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Celebrating the Right to Vote (for 96 of 240 Years)

Noting that the 2016 election marked the first time in U.S. history that a woman could vote for a female major-party nominee for president, Jennifer Mercurio of Garrison decided to celebrate the suffrage movement that led in 1920 to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that allowed women to cast ballots.

Emphasizing it was not a rally for Hillary Clinton but a nonpartisan gathering, she shared an invitation online for women to meet at St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring on Election Day dressed in white, the official color of the suffrage movement. More than 70 women showed up. Caroline Kaye, who took this photograph, said "the

energy and joy on St. Mary's Lawn was palpable and incredibly inspiring." A number of the women joined others from the community, including older students from the Manitou School, at Cold Spring Cemetery to visit the grave of Ida Timme (pronounced Tim-me), a prominent local suffragette.

Cold Spring Chamber at Crossroads

Officers are stepping down, but who will step up?

By Michael Turton

The president and vice president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce plan to step down at the end of the year, leaving the organization with a crucial question: Who will step up?

About a third of the chamber's 90 members met at Glynwood on Nov. 2 to consider that question, as well to discuss the volunteer-run Chamber's role in the community, who it serves and how to define success.

However, without sweat equity, said Vice President Jillian Bono-Kelly, nothing much will be done.

Village resident Rich Franco questioned whether the Chamber has adequately defined its goals. "What do you want to accomplish?" he asked. It was the first and most poignant question of the evening.

"The Chamber needs more focus," outgoing President Alison Anthoine said after the meeting, citing the Chamber-sponsored Summer Sunset Music Series as an example of how the organization has sometimes continued existing programs without considering their purpose. "Should we keep the music series? People, especially seniors, like it but Main Street shop owners don't. We've never done the critical thinking necessary."

Ironically, the brainstorming session also suffered from a lack of focus after the facilitator who was supposed to lead it had to cancel at the

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Emergency vehicles at the Little Stony Point trailhead during a rescue on Oct. 26

Photo by Anita Peltonen

Breakneck Hikers Keep Rescuers Busy

Five calls in two weeks along busy Route 9D

By Michael Turton

The last two weeks of October proved more hectic than usual for Cold Spring and North Highlands firefighters, who responded to five emergency calls from hikers that included a fatal heart attack, a rescue from a ledge and a minor injury to a first responder struck by a vehicle on Route 9D.

The Cold Spring Fire Company's incident log provided more details:

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Group Hopes to Bring Refugees to Region

Will Trump victory put a crimp in Mid-Hudson plan?

By Brian PJ Cronin

Inspired by a visiting scholars program at Vassar College in the 1930s that helped save Jews fleeing the Nazis, professor Maria Höhn and her students earlier this year reached out to groups that resettle refugees in the U.S. from war-torn regions of the world.

Höhn and her students have since partnered with dozens of congregations, synagogues, mosques, universities and community groups to form the Mid-Hudson Refugee Solidarity Alliance. Through a partnership with Church World Service, one of nine organizations that works with the U.S. Department of State to resettle refugees, the alliance hopes in January to begin welcoming displaced citizens, most likely from countries such as Syria, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, Somalia and Myanmar, to the region.

The plan was presented to a packed house Nov. 6 at a meeting on the campus of the Poughkeepsie-based college. Under the program, refugees could be settled anywhere within a 50-mile radius of Poughkeepsie, which would include the Hudson Highlands.

The program is not without its critics, as was evident during a question-and-answer session at the Nov. 6 meeting. A handful of protesters angrily demanded to know how residents can be sure incoming refugees won't have communicable diseases, how to be sure they are actually refugees as opposed to would-be

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Small, Good Things

Cooking Man, Cooking

By Joe Dizney

Nov. 9, 2016 — In the (almost) three years I've written this column I've never run a dateline, but it would be disingenuous, dishonest and almost cynical of me not to acknowledge this week's momentous events in light of "Small, Good Things."

The Raymond Carver short story that gives the column its name is about loss — and mourning, and sadness — and how food, in addition to providing physical sustenance when strength is most needed, pointedly offers spiritual and emotional comfort and succor, too.

As sleep was impossible last night, I

spent my dark night reading a book by Yuval Noah Harari called *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*. It traces the biological, anthropological, economic and social history of our particular species of Great Apes, *Homo sapiens* (Latin for "wise man"), the only species of the genus to emerge triumphant over the last 10,000 years. The first "creative" trait that emerged from our *genus* was the fact that we cooked — we discovered fire and invented *cuisine* (a minor exaggeration), which in turn fueled our physical, mental, social and economic dominance of the world.

I am *Homo concoctus*, cooking man. Like Carver's baker, it is my response to the highs and lows of life. (It obviously beats thinking, which from current evidence is held in particularly low esteem.)

Pumpkin Ragù

Serves 4-6

1 medium sugar pumpkin, 10-inch diameter (or 2 cups canned purée)
1 tablespoon olive oil
¼ cup butter
1 large yellow onion, diced small
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 large carrot, peeled and chopped
1 large stalk celery, chopped
½ pound sweet Italian sausage (uncased)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh oregano

2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage leaves
2 to 3 bay leaves
¼ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 cup whole milk
1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
½ teaspoon ground white pepper
1 cup white wine (optional)
1 cup chicken (or vegetable) broth
12 ounces penne rigate
½ cup fresh grated Parmesan cheese
Fried sage leaves for garnish (optional)

1. If using fresh pumpkin, halve the pumpkin horizontally and scrape the insides to remove the fibers and seeds. Sprinkle with water and place cut side down on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake in preheated (350°) oven for 1 hour. When cool, scrape pumpkin flesh from skin and purée in a food processor until smooth. (This will make more than you need — freeze the rest or make soup, risotto or pie.)
2. Heat oil and butter in a Dutch oven or deep skillet over medium heat. Sauté onion until transparent (3 to 4 minutes), add garlic and sauté for a minute more. Add carrots and celery and cook for another 2 minutes. Add sausage and cook until it has just barely lost its raw color. Add sage, oregano, bay leaves and red pepper flakes, stirring to incorporate for a minute.
3. Add milk and bring to a simmer. Add nutmeg and a few grinds of pepper, stirring regularly, until milk has evaporated. Add wine and simmer until evaporated. Add purée and broth. Stir to coat ingredients and bring to a low simmer. Correct seasoning and simmer for 30 minutes to an hour. Remove bay leaves.
4. Prepare penne according to package directions. When done, briefly drain. Add a knob of butter to the pasta pan over low heat. Return drained pasta to the pan and add enough ragù to liberally coat the pasta. Heat, stirring, for a minute or so.
5. Serve in shallow bowls with Parmesan, garnished with fried sage leaves.



Pumpkin Ragù

Photo by J. Dizney

I woke up this morning sensing a general and free-floating air of pervasive loss and saw gleanings of its classic psychological stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. So I cooked.

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This week's recipe challenge was thrown down a day or two following a different creepy day: Halloween. "What do we do with all these pumpkins?" came the cry for help from a friend and mother of an 8-year-old who had made the mistake of hosting a sucrose blowout for 20-or-so pre-teens. She was left with a short bushel of choice sugar pumpkins in the wake.

Snooping around the internet, I came across a "creamy pumpkin pasta sauce" which became the genesis for what we have here.

Roasting and puréeing a pumpkin is a snap, and a 10-inch specimen yielded 5 cups (but you can certainly use canned). That's your base. Add a classic mirepoix of onions, celery and carrots (with a little garlic), a scattering of Tuscan-inflected

herbs — oregano and sage (a common pairing with squash) — and bay leaves, which allegedly make pumpkin "more pumpkin-y," whatever that means.

Pumpkin is a natural thickener and the broth is a flavorful way to thin it out. Now, this would certainly result in a lovely vegetarian sauce, but a trip to Marbled Meats inadvertently uncovered some sweet Italian sausage, bolstered by some wild fennel, which somehow got me thinking of a Marcella Hazan's classic Bolognese sauce. In her recipe, the meat (usually beef) is simmered in milk (and a grating of nutmeg) before tomatoes are added. Substituting the fennel spiced pork sausage for beef, and pumpkin purée for tomato sauce further validated the choice of oregano and sage and resulted in an unusual but satisfying New World ragù. Served over penne rigate or rigatoni (use whole wheat pasta for extra body) with a grating of Parmesan, this is fall comfort food of the highest order.

Eat up, buck up. We're going to need strength for whatever comes next.

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Election Results 2016

The Nov. 8 election generated high interest: About 70 percent of voters in Dutchess (69) and Putnam (71) turned out, compared to 62 percent statewide. The race for Philipstown Town Justice drew a 74 percent turnout, with more than 5,100 ballots cast.

As in past elections, None of the Above made a strong showing, with 48,000 voters in the state declining to make a choice for president, and 345,000 expressing no preference for U.S. senator. In that race and others down ballot, the incumbents prevailed overall by comfortable margins.



Trump

President (4 years)	Putnam	Dutchess	New York State
Clinton (D)	17,363 (39%)	56,874 (46%)	4,145,271 (58%)
Trump (R)	25,241 (56%)	58,163 (48%)	2,637,759 (37%)
Johnson (Ind., Lib.)	1,039	3,304	162,117
Stein (Green)	543	1,858	100,029
Write-in	357	1,271	61,187
None of the above	250	914	48,048 (>1%)

15,346 of 15,391 districts reporting



Schumer

U.S. Senator (6y)	Putnam	Dutchess	Overall
Schumer (D)*	22,449 (50%)	67,010 (55%)	4,790,743 (67%)
Long (R)	19,077 (43%)	45,762 (37%)	1,865,788 (26%)
Wilson (Green)	477	1,799	102,395
Merced (Lib.)	313	936	43,903
Write-in	11	48	3,287
None of the above	2,436 (5%)	6,790 (6%)	345,195 (5%)

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Maloney

Congress 18th (2y)	Putnam	Dutchess	Overall
Maloney (D)*	19,827 (44%)	36,438 (52%)	149,056 (51%)
Oliva (R)	21,031 (47%)	28,054 (40%)	120,967 (41%)
Write-in	7	31	93
None of the above	3,929 (9%)	6,133 (9%)	24,816 (8%)



Serino

NY Senate 41 (2y)	Putnam	Dutchess	Overall
Gipson (D)	6,927 (42%)	46,993 (42%)	53,920 (42%)
Serino (R)*	8,555 (51%)	59,799 (53%)	68,354 (53%)
Write-in	4	57	61
None of the above	1,140 (7%)	5,843 (5%)	6,983 (5%)

Assembly 95 (2y)	Putnam	Overall
Galef (D)*	5,795 (52%)	35,566 (62%)
Purdy (R)	4,205 (37%)	15,331 (29%)
Write-in	4	26
None of the above	1,229 (11%)	4,990 (9%)

District covers parts of Putnam and Westchester counties



Galef

Assembly 104 (2y)	Dutchess	Overall
Skartados (D)*	10,009 (68%)	26,023 (61%)
Banuchi (Con.)	1,670 (11%)	6,293 (15%)
Write-in	19	29
None of the above	3,025 (20%)	10,364 (24%)

District covers parts of Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties



Skartados

*Incumbent

“None of the above” indicates no vote was cast. “Vote unclear” indicates the ballot was spoiled, such as when someone votes for both candidates.

Source: New York State Board of Elections (nyenr.elections.state.ny.us)

Other contested results:

Putnam County Legislature, District 6 (Southeast, 3-year term)
Cassidy (D) – 2,027 (40%)
Jonke (R) – 3,046 (60%)



Reitz

Philipstown Town Justice (4-year term)
Linson (D) – 2,678 (55%)
Thorpe (R) – 2,155 (45%)
Write-in: 4; No vote recorded: 331

*Incumbent

Putnam County Judge (10-year term)
Capone (D) – 15,684 (38%)
Reitz (R)* – 25,705 (62%)



Linson

NEWS BRIEFS

Groups Collect 235 Pounds of Expired Meds

More than 90 residents dropped off 235 pounds of unused or expired medications during a take-back day held Nov. 8 at the Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel. “Keeping these medications out of the water supply as well as out of the hands of potential abusers makes this day so important,” said Kristin McConnell, co-chair of Putnam Communities That Care Coalition, a sponsor of the event. Medications also can be dropped in a secure box at Philipstown Town Hall weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Democrats to Host Anchorage Forum

The Philipstown Democrats will host a forum at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 to discuss anchorage grounds that have been proposed for the Hudson River, including between Beacon and Newburgh. “Parking Lot-on-Hudson,” to be held at St. Philip’s Church in Garrison, will include presentations by Paul Gallay, president of Hudson Riverkeeper, Jason Baker of the office of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Erin Doran, a staff attorney with Riverkeeper.

Code Update Committee Has Vacancy

The Village of Cold Spring is looking for a resident to fill a vacancy on the five-member Code Update Committee, which identifies modifications to the village code to align it with the Comprehensive Plan. Submit a letter of interest and brief resume by Nov. 18 to the Village Clerk at 85 Main St., Cold Spring, NY 10516 or by email to vcsc clerk@bestweb.net.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why not a river pool?

Scenic Hudson is proposing a plan for Long Dock Park to the Beacon Planning Board that includes the use of food trucks and other structures ("Food Trucks and River Pool," Oct. 18). I would like Scenic Hudson to reboot one of their guiding principles, which states: "All citizens have a right to outstanding quality of life, including access to our Hudson River, to open space and to participate in community decision-making."

In contrast to its Long Dock plan is a rejection by Scenic Hudson to a local non-profit that wishes to operate a free access floating River Pool in the river. The idea to open the pool came from Pete Seeger in the late 1990s. Since opening, nearly 10,000 people have entered the river via the pool, which is a cost-free recreational option that teaches swimmers to care for

the environment.

Steve Rosenberg, senior vice president at Scenic Hudson, has said that "what the river pool does is very important in terms of connecting kids and families to the river, but the added risks to us of having swimming in a setting like that concerned us. Despite everyone's best efforts, you really have to be a guarantor of the [public's] safety [in that setting]."

Scenic Hudson should know that immunity is provided when an injured party is engaged in one of the enumerated activities on land suitable for that activity (see *Farley v. Town of Rhinebeck*, 65 A.D.3d 1279). The River Pool can also indemnify its sponsor, as it has done for years. I also have observed illicit swimming at Long Dock. If liability is a concern, other options may be acceptable such a conveyance of land and submerged land with

applicable environment easements and/or deed restrictions. However, Scenic Hudson will not reconsider.

The River Pool's location off Seeger Park in Beacon (about 2,500 feet north of Long Dock) may no longer be a viable option, as the pool is nearing its life expectancy and the water there is only about 3 feet deep. The Beacon River Pool sponsors the annual swim across the Hudson bringing more than 100 swimmers, their families and friends to our area. Without access to deeper waters which only Long Dock Park offers off the north shore, the River Pool may no longer operate in Beacon.

Antony Tseng, *Beacon*

To possess a gun

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few legal points regarding the safe-storage ordinance submitted to the Philipstown Town Board ("Gun Opponents Bring Case to Philipstown Town Board," Nov. 4).

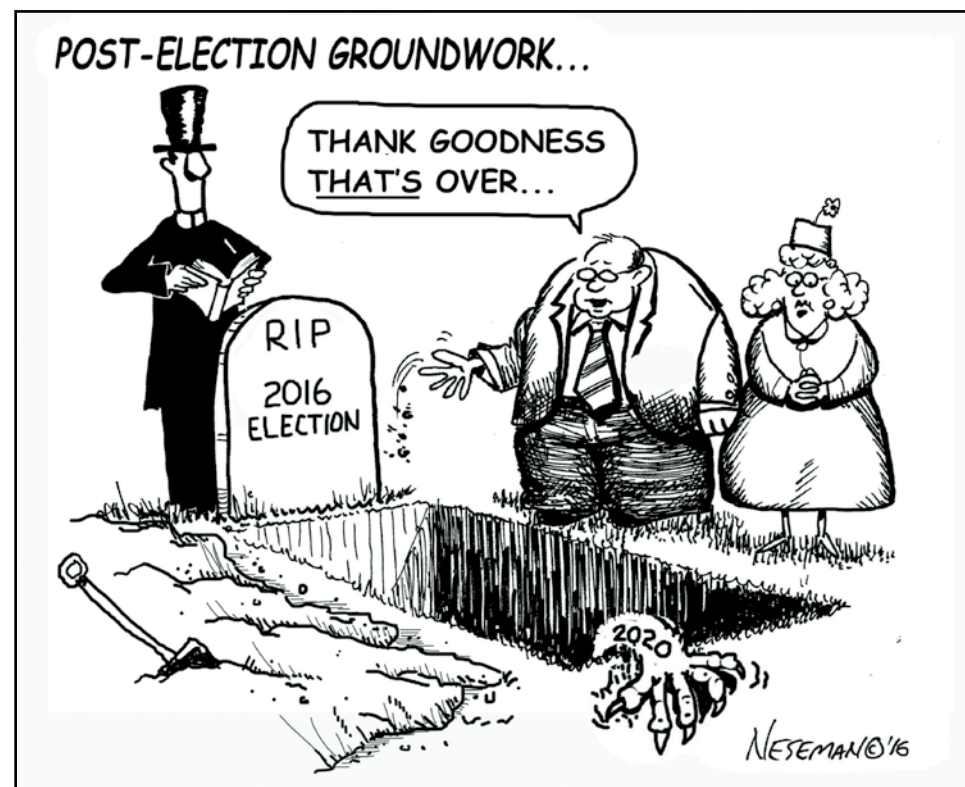
It is important to understand that the proposed ordinance is not the same as the Washington, D.C., safe-storage ordinance that was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court. Under the D.C. ordinance, a firearm in the home was required to be locked or unloaded and disabled at all times. Under the proposed Philipstown ordinance, a firearm only needs to be safely stored when not within a person's "possession or control."

Possession means on your person. But what does "within a person's control" mean? This is the question we need to focus on to come to a reasoned decision about the merits of this proposed ordinance.

Here are some scenarios to consider under the ordinance:

- Suppose you have a child in the house and you go out to mow the lawn, can you leave your gun on a bookshelf? No.
- Suppose you sit down to eat dinner

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Taking it to the Street

By Anita Peltonon

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?



"I love living here. We live close enough to enjoy the city. But the beauty and peace of the Hudson Valley is spectacular."

~ Karen Ungania, Putnam Valley



"Right here. Live in Fishkill, visit Cold Spring and our grandkids. I'd like to split my time between here and Florida, to play golf. It may happen someday."

~ Art Kaether, Fishkill



"Hawaii."

~ Erin Tully, Long Island

Group Hopes to Bring Refugees to Region *(from Page 1)*

immigrants who are not fleeing a political situation and why the resources of social services organizations and municipal funds should be used to assist refugees instead of U.S. citizens. Some protesters had to be escorted from the room while shouting "Liberalism is a disease!"

"We knew that not everyone would be on board with this," Höhn said in an interview a few days later. "We need to do a good job now assuring people that refugees are thoroughly vetted for security reasons, for illness, and to assure people that we have done this before. This is what Americans do."

Roisin Ford of Church World Services said that "refugees are the most vetted of any travelers" coming into the U.S. The process involves several medical examinations before and after arrival, fingerprinting and clearance by groups such as the FBI and State Department.

For Höhn, who chairs the history department at Vassar, refugee crises used to just be something that she taught in class.

"I can't tell you how many times I would teach about the millions of Jews trying to flee Nazi Germany, and it all seemed so abstract," she said. As the current global refugee crisis expanded, she and her students noticed the parallels between what they read in their textbooks and what they saw in their newspapers, specifically the resistance to accepting refugees in the U.S.

"We know from surveys that were conducted in 1938 and 1939, when the writing was clearly on the wall about what was going to happen to Jews in Europe, 67 percent of Americans said absolutely no to taking in Jews as refugees," she said. "Jews were considered to be 'Trojan horses,' possible Nazi spies, communists and anarchists. So as someone who teaches that, it's very painful to see this all playing out again. Since World War II, we always say 'Never again,' but what does that mean to say 'Never again?'"

The alliance will continue to hold informational meetings, including one scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. at St. George's Episcopal Church in Newburgh.

There are an estimated 65 million displaced people in the world, including 20 million refugees, according to Sarah Krause, a refugee program administrator at Church World Service, which will soon open a branch office in Poughkeepsie. ("Displaced" means you have fled your home due to a well-founded fear of being persecuted; once you cross an international border you are also a refugee.) Krause said that despite perceptions that refugees are flooding Europe and the U.S., most prefer to stay close to home with the hope they can someday return.

"In Lebanon one of every five people is a refugee, and in Jordan it's one of four," she said. "Meanwhile, the United States has accepted less than half of 1 percent of the world's refugees."



Maria Höhn, chair of the history department at Vassar, speaks in October 2015 at a Solidarity with Refugees forum.

Vassar photo

How to Help

Those who wish to assist the Alliance can donate furniture, volunteer to be language tutors, give refugees rides or commit to employ refugees. One of Church World Service's goals is to have all refugees be self-sufficient within six months.

"You can be a welcoming team with a congregation," said Maria Höhn. "They have people who are retired or semi-retired, people with deep roots in the community, they know the stakeholders, they know where you can go. Even saying 'I have an apartment complex and I will rent for the first three months, I'll subsidize the apartment,' or people who need clothing. They come from very warm regions, like Africa; they need winter clothing! There's many ways that people can show love, and show that this is what we do in America. We build communities from the ground up."

For more information, visit cws-poughkeepsie.org.

New Residents

The Refugee Processing Center at the Department of State (wrapsnet.org) resettled 554 refugees in New York state in October, including 37 from Afghanistan, 28 from Burma, 95 from the Democratic Republic of Congo, one from Iran, 39 from Iraq, 13 from Pakistan, 138 from Somalia, 60 from Syria and 30 from Ukraine.

Last year Church World Service and other resettlement agencies settled 84,995 refugees in the U.S., five short of the limit President Obama set for the number of refugees accepted in 2016. Obama raised the limit to 110,000 for 2017.

Of course, everything changed Nov. 8. President-elect Donald Trump has said he will limit the number of refugees coming into the U.S. because of fears of Trojan horse attacks in which terrorists sneak into the country. During a Nov. 6 campaign stop in Minneapolis, Trump said: "Here in Minnesota, you've seen firsthand the problems caused with faulty refugee vetting, with large numbers of Somali refugees coming into your state without your knowledge, without your support or approval, and with some of them then joining ISIS and spreading their extremist views all over our country and all over the world."

Trump also criticized Hillary Clinton for proposing the number of Syrian refugees admitted annually be increased to 65,000 from 10,000 and vowed to "pause admissions from terror-prone regions of the world."



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with your family, can you keep your gun holstered? Yes.

- Can you go to sleep with a loaded gun on your nightstand? Yes. But if you have children in the house, you'll need to lock your bedroom door.

As I think of scenarios, I find myself coming up with more scenarios of what you are permitted to do under the ordinance than scenarios of what you are not permitted to do. In fact, this ordinance is so minimal that it simply codifies the basic common sense that all responsible gun owners naturally use as a bare minimum.

For this reason, I am not clear why the ordinance might be objectionable to any gun owner. Not only is this ordinance minimal, it is not enforceable. Law enforcement has absolutely no right to enter private property without consent unless there is probable cause to do so. There have been claims that this ordinance su-

persedes this constitutional right. Rest assured it absolutely does not. That is why it is not enforceable.

So why would this ordinance be of any use? Because in the event a gun owner does not use the common sense that God gave him and that the ordinance requires of him, and someone is harmed as a result, the victim(s) (or family) would be able to sue the gun owner in civil court with a clear cause of action. This alone creates a strong deterrent to dangerous, irresponsible behavior. There is nothing unreasonable about that.

As I watch the debate heat up, I am worried that once again our community will resort to generalized emotion fueled by national special-interest groups, rather than by accurate information and true local concerns. We have an opportunity here to change our ways.

Diana Hird, *Cold Spring*

In reply to Michael Bowman, who argued in the letter to the editor in the Nov. 4 issue that the Philipstown Town Board might be liable if it passes a safe-storage gun law and a gun owner is harmed by an intruder, I don't see how this proposed law would take away rights or make the Town Board liable for anything. It does not restrict the right of the gun permit holders to have a pistol readily available to them at their residence when they are home.

In order to get a pistol permit you have to take a gun-safety course. At this course they teach you to keep your gun safe and secured when not in use. So if the permit holder is not at the residence the guns should be safe and secured whether you're a mile or a hundred miles away.

What seems scary is that we haven't heard more than one gun owner say, "Yes, this is how I keep my guns when I'm not home."

Will Duncan, *Cold Spring*

Little Reaction to \$10.5 Million Philipstown Budget

But about that Garrison Fire District increase ...

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Garrison Fire District's 27 percent budget increase dominated a Nov. 9 public hearing on Philipstown's proposed budget of \$10.5 million, although the town government no longer oversees the agency.

A week before the hearing, the Town Board released its draft budget. It anticipates raising \$7.6 million from taxes (72 percent), \$1.8 million from other revenue such as fees and \$1.05 million carried over from a balance. In 2016 the town budget was \$9.75 million.

Despite the expected higher spending for next year, many property owners' tax bills will drop slightly. The rate per \$1,000 of assessed value will fall to \$2.36 from \$2.37 for costs borne by everyone, and to \$3.43 from \$3.45 for residents who live outside villages who use town services that village residents do not need because Cold Spring and Nelsonville provide them.

Garrison increases

The taxpayer share of the 2017 budget is \$181,782 more than collected in 2016, an increase of 2.5 percent.

Town Supervisor Richard Shea blamed the uptick on the Garrison Fire District, whose commissioners in September unveiled a planned 27 percent spending increase for 2017. (According to state law, the tax cap does not apply in the first budget of a new fire district. Voters also do not approve the first budget. By increasing its budget significantly now, the Garrison district will have a higher baseline when the cap does apply.)

"Bottom line: the only increase in this entire amount to be raised by taxes is driven by the Garrison fire company budget," Shea said at the hearing. He called the proposed increase "astounding," but noted the Town Board no longer controls fire department spending. "We'd be seeing a real decrease in the [town] budget but for that stuff,"



Garrison Fire District Commissioners Rodney Tudor, Joe Mercurio, Nat Prentice and David Brower. At far right is treasurer John Greener.

File photo by Michael Turton

he said. "It's the people in Garrison who are going to feel that. The rest of the town will not see an increase at all."

Shea expressed disappointment with the fire commissioners, appointed by the board last fall to serve one-year terms until elections are held in December. Based on the applicants' remarks during interviews with the board, "we thought they would stand up" to higher spending, Shea said. Only one of the five commissioners, Nat Prentice, opposed the increase, which the commission says is necessary to make up for past cuts by the Town Board.

Other board members echoed Shea's concerns. "I would never have thought they'd do what they did," Councilor Robert Flaherty said.

Councilor John Van Tassel said the commission's actions were confusing, including an arrangement to lease the firehouse

from the fire company and the spending upsurge. "I just don't understand the need for it," he said.

Joe Regele, a Garrison resident who has long been critical of the fire company's finances and says he will run for commissioner, said the district budget is "beyond discouraging. It's worse than you know. There's no documentation. There are no figures. They just put together a wish list."

Regele, the sole member of the audience Nov. 9, also objected to fire district plans to open polls for only three hours on Dec. 13 for the vote on the five commissioner seats and a referendum on creating a \$40,000 reserve. "It's completely unfair" to limit voting to such "an incredibly small window," with no option for an absentee ballot, he said.

"It is wrong," Shea agreed. "It's a form of disenfranchisement."

The board discussed what, if anything, it could do to get the hours extended.

Under the town's draft budget, the other three fire districts that serve Philipstown will see much smaller increases. The North Highlands fire budget will inch upward to \$747,000, while the Continental Village Fire Department, contracted to serve part of the town, will be paid \$262,500, both increases of about 1 percent.

The Cold Spring Fire Com-

pany, hired to cover areas near the village, will receive a 7 percent increase, to \$69,000, largely due to a 35 percent increase in its Length of Service Award Program obligations, which will jump by about \$4,500.

Ambulances

The Philipstown and Garrison volunteer ambulance corps will each receive about 1 percent increases: Philipstown will get \$263,000 and Garrison \$173,000. The ambulance services did not receive particular attention at the hearing. However, during budget preparation sessions in October, Town Board members wondered about their future since both use paid emergency medical staff members augmented by volunteers and have infrastructure costs.

"These numbers are getting big, where you're at the point of asking, 'Do we bring in a paid service and let a paid service do it?'" Van Tassel said Oct. 12. "At some point it will be cheaper" for the town to contract with an outside service, he said at a similar workshop Oct. 19.

Van Tassel proposed in October that Philipstown and Garrison merge some functions because "doing something collaboratively would extend the life of the volunteer service." Unfortunately, he told his board colleagues, a plan to consolidate dispatching fell apart "at the last minute." Although consolidation may not create any savings, he said, "it's worth looking into."

Other costs

Under the draft budget, Highway Department funding would rise 13 percent, to \$3.6 million, which is \$43,000 less than the department requested. The Recreation Department would receive \$1.06 million, an 8 percent increase.

Salaries for board members would remain unchanged under the proposed budget. The supervisor is paid \$27,000 annually and each of the four members receive \$18,000. The wetlands inspector earns \$25,000. The town clerk's pay would rise from \$52,000 to \$63,000 and the highway superintendent's would increase by \$1,000 to \$89,000. The recreation and parks director would receive a \$1,400 raise, to \$63,650.



Philipstown Town Hall

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School Board: No Fire Station at Sargent Elementary

Vote eliminates one of Beacon department's best options, and maybe two

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Board of Education on Nov. 7 nixed the idea of selling land on the campus of Sargent Elementary School for the construction of a consolidated Beacon fire station, which may send the fire department back to the drawing board.

Fire officials had identified two sites — the first, a wooded area to the west of the access road leading to Sargent and, second, a lot carved out of the Elks Lodge property across Route 9D from the school — as locations for a new station. The board's decision rules out the Sargent site and may prevent use of the Elks location, as well.

The fire department asked the district to sell approximately 1.75 acres at Sargent for the station. As an alternative, it asked for permission to build a parking lot along the Sargent access road to serve a station on the smaller Elks site.

Board members, however, declined both proposals, saying they weren't comfortable with a fire station located so close to the school.

"It's not what I would call a real compatible use with the school district," said board member Craig Wolf. "You have kids walking to school, you've got them riding bikes. It gets a little tight at times."

The idea of building a sta-



The Elks Lodge property

Google Maps

tion to replace the city's three aging structures has been around for some time, but a \$250,000 Dutchess County grant has the clock ticking for city officials to decide where it will be located.



The Elks Lodge and Sargent School properties

Google Maps

"We can't move forward with any hard design until we know what site we're designing for," Lt. Tim Dexter told the board. While the city and department considered 17 sites, he said Sargent and the Elks Lodge ranked highest for a number of reasons, including their location, which would allow the department to respond quickly to almost anywhere in Beacon.

The city had been in discussions concurrently with the school system and the Elks. On Nov. 10, City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero said the fire station committee will now reevaluate all sites before making its next move. The committee will update the City Council on its options at the council's Nov. 14 workshop.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, school board mem-

bers seemed unconvinced that a 377-student elementary school and fire station could safely coexist. They also expressed concern that there wasn't time to vet the proposal with the Sargent community.

"Sargent in particular needs to have full notice of this so we don't have them coming back to us and saying, 'Why didn't you tell us about this?'" Wolf said.

Some board members did favor the proposal. Bill Zopf said he doesn't anticipate the district developing the land, and he believes the fire department would take the necessary measures to ensure safety. Antony Tseng and Anthony White, the board president, also said they would be willing to discuss the proposal further.

The area around any fire station is typically safest because the engines operate there at slow speeds, Chief Gary Van Voorhis told the board, adding that the department has worked with schools near its other stations without incident.

There was no official vote on either land sale proposal, but an informal poll during the meeting found six of nine members against the Sargent plan and five of nine against the parking lot.

"I would need to know that there's enough opportunities for real input and a potential to stop it if there's a level of discomfort from the public," board member Kristan Flynn said. "There are a lot of kids who walk unsupervised near Sargent. I see too great a downside."



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Cold Spring Chamber at Crossroads *(from Page 1)*

last minute. Despite that, a number of issues emerged that participants seemed to agree are key to the Chamber's future:

- The current emphasis on promoting Main Street tourism needs to be expanded to address other business interests.
- Route 9 businesses, contractors and home-based freelancers are not being served.
- The potential for nonprofit organizations to promote the area and the Chamber's goals is not being adequately tapped.
- The Chamber could be an advocate, serving as "the voice of business," in addressing government policies, legislation and support, including lobbying the Village of Cold Spring and Town of Philipstown to increase support of tourism infrastructure.
- The Chamber should seek assistance from regional economic development agencies and Putnam County Tourism.
- Having both a Chamber and a Merchants Association is counterproductive.

After those and other issues were raised, Bono-Kelly returned to a familiar theme. "All these comments go right back to my main question," she said. "Who wants to help?"

Jonathan Kruk, a former Chamber president, said that in the past when participation waned, enthusiasm was rekindled simply by having a party for members. At

least one person took exception to that, commenting that a common perception of the Chamber is that it hosts too many social events.

The evening did produce a number of practical ideas.

The Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, a new member, sponsored the evening and made a brief presentation on cash-flow basics that small businesses need to consider. HVFCU's small-business expertise could prove to be a valuable asset to Chamber members.

Another new member, Dana Whiddon, offered to host a freelancers' forum at CREATE Community, a shared workspace being planned on Peekskill Road.

Eliza Starbuck, who with Eric Worth is opening a wine shop on Main Street, presented a model that could help frame the Chamber's resurgence. She compared the organization to a farm CSA in which members pay a fee but are also required to work to reap the benefits — in that case fresh vegetables. She said it's a model the Chamber can learn from.

"You have to have a work requirement for your membership," she said. "As a member I want to give as much as I get. Business owners should feel some responsibility."

Another member suggested that the Chamber emulate the Haldane School Foundation, which has its members work on projects in pairs as a means of sharing the workload and preventing burn-out.



Filmmaker Andrea Sadler, left, and CREATE Community's Dana Whiddon Photo by M. Turton

Kim Blacklock, president of HG Fairfield Arts Board in Brewster, said her organization planned to host a symposium this winter for chambers of commerce and nonprofits. "We're pulling the symposium together because this conversation is happening everywhere, and it's about sharing resources," she said.

Anthoine said a serious discussion of the Chamber's future, and even its existence, "has been a long time coming." Its annual meeting and holiday party will be held Dec. 16 at Dutchess Manor and will

include the election of a new board.

"We hope to get some real volunteers to step up and join the board, people who will volunteer to actually execute ideas and plans," she said. "I hope the Chamber continues — it does have value."

In addition to Antoine and Bono-Kelly, the current Chamber board is Gregg Gerelli (secretary), Martin Barth (treasurer), Kate Liberman, Barney Molloy, Raul Olave, Yuriy Herhel and Craig Muraszewski.

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Beacon Council Takes Gun Law Back for Review

*No further public hearings
may be required*

By Jeff Simms

Following a lengthy public hearing on Nov. 7, the Beacon City Council will continue its review of a proposed firearm storage law.

The proposed law would require firearms to be securely locked in an appropriate "safe-storage depository" when the owner is not nearby to decrease "the likelihood of death or injury from accidents or impulsive acts."

Guns rights advocates, many of them veterans or former law enforcement officers, filled the City Council meeting room to protest the proposal, saying it is unenforceable and could put

homeowners in danger if they need to defend themselves.

Although outnumbered by about 2 to 1, a number of residents also spoke in favor of the law, calling it a common-sense measure. The hearing attracted residents from nearby locales such as Wappingers Falls and Cold Spring as well.

A similar proposal was approved by the New York State Assembly last year but failed in the Senate. The Philipstown Town Board is also considering a safe-storage law.

The proposed Beacon law will be discussed further by the council at an upcoming workshop, which is open to the public but does not include public comment. It will not require another hearing unless its wording is changed significantly.

PHILIPSTOWN
DEPOT THEATRE

Depot Docs presents: *Life, Animated*

Friday, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

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The Calendar

Scoring the Hudson

Composer and songwriter transform river data into art

By Alison Rooney

Flowery prose might capture “the music of the Hudson” in a figurative way, but *Fathom*, a composition with melodic content and lyrics by Mimi Goese and a score by Ben Neill, takes the literal route, using data collected from the river via sensors and translating the patterns into music.

Fathom, a collaboration between the musicians and the Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries (BIRE), will premiere at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, during a free performance at the Towne Crier Café as the concluding event in BIRE’s Science Café series. (To reserve tickets, visit townecrier.com.)

The idea for the unusual collaboration came from a conversation between Neill and BIRE founder John Cronin, who thought some form of art could be made from the reams of environmental data that BIRE collects.

When Neill suggested music, BIRE’s Terry Platz directed him to data collected from the Hudson during Hurricane Sandy, not only because of the dramatic nature of the 2012 storm but because of the profound changes it wrought. “The bottom part of the river was moved by the storm and has never moved back,” Goese explains.

Neill and Goese focused on a five-week span of data that began two weeks before the storm hit the Hudson Valley. Using information collected from seven sites between West Point and the Adirondacks, Neill devoted six sections of *Fathom* to pre-storm data and a seventh to the storm. The data in that section was compressed, “to make it more chaotic,” Neill explains. The balance of the piece takes shape in song, which is where Goese came in.



Mimi Goese and Ben Neill often incorporate projections into their performances.

Photo provided

Demonstrating, in broad strokes how he composed this piece, which encompasses voice, instruments, electronic sound and digital video, Neill points to a screen in his Beacon studio that displayed animations of the data. “We’ve been working on a new project using fractal sounds generated by mathematics,” he says. “When I was asked to do this, I thought of that idea.”

He continues: “Each graphed line becomes correlated with music, the sounds of the notes following the line of data, creating a melody. A screen shot of the graph is taken and Photoshopped so that it is displayed as a white line against a black background, because the first

program I use reads black as silence, white as pitch. Then another program can make the sound play on any instrument.

“Liberties are taken with time frame and compression — that’s where the composition comes in. These patterns are going on all the time, they’re the nature of life. It’s a lot of trial and error.”

In writing the lyrics to the six songs that follow the storm, Goese hoped to deliver words and ideas that reflect the history, geography and society of the region. “I wanted to be educated on some of the stories of this place, the dynamism

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Helmuth Martin

Photo by Meredith Heuer

A Little Beacon Blog

After six years, online venture defies odds

By Maria Ricapito

In 2011, two years after moving to Beacon from the Upper West Side with her husband, Katie Helmuth Martin started a blog about her new hometown. Unlike the vast majority of blogs, six years later A Little Beacon Blog (alittlebeaconblog.com), which covers the events and people of the growing city, is (1) still going, and (2) a viable business supported by advertising.

“Someone said they didn’t realize that Beacon needed or had a blog,” Helmuth Martin says, “But Beacon is so bloggable. There are businesses starting up and individuals making things. It’s really hard for me to shut off the story ideas.”

Her site has grown fast and receives

about 8,700 page views per month. Most of her content is integrated with Facebook, which brings another 2,000 to 5,000 views weekly, as well as traffic from Twitter and Instagram.

When Martin and her husband, David, moved to Beacon in 2009, the couple had one requirement: They had to be able to walk to a coffee shop. Main Street suited them perfectly.

Helmuth Martin, who was pregnant at the time, says she wanted to be self-employed because David commutes into New York as a location manager for film and TV. She had dabbled in TV and video production herself (*Law & Order*, a Li'l Kim video) but had online experience and so launched a website and production company and later a marketing and public relations firm called Tin Shingle. A graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, she also made and sold jewelry.

Among the most-clicked features on A Little Beacon Blog is its “Things to Do in Beacon” guides, frequently updated compendiums of knowledge on everything from Second Saturday to where to get the best brunch to how to keep the children entertained. Her beauty and restaurant guides give detailed reviews and descriptions — whether about spa services on offer, what night is taco night, or where members of the Elks’ Lodge can get a discount. Curious about charity events or open-mic nights? She’s got that.

The blog also profiles the proprietors of popular businesses such as Alvin Bell, who opened a barber shop and beauty salon on Main Street more than 25 years ago. Helmuth Martin recently shared a DIY guide to gilding a pumpkin, thanks to master gilder Deborah Bigelow, and in May published a detailed guide to finding free parking in

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FRIDAY, NOV. 11

Veterans’ Day

Hudson Valley Restaurant Week

valleytable.com/hvrw

The 25th Annual Putnam County (Dirty) Spelling Bee

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre

10 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison

philipstowndepottheatre.org | Adults only

Colin Hay

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

1008 Brown St., Peekskill

914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Calling All Poets

8 p.m. Center for Creative Education

464 Main St., Beacon

914-474-7758 | callingallpoets.net

The Last Five Years

8 p.m. County Players

2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls

845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

Stamp Away Notecards Workshop (ages 5-11)

9 a.m. Boscobel | 1601 Route 9D, Garrison

845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Music for Kids! Family Music Hootenanny

10 a.m. Beacon Music Factory

333 Fishkill Ave., Beacon

845-765-0472 | beaconmusicfactory.com

Japanese Shibori Workshop

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Beacon Art Studio

22 Kent St., Beacon | katrinreifeiss.com

Soul Stroll: A Shabbat Walk in the Woods

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Little Stony Point

(Railroad Bridge) | 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring

845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

The Story of Bannerman Island (Talk)

10 a.m. Putnam Valley Free Library

30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley

845-528-1024 | putnamvalleyhistory@gmail.com

Wow! For Kids: Hudson Habitats

10 a.m. CEIE | 199 Dennings Ave., Beacon

845-838-1600 | bire.org

Invasive Plants Workshop for Homeowners

11 a.m. Winter Hill | 20 Nazareth Way, Garrison

845-424-3358 ext. 7 | hhlit.org

Growing Shiitake Mushrooms

1 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange Hall

128 Mill St., Putnam Valley

845-528-2565 | putnamvalleygrange.org

Open Blues Jam Session

4 p.m. Denning’s Point Distillery | 10 N. Chestnut St., Beacon | denningspointdistillery.com

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com.

Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

Annual Autumn Reception

5 p.m. Butterfield Library

10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring

845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Garrison School Environmental Education Fundraiser

6 p.m. Private home | 14 Cutler Lane, Garrison

email: terrafloratrish@gmail.com

Sundown

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

See details under Friday.

The Last Five Years

8 p.m. County Players | See details under Friday.

BEACON SECOND SATURDAY

Puppies Behind Bars Exhibit and Veteran’s Day Program

4 p.m. St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

15 South Ave., Beacon | puppiesbehindbars.com

Anna Bergin and Dana Devine O’Malley: Intro to Mind Pong

5 – 7 p.m. Howland Public Library

313 Main St., Beacon

845-831- 1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Buone Feste: Holiday Group Show

5 – 8 p.m. RiverWinds Gallery

172 Main St., Beacon

845-838-2880 | riverwindsgallery.com

Boglins Custom Toy Show

6 – 9 p.m. Clutter Gallery | 163 Main St., Beacon

212-255-2505 | shop.cluttermagazine.com

Julie Jacobs: Stills in Search of a Movie

6 – 9 p.m. bau Gallery | 506 Main St., Beacon

845-440-7584 | baugallery.com

Beth Haber: Open Attachments

6 – 8 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery

149 Main St., Beacon

917-318-2239 | theoganzstudio.com

The Flat File Show

6 – 9 p.m. Matteawan Gallery | 436 Main St., Beacon | 845-440-7901 | matteawan.com

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

45th Annual Railroad and Hobby Exposition

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center

14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie

845-297-0901 | hydeparkstation.com

Breast Cancer Genetic Testing Info Session

1:30 - 4 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance

331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon

845-831-2012 | beaconhebrewalliance.org

The History of the Hudson River Valley, Part 2 (Talk)

2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library

472 Route 403, Garrison

845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Women’s Empowerment Workshop

2:30 p.m. SkyBaby Studios

75 Main St., Cold Spring

845-265-4444 | skybabyyoga.com

Clearwater Annual Gala

4 p.m. The Garrison

2015 Route 9, Garrison | clearwater.org

Steven Beck (piano)

4 p.m. Chapel Restoration

45 Market St., Cold Spring

845-265-5537 | chapelrestoration.org

Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders (Illusionist)

7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley

See details under Friday.

MONDAY, NOV. 14

Super Moon Hike

5 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center

100 Muser Drive, Cornwall

845-534-5506 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail Meeting

6:30 p.m. Dutchess Manor

263 Route 9D, Beacon | hhlit.org

Beacon City Council Workshop

7 p.m. City Hall (Courtroom)

1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon

845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Garrison Fire District Budget Workshop

7 p.m. Garrison Fire Company

1616 Route 9, Garrison

845-424-4406 | garrisonfd.org

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

Beacon Poet Laureate Induction

6:30 p.m. Howland Public Library

See details under Saturday.

Clean Living 101: How To Reduce Exposure To Toxic Chemicals

7 p.m. Butterfield Library

See details under Saturday.

Haldane School Board Workshop

7 p.m. Haldane School (Music Room)

15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring

845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

Garrison School Board

7 p.m. Garrison School | 1100 Route 9D, Garrison

845-424-3689 | gufs.org

“Parking Lot-on-Hudson” Discussion

7 p.m. St. Philip’s Church | 1101 Route 9D, Garrison

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THURSDAY, NOV. 17

Leaf and Yard Debris Pickup in Cold Spring

845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Ben Neill and Mimi Goese: Fathom

7 p.m. Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon

845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

Beth Haber (Artist Talk)

7 p.m. Theo Ganz Gallery | Details under Saturday

Haldane PTA

7 p.m. Haldane School (Library)

15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring

845-265-9254 | haldanepta.org

FRIDAY NOV. 18

Annual Pottery Show

Noon – 5 p.m. Member Preview

5 – 8 p.m. Opening Reception

Garrison Art Center | 23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison

845-424-3960 | garrisonartcenter.org

International Film Night: Everybody’s Famous! (Belgium)

7 p.m. Howland Public Library

See details under Saturday.

The Beacon Players: Grease

7 p.m. Beacon High School

101 Matteawan Road, Beacon

845-838-6900 x3420 | beaconplayers.com

Depot Docs: Life, Animated

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre

See details under Friday.

Open-Mic Night

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center

477 Main St., Beacon

845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

The Last Five Years

8 p.m. County Players

See details under Nov. 11.

Holiday Pottery show&sale

Member Preview Sale

Friday, November 18, 12–5pm

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Friday, November 18, 5–8 pm

Garrison Art Center

garrisonartcenter.org







Closed Thanksgiving Day

Matters of Death and Life

How to get started preparing for the end

By Alison Rooney

After the deaths of two close family members, Alison Anthoine enrolled in a 72-hour course at the New York Open Center in Manhattan on “integrative thanatology,” more commonly known as “the art of dying.”

Learning about thanatology — the scientific study of death and the practices associated with it, including the study of the needs of the terminally ill and their families — alongside chaplains, hospice workers and hospital volunteers, the Cold Spring lawyer hoped to fuse her personal and professional worlds. She decided she would use the training in palliative care and the grieving process and her legal education to educate others and developed what she calls a “death literacy” workshop.

“So much of what is told to us at this crucial time, we don’t understand,” often because the language used by social workers and medical staff is unfamiliar, she says. “My approach is to educate and encourage people in understanding how important it is to have advance-care directives. The [hospital] default is to throw every resource at the patient, whether they want it or not. This robs people of dignity.”

In an advanced-care directive, a person makes provisions for medical decisions in



Alison Anthoine

File photo by M. Turton

the event that he or she is unable to make them, including whether to end life-sustaining measures. Along with a power of attorney, it provides a blueprint for health care providers and institutions in determining whether and in what circumstances to intervene at the end of life.

Hospitals usually request these documents from patients or their family members as a matter of course, often immediately upon admission. But most Americans don’t have them, leaving the hospital to make critical decisions without guidance.

“Doctors at hospitals are constantly dealing with situations in which people come in without directives, which then causes crises for the patient and their families; it can tear

them apart,” she says. “A family member flies in from somewhere, perhaps hasn’t seen the patient or interacted with other family members for some time yet says ‘You can’t do that.’ The best gift you can give to your loved ones is to say what you want.”

In her workshops (one that took place in Cold Spring recently attracted participants aging from their 30s to 70s), Anthoine describes counseling “in a continuum — some people hadn’t begun theirs, others were looking to revise documents already created; it’s important to revisit your document every year or so, as you’ll find your attitude may change.”

When preparing a health care proxy in which you designate someone to make medical decisions should you not be able to communicate, Anthoine advises a step often overlooked. “Talk to the proxy and let them know” you have chosen them, she says. “It’s sort of the last taboo in the U.S.; there’s a real fear about it.”

Educating people about advance directives can help, she notes. In La Crosse, Wisconsin, where in the 1990s only 2 percent of the population had advance directives, a doctor spearheaded a campaign that within two years brought the number to 45 percent. By 1995, 85 percent of people who died in La Crosse County had



Source: 6stepslivingwill.org

advance directives and by 2009 the figure had reached 96 percent. At the same time, medical costs associated with patients’ last two years of life declined steeply.

There are many advance-care directive forms available, some more specific than others. Anthoine discourages using the official New York State Advance Care Directive, which she calls “quite unintelligible,” and instead recommends the 6-Steps Living Will, created by a retired clinical psychiatrist at the University of Washington and available free at 6stepslivingwill.org. Directives also can stipulate organ donation wishes and whether a person prefers to die at home or in a hospital.

In addition to the workshops, Anthoine has partnered with a classmate to launch Bevil.com (combining *being* and *revival*) to assist with end-of-life decisions. Anthoine is determined to spread the word. “Wherever anyone can organize a space, I’ll do a presentation,” she says. For more information, email eolnavigator@gmail.com.

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Scoring the Hudson (from Page 9)



Ben Neill and Mimi Goese

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between city and country," she says. "I don't remember working on a project where I cared so much what the response would be."

Although the piece focuses on the way humans have encroached on nature, it avoids finger-pointing, Goese says. "The Hudson is the artery: find the heart, realize the trauma, be inviting," she says. "People care about the Hudson, the expanse of it."

Fathom is a mixed-media piece, and an important component is projections that run during certain sections. Crowd-sourced footage, all of which reflects "perspectives, experiences and the personal impact of the Hudson River"

will be screened as Neill, Goese and drummer Dean Sharp perform the music. Neill will play the mutantrumpet, an instrument of his own design, and Goese will draw from her dance background to keep things moving.

Both Neill and Goese call it important that *Fathom* is accessible and enjoyable. "It's not something with a heavy-handed, preachy message," Neill says. He says he has enjoyed the collaboration with BIRE, which was assisted by a grant from New Music USA. "I've learned so much about the science, and Mimi, the history. It's important to have what you do connect with other things."

A Little Beacon Blog (from Page 9)

Beacon. She relies on a number of contributors, including production coordinator Marilyn Perez, designers Leigh Baumann and Allie Bopp, photographer Kristen Pratt and writers Catherine Sweet, Dylan Price and Brian PJ Cronin, who shares tips on family-friendly hiking and is also a reporter for *The Current*.

Helmuth Martin moved her office this year into what she calls A Little Beacon Space, a bright street-level studio in the Telephone Building on Main Street, below Beahive. "After six years with the blog, I wanted office space for dimension, to have something you can touch," she says. "Having space has been really neat."

She's used the space to host quickie morning exercise classes, a pop-up children's haircut salon, parent/child yoga and as an event rental. "I feel now like I'm part of the community I'm blogging about, especially being on Main Street," she says. For other upcoming events, such as a financial planning workshop for creatives and a holiday pop-up shop, see alittlebeaconblog.com/schedule.

Helmuth Martin says her curiosity about all things local drives A Little Beacon Blog. She has plans to write about historic buildings and quirky



Beacon businesses. "I try to keep the wonder of when I moved to Beacon," she says. "That kind of wonderment has given the blog its style. And I hope I never lose it."

More Beacon Blogs

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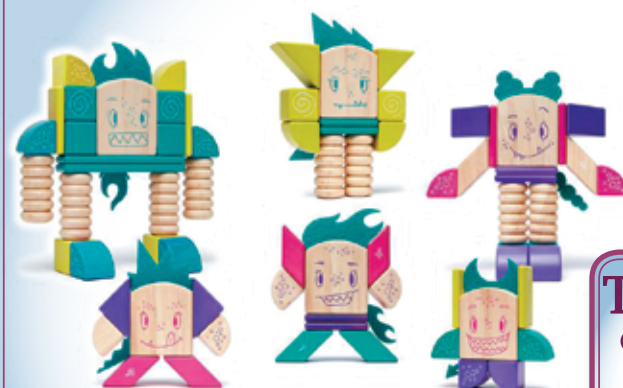


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From Shirts to Souls

Cold Spring dry cleaner sells business, founds church

By Mary Ann Ebner

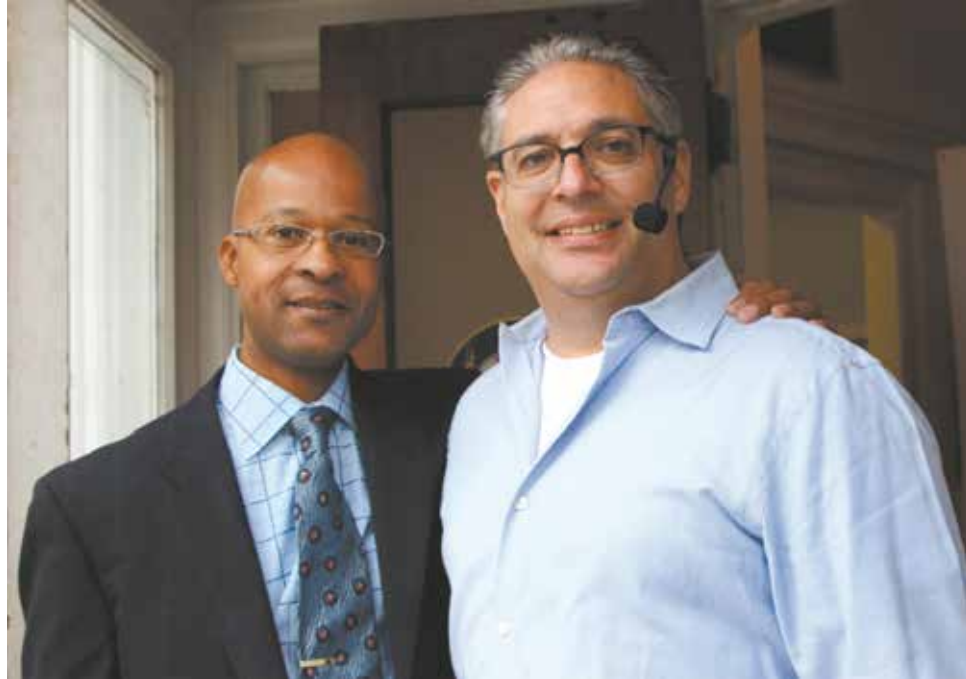
Despite the veil of gray clouds, a team of pastors offering their own brand of sunshine swung open the doors of the Elks Lodge in Peekskill.

Typically booked for meetings and banquets, the lodge each Sunday at 10 a.m. becomes Peak Community Church, led by pastors Robert Lindenberg and David Bass, whose family owned and operated Grand Dry Cleaners in Cold Spring for decades before selling the business in April.

Bass, 52, says he long considered pursuing the ministry. After a career as an attorney and then assisting his father, Henry Bass, with the Cold Spring business adjacent to Foodtown, he decided to start a new chapter in his life.

Bass formed his own church, called Shield of Faith, holding Sunday services at the Paramount Hudson Valley down the street from the Elks Lodge. But he soon understood that establishing a church takes not only faith but finances. The Paramount, he says now, “got real expensive. Pastor Rob has a larger congregation and we have different outreaches and we have joined together.”

Bass, wearing a jacket and tie, has a more formal and reserved style than the open-collared and outgoing Lindenberg,



David Bass and Rob Lindenberg

Photo by M.A. Ebner

an Assemblies of God minister. Their collaboration may resemble an “Odd Couple” pairing, but Bass hopes the contrasts will support their mission.

“Even before I got into the ministry, I hated labels,” Bass explained. “It’s the same with any spiritual service. You don’t have to have the big ‘M’ for Methodist or the big ‘C’ for Catholic. It’s Christian because I preach the word of Christ. That’s how I think about it. Where would Christ be comfortable going to church?”

The services usually begin with gospel music led by the praise team. As worshipers arrived at the Elks Lodge, vocalist Christen Thompson and a band welcomed them with harmony under lights set up by the tech crew. Streams of bright color washed over the stage, transforming the meeting room into a lively prayer hall.

The 50 worshipers sang along with lyrics projected onto a screen behind Lindenberg as he spoke through his headset microphone to the mix of men, women,

boys and girls. Bass joined in praise, and all embraced with greetings, handshakes and hugs.

Lindenberg delivered a sermon that reflected on identifying modern-day idols, referring to his own tendency to overindulge in good food.

“We live in a country where our stomachs can become our idol,” he said as he reached around his waistband and smiled at his wife, Eunice, who was seated in the front row. “I’m running around a lot and I eat lunch out, my wife cooks really good food, and we eat really well. If we analyze that, this is my go-to, this is my guilty pleasure.”

Bass and members of the congregation nodded in agreement.

The former dry cleaner, who lives in Cortlandt Manor, was ordained in 2001 in a small church in Atlanta. He says he was inspired by Ephesians 6: 10-20 (“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes ...”) to take up a shield of faith as “my foundation to be used by God to help deliver people from spiritual warfare. I’m willing to be submissive. I’m an ordinary guy called to do something extraordinary.”

Though the pastor knows many people in Cortlandt Manor, as well as the Cold Spring and Garrison residents who frequented Grand Dry Cleaners, he says he knows building a community of faith will take time. *(Continued on next page)*



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The areas provided for off-street parking during snow storms are Kemble Avenue south of The Boulevard, the south side of The Boulevard, the south side of New Street adjacent to the boat club entrance and the west side of Fair Street at Mayor's Park. The municipal parking lot on Fair Street is available for winter parking between the hours of 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. Signs will mark designated areas.

Village code also requires the owner and/or occupant of each building in the village to keep at least a 3-foot width of sidewalk free of snow and ice or covered with sand. Calcium chloride is prohibited and rock salt or salt-based materials are strongly discouraged. Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and parking lots must be kept free of snow and ice between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; all other sidewalks must be cleared within 18 hours after the end of a storm.

From Shirts to Souls *(from previous page)*



Pastor David Bass worships with his congregation at Peak Community Church.

Photo by M.A. Ebner

Friends and business associates have wished him well, but they're not flocking to his services. Most are spiritually rooted elsewhere. In the dry-cleaning business, customer loyalty keeps a business afloat, he says, and so it goes with growing a church.

"I have to go about and preach the gospel boldly, but I'm confident that the word will get out and the congregation will grow."

am doing what God has called me to do. It's not easy for me and I have to be vigilant. I have to go about and preach the gospel boldly, but I'm confident that the word will get out and the con-

gregation will grow."

For more information about Peak Community Church, visit facebook.com/thepeakcc.

"I am very faithful," Bass said. "I know I

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Clothes the Color of Nature

Beacon store relies on organic palette

By Alison Rooney

When Sonia Tay opened a temporary shop on the west end of Main Street in Beacon over the holidays in 2014, she thought she might be on to something when customers kept asking, “Are you coming back?”

Inspired by the positive reaction to her naturally dyed clothing, Tay did come back, opening a permanent storefront for her store, Colorant, in the same location. She carries not only her own products but other brands, many of them locally produced, such as Common Botany (an offshoot of Common Ground Farm) and SallyeAnder soaps.

Her 2014 pop-up shop, while an experiment, was “a great way to see how people were reacting to my clothing,” she says. “I thought of it as just a project, but the store surprised me by doing really well.”

Perhaps it was the sensory response to the richness of color that permeates the space. That’s what Colorant (French for *pigment*) is all about.

The idea for the shop “came from creating a line that celebrates color, and the concept of what color means to people and how color is a vehicle for shaping how people live and see the world,” Tay explains. “The ancient art of natural dying seeds, before synthetic



Sonia Tay

Photo provided

dyes, is what people relied on, what they found in nature. It’s amazing to see how vast the plant and nature palette is.”

Tay says she is “not completely against synthetics, but I do believe in an ethical form of production. There are so many different ways of putting color onto clothing, including biodegradable, low-impact dyes which don’t hurt the environment.” She prefers natural dying “because it’s just that, a natural process. Natural dyes are extracted from renewable resources, offering a more sustainable option for the textile industry. It’s also exciting to see what colors are produced.”

Noting that every color has a story, Tay points to indigo, a perennial favorite. “Indigo was brought to the Carolinas through trade,” she says. “It became so important to the denim industry, which was developed by factory workers. The color purple was created for royalty because it was so rare because it was hard to extract.” She also notes that “the most amazing pinks” come from cochineal, which comes from an insect that feeds and hosts on agave. “People have a natural attraction to [natural colors], something very instinctual,” she says. “It may be because colors come from the very matter we’re created from.”

Tay has an extensive background in the textile and fashion industries. She studied at Parsons School of Design and in Paris and London. She then worked for 10 years, including a two-year stint at Gap Inc., in positions ranging from corporate fashion to apparel, focusing on knits for a while, then accessories, in what evolved into largely freelance work.

Tay founded Colorant as a wholesale line. Her products are now stocked by about 30 stores around the world, including Barney’s in Tokyo. When it came time to try retail, Tay, was firmly set on Beacon as the locale. “It felt like it had a better home up here” than the city, where she spends about half her time. “I was more creative here than in the city.”

The Colorant production process

includes gathering naturally derived ingredients such as indigo, weld and madder root that are gently extracted into vibrant blues, reds and yellows. Colorant changes fabrication each season, after experimenting on fibers in combination with natural and plant dyes to see how they work on those fibers.

“As in nature, botanical colors have unpredictability



A cashmere scarf with cochineal natural dye by Colorant

Images courtesy of Colorant



An assemblage of much that goes into Colorant: natural dyes, dye-containing shells and colored yarns

depending on where and how the material was grown,” Tay explains. “Sassafras grown in northern regions will not yield the same orange as those from the south. Japanese indigo dyes differently than Indian indigo.”

This fall Colorant stocked more silk, velvet, cashmere and wools, while the spring will see some color-grown cottons, which have been engineered from seed to grow in different colors. “The shop is a vehicle for endless experimentation,” Tay says.

Colorant, located at 145 Main St., is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Visit thisiscolorant.com for details.



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Harvest Sale at Church*Benefits First Presbyterian programs*

The First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown is hosting a Harvest Sale on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Churchgoers will have homemade pies, brownies, cookies, cakes and quiches for sale. There will also be holiday ornaments and decorations, linens, books and DVDs. The sale proceeds support church programs such as the Philipstown Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity team and AA meetings. A handmade afghan will also be raffled.

Ski Swap and Fundraiser*Annual sale at Fahnestock on Nov. 19*

Friends of Fahnestock & Hudson Highlands State Parks will hold its annual ski swap and sale for winter recreation gear Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fahnestock Winter Park, 1570 Route 301 in Carmel. There will be new and used cross-country skis for children and adults, boots, poles, bindings, snowshoes, bags, car racks and ski boxes.

Anyone with gear in good shape can drop off equipment the day of the sale from 7:30 to 9 a.m. or call 716-913-1641 to make arrangements. Email paul.kuznia@parks.ny.gov in advance to get a ski-swap form and set a price for your gear. The Friends are requesting a \$1 donation for every item dropped off and 20 percent of the price if an item sells, which will be used to pay the sales tax and improve the

park. Admission is free and Pawling Cycle and Sport will be selling new gear.

History of the Hudson Valley, Part 2*Author publishes second volume of series*

Vernon Benjamin has spent decades writing and researching the history of the Hudson Valley. In 2014 he published *The History of the Hudson River Valley from Wilderness to the Civil War*. At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 13, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, he'll read from his second volume, which covers Hudson Valley history from the Civil War to modern times.

Benjamin, an adjunct lecturer at Marist College, covers many local stories in this new book, including the involvement of the Fish and Osborn families with the 19th-century railroad and 20th-century reservoirs. The reading is free and copies of the book will be for sale.



Vernon Benjamin

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner*Putnam History Museum annual event set for Nov. 20*

The Putnam History Museum is starting the holiday season at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20, with a nondenominational service at St. Mary's Church in Cold Spring.

A cocktail hour and dinner will follow

at The Garrison at 6 p.m. Purchase tickets, which are \$85 per person, at putnam-historymuseum.org. The dinner will honor Philipstown Garden Club provisional members and mentors Kathleen Fearn, Sara Yano, Carol McPeck, Lefty Zagoreos, Erin McNally, JoAnn Brown, Elise LaRocco and Steve Hutcheson with the Elizabeth Todd Healy Volunteer Service Award for the shade garden they created at the museum.

**Get Soapy***Suds not required*

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum will host a holiday soap-making workshop on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$60 for members and \$75 for everyone else, which includes materials. The class will cover all the basics of soap making, including safety equipment, as well as how to mold, cure and add scent with essential oils. After the soap hardens, participants will be mailed their finished bars.

Holiday Pottery Show and Sale*More than 30 artists participating*

The Garrison Art Center will showcase the handmade crafts of more than 30 artists at its annual pottery show and sale starting Friday, Nov. 18. Shoppers will find functional, decorative and sculptural pottery as well as handmade accessories like jewelry, scarves and hats at the sale, which will be open daily through Nov. 27, except for Thanksgiving Day.

Three ceramic artists will be featured for the first time: Chantelle Norton, Lorraine Olderman and Syma Afia. A member preview is scheduled for noon to 5 p.m. on Nov. 18, with the general public invited for a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. that evening.



Pottery by Kelly Preusser



Long Island cheese pumpkins

*Photo provided***Pumpkins and Cider***Fishkill Farms will host six restaurants*

Fishkill Farms in Hopewell Junction will host the Drunken Pumpkin on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 1 to 5 p.m. Six restaurants will offer dishes made with Long Island Cheese Pumpkins produced for a project by Glynwood and Hudson Valley Seed that brings together farmers and restaurants to raise awareness for biodiversity and Hudson Valley food culture.

The Long Island Cheese Pumpkin is an American cultivar with a long history but had fallen out of favor in the 20th century. It is good for baking and cooking with a similarity to butternut and crookneck squash.

Tickets are \$35 and include six dishes and tastes of dozens of hard ciders, including Fishkill Farms Treasury Cider (introduced in the fall), Brooklyn Cider House and Hudson Valley Farmhouse Cider.

Wine and Chocolate Festival for PARC*Tickets already sold out for Nov. 19*

Although tickets for Nov. 19 are sold out, some remain for the second day of the Hudson Valley Wine and Chocolate Festival. Dozens of wineries and distilleries are offering tastings, including Oliva Vineyards, Adirondack Winery and High Rock Distillery. Chocolate, candy and food makers will share samples.

The festival, which benefits Partners with PARC, a Brewster-based nonprofit dedicated to serving people with disabilities, takes place at the Ramada Conference Center on Route 9 in Fishkill from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets for Sunday, Nov. 20, which are \$25 or \$10 excluding alcohol, can be ordered at partnerswithparc.info.

Share a Story, Hear a Story*Dragonfly hour returns to Butterfield*

The Dragonfly Story Hour, an adult story slam, returns to the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring on Friday, Dec. 2. Eight storytellers will have four minutes each to share a non-fiction story. To sign up, email jblhappenings@gmail.com with Dragonfly Story Hour in the subject line or call 845-265-3040. The free event starts at 7 p.m.

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The Howland Food for Fines program runs from Nov. 15 through Dec. 30 with donations passed along to the St. Andrews Food Pantry in Beacon. In the Desmond-Fish program, which operates from Nov. 17 to Nov. 27, the library will waive \$1 off every fine for each unexpired, nonperishable, shelf-stable food item brought in to be given to the Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.



Local libraries are accepting donations to food banks in lieu of money for fines.

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Beacon

Grease Comes to Beacon High

Students to perform popular musical

The Beacon Players, the drama and arts organization at Beacon High School, will present *Grease*, with performances starting Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. and running through the weekend.

Beacon students from all classes produce, direct, stage manage and act in the musical. Leah Anne Siegel and Michael



Grease in rehearsal

Photo provided

Bonanno play Sandy and Danny. About 30 students total are involved in staging. Tickets for the performances, which take place at the high school, are \$12 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. See beaconplayers.com for info.

Puppies Behind Bars

Inmates train dogs for wounded veterans

On Saturday, Nov. 12, at 4 p.m., St. Andrew's Church in Beacon will welcome photographer Peg Vance, to discuss and share her work with Puppies Behind Bars. The program trains inmates at four New York State prisons, including in Fishkill



A veteran with a dog raised for him by New York prison inmates *Photo by Peg Vance*

and Beacon, to raise puppies for wounded veterans and explosive detection canines for law enforcement.

Vance has been photographing veterans with their dogs for six years. The program will include a Q&A with Puppies Behind Bars staff moderated by Rob Penner and a reception. The church is located at 15 South Avenue. For more information, visit puppiesbehindbars.com.

Documentary on Children's Lives to be Shown

Movies That Matter will screen film Nov. 25

Movies That Matter, which showcases films about injustice, inequality, climate change and protest, at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 25, will screen *Not My Life*, which documents the lives of exploited children on five continents and a dozen countries.

Forced labor, child soldiering, domestic servitude and sexual violence are some of the issues addressed in the 2011 film, which was directed by Robert Bilheimer and narrated by Glenn Close. The screening is free but donations are welcome.

See moviesthatmatterbeacon.org.



A scene from the documentary Not My Life

Rootstock Kicks Off at Towne Crier

Folk, Americana and roots bands gather to aid area farms

A concert to aid organizations that support farming and farmers' needs is bringing three Americana, roots and

folk bands to Beacon on Sunday, Nov. 27 for a benefit concert. All proceeds from the show by Floodwood, Daisycutter and Steamboats will be given to the American Farmland Trust and the National Young Farmers Coalition.

Rootstock is envisioned as an annual festival. Tickets are \$20 and available at townecrier.com.

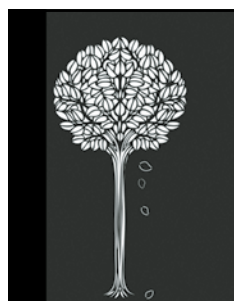


A shot by Julie Jacobs from her series, Stills in Search of a Movie, which opens at the Beacon Artist Union gallery on Second Saturday, Nov. 12, with a reception from 6 to 9 p.m.



An untitled work by Gabe Brown that appears in The Flat File Show, which opens at the Matteawan Gallery in Beacon with a reception on Second Saturday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Proposed Dutchess Budget Includes Tax Break

Town hall forum planned in Beacon for Nov. 17

By Jeff Simms

Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro's proposed 2017 budget includes a modest property tax break, which, combined with another tax decrease in Beacon's proposed budget, could make for happy homeowners in southern Dutchess.

A forum on the county budget will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, at the Towne Crier Café, 379 Main St., in Beacon. Molinaro will be there to answer questions.

For the third year in a row, Molinaro's budget plan reduces the amount of taxes collected. In this case, the 2017 tax levy of \$105.5 million would be about \$170,000 less than this year's. His budget proposal also lowers the property tax rate to \$3.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value from \$3.60. No county services or programs are being cut, according to Molinaro's figures.

In Beacon, similar tax breaks are being proposed for 2017. The administration's budget, introduced to the City Council in October, includes a 2.43 percent property tax decrease on homes and a 0.43 percent decrease on commercial properties. The tax levy would increase by \$130,989 to

\$10.3 million.

Molinaro believes a stable or lowered tax rate will help attract businesses to the area, said Colleen Pillus, a spokesperson for the Dutchess County government.

Also of significance in the proposed Dutchess County budget is the continued funding of the Municipal Consolidation and Shared Services program, which was established in 2013. The city of Beacon has been one of the county's most aggressive applicants, receiving more than \$856,000 for consolidation studies and initiatives related to its fire stations, police department efficiencies and sewer projects.

Dutchess County officials praised Beacon Mayor Randy Casale for seeking ways to control spending.

"We are seeing some moderate economic growth now [in Dutchess County], but the city of Beacon is certainly seeing a vibrancy that's stronger" than the county as a whole, Pillus said. "Mayor Casale was one of those people — when things were downturned, he saw that as a time to re-structure and cut costs."



Dutchess County Executive Marcus J. Molinaro
Photo provided

The 2017 county budget plan includes \$1.3 million for tourism and the arts, a \$225,000 increase over last year, including a 10 percent increase in arts funding. Tourists, many of them visiting southern Dutchess, spend more than \$530 million annually in the county.

The budget proposal is available online at dutchessny.gov. It has been submitted to the Dutchess County Legislature, which will continue its review of the numbers through Nov. 16 and has scheduled a vote for Wednesday, Nov. 30 on a tentative budget and Dec. 8 for the final budget following a public hearing Dec. 5.

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Breakneck Hikers Keep Rescuers Busy *(from Page 1)*

- Saturday, Oct. 15, 12:30 p.m., Breakneck Ridge. Four CSFC and two North Highlands Fire Company firefighters assisted a hiker who sprained an ankle on the White Trail.
- Sunday, Oct. 23, 11:15 a.m. CSFC responded to a call at Breakneck Ridge to assist a hiker who dislocated his knee.
- Sunday, Oct. 23, 11:35 a.m. CSFC responded 20 minutes later to a call from the fourth and highest tier of Breakneck Ridge where a male hiker in his mid-50s suffered cardiac arrest. Rope rescue teams from West Point and Orange County were called in and CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) was administered without success.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. CSFC responded to the abandoned quarry north of Little Stony Point. A middle-aged male hiker had become stranded on a narrow ledge on a cliff face, a familiar location to rescuers, as he was not the first. Firefighters came from a number of communities, including Newburgh. Because the Washburn parking lot is under construction, emergency vehicles parked on the shoulder. While directing traffic, Assistant Chief Josh DiNardo suffered sprains and bruises to his arm and hand when a passing vehicle struck him. CSFC closed Route 9D to traffic until the hiker was rescued.
- Sunday, Oct. 30, 2 p.m. CSFC responded to a call for assistance at the third tier of Breakneck, where a middle-aged woman hiking with her husband and three children suffered a serious ankle injury. Seven CSFC firefighters went to the scene and carried the victim out during a heavy rain. Firefighters from North Highlands assisted. One lane of Route 9D was closed during the incident.

The situation along Route 9D is becoming increasingly hazardous, according to Cold Spring Chief Steve Smith, who said the volume of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, along with the cars parked along the road, "is getting out of control."

Smith said the situation has been discussed at design meetings for the Hudson Highlands Fjord Trail, the walkway being

developed to link Cold Spring and Beacon passing by Breakneck Ridge. Part of the problem is that New York state law states that "if there's room on the shoulder of the road, you can legally park there," he said. "If there's no signage saying 'No Parking,' then they can park."

The chief recalled a recent weekend when cars were parked bumper-to-bumper along both sides of 9D from the Breakneck tunnel north almost to Dutchess Manor, a distance of more than a mile. He said Fjord Trail planners have told him they will eliminate parking on the shoulder. But he wondered if signage couldn't be done sooner. "My biggest question is still, who's going to enforce it?" he said.

Smith also said officials could limit the number of hikers on Breakneck at any one time. "We watch them get off the train" at the Breakneck whistle stop, he said. "It's like a herd of ants coming up the hill. The

first person wants to be in the woods first because they don't want to be stuck behind everybody else."

On some occasions the CSFC has closed the Breakneck trail during a rescue. "That's our call," he said. "We take control because it's our guys who are at risk up there." Smith said that he wishes traffic could be slowed when firefighters are in the area; the speed limit near Breakneck is 55 mph.

One of the most serious safety issues is pedestrian traffic south of Breakneck, says Smith. "North of the tunnel hikers are on the other side of the guardrail," he said. "But when people come off the trails south of the tunnel or by the Cornish Estate they have to get back to the tunnel" and are forced to walk with no barrier because there is no shoulder.

Despite a busy second half of October, Smith said rescues are down overall from last year. "I'm lucky our guys are not exhausted

yet," he said, pointing out that weekend incidents are especially stressful because for many firefighters it cuts into family time.

At a Nov. 1 meeting of the Cold Spring Village Board, Mayor Dave Merandy expressed concern for the safety of first responders, especially in light of the DiNardo injuries. "I don't think we should wait for the Fjord Trail to be completed" to address the congestion, he said. "It's a miracle nobody has been killed."

The mayor said he favors closing the road to parking and limiting parking to designated areas. At the board's Nov. 8 meeting Merandy said he had spoken with Chief Smith about the DiNardo incident, had contacted Scenic Hudson and would attend an upcoming meeting of the Fjord Trail Steering Committee to voice his concerns. He suggested residents attend a public meeting on the Fjord Trail scheduled for Monday, Nov. 14, at Dutchess Manor.

Veterans Day 2016



Third-graders Nate Armstrong, left, Anna-Cat Nelson and Mikayla Collins plant flags they designed as part of Veterans' Day ceremonies held at the Garrison School on Nov. 10. Each of the district's 210 students created a flag to honor local veterans, a number of whom attended the ceremony.

Photo by Michael Turton

Parking Lot-on-Hudson:

A Discussion of Oil Barge Anchorages on the River From Kingston to Yonkers

Wednesday, November 16th

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Hosted by Philipstown Democrats. Speakers include Jeremy Cherson of Riverkeeper, Jason Baker, Office of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano & Erin Doran, Riverkeeper staff attorney.

Sports

High School Scoreboard

Cross Country

Section 1 Championships
5000 meters, Wappingers Falls

Beacon (Class B) Boys

- 40. Jayen Lare 18:21.30
- 52. Jean Pena 18:38.50
- 80. Bud Rutkoske 19:30.60
- 94. Richard Kish 20:20.00

Haldane (Class D) Boys

- 1. Nick Farrell 18:02.90
- 2. Adam Silhavy 18:25.60
- 3. Ellis Osterfeld 19:14.10
- 4. Matthew Mikalsen 19:20.80
- 6. Jonas Petkus 19:32.70
- 9. Andrew Silhavy 20:05.50
- 13. Kyle Kisslinger 21:19.00

Haldane (Class D) Girls

- 1. Shannon Ferri 22:11.10
- 2. Taylor Farrell 22:26.40
- 4. Heather Winne 24:06.50
- 8. Meghan Ferri 25:44.00
- 10. Ruby McEwen 26:56.50

The Haldane boys' and girls' teams, both Section 1, Class D champs, advance to the state finals on

Saturday, Nov. 12, at Chenango Forks. It was the boys' 10th consecutive Section 1 title, and the girls' eighth.

Football

Haldane 26, Tuckahoe 6

Haldane won its first Section 1, Class D championship in five seasons with a victory over rival Tuckahoe, who had beaten the Blue Devils earlier in the season, 36-16. Brandon Twoguns had 126 yards rushing, threw for three touchdowns and intercepted two passes. Haldane (2-6) advances to play Downsville Central/Roscoe Central (3-7), the Section 9 champ, at 3 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Dietz Stadium in Kingston. Haldane defeated Downsville/Roscoe earlier in the season, 28-14.

Girls' Soccer

Port Jefferson 3, Haldane 0

Haldane ended its season with a loss to Port Jefferson in the Class C regional final at Sleepy Hollow High School. Port Jefferson defeated Haldane by the same score in the regional final last season on its way to the state title.



Haldane: Section 1, Class D champs

Photo by Kim Giachinta



Philipstown Soccer Club (Week 8)

Boys

- U16 Chargers 5, Beekman 2
- U14 Warriors 7, Mount Vernon 3
- U13 Arsenal 8, Poughkeepsie 2
- U11 Strikers 1, New Paltz 0
- East Fishkill 3, U9 Force 2
- East Fishkill 7, U8 Storm 0

Girls

- U13 Raptors 4, LaGrange 0
- Southern Ulster 4, U12 Phoenix 1

See highlandscurrent.com for game recaps.



Oliver Sanders (in gray) takes a shot on goal against East Fishkill in a Philipstown Soccer Club game on Nov. 6. East Fishkill defeated the U8 Storm, 1-0.

Photo by Sheila Williams



Top, Trey Murphy (foreground) runs for a touchdown against Valhalla during a Philipstown Hawks game Nov. 5 after a block by teammate Salvatore Pidala. Above, Murphy stops a Valhalla runner. The teams tied, 18-18. Photos by Sheila Williams



The 5/6 and 3/4 tackle teams and 1/2 flag team are shown at West Point after the Army-Air Force game on Nov. 5. The Hawks teams took the field post-game for a scrimmage. Photo by Sheila Williams