Antidote Saves Two Heroin Users on Same Day

Garrison responders disheartened by influx of overdoses

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Garrison Volunteer Ambulance Corps responded to two heroin overdoses on Oct. 22 in what Capt. Derek Tudor called a sign of an escalating epidemic.

Tudor said Garrison EMTs answered the first call Saturday morning and the second that night. In both cases, the victim was a young adult male who had been found unresponsive by family. (Continued on Page 7)

Seeking Justice
Two candidates hope to fill Philipstown judge seat

Philipstown justices typically run unopposed. However, when Judge Alan Steiner resigned earlier this year amid allegations of misconduct, three candidates for his job emerged: Democrats Camille Linson and Lake Hilpert and Republican Faye Thorpe. Linson defeated Hilpert in a primary Sept. 13 and now faces Thorpe in the general election Nov. 8.

The Current's Michael Turton interviewed each candidate separately; their responses have been abbreviated.

Both were cautious with their answers. Although judges run on party lines, the New York State Bar Association cautions candidates not to engage in political commentary. (One of the three charges against Steiner was that he posted his thoughts about national politics on Facebook.)

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Spectra Gas Pipeline Days From Operation

Opponents warn of catastrophic safety risk

By Jeff Simms

A pipeline that runs a quarter-mile from the Indian Point nuclear power plant near Peekskill is scheduled to begin pumping tons of natural gas Nov. 1, despite protests by residents and activists in several states who say it creates a major safety hazard.

Known as the Algonquin Incremental Market (AIM) pipeline expansion, the 42-inch-wide pipeline is being constructed by Spectra Energy, based in Houston. In New York, it runs through Rockland, Westchester and Putnam counties and under the Hudson River on its way to New England. Spectra says the pipeline will allow “abundant regional natural gas supplies from the Appalachian basin to flow reliably into the [Northeast], helping to meet the increasing demand while lowering energy costs.”

In the Hudson Valley, opponents of the project have focused on the pipeline's route near Indian Point.

“These pipelines do blow up, and they blow up in spectacular ways,” said Cliff Weathers, a spokesman for Riverkeeper, which has led opposition to the project. “There’s no way you can prevent these [chain] explosions.”

Riverkeeper and a coalition of other groups have filed a federal lawsuit challenging the project's approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). That (Continued on Page 8)
Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

All-Purpose Pasta

By Mary Ann Ebner

Although average strands of spaghetti dressed with a homemade sauce typically fill the dinner plates at our house, there's no argument that to appreciate the beauty of true noo-plates at our house, there's no argument then I attempt to roll my own dough. Turned out at Felidia, but every now and ever measure up to the delicate egg pastas that the pasta from my own kitchen will create with dough. It's completely unlikely, lidia, it's hard to beat what culinary pros rolled pasta at Manhattan restaurant Fe-

The texture and width of a noodle determine what type of sauce pairs best with it. For thoroughly indulgent egg pasta, use only egg yolks. Gather a couple of ingredients and a rolling pin and turn out fresh sheets of dough. My daily din-

Purchasing high-end dried pasta that's perfect in flavor and texture is another option. A couple of weeks ago, my family dropped in at the newest location of Eataly, the gastronomic store, at 4 World Trade Center. Lidia Bastianich, who created Felidia, has a hand in Eataly, along with her son, Joe Bastianich, and chef Mario Batali. Besides its selection of fine pasta, Eataly includes a restaur-

Sautéed Squash

1 large acorn squash, peeled and cubed
2 carrots, diced
½ sweet onion, diced
1 stalk celery, thinly sliced
2 cups hominy, rinsed

Mix olive oil with spices over medium heat. Add onions, celery, carrots and squash. Cook until tender. Add hominy. Mix thoroughly and season with salt and pepper. Serve over pasta.

Pasta Dough

Serves 4 to 6

2½ cups all-purpose flour
4 eggs
2 tablespoons olive oil

Place flour in mixing bowl (if especially coordinated, pour the flour directly onto work surface) and create a well in the center. Crack eggs into the well and slowly beat eggs. Mix in olive oil and gradually work eggs into flour. If necessary, add a tablespoon of water to moisten. Knead dough until smooth. Finish kneading on flat surface. Form a ball of dough, cover and let dough rest 30 minutes. Slice the dough into sections, dust with flour and, using a pasta machine, pass through cutters. If hand-rolling, roll dough to thin consistency and cut into desired types. Bring a large pan of salted water to boil. Drop pasta into water little by little and cook uncovered until pasta rises and floats. Test a noodle to make sure it's tender and done before removing from the cooking pot. Toss with sauce, vegetables, or top with light butter and finish with freshly grated cheese.

Fresh egg pasta with acorn squash vegetable medley

Photos by M.A. Ebner

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Cold Spring Fire Company Gets a Surprise Gift

No fundraising appeal this year but expenses still loom

By Michael Turton

The Cold Spring Fire Company is giving village residents a year off from the all-volunteer fire department’s annual community fundraising drive, thanks to the generosity of a former local resident.

Steve Etta, financial secretary with CSFC, said the fire company has received a bequest as part of the estate of a woman who used to live in Cold Spring. The fire company declined to identify the individual or the amount of the bequest, but Etta said it was in the range of annual fundraising drive that typically raises $20,000 to $24,000.

The annual appeal is CSFC’s largest fundraising effort and goes to residents served by the fire company in Cold Spring, Nelsonville and a small portion of Phillipstown. The money raised is used to cover the gap between funds provided by the three municipalities and the cost of running the fire company. When possible, part of the funds are set aside to help with equipment purchases.

Etta said that for this year, at least, the gift will “take a little bit of the burden off taxpayers,” he said, adding that the unnamed estate also made contributions to other local organizations.

Etta, who has been a member of CSFC for 46 years, said the fire company’s annual appeal has been a fixture since the 1970s but took off in the 1980s. “We had a couple of big fires then and people saw how we do things,” he said. Etta said in its best year, the campaign raised $30,000.

Although the appeal won’t take place this year, it’s not because the CSFC couldn’t use the money, Etta said, citing the increasingly high cost of replacing aging equipment. “The tanker-pumper we bought in 2009 cost $400,000 equipped,” he said. “We’ll probably have to buy another truck in about 10 years,” CSFC replaces vehicles every 20 to 25 years, he said.

Then there is the firehouse itself. At a recent meeting of the village board, Mayor Dave Merandy referenced a 2012 engineering report that noted the building’s roof supports, including footings, exterior walls and pilasters, were all in poor shape, and that there were “many cracks and other indications of large settlement.”

The study said expanding the building would be difficult. “It is not capable or suitable for supporting a second floor and roof. The best options for adding significant additional floor space ... would be to add a secondary story supported by an internal steel frame and build/rebuild exterior walls, or demolish the existing building and rebuild as a two-story structure.”

In 2015 CSFC presented plans to build a 14,000-square-foot firehouse, estimated to cost $4.6 million with demolition of the existing structure and engineering adding roughly $800,000.

Two Sites in Running for Beacon Firehouse

Department pushes for Sargent or Elks Lodge plots

By Jeff Simms

Beacon officials have narrowed their search to two sites for a consolidated city fire station: a one-acre parcel on the campus of Sargent Elementary School or a smaller lot across Route 9D at the Beacon Elks Lodge.

Lt. Tim Dexter, who is also the city building inspector, said officials considered as many as 17 sites before concluding that Sargent and the Elks Club ranked highest on a number of criteria. He said the most important — given the lack of land open to be developed in Beacon — was a central location that would allow the department to continue meeting its three-minute response time, the best in Dutchess County.

Sargent and the Elks Club both have their downsides. Because the Elks Club site is smaller, the department would have to build a two-story building, which would be more expensive. The Sargent location would require bringing in sewer and other utilities and taking down a number of trees.

However, because the Sargent property is owned by the school district and not on the tax rolls, its use would not result in a loss of tax revenue.

Dexter and Fire Chief Gary Van Voorhis spoke to the Beacon school board Oct. 24, asking for at least an “expression of interest” in selling part of the school property to the city. The lot they’re targeting is a wooded swath of land to the west of the access road to the school.

While city officials have long considered building a central fire station, Beacon has received a $250,000 grant from Dutchess County to offset the cost of designing a station. The funds will be available Jan. 1.

“In order for us to be really productive with that funding, we need to know where we’re going to build,” Dexter told the school board. The fire department has had discussions with the Elks Club about its site, as well.

Beacon has three firehouses: the Lewis Tompkins Hose station on South Avenue, the Beacon Engine station on East Main and the Mase Hook and Ladder station on Main Street. Two of the stations are more than 100 years old and all three would become expendable if the department consolidates.

In 2014, a consulting firm, TriData Division of Arlington, Virginia, recommended building a 21,200-square-foot station at the city-owned Cannon Practice Field at Verplanck and Matteawan for what was then estimated to be $7.25 million. Dexter said that site is off the table because of a deed restriction dating to the 1920s that stipulates the land only be used for children’s athletics.

If the school board agreed to part with the land, the sale would have to be approved by Beacon voters. Because of the expense of holding a one-item special election, the referendum would likely be added to the May ballot, when several school board seats will be contested.

President Anthony White said opinions are mixed among the nine school board members but they plan to invite Van Voorhis and Dexter to the Nov. 7 meeting for more discussion. One concern is the safety of the 377 students who attend Sargent, but Dexter said the fire department has considered that and would present a plan.

For coverage of the Putnam County budget, see highlandscurrent.com.
Beacon’s revival

In “Drafting a Beacon Blueprint” (Oct. 14), the grassroots group Beacon Deserves Better (BDB) was said to have opposed the Metro-North’s Transit-Oriented Development plan first announced in 2007, citing hasty planning, negative environmental impact and isolating Main Street businesses. But as a founding member of BDB and a former co-director, I can say the article overlooked what ultimately proved to be the most important issues: traffic and parking.

As conceived by Metro-North, the TOD project was the second phase of a longer-term station master plan. The first phase was the expansion of the station parking lot between 1998 and 2008 to 1,265 spots at a cost of about $20 million. The second phase would have included a parking garage for another 1,000 cars. This was expected to increase the number of car trips on Route 9D, already impacted due to the phase one expansion, by 2,000 per day based on the TOD’s plans for 600 residential units and 120,000 square feet of office and retail space.

In the end that convinced both the incoming and outgoing mayors, a number of City Council members and the Dutchess County planner that the TOD as proposed would be detrimental to the city of Beacon.

The idea expressed in your article by several City Council members that a mixed-use development with commercial office space and technology companies will allow for an influx of “reverse commuters” coming by train from New York City and Westchester makes no sense. If good jobs are available at the Beacon waterfront, why wouldn’t residents of Fishkill or Wappingers and Beacon take them? And of course drive to those jobs.

Beacon is an area of five square miles with a mountain at one end and a river at the other. The question becomes, how many cars do we want to store and operate in that limited space, and how do we realistically achieve that goal? It’s all very well to throw around planning and real estate terms like “transportation-oriented development,” “mixed-use” and “density,” or to talk about “walkability” and “bicycle networks,” but it amounts to nothing when millions are being spent to accommodate ever more cars.

Let’s hope Metro-North’s recent Request for Expression of Interest in developing the old Beacon Line, which runs from Beacon to Pawling, is sincere, and not just a gambit to open the latest waterfront development talks. If a rail car with regular service could be operated on this track (as opposed to simply a tourist train or rail trail) that could truly be a game-changer, and could conceivably allow development both in Beacon and other places on the line that has some chance of being truly walkable and bikeable.

Mark Roland, Beacon

I thoroughly enjoyed reading your profile of architect Aryeh Siegel (“The Beacon Look,” Sept. 16). There was, however, an historical inaccuracy. The reporter related that when Siegel and his family first considered moving to Beacon in 1999, “much of Beacon’s Main Street was boarded up and vacant.” This is not true.

The redevelopment of the east end of Main Street was led by Ron and Ronnie Beth Sauers shortly after Mayor Clara Lou Gould was elected in 1989. The City Council, led by Gould, invested heavily in new sidewalks, lighting and curbing for much of that portion of Main and antique shops and small restaurants such as The Little Pie Shop replaced abandoned buildings by 1999.

The Sauers then took their talents to the west end of Main and, once again, the council encouraged the redevelopment by passing an

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amendment to the zoning ordinance that gradually eliminated the first-floor residential occupancies which had discouraged commercial growth. The west end was thriving by the time Michael Goven decided to bring Dia to Beacon. In fact, I believe that Beacon's revitalization was one of the reasons he chose us over the original site in Massachusetts.

There is no doubt the opening of Dia:Beacon (and the arrival soon after of gifted artists and professionals like Siegel) was the catalyst for the incredible commercial growth we are enjoying now. It should simply be noted that the seeds were planted for Beacon's growth well before 1999.

Peter Forman, Beacon
Forman was the Beacon city attorney from 1990 to 1999.

All aboard
I would love for the Beacon Line tracks to be used by someone! (“Beacon's Dormant Railroad May See New Life,” Oct. 2). We could connect Fishkill and Beacon for cycling and walking, or Beacon to Hopewell to connect with the Duchess Rail Trail. I agree with Beacon Mayor Randy Casale's walk could be more of a loop. Once the greenway project is complete we can all enjoy going for a run on a safe path from the new Hudson Valley Brewery area to Long Dock.

My wife and I were married at Kings Mountain, which because of its intact brick row and Howland Cultural Center is a great place for visitors to arrive. They would be able to walk their way back to the Hudson and the walk could be more of a loop. Once the greenway project is complete we can all enjoy going for a run on a safe path from the new Hudson Valley Brewery area to Long Dock.

Ken Kinlock, Nice, France

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Gipson vs. Serino
Do you like your local schools? Do you want to see them prosper? If you do, this should be the paramount issue regarding the race in the 41st State Senate District. The incumbent, Sue Serino, wants to divert funding away from local schools and replace them with charter schools, accountable to no one. How do we know this? Because her campaign is flooded with money from New York City real estate barons and highly paid charter school CEOs who want to turn our public schools into pay-to-learn profit centers, where children are faceless numbers on their ever-expanding ledger sheets.

Terry Gipson wants to strengthen our schools, maintain accountability and bolster your voice on how children are educated. If you value your child's education, you only have one choice in this year's election in the 41st Senate District. New York City magnates and their puppet Sue Serino don't care about our children. Terry Gipson does.

Lawrence Fleischer, Garrison
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sion for practicing law as a public servant. Being a judge here will give me the opportunity to give back to our community.

linson: it sounds corny but i've been a big volunteer my whole life, including during my 20 years here in philipstown. i'm eager to play a positive role in the community. this is a great opportunity to use what i'm good at, my legal skills and experience, to contribute to the town in a broader way.

what in your background makes you a strong candidate?
thorpe: experience. i'm in court almost every single day. i know how the courts work and what doesn't work. i have great relationships and respect for a lot of different attorneys — criminal, legal aid and attorneys of the children. and real-life experience — i'm a little older than a lot of people who would be running for this position. dedication. i am dedicated in what i do right now and i would certainly be dedicated as a judge. and integrity. i am very conscious of what is ethical and what isn't. in my position i have to be conscious of that every day.

linson: my training is extremely rigorous. i studied law at harvard and oxford and worked for well-respected law firms in manhattan and internationally. i'm also open to a broad array of opinions. a town justice must be impartial; it's not a political position. i have reached out to people across the political spectrum and that's important. i am also a good communicator with a naturally even temperament and common sense. a judge must be able to communicate with counsel and parties calmly and courteously, even under provocation or when other parties are highly stressed or emotional.

should the philipstown, cold spring and nelsonville courts be merged or continue to operate independently?
thorpe: i don't have enough detailed information to have an absolute opinion on that. off the top of my head i don't think it would be a good idea.

linson: i leave that to the town and the villages. regardless, public servants should always seek enhanced efficiency.

should judges be politically independent rather than elected on party lines?
thorpe: i would personally like it better if you had to be independent. i try to explain it is really a nonpolitical position. i'd be all for running on a nonpartly line for such a nonpolitical position.

linson: the theory is that judges are political; independent even though they are elected. it's tough because even with appointments there's the possibility of political influence. the advantage of having an elected judge is that it is the choice of the people. i am confident that judicial candidates and justices understand that their role is apolitical.

what issue do you see as being of most concern to the philipstown community?
thorpe: the heroin epidemic. in such a small community it hits us so hard. we all know every single young adult we've lost. that's why i'm getting involved with philipstown communities that care. and i have a large network of providers and professionals in that area who deal with every day. the gun issue is also a big concern since the safe-storage ordinance that's before the town attorney now. all i can say is i'll abide by any law that comes before me.

linson: the drug problem is an enormous concern; the marked increase over the past years and tragic drug deaths among our town's young people. and there's been increased local attention to gun control and responsible gun ownership. but again i would stress it's not the justice's role to determine policy. it's our job to apply the law and to explain it to people in a manner that's understandable.

are current drug laws too lax or too strict?
thorpe: i don't think they're too lax. we need more education. when we look at a defendant before the court we need to make a determination: does this person need help? how can we help them? it's not always about locking everybody up. we have to look case by case.

linson: i can't comment on that. it's political. it speaks to policy. it's a tough one and such an important issue. i'd love to shine a light on that but feel i need to stay clear of any perception that i'm commenting on something politically.

is there an aspect of local courts and law enforcement that you think could be improved?
thorpe: i don't know — i'm not on the other side of the bench yet. i'm guessing they could probably use more space. every court could use more space. i can't see any issues offhand i have a problem with.

linson: again i am going to suggest that is probably a political question.

is the current legal aid system in putnam county adequate?
thorpe: i deal with legal aid every day. they have very fine, good attorneys. the system we have right now is working. one improvement would be more funding to hire more good attorneys.

linson: legal aid is a super valuable system. it's important that anyone who comes before the court has adequate representation. again it's not for me to say — i can't comment if putnam county has a good system or bad. even in the best of systems it's incumbent upon us to continually seek improvement.

many charges are routinely reduced in local courts. if someone is charged with doing 50 mph in a 30 mph zone, why should that be reduced?
thorpe: a lot of times it's for judicial economy. caseload is a major reason — otherwise you're going to have a lot more trials. but if it isn't your first time getting a speeding ticket you're not going to get pleaded down, believe me. the judge still has the right — even if the attorneys agree on a plea — to not go along with that.

linson: there are good arguments for and against plea-bargaining. it's imperfect but in a crowded legal system cases are resolved more quickly through a plea bargain than if they are argued. no case is a sure thing and plea-bargaining provides certainty of outcome for both sides. the appropriateness of plea-bargaining depends on the facts and circumstances and each case should be examined individually to determine if a plea bargain is reasonable.

what should voters keep in mind as they cast their ballot?
thorpe: i'm an experienced attorney. i have experience in the court system, which would allow me to hit the ground running. jan 1 when the term begins. and i'm a member of the community. people know me. they know what i stand for — that i'm reasonable and fair.

linson: i'm extremely well prepared to serve as an effective town justice. my background — my legal training and practice demonstrate that i possess the qualities needed for a good town justice — and i am dedicated to this community.
Notes from the Philipstown Town Board

Oct. 6, Oct. 12 and Oct. 19 meetings

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

• The board scheduled a public hearing on the 2017 budget for 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9. At workshops on Oct. 12 and Oct. 19, it discussed spending for emergency services and the highway and recreation departments.
• The board decided to begin adopting traffic regulations as resolutions instead of laws, a lengthier process that requires public hearings. Supervisor Richard Shea said the change was prompted by frustrations with the simple task of installing no-parking signs on Indian Brook Road after “a sudden surge in popularity of Indian Brook Road and Indian Brook Falls, with people parking wherever they wanted in vast numbers, blocking the road, and us not really having a legal maneuver to tow them away and ticket them.”
• Joining other voices up and down the river, the board expressed its “firm and unequivocal opposition” to an industry proposal to allow oil tankers to anchor along the Hudson River, including between Beacon and Newburgh. The U.S. Coast Guard is soliciting public comment; the board asked that it hold public meetings. “Certainly it’s not going to help tourism here,” Shea said. “No one wants to see 10 barges parked off the dock.”
• The board hired the consulting firm AKRF for a $757,137 project involving an environmental impact statement and engineering and bid documents for the riverfront segment of the planned Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, a path that will parallel the river and link Cold Spring and Beacon. The funding comes from a $400,000 state grant and up to $400,000 in private matching money through the Hudson Highlands Land Trust.
• The board accepted a $15,500 bid from Land Works Excavating for drainage work on East Mountain Road South. In a letter, the town’s consulting engineer, Ron Gainer, noted the project “represents the final Hurricane Irene-related work to be performed by the town” and that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded Philipstown about $16,000 to cover the costs.
• The board authorized Highway Superintendent Carl Frisenda to spend $50,237 on a S650 T4 Bobcat Skid-Steer Loader, a compact piece of road machinery used for lifting and moving earth.
• The board appointed Max Garfinkle, a member of the Conservation Board, as natural resources review officer. He fills the vacancy created by the death in August of longtime wetlands inspector David Klotsle. In addition to his 33-year career as a natural resources manager, Klotsle spent more than four decades as an outdoor educator. He began his work in the early 1970s when he was employed as a barn cleaner at the Teatown Lake Reservation in Ossining and was asked one day to lead a group of children on a hike.

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members or friends in a home, Tudor said.
In the first case, someone in the home administered Narcan, an opiate antidote, before the arrival of first responders. In the second case, the ambulance crew administered the drug, which is known generically as naxolone.
Tudor said it is satisfying to save lives but disappointing that overdoses are happening so often. Not so long ago, he said, “it seemed we would get maybe one or two overdoses a year. In this past month, we’ve had three.” He was not sure of the total so far this year, but it’s not a local phenomenon. More than 3,000 people have been saved by Narcan across the state since 2006, according to New York health officials, but more than 1,500 of those rescues were last year.
Most heroin overdoses involve young men between the ages of 18 and 30, such as the two revived Oct. 22 in Philipstown, but Garrison EMTs have also saved people of retirement age. Like many first responders across the country, Tudor wondered aloud if addicts feel a false sense of security knowing that Narcan is readily available; proponents of wider distribution point to studies that indicate the drug reduces overdoses and overall drug use. Whatever influences may be at play, “we’ve been busy,” Tudor said. “It’s a real shame. I don’t know what the answer is going to be.”
New York this year joined 34 other states and D.C. in allowing pharmacies to distribute naxolone without a prescription. Training in administering the drug, which also counts painkiller overdoses, is available at St. Christopher’s Inn at Graymoor in Garrison. The next scheduled session is Nov. 6. For details, email Rob Casasanta at rcasasanta@atonementfriars.org. Participants must register; no walk-ins are allowed.

Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors to host a moderated discussion on the future of the organization.

On Wednesday, November 2, 2016 The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host its next Chamber Mixer at Glynwood beginning at 6:00 pm. Admission is $10 and a light buffet will be served.

After a brief presentation, the focus of this event will be a discussion among the directors, chamber members, and guests as to the continued viability of the organization and its future direction.

As with many membership organizations, the Chamber has struggled to enlist the active participation of many members over the last several years. Although events and meetings are well attended, the work to maintain the organization, the scheduling, membership development, and event planning have fallen almost exclusively to shrinking base of board members and volunteers. This path is not sustainable in the long term and doesn’t bode well for the continued health of our business or civic community.

With annual elections scheduled for year-end and several board members indicating that they will step down, the Chamber Board has determined that input from stakeholders is critical if the Cold Spring Area Chamber is to move forward. Therefore, we urge Chamber members, invite non-member local businesses, and other community organizations to participate in this important conversation with us. The Chamber actively promotes the Cold Spring and the Philipstown area as both a tourist destination and a thriving community in which to live and work. Now is the time for more of us to do the same, please join us and participate in this important community discussion.
Chuck Schumer. Fifteen people were arrested for trespassing.

They chained themselves together inside the pipeline on Oct. 10.

Four Hudson Valley protestors chained themselves together inside the pipeline on Oct. 10. Photo courtesy of Resist Spectra


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But during construction, engineers at the nuclear plant made a number of suggestions to maximize safety, he said.

For example, he said, Spectra’s initial route ran too close to the plant, but after being redirected, its closest point to the pipeline is a quarter-mile away. “A failure of that pipeline cannot affect nuclear safety at Indian Point,” Nappi said.

In addition, Indian Point requested a number of enhancements, he said, such as the placement of concrete slabs over the pipeline and the use of enhanced metal and steel in its construction. The line is also buried deeper under the river in the area closest to Indian Point.

Opponents argue the pipe was not sufficiently inspected before being placed under the Hudson. In January 2015, FERC issued an Environmental Impact Statement which concluded that while construction and operation of the pipeline had “some adverse environmental impacts,” most had been reduced to “less-than-significant levels.”

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A Lasting Search for Fleeting Moments

Photographer stakes out scenes that are gone in a flash

By Alison Rooney

Fed up with the jargon of typical artists’ statements, Ross Corsair, whose photos are part of a Gallery 66 NY exhibit that opens Friday, Nov. 4, prefers to let writer Paul Bowles answer the question, “What does photography mean to you?”

“How many more times will you remember a certain afternoon of your childhood, some afternoon that’s so deeply a part of your being that you can’t even conceive of your life without it?” Bowles asked. “Perhaps four or five times more. Perhaps not even that. How many more times will you watch the full moon rise? Perhaps 20. And yet it all seems limitless.”

Corsair, who lives in Cold Spring, will join Lisa Cullen and Lonna Kelly in Getting This Show on the Road, an exhibit loosely gathered around the idea of sidetracking and maybe not always reaching the original destination. The photographer says he is intrigued by the idea of preserving fleeting moments. “My photos invite someone to ask what’s going on in them,” he says. “Nothing is ever staged. It’s always caught.”

Corsair, who works as a television and documentary camera operator and cinematographer, says he spends 90 percent of his waking hours with a still camera at the ready. Usually he happens upon a moment that becomes a photograph, but sometimes he discovers an intriguing spot and returns with the hope that something visually fortuitous will occur.

That is what transpired in his “red umbrella” photo. Attracted to the background, he came back four times. Perched in the rain, “on scaffolding that isn’t there anymore,” he waited. “I didn’t know there’d be a red umbrella. I took 100 photos. The other 99 were miserable or just not interesting.”

Corsair calls photography his way of “connecting with the world. Some friends of mine do yoga, some do chanting; this is my way.” He also works on many collaborative projects “where I’m not the only one, but taking the photo is ‘just me,’” he explains.

Corsair grew up mostly overseas; the child of a diplomat, he moved 23 times before the age of 17. “We’d go by plane, but all the toys would go by ship,” he recalls. “By the time they got there we were on to somewhere else.” Seeking community as a college student, first at Sarah Lawrence and then Columbia, he gravitated to the theater department and its “artists and misfits. I found a lot of places in the world to be violent and chaotic. But the theater was a safe place, even if the content was violent.”

Theater led Corsair to films when a fellow Sarah Lawrence student asked him to help shoot a film. The film got enough attention to land its director a deal for a low-budget feature, which Corsair filmed. More work followed, although “sometimes you’d be working eight months in a row without a day off, other times there’d be eight months with nothing,” he says. Corsair moved to Arizona, which had become a favorite site for filmmakers because of tax incentives the state offered. That opportunity dried up after a change in the tax law, and he returned to New York City. A few years later, he relocated to the Hudson Highlands, having visited friends here and appreciating the close-knit community.

“Here I’m part of a lot of different groups — the art crowd, the theater crowd, the political crowd,” he says. “It’s a small town but not a small town in mindset.”

During and since that time, Corsair has worked on independent features, shorts and documentaries, most recently as a camera operator for Mind of a Chef on PBS and the documentary Best Worst Thing That Ever Could Have Happened, which screened at the 2016 New York Film Festival. He also shoots the occasional photo for The Current and earlier this year won a New York Press Association award for an artistic shot of a kayaker in the Hudson.

Getting This Show on the Road also features Cullen’s abstract paintings and collages, many of which incorporate paths or roads, seemingly twisted and convoluted yet with underlying structure. Kelly uses the road image symbolically in photos reflecting the long and twisted path taken to realize the possible ascent of the first female U.S. president.

The exhibit will run at Gallery 66 NY, which is located at 66 Main St. in Cold Spring, through Nov. 27, with an opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Nov. 4. The gallery is open from noon to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. To see more of Corsair’s work, visit rosscorsair.com.
**FRIDAY, OCT. 28**

**International Film Night: Dirty Pretty Things**
(England)
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
414 Main St., Beacon
845-831-0514 | beaconhistorical.org

**Disaster Preparedness Training**
7 p.m. United Methodist Church
216 Main St., Cold Spring
845-938-4159 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
7:30 p.m. Depot Theatre, Garrison
10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-265-3012 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

**SATURDAY, OCT. 29**

Beacon Repair Café
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-831-2502 | miidhudsonciviccenter.org

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
2 p.m. Depot Theatre, Garrison
2 p.m. Hyatt House
100 Westgate Business Center Dr., Fishkill
fishkillsupplydepot.org

**Benefit Performance by Ben Nelligan**
3 p.m. Putnam Historical Society Museum
845-265-4010 | putnamhistori smuseum.org

**SUNDAY, OCT. 30**

**Chocolate Expo**
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center
14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie
845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org

**Revolutionary Heroes of Fishkill and the Hudson River Valley (Talk)**
2 p.m. Hyatt House
100 Westgate Business Center Dr., Fishkill
fishkillsupplydepot.org

**Benefit Performance by Ben Nelligan**
9 a.m. Martini House
584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | visitmarinathop.org

**Building the Future: Black Lives Matter Suite**
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details above.

**Short Plays by Bertolt Brecht**
8 p.m. Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52, Lake Carmel
845-228-2685 | artsontelake.org

Billy Gardell (Comedy)
8 p.m. Eisenhower Hall Theatre
655 Ruger Road, West Point
845-938-4159 | kehall.com

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
4 p.m. Depot Theatre, Garrison
See details under Friday.

**MONDAY, OCT. 31**

**All Saints’ Day**
Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Begins
Through Nov. 13 | valleytable.com/hvwr

**The Big Read: Into the Beautiful North (Discussion)**
2:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

**Putnam County Legislature**
7 p.m. Historic Courthouse
4 Greene Ave., Carmel
845-228-2685 | putnamcounty.gov

**Haldane School Board**
7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

**Whole Food-Based Living Workshop (First Session)**
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-208-7800 | putnamcountyny.com

**Dramatic Land Transformations in the Hudson Valley (Talk)**
7:30 p.m. Cornwall Presbyterian Fellowship Hall
222 Hudson St., Cornwall
845-534-5506 | hhnm.org

**TUESDAY, NOV. 1**

**Boo at the Zoo**
10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.org

**Pumpkin Decorating**
Noon – 4 p.m. Fishkill Farms
7 Fishkill Road, Hopewell Junction
845-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

**I Spy Halloween Trail**
Noon – 4 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
See details under Saturday.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2**

**SAT Help: College Essay Workshop**
5 p.m. Butterfield Library
See details under Tuesday. | Registration required.

**Cold Spring Area Chamber Mixer**
6 p.m. Glynwood Farm, Cold Spring
exploreoldspringny.com

**THURSDAY, NOV. 3**

**Mexico Travel Talk**
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

**Community Blood Drive**
2 – 8 p.m. Our Lady of Loreto (Parish Hall)
24 Fair St., Cold Spring | 845-424-3456

**Battling Invasive Species (Talk)**
6:30 p.m. Bureau of Emergency Services
112 Old Route 6, Carmel
845-878-7918 | putnamcounty.ny.gov

**Most Likely to Succeed (Documentary)**
7 p.m. Haldane School | Details under Tuesday.

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

**FRIDAY, NOV. 4**

**Let’s Get This Show on the Road (Opening)**
6 – 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

**Laet Morgan (Opening)**
Buster Levy Gallery
6 – 8 p.m. 121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

**Army vs. Air Force (Hockey)**
7:05 p.m. Tate Rink, West Point
845-938-2566 | gonysports.com

**The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**
7:30 p.m. Depot Theatre | Details under Oct. 28.

**Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes**
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1009 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

**MONDAY, OCT. 31**

**Children’s Halloween Craft**
12:30 – 3 p.m. Fishkill Recreation Center
793 Route 52, Fishkill
845-831-3371 | fishkillrecreation.org

**Pumpkin Decorating**
Noon – 4 p.m. Fishkill Farms
See details under Saturday.

**Ghosts and Ghost Hunting (Talk)**
2 p.m. Howland Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

**Pumpkin Glow**
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

**Halloween Dance**
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Welcome to Spookytown
Residents organize trick-or-treating at retirement complex

A group of Cold Spring residents whose children have grown up trick-or-treating in the Village but never ventured to the retirement community at Chestnut Ridge have organized the first Spookytown for Monday, Oct. 31.

Dar Williams says she heard from a parent about a child who had gone trick-or-treating at Chestnut Ridge, located across Route 9D from the Butterfield development project, and discovered that everyone who answered the door was overjoyed and said no one ever came there. Williams also knew preschoolers can be overwhelmed by Parrott Street, where most trick-or-treating in Cold Spring takes place. Chestnut Ridge is a nicely contained option for younger children.

Williams, Kathleen Foley, Julisa Tomizawa, Nancy Montgomery, Ivy Meeropol and Patricia Byron spread the word, and Chestnut Ridge residents Barbara Perkins and Rhoda Needleman alerted their neighbors. The Girl Scouts, Manitou School and Jean Cendali’s art classes at Haldane contributed crafts to decorate the buildings. The Putnam History Museum had a party planned and agreed to add pizza for the seniors and children, with Angelina’s providing pies at a deep discount.

“This is the greatest thing that has ever happened at Chestnut Ridge!” exclaimed Needleman. “Eventually it will be like Parrott Street for the seniors. Everyone I speak to is so excited about it, and many went right out and bought pumpkins and are talking about wearing costumes.”

One concern was that many people who live at Chestnut Ridge are on fixed incomes and cannot afford candy to hand out. However, the Manitou School and Molly Strauss collected more than 1,000 pieces to distribute.

“Cold Spring is in many ways a wonderful place to grow old but we could do so much better in creating real community with our elders,” said Ivy Meeropol. “Spookytown is exactly what we need to be doing more of.”

Early Halloween

You never know what to expect on Halloween in the Highlands — maybe even snow — but you can always count on an abundance of cute children in costumes. We sent our photographers to capture some of the early festivities in Beacon and preparations in Cold Spring.

Anita Peltonen went to the Dark Parade in Beacon on Oct. 22 and reported that temperatures discouraged all but the heartiest residents, who at one point were outnumbered by Beacon police officers. But all ended well in the heated confines of the Beacon Elks Lodge. Russ Cusick had the easiest assignment — covering the adorable who populated the annual Hocus Pocus kids’ parade in Beacon the next afternoon. (The Cold Spring parade down Main Street begins at 5 p.m. on Oct. 29.) And finally, Peltonen visited Parrott Street in Cold Spring to see how preparations were coming along at the traditional center of Philipstown trick or treating, although residents at the Chestnut Ridge retirement complex have invited preschoolers to make the rounds there on Oct. 31 starting at 4:30 p.m. (See article above.) View more Halloween photos at highlandscurrent.com.
Shakespeare Festival Announces 2017 Shows

Includes two new plays and revival of The General from America

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will present Twelfth Night and Love's Labour Lost during its 31st season next summer, as well as a revival of Richard Nelson's 1996 play about Benedict Arnold, The General from America, and two new plays, Lauren Gunderson's The Book of Will and Kate Hamill's Pride and Prejudice.

"At the heart of each of these plays is a story about love — of comrades and friends, of family, of country, of romantic enchantments and unspeakable longing," said HVSF Artistic Director Davis McCallum.

McCallum will direct The Book of Will, which tells the "mostly true story of how Shakespeare's comrades rescued and preserved his work by publishing the First Folio in 1623." McCallum will direct the play at the Denver Center for Performing Arts in January before bringing it to Garrison.

The second new play is the premiere of an adaptation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice by Kate Hamill. Hamill's Sense and Sensibility received one of its earliest readings in 2015 as part of the Festival's HVSF2 series. (The Book of Will and The General from America also were read at HVSF2, which will continue in 2017.)

Shakespeare's comedy Twelfth Night will play all summer, directed by Moritz von Stuelpnagel, a recent Tony nominee for his direction of Hand to God on Broadway. He directed All is Calm for HVSF in 2014 and is scheduled to direct a Broadway revival of Present Laughter starring Kevin Kline in the spring.

HVSF will also launch HVStories — a series focusing on the history, people and culture of the Hudson Valley — with Richard Nelson's The General from America. Directed by Penny Metropulos, it is a retelling of Arnold's defection and flight from West Point during the Revolutionary War. HVSF will partner with the Putnam History Museum and other local organizations to offer related programming.

Metropulos is the former associate artistic director of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, while Nelson, who lives in Rhinebeck, wrote the screenplay for Hyde Park on Hudson, the 2012 film starring Bill Murray and Laura Linney. His trio of plays, The Gabriels: Election Year in the Life of One Family, is running at The Public Theater in New York.

Also new for HVSF's 2017 season is a partnership with New York's The Acting Company, whose artistic director, Ian Belknap, will direct Love's Labour Lost featuring HVSF's Conservatory Company, an intensive training program for early-career actors. Following its run at HVSF, Belknap will take the play on tour to New York City schools with The Acting Company.

Casting will be announced early next year and tickets will go on sale in March. The plays will run in repertory from June 8 through Sept. 4.
When Your Backyard Forest Goes to the Birds

By Jeff Simms

A workshop on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary in Garrison aims to help Putnam County landowners — particularly those with forested properties — create habitat for rare bird species through “timber harvesting,” which mimics natural forest growth and regrowth.

“Some of this is counter to what we’ve traditionally thought” about forest management, said Eric Lind, director of the 270-acre Constitution Marsh. But these and other methods can make a forest into a “working landscape” that’s friendlier to wildlife.

“This workshop will provide the information and resources available to forest landowners who are interested in learning about what is on their property and how they can plan and manage their woodlot to meet various goals, such as improving habitat for wildlife, improving recreational opportunities, sustainable timber management, and more,” said Suzanne Treyger, an Audubon New York forest program manager. “We want to emphasize the importance and value of working with a forester to plan for the health and longevity of your woodlot, and that it’s not necessarily about cutting trees to make money, but planning and managing for the long-term.”

Lind and Bill Schuster, executive director of the Black Rock Forest Consortium, will be among the presenters at the Forest Habitat Management workshop, which begins at 9:30 a.m. Also presenting will be Chris Prentiss of Lower Hudson Forestry Services, Jennifer Stengle, a resource educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County and Nicole Wooten of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust.

The periodic harvesting of timber creates more diverse forestland “patches” as trees grow back, “and we’re finding out that that period of time is quite important,” for birds like the Cerulean Warbler and Wood Thrush, Lind said. When the chicks of these forest-breeding birds fledge, they seek out these patches of “young forest” where it’s easier to find food.

But a patch of young forest — also a breeding ground for other at-risk birds — only stays young for about 15 years, Lind said, and so must be replenished. “If there’s not an adequate replacement, then birds are left out,” he said.

Cold Spring and Garrison landowners with forests on their property, as well as state parks officials, are encouraged to attend. A $35 registration fee includes lunch and refreshments. For more information, call 845-265-2601 or email CMACS@audubon.org.
The Warner Sisters as Feminist Icons

Museum opens exhibit on writer residents of Constitution Island

By Alison Rooney

When public tours of Constitution Island ended in 2009, the story of the family who lived there risked fading from local memory. That is being remedied by the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring with its new exhibit, The World of Anna & Susan Warner which continues through the summer of 2017. It provides an overview of the lives of the sisters, best known for their novels, children’s literature, poetry and hymns, including Anna’s “Jesus Loves Me.”

On Saturday, Oct. 29, Ronnie Clark Coffey, the author of a book about Constitution Island, will talk at 5 p.m. at the museum about the Warner sisters and life on the island.

Henry Warner, a New York lawyer, purchased Constitution Island in 1836 to build a summer home. Less than two years later, after he lost a great deal of his fortune to real-estate speculation, Warner was forced to move his family, including his daughters (then 12 and 17), to the island year-round.

As the exhibition shows through documents such as auction inventories and foreclosure notices, the Warners became increasingly impoverished. That was the trigger for Susan Warner to become a novelist. Her first book, The Wide, Wide World was released in 1850 under a pseudonym. It was a huge success, with 13 editions published over two years, multiple translations, and more than a million copies sold.

Anna Warner followed, also writing under a pseudonym, and both sisters became prolific, publishing nearly 70 novels between them. Their talents extended to sketching, with many of their drawings on display at the museum. Their Christian devotion carried them through the hardships and they spent many hours leading Bible studies at their home for West Point cadets.

To prepare the exhibit, the Putnam History Museum’s collections associate, John Duncan, spent several days at the Constitution Island archives, now housed at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. Duncan says what most intrigued him was the rediscovery of the lives and works of the Warners by scholars during the 1980s, a great deal of whom assessed the sisters through a feminist framework.

“I wanted to convey not only what they produced, but what they mean today,” says Duncan. The Warners had long been dismissed by critics as “reliant on feminine sentimentality and religious allegory,” he said, but have since been reconsidered in the context of their times. When The Wide, Wide World was reprinted in 1987 by Feminist Press, the book was presented as a celebration of the sisters as “examples of the constraints placed upon 19th-century women and the Warners’ ability to break those constraints, finding a way to shape their own lives.”

Besides the exhibit, the museum has a display of works from the permanent collection that includes paintings by Emil Holzhauer from the 1930s and 1940s of Cold Spring streetscapes. There is also a wall highlighting new acquisitions that will change monthly.

The Putnam History Museum, at 63 Chestnut St., is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $2 for seniors and students and free for children. The Oct. 29 talk is $5 (free for members); call 845-265-4010 for a reservation.
Schools Test Water for Lead

Initial results show drinking water safe, but Garrison shuts off fountains as precaution

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Responding to a new state law signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Sept. 6 requiring every public school district to test its water for lead, the Haldane and Garrison school districts reported their drinking supplies well below a state threshold, although as of Oct. 26 Garrison still awaited results on four of five drinking fountains.

The Beacon City School District did not respond to an email and phone message requesting information on its testing, which the state Department of Health said in an emergency regulation that all public districts must complete by Sept. 30 for elementary schools and by Oct. 31 for middle and high schools.

Administrators at Garrison, which serves grades kindergarten to 8, and Haldane, which has all grades, said that in anticipation of the mandate they tested all water fountains earlier this year and found no cause for concern.

“New York State would rather be safe than sorry,” Diana Bowers, superintendent of the Haldane Central School District, said of the mandate. The school immediately cut off water to those four of five drinking fountains as precaution. In the meantime, the school is providing bottled water.

The September tests found no problems with any drinking water, Bowers said in an interview. She elaborated in the letter, reporting that of 99 samples taken, 11 tested above the lead limits but all were from non-drinkable supplies in the greenhouse, science classrooms and an ice machine where pipe, not the machine itself, was the source.

Garrison’s response

Laura Mitchell, superintendent of the Garrison Union Free School District, wrote in an Oct. 21 letter to parents that, in anticipation of the law, the district tested its drinking fountains in the spring, and that all samples were well below 15 ppb.

On Sept. 27 Garrison began sampling all 59 outlets for drinkable water. Within three weeks it received results for 46, and 15 samples contained lead exceeding the 15ppb maximum, although none came from drinking fountains. She said the school immediately cut off water to those 15 sources.

The remaining 13 samples include water from four of the school’s five drinking fountains, and the water was shut off as a precautionary measure. In the meantime, the school is providing bottled water.

Mitchell said Oct. 25 that she hoped to receive the results by the end of the week.

Garrison did not apply to private schools.

Haldane’s response

In an Oct. 26 interview and a letter sent to Haldane parents the same day, Bowers said the district conducted tests in the elementary and middle schools and Mabel Merritt Building in late September and in the high school the week of Oct. 17. Like Garrison, the district also tested its drinking water earlier this year.

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Five sinks in the science classrooms showed troublesome levels after a test in which water stands in the basins for at least eight hours, but administrators aren’t sure if the lead came from the sinks or the pipes.

The high school’s results will probably not arrive until early or mid-November, Bowers said, but the district does not anticipate they will show contamination because the 11-year-old building and its water pipes are relatively new.

Lead poisoning is a concern at schools because water sits in pipes overnight, over weekends and during vacations, giving it more contact with lead pipes and solder than during consistent household use.
Haldane and Garrison Students Become River Scientists
Guided by land trust educators during daylong study

Students and teachers from Haldane and Garrison schools took part on Oct. 20 in the 14th annual statewide testing of the Hudson River. Led by educators from the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, the program is designed to give students up and down the Hudson an opportunity to collect scientific information about aquatic life, water chemistry, tides and weather and to create snapshots at dozens of locations.

The results are shared online so students can understand how their piece of the river fits into the larger Hudson estuary ecosystem. Pete Salzmansohn worked with students from Haldane Middle School at Little Stony Point in Cold Spring, and Lisa Mchealey and Nicole Wooten were stationed at Garrison’s Landing with middle schoolers from the Garrison School.

Foundation Raises $5,000 to Renovate Haldane Library
Annual fall gala brings in total of $20,000 for Cold Spring school

The Haldane School Foundation’s annual Fall Ball, held this year at Pamela’s Bird and Bottle Inn in Garrison, raised more than $20,000 for projects at the school, including a transformation of the middle and high school library.

The Oct. 14 dinner and dance, with a Roaring ’20s theme, included the traditional silent auction but also featured an appeal by middle school principal Julia Sniffen that raised $5,000 to kick-start a renovation of the library, which she noted hadn’t changed much since the 1970s. (Donations to the library fund can be made at haldaneschoolfoundation.org/giving.)

More than 140 people attended the fundraiser, where many headpieces (and tables) were festooned with feathers, and fringe, spats and pearls were on frequent display. The highlight of the evening was Alex Bloomstein and Katie Bissinger of Beacon Ballet Arts Studio providing lessons in several period dances.

Philipstown Gives Blood
Drive scheduled for Nov. 3 at Loretto

A community blood drive will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the parish hall at Our Lady of Loretto, at 24 Fair St., Cold Spring. Donors are asked to bring identification and to eat well and be hydrated in advance.

Call 800-688-0900 for questions about eligibility. Walk-ins are welcome, or call 845-424-3456 to schedule an appointment.

Poet to Read New Works at Cold Spring Library
Meredith Trede has new collection

Poet Meredith Trede will read from her latest collection, Tenement Threnody, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. Her poems tell stories of Irish immigrant life in the tenements of New York City. A reception will follow.

Trede, who lives in Westchester County, published her first poetry collection in 2011; entitled Field Theory, it captures small-town voices. The event is a collaboration with the Poets Network and Exchange.

Nature Museum to Honor Buck Family
Recognized for environmental work

At a benefit brunch and silent auction to be held Nov. 12, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall will honor Garrison resident Christopher Buck and his family’s nonprofit, the Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation. An award will recognize the Bucks as a “First Family for the Environment in the Hudson Valley.” Buck is an advisory board member for the museum. Because of the foundation’s focus on land conservation, he also serves on the boards of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Scenic Hudson. (In addition, he is a supporter and former board member of Highlands Current Inc.) Tickets for the fundraiser start at $125 and can be purchased at hhnaturemuseum.org.

Chapel Concert to Present World Premiere
Composer and soprano will cover three centuries of music

In an concert scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring, composer Mikko Taylor and soprano Shannon Calandrillo will cover three centuries of music. The performance will feature works by Bach, Domenico Scarlatti, Gabriel Fauré, Heitor Villa-Lobos, Dmitri Shostakovich and the world premiere of a composition by Taylor.

Taylor is a former Cold Spring shopkeeper who last appeared at the Chapel in 2014 performing his stage piece, Visiting with Shostakovich. Calandrillo last performed here in 2013. A $15 donation is requested at the door ($10 for students and seniors).

School Forest Committee to Hold Fundraiser
David Gelber will discuss documentary series

The Environmental Education Committee of the Garrison School will hold its annual fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12, at a supporter’s home in Garrison. It will feature a talk by David Gelber, co-creator of the Years of Living Dangerously, an Emmy-award series telling the global story of climate change. He is also a trustee on the Garrison School Board.

Tickets are $45 in advance or $50 at the door. Family tickets are $75 ($80). For more information, email Tricia Mulligan at terriforirish@gmail.com. Checks made payable to GUFS EE Fund may be mailed to C. Foertisch, 14 Cutler Lane, Garrison, NY 10524.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS
Garrison Library Benefit Previews Election
Panel will take place two days before vote

The Desmond-Fish Library will host its annual Fall Luncheon at noon on Nov. 6 with two speakers on the “Road to the White House.”

Thomas Kean is a former New Jersey governor who chaired the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks under President George W. Bush, which produced its 9/11 Commission Report in 2004. Richard Brodsky is a former New York State Assemblyman from Westchester who was active in an effort to close Indian Point and is a frequent commentator and writer on the environment and politics.

The presentation, which will take place at The Garrison on Route 9, can be viewed via a live stream at the library’s website by anyone who cannot attend. Tickets start at $100 and are available by calling 845-424-3020 or at desmondfishlibrary.org.

Observe, Draw, Journal
No experience necessary

Storm King Art Center will offer an all-day workshop called “The Art of Observation: Creative Field Journaling” on Saturday, Nov. 5. It begins at 10:30 a.m. led by Hara Wolta, an environmental artist, scientist and activist, participants will learn about the intersection of art and ecology using the grounds of Storm King as their inspiration and field of study. Field journals have been useful for both scientists and artists to record their observations in nature and develop ideas.

Supplies and lunch are included. Register at stormking.org. Tickets are $250 ($225 for members).

Fifty Years of Captains
Clearwater gala set for Nov. 13

At the annual Clearwater Gala on Sunday, Nov. 13, you have a good chance of sitting at the captain’s table. Current and former Clearwater captains spanning five decades will be helming tables at the benefit and greeting guests. Since the first crew sailed the Hudson River in 1969, captains have not only served in traditional duties of leading a crew but also as environmental leaders.

Clearwater’s first crew in 1969, led by Capt. Allan Aunapu, was made up primarily of musicians who gave concerts at ports along the sloop’s maiden voyage from Damariscotta, Maine to New York City. Clearwater will honor Capt. Jean Wort, secretary of the National Maritime Historical Society, with the Spirit of the Hudson award for her commitment to the river and the Hudson Valley. Wort has served on the boards of the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum and the Constitution Island Association.

The gala will be held at The Garrison on Route 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets, which start at $250, can be purchased at clearwater.org. It will feature a live auction by Nicholas Lowry of PBS’s Antiques Roadshow.

Garrison Art Teacher’s Work on Exhibit

An exhibit of work by Coulter Young, who teaches art at the Garrison School, will be on display at the Desmond-Fish Library beginning Oct. 29, with a reception scheduled for 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5. The show continues through Nov. 12.

Young’s paintings depict landscapes in Tuscany, the Hudson Valley and Cape Cod. The Beacon resident’s paintings are also part of the Howland Cultural Center exhibit The Lattimore Studio Student and Alumni Art Show, which continues through Oct. 30.

Has Your Yard Been Invaded?
Free program offered for homeowners

On Thursday, Nov. 3, the Putnam County Soil and Water District and Cornell Cooperative Extension will share information about a dozen of the most common and aggressive non-native plants in our area and how to manage them. The program is designed for home gardeners and aims at reducing pesticide use as a control. Since the plants have different growth cycles, controlling and eradicating them requires different approaches. The 90-minute program begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the Putnam County Bureau of Emergency Services at 112 Old Route 6 in Carmel. Register by calling 845-878-7918 or email lauri.taylor@putnamcounty.gov.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS  (From previous page)

Wellness Seminar for Older Women
Two-hour workshop set for Nov. 5

On Saturday, Nov. 5, the In My Mother’s House Resource Center for Women will host a free two-hour workshop at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on aging and wellness for women in their 50s. Bodies change as they age and the seminar will help women understand and embrace these changes to be comfortable in their mind, body and spirit.

Bernice Moeller-Bloom, a nurse practitioner for nearly 30 years, will be the guest speaker at the workshop, which begins at 11 a.m. For more information or to register, call 845-219-5790 or email inmymotherhouse@gmail.com.

Finding Beauty in Decay
Documentary on photographer will screen Nov. 10

The documentary An Art That Nature Makes: The Work of Rosamond Purcell is a portrait of a still-life photographer best known for her shots of death and decay. The documentary, which The New York Times called “haunting … but too beautiful to be morbid,” will be screened by the Beacon Film Society at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Beahive, 291 Main St., followed by a Q&A with co-director Molly Bernstein. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased at beaconfilmsociety.org.

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SERVICE DIRECTORY

Sargent PTO organizes fundraiser

The Sargent Elementary School PTO has organized a fundraiser in partnership with Barnes and Noble’s Poughkeepsie location for Saturday, Nov. 5. A percentage of purchases made at the store and online at bn.com using the Sargent Bookfair voucher, available at the school office or online at the PTO’s Facebook page, will be used to create a Lightbulb Lab. The lab will be a place where students can research, design, and invent creations and solve problems using technology old and new. The Barnes and Noble store is hosting a Mini Maker Faire that coincides with the fundraiser in which children and teenagers ages 3 to 18 can participate in hands-on workshops. For more information, email sullivana@gmail.com.

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The Bulldogs after their win on Oct. 21

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Soccer in the Family

T he Beacon girls’ soccer team has two players, senior Gabby Lucas and junior Chloe Antalek, whose mothers were members of the 1989 Bulldogs team that won the league and Class B section titles. Nicole Petrie Lucas (2003) and Stacey McKeon Antalek (2012) have both been inducted into the Beacon High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The girls, seeded seventh in the opening round of the state Class A tournament, suffered a disappointing loss Oct. 22 to No. 10 Byram Hills, losing at Armonk on penalty kicks after a 1-1 tie in regulation. The Bulldogs finished 11-6 overall and 8-1 in league play.

Beacon Ends Football Season 4-4

I n a tight game, the Beacon varsity football team came from behind Oct. 21 to defeat host Lakeland, 14-12. Lakeland led 6-0 at the half and went ahead 12-0 in the third quarter before Alex Benson returned a kickoff and threw the two-point conversion to Manny Garner to make it 12-8.

As the fog began to roll in, the Bulldogs completed a fourth-quarter drive with a five-yard Benson run. The Hornets drove to the Beacon 15-yard line but Jaden Navarro intercepted a pass in the end zone to secure the win. Beacon ended its season at 4-4.

The Haldane varsity squad, meanwhile, lost Oct. 22 at Dobbs Ferry, 26-0. The Blue Devils next play Tuckahoe at 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at Mahopac High School in a qualifier for the Class D state tournament.

Both teams are 1-6; Tuckahoe’s only win was a 36-15 victory at Haldane on Sept. 10.

High School Scoreboard

Football
Beacon 14, Lakeland 12
Dobbs Ferry 26, Haldane 0

Boys’ Soccer
Nanuet 3, Beacon 2 (OT)

The Bulldogs, seeded eighth, were upset in the first round of the Section 1, Class A tournament by the No. 9 Golden Knights.

Haldane 2, Solomon Schechter 1

Haldane, seeded third in the Section 1, Class C playoffs, upset No. 2 Schechter on a goal by Seth Warren in the 77th minute. Devin Heanue also scored and Blaine Fitzgerald had 14 saves. Haldane next faces No. 1 North Salem in the Section 1 final at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at Lakeland High.

Schechter beat the Blue Devils earlier in the season, 5-0.

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Haldane vs. North Salem (Oct. 28)

No. 4 North Salem visits the No. 1 seeded Blue Devils in the Section 1, Class C tournament.

Girls’ Swimming

Section 1 championships

Team finish: 8 of 9 teams

Top finish: 100-yard breaststroke
8 of 32: Cassandra Ruffy 1:20.34

Volleyball

Haldane 3, Putnam Valley 0
Henry Hudson 3, Beacon 0
Millbrook 1, Beacon 0
John Jay 3, Haldane 0
Beacon, seeded No. 12 in the Section 1, Class A tournament, travels to No. 5 Yorktown at 4 p.m. Oct. 28.

Haldane, seeded fourth in the Class C tournament, hosts No. 5 Hamilton at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 31.

Philipstown Soccer Club (Week 6)

Boys’
Washingtonville 1, U16 Chargers 0
New Paltz 7, U14 Warriors 0
U13 Arsenal 2, East Fishkill 1
U11 Strikers 1, Shrub Oak 0
U9 Force 1, Latinos de Pok of Poughkeepsie 1
Yorktown 4, U8 Storm 0

Girls’
U13 Raptors 1, Shrub Oak 1

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In a U8 soccer matchup on Oct. 22, Joe Demarco of the Philipstown Storm turns the ball around against Yorktown.

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