Beacon Will See More Hotel Rooms

Opportunity seen as city grows

By Jeff Simms

A number of hotels, both boutique and market-rate, are coming to downtown Beacon in 2016, with dozens of new rooms.

The 12-room Inn and Spa at Beacon is scheduled to open at 151 Main St. by the summer. Occupying a formerly vacant space on the west end of Beacon’s business district, the boutique will feature rooftop yoga and a downstairs art gallery, along with massage and other spa services.

A second space at 426 Main St., now a single-room occupancy rental facility, is also being rehabbed as a market-rate (not chain) hotel. The turn-of-the-century building will first see its original four-story brick structure renovated, with plans calling for 12 rooms on the upper floors and a restaurant, bar and café on the first floor.

A second phase will follow in the wood-frame eastern portion of the building, which will be demolished and rebuilt with additional rooms and a rooftop restaurant. The interior demolition for Phase One has been completed, Beacon Building Inspector Timothy Dexter said, and the city is reviewing plans for the rebuilding.

Moving eastward down Main, 18 rooms are under construction during the last phase of an expansion of the multi-use Roundhouse complex. The rooms will be located in the mill building.

As its building boom continues, a renewed entrepreneurial spirit has taken hold in the city, said Pat Moore, chairman of the Beacon Chamber of Commerce. “Beacon is a busy place; I think people have a sense of optimism here,” he said. (Continued on Page 3)

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Local Scramble
By Mary Ann Elner

When happy hens lay their eggs, there’s no better time for the rest of us to rise, shine and whisk up a dozen — the fresher the better. And forget shell life when it comes to fresh eggs. The just-laid delicacies taste so flavorful that they simply don’t even have a chance to age.

Twelve precious eggs may not top the list of typical hostess gifts, but I’ll happily accept them any day of the year. My friend Diane recently shared a collection from her backyard chickens and when she arrived at an impromptu give-thanks gathering in November carrying a paper egg carton, I found myself giving all kinds of thanks for her thoughtful and nourishing gift. We used the eggs to make a favorite meal, our super-simplified version of Tex-Mex migas, an egg scramble skillet dish adopted during our years living in Austin.

In Texas, we sampled several iterations of migas (similar to chilaquiles). A smoked jalapeno pepper version from The Cat Rock Egg Farm in Garrison. Lydia JA Langley, the owner, raises her pet hens with love and attention and the hens in return turn out eggs that can make cooking and eating omelets the highlight of a weekend.

“The freshest eggs you will find come from a local provider,” Langley said as she gathered eggs from her hens on a warm December morning, “One of the great things about buying eggs from someone like me is that there’s a variety but the taste is consistent.”

Such a fresh egg doesn’t exist in commercial production. Some supermarket eggs may age from weeks to months in transit from the laying stage before they ever make their way into grocery carts. And even though supermarket cartons may be marked “organic” or “free-range,” it’s hard to know what’s in an egg. A yolk may look like a yolk, but still may not have much of a taste.

“A smoked jalapeno pepper version drenched in spicy tomato sauce proved a little too hot. But hot or mild, with fried tortilla bits smothered by a chef’s choice of ingredients, the one-pan preparation fleshy scrambled egg taste is consistent.”

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The flock at The Cat Rock Egg Farm lives a better life than its commercial cousins, and there’s no need for a “best by” or expiration date on great-tasting eggs. Quality draws followers and the natural flavor of the eggs shine. Just add soft green to a deep terra-cotta shell. As she makes rounds and collects eggs, she finds herself quickly filling orders to deliver to customers, but of course, reserves her own family supply.

“We came home late from the city a few nights ago and had eggs for dinner,” Langley said. “Eggs and toast with po-lenta.” She prefers her eggs not quite fried though not exactly scrambled: “I like to call them frambled.”

Morning, noon or night, for your next egg-based meal, frambled your own or fill a skillet with migas. Though we love migas covered in grated cheese, we’re skipping the cheddar for now to let the natural flavor of the eggs shine. Just add a splash of good salsa to perfectly complete the dish.

A distinctive dozen eggs from The Cat Rock Egg Farm

Migas
Serves 4

1 dozen eggs
3 tablespoons butter
1 cup tortilla bits or crushed tortilla chips
1 medium avocado, cubed
1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
3 scallions, thinly sliced
8 flour or corn tortillas
salsa and grated cheese (optional)

1. Crack eggs into a bowl and set aside. Melt butter in skillet and add tortilla bits. Cook until crisp over high heat 1 to 2 minutes.
2. Pour in eggs and whisk around the skillet. Crush sea salt flakes over eggs. Add avocado, cilantro and scallions (or your choice of vegetables and herbs) and fold into egg mixture. Cook on medium heat until egg appears lightly firm and not runny.
3. Dish this right out of the pan at the table or serve a heaping spoonful atop a toasty tortilla with salsa and cheese on the side.

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Rebuilding a Ship, and a Community
Beacon Sloop Club works to bring the Woody Guthrie back
by Brian PJ Cronin

A nymore who has spent enough time at the Beacon waterfront for the past two years has heard the same sad question being asked over the sounds of the gulls and the tide: Where’s the Woody?

The wooden sloop Woody Guthrie, built 37 years ago for the late Pete Seeger and the Beacon Sloop Club, and lovingly maintained and sailed by the club since, had been a fixture for decades, offering sails to the public every summer. The rides may have been free, but, as the Beacon Sloop Club’s Steve Schwartz explained, they came at a cost to the boat itself.

Schwartz has served as one of the boat’s captains during its entire lifespan and has seen the wear and tear up close. For starters, Beacon lies near the edge of the salt water, where the salt water from the Atlantic Ocean meets the fresh water coming down from Lake Tear of the Clouds in the Adirondacks. “Fresh water is nasty to wood, and salt water is nasty to galvanized fastenings,” Schwartz said. “The combination of the two doesn’t do the boat any favors.”

There’s also what happens when a boat is maintained over a long period of time by a group of people — namely Pete, his late wife Toshi, and the rest of the Sloop Club — who attempt to make up for their lack of shipwright experience with enthusiasm and pluck. “None of us started out as yachting experts or had extensive experience in maintaining wooden boats,” admitted Schwartz. “Even Pete and Toshi, who had the boat built on their own dime, had to learn along the way with the rest of us.”

Two years ago, after having the boat surveyed by inspectors and shipwrights, the club made the decision to pull the Woody out of the water. Estimates for the extensive repair work, including rebuilding the hull, replacing the frames and swapping out the rusty galvanized fastenings for brass ones, topped $400,000. The club’s annual budget is around $30,000. To further complicate the matter, the club calculated that it would cost $300,000 less to build an entirely new wooden boat from scratch.

While the Woody sat at White’s Marina in New Hampshire, Schwartz said club members agonized. Schwartz admits to being at the center of more than one passionate debate discussion. “I’m from Brooklyn, so I’ve got a big mouth and an aggressive streak,” he said with a grin.

Some Sloop Club members pointed out that the decision to spend $400,000 on a boat did not sit well with their image of Seeger, the renowned activist and icon who founded the club. “There were people who were out on the Hudson River that they could fall in love with and care about its future. ‘You do that for 40,000 people throughout the years, you’re going to inspire a few of them to become environmentalists,’” said Schwartz.

But Pete had already done that 10 years earlier when he created the Clearwater, the sloop that serves as a floating classroom and is currently sitting a few hundred feet away from the Woody at the Maritime Museum as it undergoes its own restoration work. With the Woody Guthrie, Pete wanted to create a smaller vessel that could be sustained and maintained by a single community — the people of Beacon. By learning how to maintain a boat, he hoped residents would learn how to face any other challenge the city faced. Even the decision to pull the boat out of the water every winter was done with the health of the community in mind. “People always told us that the worst thing we could do was to take the boat out of the water every year,” said Schwartz.

“It dries out, the planks move, the fastenings change. But then we’d work on the boat over the winter along with people who were eager to work on Pete’s boat, with Pete, hear him sing, and eat Toshi’s wonderful food. It was a trade-off. Not so good for the hull to get out of the water, but good for the rest of the boat as well as for the community to come together and get their hands on the boat.” (Besides, the one year the club left the boat in the water over the winter, it sank.)

Repair work began at the end of August by a rotating volunteer crew of about 40 people, not to mention another 20 or so who are busily raising the $400,000. About half has been donated so far, and the volunteers plan on working throughout the winter to reduce the amount of work that the professional shipwrights will have to do over the summer — and be paid for.

Fortunately, those same shipwrights are only a few hundred feet away, working on the Clearwater. Their proximity, and eagerness to help, has allowed them to train the volunteers in how to do some of the more difficult work and to swing by at the end of each day to inspect the work. The volunteers have already been able to replace the boat’s upper frames.

“We’ve reached a point where we’re doing work that we never thought we’d be able to do,” says Beacon Sloop Club President James Malchow. “We still need more money, but the amount of progress we’ve been able to achieve already has been amazing.”

Malchow said that the plan is to get the Woody back in the water by the fall of 2016. “Now that we’ve made this dumb ass, crazy, totally impractical decision, it’s up to us to make sure this succeeds,” added Schwartz. “And of course that was always Pete’s plan. Get people together, get them to learn how to work together, and based on that they can do amazing things.”

The decision to restore the boat instead of building a new one was a difficult and costly one, but in the end it boiled down to one thing, he said. “In a very short period of time, we lost Toshi, Pete and the Woody. The difference is, the Woody is something that we can bring back to life.” (See related story, Page 6.)

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The bow of the Woody Guthrie, under repairs.
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Jen Daly, school board president, said the board considered “four fantastic candidates” before deciding on Hammond. All the candidates were interviewed in a public session the week preceding the meeting. “Thankfully we had an easy time because we had a unanimous vote on the first try.”

“We are fortunate to have Laura join us. She is a long-time community member. She is a Haldane grad; her husband is a Haldane grad. They have Haldane in their blood,” said Daly. She described Hammond as having financial and negotiation skills from her professional experience as well as volunteer involvement in school activities, which includes having children in the Haldane middle school.

Other business

The board heard a report from district Director of Facilities Michael Twardy, on a three-year energy-saving project that has included the installation of new heating boilers and various upgrades of control technologies to increase efficiency. He said the results so far have resulted in significant savings as measured by usage of fuel and electricity.

This project is in addition to the previously reported solar energy project. District Superintendent Diana Bowers reported that as a result of recent federal legislation, which pulled back from the controversial Common Core requirements, many changes were likely in the way districts approached instruction and evaluation. She indicated the district would have more say over approaches to teaching. She also noted the New York State Education Department Board of Regents had recently postponed the use of student test scores as a factor in teacher evaluations until at least 2020.

Bowers also underscored the continuing issue of state education funding and the difficulty in restoring levels of aid to pre-financial-crisis levels. The review process for the district’s budget will begin early in the new year.

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If Philipstown revisited its portion of the plan frequently. “It’s a dynamic document,” he said. “It will constantly be updated — changing always, but for the better.” He pointed out that the plan focuses on mitigating natural disasters, not terrorism.

Landslides

Each municipal chapter of the county plan lists threats and priorities for that municipality. Not surprisingly, severe storms (including hurricanes and intense winter weather such as heavy snows, blizzards and freezing ice) show up as a high priority for all of Philipstown, the villages included.

More surprising, the chapters on Cold Spring, Nelsonville and Philipstown all mention landslides as a potential hazard. According to the county, landslides pose threats in parts of Putnam because the land contains significant karst from carbonate rocks, which increases the likelihood of sinkholes, land subsidence and related problems. According to the county, 18,391 people live within a “high-incidence-of-landslide area” about 20 percent of the county population’s of 99,730.

Because steep slopes exacerbate flooding, the county document also observes that Putnam County’s highest elevations are in Philipstown and that Philipstown, Putnam Valley and western Kent “have the most rugged terrain, with many high peaks having elevations of over 1,000 feet.”

Philipstown roads

The Philipstown section lists 19 projects that need tackling, or at least they did when the plan was compiled. Of those, 16 are deemed “high” priorities. However, work has already been completed on at least two: improvements to the southernmost stretch of Old Albany Post Road at Sproat Brook Road (a project whose paving element sparked debate) and installation of a back-up generator for the town communications tower off Lane Gate Road. A third priority, upgrading the town Recreation Center to serve as a public shelter in emergencies, took a big step toward realization in November with the arrival of a Red Cross trailer with bedding and other essentials.

Other Philipstown high priorities include “high” environmental projects. These include:

- Manor Station Road – upgrades to prevent flooding and ensure emergency access in life-threatening conditions
- Brookside and Valley Lane – storm-water retention and restoration of seasonal drainage
- Barrett Pond at Fishkill Road – storm-water retention, pipe upgrades and contouring to minimize residential flooding
- Philipse Brook Road – bridge replacement

Other high priorities in Philipstown would revisit its portion of the plan before deciding who deserved “medium” status or even a “low” priority. These include:

- Putnam Valley Road – culvert work
- Philipse Brook Road
- Waterer Road – undergrounding utility poles and associated lines
- Wish Road – replacing new in-ground electrical distribution system
- Village of Nelsonville – undergrounding oil tanks
- Old Albany Post Road – crossing Philips Cove Creek
- Cold Brook Road – storm-water retention, culvert work

Donoho said grant applications are pending for various projects.

Cold Spring infrastructure

The threats in Cold Spring include a loss of power at the West Street and Market Street wastewater pump stations. The village has been pursuing pump station improvements already. Prepared with village assistance, the Cold Spring section of the plan also terms municipal dams “a real concern” and high priority.

“The village owns three dams which currently have some deficiencies,” the plan states, although a fourth, Jaycox Pond, is “not a concern.” (The village has taken preliminary steps toward dam repairs.) The plan continues that, should there be a dam failure, the areas at Fishkill Road and Foundry Pond Road would suffer the worst damage. The dams and related reservoirs are part of the Cold Spring water system, which supplies Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

The plan also mentions the Hudson River flooding that occurred in the lower village in Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. However, the plan lists as a high priority several steps to minimize future problems. These include installation of “an electrical design disconnect to de-energize this area prior to inundation, week[ing] with property owners to elevate utilities, which are often in basements,” and relocation of base oil tanks.

Two “medium” priorities are “undergrounding utility poles (i.e., burying power lines) and storm-water and flood management along Back Brook, which remains prone to flooding.”

Nelsonville’s missing sewers

The Nelsonville section of the plan lists nine initiatives, with most ranked medium or low priority. One high priority involves a public information campaign for residents of flood-prone areas; another is monitoring of the upgraded catch-basin and pipe system on Healy Road.

A third is more comprehensive, an effort to “complete engineering and secure funding to connect the village residents to the existing sewer system currently serving the Village of Cold Spring.” The Cold Spring system was designed, the plan notes, to handle the needs of Nelsonville.

But no such hook-up occurred and Nelsonville homes and shops, often near one another, typically use septic systems or other waste-disposal mechanisms. That, plan notes, makes them “vulnerable to power outages and flooding for properties in low-lying areas.”

The Nelsonville section further notes that the village lies above the Hudson and “the contouring of the lands creates what can be described as a bowl. The run-off from the surrounding hills collects in a large area of the village and has caused flooding and sewerage issues in the past.”

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Major Hunting Seasons Coming to a Close

Sport still popular but declining overall

By Michael Turton

As the year winds down, so too do hunting opportunities in Putnam County. By the end of December, the most popular hunting seasons, including those for deer, bear, ducks and Canada goose, will have ended. The sport remains popular, but participation is declining overall.

Deer is easily the most popular species hunted, both locally and across New York state. The state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reports that 238,672 deer were taken statewide in 2014. The agency combines southern Dutchess County and Putnam County as one management unit; within that area, 785 deer were harvested, including 156 in Philmontown.

With only a few days left in the season, the deer hunt will likely be smaller in 2015. “This year does not seem to have been as successful” for deer hunters in Putnam, said DEC Conservation Officer Peter Jackson. “A lot of hunters have reported seeing fewer deer this year.” John Stowell, an avid hunter and program director at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC), said hunters have made the same observation to him.

There has been black bear population in Putnam County, but successfully hunting them is rare. Jackson said that he has not heard of any bears being taken this year. DEC statistics indicate no bears were taken in the county in 2014. In 2013, one bear was taken in Putnam County, in Southeast.

Hunting continues through winter

What might be surprising to non-hunters is the number of hunting opportunities in winter and early spring, as well as some of the species that can be hunted. Hunting seasons that end at various times between mid-February and late April are ongoing for coyote, bobcat, fox, raccoon, opossum, snow goose, bobwhite quail, pheasant, ruffed grouse, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, squirrel and weasel. The diamondback terrapin and common crow can also be hunted. Skunks may lead the “surprise” list.

Wild turkey, a very popular species among local sportmen, can be hunted during a short two-day season in April and a second, month-long period in May. Snakes, lizards and salamanders can never be hunted but frogs, toads and especially cottontails with our family beagles as a youngster,” says it’s clear that far fewer young people are hunting but sees it as part of larger trend. “Fewer young people are engaged in the natural world in general, let alone in the hunting community,” he said. “Young hunting enthusiasts really depend on the family tradition of hunting or the expertise of experienced hunters to show them the way.” He added that hunting is part of the message to students who participate in education programs at TOEC. “The educators here do an excellent job of presenting hunting as a wildlife management tool.”

Hunting remains a passion and pleasure for Stowell, as it does for many other Putnam and Dutchess county residents. “It is a time to sit quietly in nature and spend hours observing what few will ever see,” he said. “I have seen bobcat, coyote, black bear, fox, otter and multiple species of birds. None of these do I ever intend to kill. I have had owls perch within feet of me and black-capped chickadees rest on my gun barrel.”

Our mission is to provide the community with a voice.

Details regarding hunting regulations, species and seasons in Putnam and Dutchess counties and the state can be found at www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/hunting.html. An annual hunting license is required for anyone aged 12 and older and new hunters are required to take a safety course or courses, most of which are taught between March and September.

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Obituary

Lucille Justine Roth Meltzer (1926-2015)

Lucille Justine Roth Meltzer, 89, peacefully passed away on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015.

Born on March 20, 1926, in Flushing, she was the daughter of the late Walter F. and Jeannette (Carney) Roth.

Lucille lived most of her life in the Queensborough Hill section of Flushing. After graduating from Newtown High School at age 16, she worked for Atlantic Telegraph and Telephone for 20 years in the teletype division. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers. She retired after the birth of her daughter to be a stay-at-home mother and volunteered as a Girl Scout leader and as a tutor at St. Ann’s School in Flushing. Lucille was a loving wife to her husband, Ernest, who died in 1993, and was a bookkeeper for his business. Throughout her life, Lucille loved books, libraries and animals, especially dogs.

Lucille loved the Cold Spring in 2002 and it reminded her of “How Flushing used to be.” She loved to spend her time with her grandchildren and was a member of the Highland Garden Club, the Butterfield Quilting Guild and a parishioner at Our Lady of Loreto Church. Most recently, she was a resident of Camp Hill Ghent and, finally, Whittier Rehabilitation and Skilled Nursing Center in Ghent, New York.

Lucille is survived by her daughters and son-in-law, Meltzer McGrath and John McGrath of Cold Spring and Lisa (Meltzer) Caporin and Julian Caporin of Chatham, New York, and by her grandchildren, Mae Justine McGrath and Graeme Martin McGrath, of Cold Spring, as well as her great-grandchildren, panelists.

A memorial Mass was held on Friday morning, Dec. 18, at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Chatham. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to the Humane Society of the United States (humanesociety.org).

Wild turkey is one of the more popular species hunted in Putnam County. Photo courtesy of Taconic Outdoor Education Center
New Ladder Truck for Beacon Fire Department

Custom made, suited to urban firefighting

By Michael Turton

The Beacon Fire Department unveiled its newly acquired, $880,000 high-ladder truck on Saturday, Dec. 12, at its Main Street headquarters.

“This is going to be a fine apparatus for us,” said Chief Gary Van Voorhis about the 2015 Pierce Aerial Quint. “The main thing is that it’s versatile — it’s not just a ladder truck — it’s multi-purpose.” The vehicle’s four-section, 105-foot steel ladder is equipped with a built-in watertank and can service Beacon’s tallest structure — a 30-story apartment building. Van Voorhis said the truck is more suited to urban firefighting than the “bucket” ladder trucks used by the Fishkill and Rombout fire departments. Its ladder design also enables it to access a number of streets that were inaccessible to the platform truck it is replacing. That vehicle, the chief said, was more than 10 years old and had become costly to maintain. “The manufacturer went out of business, and replacement parts became very difficult to find,” he said.

The 41-foot Pierce has seating for six firefighters and is equipped with front and side rollover protection and rear and side safety cameras. It can pump 1,250 gallons of water per minute, carries 600 feet of hose and holds 300 gallons of water. It is outfitted with 45 feet of ground ladders in addition to its aerial ladder.

Van Voorhis said that the city budgeted $81 million for the purchase and that six manufacturers were invited to bid. “Pierce was the only company to respond,” he said, adding that the other companies indicated they could not stay within the $1 million budget. Located in Appleton, Wisconsin, Pierce is considered the leading manufacturer of fire trucks. “This vehicle was custom made,” Van Voorhis said. “No one else has a truck exactly like this one.”

Charles Pinanelli, a Beacon Fire Department volunteer and a member of the specifications committee that helped guide the two-year purchase process, said the truck “does not have all the bells and whistles, but it has everything we need.” It comes with a three-year, bumper-to-bumper warrantee.

The department includes both paid and volunteer firefighters. Van Voorhis, who has been chief for the past two and a half years, said it has 12 career firefighters, all of whom are also trained as Emergency Medical Technicians, as well as about 30 active volunteers. The city has three stations: the Lewis Tompkins Hose station on South Avenue, the Beacon Engine station on East Main and the Mason Hook and Ladder station at the Main Street headquarters.

A number of studies have supported consolidating the three aging stations into one central firehouse. (See: philipstown.info/2015/06/26/beacon-reviews-merging-fire-houses). The department responds to about 1,600 calls a year.

Saturday’s unveiling was attended by many of Beacon’s firefighters, along with representatives of the Fishkill, Chelsea, Rombout and Glenham departments, family members and residents. Beacon Mayor Randy Casale and former Mayor Clara Lou Gould also attended.

Restoring the Clearwater’s Luster

New boat school refurbishing the Hudson River sloop

By Michael Turton

The Clearwater, the graceful reminder of Pete Seeger’s love of the Hudson River, is wintering in Kingston, where it is undergoing some well-earned repairs.

The 106-foot gaff sloop, launched in 1969, has been sailing the Hudson River ever since as part of its mission to preserve and protect the river. Owned and operated by the Beacon-based nonprofit Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc., the boat boats in education programs and is symbolic of conservation efforts on the river. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 2004, it is the centerpiece of the Clearwater Festival, a celebration of music and the environment held each June at Croton-on-Hudson.

The extensive repairs to the Clearwater are being completed at the Riverport Wooden Boat School (RWBS), a project of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, located at the mouth of the Hudson River in Kingston. A project of the Beacon-based nonprofit Hudson River Sloop Clearwater Inc. will spend approximately $700,000 to refurbish the sloop. Annika Duvio, one of the Clearwater’s two captains, said the organization had received a grant of $425,000 from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). Fundraising to match the grant is ongoing, she said; donations can be made online at clearwater.org.

Keeping the Clearwater river-worthy has also required a considerable amount of sweat equity. Besides Kricker, the crew working on the boat includes three or four other shipwrights, the two captains, as many as eight crew members and several volunteers. “This project is unique because people are so committed to the Clearwater’s mission,” Kricker said.

“There’s a level of enthusiasm you may not find on normal construction projects.” The Clearwater organization announced on Dec. 16 that it has received an additional matching grant of $434,776 from OPRHP to restore the rigging and topsides above the sloop’s water line. The additional work will also be undertaken this winter.

A new kind of school

Work on the Clearwater and repairs to the Woody Guthrie — another sloop familiar to Hudson River watchers — are the first two projects of the Riverport Wooden Boat School. The Outrigger, a replica of a 17th century Dutch boat, is also stored at the school for the winter and will undergo minor maintenance. The school itself is rapidly taking shape on the site of a former lumberyard adjacent to the museum. Jack Weeks, a retired physician and a member of the Hudson River Maritime Museum (HRMM) board, is supervising the construction and opening of the boat school. Weeks told The Paper that the idea of creating the school was first discussed only 12 to 18 months ago. Like all small museums, he said, operating the HRMM poses numerous challenges, and the board discussed whether the scope of the facility should be reduced or expanded. “We decided to go bigger,” he said, which turned out to be the creation of a school with three distinct components: the commercial arm for repairing wooden boats such as the Clearwater, youth programs and adult education.

Income, team building and evening classes

“I think there’s a market out there,” Kricker said of the commercial part of the enterprise. “We’ll try to get as much wooden boat work from the Hudson Valley as we can.” The school will take on other wood-related projects such as timbers, framing, mill components and water wheels. “I hope this work will provide two things for the school — income and educational opportunities.”

Youth programs will begin in February, a pilot effort in cooperation with the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) involving six area high school students. Ultimately the youth program will be yearlong, with each class building a New York 27-foot pilot gig. Students will race the boats they build.
Susan Wallach leads groups in Philipstown and Beacon
By Alison Rooney

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In turn, the writer’s response to the positive encouragement, under a tenet of affirmations: “You are wonderful in it,” Wallach explains. “Do the characters feel truthful? Responders don’t talk about the subject; we focus on the writer. My job as leader is to make that happen. Treating every piece as fiction allows people to relax about what they are saying; they don’t have to wonder if the writer feels inspired in other ways. The prompts can take the form of poetry, or objects, smells, music, partial sentences or ideas, Wallach explains, and often involve specific visualization designed to trigger the writing flow.

“The prompts I look for are there to get someone in a physical, visceral, immediate sort of way — to evoke responses in a non-thinking way,” she says. A specific amount of time is given (it can vary from 10 to 30 minutes, and most of the weekly sessions are two hours long) and then everyone writes and is invited to share what was written, reading their work aloud. This is followed by response time. “We comment on what is powerful, well put or beautiful. Absolutely no criticism, suggestions or questions are directed toward the writer in response to a first-draft, just-written work.”

All work is done within the confines of the class; nothing is written at home and brought in except on the occasions when doing so becomes the prompt that week. Wallach supplies a writing prompt, or exercise, which can be used or ignored if the writer feels inspired in other ways. The prompts for the class itself and “wasn’t happy. I felt I was just learning about the very specific methodology of the program. An author, editor and proofreader, she had been taking some writing classes herself and “wasn’t happy. I felt I was just writing to produce for the class. I wanted a method to support a structure. Through a friend, I heard about AWA and decided to try it. I had never experienced writing in a group that way. I had a very destructive teacher in college and this was the opposite — I fell in love with it.”

The AWA guidelines stress positive feedback and encouragement, under a tenet of affirmations:

• Everyone has a strong, unique voice.

• Everyone is born with creative genius.

• Writing as an art form belongs to all people, regardless of economic class or educational level.

• The teaching of craft can be done without damage to a writer’s original voice or artistic self-esteem.

• A writer is someone who writes.

These translate into positivity, according to AWA: “We tell the writer what was strong, what we remember, what stays with us after hearing the writing, what was powerful, well put or beautiful. Absolutely no criticism, suggestions or questions are directed toward the writer in response to a first-draft, just-written work.”

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The Day of Darkness
But here comes the sun!
By Michael Turton

While some decry the arrival of winter, with its cold tempera-
tures, snow and ice, others revel in the knowledge that the first day of winter, the solstice, signals an increase in the amount of daylight to be enjoyed with each passing day.

This year the winter solstice takes place at 11:48 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 21. At that moment, the sun’s path will reach its southernmost position. The next day, the sun begins its slow journey northward.

Solstice comes from two Latin words meaning “sun” and “to stand still,” because, at first, the change in daylight is so slight it is indiscernible, making it appear the sun has stood still. But ever so gradually starting on Dec. 22, the sun will rise a minute or so earlier and set just a little bit later each day.

In Philipstown and Beacon, the sun will rise at 6:47 a.m. and set at 4:29 p.m. on Dec. 21, the darkest day of the year. On March 20, the vernal equinox will mark the first day of spring, when there are equal amounts of daylight and darkness.

A number of our modern-day Christmas symbols, including gift giving, mistletoe, holly, wreaths, the Yule log and tree decorations originated in ancient pagan civilizations as part of winter solstice festivities — the celebration of light.
Calendar Highlights
For upcoming events visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18
Sparkle Holiday Celebration
5 – 9 p.m. Boscobel
1605 Route 9D, Cold Spring
845-265-6388 | boscobel.org
International Film Night: Dancing at Lughnasa
(Ireland, 1998)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Jonathan Kruck: A Christmas Carol!
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
720 Pecksale Hollow Road, Poughquag
845-528-2780 | brookpawpawarts.com
A Christmas Carol
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
Beary Merry Christmas
10:30 a.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.com
A Christmas Carol
2 & 8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.
Family Christmas Storytime
2 p.m. Putnam History Museum
63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org
The Colonial Nutcracker
3 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org
Blue Christmas Service
3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com
Sparkle Holiday Celebration
5 – 9 p.m. Boscobel. See details under Friday.
Holiday Jazz Vespers
5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | proballyhivelive.org
Home Alone (1990)
6 p.m. Old VFW Hall
34 Kemble St., Cold Spring | coldspringfilm.org
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Breakfast with Santa
8 – 11 a.m. Cold Spring Firehouse
8 – 11 a.m. Cold Spring Firehouse
3006 Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.com
Dream: People’s Choir Concert & Sing-along
3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | proballyhivelive.org
Holiday Candlelight Tour
4 – 7 p.m. Mount Gulian Historic Site
145 Stirling St., Beacon
845-831-6172 | mountgulian.org
Living Nativity
4 p.m. Saunders Farm
Old Albany Post Road, Garrison
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown
5:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | proballyhivelive.org
St. Joseph's Chapel
6 p.m.
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-424-4618 | mountgulian.org
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26
Butterfield and Desmond-Fish libraries closed
No Cold Spring Farmer’s Market
Boxing Day Extravaganza & Hot Chocolate
Cookoff
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Jaymar Jewlers
3612 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-265-9246 | jaymarjewlers.com
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Open Mic Finals: Invitational Round
4 p.m. Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecriercv.com
Kids Open Mic Night
6 – 8 p.m. 12 Grapes | 12 N. Division St., Peekskill
914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com
Monday, December 28
American Red Cross Babysitter Training
9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Beacon Recreation Center
23 W. Center St., Beacon
845-675-6440 | cityofbeacon.org
School Break Mini-Camp (ages 6-9)
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring
845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
Howland Library closed
Butterfield Library closes at 3 p.m.
Last day to view Peekskill Project 6
Haram Globetrotters
11 a.m. & 4 p.m. Westchester County Center
196 Central Ave., White Plains
914-995-4060 | countyartcenter.org
Kids’ New Year’s Party (ages 6-12)
7 – 11 p.m. All Sport Health & Fitness
See details under Dec. 20.
Overnight option available.
Broadway’s Rock of Ages Band
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Dec. 10.
Joe Ferry & The Big Ska Band
8:30 p.m. Bearrunner Café
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | bearrunnercafe.com
Stax of Soul
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914-737-6624 | 12grapes.com
Resolution New Year’s Eve Show
9 p.m. Old Factory Building
299 Washington St., Newburgh
iamdocora.com | resolution-section.com
Back to the Garden 1969
9:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café | 379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecriercv.com
The Force
10 p.m. The Hudson Room | 23 South Division St., Peekskill
914-748-3063 | hudsonroom.com
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
New Year’s Day
Buffalo Stack
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Dec. 31.
ONGOING
Art & Design | philipstown.info/galleries
Religious Services | philipstown.info/services
Support Groups | philipstown.info/sig
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30
Children’s Holiday Tea
Noon – 2 p.m. Mount Gulian
See details under Dec. 20.
Recreation Commission
7 p.m. Philipstown Community Center
107 Grady’s Drive, Garrison
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov
TOWN BOARD YEAR-END MEETING
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3320 | philipstown.com
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100 Muscoo Drive, Cornwall
845-534-9506 | hhnaturemuseum.org
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Wallach has published a number of middle-grade/young adult titles, including Operation Isolation, You’re Kidding and Great Parties: How to Plan Them. Her other projects include ghostwriting Grammar Girl’s Complete Guide to Grammar for Students for Henry Holt Books for Young Readers, and Animals at Play, for Temple University. Through the New York City School Volunteer Program, she taught writing to fourth- and fifth-grade students in Brooklyn and Queens for two years. She is currently working on a novel.

Wallach’s groups attract writers of vastly different levels of experience. “People who have never written more than a letter have come and have come out with the most interesting things,” she says. “Others are writers of experience.” Many have returned for another group of sessions, which typically each involve six or seven writers.

competing against those from similar programs, including the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Cold Spring’s Building Bridges Building Boats and Rock the Boat, a Bronx-based program.

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Nothing like it on the Hudson

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Like the repairs to the Clearwater, the boat school is attracting a lot of community involvement. “I have so many volunteers who want to help,” Weeks said. “The value of [their] time is irreplaceable and it’s saving us a huge amount of money.” The tools and cabinets needed to outfit the school’s workshop have all been donated.

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Restoring the Clearwater’s Luster (From Page 6)

Brian Reid, a teacher at the Poughkeepsie Day School, describes the Clearwater’s repairs to a second-grade class.

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Beacon Eatery Bets on American Tapas

The Vault is latest restaurant to occupy former bank

By Alison Rooney

It’s a name game at the prominent space at 646 Main St. in Beacon which, for years, housed the Piggy Bank restaurant — that name reflecting the property’s original and long-standing use as a bank. Piggy Bank changed over in name and cuisine, first to Dim Sum Go Go and then Dim Sum Vault. Now, in what its owners hope is a final iteration, the newly reopened dining establishment is called, simply, The Vault, and the focus is on “American tapas,” which translates into many — though not exclusively — small-plate options. In fact, the present owners considered, but decided against, leasing the space years ago, and have returned now to a Beacon with a more vigorous dining economy.

The large room is filled with tables for two and four and also contains a communal table, near the raw bar and beverage bar, for convivial gatherings. Tuesday through Thursday early evenings there are happy hours, with both drink and food specials, Thursday being “Martini and Meatballs” night at the bar. A full range of specialty cocktails and wines served by the glass and bottle are offered.

John Lombardi, who manages The Vault on behalf of owner Tony DiSarro, knows the territory well — he’s been living in Beacon for more than 20 years. A 1994 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, he has been in the food industry for 30 years, beginning with

Lombardi describes the food offerings at The Vault as different not just in national cuisine from tapas but in portion size as well. “Our servings are bigger than normal tapas, which usually gives you morrals,” he says. Recommending three or four dishes to share between two diners to start, he says this type of order can be augmented with a visit to the raw bar, or perhaps with an order of cheese and charcuterie, or even the “large plate” selections. Lombardi praises his head chef, Amerosi Rodrigues, and pastry chef, Suzanne Quillen, who work with ingredients largely brought in from local farms and very local purveyors like Meiller Farms supplies the pork products. Quillen’s specialty is pies, including individual ones.

Offering the bank/vault theme, the menu is divided into sections which are appropriately named, beginning with “Exchange Plates,” offering small servings of seasonal soups, along with items like roast corn and Parmesan fritters in a honey chipotle emulsion; pan-roasted wild mushrooms with baby spinach, caramelized shallots and mascarpone, and crispy pork belly in an apple bourbon glaze with frizzled shallots. Prices for these small plates range from $6 to $10.

The “Trusts” category contains an artisanal cheese plate, served with quince jam, along with the charcuterie plate, while “Raw Interests” indicates the seafood bar, stocked with oysters, littleneck clams and shrimp with a chili mango relish. Finally, the “Deposits” offer up larger plates, including a local veggie plate, dubbed vegan-friendly, for $15, along with a seared Arctic Char with quinoa, corn succotash and a creamy fennel puree for $25.

The Vault offers take-out meal service. Reservations are suggested for weekend evenings — call 845-202-7735. For more information visit thevaultbeacon.com or their Facebook page.
Haldane Middle School
Honor Roll – First Quarter 2015

Principal’s List:
Grade 8 – Everett Campanile, Douglas Donaghy, John Dwyer, Shannon Ferri, Maxim Hutz, Sophia Kottman, Alanna Moskowitz, John O’Hara, James Phillips, Patrick Reinhardt, Andrew Scicluna, Andrew Silhavy, Sydney Warren

Honor Roll:
Grade 8 – Jagger Beachak, David DiPalma, Kole Bolte, Joseph Carmicino, Alexander Casparian, Anastasia Coope, Collin Eng-Wong, Taylor Farrell, Alexandra Ferreira, Elias Henderson, Curtis Huber, Julianna Landolfi, Liam Marrinan, Isabella Monteolone, Olivia Monteolone, Quinn Petkus, Margaret Reid, Sofia Viggiano, Jade Villella

Grade 7 – Aisleen Driscoll, Maria Barry, Emilie Barth, Erika Bauer, Johnathan Bradley Jr., Carlo Cofini, Arden Conybear, Sabrina Costantini, Ashlee Griffin, Dylan Guthier, Steven Herring, Walter Hoess, Ashley Holataling, Desirea Hyatt, Lucas Langer, Nicholas Marino, Benjamin McEwen, Satchel Mulherin-Paquette, Jake Patinella, Minori Shiga, Calvin Sluk, Zoe Silverman, Amanda Timke, Kevin Van Tassel


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7th Grade: Fallon Barry, Benjamin Strol, John Vogel
6th Grade: Charlotte Dmitz, Evelyn Higbee, Madison Smith

High Honor Roll:
8th Grade: Peter Angelpoulos, Lukas DelRoche, Henry Heckert, Christopher Higbee, Megan Horan, Remy Manuso, Hayden Mayer, Aurora McKee
7th Grade: Emerson DelMonte, Ava Dulois, Autumn Hartmann, Sasha Levy, Sophie Stark, Lacie Wimer
6th Grade: Tim BenAdiy, Jada Kirkwood, Chase Mayer, Sidonie Weide

Honor Roll:
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7th Grade: Amy Albertson, Saja DeSavio, Michael Facciocci, Kyle Mayo, Elizabeth Nelson, Arianna Shabbadoghi, Zachary Shannom
6th Grade: Evan Maasik, Eva Turkov

Haldane High School
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Grade 12 Principal’s List
Lucy Austin, Weronika Bajotiska, Anna Birn, Carly Brief, Alison Casey, Nicholas Chiara, Isabella Convettino, Maysi Curto, Marissa DiPalo, Peter Duffy, Jerome FelmSCOLO, Daniel Hettmann, Theodore Henderson, Stephen Junjulas, Tobey Kane-Setcz, Sara LaRioli, Jack Lovell, Marina Martin, John Parr, Jack Reckless, Eric Rizza, Aubrey Stowell, Clara Thompson, Wyllie Thornquist, Melissa Tringali, Adele Westerhuis, Corydon Zoutar

Grade 12 High Honor Roll
Tucker Brehank, Kyra Cimino, Claire Dahlia, Nicole Etta, Benedicita Getthner, Elena Lombardi LaRrebbe, Allison Marin, Bailey McColen, Evan Poholchuk, Sara Procaro, Leandra Rice, David Rotando, Vitaliy Shevykh, Miguel Toribio-Matias, Sophia Traina, Conor Winne, Jaso Zieleni

Grade 12 Honor Roll

Grade 11 Principal’s List
Keifer Conventino, Amelia Hall, George Leiter, Nicole Mitchell, Miranda Musso, Jonas Petkus, Claire Reid, Brett Schwartz, Chloe Schwartz, Alexandra Sharpley, Olivia Sterling, Lucinda Stro, Kyle Zimmermann

Grade 11 High Honor Roll
Sophia Azznara, Gabriele Baumann, Aidan Cimino, Miro Cofini, William Martin, Cameron Palkicua, Makenzie Patinella, Tara Pidala, Daniel Rotando, Valerie Scanga, Anthony Sinchi, Michael Tauci, Mackenzie Tokarz, Dylan Waller, Heather Winne

Grade 11 Honor Roll
Michael Chefafo, Allison Chiera, Jack Cimino, Alyssa Covelli, Abigail Duncan, Nicholas Farrell, Hudson Gell, Liam Irwin, Luke Junjulas, Leif Mangan, Jazmyn O’Dell, Nicole Shubert, Aidan Siegel, Abbie Stowell, Brandon Twoguns, Victoria Wyka

Grade 9 Principal’s List
Robin Ben Adi, Riley Bissinger, Philip Cats, Rosin Daly, Catherine Dwyer, Morgan Etta, Angela Fee, Catriona Fee, Meghan Ferri, Ashley Haines, Devin Heanne, Maura Kane-Setcz, Stefan Linson, Emily McDermott, Mathew Mikaelsen, Honor O’Malley, Olivia Olsen, Parker Parrella, Katelyn Pidala, Justin Roffman, Adam Silhavy, Henry Weed

Grade 9 High Honor Roll

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Fiona Brady, Samuel Curto, Alden Doebay, Masha Familo, Alyson Foy, Samuel Giahiinta, Dominice Maglio, Justin Markey, Ellis Osterfeld, Thomas Percacciolo, Jamison Sabattini, Devin Siegel, Genna Sposet, Arlan Thrushoitz, Tatiana Vidakovich, Freya Wood-Gallagher

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O’Neill Welcomes National Honor Society Members

Ten attended Garrison School

The James O. O’Neill High School in Highland Falls inducted 38 new members to its chapter of the National Honor Society on Nov. 24 and elected new officers. Ten of the students attended Garrison School, including three of the five officers.

The inductees from Garrison were Katherine Lisotta, John Marcinak, Anna Northup, Edmund Northup (president), Emma Parks, Eban Penner, Sophia Sbrulati (secretary), Shawn Sharifi (public relations officer), Alexandra Vourliotis and Paul Walker.

Students who live in Garrison and attend public high school may choose to enroll at O’Neill or Haldane.

Reform Synagogue Celebrates Hanukkah

Silent auction benefits food pantry

The Philipstown Reform Synagogue (PRS) celebrated Hanukkah on Friday, Dec. 11, with a communal Sabbath dinner and menorah lighting led by Rabbi Helaine Ettinger. As is PRS’s custom, attendees brought their menorahs to light. Rabbi Ettinger invited people to tell the stories behind each one before leading the congregation in the traditional prayers.

After Shabbat dinner, the rabbi shared her perspectives on the history of Hanukkah and the nature of miracles, citing sources as diverse as the Talmud and the legendary rock group Queen.

Jaymark looking for Best Hot Chocolate

As part of the synagogue’s ongoing support of the Philipstown Food Pantry, it held a silent auction with the help of donations from a number of businesses, including Robert’s Hair Salon, Cuppochino, The Country Goose, Old Souls, Le Bouchon and Mommina.

The Philipstown Reformed Synagogue was founded in 2002 to investigate the practice of Judaism, both intellectually and spiritually. It holds its services in the parish hall of St. Mary’s Church of Cold Spring. For more information, call 845-265-8081 or visit philipstownreformsynagogue.org.

Putnam County Again Offering Internships

Students work in various offices during summer 2016

For the third year, the Putnam County government will offer summer internships to high school, college and graduate students as part of the Putnam Invests in Leaders of Tomorrow (PILOT) Program. The application deadline for the 2016 program is Friday, Jan. 15.

Interns typically work 28 hours a week. Some pay $8 to $10 an hour, and some are unpaid. Participants must be county residents, and high school students must be at least 16 years old and juniors or seniors. It’s recommended that college students have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. For more information, visit putnamcntys.org/personnel.

The New York state government also offers internships to undergraduate and graduate college students in various agencies and the executive branch. Students are asked to submit an application, upload a resume and identify jobs of interest. The deadline for the summer 2016 program is Wednesday, Dec. 23. To apply, visit nysinternships.com/ny1/.

Santa to Attend Firehouse Breakfast

Dec. 20 event benefits fire company

Santa has confirmed he will attend a Cold Spring Fire Company’s breakfast held in his honor from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. The buffet will take place at the firehouse at 247 Main St. Adults and children ages 12 and older are $8, children ages 4 to 11 are $4, children ages 3 and younger are free and seniors are $5. All proceeds benefit the fire company.

Holiday Vacation Camps

Nature Museum and All Sport will entertain your kids

The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall and All Sport Health & Fitness in Fishkill both will host day camps for elementary-school children over the school vacation.

The museum camp, for students ages 6 to 9, starts Monday, Dec. 28 and continues through Thursday, Dec. 31. It runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Outdoor Discovery Center. The cost is $42 per day for museum members and $48 per day for non-members, and prepaid registration is required. Children will make crafts and play games as well as hike and build forts outdoors. Campers should bring a lunch, but hot chocolate will be provided.

To register, visit hhnaturumuseum.org, or call 845-534-5506. The museum is located on Muser Drive across from 174 Angola Road in Cornwall.

All Sport’s day camp begins Wednesday, Dec. 23 and continues until Dec. 31, excluding Christmas Day. Activities include arts and crafts, sports and games, racquetball and movies. It runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The cost per child $45 per day for members or $55 for non-members. Register at allsportfishkill.com/holiday-camp-registration.html or call 845-896-5678.

All Sport also will host a New Year’s party for kids ages 6 to 12 starting at 7 p.m. on Dec. 31. Campers may be picked up at 11 p.m. or stay overnight for pickup at 8 a.m. on Jan. 1. The event will include swimming, a slumber party, sports and games dancing, pizza, a bounce castle, a midnight countdown, sleeping (optional) and breakfast. The cost is $50 for members and $60 for non-members for the evening party and $70 for members and $80 for non-members (To next page)
It is led by Susan Salomone, founder of Backyard Family Support & Education Group, which has gathered at the library every other Thursday through March. Nearly 20 family and friends have attended to date.

Nearly 20 will gather at the library every other Dec. 30, from 6:45 to 8 p.m. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement will be the featured speakers, with John J. Conheeney as affiliates of the Order on Dec. 11 during a luncheon at Graymoor in Garrison. Mary Conheeney, writing as Mary Higgins Clark, is the author of 51 bestselling suspense novels. The friars honored the couple because “they bear witness to the Gospel in their daily lives by their use of time, talent, substance and opportunity for the good of others.”

“The Conheeneys have shown extraordinary devotion to our Founder’s vision of Christian unity and charity, showing their concern and generosity through their support of many worthy charities,” explained the Very Rev. Brian F. Terry, minister general of the religious order. “As affiliates, they are entitled to participate in all the spiritual benefits of the congregation in life and death, and they are to be granted and accepted in all of the Friars’ houses.”

The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement were founded in 1898 at Greymoor by Father PaulWatson. They work for reconciliation and healing through “at-one-ment” — the unity of men and women with God and with one another — so that the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” might be fulfilled.

Choirs Combine for Concert

Cat Guthrie will direct on Dec. 20 two jovial community choirs will join together in Cold Spring for a concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. The Beacon People’s Choir and the Philipstown-based Dream Choir, both founded and directed by Cat Guthrie, will perform at the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown on 10 Academy St. The suggested donation is $5 per person. For more information, call 914-420-4515 or visit harmoneyando.com.

The Rev. James Loughran, vicar general and Very Rev. Brian F. Terry, minister general, with John J. Conheeney, and Mary Higgins Clark Conheeney

Russell Cusick, left, Goldee Greene, and Irena Mozyleva

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There will be no issue of ThePaper on Friday, Dec. 25.
At left, Haldane JV point guard Cheyenne Twoquans looks to pass to teammate Grace Tomann (15) as the Lady Blue Devils battle back against Hendrick Hudson Dec. 14 at home. Hen Hud held on for the win, 36-26. Bella Monteleone led the Blue Devils with 11 points. Photos by Peter Farrell

At right, Missy Lisikatos looks to penetrate the Hendrick Hudson defense in the varsity matchup Dec. 14 at home. Haldane battled back from an early 7-0 hole, led by the defense of Abbey Stowell and 18 points from Allison Chiera, to defeat the visiting Sailors, 55-48.

There’s a Deli In Nelsonville Again, and Now It’s Also a Cafe

By Alison Rooney

By Josie Fleming’s count there have been at least eight incarnations of what is now called, simply, Nelsonville Deli and Cafe. Fleming, who is back at work there again, named some of the owners and operators through the years, some of whom she could recall on a first-name basis only: “Let’s see, there were Ray and Toni Vilardi, then Eric, then Kim Hatman, then Ray and Toni again, then of course Charlie and Judy Colamarino, then it was Pali’s, and then the other two.”

Now there are two more: Juan Tacuri and Mariana Jimbo, who have assumed the reins of the spot on the south side of Main in what can only be called the heart of Nelsonville. After taking the place over in July, they’ve spent a few months doing extensive renovations, and opened up just a few weeks ago in what is now a far more expansive looking space. In addition to the usual breakfast and lunch fare, they are offering pastas (one is penne with ground sausage and broccoli rabe in garlic and oil) and daily specials (grilled scallops were offered recently) which are available for lunch and dinner, dining in or for take-out.

Both Tacuri and Jimbo are originally from Cuenca, Ecuador. Tacuri came to the U.S. in 1987 and learned to cook after arriving. His background in food and restaurant work includes stints doing prep work in Manhattan and Millbrook, and he worked at the much-missed Dockside until its closing. A job brought him to this area, and work has kept him here — in addition to his new business, he continues to work at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill in Cold Spring. He has helped to renovate his new space, upgrading the electric system, putting in new floors, and adding the tables which now are perched by the windows. More are coming, and he hopes to add outdoor tables in the spring, as well.

Unlike the abbreviated hours of some of its more recent predecessors, Nelsonville Deli and Cafe will be open six days a week — weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Breakfast choices include “build an omelet or wrap,” corn beef hash and homemade pancakes, along with assorted muffins, bagels and croissants as well as oatmeal.

Lunch offerings include specialty sandwiches — Jimbo says the “Hot Cuban” is very popular — and a range of salads, including an arugula with pecorino, currants and sunflower seeds. There are also grilled burgers and a grilled veggie sandwich with eggplant, zucchini, roasted red pepper, Portobello and Balsamic vinegar. A wider variety of pastas is in the works for January and beyond. Each day there is a new ravioli special and soup — chicken with white beans was in the pot recently. A range of coffees and teas is offered, and, alert to those who require it: espresso has come back to Nelsonville.

The pastas cost from $9 to $12, while grilled items are between $8 to $9, with sandwiches and salads in the $6 to $7 range. Tacuri and Jimbo are eager to meet the community. “Everyone’s welcome,” they say, almost in unison. As for Fleming, being behind the counter again is pretty much her natural habitat, and customers are definitely greeted with good cheer.

Nelsonville Deli and Cafe is located at 289 Main St. The phone number is 845-809-5114.

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