State Awards $100,000 Grant to Philipstown for Fjord Trail

Options include Little Stony Point car lot, Breakneck station

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

New York State last week awarded the Town of Philipstown a $100,000 grant for the Hudson River Fjord Trail — a welcome sum, though considerably less than the nearly $1 million sought for the hiking-bicycling path, intended to link Cold Spring to Beacon and parallel the river, train tracks, and Route 9D.

According to trail organizers, the money will probably go toward upgrading the Little Stony Point parking lot, along the intended trail route just beyond Cold Spring, or improving the site of the Breakneck Ridge Metro-North train station a bit further north. The coalition consists of volunteers from the community, environmental organizations, and government entities from village to state level, stretching across two counties.

By Michael Turton

Talk to Philipstown families and you’ll probably discover that no two Christmas traditions are alike when it comes to Christmas traditions. Dinner menus vary widely — from traditional turkey to ham to seafood to no big meal at all. Gifts may be exchanged on Christmas morning, afternoon or the night before. Whether real, artificial or something more avant-garde, there is likely a tree involved. Watch a movie or take a hike — Christmas Day activities are just as varied. The Paper spoke to a small sampling of local residents to see how their Christmas traditions compare.

A treasured ornament that survived World War I

Veterinarian Dr. Peter Bach and his wife, Andrea, enjoy Christmas with a distinct international flavor. “We include lots of German traditions,” Peter Bach explained, and with good reason. His great-grandfather came from America to Germany in the late 1800s and Andrea Bach was born in Frankfurt. Bach’s most prized Christmas ornament belonged to his grandfather who carried it with him from Germany to Russia and back during World War I. Andrea Bach takes great pride in the ornament.

The Santas of Cold Spring

Santa has heard it all. “Were you born on Christmas?” “Is your last name Claus?” “Is that really your name?”

A lifelong Cold Spring resident, Santa Warren usually smiles and explains that her full name is Santa Maria, that she was named after her Italian-American mother (although her mother had no middle name), and that she was born on the relatively uneventful date of January 29. “My mother was 5 feet tall, and I am 5’7”, but she was always Big Santa and I was Little Santa,” says Warren, who is familiar to many residents of Philipstown because of her volunteer work for local youth soccer, the Haldane PTA and Our Lady of Loretto.

Warren, 43, who doesn’t have siblings, says it was tough having the name as a child because of the teasing from classmates — she didn’t name either of her daughters Santa (Sarah, 17, Sydney, 10, and Seth, 14, all attend Haldane). But as an adult she loves being called Santa, even with its unique burden: everybody remembers her name even when she can’t remember theirs.

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Betty Budney Honored for Town Board Tenure

County refusal to share sales tax discussed

As the highlight of an otherwise mostly perfunctory meeting, county and state representatives Thursday (Dec. 12) joined Philipstown’s Town Board in warm praise for retiring Councilwoman Betty Budney, the board’s first female member.

Budney, who decided not to seek another four-year term, leaves the Town Board at the end of the month. In the November election, voters chose Michael Leonard, a member of three town government sub-boards, as the new face on the Town Board, which consists of the town supervisor and four councilmen/women or councilors.

At Thursday’s session, Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, a Democrat like Budney, and Putnum County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, a Republican, lauded Budney and gave her official declarations of gratitude.

The Town Board presented Budney with a map of the town, mounted to a plaque with the text of a resolution saluting her. She also received a bouquet of flowers and wall trips of historic postcards from members of the public who had teamed up with her in Lions Club and other volunteer projects.

“Words fall short when trying to describe a person like Betty,” Supervisor Richard Shea said. “When you look at the (Continued on page 4)
Uncommonly Sweet

By Joe Dizney

Boiled cider: not very glamorous-sounding, is it? More a process description than some clever, Food TV-friendly marketing term, boiled cider is simply a culinary reduction of pure, sweet apple cider. No frills, no additions.

My fellow food scribe, Celia Barbour, skirted around the issue in her recent recipe for Apple Cider Caramels (Month to Feed: Sugar Mommy, philipstown.info/2013/11/13/months-feed-sugar-mommy/) but I thought it deserved a closer look especially around this holiday season.

Backstory: apples have inspired scientists (Isaac Newton, story tellers (Johnny Appleseed)) and more since the beginning of time (Garden of Eden, anyone?). Henry David Thoreau wrote that “it is remarkable how closely the history of the apple tree is connected with that of man,” and nowhere is that more true than here in New York and the Hudson Valley where apples are a fact of life and icon of our true-to-life creation myth.

The botanical facts of apple propagation — that apples NEVER grow true from seed and in order to be consistently edible must be conscientiously, intentionally hybridized, grafted and cultivated — infuse them with both a wildness and preciousness that only begins to hint at their centrality to the foundation of our country. In the opening chapter of Michael Pollan’s The Botany of Desire, he points out, “the apple was ‘the true democratic fruit,’ happy to grow just about anywhere,” and it provided the deprived American colonists with a coveted, if not necessary, civilized comfort: sweetness.

Before colonization and for some time after, there were no honeymoons in North America, therefore no honey. The Native Americans of the northeast had relied on maple syrup and sugar as a primary sweetener. Alternatively, sweetness came chiefly from the flesh of fruit. In colonial America, that increasingly meant the apple, lovingly transported from the old world and naturalized in the new. (One of the first, if not THE first American hybrid — the Newtown Pippin, still grown locally — was discovered and hybridized in the late 17th century in Flashing, N.Y.) Pollan’s other point as regards the apple is that it provided another possibly MORE coveted “need” — alcohol, by way of the fermentation of apple juice and its alchemically transformation into hard cider, applejack or apple brandy. Locally, Glynewood Farm’s continuing Apple Project and its most recent and highly successful celebration of Cider Week have done much to encourage the preservation and economics of Hudson Valley orchards through the craft production of hard cider and apple spirits.

But back to sweetness and boiled cider: While plentiful maples did — and still do — provide a distinctive native source of sweet palatability, it is a seasonal harvest and apples provide an almost perfect counter-seasonal alternative.

Boiled cider is a VERY simple means of preserving the harvest. Pressed and filtered sweet apple cider is simply boiled and reduced to one-tenth its volume producing a sweet-tart (depending on the apple variety) syrup similar in consistency and color to maple syrup but presenting a distinctive boiled cider on “The Ark of Taste,” an honor roll of disappearing but worthy American foods. It could take up to six hours.) Strain through cheesecloth into a glass container. Bring cider to a simmer in a large non-reactive (stainless steel) pot. Simmer until reduced to 2-3 cups, taking care that the pot does not boil. (Depending on how high your simmer is and how closely you watch the process, this could take up to six hours.) Strain through cheesecloth into a glass container. Bring boiled cider, spices, sugar, orange juice and zest to a simmer in a 2-quart non-reactive pot. Simmer for 15 minutes and allow to cool off heat or on the side of tartness but sweet, so you can omit the sugar depending on the tartness of the apples. The optional shallots, sautéed in a tablespoon of butter before simmering the fruits and cider is a really nice savory touch.

Make about 2 cups relish.

1 cup boiled cider
1/4 cup chopped dried apples
1/4 cup chopped dried cranberries
2 large apples, peeled, cored, chopped
2 large apples, peeled, cored, chopped into 1 1/2-inch dice (1/3 to 2 cups)
1/4 cup chopped dried cranberries
5 allspice berries, smashed
10 cloves, smashed
2 tablespoons brown sugar (optional)
5 star anise pods
1. Bring boiled cider, spices, sugar, orange juice and zest to a simmer in a 2-quart non-reactive pot. Simmer for 15 minutes and allow to cool off heat or overnight and strain mixture.
2. Bring strained cider mixture back to a low simmer with dried apple and cranberries for 10 minutes. Add chopped fresh apples and cranberries which could deliciously be paired with pork, turkey or duck or the vegetables mentioned above for a festive holiday meal or simply enjoyed with toast or baked goods when you just need something uncommonly sweet.
in her traditional wooden ornaments from Erzgebirge or a region known as “Christmas Land” in Germany. The other German traditions include opening gifts on Christmas Eve and sipping on some mulled wine or cider. At work, they include a tradition that Peter Bach picked up while living in England. On Boxing Day there — the day after Christmas — workers trade jobs and the Bachs incorporate that custom at their practice. “People see that others do,” Andrea Bach said. “There’s no big Christmas dinner for the Bachs. Instead they enjoy something simple, perhaps cold, or a dish that has been prepared ahead of time. “We might watch a traditional Christmas movie together,” Andrea Bach said, adding that it’s a Wonderful Life may be her favorite. For Peter Bach, Christmas is about the music. “Andrea is in the choir at the Presbyterian Church and joins her father in their other German traditions, like Christmas caroling from Erzgebirge or a region known as “Christmas Land” in Germany. “We don’t have that many because we always lived in so many different places,” Albrecht said. “We share Christmas with their son, Chris tian, and daughter, Laura, who is returning home for the holidays.” Let the traditions begin For Joy Albrecht, Cold Spring may be the place where Christmas traditions begin. “We don’t have that many because we always lived in so many different places, so traditions have been having no tradition,” Albrecht said as she recalled having spent part of Christmas in such exotic locales as Vietnam, Japan, Whis tler, B.C., and Hawaii. After her husband, Diane, died away she purchased a home in Cold Spring. At first “I was here but we sat on camp chairs. There was no fur niture, no tree,” she said. This year, the camp chairs have been put away and she and her family made the switch to an artificial Christmas tree about four years ago. “I can feel the feel of an artificial tree — my mom, dad and I,” Zach Landtroop explained. “We always wanted something different,” Albrecht said, standing next to her new, 7-foot, or namental, black-metal tree adorned with many colorful ornaments. Last year, she and her family enjoyed Christmas Eve dinner at Kathryn’s Tuscan Grill. “We’ll do that again this year,” Albrecht said. A new tradition may have been born. How did mom pull that off? Bob O’Brien lives in Putnam Valley and often ventures into Cold Spring as part of his business, which could be described as “I don’t know how my mom pulled it off — we lived in a small apartment.” O’Brien now puts up his family’s Christmas tree — though un like in his younger days it’s artificial. “Peo ple come to my house but it’s getting less and less — they have their own families now,” he said. “My wife cooks a big meal — the same as way back when,” including turkey, turnsips, stuffing and more. “It’s like Thanksgiving all over again,” O’Brien said. The feel of an artificial tree For 2013, Curt Landtroop and his son Zach Landtroop started something that may well become an annual Christmas tradition. Now that Zach Landtroop is 21, he and his dad headed off to the corner pub to share a brew and conversation as soon as he got home from Lafayette College for the holidays. “We’ll just have a pretty quiet Christmas — my mom, dad and I,” Zach Landtroop explained. “We always have seafood the night before … and we generally have roast beef on Christmas.” Curt Landtroop, who is blind, said his family made the switch to an artificial tree about four years ago. “I can feel the tree — and it feels so real its amazing. But of course there is no smell!” With a hint of mischief in his voice he added, “And we know that Zach is going to have a lot of presents under it for this year,” a statement that drew a big laugh from both. Curt Landtroop said that his wife Diane’s cousins from Brunswick would be joining them for Christmas dinner this year. He also reminded his son that a fourth member of the immediate fam ily will also be there — “Windsor,” his guide dog, a black Labrador. Zach Landtroop said that Windsor, “gets re ally excited when people open their gifts. I think he just senses the joy.” Wake up … PLEASE! “On Christmas Eve we always had lasagna. That’s how Garrison resident Nea Tomann described his fam ily’s Christmas dinner when he was growing up. “We still do that,” he said. “There was never a big Christmas dinner — because we’d have about 50 people over at Thanksgiving.” His early Christmas memo ries might be described as “painfully fond.” One of the most noteworthy was the tree. “It was always set up in the living room and it was big — 30 or 12 feet tall,” he re calls. When Christmas morning arrived, the big living room doors were closed. “No one was allowed to go into the living room until everybody was awake — then we’d all go in as one.” That was a bit more drama than Tomann could appreciate. “The prob lem was being a 5-year-old boy, waiting for your 20-year-old brother to wake up. It was just painful,” adding to his pain was that he didn’t have to wait for just one brother. “There were about 15 people to wake up!” Like most families, gift giving was always a part of Tomann’s Christmas and one boy hood present stands out in Tomann’s mem ory to this day. “I was about 9 years old and I got goole pads. I swear I didn’t take them off for three days. I think I slept in them.” The members of the Garrison Volunteer Fire Company wish to thank our neighbors in the Garrison Fire Protection District for voting to support the changes in the Length of Service Awards Program. We look forward to serving our neighbors in the coming years as we volunteer day and night — whenever you need us. Please consider becoming a volunteer firefighter — men and women are welcome. Come by the Garrison firehouse on Route 9 on a Sunday morning when we are usually there checking equipment and we will be happy to answer questions and take applications.
Constitution Island Association, West Point Renew Relationship

By Liz Schvetchuk Armstrong

The latest Constitution Island conflict appears over.

During the Revolutionary War, British and American troops traded threats and successive possession of the island, a wooded, peninsula-like prong in the Hudson River just below Cold Spring. More recently, the volunteer Constitution Island Association and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, long-time allies, fell out over policy regarding the island. Late in November, though, they took steps toward resumed amity.

The Association suspended its pursuit of its controversial plan for an office and visitor center on Cold Spring’s Main Street. West Point renewed the Association’s validation as a group permitted to function on West Point property and after a certification for months. It also promised redoubled efforts to preserve the island’s Warner House, a historic home dear to the Association, which owns the contents; Army purview includes the structure itself. And the two sides conferred on Dec. 5, with plans for a lasting pact. “The meeting was cordial and productive,” according to Frederick Osborn III, new chairperson of the Association executive board. “[The Association] offered their expressed their appreciation for the prompt revalidation” of the organization, Osborn commented in an email exchange with Philipstown.info. The Paper Tuesday evening (Dec. 17). “The garrison commander pledged his support to undertake a project to repair and renovate the Warner House,” tapping Army-related resources. “The Association’s mission is to provide a rewarding, educational, and recreational experience by the commemoration and preservation of the historic, literary, genetic, historic, genetic, and ecological treasures that is represented by Constitution Island and the Hudson River Valley. colleagues of the Army officers organized the group in 1916 to preserve the Warner House and its furnishings.”

A rift over management

Its relationship with West Point foun-
dered in 2012, when the Association’s then-incumbent leadership enthusiastically endorsed a plan by Sen. Charles Schumer to turn the island into a national park site, echoing similar suggestions dating back decades. Schumer’s concept involved making the island’s federal coastal property the Department of the Interior to control the island-day-to-day and open it year-round for visitors (while not necessarily terminating West Point usage). The Defense Department and Army adamantly rejected the national park idea. However, the Association viewed it as a way to save the Warner House, which needs serious repairs. Bitterness ensued.

For the first time in years, in 2013 the Association’s seafood fundraising dinner did not occur on the island. Moreover, Col. Dan Rideout, the West Point garrison commander, allegedly called for the replacement of top figures in the Association, long led by Betsy Pugh as chairperson and Executive Director Richard de Koster. (Col. Rideout, with responsibility over West Point’s building and grounds, consistently declined to discuss the situation with Philipstown.info/The Paper, or to comment on the statements attributed to him, although he did allow an aide to provide limited information on subsequent actions.) Likewise, the Army organized Association plans to establish a visitor center and office on Main Street, wanting it based on Constitution Island instead — a stance that increased the debate over Association desires to use New York State grant money for the Main Street venture.

Peace overtures

Yet, as 2013 waned, so did the acrimony. At the Association’s annual formal meeting Nov. 17, Pugh announced her departure from the chairmanship and office. She called for a separate meeting for Nov. 23 to choose top officers. They picked Osborn, a veteran of local philanthropic and public service projects who served as secretary, as, and, as, treasurer, Vincent “Vinnie” Tamagna, Putnam County trans- portation manager and former county legislator. Also during the board session, de Koster revealed he intends to retire in June. “As a result of these actions,” one attendee wrote afterward, “West Point has approved the Association’s revalidation for two years and once again opened the island to the public.”

Indeed, on Nov. 25, West Point re-in-stated the group.

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Budney thanked all those who thanked her monthly report on county activities. — came up when Scuccimarra delivered her budget report on county activities. Scuccimarra referred to a recent county meeting with municipal officials, including Philipstown Councilor Dave Merandy. Scuccimarra announced that County Executive MaryEllen Odell and other county officials are willing to come to Philipstown to present the rationale for not sharing sales tax income. (Most New York counties do return some to towns and villages.) I think it warrants a work- shop so we can go over the numbers and put everything on the table and see what we can do,” Scuccimarra said.

She observed that State Sen. Terry Gip- son is promoting mandate-relief to spare lower levels of government from hav- ing to pay for and implement initiatives devised by the state. “If the county gets mandate-relief, it would free up so much extra money,” Scuccimarra said. Councilor Nancy Montgomery asked about delivering some county services in Philipstown. “Yes, definitely,” Scuccimarra replied. “That’s one way they can help us out — by giving more services if they can’t use the funds” from sales tax.

Merandy said that Carmel appeared unable to share anything in a very sub- stantive or long-term way. “It sounds like if they have an extra truck, they’re will- ing to loan us that, or something along those lines,” without a meaningful com- mitment, he said.

Scuccimarra expressed hope that “through negotiations, we can pin it down in specifics — things we need in this town.”

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Col. Dane Rideout, second from left, on Dec. 5 met with the Constitution Island Association delegation: from left, Betsy Blakeslee, liaison; Frederick Osborn, chairman; Vincent Tamagna, treasurer, and Jim Johnson, liaison. Photo courtesy of West Point

The public may once again enjoy the facility in time for the (Association’s) centennial in 2016. He said that in meeting with Rideout, ‘the group pledged to work on a new memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Army garrison, West Point, and the Constitution Island Association, with the possibility of coming to agreement by early January 2014 when we plan a meeting with the superintendent.’ The highest-ranking official, Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen. The new chairman indicated plans for the Main Street center are temporarily shelved, until the group decides how to proceed. Accordingly, he said, the Association has contacted the state funding agency, Empire State Development Corp. (ESDC), and ‘requested a hold on the grant.’ He described as a priority determining ‘which location of an education or visitor’s center — on the island or in the village — best serves the community and the historic-site visitors and tourists who will be our customers.’

Thus, he stated, the Association ‘would like to use the ESDC grant toward the construction of an education center on the island or a visitors’ center in the village, pending our determination, working with West Point and the village, of the most appropriate location for such a facility.’

On the island itself, going forward, ‘we hope to produce events similar to those that we held in the past: re-enactments, garden days, family days, our seafood dinner extravaganzas, etcetera,’ Osborn added. ‘We will work out schedules, access, and details with the U.S. Army garrison at West Point.’

No ousters

Both the Army and the Association deny that West Point forced the departure of Pugh and de Koster in return for restoration of island access and good relations. ‘No, there was nothing like that,’ Reel said. ‘It was entirely the Association’s decision.’ Osborn said that for some time Pugh and de Koster had been contemplating retirement. Pugh after some 11 years of service and de Koster after 17 years as executive director. Pugh emphasized Dec. 14 that her retirement ‘was absolutely in the works’ for months. ‘That’s a fact.’

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Photo courtesy of West Point
Putting the Sol in Solstice

Sky Baby Studio to celebrate return of longer days
By Michael Turton

Those who seriously dread the short supply of daylight in late fall will soon have cause to celebrate. The darkest days will be a thing of the past with the arrival of the winter solstice on Saturday, Dec. 21 — and Sky Baby Studio in Cold Spring plans to celebrate the return of light when it hosts a Solstice Ball that evening at 8. Organizers have billed it, “A Cosmic Celebration and Dance Party.” The ball is the brainchild of Malia Marzollo, founder of Sky Baby and Eliza Starbuck, founder of The Transformative Arts.

“It’s about light — and community,” Marzollo said. “The community has been through a lot this year.” While winter is a time when people tend to “retreat,” she said that when a community comes together, “It can be nourishing.” Starbuck said that in celebrating the solstice, “It can set up the calendar for the whole year — if you can get past the darkest days.”

Something for everyone

The evening will include a ceremony to mark the solstice, drawing upon many different traditions. “It’s important to have a ceremonial element,” Marzollo said. “It will be all inclusive — with something for everyone.” The “something for everyone” will incorporate music created by local artist Leroy Hankins. “He is putting together some very eclectic, transformative music,” Starbuck said. Both Marzollo and Starbuck encourage people to come in costume. “You’re showing your community your true spirit, in all your glory,” Starbuck said. “A costume that fully embraces your power.” Marzollo commented that she hopes Superwoman shows up — and that wizards and other powerful beings are also welcome.

Costumes should probably include dancing shoes, as the floor will open for dancing right after the ceremony.

A Familiar Face at Christmastime

I never tire of hearing the bell
By Michael Turton

Local residents may not all know Christine Locaparra by name but few would fail to recognize her — especially at Christmas time. Locaparra, who lives in Garrison, is the person behind the bell, the always-cheery woman who graciously accepts donations on behalf of The Salvation Army at her post in front of the entrance to Foodtown — in good weather and in bad.

“This is my seventh year,” Locaparra told The Paper. “I do put in long hours. I’m a retired teacher, so I need to keep busy. I’ve always loved singing along with the chimes. My favorite spiritual song is ‘Jingle Bell Rock’ as her favorite secular Christmas song.

Locaparra is also known for singing along with the chimes. Her favorite tune? “My favorite spiritual song is ‘The Messiah,’” she said. “In stark contrast she said, "I never tire of hearing the bell," she said, quickly adding a personal thank you to Bert Lux of Garrison who built her wood-mounted bells. “They chime Jingle Bells,” she said.

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Third Generation Musician Eric Starr Releases New CD

Percussionist favors wide harmonic palette
By Alison Rooney

After a brief flirtation with playwriting, Eric Starr reverted to the destiny of his DNA, returning where the arrow of genetics pointed: to life as a professional musician. Cold Spring’s Starr, a percussionist, comes from a long lineage of musicians. His grandfather was a trumpeter, while his father, who toured with the Tommy Dorsey Orches- tra, played — and still plays — percus- sion, though now semi-retired. Starr’s brother Nelson is yet another musician.

Home movie footage from his early childhood captured a toddler playing drums with spoons, cereal mush flying all over the place. Starr’s dad let him play with his drum set by the time he was 5 and “is to blame,” says Starr, “because I decided then that this is what I wanted to do. Initially it was drums and eventually I branched out, studying classical percussion, then taking piano lessons.” It all turned into a scenario where he was “taking lessons from several teachers at once, practicing all day, hours and hours, and I came to feel an internal drive to do this, so I went to college for music.” A working life as a musician followed: playing gigs, composing and teaching. Starr recently released Such Is Life, his second CD.

A brief sojourn into the realm of playwriting came after responding to the works of Eugene O’Neill, but Starr returned to his natural habitat, noting: “Composing a play has its similarities to composing music in the creative process. They use the same sources. Arthur Miller said ‘the very impulse to write springs from an inner chaos crying for order.’ Something in us, somewhat inscrutable, is an impetus to take that essence and turn it into an order that communicates an artistic idea. The dialogue has to sound completely spontaneous and yet you as the author may be thinking about it for years, finding a way to make the rhythm just right. It’s the same with musicians: not laboring. With improv it feels similar to the back and forth of the dialogue. There’s often a call and response analogous to dialogue. I made a very conscious decision. I thought I was a good playwright, but I’m a better composer and musician.”

By his 20s, Starr turned away from the “pretty heavy rock” in the band he had been in with his brother, and toward jazz. “Musically speaking,” Starr said, “it was not an option for me to write simple harmonies; I needed to use a wider harmonic palette; this pointed to jazz and contemporary classical works — modern versions of Debussy and Ravel.”

From Buffalo, where he was born and lived for 28 years, Starr moved to New York City to pursue jazz. He worked with a lot of people, “cutting tracks, throwing my drums in a cab for a job, living in a small apartment.” He came to Cold Spring because of jazz. His uncle, a Distelband pianist, couldn’t make a gig at the Depot Restaurant and asked Starr to sub for him. Starr looked around during a break, saw the mountains and thought what a lovely place it was.

“My wife and I kept thinking of Cold Spring; we fell in love with it: the nature, the mountains, the river,” he said. “We like a walking culture, the little shops.” They (Starr’s wife Katherine is an occupational therapist, working in the Bronx) moved here in 2009. After relocating Starr gradually came to know many musicians in town and the region. “Al Hemberger and Art and Stacy Labriola were among the first people I met musically speaking; they’ve been really great supporters in a number of ways. These kinds of connections have meant a lot to me. New York City is so much more anonymous, even if you’re doing well.” Surviving as a musician requires multiple streams of revenue. Since the birth of his two children (one attends Haldane, the other is a preschooler), Starr has limited his touring, and earns his living from studio work, playing local gigs (he plays frequently with the band Painted Betty), giving private lessons locally and in New York City, and through composing music on commission. He has had “Meet the Composer” funding, received a Utah Arts Grant and had NEA funding through theater companies. He has also authored a series of books, in The Everything series, including The Everything Rock Drums Book.

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First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown To Present Christmas Eve Jazz Nativity with Alexis Cole

T he First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown will present a Jazz Nativity at 10-10 p.m. on, Tuesday, Dec. 24, featuring vocalist Alexis Cole and the Jazz Vespers Band. Alexis Cole is the vocalist for West Point’s Jazz Knights. Her voice has been compared to classic jazz singers such as Sarah Vaughan and Anita O’Day. She is the recipient of a Swing Journal Gold Disk award and has won the New York Jazzmobile and Montreux Jazz Festival vocal competitions.

Cole will be joined by the Jazz Vespers band with Bob Scheps on sax and flute, Gwen Laster on violin, Tom McCoy, First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown’s house pianist/arranger/band leader, Lew Scott on bass, and Mike LaKocco on drums for a holiday celebration melding jazz and worship. The Jazz Nativity service is free and open to all. For more information, contact the First Presbyterian Church of Philipstown at 845-265-3220 or visit presbychurchcoldspring.org.
The Calendar
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Friday, December 20

Kids & Community
Holiday Craft Invitational Show & Sale
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Putnam Arts Council
521 Kennebec Hill Road, Mahopac
845-803-8549 | putnamartscommunity.com

Max & Ruby in The Nutcracker
3:30 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-631-3390 x100 | tarrytownmusichall.org

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

Music
Open Mic Night
7 - 10 p.m. Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52, Kent Lakes
845-228-2685 | artsonthelake.org

Saturdays, December 21

Kids & Community
Cold Spring Farmers’ Market
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. St. Mary’s
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
cfarmmarket.org

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

Recycling Center Open
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. 59 Lane Gate Road, Cold Spring
coldspring.gov
Christmas Craft Fair
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tilly Foster Farm
100 Route 312, Brewster
845-279-4474 | tillyfosterfarm.org
Rescheduled from Dec. 14

Holiday Fair
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Putnam Valley Grange
128 Mill St., Putnam Valley
845-528-2955 | putnamvalleygrange.org
Rescheduled from Dec. 14

Beary Merry Holiday Party
10:30 a.m. Trailside Museums and Zoo
Bear Mountain State Park
845-786-2701 x245 | trailsidezoo.org

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

Holiday Craft Invitational Show & Sale
Noon - 5 p.m. Putnam Arts Council
See details under Friday.

Kids’ Santa Crawl
Noon. Begins at Orange Splot
1009 Park St., Peekskill
914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

Christmas with the Ellisons
3 - 6 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Beary Merry Holiday Party
9:30 a.m. Mystic Grange Hall
633 Main St., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

Music
Johnny Fedz & da Bluez Boyz
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
12 N. Division St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

9 - 10 a.m. First Presbyterian Church
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Meet the Animals
2:30 p.m. Wildlife Education Center
25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson
845-534-7781 | hhnaturemuseum.org

Wine Tasting
3 - 6 p.m. Artisan Wine Shop
See details under Friday.

Christmas in the Ellisons
4 - 8 p.m. Knox’s Headquarters
289 Forge Hill Road, Vails Gate
845-561-5498 | nysparks.com

Gaiety Burlesque
6 p.m. Shabbit-Luck Potluck
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

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845-561-5498 | nysparks.com

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4 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3000 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Shabbat Sing-Alon (Preschool)
4 p.m. Beacon Hebrew Alliance
331 Verplanck Ave., Beacon
845-831-5322 | beaconpresbychurch.com

Free Admission to Boscobel Grounds
9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. 1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Free Admission for Beacon Residents
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. DiaBeacon
1 Public tour
3 Beacon St., Beacon
845-440-0100 | diabeacon.com

Group Show: Together for the Holidays
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Art Work Gallery
13 Main St., Beacon
845-265-9410

Charles Giraudet: Fête Paradiso (Opening)
6 - 9 p.m. School of Jellyfish
183 Main St., Beacon
845-440-6017 | schoolofjellyfish.com

Rescheduled from Dec. 14

Group Exhibit: Forgotten Dreams (Opening)
6 - 9 p.m. Titho Gnadi Studio
149 Main St., Beacon
917-318-2239 | theoganzstudio.com

Theater & Film
It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)
Noon. Jacob Burns Film Center
364 Main Street, Pleasantville
914-945-4050 | jacobburnsfilmcenter.org

Westchester Ballet Company, The Nutcracker
12:30 & 6:30 p.m. Westchester County Center
198 Central Ave., White Plains
914-747-5555 | burnsfilmcenter.org

A Chorus Line (Random Farms Kids’ Theater)
1 & 7 p.m. Tarrytown Music Hall
13 Main St., Tarrytown
914-633-3900 x400 | tarrytownmusichall.org

Music
LA Soul with Lawrence Anthony
8 p.m. Beacon Runner Café
See details under Friday.

Set to Stun
8 p.m. Whistlin’ Willie’s
184 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwillies.com

For more details, visit philipstown.info.
Goddess Festival
Noon - 7 p.m. Beacon Yoga Center
464 Main St., Beacon
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com
Free Computer Help
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Friday.

Sound Healing Gong Bath Meditation
7:30 p.m. Beacon Yoga Center
464 Main St., Beacon
347-489-8406 | beaconyogacenter.com
Free Admission for Beacon Residents
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. DiaBeacon
See details under Saturday.

Group Show: Together for the Holidays
11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Art Workshop Gallery
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Theater & Film
It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)
Noon. Jacob Burns Film Center
See details under Saturday.

Meet the Animals
2:30 p.m. Wildlife Education Center
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Stop Strings Marionette Company
1 p.m. The Three Little Pigs
4 p.m. Scrooge: A Christmas Carol
Howland Cultural Center | 477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org
Westchester Ballet Company: The Nutcracker
2:30 p.m. Westchester County Center
See details under Saturday.

Music
GKD Sold Out Handel’s Messiah
2 & 5 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring
845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

Westchester Ballet Company: The Nutcracker
2:30 p.m. Westchester County Center
See details under Saturday.

Music
SOLD OUT Handel’s Messiah
2 & 5 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
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845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org

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Addie Revkin: A Very Fine Line (Ed Release)
6 - 8 p.m. Dogwood
47 E. Main St., Beacon | 845-202-7500
facebook.com/veryfinelinemusic
Drew and Selena Bordeaux
6 - 9 p.m. 12 Grapes
See details under Friday.

Mountain Quickstep
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
See details under Friday.
The Calendar

Marilinsky Theatre: The Nutcracker (Film)
7 p.m. Downing Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh
845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Music

Acoustic Music Jam
7 p.m. Arts on the Lake
640 Route 52, Kent Lakes
845-228-2685 | holibluegrass.org

Community Choir
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-9988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Open Mic Night
7 p.m. Townes Crier Café
See details under Friday.

Kids & Community

Local libraries closed

Meetings & Lectures

Village Board Workshop
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

Tuesday, December 24

Local libraries closed

Kids & Community

Senior Day Center
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mother Lurana House
166 Old West Point Road East, Garrison
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

Christmas Eve Services

St. Mary’s Episcopal
3:30 p.m. Family Mass and Pageant
10:30 p.m. Carols | 11 p.m. Festival Masses
1 Old West Point Road East, Garrison
845-265-2539 | stmarysofgarrison.org

Our Lady of Loretto
4 & 6 & 10 p.m. 24 Fair St., Cold Spring
845-265-3716 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

South Highlands Methodist
5 p.m., 15 Snake Hill Road, Garrison | 845-265-3365

St. Philip’s Episcopal
5 p.m. Family Service and Pageant
11 p.m. Midnight Service
1105 Route 9G, Garrison
845-424-3571 | stphilipshighlands.org

United Methodist Church
7 p.m. 216 Main St., Cold Spring | 845-265-3365

First Presbyterian of Philipstown
7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
10:30 p.m. Jazz Service
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3200 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

First Presbyterian Church
8 a.m. 50 Liberty St., Beacon
845-833-5022 | beaconpresbychurch.com

St. Joseph’s Chapel
8 p.m. 74 Upper Street Road, Garrison
845-265-3718 | ourladyoflorettocs.com

Graymoor
9:30 p.m. 1350 Route 9G, Garrison
800-338-2600 | graymoorcenter.org

Theater & Film

It’s a Wonderful Life (1946)
Noon. Jacob Burns Film Center
See details under Saturday.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas

Kids & Community

Christmas Day Hike
10 a.m. Candlewood Hill
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Christmas Day Services

Our Lady of Loretto
9 & 10:30 a.m. | See details under Tuesday.

St. Philip’s
10 a.m. | See details under Tuesday.

St. Mary’s
10:30 a.m. | See details under Tuesday.

Thursday, December 26

Butterfield & Desmond-Fish libraries closed

Meetings & Lectures

Village Zendo Year-End Meditation Retreat (Opens)
3 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary’s Way, Garrison
845-424-4800 | garrisoninstitute.org

Friday, Dec. 27

Kids & Community

Open House
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Kin’s Headquarters
See details under Thursday.

Winter Welcome Day
10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Washington’s Headquarters
84 Liberty St., Newburgh
845-561-5498 | nyshparks.com

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Beyond the Dewey Decimal System
Libraries provide seniors with more than books
By Alison Rooney

Staff at Butterfield Library recently used social media to reach out to the public, asking them to inform local seniors who might not be aware, of the many library services available to them. A personalized service includes home delivery of books to residents who are unable to venture to the library. This service is open to all Philipstown residents who hold either a Butterfield or Desmond-Fish library card. All it takes is a phone call or an email message. Library staff members offer selections, while deliveries are made by volunteers from the community. There is no charge for delivery service. Other amenities of possible interest to seniors are available at both libraries. At Butterfield, Tai Chi/Qi Gong classes have just begun. These once-a-week sessions are to be held on Dec. 19, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 31 and offer “improved balance and mental focus” in the form of gentle, flowing exercises. Third Generation Musician Eric Starr Releases CD

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**Media Professional Kevin Fortuna Appointed to Chapel Restoration Advisory Board**

The Chapel Restoration board has appointed Kevin Fortuna to its advisory board. Fortuna is co-founder and original CEO of Lot18. A media and start-up veteran with deal-making and C-level management experience at both Fortune 500 and smaller companies, he is the former CEO of Quigo, an advertising company. He lives with his family in Cold Spring. A graduate cumma laude from Georgetown University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Fortuna has served or currently serves on the boards of directors of Jumpstart, Dedalus Enterprises, Geist Media, Femailt, Concern Worldwide and Moose Riverkeeper, and the advisory boards of Outbrain, Taboo, ShareThis, HopStop and Smooth. He lives with his family in Cold Spring.

The Chapel Restoration is a Greek Revival landmark on the banks of the Hudson River in Cold Spring. A prize venue for weddings and other special events, it also hosts the Sunday Music Series and Sunset Reading Series and offers various programs for children. Cared for and administered by an all-volunteer board, the chapel was built in 1835 and has no religious affiliation.

**Philipstown Women’s Free Clothing Exchange Set for Jan. 5**

A free clothing exchange will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, at the Philipstown Depot (Philipstown.info/The Paper offices). Women of Philipstown are invited to bring their gently used clothing, shoes, and accessories, enjoy a glass of wine and some chocolate, and go home with some “new,” pre-worn items.

The first such event was held in May 2013, resulting in much fun and a very successful recycling of exciting clothing. Items may be dropped off between 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, or at the Depot on Sunday. The exchange will begin at 2 p.m. Any remaining items may be left for donation to charity.

Visit www.philipstown.info for news updates and latest information.

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**Depot Theatre Offers Winter Youth Classes**

The Philipstown Depot Youth Theatre will offer classes this winter. Each class ends with performances at the Depot Theatre.

For grades one through three and four through seven, Living Theatre, taught by Diana Hird, will explore all aspects of the stage. Hird is an inspirational teacher, and will infuse the joy of creating a magical theatrical experience. She is an award-winning playwright, director and actress, having won multiple awards at the AЕF Festival including Best Play and Best Director. Hird recently wrote and co-directed *Treasure Island*.

For grades four through seven, The Depot is preparing a workshop production of Aristophanes’ *The Birds* directed by Christine Brooks Bokhour. This piece will utilize improvisation and movement. Brooks Bokhour is infusing contemporary elements into the piece (Angry Birds, today’s pop hits, etc.). She is a Broadway veteran (Chicago, Cats, among others), has directed and choreographed *Once Upon A Mattress* and *Man of Many****

**School Tax Relief Exemption (STAR) Renewals for Philipstown Residents Due Dec. 31**

School Tax Relief Exemption (STAR) renewals for Philipstown residents are due by Dec. 31. Resident homeowners who currently receive the basic STAR exemption must register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years. For registration information, call 845-467-2063 or visit tax.ny.gov. Those who fail to file will lose the School Tax Relief Exemption.

**Qi Gong/Tai Chi Classes at Butterfield Library Postponed**

Qi Gong/Tai Chi classes held at Butterfield Library will not meet on Thursday, Jan. 2, as the library will be closed. Classes will resume from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9. Butterfield Library is located at 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring. Call 845-265-3040 or visit butterfieldlibrary.org.

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**Boscobel Extends Sparkle Event through Dec. 22**

Due to winter storm conditions, Boscobel’s Dec. 14 Sparkle, Nights of 10,000 Lights event has been rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 22, making the grand finale of this new holiday tradition a three-day-long event. Sparkle’s last weekend for 2013 will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 20, 21 and 22. Although Twilight Tour tickets are sold out, Grounds Only tickets—with lights and attractions included—are still available. Visit Boscobel.org.

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**Towne Crier Café Rings in 2014 with Musical Feast**

The Towne Crier Café rings in the New Year Dec. 31, with two Towne Crier powerhouse favorites: the Debbie Davies Blues Band and Myles Mancuso Band. Davies is energizing crowds at the TCC for many years (including many memorable New Year’s Eve), Mancuso, a blues prodigy who’s been playing the TCC stage since he was 10, is making a big name for himself throughout the Northeast, and has attracted a huge following in Beacon.

Executive chef James Kane and renowned pastry chef Mary Ciganer will create a memorable New Year’s Eve meal: a multi-course buffet, including a variety of appetizers and entrees, capped off by dessert: sumptuous chocolate truffles, petit fours and fresh fruit, and a complimentary champagne toast at midnight. Enjoy unlimited dinner from 7 to 9:30 p.m. followed by the show. Cost is $110 per person (+$38 processing). Members: $90, no processing fee. Call 845-855-1300 for reservations. For more information visit towncrier.com.

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Garrison School Hires Interim Superintendent

By Pamela Doan

The Garrison Union Free School Board of Education appointed an interim superintendent at their meeting on Dec. 18. The appointment comes as the retirement date of current Superintendent Gloria Colucci fast approaches. Originally scheduled to leave on Dec. 31, Colucci will remain in place until the interim superintendent, Dr. Brian Monahan, is available on Jan. 21. Following a long career as a teacher and administrator, Monahan was most recently the interim superintendent of the Hendrick Hudson School District last year. Previously, he was the superintendent of the North Rockland Central School District for 14 years until he retired in 2009. He then taught at Pace University for three years and was the coordinator of the school’s graduate programs in Educational Technology and Educational Leadership.

Monahan will bridge the transition period until the board has hired a permanent replacement for Colucci. Board President Raymond O’Brien gave a positive search. The board is currently considering seven candidates and will conduct interviews Jan. 8-11. O’Brien said, "Each of the seven are people we want to see and based on the paperwork, any one of them could fit well here."

The board will recommend two or three finalists to be interviewed by the advisory committee made up of teachers, parents, and community members. The planned schedule has the advisory committee meeting with the finalists on Jan. 24-25, and then the board will consider their recommendation and make an offer shortly thereafter. The board will retain the new superintendent as soon as the person is available.

New interim superintendent, Dr. Brian Monahan. Photo by P. Doan.

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Haldane High School First Quarter Honor Roll

Grade 11 High Honor Roll
Mathew Balducci, Maximilian Beachak, Melissa Biavati, Charlotte Cleary, Jonathan Clemente, Jacob Cox, Aidan Draper, Catherine Dunnet, Samantha-Leigh Ford, Tannor Froats, Clifford Geller, Sara Jacoby, Joseph Koniglo, Luis Nicholas, Vihan Panagiotou, Lion Pietrie, Soibihan Quigley, John Swartzwater, Trevor VanBrunt.

Grade 11 Honor Roll

Grade 10 Principal’s List
Lucy Austin, Veronika Bajcsik, Carly Brief, Allisen Casey, Nicholas Chiera, Isabella Converton, Melissa DiPalo, Jerome Famularedo, Theodore Henderson, Tobey Kane-Selitz, Elena LaBreche, Marina Martin, Kyle Thompsett, Melissa Tingrali, Adele Westerhuis, Corinna Zouzias.

Grade 10 High Honor Roll

Grade 9 Honor Roll
Morgan Brady, Dylan Byrne, John Eng-Wong, John Farrell, Alice Flanagan, Mattian Garey, Rebecca Gere, Michael Harmoni, Will Heitman, Zog Marot, Michaela Moomaw, Isabela Marzabadi, Alice Mcleod, Modal O’Connor, Christopher Pidala, Evan Schwefenske, Nikki Shiga, Nickolas Sterling.

Grade 9 Honor Roll
Aidin Campbell, Sophia Carmabuci, Blaire Fitzgerald, Justin Maldonado, Andrew Milutin, Samantha Simmons, Philip Colle Sussmeeler, Edward Trimble.

Grade 9 Principal’s List
Sophia Azanora, Amelora Hail, Nicole Mitchell, Miranda Musso, Chloe Schwartz, Olivia Sterling, Dylan Waller, Kyle Zimmermann.

Grade 9 Honor Roll
Emily Azanora, Gabriele Baumann, Allison Chiera, Adam Cinimo, Maria Cofin, Alyssa Covelli, Nicholas Farrell, Marzenka Patriziolo, Javon Petkus, Sara Pidala, Claire Reid, Brett Schwartt, Anthony Sinos, Brandon Twoguns, Heaven Winine.

Grade 7
Evelyn Ashburn, Adam Bernstein, Grace Campanile, Grace Clayfell, Aidan Coleta, Roisin Daly, Mairead Fee, Ethan Gunther, Kathleen Largie, Dominic Majolo, Ronan Marinnan, Kenny McElroy, Honor O’Malley, Ellis Osterfelder, Reva Sandund, Devin Siegel, Amy Simpson, Genna Sposet, Kyle Sussmeeler, Lucy van der Merve.

Grade 7 Honor Roll
Evelyn Ashburn, Adam Bernstein, Grace Campanile, Grace Clayfell, Aidan Coleta, Roisin Daly, Mairead Fee, Ethan Gunther, Kathleen Largie, Dominic Majolo, Ronan Marinnan, Kenny McElroy, Honor O’Malley, Ellis Osterfelder, Reva Sandund, Devin Siegel, Amy Simpson, Genna Sposet, Kyle Sussmeeler, Lucy van der Merve.

Grade 7 Principal’s List
Sophia Azanora, Amelora Hail, Nicole Mitchell, Miranda Musso, Chloe Schwartz, Olivia Sterling, Dylan Waller, Kyle Zimmermann.

Grade 8
Emily Azanora, Gabriele Baumann, Allison Chiera, Adam Cinimo, Maria Cofin, Alyssa Covelli, Nicholas Farrell, Marzenka Patriziolo, Javon Petkus, Sara Pidala, Claire Reid, Brett Schwartt, Anthony Sinos, Brandon Twoguns, Heaven Winine.

Grade 8 Honor Roll
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Grade 8 Honor Roll

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Haldane Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll

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Karen Marie Marmer studied violin at the Aaron Copland School of Music at Queens College and the Yale School of Music. Her baroque violin studies were with Jaap Schroeder, at Yale and Lucy van Daal at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague.

Beyond the Dewey Decimal System (from page 11)

needling assistance navigating the Af- fordable Care Act, help, in the form of Lourdes Seip, who is under the auspices of the Putnam Community Action Pro- gram, is on hand. Residents may phone her at 845-276-8021, ext. 23, to set up a library appointment. Tax help programs for early next year are also being coor- dinated.

At Butterfield the Highland Garden Club meets every third Tuesday of the month and welcomes new members; and the Butterfield Book Group, which has members of all ages, meets one Monday evening each month (there isn't a set pat- tern), and the library orders a copy of the chosen book for each member. Con- tact Jane D'Emic at the library for more details. Silent films are screened once a month as well, and there are always on- going art exhibits and occasional read- ings and theatrical events. Butterfield also has access to Ancestry.com available to any Philipstown resident, and main- tains access to other databases with his- toric newspaper records.

At Desmond-Fish, seniors partake of amenities open to all, including the au- dio book collection, the Loan of e-readers (which, as Desmond-Fish Cybrarian Pam McCluskey points out, have the ability to turn every book into a large print edition because users can set whatever font they prefer), and computer instruction. They also recently received a sizeable dona- tion from the estate of Rachel Berry to be used toward the large print collec- tion. Designated computer advice ses- sions take place on Fridays and Sundays from 1 to 3 p.m. and basic help is avail- able beyond those hours. There is cur- rently no book delivery service offered by Desmond-Fish. There is a knitting circle, and a number of (non-library sponsored) book groups.

Desmond-Fish's Interim Director, Jen McCreery says that the library "tries to cater our collection to varying needs in the community, which means people of all ages. After all, you want to be a read- er for your whole life."

Both libraries serve as hubs during times of power outages, offering first and foremost a warm place to spend time in- doors, and also Wi-Fi, and a supply of coffee for all who wish it.

If you haven't carved out time to ap- ply for a library card, it's a simple online process. Phone the library and an appli- cation will be mailed to you, or stop by with appropriate information showing your presence. Visit desmondfishlibrary.org and butterfieldlibrary.org.
Christmas Bird Count Set for Dec. 28 in Putnam County

By Pamela Doan

For more than one hundred years, the National Audubon Society has organized volunteers in the U.S., Canada, and Latin America to record sightings of birds during Dec. 14 and Jan. 5. Birdwatchers count all the birds they can find in local “circles” that are about 15 miles in radius to create a snapshot of how birds are faring.

The Putnam County bird count includes parts of Philipstown and will take place on Saturday, Dec. 28. Charlie Roberto is the local contact and will be compiling the results. This will be his 36th year doing the count and the 59th year that a count has been done in Putnam County. Roberto said, “The first year I did it, I walked 18 miles in the snow with Ralph O’Dell, one of the first organizers of the count. Ralph still participates and I bet he could still walk 18 miles in the snow, but I couldn’t.”

The volunteers are invited to a potluck dinner at O’Dell’s house in Putnam Valley at the end of the count to share stories and results.

The Christmas Bird Count is open to all levels of birdwatchers and citizen scientists. Volunteers with less knowledge and experience will be paired with a more experienced partner for a great learning experience. Volunteers can walk through areas or not do any walking at all and observe from cars or their backyard feeders if they live in the count area. Volunteers can determine their level of involvement and activity and everyone will be given instructions about how to record their observations.

Roberto said, “We record all the birds we see. Some people will be up at 4 a.m. to observe owls, others will just go out for a couple of hours in the afternoon, and then we’ve got some volunteers who will be out all day and do several areas.”

Technology has made the count easier in some ways. It used to be that if a team couldn’t identify a certain bird, they’d call for someone else to come see it. Now, when nearly everyone has a smartphone, birds can be photographed or even videotaped for identification purposes. Roberto said it can get competitive and as a team leader, he’s been called a drill sergeant.

“We enjoy trying to have the most sightings and part of the thrill of it is the possibility that you might encounter a bird that hasn’t been seen here before.”

Roberto, who grew up on a small farm near Mahopac, balances his work in the fire department with his passion for protecting the natural world. He encourages people to volunteer because “if people don’t learn about it, they aren’t motivated to save it.” He also serves on the board of the Osborn Point Land Trust and teaches programs about the environment as well as birds.

In the many years of his involvement, Roberto noted that the Christmas Bird Count has shown historic changes in the habits of birds in our area. Migration patterns have changed with some birds, like the evening grosbeak, no longer coming south from Canada after it was devastated the diversity. The bald eagles are a great example. Their numbers have really increased because we could draw attention to how they were threatened.”

To get involved in the Christmas Bird Count in Putnam County or to find counts in other nearby areas, check out the website and contact Charlie Roberto or other organizers there.

- netapp.audubon.org/CBC/public/Default.aspx (contact information for Charlie Roberto)
- birds.audubon.org/113th-christmas-bird-count-0 (summary of 2012-2013 count)

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