of Health, 1 Geneva Road, in Brewster.

Items accepted: drain and oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, Polish-

"It’s a wonderful way for kids to build fortis, search for frogs and salamanders, climb trees and just be free and busy in these great woods of ours," Salmansohn said. Salmansohn’s program, at both schools, is aimed mainly at students in grades three and up, but he is taking second graders whose parent comes along as a chaperone.

At Haldane, educator Lyn Berkley is offer-

Items not accepted: electronic waste (e-waste), used oil, latex paint, lead-acid batteries, plastic bags, tires, unlabelled/ unidentified containers, batteries.

For additional information about waste disposal options, recycling, and more, visit putnamcountyny.com/health/ or call 845-808-1390, ext. 43164.

Event time: 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-regis-

Not to be missed is another upcoming event at the How-

Volunteers and families who supported the teams, and coaches/librarians who worked throughout the year made this event possible. Hannaford Supermarket supplied teams with bottled water. Fiscal supporters include The Allstate Foundation through the Sorrentino Agency in the Town of Newburgh, Stewart’s Shops, Grinnell Public Library District, and donations from various library Friends Groups. In October the Mid-Hudson Library System will present Medication Take Back Day.

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**Battle of the Books**

Regional Winners Named

The "Re(a)ds," representing Red Hook Public Library, took first place on Sept. 6, when they became the champions of the 10th Annual Battle of the Books competi-

In the company of knowledgeable adults.

Open to all elementary school's bountiful wildlife garden.

Visit gufspa.org/programming-fun-

Peanut, but with a small fee and proof of residency (driver’s licen-

### Medication Take Back Day Set for Sept. 20 in Cold Spring

Putnam County Communi-

Medication Take Back Day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 20, at American Legion George A. Casey Post 275, Cedar Street, in Cold Spring.

Do not flush your drugs! No syringes, lances, or any sharps of any kind will be accepted. Help protect youth and New York's waters. Individuals can dispose of prescriptions, medica-

Remember to keep medications in original package if possible. Remove personal patient information.

For more information con-

**SENIOR TERRY GIPSON’S VETERANS & FAMILIES FAIR**

Saturday, September 27, 2014 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn, Rt. 9 Fishkill

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At Garrison, Emma Mulligan, a student of Ve-

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**BATTLE OF THE OCEANS**

At Prestwick, overlooking the Hudson, Lieut.-Col. Richard Rice, representing the "Waves," and Lieut.-Col. Victor Van Buren, representing the "Crests," were the champions of the Battle of the Books competi-

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Depot Docs Presents: The Central Park Five

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the boys were sentenced to long prison terms. And the story might have ended for them there, as it has for so many men of color in the age of mass incarceration, with lives blighted by prison sentences and little hope for redemption, if Korey Wise, doing time in Auburn Correctional Facility, upstate, wasn’t. It didn’t match any of the Five, was positive for Reyes. In 2002, Judge Charles Tejada overturned the convictions, and after serving from seven to 13 years in prison, The Central Park Five were exonerated. And in June of 2014, after waging a fierce legal battle against their lawsuit for several years, the City of New York settled, paying out a total of $40 million.

Race at the heart of national narrative

Most of the reviews and commentary on the film, after its festival and theatrical run and PBS showing, have focused on the fact that, with Ken Burns on the marquee and the credits and so visibly identified with the film, it must be a “Ken Burns film,” just … different. Burns takes a larger view, and gives much of the credit to his daughter, He says, “The people who are aware of the case, most of them, believe the Central Park Five were let go on a technicality. No, they served their full sentences. ‘Well they must have done something wrong that night.’ That’s the default position, and that’s where “the other” comes in, where race comes in. That’s where this age-old struggle that’s not just familiar in this story, but familiar in so many of the stories that we’ve tried to tell. From The Civil War and The Statue of Liberty to Jazz and Baseball. Race is at the heart of this national narrative, whether we want to admit it or not. And given the outcome, given how their blasted hopes seemed so tragic, it was time to tell the story. And God bless Sarah for having the guts to do it, and for earning their trust, and after several years, they finally understood that Sarah was genuine and sincere and wanted to hear who they are.”

The Central Park Five will be shown on Friday, Sept. 26, 7:30 p.m., at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, Garrison’s Landing, Co-directors Sarah Burns and David McMahon will be present for a Q-and-A and reception after the screening. For more information call 845-424-9999, or go to philipstowndepottheatre.org. For tickets (recommended) go to brownpapertickets.com.

The Turn of the Screw presented by Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival

T he Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival presents The Turn of the Screw, by Henry James, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher, in fall performances. Directed by Gaye Taylor Upchurch, a young governess journeys to a lonely English manor house to care for two recently orphaned children and begins to see ghosts … or does she? This is sure to be an unforgettable evening of spine-tingling mystery and intrigue.

A reception will follow each performance. A reception will follow each performance.

- Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m., The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon.
- Wednesday, Oct. 29 – Saturday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Boscole House and Gardens, 1001 Route 9D, Garrison.

Tickets: $50 available exclusively at brownpapertickets.com. For information, call 845-809-5750.

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A Fussy Search for a Non-Fussy Plant

By Pamela Doan

Here's my quest. There's a slope below my home that has patches of bare soil. It's bordered by a stone wall and there are mature maples growing along the side. Shade from the trees has gradually killed off grass and ferns that used to grow there. In a heavy rain, water runs off from the house down this slope, too, and erosion is a concern.

I want to plant a groundcover that will protect the soil and also look good since this is a view from the main living room windows.

These are the criteria I've got for a plant or plants to cover this area:

- Shade loving
- Low growing
- Deer resistant
- Won't be a snake haven
- Doesn't need to be mowed
- Will spread out and suppress weeds
- Can cling to a slope
- Tolerates acidic, rocky soil that is more clay than not
- Will help with drainage
- Can compete with tree roots
- Low maintenance i.e., doesn't have fussy needs, common pest or disease problems that require routine treatment and will establish easily
- Attractive, flowering would be nice
- Native is preferable
- Beneficial to the eco-system i.e., food or habitat for birds or insects

The first suggestion I got from a landscape center gardener was pachysandra or Pachyandra terminalis. It's a popular groundcover and meets a lot of my criteria — grows in the shade, tolerates my soil conditions, shallow-rooted, low maintenance, flowers and is generally left alone by rabbits and deer. It has two big problems, though: It isn't native, it's a Japanese transplant, and it is invasive, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service. Since I live in a forested area, that's a big concern. Although it would suppress weeds well, that same characteristic means it can spread into the woods and its thick, tightly spaced leaves would suppress other native vegetation as an unintended consequence. It's also the perfect height and thickness to be a snake haven and it's near an area that people will be walking through, which makes me uncomfortable.

Moving on, I find several plant lists and searchable databases online. The most useful were through the Cornell University website, the University of Connecticut website and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center website. I perused about a dozen different sites, though, cross-referencing the plants I found and needed more information about. Deer-resistant should be a category that's included in any plant list these days, but it isn't. There aren't many areas where deer aren't a threat to landscape plants. Ultimately, the Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder search yielded the most useful results. I'm proceeding with pachysandra because it's the most useful results.

Sedge flowers in spring and birds like the colorful choice that both flowers and has will complement the lawn, instead. It is listed that it "tolerates" the poor soil or barrenwort is another deer-resistant though, cross-referencing the plants I ever, the grasses might not look right edge of the lawn. I need to see if there's a variety that is distinctive enough that the lawn, instead. Sedge flowers in spring and birds like the plants, which is a big plus. Cornus Canadensis or creeping dogwood is a leading contender. It's native, flowers, and has haw berries that birds love. Deer might be a problem, though, and the site might be too dry. It prefers moist soil and might need to be watered. I'm going to try planting a small patch and see how it does before installing enough plants to cover the entire area.

Epimedium or barrenwort is another colorful choice that both flowers and has bold leaves that change color in the fall. It is listed that it “tolerates” the poor soil conditions that I can offer, but does best in moist, loam soil. This is another one that I will try out as an experiment first to see how it goes.

The biggest challenges here were finding a shade-lover that will tolerate the poor soil conditions and that deer will leave alone. This was a trifecta of difficulties that ruled out a lot of plants I'd love to have growing in the yard. I'm not willing to invest the time in improving the soil, though. Soil will always revert to its natural state and eventually the plants won't thrive if you don't keep it up. Working with nature is a lot easier.

The winners so far:

Sedges, or Curves, are native grassland plants that seem like they'll hit a lot of my criteria. Common woodland sedge, blue wood sedge and Pennsylvania sedge are a few varieties that are worth checking out. Since the area I need to cover is between a rock wall and the lawn, however, the grasses might not look right next to each other. It could look like there's a messy, un-mowed section on the edge of the lawn. I need to see if there's a variety that is distinctive enough that it will complement the lawn, instead.

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A Garrison Wedding

Annabel Osborn Prentice and Simon James Terrence Botterill

Annabel Osborn Prentice and Simon James Terrence Botterill were married on Aug. 30, at St. Philip's Church in the Highlands in Garrison, New York. The Rev. Francis Geer performed the ceremony. A reception was held at the bride's Garrison home, Wing and Wing.

Annabel Prentice Botterill, 30, is a Sales Analyst for Google in Sydney, Australia. She graduated from St. George's School in Newport, Rhode Island, and from Trinity College Dublin with a degree in business, economics and social studies.

She is a daughter of Nathaniel and Anita Prentice of Garrison. Nathaniel Prentice is a financial advisor in Purchase, New York, for Allium Wealth Management. Anita Prentice is a social studies teacher at Peekskill High School in Peekskill, New York.

Annabel Botterill is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ezra F. Prentice Jr., formerly of Garrison and Cold Spring. Her great-great-grandfather, William Henry Osborn, built Wing and Wing and the Castle Rock. Her maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Rhett Jr., of Charleston, South Carolina.

Simon Botterill, also 30, is an Asset Manager in Sydney for Stockland, Australia’s, largest diversified property group. He graduated from the University of Leicester with a BA in financial economics.

He is a son of Andrew and the late Leslie Botterill of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire, U.K. His father is a business finance director for the advertising agency O’Dwyer/FCB Europe. He is the grandson of Christine Thorburn and the late Terence Parker, and of the late Vera and James Botterill.

After a honeymoon, the couple will reside in Sydney, Australia.
Sports

Blue Devil Roundup

By Kathie Scanlon

Varsity Football

Blue Devil varsity football posted a 38-11 victory at home on Saturday, Sept. 13, against Yonkers Montessori Academy. On his first win, Coach McConville said, “We wanted to come out and control the game right from our first possession and we were able to do that this week.”

Fullback Matt Balducci wore down the YMA defense with 24 carries for 201 yards, five tackles, three touchdowns and one kickoff return for a touchdown. Quarterback Tyler Giachinta went seven for 12 with 101 yards, five tackles, three touchdowns and one kickoff return for a touchdown. Matt Koval had five catches, gained 45 yards and scored one touchdown. Matt Koval had eight tackles.

Girls Soccer

Haldane crushed Pawling 10-1 at home on Sept. 11. Bailey McCollum led the team with four goals. On Sept. 13, it was Marina Martin's turn to take the lead for four goals at Putnam Valley. Allie Monteleone and McCollum each scored for the 6-0 victory. Monteleone also had two assists. Missy Lisikatos and Sara Jacoby were strong on defense.

Club Soccer Season Kicks Off in Philipstown

By Kathie Scanlon

The Philipstown Soccer Club began in 2006 with one boys' team, the Dragons, and one girls', the Knights. This season, which began Sept. 7, the club hosts 10 teams: five girls' and five boys', U9 to U16, with about 120 players and 25 parents in roles of coaches, managers and board members. Teams are fielded in the spring and fall and indoors during the winter. The club plays in East Hudson Youth Soccer League.

PSC offers a bridge between recreation department and high school teams. Philipstown Recreation Department offers soccer in both spring and fall for first through sixth graders for Saturday games and also Wednesday after-school clinics for kindergarten through sixth grade. PSC teams practice two times per week and play their games on Sundays at Philipstown Park; the U12 and older teams play at Haldane's Brigati Field. St. Basil's field is also used. As the membership in the club grows, available field space is a challenge.

PSC's commitment to teaching the love of the game in a non-competitive, fun and safe manner. PSC president Craig Roffman emphasized the importance of the teamwork in soccer. “An individual cannot progress without other teammates.” Teams are coached by volunteer parents who have played at the high school or college level. The club hires professional trainers who, at minimum, college play experience to work weekly with each team. Roffman has seen the improved quality of play in the Haldane JV and varsity teams as a result of the extensive opportunities offered during three seasons of play in addition to clinics, tournaments and summer camps. Girls from the original Knights team contributed to the Haldane girls' team that placed second in the Class C New York State Finals last November, including goalkeeper Cafi Schwerklauf, who currently plays for Boston University.

Roffman is enthusiastic about the club's growth as well as the future of soccer in Philipstown. Three new girls' teams were fielded last spring. PSC welcomes new interest and encourages parents who want to form teams to contact the club. Another opportunity that exists in club soccer for athletes who do not have a team in their age range is the option to "play up" a year or two.

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Haldane Homecoming Under the Lights!

For the first time ever the Haldane Football Homecoming game will be played Friday, Sept. 26, kickoff at 7:15 p.m., under rented lights at the Lawrence Brigati Field. The funds to rent the lights were contributed by local businesses. The parade on Main Street will commence at 6 p.m. and the Senior Recognition Ceremony will precede kickoff.