Two Candidates Compete for Court Post

Supreme Court job seen as logical career step

By Liz Schveytshuk Armstrong

A n old adage argues that justice is blind, but in New York state those who oversee it are partisan — on the ballot, anyway. Thus the Nov. 4 general election features a race for 9th Judicial District Supreme Court justice, with veteran jurist James W. Hubert, a Democrat, now serving as an acting Supreme Court judge, competing against lawyer, songwriter and former cop Montgomery “Monty” Delaney, a Republican.

Despite the party labels, judicial candidates typically do not campaign like other contenders. Nor, often, do Supreme Court judges (also called justices) need to: once they win election, they serve for 14 years, far longer than the terms of other elected officials. They belong to a statewide system that carves New York into about a dozen districts. Within a judicial district, judgeships are distributed in among participating counties; for the 9th district, that means Putnam, Westchester, Dutchess, Rockland and Orange.

Under New York’s rather arcane judicial structure, the Supreme Court, unlike courts bearing that name in other states, is not the highest court in the state. However, it outranks several courts, such as village and township justice courts, and it presides over such matters as foreclosure and equity cases, divorces and similar questions, injunctions, and civil cases involving larger sums of money than a lower court can handle. At times, as in Putnam County, the Supreme Court operates out of a combined facility with the County Court, which handles felonies and other serious criminal offenses not covered by a lower-level court.

Delaney ran in 2013 for a county judge slot in Westchester and lost, adding another item to an

Poor Metro-North Safety Practices Cited

Transportation Safety Board and U.S. Senators deliver strong message

By Kevin E. Foley

T he Metro-North Railroad has once again come under sharp criticism for its “ineffective safety management” with the release of an investigative report from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB). The report issued Tuesday (Oct. 28) sought to understand the causes of several rail line accidents in the last year, including the December 2013 derailment that killed four passengers, Philipstown’s Jim Lovell among them.

In that accident, the NTSB confirmed earlier reported preliminary findings that the engineer, William Rockefeller, had dozed off, allowing his train to increase speed to 82 miles per hour while coming into a sharp turn. Christopher Hart, acting chairman of the NTSB, said Tuesday that his agency has called for the screening of train operators for sleep disorders for the last 12 years. He accused Metro-North’s primary regulator, the Federal Railroad Board and U.S. Senators deliver strong message

Fjord Trail Route Takes Shape, Infrastructure Work Could Start 2015

Public, local officials also confer on parking and traffic

By Liz Schveytshuk Armstrong

J oined by public officials from three localities, on a rain-splattered night last week about 125 members of the public gathered indoors beneath Breakneck Ridge for the debut of a route map for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, a pedestrian and bicyclist track intended to link Cold Spring and Beacon.

At an Oct. 23 forum held at the Chalet on the Hudson, consultants from the RBA Group presented the trail’s preferred course between the Cold Spring and Beacon train stations, though the actual inch-by-inch and mile-by-mile siting and way the trail hugs the ground or river (or rises above them) remain to be determined through more nitty-gritty work.

“This is a really, really challenging place to put the trail at the very little land to work with and the land that’s there is pretty darn steep,” said Jackson Wandres, RBA director of landscape architecture and urban planning. “We looked at all sorts of things,” he explained as he led the audience through PowerPoint slides on the projected route. “The final design of the trail is going to be interesting, to say the least.”

Wandres estimated the total cost of the multiuse trail at $15.5 million, excluding a shoreline section from Little Stony Point, a New York State Park site just beyond the Cold Spring boundary, and Breakneck Ridge, about a mile north.

Snaked between the mountains on the east and Hudson River on the west, the trail would parallel the Metro-North Railroad tracks and Route 9D, a busy and narrow, twisting highway. Currently, throngs of hikers walk along 9D to reach paths winding up the hills, while cars overflow small lots and park in long lines along the scant verge. A coalition of governmental, private and citizen interests advocates the Fjord Trail as a safe way to bring pedestrians and bicyclists, including present residents, from Cold Spring and Beacon to

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**Small, Good Things**

**Trick, or Treat?**

By Joe Dizney

And for my next trick ... Pumpkin spice!

No, this is not a gimmick designed to cash in on a trend that has lived FAR beyond its usefulness, interest and/or questionable inspiration. If that’s what you want, head on over to Starbucks (ostensibly originator of this “de-mooned” spoon of overused food flavorings) or the local supermarket for a cardboard tube of “seasonally spiced” Pringles or whatever. I mean, Pumpkin Spice Ale? **REALLY??**

Gape in wonder at the magnitude of bandwagon-jumping perpetrated by both R&D departments at “innovative” food conglomerates AND artisanal “craft” brewers!

Yes, this recipe will feature pumpkin, and the spices are admittedly exotic and pie-centric – cloves, allspice, nutmeg. And OK, there is a certain daredevil quality to a meat-stuffed pumpkin dish called “Cow in the Moon,” but I came by it honestly.

Now I don’t mean to go all meta on you, but I am a little sensitive to recent Internet-meme flurries of Jean Baudrillardish postmodern rantings about simulacra vs. simulations, and the decidedly nonrepresentational and blatantly unseasonal nature of most “seasonal” pumpkin spice offerings.

But this IS the Hudson Valley, and pumpkins ARE real and honestly seasonal here, and in the spirit of culinary reclamation I am seeking to honestly repurpose a maimed foodstuff. Pumpkin hardly seems worth the lofty intellectual deconstruction it’s prompted. Along with melons, gourds and squash, the “pumpkin” as we know it is “merely a term of convenience,” or so says William Ways Weaver in Heirloom Vegetable Gardening. Pumpkins, as we think of them – orange, globe-shaped, furrowed – are merely a type of hard-skinned winter squash, a relatively nonspecific member of the Cucurbitaceae family, which includes the aforementioned vegetables as well as cucumbers, zucchini and the like.

All are native to the Americas and as such authentic and worthy ingredients of our local larders. With nearly a thousand cultivars worldwide, the gourd family accounts for the highest number of plant species used as human food and as such rightfully belongs on the Thanksgiving table. The pumpkin’s connection to Halloween, however, is much more tenuous. The original Jack-o’-Lantern—an Irish concoct—was as likely carved from a turnip or a beet. And those giant cultivars that we carve to grace porches and scare children, they’re really not much good for anything else: the pumpkins that we eat are called “Cow in the Moon,” but I came by it honestly.

Now you’ve got to admit, that’s a trick AND a treat.

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**Cow in the moon (Caribbean-spiced, beef-stuffed pumpkin)**

Serves 6-8

One 4- to 5-pound sugar pumpkin
2 tablespoons oil for sautéing
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 large yellow onion, diced
4 cups (1 inch) red bell peppers, diced
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground mustard seeds
1 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
½ cup coarsely chopped peanuts (or half cup finely chopped almonds)
1 cup golden raisins
2 cups cooked rice (Japonica black & white)
1 bunch scallions, diced small
1 red apple, diced small
1 round of brown bread, diced small
½ cup raisins
½ cup chopped pecans (or substitute whole toasted pumpkin seeds)
1 pound ground beef
1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
1 bunch scallions, diced small
1 cup golden raisins
2 cups cooked rice (Japonica black & white)
15 to 20 minutes. Gently drain and cool.
1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Fill a pot large enough to hold pumpkin with salted water and bring to a low boil. Cut 5- to 6-inch diameter “lid” from both bottles. Gently lower pumpkin and lid into simmering water and cook for about 1 hour. (If exposed stuffing starts to brown, tent lightly with foil.)
2. Remove meat mixture from heat. Add rice, raisins, peanuts (or pumpkin seeds) and scallions, then toss until blended. Stir in beaten eggs and adjust seasoning. Salt the inside of the pumpkin and stuff with the meat mixture.
3. Fill with ½ inch water the bottom of a shallow baking pan large enough to hold the pumpkin. Put pumpkin in pan and bake 1 ½ hour, checking at about 45 minutes. (If exposed stuffing starts to brown, tent lightly with foil.)
4. To serve, allow to cool slightly and cut into wedges, giving each person both some of the pumpkin and stuffing.

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Fractious Putnam Legislature Approves 2015 Budget

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

After a discussion punctuated by intense friction, the Putnam County Legislature Wednesday night (Oct. 29) adopted a 2015 budget of $145,558,490, which includes $64,000 in subcontingency funds ostensibly for space in a redeveloped Butterfield Hospital complex.

The budget tops the draft offered by County Executive MaryEllen Odell by $64,000, but according to the resolution accompanying the vote, does not exceed the New York state cap on tax increases. The budget passed 9-2, with Legislators Dini LoBue and Kevin Wright opposing it, after expressing concerns about various points. Legislators Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown, and Sam Oliverio of neighboring Putnam Valley, backed it. Oliverio, the legislature’s lone Democrat, is running against Odell for county executive. The budget takes effect Jan. 1.

Before the vote, the legislature split over several items, including library assistance, Legal Aid Society funding, and moving $60,000 earmarked for a transportation consultant’s services into subcontingency — meaning that the county transportation manager, Philipstown resident Vincent Tamagna, must specifically ask for it.

Butterfield allocation

However, the legislators voted unanimously to relegate the Butterfield money to subcontingency status, with no discussion. Scrutiny had occurred Oct. 15, during an Audit and Administration Committee session. At the committee meeting, legislators objected to the Odell administration’s allocation of $64,000 in a “Butterfield lease partnership initiative,” for six months of rent, starting July 1, 2015. The Butterfield project remains under review in the Village of Cold Spring, and the legislators said during the committee deliberations that the county’s role at Butterfield is undecided, that the complex appeared unready for occupancy in mid-summer, and that setting aside rent money was premature.

When the legislature voted Wednesday, legislator Ginny Nacerino reminded her colleagues that the money could simply stay in subcontingency until required for a lease agreement.

Libraries and arts

Providing an additional $7,044 for libraries proved contentious. Proponents of the move sought to boost the overall allotment from $302,769 to $309,813.

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“This is one area where you do impact just about every person in Putnam County,” Legislator Louis Tartaro agreed. “I’m supporting this.”

Legislator Joseph Castellano cautioned that “every nonprofit wants the extra money” and it’s questionable to deem some more worthy. Legislature Chairman Carl Albano noted that the libraries had not asked for more. Joined by Wright, they voted “no” on the increase, losing 6-3.

The legislature also voted to increase funding for the Putnam Arts Council by $1,000, or 10 percent — up from $10,000 to $11,000. Castellano, Wright and Albano opposed the motion, while Tartaro and Scuccimarra supported it.

Transit consulting

LoBue advocated moving the transit consultant money into subcontingency, because “we’re paying someone to be a transportation manager for $75,000” already. “Now,” she said, by hiring a consultant, “we’re breaking it up in pieces and subcontracting out.”

She sparred heatedly with Scuccimarra, who remonstrated that LoBue made accusations without Tamagna being present and that his oversight of the county bus system had produced significant savings.

“When changes were made in that department, a million dollars were saved,” Albano agreed, objecting to LoBue’s interventions. “You can’t micromanage everything.”

LoBue prevailed and the legislature moved the $60,000 into subcontingency (with Scuccimarra and three others casting “no” votes). They did not talk about the role of the green trolleys in Philipstown in a revamped transit system.

Legal Aid

In impassioned tones, Legislature Roger Gross urged the legislature to increase the county contribution to Legal Aid from $805,730 to $828,247, a level requested but not provided in the draft budget.

He said Legal Aid’s quarters lack sufficient room for the lawyers who handle upwards of 90 cases each and cannot confer with clients privately. “It just doesn’t work,” he said. Although used, “the top floor is a firetrap. It’s a dangerous situation.”

Modest-income citizens can’t afford attorney services “are your neighbors,” Gross told his colleagues. “These are our folks. And are we going to take care of these folks or not?” He noted that the county spends considerable sums on Tilly Foster Farm and the Putnam County Golf Course and termed $22,000 a small drop in the overall budget, though it “will come back to us in good fashion.”

“That’s what government is about,” Oliverio concurred. “We need to watch out for our neighbors who may not be as fortunate as ourselves.”

“Everybody deserves legal representation,” LoBue added. “We’re talking about our members of the community, our family. I think this is an embarrassment” to even have to talk in public about providing Legal Aid with sufficient funds to function in decent space, she said.

Scuccimarra dissented, referring to the “huge budget they have right now” at Legal Aid, “over $800,000. And the majority of this comes on the burden of the taxpayers … I vote ‘no’ for this [increase].”

Wright called attention to “a constitutional aspect” of helping Legal Aid. “Part of the important work that agency does is a requirement of the U.S. Constitution,” he said.

Castellano, Gross, LoBue, Oliverio, Wright and Tartaro then voted to increase the Legal Aid appropriation. Scuccimarra, Albano and Nacerino voted against it.

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TOWN OF PHILIPSTOWN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown at her office in the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York 10516, until 2 p.m. on November 5, 2014, when the same will be publicly opened and read aloud for the sale to the Town of Philipstown of:

- Bituminous concrete – Furnished, delivered and laid in place
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Meeting the specifications of the Town of Philipstown Highway Department. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the office of said Town Clerk at the above address. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. All purchase contracts awarded pursuant to this notice shall be subject to the provisions of Section 103-A, 103-B and 103-D of the General Municipal Law.

DATED: October 22, 2014
Tina Merando, Town Clerk, Town of Philipstown

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**Used Clothing Benefits Many**

**Part of an extensive network**

**By Michael Turton**

This is one shed that has generated no controversy, in fact it creates only goodwill while enabling local residents to help those in need. The shed in question is located at St. Mary-in-the-Highlands Epi- copal Church in Cold Spring – a used-clothing shed operated by St. Pauly Textiles Inc., a company based in Farmington, New York, near Rochester. The com- pany’s mission is to get used clothing to people who need it. According to Casale, in 2013 it shipped more than 60 million garments, benefiting more than 7 million people worldwide. A Better Busi- ness Bureau company, it operates a network of more than 800 used clothing sheds across New York, Pennsyl- vania, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Ohio.

The St. Mary shed is located on the church’s south drive and accepts used clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, linens, pillowcases, blankets and stuffed animals. The company asks that all donations be cleaned and placed in tied, plastic bags. Items not ac- cepted include furniture, electronics, household items, books, toys, pillows, rags and fabric scraps.

Ben DeGeorge, vice president of St. Pauly Textiles, told The Paper that organizations such as St. Mary’s re- ceive a small revenue stream for hosting a shed. “They [the church] also have the option of using some of the donated clothing in the local community, if there is a need,” DeGeorge said.

“The shed is green, it’s a win-win,” said Rev. Shane Scott-Hamilton, rector at St. Mary’s, said of the shed. “It’s easier to do than one might think. I think few where I live actually have something like this, and I think if you can put it in a place where it’s highly visible, it’s something that people can just drop stuff in and you don’t have to do much to make it happen.”

St. Pauly sells the clothing it collects to relief agencies like the Red Cross, non-governmental organizations and local or regional governments, who handle distri- bution. While some local charitable drop box houses have at times been criticized as eyesores, DeGeorge said St. Pauly prides itself in providing attractive wooden sheds that are well-built and regularly maintained.

Clothing is picked up weekly from a regional facility located in Albany.

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**Fjord Trail Route Takes Shape**

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the mountain paths and allow them to walk or bike all or part of the 9-mile dis- tance between the two towns, taking in the vistas, boosting the local economy, promoting a form of ecotourism and de- creasing auto congestion.

Intense trail discussions began in 2013, and last week’s public meeting followed two others this year on the initial “trail- blazing”: creation of a master plan that would include a reconfigured River Road– Little Stony Point, improvements at the southernmost end of the trail would like- wise include a reconfigured River Road– Little Stony Point, Hartford said. “I feel that place is a pretty heavy impact on what is a special by itself and what you’re propos- ing is a pretty heavy impact on what is a forest preserve.”

Wanders responded that “we didn’t ac- tually get into any details as to what we were proposing,” beyond laying the trail into Little Stony Point and along the shore.

The forum drew Philipstown Supervi- sor Richard Shea, Fishkill Town Super- visor Bob LaColla and Beacon Mayor Casale tied the name of Beacon as “a beacon that leads people [to see] that if we work together good things can happen,” he said. “Instead of thinking small and just locally, we have to think regionally.”

“Speaking as somebody involved in gov- ernment a while: it’s unusual when every- body comes together like this.”

Various stakeholders have participated in the trail preparation, including the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, Scenic Hudson, Open Space Institute, Hudson River Foundation, Hudson River Valley Greenway, Putnam and Dutchess coun- ties, towns of Philipstown and Fishkill, Village of Cold Spring, City of Beacon, Friends of Fahnstock & Hudson High- lands State Parks, NV-NY Trail Confer- ence, Little Stony Point Citizens Associa- tion, three New York state government departments, Central Hudson Gas & Electric and Metro-North Railroad, as well as residents.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of public hearing on preliminary budget for Continental Village Park District and Continental Village Water District

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown has completed the Preliminary Budget of the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, and the same was filed in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Philipstown, where the same will be available for inspection by interested persons during regular office hours. The Town Board will meet at the Town Hall, 238 Main Street, Cold Spring, New York on the 5th day of November, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. and 7:35 p.m., respectively, for the purpose of hearing any one person in favor of or against the Preliminary Budget for the Continental Village Park District and the Continental Village Water District as compiled for or against any item therein contained.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Philipstown

Tina M. Merando, Town Clerk
DATED: October 29, 2014
Name Choosing Gets Rowdy

Public hearing on village tree law is Dec. 2

By Michael Turton

What's in a name? Apparently a great deal, at least when it comes to the onerous task of naming a new group of community volunteers who will tend to the health and well-being of trees found on lands owned by the Village of Cold Spring. The Tuesday (Oct. 27) meeting of the Village Board stretched over three and a half hours, with the first hour dominated by an often unruly and disjointed discussion over whether to call the new entity a committee, a board or a commission. At times, the board, minus Deputy Mayor Bruce Campbell, watched as the audience of about 25 residents conducted a freewheeling conversation largely on its own, exchanging questions, comments, barbs and opinions. In the end, more through attrition than consensus, trustees voted to name the new group the Tree Advisory Committee.

The new five-member committee will be appointed by the Village Board as part of the Public Tree Law, a draft ordinance that will be subject to a public hearing on Dec. 2. The raucous discussion regarding the committee name was part of a broader review of that new law, which was drafted by an 11-member committee chaired by Jennifer Zwarich. That group also drafted a Tree Management Plan that details a strategy for conserving the more than 430 village-owned trees, a restatement of the Village Board’s work, such as operating a village tree nursery, would entail decision making, implying that “committee” was not as appropriate as either “board” or “commission.”

Resident Gordon Robertson expressed concern that the new committee recognizes “a second layer of government” and questioned the need for such a committee. He recalled the days when the whole community got together to do projects. “That’s how the Tots Park got built,” he said. “Then people started getting on committees...” Zwarich countered that the work that is required to steward the village trees needs to be better planned. “Part of the problem is that the work is not organized,” she said. Just look at the tree-scape... trees are dying,” she said. When resident Airiusha Serradas complained that his attempts to FOIL (Freedom of Information Law) Tree Advisory Committee documents were unsuccessful, a clearly frustrated Zwarich shot back that the committee had always adhered to the Open Meetings Law. One area where there was widespread agreement is the desire to have a professional arborist serve on the new committee. While preference will be given to village residents, the Public Tree Law will permit a non-resident arborist to be appointed.

Falloon admits he erred

Mayor Ralph Falloon admitted that he erred recently when he directed highway department staff to move boulders along the edge of the Cedar Street cemetery in order to create additional parking. When the boulders were moved, a footstone in the cemetery was pushed out of place. “Unfortunately for me I had no authority to move the rocks,” Falloon said, adding: “My apologies. You have to do what is right — and make up for what is wrong.” The boulders have since been moved back to their original location.

Earlier in the week, Falloon and Trustee Cathryn Fadde met at the cemetery with members of the Putnam County Cemetery Committee. Catherine Wargas, who chairs that committee, made a number of recommendations including having the boulders moved further to the street’s edge and fencing the perimeter of the cemetery. One of the issues that contributed to the recent confusion is a lack of clarity as to the exact boundaries of the cemetery. Adding further ambiguity is the fact that because it is no longer receiving burials, the cemetery is now the property of the Town of Philipstown. A resident who attended Tuesday’s meeting suggested that a $650 cemetery line item in the village budget, which has remained untouched for years, now be used to make improvements at the cemetery.

Building permits, signage revisited

Residents may soon enjoy a longer time period for completing construction projects that require a building permit. Trustees are considering a two-year limit on permits, with the possibility of up to two one-year renewals if an extension is needed to complete the work. Currently, the zoning code calls for building permits to be issued for a six-month period followed by renewals of three-months’ duration. Previously, Building Inspector Bill Bujarski had been issuing one-year building permits with one-year renewals, a practice he said he inherited from the previous inspector, but that did not conform to the Village Code. Trustees voted to reduce the cost of renewals from $100 to $50 while changes in the permit system are being reviewed. In part, the changes are being contemplated in order to align the village permit system with that of the Town of Philipstown, which is responsible for property tax assessment in Cold Spring.

Parking lines, Butterfield, zoning

The Village Board approved a request by the Parking Committee to eliminate the lines that mark parking spaces on the north side of Main Street, a move that will increase parking capacity by up to 15 percent. Trustees Cathryn Fadde, who chairs the committee, reported that the experimental removal of the lines on the south side of the street has been a success. The committee has also recommended that numerous signs on village streets that don’t conform to the Village Code be removed and also submitted a list of signs to be added to village streets. Trustees will consider both requests at a future meeting.

As he did last week, resident Michael Robinson expressed concern over the mass and scale of the proposed Butterfield development. The concept plan for the 5.6-acre property was approved by the Village Board as part of the B4A zoning amendment for the 5.6-acre property in May of this year. Questions have been raised by members of the Planning Board regarding their ability to comment on the size of buildings during the site-plan review, which is now taking place. Falloon said he has discussed the issue with some members of the Planning Board and will report his findings to the Village Board once the interviews are complete.
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31

**Kids & Community**

Zombie Pub Crawl
7 p.m. Birdshall House | 8 p.m. Quiet Man
9 p.m. The Hudson Room | 10 p.m. Guiness
11 p.m. Paramount Theater | Downtown Peekskill

**Theater & Film**

The Turn of the Screw
7 p.m. Boscosel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-809-5760 | highshakespeare.org

Silent Film Series: Dragont Girfl (1933)
10 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

**Music**

Stop Gun Violence Now Benefit Concert
1 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
379 Main St., Beacon
845-788-3663 | beaconlibrary.org

**Support Groups**

For a full list of area support groups, visit philipstown.info/ng

The World Goes Round
The World Goes Round | 8 & 9 p.m. Culinary Institute of America (Marriott Pavilion) | 1348 Campus Drive, Hyde Park
845-235-0985 | halfmoontheatre.org

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7 p.m. Boscosel | See details under Friday.

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Bite Size, by Noel Coward
8 p.m., The Beacon Room | Details under Friday.

Margaret Steele: A Spirit Séance
8 & 9 p.m. The Magic Loft
246 Main St., Beacon
845-788-3663 | hudsonroom.com

The Met Live in HD: Bizet’s Carmen
1 p.m. The Hudson Room | Details under Friday.

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We are sorry to announce the passing of Tara, beloved companion of Leonora Burton and a welcoming presence at the Country Goose on Cold Spring’s Main Street. Tara served as the matriarch of the Philipstown canine community and was also a much-appreciated columnist for this newspaper.  

Photo by Michael Tartarian
Health & Fitness
Chair Yoga for Seniors (First Session) 9:30 a.m. Continental Village Clubhouse 845-424-4618 | philipstowncreations.com Free to Philipstown residents age 62 and older.

Theater & Film
Global Watch Film Series (Opens) 7:30 p.m. Jacob Burns Film Center 364 Manville Road, Pleasantville 914-747-5555 | burfильмцентр.org

Music
JP Patrick & Friends 3:30 p.m. 12 grapes | See details under Friday.

Meetings & Lectures
Buddhist Contemplative Care Symposium (Opens) 3 p.m. Garrison Institute | 14 Mary’s Way, Garrison | 845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

NYSSBC Hudson Valley Regional Congress 6 p.m. Beacon Beach | 261 Main St. 845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual Meeting 6:30 p.m. Putnam County Courthouse 140 South Grand Ave., Mahopac | 845-278-0738 | county.cce.cornell.edu/putnam

Zoning Board of Appeals 7 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3329 | philipstown.org

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Kids & Community
Howland Public Library 9:45 a.m. Come and Play (ages 0-3) 3:00 p.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3) 4:00 p.m. Animation Kids & community board of trustees Hopewell Junction | 914-582-3744 | qsysociety.org

Desmond-Fish Library 10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers 1:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5) 3:00 p.m. Lego Club 3:00 p.m. Brain Games for Seniors 10:30 a.m. Pre-K Story Time (ages 3-5) 9:30 a.m. Brain Games for Seniors

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Gyrofest 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Kimisis Greek Orthodox Church 140 South Grand Ave., Mahopac | 845-452-0772 | Benefits Mental Health America of Dutchess County

Young Adult Connections 3 - 5 p.m. Howland Public Library See details under Tuesday.

Health & Fitness
Chair Yoga for Seniors (First Session) 10:00 a.m. Common Ground Farm 79 Farm Road Lane, Wappingers Falls 845-231-4424 | commongroundfarm.org

Meetings & Lectures
Garrison PTA 9:15 a.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 90, Garrison | 845-424-3669 | gpta.org

Ongoing Art & Design
Introduction to Watercolor (First Session) 10:30 a.m. Garrison Art Center See details under Saturday.

Barbara Smith Glascow: New Mixed Media Paintings (Opening) 6 - 8 p.m. Bスタリ2k gallery 121 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5145 | bstarl2kgallery.com

Group Show: Layers Upon Layers (Opening) 6 - 9 p.m. Gallery 66 | 66 Main St., Cold Spring 845-809-5838 | gallery66ny.com

Theater & Film
Biltte Spirit, by Noel Coward 8 p.m. The Beacon Theater  Details under Oct. 31

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

The Marvinous Wonders 8 p.m. County Players 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls 845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

The World Goes Round 8 p.m. Culinary Institute of America See details under Saturday.

Music
Les Mâs Vallettes (Salsa) 8 p.m. BeaconFlapper Café  Details under Oct. 31

David Bromberg Big Band 8 p.m. Towne Crier Café  Details under Oct. 31

Joanna Mosca / Peter Calo 8 p.m. Towne Crier Café See details under Oct. 31.

Todd Rundgren 8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley See details under Saturday.

Lucy House 9 p.m. Whistling Willy’s  Details under Oct. 31.

The Bang (R&B) 9 p.m. Virgin’s Sp N Soul Café 469 Fishkill Ave., Beacon | 845-831-5143 | vigginsoul.com

Sugarbad 9:30 p.m. 12 grapes  Details under Oct. 31.

The Compact 9:30 p.m. Mac’s on Main  Details under Friday

Harmony Room 10 p.m. The Hudson Room  Details under Oct. 31.

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Religious Services
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Meetings & Lectures
Alcoholics Anonymous  Visit philipstown.info/aa

Support Groups  Visit philipstown.info/sg

However, it seems the document contains a mix of text and images, and there are several phone numbers and web addresses. The content appears to be a community calendar with events listed for various days and locations, including libraries, schools, and community centers. The events range from arts and entertainment to health and fitness classes, religious services, and support groups. The document also includes contact information and website links for various organizations. The text is primarily in English and is formatted in a way that is typical for community calendars, with events listed by day and time.

The Calendar (from page 9)

Digital Salon
7 p.m. Christ the King | 291 Main St., Beacon 845-765-1890 | beahivebzzz.com

Haldane School Board
7 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring | 845-265-3325 | haldaneschool.org

Ham Radio Club
7 p.m. East Fishkill Library | 348 Route 376, Hopewell Junction | 914-582-3744 | csipladelphia.org

Board of Trustees
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring 845-265-3611 | coldspringgov.org

Nature’s Fortress: The Environmental Defense of West Point During the Revolution 3:30 p.m. Butterfield Library 845-424-4618 | philipstowncreations.com

Wednesday, November 5

Kids & Community
Howland Public Library 9:45 a.m. Come and Play (ages 0-3) 3:00 p.m. Toddler Tales (ages 2-3) 4:00 p.m. Animation Senior Bus Trip to Fishkill 10:00 a.m. Christ the King | 291 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1543 | virgossipnsoul.com

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

Pre-K Arts (First Session) 3:30 p.m. Garrison Art Center 3:30 p.m. Preschool Story Hour (ages 3-5) 3:00 p.m. Lego Club See details under Tuesday.

Cooking Class: Vegetarian Suppers 6:30 p.m. Hopewell, East 259 Main St., Beacon 917-903-0577 | homecookingny.com

Thursday, November 6

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NOTE: Last Tuesday of every month, 5 - 8:30 p.m. at the Garrison School. Posted by Philipstown PTA.
MacArthur Foundation Supports Local Filmmaker
Ivy Meeropol’s Indian Point awarded $150,000

The MacArthur Foundation has announced 15 grants totaling more than $2 million for documentary film projects, one of which is directed by Cold Spring’s Ivy Meeropol. Meeropol’s film production project involves “questioning safety standards observed by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in light of Japan’s Fukushima Daiichi disaster while observing the daily operations at an aging New York nuclear power plant.”

Earlier this year Meeropol was awarded a Sundance Institute grant for work on the Indian Point film. Her previous work includes Her to An Execution, an exploration of her family’s conflicted views of the Rosenbergs’ trial and execution, featured at Sundance Film Festival, and The Hill, a series for the Sundance Channel about four young staff members in the office of Congressman Robert Wexler (D-Florida) and their response to the crushing defeat in the 2004 presidential election. A graduate of Sarah Lawrence College, Meeropol lives with her family in Cold Spring where she is, among other activities, a co-founder of the Sunset Reading Series.

In a news release the MacArthur Foundation said their “documentaries address a range of important issues, including the public health perils of digital devices, the work of citizen journalists in Liberia, the safety of America’s nuclear weapons and nuclear power industry, and the ways in which the U.S. criminal justice system handles the shooting deaths of unarmed black youth.”

The foundation said it received nearly 460 proposals in response to its most recent open call for independent documentary film proposals.

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three-quarters of the Milk Duds and most of the orange Pixie Stix.
Oct. 30, 2003 — If there was a Parrott Street Halloween Distribution Statistics and Probability course, we would be acing it by now, as we have done cold. Here’s how it goes: as the number of trick-or-treaters and their entourage is well over 1,000, gone, alas, are the days of “the good candy.” Sorry, HERSHEY, we can’t afford you. Nor if we spent it all on what, we’d be left to make our yards look so terrifying? We learned that Tootsie Rolls and lollipops are the most budget-friendly, but the scornful stares of teenagers as they spot a lollipop being dropped into their loot sack are too scary to deal with. Solution: we now escalate upwards: 5 p.m. toddlers – Jellipops, 6 p.m. little kids – Tootsie Rolls, 7 p.m. older kids – little bit boxes of better stuff, 8 p.m. roving teenagers – the candy you really want to eat from the couple of bags so kindly donated by the community.

Oct. 31, 2005 — So upset. It was told in no uncertain terms by all three of my children that “our house is the most boring Halloween house and it’s embarrassing.” We needed to fix it. They told me that the cheery banner with the cockeyed pumpkins and orange “Happy Halloween” sure made them cringe. They told me we need carcasses, tombstones, a fog machine and more furry stuff dangling from the trees. They despised being the nice house. Oh all right, next year we will ramp it up. Oct. 31, 2006 — Hats off to me because I had the greatest idea of all time: my husband brazenly lied to my middle child. True, after an hour the ghost hosts told us it was more exhausting than they expected, and the words “but it’s still kind of fun” trailed off and were spoken with great insincerity. Somehow, I don’t think they’re going to come back next year. They never do.

Oct. 31, 2008 — What’s scarier than a gaggle of ghouls? Girl Scouts, that’s what! I had schemed and determined that roping in, I mean recruiting, an entire troop to encamp on our front lawn and take over the proceedings is the way to go. Well, then, here I am wanting now to embrace the idea with gusto and are holding a “fake sale” with “alternative” cookies: Skin Mints and Do-Si-Don’ts, Scram-oos and No_MORE and, dearie me, there are buckets of spiders and a (live, but dead-looking) head sticking up through the table. What badges will they earn for this? I should think.

Nov. 1, 2009 — After two years pardoned, I was back on the job and ramped up outstandingly, though maybe I shouldn’t have bought the fog machine on eBay because you couldn’t really call what emanated from it fog. However, in the harsh light of dawn I had to admit that we were but a pale imitation of the thrillingly nightmarish visions from down the street, especially that place on Bank, which I think all the other houses should get an exemption from competing with because the dad’s like a theatrical lighting designer or something.

Oct. 31, 2010 — We are close, but no cigar on the fright-o-meter, even with the addition of our teenagers simulating dead zombies as the dad’s like a theatrical lighting designer or something.

Oct. 31, 2013 — This was the best year ever. I went into it with blatan hostility, and the wind whipping down Parrott in tornado-like gusts didn’t help, but I had admit that I had a twinge, after packing away the severed fingers, the vampire — half of whose face got crushed but it somehow makes him better, the Grafutin theatrical makeup in those special shades of green, the dancing skeleton who works some years don’t do intros. The cobweb earrings that my daughter always steals, and all the ravens — they seem to breed, even though they’innimate. Seems a pity that we have to wait a whole year before doing it again. May 4, 2010 — The daffodils are blooming. The days are begin- ning to climb and of course my thoughts immediately go to Halloween. This year we will be completely creative. I need to start planning now. I will construct a coffin that someone will rise from periodically, we will make a fabulously creepy mix tape, we will assemble look-alikes from the town to play the Addams Family, we will, we will, we will! Oct. 31, 2014 — It’s here! It’s here! We have candy galore; we have gone ever more! Happy Halloween! See you on Parrott — not a moment before dusk ...

Depot Theatre presents:
Doug Ferony and his orchestra
Songs from Sinatra, the Rat Pack and Big Band favorites
Saturday, November 15, 7 p.m.
Tickets $20; brownpapertickets.com

Depot Docs presents:
E-Team
Reception and Q&A with director following the film
Friday, November 21 at 7:30
Tickets $20; brownpapertickets.com

Garrison Landing, Garrison, NY (Theatre is adjacent to train station.)
Trailblazing Day at Garrison School Forest Clear and blaze trails Nov. 1

The Garrison Union Free School will hold Trail Blazing Day in the Garrison School Forest on Saturday, Nov. 1, at 10 a.m. The rain date will be Sunday, Nov. 2, at noon.

Students, parents and community volunteers will mark five trails within the School Forest by installing metal trail blazes designed by students who were members of the Garrison School's 7th- and 8th-grade green team. Trail teams will also clear the trails of brush and debris.

Individuals interested in joining the trailblazing effort should bring a hammer, work gloves, water, long-handled loppers, a pruning saw; and a pruning saw; wear light-colored clothing; and meet in the upper parking lot at the Garrison School, located at 1800 Route 9D in Garrison. Trail teams will drive from the school to parking near each trailhead.

The Garrison School Forest comprises 183 wooded acres located in the heart of the rough square formed by Route 9D to the west, Snake Hill Road to the north, Route 9 to the east and Route 403 on the south. Beginning in 1936, the property comprising the School Forest was given to the Garrison School by members of the Sloan, Osborn and Gunther families. The forest is a living laboratory for Garrison School students.

Manitoga Holds Family Volunteer Landscape Day Bonfire Nov. 8: talk in NYC Nov. II

Manitoga/The Russel Wright Design Center will put the camp to bed for the winter and have lunch around a bonfire with volunteers Saturday, Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch, hot cider and marshmallows will be provided, and the event will take place rain or shine. All ages and skill levels are welcome, but appropriate dress for woodland terrain and weather is recommended. Pack at the public entrance, 584 Route 9D in Garrison. To register, email emily@russelwrightcenter.org, or call 845-424-3812.

For those interested in volunteering at Manitoga will hold a talk, “A Conversation on Creativity: Balancing Legacy and Experimentation,” on Russel Wright’s legacy of experimentation, on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. at the Knoll NYC Showroom, 1350 Avenue of the Americas in New York City. The moderator, Julie Barstein, is a Peabody Award-winning radio producer, TED speaker and best-selling author of Spark: How Creativity Works. Co-founder of Manitoga and daughter of Russel Wright, will be joined by design curator, author and curator Donald Albrecht and NYC-based artist Stephen Talasnik, who will build a series of site-inspired floating structures in Manitoga’s Quarry Pool as the 2015 resident artist. Tickets are $20 or free for Manitoga members at BrownPaperTickets.com.

Pruning is an art

If you are looking for a “natural finish” and do not want to see your ornamentals cut back severely to dead wood, choose artful pruning. Artful pruning allows you to keep your ornamentals looking well-groomed. Artful Pruning gracefully brings your ornamentals back to a more appropriate, more natural and restorative gardening.

Call Gregory, with over 10 years of experience in natural and restorative gardening.
845.446.7465

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Share news and announcements with the readers of Philipstown info and The Paper. To submit your upcoming events and announcements for consideration in our Community Briefs section (in print and online) submit a test-only press release (500 words or less) along with a separately attached high-resolution photograph to arts@philipstown.info.

Free Rabies Vaccination for Pets on Nov. 8

Putnam County Health holds clinic in Patterson

The Putnam County Department of Health invites county residents to bring their dogs, cats and ferrets to a free rabies vaccination clinic on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be held at Brook Farm Veterinary Center, 2971 Route 22, in Patterson, and is open to all Putnam County residents.

Pet owners are reminded to consult Putnam County residency, as well as written proof of prior rabies vaccination. Tags will not be accepted. In addition, only pets with a written certificate documenting prior rabies vaccination, the pet will just receive a one-year rabies vaccine. All dogs must be leashed and well controlled, and cats and ferrets must be in a carrier. An animal information/release form will be available and can be completed at the clinic site. For more information and previous photos, call the Putnam County Department of Health at 845-808-1390, ext. 43127, or visit their website at putnamcountryny.com.

Boscobel Salutes Veterans Entire Month of November

House and grounds admission free for vets, half-price for family

To honor all former U.S. military personnel, Boscobel is offering free house and grounds admission to veterans who show their military ID (or even photos of themselves wearing their uniforms) at the front desk during the month of November. The Boscobel Salutes Veterans Program also includes half-price admission for up to five family members per visiting veteran.

House and grounds admission to Boscobel includes a 45-minute guided tour of the mansion, as well as access to the grounds, including expansive views of the Hudson River and a 1.5-mile woodland trail. An optional guided audio tour with Hudson River Valley stories is also available. In addition, an exhibit, “The Hudson River Portfolio: A Beginning for the Hudson River School,” will be on display in the Boscobel Exhibition Gallery through Nov. 30.

Boscobel is located on Route 9D in Garrison. Hours in November are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last tour at 3 p.m.). The house and grounds are closed on Tuesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, visit Boscobel.org or call 845-265-3638.

Ferony Performs Show at Depot Theatre Singer and actor to appear with his orchestra Nov. 15

Singer Doug Ferony will bring his show and band to the Philipstown Depot Theatre on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Ferony will perform classic songs with a variety of favorites from over the years, including selections from Sinatra and the Rat Pack, Broadway shows, Italian songs and love songs. The Depot Theatre is part of Ferony’s theatrical past. In the late 1980s and early 90’s, Ferony performed with the Hand to Mouth Players in many musical shows. He has appeared in such films as Goodfellas, Back to the Future, Spider-Man 2, The Brave One and Inside Man, along with TV’s Law & Order and The Sopranos. Ferony has recorded 12 CDs with songs in commercials, films and TV shows.

The Philipstown Depot Theatre is located at 10 Garrison’s Landing in Gar-

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit philipstowndepot-
theatre.org.
Library Exhibits Works of Fire in Burn Quilts

The Howland Public Library will present an exhibition of collage works by Rebecca Strauss, Burn Quilts, which will be on view in the Adult Programs Exhibit Space Nov. 1-30. As part of Beacon's Second Saturday events, an artist reception will be held on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. Strauss is a sculptor, printmaker and painter currently living in the Mid Hudson Valley. For this Fahrenheit 451–inspired exhibit, Strauss is showing collage works she creates by carefully burning paper, capturing the distinctive shadow and marks left behind by matches, smoke and fire. She received her BFA in Studio Arts from Rochester Institute of Technology and her MFA in sculpture at SUNY New Paltz, and she currently teaches at SUNY Dutchess. Her work has been exhibited in and around Rochester, Poughkeepsie, New Paltz and New York, as well as Cape May, New Jersey, and North Windham, Connecticut.

The Howland Public Library is located at 433 Main St., in Beacon. The Adult Programs Exhibit Space is open during regular library hours. The library may not be accessible during some library programs; consult the library calendar at beaconlibrary.org.

Wood, Fiber and Clay Exhibit at Howland

Artists featured with reception Nov. 1

Wood - Fiber - Clay: Treasures From the Earth, an art exhibition showing the work of 23 artists, will open at the Howland Cultural Center on Saturday, Nov. 1, with a reception from 3 to 5 p.m. The exhibition will hang through Nov. 30 with gallery hours every Thursday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m., except on Sunday, Nov. 9, when the gallery is closed to the general public for the Howland Chamber Music Circle’s concert by Trio Cavatina at 4 p.m.

The five wood artists are John Incle- don, Rose Quirk, Gerald Ryan, John Ver- gara and Amy Weinstein. Ten artists will exhibit fiber art: Shirley Bottorf, Pearl Brown, Ronnie Brown, Alexa Ginsburg, Gwenno James, Karen Madden, Aub-rey Majzin, J. Jaye Vaughan, Catherine Winerman and Natalie Wilkinson. Clay in various forms will be shown by art- ists Pamela Jaeger, Lisa Knaut, Pat Lane, Elizabeth McDonald, Virginia Piazza, Kelly Preusser, Robyn Taus and Shelby S. Werner.

For further information and/or direc- tionals, call 845-834-4988. The Howland Center is located at 477 Main St., in Beacon.
Focáil: A Literary Gathering, at Chapel Restoration (from page 7)

Jazz Age, the Great Depression and World War II in both New York and California. Brought up in London by Irish parents, Kerrigan worked there as a magazine journalist and editor before heading to Dublin, where she spent 10 years as editor of Irish Tatler, shifting then to her own writing and enjoying great success. She currently lives in a small fishing village in County Mayo.

Fortuna said Kerrigan is sure to be “a great, great reader, and she’s very taken with the Chapel Restoration. The Irish community in New York knows her, and there will be people coming up from the city to hear her read.”

Fortuna will be reading some of his work, and he has also asked local actress Beth Shanahan to read, feeling she could do better justice to one story written from a female perspective. Shanahan was seen last year in the Depot Theatre’s production of To Kill a Mockingbird. Her previous performance credits include roles in Juno and the Paycock, a national tour of Romeo and Juliet, Top Girls and many others.

Once Fortuna had completed his book, it found rather a charmed path, being accepted for publishing at a small New Orleans-based press, Lavender Ink, which he said is “making a big bet on it.” Fortuna also acquired an agent whom he called “very successful.” Some of this unusual success for a first-time author can be traced to some good connections. Fortuna acknowledged: “Because I was referred by people with good credentials, I think it was assumed I had already been published. The way your writing is presented has such an impact on how it is read.”

Nevertheless, the string of positive reviews The Dunning Man has earned since its release cannot be ascribed merely to connections. Witness Eau- quiere: “The stories pulse with life, and the men and women who figure in them are real people, regular people, working people. People like you and me.”

The Dunning Man consists of six sto- ries, all featuring characters of Irish descent, most of them Irish-Americans. Set in disparate locations, including At- lantic City, Manhattan, New Orleans and the Hudson Valley, Fortuna knows from what he writes, having lived in or near all of those places (his family had a sum- mer place near Atlantic City; he went to high school in New Orleans). After moving “all over the place” growing up, Fortuna lived in New York City (he says he likes Manhattan best of all as a set- ting for his work), and moved up to Cold Spring with his wife, Fiona, who grew up in Fishkill, first in 2001, and then, after a break in Maryland, returned in 2005 with their three young daughters in tow.

Fortuna thinks there’s an “Irishness” that travels through all of the stories, noting “a sense of death awareness and a questioning for larger truths and mean- ing” throughout. He cites his influences, literary and otherwise, as “James Joyce, Thom Jones, Jennifer Egan, William Trevor, John McFehern, Ernest Heming- way, William Faulkner, Martin Scorsese, Quentin Tarantino, Martin McDonagh, in no particular order.”

Sunday’s event, which Fortuna has dubbed Focáil, which is a Gaelic word meaning “words,” is free. The Chapel Restoration is located at 45 Market St., and parking is available at the adja- cent Metro-North train station in Cold Spring. Books will be sold and available for signing at the wine and cheese recep- tion that follows the reading.
A Tale of Birds and Bears

By Pamela Doan

A
fter two weeks of writing about bird-friendly habitats, I had to follow-up with a cautionary tale from a recent real life experience. Whether it seems that way or not, Philipstown is bear country. We share our woods and rivers with black bears that are native to the area and increasingly crowded with us as more land is developed. It’s inevitable that there will be interactions between bears and people occasionally and, hopefully, both parties can come away without harm.

Last week we awoke to a surprise visit from a black bear at my house. First, we noticed that the bird feeder pole was bent over and pushed to the ground. The feeder that had been attached to it was down the hill and the seed was scattered. A wire cage holding a suet cake was still attached, though, and the pole with the hummingbird feeder was untouched. An hour later after a little excitement and much speculation about what had visited us overnight, the pole-bending bear appeared outside the window to finish its meal. A yell raised everyone in the house to see it, spooking the bear and it ran. Poor meal. A yell raised everyone in the house to see it, spooking the bear and it ran. Poor meal.

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We have learned that bears and bird feeders, but didn’t bring the sugar-water filled hummingbird feeder in for two days and woke up on another morning to find that pole bent to the ground and the glass jar emptied. The bear had returned for a sugary snack. Now we’re contributing to bear obesity.

The Department of Environmental Conservation must get a lot of queries about bears and bird feeders, but didn’t address this issue. Even though black bears are not a serious threat to people, they can cause damage to property. Bears can be protected when we take actions to minimize the possibility of an encounter. That means no food sources like garbage cans and compost piles. DEC officers respond to complaints about dangerous bears and in the worst-case scenario, the animal is killed.

The DEC’s information states that 80 percent of bear and human encounters involve bird feeders at certain times of the year. Bears have a primarily vegetarian diet and seeds and nuts in a bird feeder are too good to resist. It’s illegal to feed bears in New York and the DEC can issue citations to people who inadvertently feed bears with bird feeders or picnic baskets, Boo Boo.

Frank Mami, an employee at Fahnestock State Park, said that they have 2-3 bears in the area and warn campers to take precautions. If someone encounters a bear, he said, “They should just make noise. We yell and clap our hands. Bears are timid and they’ll run away.” He thought the bear in my yard was probably passing through and looking for food since it will hibernate soon in November.

The black bear at my house was just trying to finish breakfast. First, we noticed that the bird feeder pole was bent over and pushed to the ground.

In the park, garbage cans are strategically placed far from campsites to avoid drawing bears near areas where people are gathering. Mami said, “People are constantly moving the trash cans closer to their campsites. They don’t seem to get it.” I expect an encounter with a huge black bear like the one outside my window might change their minds. On its second visit, the bear knocked over our recycling can, too.

It’s illegal to feed bears in New York and the DEC can issue citations to people who inadvertently feed bears with bird feeders, too. Attracting a bear to residential areas with bird feeders can start a dangerous pattern for the animal where it becomes acclimated to being around people and then will browse for other food sources like garbage cans and compost piles. DEC officers respond to complaints about dangerous bears and in the worst-case scenario, the animal is killed. Bears can be protected when we take actions to minimize and reduce the possibility of an encounter. That means no bird feeders or picnic baskets, Boo Boo.

To enjoy bird watching in the yard and continue to attract birds but not bears, turn to other methods of landscaping as I outlined in Roots and Shoots in the Oct. 24 edition of The Paper. Native plants that bear fruit, berries, and cones can achieve both means. While bears are hibernating in the winter, it’s safe to put up bird feeder again. Personally, I’m going to wait until December just to be sure.

Autumn Photofest

Over the next few weeks The Paper will collect high-resolution color images from local photographers of local autumnnal scenes and themes. We prefer pictures taken this year. The best photos (in our opinion) will be featured in The Paper on its color page. Limit: three photos weekly per person. Please retile the image with your name and photo location (for example: John Doe-ColdSpringDock.jpg). Send photos to photofest@philipstown.info.

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Haldane Sports Roundup

By Kathie Scanlon

Varsity cross-country traveled to the Harvest Classic at Schodack Island State Park in Rensselaer County on Saturday, Oct. 25. The girls went the distance for their second championship of the season, while the boys took third place and their first trophy of the year.

Ruby McEwen was the fastest Haldane runner, taking fourth place overall. Kate Phillips came in sixth, Taylor Farrell seventh, Abbey Stowell ninth and Wylie Thornquist 10th. Heather Winne, Sophia Carnabuci and Julia Olsen also finished strong. Coach Tom Locascio reflected: "It was great to see the girls run so well again this week. Ruby regained the No. 1 spot for Haldane, while Kate moved to No. 2 and last week's winner, Taylor, dropped to third. These girls are so good that each week they could finish in any order. They each help each other to run the best they can. It is true teamwork."

Girls varsity cross-country at the Oct. 25 Harvest Classic at Schodack Island Park

The boys finished behind Christian Brothers Academy and Gloversville, two much larger schools. Nick Farrell, who placed third overall, was first for the Blue Devils, followed by Brian Haines at 10th overall, Adam Silhavy next, then Andrew Gannon, Jake Howell, Eric Rizzi and Peter Duffy. These seven boys will represent the Blue Devils as they attempt their seventh consecutive Class D sectional championship at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers on Saturday, Nov. 1. The girls run at 10 a.m. and the boys at noon.

Varsity boys soccer stayed in the game until the end but fell to Hamilton 1-0 at home on Oct. 28 in the Class C sectional semifinal. Varsity girls soccer will be at Arlington High School on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 11 a.m. against the winner of Tuckahoe vs. Solomon Schechter in the Class C sectional final.

Varsity football will play in the Class C sectional championship against Tuckahoe on Saturday, Nov. 8, 3:30 p.m. at Mahopac High School.