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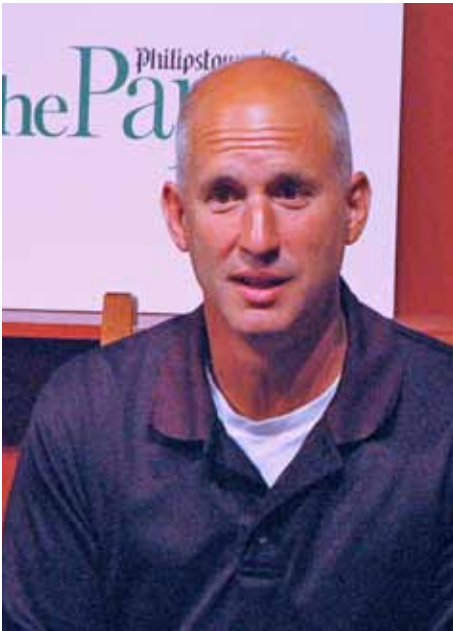
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Van Tassel Guided by Generations Before Him

Town Board candidate seeks re-election on his record of service

By Kevin E. Foley

John Van Tassel wants voters in the upcoming Philipstown Town Board election to know that he is a “grounded individual.” Grounded for him takes on several meanings. It refers to his several-generation historic roots in the place he lives with his family and also works. Grounded means decades-long participation in volunteer fire company and ambulance corps work. Grounded comes from playing and now coaching Pop Warner football. And grounded also suggests a temperament geared toward listening, sometimes for a long time, to fellow townspeople in the search for solutions to town problems.



John Van Tassel

Photo by Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

“I have a great knowledge of the town,” said Van Tassel, a one-term Democratic incumbent, in a recent interview with *The Paper*. The source of his knowledge of local issues and appreciation for local people began, he said, in his teenage years when he started as a volunteer firefighter in the North Highlands Fire Company. Over the years he said he rose through the ranks through training and hard work and ultimately became a chief. After getting elected to the fire district board, which is the taxing authority for fire services for that area of the town, Van Tassel said it was a “natural progression for me to move to the Town Board after I was asked to run.”

Asked about significant Town Board accomplishments Van Tassel replied: “I have done a lot of work getting the town prepared for natural disasters. We haven’t had any real disasters. Sandy and Irene were as close as we’ll get to that, hopefully.” He said he had worked closely with fellow (Continued on page 4)



The residential-type wind turbine proposed by James Gleick for his property

Photo courtesy of Hudson Valley Wind Energy

Philipstown ZBA Grants Special Permit for Wind Turbine

Site plan also approved, but insurance and bond sought

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

By a vote of 3-2, Philipstown’s Zoning Board of Appeals Tuesday night (Oct. 1) approved a special-use permit for a controversial residential wind turbine in Garrison, ending a year of public debate over that project but not over the larger question of utilizing alternative forms of energy in Philipstown.

The board also voted 3-2 to approve the site plan for the wind turbine, but sought demonstration of adequate owner liability insurance for the 152-foot turbine as well as a financial surety bond to cover costs should the town government ever need to go in and remove a defunct turbine or deal with a similar problem.

Since autumn 2012, James Gleick has wanted the turbine, a form of modern, backyard windmill, to provide energy for his rural home, on 40 acres. The application launched adamant opposition from some neighbors and critics, a series of public hearings, a change in application from a variance to a special-use permit, intervention by the Town Board to move the case along, and the decision by the Town Board in late September to pursue a moratorium on further wind turbines until it can review the 2011 zoning code and update it to address issues raised by alternative energy mechanisms.

In contrast to massive commercial wind-farm turbines, arrayed across swathes of land, the Gleick windmill would be small scale. Proponents of wind energy tout it as a clean, green and safe source of power, unlike nuclear energy, coal, or oil. Gleick needs the special permit because the zoning code currently allows wind power but

categorizes a structure taller than 40 feet as a major project, triggering the requirement for a special-use permit.

ZBA Chairman Robert Dee announced at the beginning of the special meeting, in Town Hall, that the board would not take further public comments. “Some residents may agree and others disagree with the board’s decision tonight,” he said. “Every board member has the best interests of Philipstown and its residents

in mind when they make the decision.”

On the brink of voting on the turbine Sept. 9, the board pulled back after it received more objections that Gleick’s turbine would be too noisy. The ZBA then scheduled a follow-up session for Tuesday and asked its planning consultants, AKRF, in the interim to provide expert advice on the noise question.

At the Tuesday meeting, Dee read aloud AKRF’s (Continued on page 3)

Manhunt Affected Life at Haldane

Tennis coach Raymond Champlin honored

By Michael Turton

Haldane District Superintendent Mark Villanti praised the Haldane community for its handling of last week’s search for murder suspect Sang Ho Kim. Villanti made the comments at the Oct. 1 (Tuesday) meeting of the Haldane School Board. Kim’s body was found in the Hudson River near Iona Island in Rockland County on Sept. 30 (Monday). “It was a scary situation, helicopters flying at night, early morning calls (to families) from the superintendent about (Continued on page 5)



Last Sunday’s car show at Haldane featured more than 100 vehicles. Photo by M. Turton

Mouths to Feed

Seeing Stars

By Celia Barbour

I swear some days I feel as if I'm living inside a fairy tale. Not the princessy kind with helpful mice and mighty steeds, but a Grimm one in which children turn into wolves the moment they set foot inside the house each day – ravenous wolves who must eat for 15 minutes straight in order to break the spell they've been put under and turn back into normal kids again.

Goodness, the calories! I think as I stand by the cupboard, clutching my apron and watching them transfer an entire liter-jar of homemade granola – a quantity I'd expected to last several days – to their mouths. I am equal parts aghast and jealous; the latter because they can consume so very much without negative midsection repercussions.

They are lean and strong and growing, these wild pups of mine. And I do not get in their way.

But there are other days when I happen upon them in the kitchen and an

altogether different kind of tale is unfolding: George or Henry is at the stove, making a pot of pastina for the three of them, while one of his siblings grates Parmesan and another gets out bowls and spoons.

I have trusted them to cook for a long time. Children are capable of so much more than we often give them credit for, and can be prudent and safe from a very early age, so long as they are focused on one task at a time and understand the rules – one of which is they can't turn on the stove unless an adult is in the house.

Which I am, of course, when I enter the kitchen and find them at their work. They adore pastina, and treat it with great care combined with a kind of ceremonious excitement. It's easy to see why. The dish is the quintessence of comfort food: simple, nourishing and delicious. Here's how they make it: In a small pot, they boil tiny noodles (stars are best) with a little more chicken broth than the noodles can absorb by the time they're soft, then they mix in a lightly beaten egg or two, which cook in the heat of the noodles. After that, they dump in a few handfuls of Parmesan, and mix that in. That's it.

The result has the consistency of risotto, only softer.

This preparation came into our lives via Peter's graduate-school housemate, an Italian-American named Paul Pasquarello. Though shy and a little goofy, Paul has become a great legend in our house for the handful of dishes he taught Peter to make on the many late nights when the two of them bicycled home from the GSD long after supertime. Pastina was their ramen. It kept them alive when



charrettes threatened to do them in.

As Peter remembers it, Paul told him that every Italian child grows up eating pastina. But this turns out to be only partially true. Yes, pastina is what *bambinos* eat after graduating from rice porridge and mashed yams. But in the traditional Italian version, the noodles are cooked with milk, not broth, and finished with butter.

Humph. I like ours better. It has more

flavor and more nutrients – thanks to the broth, eggs, and magical Parmesan.

Of course, legends evolve and grow, just like kids. Mine have taken to calling their version “egg drop soup,” despite my repeated efforts to convince them that this name is already taken, by a slippery Chinese concoction, no less. They do not care. Children invent the language they need to tell their own stories.

And so do their moms.



Pastina with parmesan and eggs

Photos by C. Barbour

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DEC Plans Coal Tar Borings at Boat Club

ZBA notice time reduced

By Michael Turton

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) notified the village that it will collect soil samples at the former manufactured gas plant (MGP), now site of the Cold Spring Boat Club, on Oct. 8 and 9. That came as a surprise to Cold Spring Village trustees at their Sept. 30 workshop since at their meeting Sept. 4, they moved to ask DEC to reconsider its Record of Decision (ROD) regarding the removal of coal tar from the site. Coal tar is a highly toxic by-product of the MGP that operated there in the 19th century. A letter requesting that the ROD be reopened was subsequently sent to DEC which had proposed removing only about 20 percent of the toxic substance, mainly from

beneath the parking lot located on the west side of the boat club building. The Village Board and a number of residents favor a more complete remediation, including removal of coal tar deposits from under the building. The work proposed for early October includes only the parking lot area – giving the impression that the Village Board’s request to reopen the ROD is perhaps being ignored.

It seems more likely that it is simply state bureaucracy at work. Campbell said that after the Sept. 4 meeting, DEC officials told him that the village request to reopen the ROD would take about two months to process. Campbell thinks the work proposed for October is associated with DEC’s original ROD and doesn’t take the village request into account. He will contact DEC to clarify the situation. Trustee Matt Francisco said that he is concerned

with how the October works would dovetail with work undertaken later – if the expanded remediation proposed by the village becomes a reality. The DEC notice states that the October borings, 30 in all, will not include any excavation and are intended only to more precisely locate the foundation of the MGP building.

ZBA notices reduced from 10 to five days

Following discussions at a number of previous meetings, trustees passed a resolution to amend the Village Code, reducing the minimum requirement for



Cold Spring Boat Club

Photo by K.E. Foley

publication of notices of public hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals from 10 to five days. The amendment applies only to notices published in the official newspaper, in this case the *Putnam County News & Recorder*, and does not affect notices sent directly to nearby property owners. The vote was unanimous. Mayor Ralph Falloon had supported the amendment in the past.

Federal Government Shutdown Hits West Point, Congressman Maloney’s Office

No pay for employees and no end in sight to budget conflict

The federal government shutdown pitting the White House against Congressional Republicans tore into the mid-Hudson Valley early this week with hundreds of area federal employees, including those working for West Point and Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, furloughed without pay, though the congressman’s offices remain open.

As the crisis continued after the failure of the U.S. Congress to adopt spending legislation and the Democratic-controlled Senate and White House clashed with the Republican-led House of Representatives, more than 800,000 federal workers nationwide found themselves on unwanted, unpaid leave. According to Maloney, they include his staff members, as well as employees of Stewart Air National Guard Base, plus civilians at West Point.

“The U.S. Military Academy conducted



Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney

File photo

an orderly shutdown Oct. 1, as it released non-exempted civilian employees in response to the lapse in appropriations to fund the government,” West Point announced in a news release, as

the shutdown began.

The academy faculty consists of approximately 70 percent military personnel. However, civilians are also employed in other capacities at West Point.

“West Point’s leadership will continue to be your biggest advocates,” Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, superintendent, told the academy workforce during a meeting. “You are an essential part of our mission and we realize that without you the ability to accomplish our mission is substan-

tially hindered.”

During the closure, West Point “will continue to accomplish its mission,” the academy stated. “The primary focus remains in minimizing impact to all classroom instruction and military training while preserving sustainment and safety of the Corps of Cadets. All operations involving security [including] maintaining sufficient police, fire, and emergency medical protection for the military and family members living on West Point will continue.” Academy officials noted that “the current situation is very fluid and many details are unresolved” and that such things as “academic travel and sporting competitions can still be at risk but are being assessed by our chain of command and Department of the Army.” Activities at West Point are funded by appropriated funds, non-appropriated funds, and private donations or a combination of all three.

Rep. Maloney said that despite the fur-

loughs his Washington and Newburgh offices remain open with his staff available to assist constituents from the Hudson Valley with any problems with federal government agencies, including the Social Security Administration, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, or the Veterans Administration. Maloney voted to avert a shutdown, Maloney but also voted to ensure that members of Congress and their staff receive no federal contributions to cover their health-care costs under the Affordable Health Care Act, otherwise known as Obamacare. The new health program covers Congress as well as ordinary citizens. “Families and businesses in the Hudson Valley are not getting special subsidies from Obamacare and neither should members of Congress or the White House,” Maloney said. He encouraged constituents with questions to visit seanmaloney.com to transmit email or call his office at 202-225-5441 or 845-561-1259.

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determination. “Based on our analysis,” the firm declared, “it is AKRF’s recommendation that the ZBA conclude that this project would not result in excessive off-premise noise and would fulfill the criteria” of the town code in regard to noise.

ZBA Member Paula Clair said that she had visited a couple of active turbines like the one Gleick intends to use. “I could not hear the turbines at all,” she said.

Clair joined Dee and ZBA Member William Flaherty in voting to grant the special permit. ZBA Members Vincent Cestone and Leonard Lim voted “no” on the permit. The same vote breakdown occurred on the site-plan approval.

However, as part of its site-plan action, the ZBA proposed that Gleick show a suitable level of insurance coverage and post a financial surety bond, whose amount would be set by the Town Board, not the ZBA. Dominic Cordisco, ZBA attorney, advised “that you recommend to the



A small-scale wind turbine, shown on a brochure from Hudson Valley Wind Energy

Town Board that they impose appropriate liability insurance, naming the town as an additional insured, as well as imposing appropriate surety for future removal of the tower if necessary,” before issuance of a town building permit on the turbine. The board concurred and the lawyer promised to provide the exact wording in writing of the provision before Dee signs the site-plan approval documents.

In general, Cordisco assured the board, “when you grant a special permit,” for a wind turbine or anything else, “the town does not become automatically liable for anything that happens on the site beyond your control. It does not mean the town is liable,” he said.

After the votes, Greta Passeri, of Hudson Valley Wind Energy LLC, the company working with Gleick and representing him at public meetings, expressed satisfaction at the outcome. “I’m pleased the ZBA followed the code, because it is an allowed use,” she said of wind power. “I wish it wouldn’t have taken a year. I’m hoping this is going to be a positive forward motion for Philipstown. It’s just disappointing” that local residents often seem to favor green-energy environmentalism “but when it actually is put in front of them, they balk. It’s frustrating.”

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Something broken

Sept. 27, 2013

To the Editor:

Sept. 26, 2013, and we all wake up to the news of another shooting. Another “isolated” incident where a disagreement between employee and employer has resulted in the use of deadly weapons and attack.

And my heart is aching.

The answering machine went off at 6 a.m., announcing the school delay. “What? What did that say?” I yelled as I ran from my bedroom to my father’s. “Why is there a delay?”

Because there was a shooting on Long Island and a massive manhunt is in effect for the Hudson Valley.

Maybe gun control is not the issue, maybe it is. I don’t know. What I know is that something has failed. Something is broken here.

It happens too much. Too often, too violently, too commonplace. And I am scared.

I feel hurt to think of the next teen-aged child who is feeling alone and angry right at this very moment, as most

teenaged children do at some point in their years. This child who is stewing in his feelings and watching today’s headlines to see confirmation, yet again, that if he just got his hands on a gun, he could make his problems go away.

I feel helpless to protect those I love — both on a day-to-day basis, and from the larger forces at work here. I am aghast that we live in a world that tells us, tomorrow, it might be you, but that’s just how it is.

Allie Thompson
Cold Spring

See the full version of this letter at Philipstown.info.

Gipson thanks veterans, families

Oct. 1, 2013

Dear Editor,

I’d like to thank all of the veterans and families who participated in our 1st annual Veterans and Families Fair. We were able to connect hundreds of attendees with a wide range of resources offered by the many service providers that joined us that morning. Thanks to the advice

of my Veterans Advisory Committee we were able to provide a successful networking experience that we plan to grow and repeat next year.

We were also fortunate to have over 50 WWII veterans join us. Representing a range of branches of the military, these veterans were celebrated during the ceremony portion of the event.

I want to thank the 16 veterans that participated in our Hall of Fame ceremony. Each of these veterans were nominated by their military post for continued service in our community, and it was an honor to recognize them.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors Hudson Valley Credit Union, Central Hudson, Health Quest and Bridgeway Federal Credit Union.

We are grateful for the sacrifices made by our veterans and their families, and look forward to inviting them to an even bigger and better event next year.

Sincerely,
Terry Gipson
NY State Senator, 41st District

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Town Board member Nancy Montgomery and Cold Spring Mayor Ralph Falloon in setting up the local disaster coordination center at the North Highlands firehouse. “Doing that [during the storms] made a big difference in limiting the town’s liability, in documenting the effects as well as in the recovery effort,” Van Tassel said.

He said he is working on a new communication to town residents and business on what to do and where to go when the next storm arrives “because there will be another.”

Van Tassel said he was also proud of the effort the board has made on updating the zoning code. He credits the leadership of Town Supervisor Richard Shea in shepherding the zoning changes by driving consensus through a deliberate, patient process. “That took a tremendous amount of work. We listened to the residents, the businesses, especially those along Route 9. Nothing is perfect. We continue to work at it,” he said, citing the need for clarity on alternative energy projects as a needed area for review.

Recreation important to quality of life

Championing the activities of the town recreation department is another of Van Tassel’s signature points of the record he offers for consideration. He serves as the Town Board liaison to “rec” and he believes fervently in the town government’s role in providing programs for children and adults including special classes for seniors at Chestnut Ridge, the Depot Theatre cultural program, as well as the array of sports and crafts classes offered at the town recreational center in Garrison.

“I have two young children ... the ‘rec’ makes for a big part of the quality of life in Philipstown. People are interested in these programs as part of their decision to move here,” said Van Tassel.

Here he again emphasized the importance of collaboration in proposing and making decisions that benefit the community. He cited the fields committee that studied the various options for upgrading athletic facilities in the town and

Councilor John Van Tassel, left, and Supervisor Richard Shea discuss Town Board business. File photo by L.S. Armstrong

ultimately agreed that an improvement at the Haldane school field was the most viable option. “Once we saw that was the best way to go everyone got behind that project and made it happen,” he said.

Similarly Van Tassel pointed to the effort to construct a new facility that would include an ice skating rink and a concession stand at Philipstown Park located on Route 9D in Garrison as a model for future projects. In that effort there is a public/private partnership wherein the nonprofit Friends of Philipstown Recreation has raised funds for the project. “The town [government] couldn’t just do it,” he said.

Budget a big challenge

The constraint on the town budget, evident in the park project, is overall one of the biggest challenges Van Tassel sees confronting the next term of the board. While he is committed to remaining within the state’s 2% rule on local government budget increases, he warns of consequences, especially since the state has tightened rules governing areas exempted from the rule. “The cap is a great

challenge. We are telling a lot of people no (when they request things). We don’t want to cut services. We’re doing our best to hold the line.”

Perhaps the most contentious issue with big budget implications Van Tassel has taken on is the town’s relationship with the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company (GVFC). The fire company (unlike other companies) receives its funding directly through the town and has at times chafed under budgetary scrutiny from the board, especially from fellow firefighter Van Tassel who has 31 years with the North Highlands company.

“I told them from the beginning I have used that knowledge and let the board know what I feel is appropriate,” Van Tassel said. He has urged the GVFC to reorganize into a fire district (like North Highlands) so that they can govern themselves through public elections and go directly to the people for their budget. However, he said, “We have made tremendous progress on the issues. They know if I have proof of a need from them, then I will fight for it tooth and nail.”

Seeking balance between protecting and building

“I believe in the necessity to preserve Philipstown. No place is more beautiful. That’s a big part of the job.” But, he adds, “I make my living here, most of the time as a contractor/builder. We need to provide for more economic activity. There is a wide spectrum of income from the very highest to the very lowest. There has to be a balance that keeps the town affordable and viable while protecting the beauty of it.”

Van Tassel said he is particularly concerned about the ability of seniors to sustain themselves in the community. “I base a lot of my decisions based on my parents’ generation. They built this community.”

Garrison Ranks in Top 10 Percent of New York Schools on Tests

New ELA and math exams designed to assess critical thinking skills and knowledge

By Pamela Doan

At the Garrison Union Free School Board of Education special meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2, the focus was on a presentation by Superintendent Gloria Colucci on the New York State Assessment. The hour-long report and discussion covered test results from last spring. In the 2012-2013 school year, the state changed testing on English Language Ability (ELA) and mathematics. The new tests used different method-

ology and measures to evaluate students' learning. Colucci began the presentation by explaining: "The tests were designed to measure Common Core Standards. This created a new baseline and we expected scores to be lower. It doesn't mean that students are learning less." Later in the meeting during a comment from a parent about adjusting teaching and lesson plans to meet the test standards, Colucci compared giving the test last spring to "preparing the plane while it's in the air." Regardless, Garrison students measured up well and the district ranked 69 out of more than 700 school districts statewide, putting them in the top 10 percent. Colucci noted that the Garrison students are in the same proficiency levels as districts in Chappaqua and Briar Cliff Manor.

The new ELA and mathematics exams are designed to assess students' critical thinking skills as well as their knowledge. There are less obvious right and wrong answers and students are expected to choose the best answer when there might be several possible correct answers among multiple choices. Board Member Charlotte Rowe commented, "While these are good things to test, it's difficult to do it in a standardized way." The discussion echoed concerns about standard tests that have been raised probably since testing began including the limitations of standard tests in providing an accurate evaluation of a child's knowledge, the importance of teaching children how to take tests, and the necessity to analyze the results at a deeper

level to gain insight into the school's success. In spite of these reservations, Board Member Derek Dubois expressed a sentiment that many other board members agreed with: "The tests seem more thoughtful and comprehensive based on the questions we've seen." Parents should be receiving their children's test scores in the mail now and school-wide scores will be available on the school website soon. Children are not given their test scores directly. Students that scored at lower proficiency levels may be given extra assistance in the classroom. All students who took Regents Exams in Algebra, Living Environments, and Spanish passed and earned credits to take higher-level classes this fall in their first year of high school.

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a manhunt ... no one knew what the outcome would be," Villanti said. "I think the community and students handled the situation maturely." Villanti said that he never likes closing the school but that he received only one complaint after taking that action on Thursday. Some parents also expressed concern that Kim might have entered the school but he said that a thorough search of all buildings by law enforcement using police dogs put those fears to rest. Others worried that attendance would suffer on Friday when classes resumed, but such fears were not warranted either as it turned out. "The elementary and middle schools had about 92 percent attendance," Villanti said, adding that at the high school, attendance was actually slightly above normal at 96 percent. "High school students wanted to know what was going on."

Overall, Villanti said that "things went smoothly." He apologized to any parents who might not have received a robo-call from the school. "It was the first time we used the new system." The school was a center of activity on Thursday with as many as 100 police officers using the cafeteria and other school facilities - including the athletic field - which served as a helicopter landing site. "There were more TV cameras around than we would have liked," he said. "It was an inconvenience ... but there was a bigger tragedy (in-

volved)." He thanked both local newspapers for reporting the incident accurately and not sensationalizing the situation.

Superintendent search

Trustees are seeking public input as the school district looks to hire a replacement for Villanti who will retire at the end of the year. A public forum to identify key characteristics that the community would like to see in the new superintendent of schools will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Board Room of the Mabel Merritt Building, and from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the music room of the elementary and middle school building. The session will be facilitated by a representative of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, the consulting firm hired to conduct the search. Residents can also complete a related survey on the district website at haldaneschool.org.

Honoring a classic coach - and appreciating classic cars

Raymond Champlin has received what may be the ultimate honor for the 27 years he dedicated to coaching tennis at Haldane. At a ceremony held on Tuesday Oct. 1, at the refurbished tennis courts, it was announced that the facility will now bear his name. Champlin, also a longtime teacher at Haldane, is the father of Haldane School Board Trustee Jon Champlin. After being rained out in May, the Haldane Blue Devils Sports Booster Club



State police inspect vehicles on Morris Avenue near Haldane school last week. Photo by Michael Turton

hosted a highly successful car show on Sept. 29 (Sunday). Club President Dan Hughes and Haldane Business Manager Anne Dinio reported that the event raised \$4,600, and attracted 113 show cars. The event benefitted from efforts

of 18 adult volunteers including several from The Embalmers and Lomotion Car Clubs as well as 12 students - most of whom were working towards their community service hours as part of The National Honor Society.

Town Board Candidate Forum Monday *(from page 1)*

ads and posters were printed, one has apparently had a change of heart or at least a change of appointments. Conservative Party candidate Cathy Sapeta originally replied to Stewart's emailed invitation with her own email on Sept. 26: "I am delighted to accept your invitation. I look forward to meeting you," she wrote.

A week later Sapeta, in a new email with subject line re: the forum, dated Oct. 2, wrote: "I have a previous commitment, which I cannot change. If there is a new update I will call you." A phone call to the number she supplied Philipstown.info for contact purposes went unreturned.

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Identifying and Supporting Learning Differences Common In Our Communities

Joint GUFS-Haldane PTA Committee offers shared guidance and unity

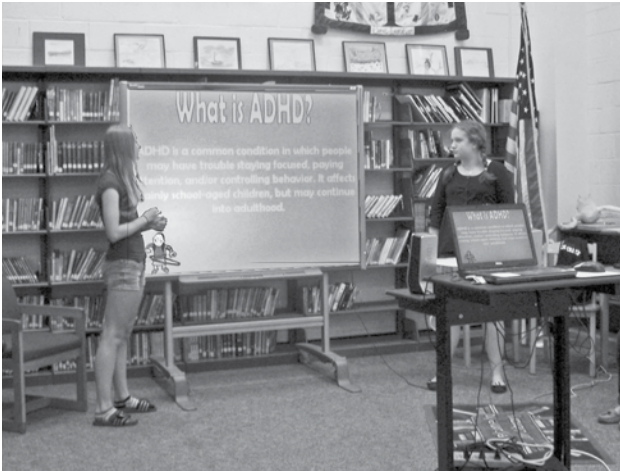
By Alison Rooney

Learning differences: a two-word term which cannot accurately describe the diverse range of ways children go about acquiring knowledge and thriving in a classroom setting. Parents, watching their children struggle as atypical learners within a traditional educational context, can feel isolated. Knowing that this was a shared, common experience, a small group of parents from Garrison School (GUFS) and Haldane joined together to form the Learning Differences Committee (LDC).

Initially the group was founded to offer workshops that spoke to a specific population of people: those whose children had 504 plans (Section 504 is an anti-discrimination, civil rights statute requiring the needs of students with disabilities to be met as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled are met) or IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) and people who wanted more information specifically about special education. After the group's inception, members found that interest in differentiated learning, and "whole child" social and emotional learning was widespread, and not limited to those whose children were under an IEP. It now includes parents whose concerns cover a wide array of learning and emotional issues.

The LDC operates as a combined sub-committee under the auspices of each school's PTA. Its mission is to provide a forum built around "identifying and supporting learning issues that are common in our communities. The community creates opportunities to gather and discuss current research and best practices ... and to fos-

tering strong partnerships between parents and educators to support respectful and program-enhancing dialogues within the schools and communities." The committee, formed about a year and a half ago, has sponsored presentations and workshops on pertinent topics, having learned that people want to learn from experienced, concerned professionals who present findings derived from research-based knowledge.



GUFS eighth graders make a presentation on ADHD at last year's LDC-sponsored Differences Day event.

Photo courtesy of GUFS

The LDC has also brought enhancements to already-existing programs within the schools. It has also spawned a well-attended monthly support group, wholly confidential, open to anyone, where people can talk about their specific children. Currently there are more than 70 members and Facebook followers; a recent workshop attracted almost all of them.

The impetus for the LDC came, as it often does, from the personal experience of its founders. One of them, GUFS parent Melinda Higbee described her situation: "I felt like when I went through the diagnosis and evaluation process with my son I was

an educated person but I felt alone, recreating the wheel. At that time, he was in a preschool that we loved, but they were clueless as to how to help. We were fortunate in coming across people who helped with the diagnosis and evaluation and held my hand. I didn't want others to go through this. Each parent's journey is personal, but it doesn't mean they should do it alone or feel marginalized. This experience I have been given needs to be paid forward. Anytime you get people together you come up with great ideas and become fortified to fight the fight. I want to educate schools and the community at large, but my first goal is to help individuals."

Along with talks and workshops on topics ranging from *Special Education: What Parents Need To Know*, *Homework and the Whole Child*, and *Understanding Your Child's IEP*, the committee worked with Haldane Elementary/Middle School Principal Brent Harrington, who conducted

a *Response to Intervention* (RtI) workshop, describing the steps taken to help students who struggle academically; how these students are evaluated; and deciphering the stream of acronyms which seem to proliferate in this area of educational services. Finally, Dr. Paul Yellin, associate professor of pediatrics at New York University's School of Medicine, spoke about *Executive Functions, ADHD and Their Impact on Learning*.

These presentations have taken place at both schools and at local libraries. Most programs are open to parents from both schools as well as the community. This year the LDC hopes to have a speaker come and talk about what school was like for him/her growing up with ADHD/LD, putting it in the context of how they have been able to be successful, and making 'difference' feel desirable without belittling the difficulties of overcoming obstacles in their academic and personal lives. They hope to develop a film in conjunction with Haldane sixth grade English teacher, Kim McCollum, about learning differences, in which the children will write about the ways that they learn, i.e. visual, experiential, auditory, and read what they write for the camera. For children who don't write easily, a different method of expression will be offered.

In addition, the LDC has instituted new activities at two already-existing annual events, Differences Day at GUFS (with a focus on autism this year) and the Health Fair at Haldane. Activities will be designed to illuminate ways for children to connect to others in whom differences can't be visibly seen.

In determining what to present, the LDC hopes to address the needs of an extremely varied constituency. This also applies to the support group, which meets on the first Monday of each month, year round, in a private, 'neutral' space. "Few parents have a child with the same thing," says Higbee. "Very few are even in the same category — it's wildly diverse, but the common threads of dealing with it are what we talk about." Maeve Eng-Wong, another founding member of the LDC says "People recognize that it's a wellspring of strength: it provides inclusion, connection and power. There are people who say they wouldn't initially come to the group because of a feeling of shame. The main benefit is to make them realize that they are not alone, to have them say 'I feel better and more able to face my day.' The support group has evolved to a place which is respectful, confidential — a place where they can speak from the heart even if initially they weren't sure. We want it to be a discussion, to be a place where people are heard rather than shutting down or becoming defensive."

The LDC, whose other founding members include Kerri Ferri and Kory Riesterer, is watchful over the schools' special education budgeting, advocating for those with learning differences. "We realize it's our responsibility to be at the budget meetings, looking at the line item cuts. If nobody is there speaking out, it's an easy thing to cut," notes Higbee. Eng-Wong concurs: "When you cut an aide in half, it not only affects the child, but the whole classroom, the regular teacher and the other students. Every time you make a cut you need to consider whose needs are not going to be met." They are also keeping an informed eye on the new "skills classroom" begun in both GUFS and Haldane, with Higbee noting, "What we hope is that these classrooms will work well and that everyone will benefit."

One thing common to most parents of children with learning differences is "the exhaustion of advocacy," says Eng-Wong, who notes wryly that they all need a tee-shirt which says 'THAT parent.' The ultimate aim of the LDC is to share, whether it be advice, uplifting stories, or bad days; to give the people in it a sense of community. "We want everyone to feel comfortable enough to put that email out there and know that someone will answer back," she says. Higbee is looking forward to the images of special education changing. "One thinks of tiny rooms, kids who are avoided; that is changing. We want to celebrate how they learn differently."

The next meeting of the parent support group will take place at 7 p.m. on Oct. 7, at 35B Garrison's Landing. For more information email melindahigbee@aol.com or mae-vetx1@optonline.net or visit their Facebook page, facebook.com/PTALearnDiff.

PRESS RELEASE: OCT. 4, 2013

ONLINE SURVEY AVAILABLE for Haldane Superintendent Search

The Haldane Central School District Board of Education has announced the availability of an online survey for you to share your thoughts on the most important characteristics desired in Haldane's next superintendent.

This survey will be especially useful to those individuals who are unable to attend either Open Forum with the search consultant on Tuesday, October 8th at 1 p.m. in the Mabel Merritt Bldg or another (same) session at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Room of the ES/MS. All surveys will be accepted. The Haldane PTA will provide babysitting in the Cafeteria during the evening forum on October 8 at 7:30 p.m.

THE SURVEY IS LOCATED AT
<https://survey.ecragroup.com/limesurvey/index.php/133411/>
or on Haldane's web site, www.haldaneschool.org

The Board Members, along with the search consultants at Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates appreciate your willingness to participate in this important task.

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The Calendar

Butterfield Launch for New Anthology Oct. 6

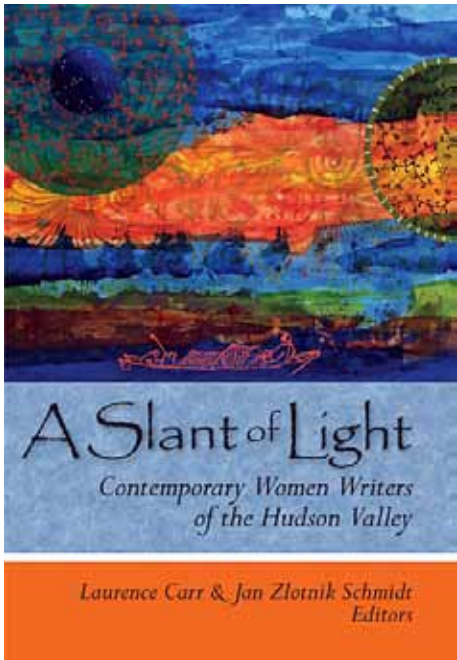
A Slant of Light: Hudson Valley women writers

By Alison Rooney

On Sunday, Oct. 6, as part of their Writers Reading at the Library series, Butterfield Library will play host to a number of writers whose prose and poetry is included in the new anthology *A Slant of Light: Contemporary Women Writers of the Hudson Valley*, recently released by Codhill Press. A number of Philipstown writers, among them Irene O’Garden, Jo Pitkin and Michelle Woods, will read their entries, accompanied by others, including Lucia Cherciu and Judith Saunders. Also attending the free, 3 p.m. event, will be the collection’s editors, Laurence Carr and Jan Zlotnik Schmidt, both English department professors at SUNY New Paltz.

A Slant of Light gathers and celebrates contemporary prose and poetry from about 106 women (more than 150 authors submitted a total of over 500 works for consideration), of differing ages — from students in their 20s to women in their 60s and 70s — ethnicities and locales, extending from Sleepy Hollow to Albany, along both banks of the river. The book is already halfway through its second printing run, with a third likely. *A Slant of Light* is divided into five sections, each addressing a theme of women’s lives. Press notes relate that the book “begins with Mythos, representations and revisions of myths on women. The second section, Body & Gender, explores visions of the body, gender socialization and the roles of women. The third section, Identity, examines both how women see themselves and how others see women. The fourth section presents women as parents, children, partners and lovers. The last, Woman in the World, shares works that meditate on our collective fate in a global world.”

The notion of segmenting work into themed sections arose early on, although writers submitted works not



A Slant of Light book cover

knowing of the eventual structure. Carr says, “This evolved very early. As we started reading we knew we had to have it concentrated, and we decided to divide it into sections to make it more manageable.” Schmidt says the organization of the book “gives it coherence. Also the pieces play against each other more directly, creating a conversation.” Once the writers found out about the themes, most were able to figure out their placement, “There was a lot of ‘Oh, you’re doing those sections — I bet I know which one I’m in,” says Carr. “We were careful that the themes remained expansive,” explains Schmidt, “We interpreted the themes broadly, yet we were seeking themes that reflected phases and stages in women’s lives.”

Carr has put together two previous anthologies, *Riverine*, a contemporary anthology of memoir, short fiction, and poetry by more than 70 Hudson Valley writers, and *WaterWrites*, an exploration, tied in to the Hudson’s Quadricentennial, by Hudson Valley writers of what it means to feel connected to that river. Carr enjoys bringing together what can be quite disparate communities of regional

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T.C. Boyle

Photo by Jamieson Fry

Novelist T.C. Boyle to Read at The Chapel

Noted writer grew up in Hudson Highlands

By Kevin E. Foley

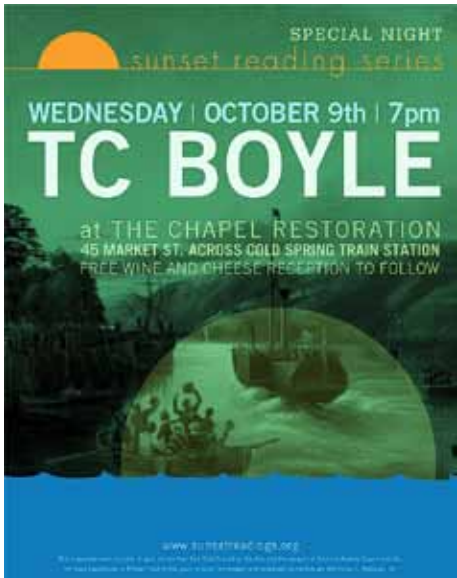
By coincidence this reporter started reading a T.C. Boyle novel (*San Miguel*) just when Ivy Meeropol and Rebekah Tighe announced that the au-

thor was scheduled to make an appearance at the now fabled Sunset Reading Series held at The Chapel Restoration on the riverbank in Cold Spring.

Naturally the first thought was of great minds thinking alike. The second more important thought was of the yeoman work Meeropol and Tighe have done to brighten the local cultural landscape by arranging, on a scant budget, to bring great novelists and poets to the beautifully restored airy space with the hard-back pews. Placing Boyle on the agenda certainly bolsters the buzz of the series and offers readers an opportunity to encounter in person a writer whose work they already know or to become familiar with one who has an established reputation for achievement among contemporary American writers.

Boyle may not be as well known to the broader reading public as a recent previous visitor, E.L. Doctorow, (who packed The Chapel), but his presence hereabouts is quite worthy of notice. The series’ service to the local literary community is as much about introducing

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❖ by Tara ❖



As my loyal fans know, I am not prideful but I do have self-respect. So this has been a rather trying week for me. Imagine my surprise last Wednesday as I strolled for my morning constitutional into Dockside Park, where I am typically the VIP celebrity, only to find a black stallion had stolen my spotlight. A handsome steed at that, I'll admit, was waiting to be filmed for a promo piece for Pixar/Disney's sequel to Brave. Some famous actress was playing Merida, the redheaded, free spirited and headstrong princess who is motivated to avoid marriage. Dear readers, I trust that you are already anticipating where this is leading. Surely this black lab and my ginger confidante could have walked on and wrapped up the shoot before Craft Services had even laid out the dog biscuits and coffee. The stallion, quite the divo, was observed stomping his hooves, neighing and rearing. A black Lab clearly is a more dependable and stabilizing companion to a princess who undoubtedly needs a calming and wise influence in her life.

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I had barely tended these bruised feelings when I was called upon last Thursday morning to supervise the hastily self-deputized dog squad to scour our park for any trace of the most infamous visitor we've had in these parts since Benedict Arnold. A most thorough job was done and nothing other than fish guts and several billion devil's heads were found. Dismayed, our squad was disbanded and was not enlisted to accompany the K9s. Even at my age, a dog in uniform turns my head; a loud woof of gratitude for their service. However, long after they are gone, we will continue to vigilantly guard our beloved town. With the discovery on Monday of Mr. Kim's body, we can all relax and return to our shared illusion that we live in Lake Woebegon where we can leave the doors open and the keys in our cars. So let us hope we can again say "It has been a quiet week in Cold Spring" — our little village where all the men are strong, all the women are good looking, the children award-winning, the shopkeepers trustworthy and all the dogs deserve endless treats.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Cold Spring First Friday

Kids & Community

Hudson Valley Arts Festival

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck
845-331-7900 | artrider.com

Westchester County Center Events

Noon - 6 p.m. Stamp, Coin and Paper Show
3 - 8 p.m. Baseball Card Show
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

Wine Tasting

4 - 7 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop | 180 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-6923 | artisanwineshop.com

Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie

6 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club | 4 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon | Call 845-527-8671 for reservations.

Starry Starry Night Benefit

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

Haldane Homecoming

4:30 p.m. Boys' Soccer vs. Hendrick Hudson
6:45 p.m. Parade (Cold Spring Depot to Field)
7:45 p.m. Tour of new lockers and auditorium
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Owl Prowl

7:30 p.m. Stony Point Battlefield, Stony Point
845-786-2521 | nysparks.com/historic-sites/8
Reservation required.

Art & Design

Boscobel and Duncan Phyfe, America's Most Famous Cabinetmaker (Lecture)

6 p.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Barbara Smith Gioia: Flatbed Archeology (Opening)

6 - 8 p.m. The Marina Gallery
153 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2204 | themarinagallery.com

Jaanka Peerna and Cali Gorevic: A-Line-Ment (Opening)

6 - 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

Alternating ... Current (Opening)

6 - 9 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon
18 Front St., Beacon
845-831-7837 | loftsatbeacon.com

Beacon Celebrates the Arts II

7 p.m. Beacon High School | 101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconplayers.com

Chuck Davidson: Digital Dance (Opening)

7 - 9 p.m. The Flat Iron Gallery | 105 S. Division St., Peekskill | 914-734-1894 | flatiron.qpg.com

Theater & Film

Calling All Poets

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

Frankenstein (1931)

8 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange
128 Mill St., Putnam Valley
845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

Peter Gabriel: New Blood Live (2011)

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

World's End Theater: Lend Me a Tenor (Reading)

8 p.m. Philipstown.info
69 Main St., Cold Spring
worlds-end-theater.ticketleap.com/lend-me-a-tenor



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

Of Beauty and Madness

8 p.m. Whistling Willie's | 184 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

Live Music

8 p.m. Cold Spring Depot
1 Depot Square, Cold Spring
845-265-5000 | coldspringdepot.com

Mike N Ed's Acoustic Adventure

9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Petey Hop and the Jackrabbits

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

Meetings & Lectures

Free Computer Help

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

Beacon Sloop Club Meeting

6:30 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club
2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
914-907-4928 | beaconsloopclub.org

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers' Market

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

Food Pantry

9 - 10 a.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

9 a.m. - Noon. Department of Health
1 Geneva Road, Brewster | 845-808-1390
putnamcountynyny.com | Reservation required.

OCTOBER 5th*

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TAG SALE

9 AM to 5 PM

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9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Various locations
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Haldane Homecoming

9 a.m. Official Opening of New Track
3 p.m. Football vs. Yonkers Montessori Academy
4 p.m. Halftime Celebration
7 p.m. Homecoming Dance | Details under Friday

Bannerman's Castle Kayak Tour

9:30 a.m. Hudson Valley Outfitters
63 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-0221 | hudsonvalleyoutfitters.com

Holiday Workshop: Celebrating Shabbat (ages 2-7)

9:45 a.m. The Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
362 Church Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-4774 | rtpv.org

Soup Kitchen

11 a.m. Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

Green Workshop

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. School of Jellyfish | 183 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-8017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

Westchester County Center Events

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Baseball Card Show
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Stamp, Coin and Paper Show
See details under Friday.

Twin Forts Day

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fort Montgomery Historic Site
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery
845-446-2134 | nysparks.com

Hudson Valley Arts Festival

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
See details under Friday.

Family Music Show with Gina Samardge

10:30 a.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-4988 **Turkey & Garden**

Veggie Roast
2- 6 p.m. University Settlement Camp
724 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-202-0632 | sdgardens.com

Wine Tasting
3- 6 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop | Details under Friday

Code Springers (ages 5-14)
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison | codespringers.org

Clearwater Public Sail
4 p.m. Red Flynn Drive, Beacon
845-534-5506 x204 | hhnaturemuseum.org
Registration required.

Health & Fitness

Free Breast Cancer Screening (age 40+)
9 a.m. - Noon. Putnam Hospital Center
664 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel | 855-277-4482 | health-quest.org | Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group
9:30 a.m. Hudson Valley Hospital
1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor
914-734-3896 | hvhc.org/events

Zohar Tactical Self-Defense for Women (age 16+)
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Paladin Center
39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel
845-231-3443 | paladincenter.com

Bone Marrow Match Drive for Melissa Santos (ages 18-44)
1- 5 p.m. Beacon Football Field | 59 Robert Cahill Drive, Beacon | bethematch.org

Laughter Yoga with Simeon Darwick
2 p.m. SkyBaby Studio | 75 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

Art & Design

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Quick Start to CSS
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Center for Digital Arts at WCC
27 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-606-7300 | sunywc.edu/peekskill

Free Admission for Beacon Residents
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Dia:Beacon
3 Beekman St., Beacon | 845-440-0100 | diabeacon.org | Public tour at 1 p.m.

Charles McGill: The Heads: 1986 (Opening)
1- 4 p.m. Field Library Gallery | 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill | 914-737-1212 | peekskill.org

Art Exhibit and Art Book Sale
1- 5 p.m. Arts on the Lake | 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes | 845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org

Juried Fine Art Exhibit (Opening)
3- 5 p.m. Belle Levine Art Center
521 Kennicut Hill Road, Mahopac
845-803-8594 | putnamartscouncil.com

Three at the Center (Opening)
3- 5 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Artist Talk: Robert Gould on John F. Gould
4 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery | 172 Main St., Beacon
845-440-7165 | riverwindsgallery.com

Theater & Film

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

Music

Blues Brews with the Jonny Monster Band and Livin’ the Blues
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

R.J. Storm and Old School (Bluegrass)
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Ray Blue Quartet
8 p.m. Bean Runner Café | Details under Friday

Live Music
8 p.m. Whistling Willie's
See details under Friday.

Battlefield Band from Scotland
8:30 p.m. Town Crier Café
See details under Friday.

TJay
9:30 p.m. Max's on Main | Details under Friday

Meetings & Lectures

Overeaters Anonymous
8:30 a.m. Graymoor | 1350 Route 9, Garrison
917-716-2488 | oa.org

Dharma Training and Practice
10 a.m. Graymoor Spiritual Life Center (Fourth Floor) | 1350 Route 9, Garrison
maevetx1@optonline.net

Mark LaFlaur: Elysian Fields (Signing)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Kids & Community

Castle to River Run
7:30 a.m. Registration begins
9 a.m. 10K run
9:30 a.m. 5K run
11:30 a.m. Kids' race
Philipstown Community Center | 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison | 845-424-4618 | friendsofphilipstownrecreation.org | Free shuttle from Garrison train station until 9 a.m.

Beacon Flea Market
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Henry Street Parking Lot
Behind Main Street Post Office, Beacon
845-202-0094 | beaconflea.blogspot.com

Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer
9 a.m. FDR State Park
2957 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights
914-962-6402 | supportconnection.org

Hudson Valley Arts Festival
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
See details under Friday.

Constitution Marsh Kayak Tour
10:15 a.m. Hudson Valley Outfitters
See details under Saturday.

Green Workshop (ages 8-14)
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. School of Jellyfish
183 Main St., Beacon
845-440-8017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

Beacon Farmers' Market
11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Scenic Hudson River Center
Long Dock Drive, Beacon
845-234-9325 | thebeaconfarmersmarket.com

Public Canoe Trip
Noon. Audubon Center | 127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison | 845-265-2601 x15 | constitutionmarsh.org | Reservations required.

Hike to Lost Pond
Noon. Manitoga | 584 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3812 | russelwrightcenter.org

Children and Families: Stories in Stone
1 p.m. Storm King Art Center | 1 Museum Road, New Windsor | 845-534-3115 | stormking.org

Health & Fitness

I Was Such a Boob About My Breasts (Reading)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Art & Design

Drop-In Art Sessions
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Drawing and Painting from Life (Long Pose)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Printmaking Club
1:30 - 4:30 p.m. Basic Etching
Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison | 845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

Art Exhibit and Art Book Sale
1- 5 p.m. Arts on the Lake
See details under Saturday.

Artists in Conversation: David Brooks and Mierle Laderman Ukeles
2 p.m. Storm King Art Center
See details under Saturday.

Theater & Film

Poetry Reading and Book Signings
3- 5 p.m. Bean Runner Café
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | beanrunnercafe.com

Rosewood (1997) with Q&A
5 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Manville Road, Pleasantville
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

Music

Dixieland Jazz Band
1 p.m. Cold Spring Depot | Details under Friday



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Jeremy Denk
3 p.m. Bethel Woods | 200 Hurd Road, Bethel
866-781-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

First Sunday Jazz
5 p.m. Whistling Willies
See details under Friday.

Addie Brownlee and Mishti
6:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | See details under Friday.

The Defibulators
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Saturday.

Meetings & Lectures

Buddhism in Study and Practice: Buddhism in India
9:30 a.m. St. Philip's Church
1101 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

A Slant of Light: Contemporary Women Authors of the Hudson Valley (Reading)
3 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Conversation with Town Democratic Candidates
4 p.m. Private residence, Garrison
845-235-4670 | philipstowndemocrats.org

Religious Services

See philipstown.info/churches for Sunday listings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Kids & Community

Cooking Fish: Tips & Techniques (Class)
9:30 a.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison | 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Drop-in Homework Center (grades 1-8)
3 - 5 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 x103 | beaconlibrary.org

Health & Fitness

Basketball at Philipstown Rec
6:15 p.m. Youth Skills/Drills (grades 3-8)
7:30 p.m. Men's Pick-up
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Art & Design

Drop-In Drawing & Painting from Life (Short Pose)
9:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center
See details under Sunday.

Theater & Film

Miss Representation (Documentary)
6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Music

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

Open Mic Night
7 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Saturday.

Beginning Fiddle, Cello & Mandolin
7:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

William Parker (Jazz)
8 p.m. Dogwood | 47 East Main St., Beacon
845-202-7500 | dogwoodbar.com

Meetings & Lectures

Beacon City Council
7 p.m. 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

Beacon School Board
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon
845-838-6900 | beaconcitK12.org

Member Meeting
7 p.m. Cold Spring Boat Club | 5 New St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2465 | coldspringboatclub.com

Parent Support Group
7 p.m. 35B Garrison's Landing, Garrison
914-522-9044 | maevetx1@optonline.net
Sponsored by Haldane and Garrison PTAs

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Kids & Community

Farm and Fun Together (ages 18 months to 5 years)
10 a.m. Glynwood Farm
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Senior Day Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House
166 Old West Point Road East, Garrison
845-424-3184 | graymoorcenter.org

Howland Public Library Events
10:30 a.m. Baby & Me (0-2)
3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in Homework Center
See details under Monday.

Kids Craft Hour
4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Foot in Mouth Players (ages 12-19)
6:30 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Health & Fitness

Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group
10:15 a.m. East Fishkill Community Library
348 New York 376, Hopewell Junction
800-532-4290 | supportconnection.org

Free Hepatitis C and HIV Testing
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. 121 Main St., Brewster
845-808-1390 x43114 | putnamcountynyny.gov

Pre-Surgery Joint Replacement Class
3 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center
670 Stoneleigh Ave., Carmel
845-279-5711 x2482 | health-quest.org

Sports

Haldane vs. Putnam Valley (Boys' Soccer)
4:30 p.m. Haldane School | Details under Friday

Art & Design

Boscobel Open to Artists
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org
No public admission.

Music

Old-Timey Southern Fiddle Jam Session
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

The Dream Choir with Cat Guthrie
7:15 p.m. YogaSong Studio
27 Travis Corners Road, Garrison
845-424-4340 | yogasongstudio.com

Meetings & Lectures

Knitting Club
10 a.m. Howland Public Library | 313 Main St., Beacon | 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Highland Knitters
Noon. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Open Forums on Hiring of New Superintendent
1 p.m. Merritt Building | Haldane School
7:30 p.m. Music Room | Haldane School
15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring
845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

Book Club: The Art of Racing in the Rain
1:30 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Beacon Planning Board
7 p.m. 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5000 | cityofbeacon.org

Panel on Proposed State Constitutional Amendments
7 p.m. Cortlandt Town Hall | 1 Heady St., Cortlandt Manor | Hosted by Sandy Galef.

Conservation Advisory Board
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-5200 | philipstown.com

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

Kids & Community

Howland Public Library Events
9:45 a.m. Come & Play (ages 0-3)
10:30 a.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
3 - 5 p.m. Drop-in Homework Center
See details under Monday.

Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill
10 a.m. Pickup at Chestnut Ridge, Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Chess Club
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Mahjong Open Play
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. VFW Hall | 34 Kemble Ave., Cold Spring | 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

Desmond-Fish Library Events
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Pre-school Story Hour
See details under Tuesday.


Rivertown Kids Chorus (ages 9-13)
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon | 845-264-3393 | rivertownkids.org

Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie
6 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club | Details under Friday

Health & Fitness

Fitness Walkers: Brooks Lake and 1777 Trail
9:30 a.m. Fort Montgomery Visitor Center
Route 9W, Highland Falls | hhnaturemuseum.org

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Breast Feeding Support Group 10 a.m. Cornerstone Park Building 1 Fair St., Carmel 845-808-1390 x43150 putnamcountyny.gov
Flu Shot Clinic 2 - 6:30 p.m. Garrison Volunteer Fire Company 1616 Route 9, Garrison 845-808-1390, option 1 putnamcountyny.gov
Adult Pick-Up Soccer 6 p.m. Philipstown Park Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-4618 philipstownrecreation.com
Young Women's Breast Cancer Support Group 7 p.m. Support Connection 40 Triangle Center, Suite 100, Yorktown Heights 914-962-6402 supportconnection.org
Life Support Group 7:30 p.m. St. Philip's Church 1100 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3571 stphilipshighlands.org

Sports

Haldane vs. Peekskill (Girls' Soccer) 4:30 p.m. Haldane School Details under Friday
Army vs. Colgate (Men's Soccer) 7 p.m. Clinton Field, West Point 845-938-2526 goarmysports.com

Art & Design

Life Sketching Session 6 - 8:30 p.m. Arts on the Lake 640 Route 52, Kent Lakes 845-228-2685 artsonthelake.org

Music

Open Mic Night 7 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe Details under Monday
Colin Hay 8 p.m. Bethel Woods 200 Hurd Road, Bethel 866-781-2922 bethelwoodscenter.org

Meetings & Lectures

Be Red Cross Ready for Disasters 1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Tioronda Garden Club 7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-831-4300 howlandculturalcenter.org
Book Group: Wild - From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail 7 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Drug Crisis in Our Backyard 7 p.m. Mahopac Firehouse 741 Route 6, Mahopac 914-582-8384
Sunset Readings: T.C. Boyle 7 p.m. Chapel Restoration 45 Market St., Cold Spring sunsetreadings.org
Historic District Review Board 8 p.m. Village Hall 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 coldspringny.gov

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Kids & Community

Howland Public Library Events 10 a.m. Brain Games for Adults 10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5) See details under Monday.
Senior Day Center 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House See details under Tuesday.
Butterfield Library Events 10:30 a.m. Bouncing Babies 12:30 p.m. Little Bookworms (ages 2.5-5) 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 butterfieldlibrary.org
Children Read to Dogs (ages 7-10) 3:30 - 5 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library See details under Tuesday.
Spooky (Not Scary) Stories on the Hudson 5 p.m. Little Stony Point 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring 845-424-3358 hhlt.org
Public Sail on the Woody Guthrie 6 p.m. Beacon Sloop Club Details under Friday
Pegasus Program (ages 6-14) 6 p.m. Putnam County Youth Bureau 110 Old Route 6, Carmel 845-225-6316 x1126 putnamcountyny.gov/youth For children with addiction in family

Health & Fitness

Breast & Ovarian Cancer Support Group 10 a.m. Support Connection See details under Wednesday.
Free Hepatitis C Testing 10 a.m. - Noon. Department of Health 1 Geneva Road, Brewster 845-808-1390 x43114 putnamcountyny.gov
Elder Abuse - Signs and Help 1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Free Depression Screening 4 - 6 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center See details under Saturday.
Caregiver Support Group 6 p.m. Kathleen's Tea Room 979 Main St., Peekskill 914-734-3896 hvhc.org/events
Women's Prenatal/Postpartum Discussion Group 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital Center 1980 Crompound Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-736-7700 northeastdoulas.com

Now What? Guide to Recovery After Mastectomy (Book Club) 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital 1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-962-6402 supportconnection.org

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

Art & Design

Discover Abstract Painting 10:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center See details under Sunday.
Vermeer and Music: The Art of Love and Leisure 2 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center See details under Sunday.

Arts Mid-Hudson Executive's Art Awards 5:30 p.m. Villa Borghese 70 Widmer Road, Wappingers Falls 845-454-3222 artsmidhudson.org
Marbling Workshop (First Session) 6:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center See details under Sunday.

Theater & Film

Memphis (Simulcast) 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley See details under Friday.
Dance on Film: The Red Shoes (1948) 7:15 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center See details under Sunday.

Music

Bruce Molsky 7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Details under Saturday.
John Sebastian/Tom Rush 8 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall See details under Friday.

Open Mic Night 8:30 p.m. 12 Grapes See details under Friday.
Karaoke Night 9:30 p.m. Max's on Main Details under Friday

Meetings & Lectures

NHFD District Meeting 7 p.m. North Highlands Fire House 504 Fishkill, Cold Spring nhfd21.org

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Kids & Community

Free Admission for Grandparents 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mid-Hudson Children's Museum 75 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie 845-471-0589 mhcm.org
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Butterfield Launch for New Anthology Oct. 6 (from page 7)

writers, many of which rarely connect. “There are distinct Albany groups,” he says, “and Saratoga Springs groups, New Paltz, Westchester, Woodstock. When we get together, the work creates a real bond and is one reason I love doing these anthologies. We celebrate each other and expand the circle of writers. There’s a definite Hudson Valley community of writers, thousands, and we were trying to bring together a collection of communities that goes beyond local borders.”

Asked if they had gleaned a particular Hudson Valley “voice” or, more specifically, a Hudson Valley ‘women’s voice’ from their readings, Carr said “throughout there are references, some cloaked, some overt, about the region, but we weren’t going for it [as editors]. And the answer to that question is yes, no, maybe. We’ve found extremely independent voices, some with an urban edge, because of the many transplants here, others a rural reflection — some have lived here for generations and are people of the land. Both foster independent writing. There was not much warm and fuzzy stuff going on; there are lots of individualists, reflecting what is going on in women’s lives. Schmidt noted that there “was some overall focus on women’s relationship to the natural world.”

Cold Spring’s Jo Pitkin, whose work was also included in *Riverine*, first met

Carr at a small press fair. Having put together readings at Butterfield since 2002, she organized one for *Riverine* and is pleased to be doing so again for *A Slant of Light*, echoing the editors’ thoughts that it’s a “great vehicle for us writers to meet each other.” Pitkin likes “the mission of this anthology: these poems really bring out important things about women’s lives.” In a coincidence with another literary event taking place in Cold Spring next week, when Pitkin first moved to this area in 1995, she went to a T.C. Boyle (see accompanying story) book signing at the now defunct Salmagundi Books on Main Street. “I thought things like this would be a regular occurrence,” she says, laughing, “there wasn’t another visiting writer here for the next seven years, so I decided to partner with the Butterfield Library in 2002 to host one or two readings a year. I’ve done that more or less since, inviting writers from the Hudson Valley and beyond to read at the library.”

The editors hosted their first reading two weeks ago in Woodstock. The Butterfield event is one of six, at bookstores and libraries, which will launch the book. “It was so great to hear people reading their pieces,” Schmidt said. “I was struck by the creativity of women in the Hudson Valley; it’s wonderful to see the beauty of the work.”

Novelist T.C. Boyle to Read at The Chapel (from page 7)

writers who might be flying just below reader’s radar as it is bringing famous personages to The Chapel lectern. (A moment for a laugh recalling Doctorow gripping the lectern, smiling and intoning “Dearly beloved.”)

San Miguel (2012) is the most recent Boyle novel. His appearance in Cold Spring heralds the publication this year of a huge retrospective collection of his short stories, which have appeared over the years in all the top literary publications. Likely he will read from one of these stories at The Chapel.

Local readers, if they haven’t already, will want to consider a much earlier Boyle novel, *World’s End* (1987) because it explores and examines life in both the 17th and 20th centuries among an assortment of folks from our very own Hudson Highlands. The work, which won the Pen/Faulkner best novel prize and was selected by *The New York Times* Book Review as one of the best of the year, derives in part from Boyle’s own travails growing up in Peekskill. So Boyle’s visit is a homecoming, a chance perhaps to visit old haunts, or haunt old friends. He has taught literature at the University of Southern California for more than three decades

In *World’s End*, which this reporter is reading now, readers will encounter a rich detailed history of the area through the hard-bitten experiences of people contending with the land, the elements and the ghosts of the river valley first named North and only later for a Dutch explorer. Boyle’s diverse and closely drawn characters struggle with the search for love and meaning amidst the human capacity for cruelty and violence. Native Americans, Dutch settlers, English government officials, the famous and the ordinary, the originals and their descendants, are all whipped together into a quite serious picaresque froth of family, memory, intrigue, desire, ambition, disappointment, political commitment and betrayal.

For those unfamiliar the river bend just off Cold Spring is known as World’s

End for its ship-sinking reputation among seafarers of pastimes due to its sharp currents, flinty wind gusts and deep water. Boyle’s often-offbeat characters are much in and around the river, which influences events natural and supernatural in their lives, as much as any factor. Boyle creates a world in which people three hundred years apart are connected by blood, land and the decisions the earlier generations made that still play out even today.

Reading *San Miguel*, this reader was struck by the thematic similarities of the two works written 26 years apart. San Miguel is an island in the Pacific Ocean off Santa Barbara in southern California. On this island, playing out on the far side (the world’s end?) of the European-American settlement story, characters in the last decade of the 19th and the third and fourth decade of the 20th century confront the fierce indifference of natural and economic forces to human aspiration, endure the dark side of the illusory siren call of isolation from other humans and the wrenching pangs of disappointment when one has given all for love only to lose it.

Great writers like Boyle make us feel emotions and think thoughts we might otherwise forgo. They upset the cobwebs of our certainties, remind us of our capacity for strength and our tendency toward frailty, and summon us to keep memory in the forefront of consciousness. They transport us to other times and places providing us with a generous taste of experiences we couldn’t have ourselves. And they introduce us to people we would never meet elsewhere, people who might broaden horizons or warn us of danger just ahead.

Sometimes encountering a writer in person can lead to a long-term engagement with their work, which of course is where you actually get to know them. If so inclined, get to The Chapel Restoration (45 Market St., Cold Spring) early for a seat for Boyle’s 7 p.m. appearance on Wednesday, Oct. 9.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CGF Teaches Seed Saving and Biodiversity

A hands-on seed saving workshop taught by Common Ground Farm Manager Ellie Lobovits takes place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday Oct. 12. Learn how to save seeds and why it's important for the health of the earth and our own health. Learn how to make your own "new heirloom" in your garden.

Participants will walk the farm field and collect seed stalks to use during the workshop, and come away with hands-on skills as well as a list of seed-saving resources.

Cost is \$20/\$18 for Friends of CGF. The workshop will be held at Common Ground Farm, 79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls. Register in advance. Email Education Director Sember Weinman at education@commongroundfarm.org.



Seed saving

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Galef, Carlucci Praise Boating Safety Bill

Landmark legislation becomes New York law

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and State Sen. David Carlucci announced that legislation that they sponsored requiring boaters to take an eight-hour boating safety course before being allowed to navigate on New York waters



Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and State Sen. David Carlucci are joined by the family of boating accident victim Bryan Johnson, members of the boating community and local officials who worked to help get the new boating safety legislation passed and signed into law.

Photo provided

has been signed into law by Gov. Andrew Cuomo. This law, A3471/S1639, will require all operators of a mechanically propelled boat to hold a boating safety certificate, which would be granted following successful completion of the boating safety course.

Inexperienced and reckless boaters have caused many tragedies in the tri-state area in the past two years, increasing awareness that safe boating requires education. While many boaters may believe they understand how to operate a vessel safely, often they are at a loss when encountering kayakers, wakes, and large vessels.

"My heart goes out to the families of those injured and killed in recent tragedies, including those here today from my district, and others on the Hudson, and on the Long Island Sound. They continue to experience profound anguish, which no one should have to suffer," Galef said.

This new law implements a multi-year phase-in of boating safety certificate requirements for all boat operators. It requires 18-year-old boat operators to possess a boating safety certificate and expands with succeeding age groups in each successive year.

The legislation provides the Commissioner of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation with the explicit authority to develop and implement online boating safety education courses if appropriate.

Galef concluded: "A huge 'thank you' goes to my constituents and the boating community who helped advocate for the passage of this bill. I would also like to thank Senator Carlucci for his steadfast support of this crucial piece of legislation."

The law takes effect May 1, 2014.

Haldane Celebrates Homecoming Weekend

Join students, families, friends and neighbors and celebrate Haldane's recently completed capital projects, including Haldane's "Field of Dreams," the new, state-of-the-art athletic field. Activities on Friday Oct. 4 include a boys' soccer game at 4:30 p.m. vs. Hendrick Hudson, a 6:45 p.m. parade (Cold Spring Depot to field), and a 7:45 p.m. tour of the new lockers and auditorium.

At 9 a.m. on Sat-

urday Oct. 5, Patti Pelican, Hudson Valley Hospital Center, and the Wellness Committee officially open the walking track to the community. Senior citizens are especially invited to participate in a fun walk around the track. Water bottles and free blood pressure readings will be available. An 11 a.m. soccer game follows with JV girls vs. Putnam Valley. Haldane's Homecoming football game vs. Yonkers Montessori Academy begins at 3 p.m. A half-time grand celebration will recognize supporters of the recent capital projects, and the Homecoming dance takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. in the district auditorium/small gym. Visit haldaneschool.org.

Town-Wide Tag Sale Oct. 5 to Feature More Than 80 Vendors Across Philipstown

The Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is coordinating a Town-Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, Oct. 5. The town-wide tag sale will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with more than 80 homeowners and businesses participating.

The sale, which will include all of Philipstown, Putnam County, will feature tag sales in Cold Spring, Garrison and Nelsonville. Come for the day and look for treasures.

Maps of registered homes and locations will be given out on Oct. 5 at the following locations: Vera's Farm Market, 3091 Route 9, Cold Spring; Carla Goldberg Studios, 63 Pine Street, Nelsonville; Garrison Café, 1135 Route 9D, Garrison; Chamber of Commerce Information Booth, foot of Main Street, Cold Spring. Maps may also be viewed and printed from the chamber's website and Facebook page. Call 845-265-3200 or visit coldspringareachamber.org. The map of vendors will be available on Friday, Oct. 4 on the Chamber's Facebook page and website. The rain date for the event will be Sunday, Oct. 6.

Deadline Approaching for U.S. Service Academy Nominations

Interested high school seniors invited to apply by Oct. 11

With the deadline approaching to apply for U.S. service academies, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney encouraged students from the Hudson Valley to seek a nomination from his office. Rep. Maloney has the ability to nominate students to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point. Students applying to the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London do not need a Congressional nomination.

"As your representative, it is my honor to be a small part of one of our country's oldest traditions of nominating the Hudson Valley's most accomplished and motivated young people for acceptance into a service academy," Maloney said.

Interested students must submit completed applications to the district office at 123 Grand Street, Newburgh, NY 12550, no later than Oct. 11. Applicants who have submitted completed application materials will be contacted to schedule interviews with Rep. Maloney's Service Academy Selection Board.

The application process is open to all

interested high school seniors in New York's 18th Congressional District. Students are encouraged to research specific academies on their respective websites. Visit seanmaloney.house.gov or call Oscar Dunham at 845-561-1259.

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Boscobel invites everyone to gather around a traditional bonfire for some old-fashioned "kindled" fun at Family Bonfire Night. New this year will be Stargazing with Boscobel's Museum Educator, Lisa Dimarzo. If it is a clear night, Dimarzo will point out autumn sky features such as Polaris, Cassiopeia, Pegasus and Cygnus while also sharing stories, secrets and lore of the Hudson Valley's starry nights with bonfire guests. As a StarLab educator, Dimarzo has been teaching about the nighttime sky for more than 10 years.

Boscobel's Family Bonfire Night will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13 – the next day is a school holiday. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 20. Limited seating around the bonfire will be provided; feel free to bring your own chairs. Admission is \$12 for adults, and children 10 and under are free. Friends of Boscobel members receive a 10 percent discount. Advance ticket purchase preferred. Visit Boscobel.org.



Roaring bonfire at Boscobel!

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Works of Dick McEvoy on View at Cathryn's

The meditative mood of color permeates the paintings of Dick McEvoy, now on view at Cathryn's Tuscan Grille, 91 Main St., Cold Spring.

"I love to paint because I only paint what moves and excites me at a particular point in time. My art is not 'reporting' and it's not 'interpreting' ... it is simply my expression of pleasure," McEvoy said.

That pleasure continues to the viewer through a swirling, kinetic melding of form suggestive of the landscapes portrayed. McEvoy is a man who although influenced by abstract impressionists, commands the stage of his own creations on canvas and paper.

Accomplished and in over 200 collections throughout Europe and the U.S., he is a signature artist member of Pastel Society of America, the Connecticut Pastel Society and the Pastel Painters



Provence Misty Morning by Dick McEvoy

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(from previous page) Society of Cape Cod. He also is adept in oils. McEvoy currently resides in Connecticut. The exhibition continues until Dec. 9, at Cathryn’s.

Oakwood Friends Hosts Fall Information Session

Oakwood Friends School will host its fall information session at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 18.

Visitors meet at the Turner Math and Science Building, Oakwood Friends School campus, 22 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie.

The 1.5-hour program begins with an informal meet and greet with Head of School Peter F. Baily, and Assistant Head for Academics and Student Life Anna Bertucci and faculty.

After an introduction by Bertucci, visitors and current students will participate in two abbreviated classes, drawing from robotics and ethics for the October event.

Student guides take families on a tour to see school in session. This is an opportunity to walk the school’s campus, and meet Oakwood Friends’ students and teachers.

Admissions staff will be available to informally discuss the admission and financial aid process. The session promises a more interactive event, *showing* rather than *telling* prospective students and families about Oakwood Friends’ teaching methods, activities and difference.

Oakwood Friends School, founded in 1796, is an independent, coeducational college preparatory day and boarding school serving grades six to 12. Guided by Quaker values, Oakwood Friends educates and strengthens young people for lives of conscience, compassion and accomplishment. It fosters a community of students and staff in an atmosphere of mutual respect and enrichment, sensitive to the world and its needs.

The October event will be the sole fall session. Information sessions are only offered twice a year. Those interested in attending are asked to register in advance. Call 845-462-4200, ext. 245.

Charles McGill’s Works to Open in Peekskill Oct. 5

The Field Gallery, in conjunction with the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art, presents *The Heads: 1986*, a series of early studies by the acclaimed artist Charles McGill which explore race and identity. *The Heads* is on view from Saturday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Nov 17. An opening reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 5.

Beneath the suit, beneath the businessman, beyond assimilation, the black man is seen, McGill explains, as “a man who

is expected to always know his place, despite his innate ambition.” In their unblinking portraits, the heads notice, they observe warily, but their eyes remain shaded from view.

The Field Library Gallery is located at 4 Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Visit peekskill.org.

HSF Fall Ball Raises \$35,000+ for Haldane

The Haldane School Foundation raised more than \$35,000 for the district at its annual Fall Ball Sept. 28, at Bear Mountain Inn.

More than 200 guests mingled at the newly renovated lodge and on the patio overlooking Hessian Lake before moving upstairs for dinner and dancing to a live band. The highlight of the night, however, was past HSF president Dani Locastro’s emotional tribute to retiring Superintendent Dr. Mark Villanti.

“The theme of this year’s event was ‘Be the Solution,’ and nobody epitomizes that attitude more than Dr. Villanti,” said Craig Roffman, HSF vice president. “During his years as our superintendent, Dr. Villanti brought an enthusiasm to Haldane that was on clear display in the energy and support of everyone attending this year’s Fall Ball.”

The more than \$35,000 raised this year came from ticket sales, proceeds from silent and live auctions and generous contributions from sponsors. Among the record number of sponsors this year were anchor sponsor Scanga Innovative Woodworking, Alley’s Way Car, Almost Home Kennels, American Tree House Company, Archipelago at Home, Assogna Endodontics, B&C Flooring, Bailey Dentistry, Dr. Anthony Bonavoglia, Brennan Built, Brothers Lawn & Landscape, Downey Oil, Gahagan Child & Adolescent Therapy, Hudson Valley Fresh, Dr. Sean Rooney and Media Pantry.

High School Principal Brian Alm and Elementary School Principal Brent Harrington introduced the session. Haldane Teachers Leah Horn and Simon Dudar kicked off the drive with a \$500 pledge from the Haldane Faculty Association. Contributions for the Haldane Arts & Technology Lab are being accepted at haldaneschoolfoundation.org.

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BSC Presents Pumpkin Festival Oct. 13

Beacon Sloop Club presents its Annual Pumpkin Festival from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday Oct. 13. Celebrate the season with pumpkins, pies and other fall treats, free sails on the Sloop Woody Guthrie, children’s activities, environ-

mental displays, music power by the solar stage with the Judith Tulloch Band, Sarah Underhill, Vicki Raabin and others. The event includes food and craft vendors and will be held at Riverfront Park, 1 Flynn Drive, Beacon. Admission is free. Visit beaconsloopclub.org or call 845-242-7822 or 845-463-4660.

Patricia Satterlee: Gloria On View at Matteawan Gallery

Matteawan Gallery presents *Gloria*, an exhibition of paintings by Patricia Satterlee from her series of the same name. The exhibition opens with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, and runs through Nov. 2. In Satterlee’s paintings, a hard-edged central form is placed on a background that alternates between solid gray and an intricately layered field of color. The imagery in the *Gloria* series evokes the female body, but it is primarily abstract. There are a few basic shapes: the head-like shape with four round protrusions, the torso with thin arms/ head with pigtails, and the hourglass shape suggesting a curvy female torso. The figures are playful, humorous, and alien, but at the same time familiar.

Matteawan Gallery is located at 464 Main St., Beacon. Visit matteawan.com.

Gaudete Brass Quintet to Play at Howland Center

The Howland Chamber Music Circle’s season continues with a performance by the Gaudete Brass Quintet of music from the 16th century to the present. The musicians, Bill Baxtresser and Ryan Berndt, trumpets, Julia Filso, horn, Paul Von Hoff, trombone, and Scott Tegge, tuba, have committed themselves to presenting serious brass chamber music both traditional and contemporary through compelling concerts. They have commissioned new works and have made adventurous recordings.

For its concert at the Howland Center the Quintet has chosen to play works including *Copperwave* by Joan Tower, *16th century Italian Madrigals* by Giaches De Wert, *Sonata for Brass Quintet* by John Cheetham, *ROAR* by Jeremy Howard Beck, *Canzona Prima* by Giovanni Gabrieli, and *The*

Nightingale by Thomas Bateson.

The concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon, and will be followed by a reception to meet the artists. Tickets are by subscription and can be reserved by calling 845-297-9243, or visit the Howland Chamber Music Circle website at howlandmusic.org. Single tickets are \$30 and \$10 for students.

RiverWinds Gallery Presents ‘Legacy of John Gould’ Artist Talk Oct. 5


RiverWinds Gallery at 172 Main St., Beacon, will host a talk by Robert Gould about his father, John F. Gould, at 4 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 5. RiverWinds is celebrating Beacon’s Centennial by featuring the work of John F. Gould. Robert Gould will talk about his father’s paintings of historic Hudson River Valley scenes including the Dayliners — trains and ferries that crossed the Hudson. The show closes on Sunday Oct. 6.

The RiverWinds show includes original paintings, sketches and pen and ink drawings by John F. Gould of the Newburgh Beacon Bridge, Madame Brett Homestead, and other historic scenes. John F. Gould had a long career as an artist and art instructor. He was a well-known lecturer on art, particularly oriental art and was a successful fine arts painter.

Born in Worcester, Mass., in 1906, he studied art at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, and later instructed at Pratt for 22 years. He was a prominent illustrator for the *Saturday Evening Post* and an illustrator for many corporations. He passed away in 1996, but his sons Robert and Paul have kept his legacy alive. They have assembled this collection of their father’s work for RiverWinds Gallery, located at 172 Main St., Beacon. Visit riverwinds-gallery.com or call 845-838-2880.



Newburgh Beacon Bridge, original watercolor by J.F. Gould
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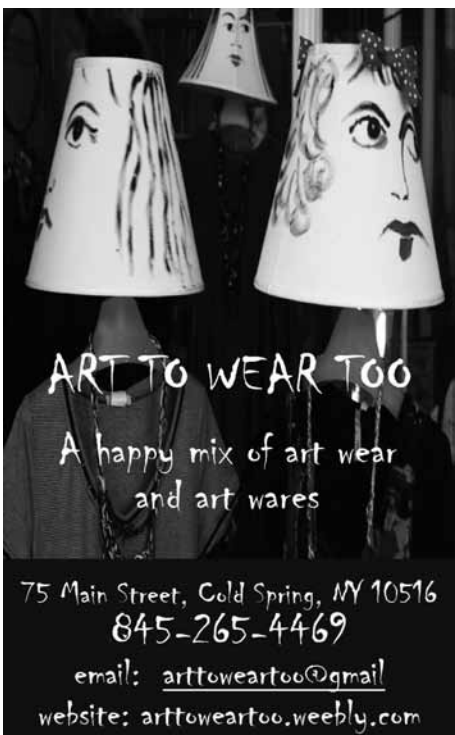
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Beacon Towne Crier Café Re-Opens in Beacon

Storied music venue celebrates grand opening at new location

By Sommer Hixson

Phil Ciganer, the owner of Towne Crier Café, is overly modest when he describes the debut of his music club. “I spent most of my teen years in night clubs, where I developed a passion for that intimacy between musicians and the audience,” said Ciganer. “I did an about-face at a time when I had a golden opportunity at my job as a stock trader. I came to the realization that working on Wall Street was not for me. I left, and spent two years researching communities that would be right for my idea of a coffee house-style music venue.” Ciganer initially decided on Austin, Tex-

as, as the place to be (at a time when there weren’t many music venues there) but was sidetracked by an artist-friend who needed one of his sculptures to be delivered to an old general store and hotel in the hamlet of Beekmanville, N.Y. He opened Towne Crier Café there in November 1972. The premiere act was the Wretched Refuse String Band, led by the late Richie Shulberg, also known as WBAI-FM’s radio personality, Citizen Kafka. This weekend, four decades later, the Hudson Valley’s storied music venue is celebrating a grand opening at its new location at 379 Main St., in Beacon. Performances include top-tier acts such as the homegrown Grand Slambovians (formerly known as Gandolf Murphy and the Slambovian Circus of Dreams), the Battlefield Band, and The Defibulators. With all of the last-minute preparations involved in opening a brand-new

8,000-square-foot facility, it was difficult to find a quiet moment to interview Ciganer. As the Spirit of Beacon Day Parade marched by outside, he talked about the new place. “I leased half of the 16,000-square-foot unit,” he said, referring to the former DMV building that stretches for most of the block between Veteran’s Place and Teller Avenue. “There was nothing here except a cinderblock wall dividing two elevations, which worked fine for me for tiered seating. Total capacity of the space is 253, with approximately 150 seats in the theater. Everything is state of the art.” A wall separating the dining room from the theater is collapsible, allowing him to open up the space for a more club-like setting. When asked how much the build-out cost, Ciganer answered, “A lot. Seven figures. By far more than any of the other locations.” During a tour of the theater, soundman Joe Johnson was setting up a band called TriBeCaStan for a “soft opening” performance that evening. The night before, local musician Stephen Clair filled the house for his record release party. “We were a bit overwhelmed by the crowds,” said Ciganer. “But that’s a good problem to have.” “We take our food as seriously as our music,” he continued. His executive chef is James Kane, and his pastry chef, Mary Ciganer (née Murphy), is also his wife. Shortly after the birth of Towne Crier, she left her job at Le Cirque to create its signature desserts.

Just inside the front entrance is a bar covered in an eye-catching wood mosaic, a façade created by musician Larry Zampino. A close friend of Ciganer’s, who is also a master carpenter, Zampino was the first-ever act in Pawling about 25 years ago. An



Pastry chef Mary Ciganer’s signature desserts on display. Photo by S. Hixson

oversized red arrow, a remnant of Mt. Beacon’s old ski resort, hangs from the ceiling behind the bar (Note to readers: Ciganer is in search of photo documentation). The light fixtures were designed and produced by Beacon’s Hudson Beach Glass. Naming the business all those years ago was also circumstantial. “I was almost settled on ‘The New Moon Café’ even though it didn’t feel right to me,” explained Ciganer. “One night while I was falling asleep, I overheard a friend talking to another friend about his recent trip to Norway, and how the small towns in the north still have the guys with bells in the streets. I jumped up and said, ‘That’s it! That’s the name.’” Soon after the opening of the first Towne Crier, the English folk singer Louis Killen had to cancel a sold-out show at the last minute. Held up in New England, he offered to send a friend in his place. That friend turned out to be Pete Seeger, which of course was fortuitous for Ciganer. Their relationship continues to this day, on and off the stage. Ciganer served as director of the Clearwater Festival from 1976 to 1981, and a large portrait of Seeger, a new painting by local artist Michael D’Antuono, is prominently displayed in the restaurant. Ciganer is aware of the impact his new business makes on Main Street’s middle corridor, a section of the city where restoration had been lagging behind the historic East and West ends. All of the spaces in the unit are now rented out. “They say business makes business,” he said. “I’ve been made to feel very welcome here.” Referring to a hold-up of his liquor license by the State Liquor Authority, Ciganer credits local and state officials for coming to his aid. He made it clear that relations with the Masjid Ar-Rashid center across the street are good. “There is no opposition from them. Even before I made a decision to move here, I met with the imam to let him know what my

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Roots and Shoots

A Festival of Garlic

By Pamela Doan

Hungarian Purple, Marino, German White, Killarney, Oregon Blue, Musik, Spanish Roja, Nirvana Weird, Rose Du Var, Belarus — these are some of the dozens of different types of garlic that could be found at the Hudson Valley Garlic Festival Sept. 28-29 in Saugerties. Unless you’ve been to a garlic festival, you might not know that so many varieties exist. Grocery stores usually have only one selection, an indeterminate mid-size bulb with cloves that give off a uniform flavor. When using garlic in cooking, there can be subtle shifts to flavor by using a specific type, though. Garlic can be spicy, nutty, zesty, hot, sharp, buttery, mild, potent and sweet. Depending on which type you use, it will contribute those characteristics to the dish.

At the Garlic Festival, all of the garlic is available for sampling. Life takes on a sharper, more fragrant focus when you’ve sampled multiple cloves over the course of a day, I can say, but how else can you know what you like? October is the time to plant garlic for harvest the following July. It’s a cold-hardy root vegetable and will go dormant during the winter and start growing in the spring. Just get it in the garden before the ground freezes and next summer you can enjoy scapes, the stalk of the plant that grows above ground, and big, juicy bulbs.

Garlic festivals and farmers’ markets offer a good chance to sample and buy bulbs for planting and it can also be ordered online from nurseries at this time of year. Hardneck garlic forms scapes; softneck does not, but most types mature faster. The garlic found in most gro-

cery stores is softneck because it travels well and stores longer. Hardneck can be hardier, though, and grows well here.

To plant garlic, separate the individual cloves from the bulb. I like to pick out large, plump cloves, but any size should work. The head of the clove, the pointed end, should point up when you put it in the ground. Plant it about two inches deep in a sunny spot that has well-drained soil. The optimal pH for garlic is between 6.5-7, which is the same fertility range for most of the vegetables typically grown in home gardens. Adding a layer of straw mulch will keep it warm and protect the garlic from being moved around when the ground heaves and thaws throughout the winter. When shoots appear in the spring, move the mulch away so the garlic can get plenty of sunlight.

I’ve read and been told to plant garlic anywhere from 1 inch to 6 inches apart. Last year I followed the 6-inch spacing rule, but after talking to an organic farmer from Vermont who spaces his plants 1 inch apart and seeing photos of his fields, I’m going to try a tightly spaced section this fall and see what happens.

One farmer I spoke with shared his method for maximizing soil fertility. Gale Sheradin of Grandpa’s Garlic, a farm in the Catskills, said, “As soon as we harvest the garlic in July, we plant buckwheat. It’s one of the few plants that will grow to maturity quickly and by September, it’s already flowered and matured. We cut it off and work it into the soil to prepare the fields to be planted again in October.” Buckwheat works as a soil enhancer. Sheradin continued: “It adds nutrients, particularly magnesium, and helps break down the nutrients in the soil so the garlic can use them better.”

Sheradin’s buckwheat is a cover crop and serves many purposes in addition to adding nutrients. Since a bare field would have nothing to keep the soil in place and would invite weeds, the cover crop keeps the weeds down between plantings and also prevents erosion. Cover crops like winter rye and winter wheat can still be planted this fall and then turned into the soil of a home garden next spring.

Planting garlic is easy and rewarding. Although I initially hesitated to use limited garden space for something that is inexpensive and can be found year round at the grocery store,

the payoff in flavor convinced me it was worth it. Homegrown or locally sourced garlic is a treat not to be missed. And best of all, no vampires!



Garlic bounty at the Hudson Valley Garlic Festival in Saugerties. Photo by P. Doan

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Philipstown Garden Club Renovates Haldane’s Greenhouse

By Elise LaRocco and Linda Speziale

Haldane now has a working greenhouse for middle school science classes thanks to the Philipstown Garden Club.

Getting the greenhouse operable was no easy task. But new PGC members decided to take it on. “Traditionally new PGC members get together and pick a project that helps the community,” said Linda Speziale a Haldane parent and new PGC member who spearheaded the project. “I had heard for years about the greenhouse and thought it was time. So did Brent Harrington, the elementary-middle school principal.”

Greenhouses ideally are built on the

south side to optimize sun exposure, but Haldane’s was built on the north end. With a little ingenuity, design and grow lights, a team of new PGC members came up with a successful plan.

Under recommendations and designs by the PGC group, the school’s Facilities employees painted, updated the plumbing and electricity, and installed a new sink, shelves, grow lights, and multiple-shelved portable plant stands (designed by PGC member and interior designer Stephen Hutcheson.) The wooden stands are on wheels and can be rolled out of the greenhouse down a ramp for easy outdoor access by an entire class. A ventilation system connected to a thermometer will be installed soon, to keep the

greenhouse from getting too hot and burning fragile seedlings. The Haldane School Foundation provided a grant toward the renovation.

The project will continue to be a process, as Haldane’s science teachers begin to weave its presence into student work, and the Haldane Garden Club will begin to use the greenhouse to propagate plants for the Haldane Garden.

“This is such a tremendous asset to our school,” Harrington said. “We’re so grateful to the Philipstown Garden Club for making this happen.”

Philipstown Garden Club is proud to have designed a functioning greenhouse that will bring the science and fun of working with plant life closer to young people for years to come.

Towne Crier Re-Opens in Beacon

(from page 14)

thinking was.” While the SLA makes a final determination, which Ciganer is confident will be positive, the Towne Crier is serving beer and wine.

The Slambovian show on Saturday, Oct. 5, is unfortunately sold out (with a wait list), but plenty of shows are lined up over the next few weeks for which tickets are still available, including Bruce Molsky on Thursday, Oct. 10, and Rickie Lee Jones on Sunday, Oct. 13.

The Towne Crier is open every night for dinner and on Saturday and Sunday for lunch. It hosts weekly Open Mic Nights on Mondays and Wednesdays, with the next event scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 9. Interested musicians can sign up online at townecrier.com, or show up before 7 p.m.



A new painting of Pete Seeger by Michael D’Antuono in the Towne Crier Café

Photo by S. Hixson



PGC’s Annie Patton, Haldane science teacher Mark Wick, PGC’s Diane Mary, Principal Brent Harrington, PGC’s Linda Speziale, PGC’s Stephen Hutcheson, Haldane science teacher Leah Horn, PGC’s Jennifer Mercurio, PGC’s Penny Seekircher, PGC president Beverly Leardi, Assistant Principal Julia Sniffen, PGC’s Elise LaRocco and PGC vice president Anne Endler

Photo by Maggie Benmour

Autumn Photofest

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