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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 adamanent 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. 3, 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 5)

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)

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Guided by Generations Before Him
Town Board candidate seeks re-election on his record of service

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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 – noodles can absorb by the time they’re cooked. 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 rampant 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 dorm long after suppertime. 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**

- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 lb. pastina (star noodles)
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ cup grated Parmesan
- black pepper, optional

- Heat the chicken broth in a medium saucepan until boiling. Stir in the pastina and cook, stirring occasionally, until the broth is mostly absorbed and the pasta is soft.
- Turn off the heat, wait 15 seconds, then mix in the eggs, stirring vigorously so they turn into a silky sauce. Mix in the Parmesan. Serve, topped with pepper if desired.
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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 noise or vibration and that such things as “academic travel and sporting competitions can still be at risk and many details are unresolved” and that “the current situation is very fluid and fluctuates daily.”

In general, Cordisco assured the board, the ZBA followed the code, because it is an orderly shut-down, West Point “will continue to accomplish its mission,” the academy stated. “The primary focus remains to minimize impact to all classroom instruction and military training while preserving sustenance 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 grounds.” Army 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 and 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 further publication of notices of public hearings of the Zoning Board of Appeals, the notices will take 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 Pizzollo 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

T he federal government shutdown pitting the White House against Congressional Republicans has taken hold into the mid-Hudson Valley early this week with hundreds of area federal employees, including those working for West Point and Stewart Air National Guard, notified the village that it will furlough without pay.

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Rep. Maloney said that despite the further 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 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 202-225-5443 or 845-561-1250.

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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?”

I felt helpless to protect those I love — both on a day-to-day basis, and from the moment 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.

**Van Tassel Guided by Generations Before Him**

(Tom page)

Town Board member Nancy Montgomery and Cold Spring Planner John Van Tassel have been in leadership of Town Supervisor Terry Gipson’s administration in setting up the local disaster coordination center at the North Highlands firehouse.

“Doing that [during the storms] made a big difference in helping us deal with the town’s inability, 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 by the board in making updates to the zoning code. He credits the leadership of Town Supervisor Richard Shea in shepherding the zoning changes by driving consensus through a deliberative, patient process. “That took a tremendous amount of work. We listened to the residents, the businesses, especially those along Route 9D. 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 revision.

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 “re” 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 ‘re’ 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.

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 6D 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 not to do what we’re asking for. We don’t want to cut services. We’re doing our best to hold the line.”

Perhaps the most contentious issue with the budgeting process is the implementation of the basic budgeting process the town 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 experience 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 Garrison Volunteer Fire Company (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 that 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 budget,” Van Tassel said. “But I want, ‘I make my living here, most of the time as a contractor/builder. We need to pro-"
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 methods 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 one of the most homogeneous groups 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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"I am delighted to accept your invitation. I look forward to meeting you," she wrote.
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 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.

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 Face book 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 Hibgee 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 that. Each family’s story is personal, but it doesn’t mean they should do it alone or feel marginalized. This experience I have been through 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 Brett 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 Villo, a private practice pediatrician at New York University’s School of Medicine, spoke about Executive Functions, ABMDI 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 which 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 parent 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 Hibgee. “Very few have a child in common, but 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 our responsibility is to be at the budget meetings, looking at the line items. If nobody is there speaking out, it’s an easy thing to cut.” 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 Hibgee 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. Hibgee is looking forward to the images of special education coming out. “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. 21 at 35B Garrison’s Landing. For more information email melindahigbee@aol.com or maeveengwong@verizon.net or visit their Facebook page, facebook.com/FLDA1earnDiff.

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A Slant of Light: Contemporary Women Writers of the Hudson Valley

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 Cordillo Press. A number of Philipstown writers, among them Irene O’Garden, Jo Pitkin and Michelle Woods, will read their entries, accompanied by other, 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 105 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, and poetry is included in the new anthology of memoir, short fiction, and poetry from about 106 women (more than 150 authors submitted a total of over 500 works for consideration).

Although writers submitted works not thematically focused on women, segmenting work into themed sections arose early on, “We interpreted the themes broadly, yet remained expansive,” explains Schmidt, “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 women, and WaterWrites, an exploration, tied in to the Hudson’s Quadracentennial, 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

Novelist T.C. Boyle to Read at The Chapel

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 author 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 community is as much about...
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6 - 9 p.m., The Lofts at Beacon
158 First St., Beacon
845-631-7877 | lftbeaconarts

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

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845-265-0022 | whistlingwilliewildlife

Live Music
8 p.m., Cold Spring Dupot
1 Depot Square, Cold Spring
845-265-2500 | coldspringdupot.com

Mike N Ed’s Acoustic Adventure
9:30 p.m. Max’s on Main | 246 Main St., Beacon
845-833-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Pete Hop and the Jackrabbits
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill
845-631-6764 | 12grapes.com

Meetings & Lectures
Free Computer Help
2 p.m., Desmond Fish Library | 472 Route 403, Garrison | 845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary

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

The Calendar
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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 6500 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck
845-331-7900 | artscene.com

Westchester County Center Events
Noon: 6 p.m., Stamp, Coin and Paper Show 3 - 9 p.m., Baseball Card Show
198 Central Ave., White Plains 914-995-4050 | countycenterbiz

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

Public sail on the Woody Guthrie
6 p.m., Beacon Sloop Club | 4 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon | Call 845-527-8675 for reservations.

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

Haldane Homecoming
4:30 p.m., Boyd Slocum vs. Hendrick Hudson
6:45 p.m. Parade (Cold Spring Depot to Field) 7:45 p.m. Tour of new lockers and auditorium
845-265-2054 | haldaneschool

Owl Prowl
7:30 p.m., Stone Point Battlefield, Stone Print
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 9G, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Barbara Smith Gioia: Flatbed Archery (Opening)
6 - 8 p.m., The Marina Gallery
153 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2204 | themarinagallery

Jaaknna Peerna and Cali Gorevic: A-Line-Mont (Opening)
6 - 9 p.m., Gallery 66 N.Y. 66 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5838 | gallery66eny

Alternating...Current (Opening)
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Kids & Community

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Boscobel
1601 Route 9G, Garrison | cfarmersmarket

Food Pantry
9 - 10 a.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3200 | presbyterianchurchcoldspring

Household Hazardous Waste Collection
9 a.m. - Noon, Department of Health
1 Geneva Road, Brewster | 845-808-1390

Hudson Valley Arts Festival
3 - 8 p.m. Baseball Card Show
Noon - 6 p.m. Stamp, Coin and Paper Show
3 - 8 p.m. Toy and Comic Show
9:45 a.m. The Reform Temple of Putnam Valley
63 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Famous Cabinetmaker (Lecture)
845-786-2521 | nysparks.com/historic-sites/8

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The Calendar (from page 10)

Health & Fitness
Breast & Ovarian Cancer Support Group 10 a.m. Support Group Meeting See details under Wednesday.
Free Hepatitis C Testing 10 a.m. - Noon, Department of Health 1694 Route 8, Poughkeepsie 845-809-1360 x43150 | putnamcountyny.gov
Elder Abuse - Signs and Help 1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-833-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Free Depression Screening 4-6 p.m. Putnam Hospital Center See details under Saturday.
Caregiver Support Group 6 p.m. Kathy's Art Studio 979 Main St., Peekskill 914-734-3986 | hhlt.org/events
Women's Prenatal/Postpumant Discussion Group 7 p.m. Hudson Valley Hospital Center 1980 Comrond Road, Cortlandt Manor 914-736-7007 | nordiastatildas.com
Old Route 6, Carmel 845-225-6316 x1126

Butterfield Launch for New Anthology Oct. 6 (from page 7)

Butterfield Library Events
See details under Tuesday.

Butterfield Launch for New Anthology Oct. 6

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

Supporter of the arts, Boyle has been known as a humanist, someone who believes in the power of art to bring people together. His work often explores the intersection of humanity and the natural world, and he is known for his use of vivid and unforgettable images in his writing.

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

Reading San Miguel, this reader was startled and reminded of T.C. Boyle, and the two works written 26 years apart. San Miguel is an island in the Pacific Ocean off Santa Barbara in southern California. Boyle, however, draws from history, wondering that it’s a “great vehicle for us to think thoughts that it’s a “great vehicle for us to think thoughts about the future, thoughts that it’s a “great vehicle for us to think thoughts that it’s a “great vehicle for us to think thoughts about the future, thoughts that it’s a “great vehicle for us to think thoughts about the future.

Great writers like Boyle make us feel emotions and think thoughts we might otherwise ignore. They open windows to another world, to another time, to another society, to another culture. They make us see the beauty of the work."
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.

Boating Safety Bill

Assemblywoman Sandy Galef and State Sen. David Carlucci thank Senator Carlucci for his steadfast support of this crucial piece of legislation. Governor Cuomo. This law, A3471/S1639, will require all operators of a mechanically propelled boat to hold a boating safety certificate, which will 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 safety 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 tragic accidents, 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 3:30 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 Saturday, Oct. 5, Patti Pellican, Hudson Valley Hospital Center, and the Wellness Committee officially open the walking trail 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. Haldean’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 Interact takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. in the district auditorium/small gym. Visit haldaneshsoc.org.

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 assist high school seniors to 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 845-563-1259.

Star Light, Star Bright

Come sit by the firelight!

Boscobel invites everyone to gather around a traditional bonfire for some old-fashioned “kindled” fun at Family Bonfire Night. New this year will be Star gazing 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 night-time 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.

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 molding 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., McEvoy is a member of the American Society of Fascist Painters.

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OAKWOOD FRIENDS HOSTS FALL INFORMATION SESSION

Oakwood Friends School will host its fall information session from 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 Academic 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 the 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 845-442-4000, 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 to 2006, a series of early studies by the acclaimed contemporary art, presents The Heads: 1986 to 4 p.m. Oct. 5.

Saturday, Oct. 5, through Sunday, Nov. 17.

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 Locasto’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, Asseog Na Endodontics, B&C Flooring, Bailey Nelson Ave., Peekskill. Visit peekskill.org.

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 teacher 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.
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 my first concert at age 12 and wanted to be a concert promoter.”

“I came to the realization that working a blue collar job could never fulfill my music vision,” said Ciganer. “I wanted to be close to the music and decided to get into the restaurant and entertainment business.”

Ciganer is aware of the impact his new 8,000-square-foot facility is making on Main Street’s middle to lower end. “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 TribeCaSatan 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 little 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 facade created by musician Larry Zampino, who was an influence for much of the music club’s facade. A large portrait of Seeger, a new painting by Beacon’s Hudson Beach Glass, hangs from the ceiling behind the bar. A custom oversized red arrow, a remnant of Mt. Beacon’s old ski resort, hangs from the ceiling. A historical 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 plans are.”

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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 new PGC member who spearheaded the project that helps the community,” said Brent Harrington, the elementary-middle school principal.

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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.

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Autumn Photofest

Over the next few weeks The Paper will collect high-resolution color images from local photographers of local autumnal scenes and themes. We prefer pictures taken this year. The best photos (in our opinion) will be featured in The Paper on its color pages.

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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 Sunday and Saturday 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 7pm.

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