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Cold Spring Mayor's Race Too Close to Call

Absentee ballots will decide it; incumbent trustees re-elected

By Michael Turton

old Spring voters will have to wait a bit longer to learn who their next mayor will be. When the polls closed March 21, incumbent Mayor Dave Merandy led challenger Alison Anthoine by 22 votes, 369 to 347. Absentee ballots, which will be counted in Carmel on Tuesday, March 28, will determine the winner.

Catherine Croft, the Democratic commissioner for the Putnam County Board of Elections, said that 60 absentee ballots were issued and 40 had been received by Election Day. She said that any ballots the board receives by March 28 must have been postmarked on or before March 21 to be valid.

The tally is scheduled for 3 p.m. at the Board of Elections office. To become mayor, Anthoine will need to win the absentee vote by a wide margin.

In the race for two open trustee seats on the five-member board, incumbents Fran Murphy and Marie Early topped the polls with 487 and 398 votes, respectively. Challenger and first-time candidate Peggy Schatzle received 327 votes. There were 70 write-in votes, but Frank Haggerty, who campaigned as a write-in, won't know his vote total until March 28 when they are counted manually with the absentee ballots.

Thomas Costello, who ran unopposed to return to the bench for his fourth term as Cold Spring village justice, received 478 votes. Ten write-in votes were cast.

Just after officials announced the vote count at the Cold Spring firehouse, Anthoine approached Merandy, shook his hand and said, "I concede, Dave." But she quickly realized (Continued on Page 8)



Marie Early and Fran Murphy

File photos



OUTDOOR EDUCATION — Carolyn Llewellyn, an instructor at Haldane, shows off some of the more than 60 gallons of sap that has been collected from sugar maples on the school campus in Cold Spring. Elementary students assist with the harvest and visit the Taconic Outdoor Education Center to see the sap processed into syrup. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

Saving Green

Energy program expands to Beacon

By Brian PJ Cronin

f you need help lowering your energy bills, Beacon has your back.

• On Tuesday, March 28, at 6:30 p.m., the city will launch its Energize Beacon program at the River Center in Long Dock Park. Funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and operated in partnership

with the city's Conservation Advisory Committee, the program offers homeowners an on-site assessment to find inefficiencies. More than 90 percent of Beacon residents will qualify for a free assessment, officials said, and Energize Beacon will then help find accredited contractors, subsidies, incentives and low-interest financing.



Contractors blow cellulose insulation into a home.

Photo provide

The program is an offshoot of Energize NY, which was created in Westchester County in 2011. It has since "energized" more than 1,025 homes, which (Continued on Page 19)

Butterfield Developer Sues Village in Federal Court

Claims mayor tried to sabotage project, run up costs

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

ix days before the March 21 election in which Cold Spring Mayor Dave Merandy sought a second term, Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro sued the village in federal court for \$2.5 million, accusing the mayor of attempting to sabotage the project and bankrupt him.

The suit, filed March 15 in the U.S. District Court for Southern New York and served on the village on March 22, alleges Merandy undertook "a malicious and intentional campaign of harassment, usurpation of authority and other unlawful actions" against the developer and his project. The filing does not suggest a motive for the alleged obstruction but does assert the mayor once called Guillaro "just another rich builder trying to take advantage of the village."

Guillaro filed the action in federal court because he says his constitutional rights to due process were violated. He is far from the first developer to allege this after delays in projects (see Page 6).

The 13-page complaint claims Merandy frequently expressed, in comments "overheard" after Village Board meetings (the suit does not say by whom), a desire to kill the project. It cites Barney Molloy, who lost the mayoral election to Merandy in March 2015, as telling Guillaro that summer that "it was his understanding" that Merandy; the mayor's wife, former Trustee Stephanie Hawkins; former Trustee Matt Francisco; and Kathleen Foley (a member of the Historic District Review Board, misidentified in the *(Continued on Page 6)*



Paul Guillaro and Dave Merandy

File photos

Family Trails

Do You Have an 'Indian Princess'?

By Valerie LaRobardier

o you think you have Native American ancestry — what now? If you believe this from a family legend or clues that pop up during your research, a DNA test might be a good first step. Be forewarned, however, that results are often inconclusive regarding distant ethnic percentages. Autosomal, or "family finder," results match you to cousins with common ancestry within five generations and may help by linking you to others who have documented links to regions or tribes.

In the meantime, investigate what you have heard of your family story. My father always said he was "English, Scotch, Dutch, Irish and a little bit Indian." His roots were in Maine, where many people make such claims, so I disregarded it until a fellow researcher shared a grainy photo of our "brick-wall" ancestor, Rebecca (Day) Porter, whose face has clear indigenous traits and whose hair appears to have a tiny braid. A distant Porter cousin's DNA test has since identified Rebecca as his most likely Native American ancestor.

The steps you take in researching an indigenous ancestor depend on whether you know in which line he or she resides. If you have only DNA test results that show you are some percentage Native American, or a non-specific family story, you should determine which of your lines have "holes." Do your lines go back in New England to

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A fan chart

a time when white population was sparse? If you are of mixed race, did your ancestors live in an area near a reservation where freed slaves and indigenous likely intermarried?

An ancestral fan chart (below, left), which visually depicts your unknown ancestors by generation and line, can be useful for this strategy. In my case, we eliminated all but Rebecca Day's family as the target for the family legend. My other lines could be documented far enough to rule out indigenous roots. I later found another Native American ancestor, quite by accident, further back on the other side of my tree — a story for another day.

In using ethnic-specific resources, keep in mind their shortcomings. First, these resources often cover only a limited number of tribes. Be wary of common misconceptions, such as the "Indian princess" often mentioned in family legends and ridiculed by reputable genealogists. The term "princess" was attached by whites in the English retelling. It doesn't mean the story is false, only that the term *princess* may have been used in error. Another oft-reported legend is "Cherokee" heritage, which may be legit but more often comes from substituting a well-known tribe for "Indian" in the legend.

Oral history, also often discounted by genealogists, is particularly important. Cultures that did not have a written language passed their lineage and history through a trained individual in each generation, giving it a high

degree of accuracy. However, as with written accounts, variations and minor embellishments may have crept into your family story over time. Secrecy and misdirection on the part of your ancestors may also make them difficult to spot as Native Americans. Put simply, if they hid their ethnicity, they will not be found in ethnic databases.

Vital records may not identify ethnicity. Census records also can be difficult. In the federal censuses for 1790, 1800 and 1810, Native Americans living off the reservation would have been listed as "all other free." For 1820, 1830 and 1840, they were recorded as "free colored persons." In 1850, "Indians not taxed" (meaning those on reservations) were not to be enumerated. The race designation "mulatto" would likely be used for a person who lived off the reservation and had dark skin. Keeping in mind the prevailing sentiment at the time, those who could "pass" were likely enumerated as white. In 1870 "half-breed" persons who had assimilated were to be recorded as white. From 1885 to 1940 special censuses were taken on reservations.

Tribes vary in their willingness and abilities to assist with genealogy. Tribal records can help in some cases but are limited in scope. If a tribe ap-



An engraving made in 1616 by Simon van de Passe of Rebecca "Pocahantas" Rolfe, the only known image of her taken from life

plied for official recognition, its documentation may help. The Dawes Rolls were taken beginning in 1887 to survey the "Five Civilized Tribes": Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole. Ancestry.com provides indexes and reservation census schedules, although coverage can be spotty. You'll get the best results by first placing your ancestor in an area and period when it can be proven that indigenous people were present and fleshing out your family history within the context of local history.

In eastern Dutchess County we are fortunate to have the Moravian Archives and the Yale Indian Papers that document early Native American history. The Yale papers, which begin in the 1600s, contain letters, petitions, deeds and court records, all digitized and available online. The Moravian documents, housed in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, cover the Eastern Dutchess missions for 1740s through 1760s, often documenting individuals and relationships by tribe, with Native and Christian names.

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First Draft of Sanctuary Bill Making Rounds

Beacon document calls for "united community"

By Jeff Simms

eacon officials have drafted a resolution designed to ensure that undocumented immigrants feel safe interacting with police in the city, but the document stops short of naming Beacon a "sanctuary city" that would not offer assistance to federal immigration officials seeking to locate or arrest undocumented residents.

The first draft of the resolution, which recognizes the city as a "united community," calls for public safety services to "continue to be provided without regard to immigration status," and states that Beacon police do not "have the authority nor the desire" to stop or arrest individuals based on their immigration status. Police Chief Doug Solomon confirmed that approach in an interview earlier this month but also said his department should operate independent of City Council oversight.

Council members George Mansfield, Ali Muhammad and Peggy Ross asked earlier this year that the city consider sanctuary status. More than 100 people then attended a council meeting on March 6, with dozens of residents speaking for and against the proposal. At the March 20 council meeting, supporters outnumbered opponents about 3 to 1. Several of them

How Kingston Did It

n November, more than 20 clergy members in Kingston asked Mayor Steve Noble to consider declaring the city a sanctuary.

Two months later, on Jan. 10, after three hours of discussion, the city's council voted 5 to 3 in favor of a resolution "reaffirming Kingston as a welcoming and inclusive city."

In an interview, Noble argued that sanctuary cities don't violate federal law, as local enforcement of immigration laws is not mandatory.

Noble estimated that 60 percent of Kingston residents favor sanctuary status, which he called "a statement of values and goals" that "sets the tone" for the city. While he acknowledged some residents' fears of increased crime, he said "we think the complete opposite is going to happen. We think people are going to feel more comfortable calling the

Noble said the council included the term "sanctuary city" in the resolution even though some municipalities have avoided it. "It was important for us to say that," he said.

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read statements from immigrants they said did not feel comfortable attending.

"I'm afraid now because the color of my skin makes me a target," read Antonia Maeck. "I'm your neighbor. I'm not a terrorist."

Another resident, Sarah From, told the council: "Now is the time to codify what Beacon stands for and what we won't stand for when it comes to pro-

tecting our most vulnerable community members."

Opponents to the proposal have said

they believe Beacon, if declared a sanctuary city, will become a safe zone for crimi-

> Others cautioned that the city could lose vital federal funding. Because there is no official definition for the term.

nals and gang members.

it's difficult to calculate how many municipalities in New York are sanctuaries, but Kingston, Syracuse, Rochester and New York City have each adopted measures

protecting undocumented immigrants.

Although President Donald Trump has



Kingston Mayor Steve Noble

threatened to pull federal funding from such cities, state Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman on Jan. 19 — the day before Trump's inauguration — released a guide for local governments that includes model laws and policies for sanctuary cities. Schneiderman also joined protestors at an immigrants' rights rally in Newburgh on March 9.

The Beacon council is working on a second draft of the resolution which clarifies that the city would assist federal immigration enforcement if community safety is threatened. The council will discuss the issue further at its March 27 workshop.

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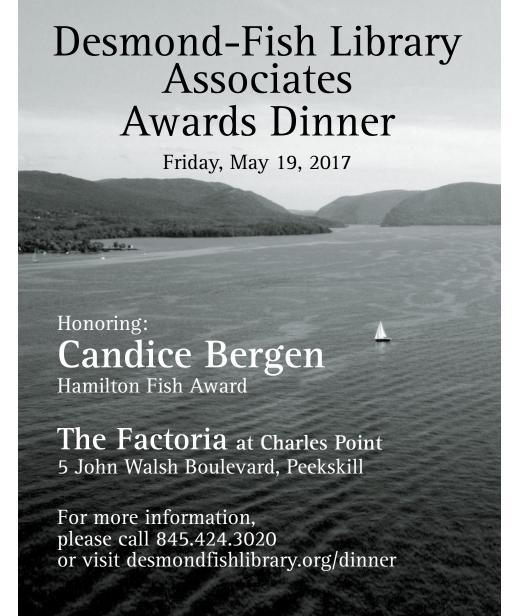


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O'Neill responds

In his letter in the March 17 issue, Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea says my imagined opposition to the full, free services of Philipstown's building department "will have to remain a mystery." To me too: I have never expressed opposition to shared services. The real mystery: Shea says these services will be provided "at no additional cost" to Nelsonville taxpayers. Impressive. Do these "free" services include lunch? Really, Mr. Supervisor, our citizens are smarter than that.

Shea says that Cold Spring agreed to shift its building department to the town. A triumph, I'm sure, but for whom? If I were mayor of Cold Spring, I'd be glad to hand off the hot potato of the Butterfield project. With a multimillion dollar lawsuit pending against Cold Spring, the supervisor better have legal counsel carefully review this agreement — it might be ticking.

Shea states I am ill-informed about government. Possibly. But during my busi-

ness career I worked with U.S. House committees, a U.N. agency in Geneva, the European Union and New York state. I understand government and federalism. My letter was too polite and subtle - Shea missed the point. I said he was flirting with national political issues; the operative word is "political." Prodded by Eric Stark, a local activist, Shea is embracing an ideologically charged agenda that can only provoke the same poisonous divisiveness infecting our national body politic.

I am neither a Democrat nor a Republican. Call me a peace party candidate - I want to promote the domestic tranquility of my community.

With no apparent irony, Shea proposes a "Citizens' Bill of Rights," a proposal that seems to be largely focused on noncitizens. Let's drop the double-speak. He sponsors nullification of federal law and promotes enmity between federal and local law enforcement. Nullification was tried before - in the antebellum South

against federal antislavery laws. The West Point Foundry is a reminder that this effort didn't work out so well.

Stark warns that "time is of the essence" to pass this rights amendment, and Shea agreed. Let me soothe their hysteria. The helicopters they hear over the town are not carrying the dreaded jack-booted teams of federal agents ready to rappel down and invade local residences. It's only West Point Cadets on maneuvers.

Shea states that he has sworn an oath to protect the health and rights of the people of Philipstown, I found this stirring but must admit I am unfamiliar with the supervisor's oath. Is there anything in there about upholding the law?

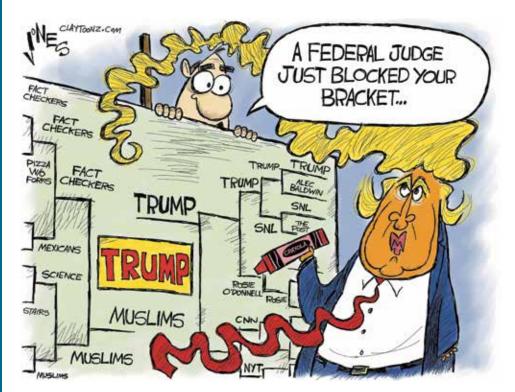
As mayor, I will cooperate with Philipstown, but I will continue as a citizen to criticize Shea and any board member who diddles with silly politically correct straw men on the citizens' dime.

Bill O'Neill, Nelsonville

Sanctuary city

So now our Philipstown government can pick and choose which federal laws it wishes to abide by? ("Sanctuary in the Highlands?." March 10). Illegal aliens are illegal. No sanctuary - go file the paperwork and do it right. If my "so-called" (and I use that loosely) local leaders make Philipstown a sanctuary city, I can go get another handgun, but this time without registration. Call it a "sanctuary gun." It's not illegal because Philipstown doesn't follow federal laws. I choose not to follow

If the handgun is never used in a crime, nobody knows I have it. It may be dangerous, or it may just be fine, kind of like an illegal living in a sanctuary city. Nobody can do anything about them being there, they may be dangerous, they may be fine, vou don't know, because they were never registered as citizens. But once a crime is committed by either illegal - the gun (Continued on next page)



Taking it to the Street By Anita Peltonen

What keeps you up at night?



"Happily, my fiancé. He's a chef, and gets home really late at night." ~ Nicole Hill, Cold Spring



"The snow. It's been driving me crazy!" ~ Mary Logan DeAngelis, Cold Spring



"I'm moving to Paris in August for grad school and trying to figure out all the steps to get there. I'm hoping to work for the U.N." ~ Ariel Giametta, Marlboro

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then and only then may we enforce the law, and we now can ask for local help as well. But before this, their hands and mouths were wired shut under the "sanctuary law." Now isn't that just the dumbest thing you ever heard?!

Obviously, the town board officials are out of their Democratic minds. We are a country of laws - follow them!

If Eric Stark, who proposed this to the board, wants to speed up the immigration process, that is outstanding. I agree with him. The U.S. is a melting pot. But let's do it the legal way - the way so many millions have done it before. Is it fair to them to cheat and cut the line? Sanctuary cities are just wrong.

Michael Junjulus, Cold Spring

I am retired after 36 years in law enforcement and I find it offensive to even talk about non-compliance with other law enforcement officials. Our judicial system provides a forum for interpreting laws, so let the courts do their job. This nation is in chaos because some people think we don't need structure, discipline and rules.

My family are immigrants from Sicily. They were poor, but managed to get on a ship and come through Ellis Island, where they followed all the rules of citizenship. They went to work immediately, worked hard and raised their family here.

This is supposed to be a civilized nation and there are protocols in place to keep it that way. This is not Nazi Germany, Trump is not Hitler and we are not white supremacists. Our energy is better used working to figure out how we can reduce our trillions of dollars in debt so that we can be an economic superpower again instead of a welfare state. Stop scaring the

children and instead instill a good work ethic. After all, that is what made this country great.

Cindy Trimble, Cold Spring

Parking solution?

I am not a native of Cold Spring so perhaps I see things that others do not. I do know that parking, especially on weekends, is at a premium. During the summer months and on weekends the school parking lots are vacant, leaving room for possible income for the town - at a dollar a car, anyone would be willing to walk up and down the hills of Cold Spring.

This came to me as I looked for a parking space.

Ruth Bilodeau, Cold Spring

Banner day

Word on the (Main) street is that there's a fair amount of criticism of the "No Hate! No Fear!" banner on the white building across from Memorial Park in Beacon [below].

I'd like to offer a counterpoint. I applaud those stalwarts of the community who hung the banner for taking a stand to counter the toxic, disheartening and destructive rhetoric that our supposed national leaders are spewing all over the media.

And while expressing support for those more vulnerable among us should not be controversial, these concerned citizens are surely smart enough to know it would be. I applaud their courage.

We all should appreciate these voices of acceptance in our little community on the river. (Pete Seeger would be proud.) Please don't let the negative voices drown them out. Messages of hope can overshadow despair, and love should trump hate.

Scott Tillitt, Beacon



The sign in Beacon across from Memorial Park

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Civics 101

What a Citizen Must Know



A group of new citizens during a naturalization ceremony at the Putnam County Courthouse in 2015 County photo

n order to become a U.S. citizen, an applicant must take an oral civics test with a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officer, who asks 10 random questions from a list of 100. The applicant must correctly answer six. (Ninety-two percent do.) At least 16 states, not including New York, require high school students to pass the same or a similar test before graduating. Beginning in 2019 in Arkansas, for example, students who hope to graduate will have to correctly answer 60 of the 100 questions on the naturalization test, although with the benefit of multiple choice. (One lawmaker there introduced a bill to also require state legislators to pass the test.)

Here is a selection of 30 questions from among the 100 that could be presented to an aspiring citizen. Some have more than one possible answer, but only one needs to be provided. You can find the correct responses at highlandscurrent.com.

- What is the supreme law of the land?
- The idea of self-government is in the first three words of the Constitution. What are these words?
- What do we call the first 10 amendments to the Constitution?
- What are two rights in the Declaration of Independence?
- What is the "rule of law"?
- What are the two parts of the U.S. 6. Congress?
- How many U.S. senators are there?
- We elect a U.S. senator for how many years?
- Who is one of your state's U.S. senators?
- 10. The House of Representatives has how many voting members?
- 11. Name your U.S. representative.

- 12. If both the president and the vice president can no longer serve, who becomes president?
- 13. Who is the chief justice of the United
- 14. Under our Constitution, some powers belong to the federal government. What is one power of the federal government?
- 15. What is the capital of your state?
- 16. There are four amendments to the Constitution about who can vote. Describe one of them.
- 17. Name one right only for United States
- 18. What are two rights of everyone living in the United States?
- 19. Why did the colonists fight the **British?**
- 20. Who wrote the Declaration of Independence?
- 21. There were 13 original states. Name
- 22. The Federalist Papers supported the passage of the U.S. Constitution. Name one of the writers.
- 23. What territory did the United States buy from France in 1803?
- 24. Name one war fought by the United States in the 1800s.
- 25. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
- 26. Who was the president during World War I?
- 27. Name one of the two longest rivers in the United States.
- 28. Name one U.S. territory.
- 29. Name one state that borders Canada.
- 30. What is the name of the national anthem?

Butterfield Developer Sues Village in Federal Court (from Page 1)

document as a trustee) were "going to do whatever it took" to thwart the project.

Molloy oversaw review of the Butterfield project as Planning Board chairperson from July 2013 to April 2015, when Merandy replaced him with Donald MacDonald. Molloy remained on the board until November 2015, resigning after Merandy named Francisco to succeed MacDonald.

During a Village Board meeting March 16, the day after the court filing, Merandy said he and the village attorneys were confident they will prevail. "I know where I was on this," he said. "I know where the people in this office were, and the people that are implicated in this, and there is absolutely no truth in it. I'm sorry that it



has to come to that ... that Mr. Guillaro feels that this is true. We'll see where it goes. It's unfortunate."

He commented after his opponent in the mayoral race, Alison Anthoine, the former president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, raised the issue during the public remarks portion of the meeting.

Thanking Anthoine for the "cheery little note," Merandy said the lawsuit "is coming at a really perfect time, I have to say," and quipped: "It's not political, I don't think. And you going up there [to speak at the meeting] is not political, either. I'm just saying ... Thank you for that information [about the lawsuit] and Mr. Guillaro for the timing on that."

Neither Village Attorney John Furst nor Salvatore Ferlazzo, Guillaro's attorney, responded to requests for comment. Nor has Merandy said anything further.

Guillaro has actively pursued redevelopment of the former Butterfield Hospital site since 2011, when he presented a design to the Village Board. After four years of proceedings before assorted committees — a period during which Guillaro says he spent more than \$1 million — the Cold Spring Planning Board approved a final site plan consisting of two officeretail buildings; two buildings with 55 market-rate condominiums for older residents; the existing Lahey Pavilion, which contains medical offices; and three single-family homes.

In 2015 Guillaro revised his plan to put a long-discussed, county-run senior center in one of the new office-retail buildings and instead said it would be placed in Lahey, while medical offices would occupy the new building. Guillaro argues in the suit that this swap constituted "a minor modification" but that "Merandy seized upon it" and told the building inspector not authorize it, forcing Guillaro to incur more costs.

The lawsuit recites a litany of other complaints, including that after being elected Merandy fired the consultants on the project, forcing Guillaro to pay to bring new consultants up to speed; intentionally hired an engineering and planning firm based in Connecticut to cost Guillaro money; instructed William Florence, interim village attorney from January to June 2015, to pad bills paid by Guillaro; and insisted on using "engineers, attorneys and other professionals" for tasks previously handled by village officials and the building inspector.

The developer also claimed that Merandy forbade the building inspector and the "director of public works" to take any action on Butterfield without his approval (a charge the suit asserts the inspector and "director of public works" personally confirmed).

Cold Spring does not have a director of public works. Greg Phillips, the superintendent of water and sewers, said on March 22 that the reference was probably to him. He noted that the mayor and

Developers vs. Mayors

As a survey of court cases around the state indicates, Cold Spring is far from the only municipality to be sued by a developer. Three examples:

March 2015: Litigation began in 2012 over a proposed 167-unit housing-and-restaurant complex on the Erie Canal in Pittsford. The developer sued the village. Residents sued the developer. The developer sued the residents. The residents sued the village. Finally, the village board sued its planning board for allegedly allowing the developer to make changes to the approved final site plan and accepting free golf outings.

April 2008: A developer sued Westhampton Beach for \$25 million, claiming his plans to build a 39-unit housing complex were illegally delayed by an arbitrary 15-month construction moratorium and the threat of a \$300,000 environmental review unless he hired the village planner to create a new plan. The developer's lawyer said his client had appeared before various village boards 50 to 75 times, which he suggested must be a record.

November 2007: A developer sued the Village of Quogue for \$25 million, claiming the mayor and board refused to approve any of three plans to raze a historic building at the city center and replace it with (1) an 11-condo building, (2) a 26,000-square-foot office building or (3) six single-family homes, because he is Italian.

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"If I had a question regarding the Water Code, would I not defer to a conversation with the mayor and/or the board?" he wrote in an email. "This project is unlike any other in our community, and I wanted to make sure that the village's interests were covered with respect to metering and fees, as well as to review of any portions of the water or sewer utilities not part of the approved site plan. From my end, I see no issues. There were no directives to me from the mayor and/or board."

For more on this story, see highlandscurrent.com





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Who Do You Work For?

Tourism bureau says it doesn't answer to legislature

By Holly Crocco

fter introducing the newly hired executive director of the Putnam County Visitors' Bureau to county lawmakers during the March 16 Economic Development Committee meeting, acting director Frank Smith brought legislators up to speed on where the department stands financially.

Smith was made the acting executive director of tourism more than a year ago after Libby Pataki resigned following allegations that neither the nonprofit Visitors' Bureau nor another she set up without the legislature's knowledge had functioning boards, as required by state law. It is not clear if Smith, who earns \$50,000 annually, will continue to work at the bureau.

Smith told legislators that in addition to the \$60,000 in funds the bureau receives from the state as part of its "I Love New York" campaign — money that is matched by the county and must be spent outside Putnam — the department relies on about \$180,000 from the county.

At the end of 2016, the legislature voted to release only part of its funding to the bureau. Since that time, two members of the six-member volunteer board, Philip Tomach of Carmel and Deborah Walker of Cold Spring, have left. Putnam County legislator Barbara Scuccimarra, who represents Philipstown, said Tolmach had resigned after applying for the executive director position and Walker had job

demands that made contributing to the board difficult. She said the board planned to add two members, including Laura Lee Holmbo of Cold Spring, the former marketing director for *The Valley Table*.

Smith told lawmakers on March 16 that the Visi-

tors' Bureau will be out of funds by the end of April if the legislature doesn't release the remaining \$100,000 into its bank account. He said the funds pay the operational expenses associated with the department, including salaries, insurance, taxes and supplies.

Matters became heated when Dini LoBue (R-Mahopac Falls) expressed disappointment over how the bureau has been run over the past year, saying she has been unable to reach anyone in the office to answer questions about its financials.

"Now that Bruce [Conklin, the new executive director] is here on a full-time basis, we have a presence in the office throughout the entire day," countered Smith, who confirmed that an accountant has been hired and that the county is in compliance with state requirements.

However, when Smith said he had been advised by legal counsel not to answer questions about the accounting agency the bureau used last year during its restructuring, LoBue said he is required to report to the legislature.

"You work for me; you work for us," said LoBue. "We appropriate your budget."

"Under the advice of counsel, I am not answering that question," Smith again replied.

LoBue asked Smith if he was still collecting a \$50,000 salary, which Smith confirmed.

Barney Molloy, who chairs the four-member tourism board, came to the Smith's defense. He said the bureau is a nonprofit organization that has a contract with and reports to County Executive MaryEllen Odell, not the legislature. "I'm afraid you need to go back and check your records," he told LoBue. "We are here as a courtesy at the request of the county executive to report on the matching grants appointment. It is not an open-ended fishing expedition."

LoBue begged to differ.

"You are not here at the request of the county executive; you are here at the request of the chairwoman of the committee," she said to Molloy. "I know you feel very uppity tonight, but I don't work for you — you don't question me. I question you."

She then called for Molloy's removal from the board, citing his arrest in Cold Spring in February on petit larceny charges for allegedly stealing \$10 worth of newspapers from bundles outside a coffee shop. (The case is ongoing; Molloy has pleaded not guilty.)

"Aren't you in court right now?" LoBue asked. "You shouldn't even be here. He should be removed as president. It's a disgrace."

Other legislators chimed in. $\,$

"As the chairwoman of the legislature, you're out of order," said Ginny Nacerino

(R-Patterson), to LoBue. "It's inappropriate and should not be tolerated."

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner clarified that the Visitor's Bureau has a contract with Putnam County, which includes the legislature, that is executed

by the county executive.

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FOIL."

However, she said it's not clear if the bureau is subject to the state Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) and must disclose information to lawmakers. "An argument can be made either way," she said. "In the past, based upon the characteristics of the organization, it has been our opinion that they are not subject to FOIL."

LoBue asked Bumgarner to seek an advisory opinion from the state Committee on Open Government. However, when *The Current* filed FOIL requests on March 20 with the county clerk concerning the Visitor's Bureau, the newspaper was told for the first time that "it has been determined [by the county law department] that the Putnam County Visitor's Bureau is not a 'county agency' subject to FOIL."

The county law department did not respond to a request to explain its ruling. The Visitors' Bureau was incorporated in 1998.

The discussion is expected to continue at the April meeting of the Economic Development Committee.

Putnam Tourism Hires New Director

Putnam Valley native will earn \$65,000

By Holly Crocco

Pruce Conklin, a native of Putnam Valley who was most recently the director of tourism for Lebanon, Missouri, has been appointed as executive director of the nonprofit Putnam County Visitors'

Bureau. He succeeds Libby Pataki, who resigned last year. Her former deputy, Frank Smith, had been acting director.

Conklin told members of the legislature's

Economic Development Committee on March 16 that he hopes to "integrate new and exciting things" into the bureau to make Putnam County a destination.

He said one of his immediate plans is to improve "front-facing media," such as printed visitors' guides, the website and social media. "My goal is to have every visitor to the county love and enjoy it here," he said the next day during an interview.

Conklin's hiring was announced by County Executive MaryEllen Odell at her State of the County address March 9. He will earn \$65,000 annually.

In Lebanon, where he was director of tourism and marketing since 2015, Conklin's duties included developing advertising and marketing strategies, conducting market research and promoting city and county programs, events and cultural resources. He also managed the department's budget.

Before that job, Conklin spent nearly five years as a public works administrative assistant for the city.

Conklin, who grew up in Putnam Valley



Bruce Conklin Photo by H. Crocco

and graduated from Walter Panas High School in Cortlandt Manor, earned an associate degree in business in 2001 from Westchester Community College and a bachelor's degree in international business and human-resources training in 2003 from Johnson and Wales University in Rhode Island.

Conklin said that while the Midwest and the East Coast have their differences, upon returning to the region he was surprised to realize their many similarities. For example, he

said, the popularity of the farm-to-table movement in the Hudson Valley was something he did not expect.

"I didn't realize agri-tourism had become such a boom here," he said.

Conklin said working with the tourism board, the county executive and the legislature to promote tourism and increase sales-tax revenue is similar to the advisory committee and city council he reported to in Missouri.

While the Putnam County Visitors' Bureau has historically hosted community events such as Pumpkin Palooza or Easter egg hunts at Tilly Foster Farm, Conklin said he sees the bureau acting as more of a promotional mechanism to bring people in from outside the county, as opposed to hosting events for residents.

"I enjoy what I do, and I put a fire and passion behind what I do," he said of his work in the tourism industry. "I was a steward of tax dollars there [in Lebanon], and I will be a steward of tax dollars here, as well."

County legislators gave Conklin a warm welcome. "It's good to see a Putnam Valley native come back," said Bill Gouldman (R-Putnam Valley) at the March 16 meeting. "We wish you luck."

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Finally, a Senior Citizen Center?

Construction could begin before summer

By Michael Turton

ow that the ink has dried on the final amendment to the lease between Putnam County and developer Paul Guillaro,

County Legislator Barbara Scuccimarra says construction of Philipstown's long-awaited senior citizen center will soon get underway. The 6,000-square-foot facility will be located in the Lahey Pavilion, part of the redevelopment of the former Butterfield Hospital site in Cold Spring.

Scuccimarra said March 22 that Guillaro told her construction at Building No. 2 adjacent to Lahey is ahead of schedule. As a result, she said, work on the senior center could begin soon. "I'd like to see seniors in there this fall," she said. "That would be great."



The Lahey Pavilion and Building No. 2

Photo by M. Turton

The 37-page lease agreement includes an initial 15-year term with an optional 10-year renewal. Putnam County can exercise an option to purchase the facility anytime after the initial term and before the end of the renewal period.

The final amendment was approved by the Putnam County Legislature on Dec. 7. County Executive MaryEllen Odell and Guillaro signed off on Dec. 19 and Dec. 29, respectively, ending what had been a litany of amendments often marked by rancorous debate at the Legislature and its Physical Services Committee.

The amended lease guarantees that

Putnam County will provide "round-trip transportation services to any senior citizen resident of Philipstown who wishes to participate in on-site programs."

Scuccimarra noted that the county provides busing at each of its senior centers "and Cold Spring would have been no different. We've been doing that for 20 years."

The stipulation that busing be guaranteed was part of a compromise reached between the developer and the Village of Cold Spring that also reduced the number of parking spaces to 24, the rationale being that providing seniors with transportation would reduce the number of cars at the center. The amendment also states that visitors will be permitted to use spaces elsewhere on the site "within reason" after business hours.

The Cold Spring Planning Board approved the wording in the amendment at its March 9 meeting after receiving a copy of the document on March 3.

Putnam County will receive the building "as is" and is responsible for the cost of renovations, outfitting and utilities. Butterfield Realty will provide a new entrance door, two water lines and \$25,000 toward a rooftop HVAC system.

Repairs to grounds: \$1,412
Repairs to building: \$1,058

us," said Marie Early, also elected to her second term. Asked if she felt the federal lawsuit filed against the village by Butterfield developer Paul Guillaro and naming Merandy six days before the election was

The Senior Center

Lease: Key Elements

Lease option: one 10-year option

Lease option rental: market rate

Extra rent in first year: \$61,000

percent after second year

Rent increase: 2 percent annually or

Consumer Price Index, whichever is

Common Area Maintenance (CAM) fees:

CAM fee annual increase: capped at 3.5

Real estate taxes: \$30,000 (estimated)

Common area parking, trash, cleaning:

Term: 15 years

greater

\$706

\$50,692

CAM fees include:

Exterior electric: \$1,059

Snow plowing: \$4,982

Landscaping: \$1,906

Irrigation: \$776

Sanitation: \$1,694

Pest Control: \$424

Insurance: \$2,824

Management: \$3,851

Annual rent: \$77,700

ed, "I think it had a significant effect."

Although he received at most 70 votes,
Frank Haggerty said he took some satisfaction from the results. "I largely accomplished what I wanted to achieve," he said, which was "to get the papers to publish my information, get people to read it and understand it and discuss it. People indicated they voted for me based on what I wrote."

a factor in the mayor's race, she respond-

He also commented that a write-in campaign (this was his second attempt) isn't the most effective way to get elected.

Peggy Schatzle was at the firehouse for the vote count but left soon after and attempts to reach her the next day for comment were not successful.

The election marked the end of Cold Spring's tradition of voting in March. Beginning in 2018 the village will go to the polls in November, at the same time as state and national elections.

Cold Spring Mayor's Race Too Close to Call (from Page 1)

she had overlooked the absentee ballots.

While Merandy declined to comment, Anthoine said she was "thrilled I made it this far. There's never been anyone who wasn't at least a second-generation 'Springer' elected mayor and I'm within 22 votes."

The first-time candidate said she ran "to bridge the gap between various factions" in the village and she felt her campaign achieved that. "I didn't know what to expect; I was a novice at campaigning, at understanding the passions of the community," she said. "I've learned an awful





Alison Anthoine and Dave Merandy

Photos provided

lot, including about some of the divisiveness I wasn't fully aware of."

Fran Murphy said she was glad the election is over and expressed gratitude for being elected to a second term. "I think people like me and trust me and I think that makes a difference," she said. "I'm all for getting the facts and some people were just throwing stuff out there without the facts. It annoys me when people try to influence the election by doing that."

Regarding the close race for mayor, she said, "I've worked with Dave for two years and enjoy working with him very much. But if Alison wins, I'll work with Alison."

"The job we did in the last two years was a compelling argument to vote for

Nelsonville Voters Agree to 5-Member Board

O'Neill chosen as mayor, Potts elected trustee

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Nelsonville voters on March 21 approved an expansion of the Village Board from three to five members.

The change, effective in 2018, will double

the number of trustees, restoring the board to its size from 1855 to 1898.

Bill O'Neill, running unopposed to succeed Mayor Tom Corless, received 86 votes, and Alan Potts, running unopposed to succeed Trustee Danielle Pack-McCarthy, received 81. There were four write-in votes for mayor and two for trustee.

Trustee Thomas Robertson, who

championed the board expansion, said it would end the potential open-meeting law problems that can plague a threeperson board. (Two members constitute a quorum, so a chance encounter on the street could prompt questions of whether official business occurred.)

O'Neill and Potts are scheduled to be sworn at the April 17 board meeting.



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The Calendar



Ellie Laporte, Michaela Reinertsen and Maggie Haley in The Drowsy Chaperone



A scene from Tommy featuring, clockwise from top left: Stefon Seward, Michael Photo by Mary Ann Ebner Bonanno, Ali Caruso, Alexander Ullian and Liam Murphy Photo by Randy Benson

It's High School Musical Season!

The Who's Tommy and The **Drowsy Chaperone**

By Alison Rooney

igh school musicals are a staple of March, capping off months of latenight winter rehearsals with some roar-of-the-greasepaint glory. Haldane recently staged Into the Woods and Beacon High School and O'Neill High School in Fort Montgomery, which many Garrison residents attend, are gearing up for shows of their own.

The Beacon and O'Neill productions couldn't be more poles apart, as Beacon revs up the 1969 rock opera, The Who's *Tommy*, and O'Neill serves up a valentine to musical comedies of the 1920s with The Drowsy Chaperone.

Tommy began its life as the popular album (20 million copies sold) by the British band The Who. A film adaptation was done in 1975, but it wasn't turned into a Broadway musical until 1992. Chaperone debuted in Toronto in 1998 and finally made it to Broadway in 2006 for a successful run.

Performances for both musicals are scheduled for Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, April 2, at 2 p.m.

The Who's Tommy

At Beacon High School, the students help choose each year's musical (this year there were two, including a fall production of Grease). Director Anthony Scarrone had a few suggestions, including Mary *Poppins*, but the teens weren't buying it.

"They told me, 'We really want to do something with a little more craziness to it," he says. "Tommy came up, and that

He notes the show has only three or four lines of dialogue, "so it really is a rock opera, with these incredible songs: 'Pinball Wizard,' 'I'm Free,' 'Sensation.' But the story of the pinball-playing, deaf, mute and blind boy who triumphs over his adversities is important in it. There's a boy who is totally affected by a traumatic event, which his parents don't recognize right away. They have to come to recognize his talent and allow themselves to be happy about things. It's a beautiful storyline."

The high school actors, known as the Beacon Players, are joined in the production by Beacon fifth- through eighthgraders cast through auditions.

Scarrone says he believes the production values will surprise audiences. "We have the stage raised up four feet above our regular stage (Continued on Page 12)



Michael Sellers

Photo provided

Flour Power

Journeyman baker brings bread from his house to yours

By Brian PJ Cronin

he first rule of Journeyman Bakery is: Don't go looking for Journeyman

"I get these people who are, like, rabid fans of the bread," explains Michael Sellers, the man behind the bakery. "And they call me upset because they're driving around Peekskill and they can't find my store."

The problem is that there is no store.

Sellers operates from a spare bedroom in his home. There, in less than 150 square feet, he cranks out up to 150 loaves of exquisite bread a week. When frustrated callers find this out, it leads to further questions, such as "Can I just come by your house?

Sellers sells one- and four-week subscriptions at journeymanbakery.com. He began with two customers in June as an add-on to the Glynwood Farm CSA and now has 150. (He also sells loaves at the farm's store.) Every Wednesday at 5 p.m.,



Sellers holds a loaf of his bread.

he cuts off orders for the week and feeds his sourdough starter. Thursday he bakes, using a three-level oven the size of a small dishwasher that (Continued on Page 16)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Farm Dinner

6:30 p.m. Glynwood Farm 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring 845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

International Film Series: Ridicule (France)

7 p.m., Howland Library 313 Main St., Beacon 845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

Gentle Yoga and Singing Bowls

7 p.m. Living Yoga 3182 Route 9, Cold Spring

Hear & Now: Environmentalist John Cronin

7 p.m. Garrison School

845-809-5900 | livingyogastudios.com

1100 Route 9D, Garrison | gufspta.org

BMF Sly and Dylan Show

8 p.m. Elks Lodge | 900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon beaconmusicfactory.com

Guitarist David Torn

8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St., Beacon 845-765-3012 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Comedian Ralphie May

8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St., Peekskill 914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Student Chess Tournament

9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Haldane School 15 Craigside Drive, Cold Spring chesstrm.org/NYC/tournaments-2

Genealogy Workshop

10 a.m. Putnam Valley Free Library 30 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley 845-528-3242 | putnamvalleylibrary.org

Maple Syrup Day

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Little Stony Point 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring | littlestonypoint.org

College Planning 101

10:30 a.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Maple Sugar Tours

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 845-534-5506 | hhnm.org

UpCycle Collage Workshop

11 a.m. Howland Library See details under Friday.

Bowling for Paws (Benefit)

1 p.m. Spins Bowl | Old Route 6, Carmel 845-225-7777 | puthumane.org

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit highlandscurrent.com. Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

The Met Live in HD: Mozart's Idomeneo

1 p.m. Bardavon | 35 Market St., Poughkeepsie 845-473-2072 | bardavon.org

Rabies Pet Vaccination Clinic

2 - 5 p.m. South Putnam Animal Hospital 230B Baldwin Place Road, Mahopac 845-808-1390 x43127 | putnamcountyny.gov

Annual Meeting & Lecture

4 p.m. Putnam History Museum 63 Chestnut St., Cold Spring 845-265-4010 | putnamhistorymuseum.org

Beppe Gambetta (Folk)

4 p.m. Instructional workshop | 7 p.m. Performance Philipstown Depot Theatre 10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison 845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

Putnam Highlands Audubon Dinner

5 p.m. Taconic Outdoor Education Center 75 Mountain Laurel Lane, Cold Spring 716-913-1641 | swixblue@hotmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Hall 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring 845-265-2539 | stmaryscoldspring.org Rescheduled from March 16.

Dance Jam

7 p.m. Elks Lodge | See details under Friday.

Middle School Teen Night

7 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison 845-424-4618 | philipstownrecreation.com

NAACP Women's History Month Celebration

7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center See details under Friday.

Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone

8 pm. Paramount Hudson Valley See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

HHLT Sustainability Forum: Deer?! Oh Dear!

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Highlands County Club 955 Route 9D, Garrison 845-424-3358 | hhlt.org | Registration required.

Maple Sugar Tours

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center See details under Saturday.

Eckert/Gilwood: Music For Two Pianos

3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center See details under Friday.

National Theatre Live: Saint Joan

4:30 p.m. Downing Film Center 19 Front St., Newburgh 845-561-3686 | downingfilmcenter.com

Hypnohype

5 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley See details under Friday.

WWE! Live

7 p.m. Westchester County Center 198 Central Ave., White Plains 914-995-4050 | countycenter.biz

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Teen/Pre-Teen Dance Troupe (First Session)

4 p.m. Center for Creative Education 464 Main St., Beacon 845-338-7664 | cce4me.org

Beacon City Council Workshop

7 p.m. City Hall (Courtroom) | 1 Municipal Plaza. Beacon | 845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Beacon School Board

7 p.m. Beacon High School | 101 Matteawan Road. Beacon | 845-838-6900 | beaconcityk12.org

Fred Rich: Saving Nature - A Bipartisan Solution

7:30 p.m. Cornwall Presbyterian | 222 Hudson St., Cornwall | 845-534-5506 | hhnm.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Coloring for Adults

6 p.m. Howland Library See details under Friday

Business Plan Writing (SBA Workshop)

6:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403, Garrison 845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

Drug Awareness Roundtable

7 p.m. Garrison School 1100 Route 9D | gufs.org

Board of Trustees Meeting

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

HudsonValleyHelpWanted.com Career Fair

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center 14 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie 845-454-5800 | midhudsonciviccenter.org

Every Quilt Has a Story: A Show-and-Tell

1:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library | See Tuesday.

BeaconArts Meet-Up

7 p.m. Atelier Room 205 20 Kent St., Beacon | beaconarts.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

Haldane's Got Talent (Fundraiser)

6 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St., Beacon haldaneschoolfoundation.org

Selling on eBay

6 p.m. Howland Library See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Boy Scout Troop 1 Dinner

60 Union St., Beacon 1 845-392-8870

Bingo

6:30 p.m. American Legion 413 Main St., Beacon 845-831-7750. | Entrance on Teller.

Party Like an April Fool! (grades 6-8)

6:30 p.m. Butterfield Library

See details under Saturday. | Registration required.

The Who's Tommy (Musical)

7 p.m. Beacon High School

101 Matteawan Road, Beacon | beaconplayers.com

Strange Fruit (Documentary) with Q&A

7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 50 Liberty St., Beacon moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

An Evening of Spoken Word with Poet Gold

7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center See details under March 24.

Around the World in 80 Days (1956)

7:30 p.m. Bardavon See details under Saturday.

Depot Docs: Best of Enemies with O&A

7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre See details under Saturday.

Judy Collins

8:30 p.m. Towne Crier 379 Main St., Beacon 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

BMF Lollapalooza Show

10 p.m. Dogwood | 47 E. Main St., Beacon beaconmusicfactory.com





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Having Faith in Beacon

Pastor hopes to engage church with community **By Alison Rooney**

The first Pentecostal church did not arrive in Beacon until 1951, with the founding of an Assembly of God congregation. But by 1974 the group had dwindled to only a dozen people and its Delavan Avenue home was slated to become a funeral parlor. Asked to preach before the shutdown, a young man named Phil Aarstad wound up reviving the church and staying for

By the time the Rev. Aarstad retired in 2011, the church had become non-denominational and renamed The Oasis. He turned the reins over to his longtime assistant, his eldest son, Mark, who changed the church's name to Salem Tabernacle, a reference to the word *shalom* and a Brooklyn church called Salem Gospel Tabernacle that his family attended.

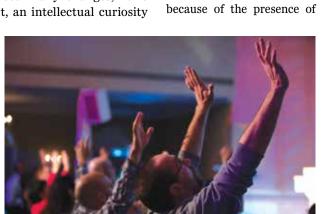
Today Salem Tabernacle has nearly 400 people in its congregation yet remains unfamiliar to many Beacon residents, something the younger Aarstad says he is working to change. While his father was well-known in the city, "because I was assistant pastor for 17 years and came from here. I never went around and introduced myself," he concedes. (He and his wife. Danielle, who oversees the music and women's ministry, have three children: Haakon 19, Bryn 16, and Lena 12.)

Pentecostalism is a Christian movement centered on the belief that one's faith must be experiential and dynamic, driven by the power of God moving within the body and mind. Those traditions mingle today at Salem Tabernacle with an emphasis on ancient liturgies, Aarstad says.

The fact that the church is non-denominational is a draw, he says, especially among Christians who dislike what they perceive as the "hang-ups" of denominations. In the past few years, Aarstad has led the church toward the "Christian convergence," which he describes as "bringing in the best in tradition and matching that with contemporary ways of expression."

While Aarstad has introduced many changes, "this congregation has a lot of trust, an intellectual curiosity

and an open-mindedness, as opposed to the small-mindedness of fundamentalism." he says. He notes that the term pentecostal is often misunderstood, especially as applied to Salem Tabernacle. "Pentecostalism for me is not a flat, monolithic thing; it's diverse," he says. "Our vibe and style is undoubtedly Pentecostal. It's an interesting amalgamation: a little sweaty, a little Hammond B3 organ, part Book of Common Prayer."



Worshippers at Salem Tabernacle

Photo provided

Pastor Mark Aarstad Photo provided

Music is a vital part of that equation. In college, Aarstad taught himself to play piano and wrote songs. After he graduated, he took over the music at the church, serving under his father from 1994 to 2011. "I brought in the sort of music I gravitate to: James Brown, Fred Hammond, Andraé Crouch," he says. "I was changing the sound of the church

Aarstad says visitors to the Sunday service should expect to be surprised. "We start with a formal call to worship and reading from the lectionary," he says. "Then the band kicks in. This is not a church where you'll hear moralism, and there are no politics. The high point of our service is a celebration of the Eucharistic liturgy; very spirited and personal, not rote or mechanized."

from white evangelical music to black gospel."

The pastor says his church's greatest challenge is to make Beacon a better city by "finding a way to help the schools flourish, to help people get out of their poverty, to support the arts and commerce, and help police and government officials resolve the challenges they face." He adds: "That's God's intention for sending his

son. There's an improvement in a quality of life that comes

Jesus in this community of Salem. This year we're 66 years old. When my dad came here things were different — the principal asked clergy to walk through the halls of the high school because of racial tension."

Aarstad says when he realized he had not embraced his hometown as his father had, he visited Mayor Randy Casale, "apologizing for our low visibility," he says. "He introduced me to Better Together, which is led by Rabbi Brent Spodek [of Beacon Hebrew Alliance] and Pastor Ben Larson-Wolbrink [of First Presbyterian]. It's been a great personal relationship, despite the pastor and rabbi's liberal traditions and my conservative tradition, both theoretically and politically.

"It's been great to work together to present to the greater community the brotherhood and sisterhood of faith," he says. "The benevolence in their hearts allows them to be candid. It frees you up to be honest and have healthy dialogues. It's an assist to the city to have clergy who rise above differences. It doesn't happen everywhere."

For more information on the church, located at 7 Delavan Ave., call 845-831-0114 or visit salemtabernacle.com.



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It's High School Musical Season! (from Page 9)

- it gets pretty intense. The band is onstage. There are eight pinball machines, which move around on their own. There are trap doors into this new stage for some of the characters to rise out of. There are more costumes for this show than any other show I've done. We have World War II-era jackets, hand-made, and regimental uniforms. There's also lots of video footage, streaming across the stage, for example when Captain Walker is shot down you see black-andwhite images of parachutes descending. We go from the 1940s to the 1960s."

Scarrone directed Tommy some 20 years ago and said he has enjoyed repeating the experience. "I'm loving reliving it all with different kids who have different ideas," he says. "Our music director, Susan

Wright, has moved them from musical theater to the style required for this music. We have one boy, who plays Cousin Kevin, who has never been on stage before but has played in a rock band for four years. Then there's the ability to add today's technology to the show." Referring to last spring's

production, Scarrone puts it succinctly: "This ain't no Peter Pan. This takes them down a whole new path."

This year the Beacon Players launched a "First Look" event. on March 10 in which students from a number of high schools in the region came to Beacon to

preview excerpts from all the troupe's musicals.

Tommy will be performed in the Pete and Toshi Seeger Theatre at the high school at 101 Matteawan Road. Tickets, which are \$12 for general admission and \$5 for seniors and students, can be purchased at the door or at beaconplayers.com.

The Drowsy Chaperone

A show within a show is the conceit of The Drowsy Chaperone. This makes for a fun combination of contemporary wit mixed with old-fashioned musical



Alexandra Angelopoulos of Garrison plays Woman in Chair in The Drowsy



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Ethan Penner of Garrison and members of the cast rehearse "Cold Feet" from The Drowsy Chaperone. Director Christine Brooks Bokhour is in the background. Photo by Mary Ann Ebner



Elyse Istavan and Lindsay Fister in a scene from Tommy

Photo by Randy Benson

theater, comedy and dance. As a musicaltheater devotee known as Woman in Chair spins the soundtrack of her favorite show, it comes to life. Her droll commentary brings the audience in and out of the show, which features archetypes such as the 1920s follies girls, silly crooks, butlers and a tipsy chaperone.

Director Christine Brooks Bokhour of Cold Spring, who is working with O'Neill students for the third time, said the actors had a study tool that became available only in the past decade or so: YouTube clips of the show and from the period, which have helped them model manners of speech, singing and carriage.

"They 'get' the style," she says. "I have told them to watch clips of silent films, to see how dramatic they were."

The director describes Chaperone as "a modern commentary on the classic style of musicals. It's both a celebration of them and a send-up. It's written for laughs and plays so well with any age kids playing these roles. It's witty, it's wacky, and the music is so, so great."

Bokhour, who danced on Broadway, is going back to basics with this show — she started a tap workshop for the students in January and says she has been impressed.

The musical director of the production



Rhiannon Parsaca in Tommy

Photo by Randy Benson

is Paul Heckert of Garrison, and the cast includes Alexandra Angelopoulos, Ethan Penner and Isaac Walker of Garrison.

Tickets at the door will be \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. To reach the high school, cross the Bear Mountain Bridge and take Route 9W north to the Highland Falls exit. At the top of the ramp make a left and the school driveway will be on the right. The address is 21 Morgan Road, Fort Montgomery.

Exploring – and Saving – the Outdoors

Mountain club members hike, walk and conserve

By Alison Rooney

he one-two combination of river and mountains has drawn people to the Highlands for decades, if not centuries, turning many into hikers, kayakers and outdoorsy types. The mid-Hudson branch of the Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) was formed in 1947 by a collection of those folks, many of them associated with Vassar College.

Since its inception, the chapter — one of 27 nationwide, with 30,000 members — has extended its reach west and south of Poughkeepsie and now includes the Highlands. It has 750 members who take part in organized outdoor activities, classes, trips and conservation. Its backpacking trips and canoe expeditions are paired with trail-maintenance "work parties" in a swath that stretches from the Shawangunk Ridge to Harriman State Park.

The national ADK was formed in 1921 to help New York state develop trails and shelters to reach remote areas of the Adirondacks. It also hoped to publish trail maps and guides to promote conservation and prevent forest fires. Headquartered at Lake George, it runs two lodges; works with corporations to sponsor programs such as winter festivals, bicycle tours and National Trails Day (June 3); and hosts workshops on topics such as backcountry cooking, snowshoeing and map and com-

pass fundamentals.

Non-members are more than welcome to participate in a few outings before joining, says Chris Cring, who is a chapter board member and frequent excursion leader. What they are likely to find, he says, is a collegial group that soon "feels like family" and who often share lunches together after hikes.

The Mid-Hudson ADK calendar includes bi-monthly, seasonal kayak paddles with beach put-ins; dog-plus-person hikes in Harriman State Park; and frequent "How to Get Started Kayaking" presentations. Even a weekend in the dead of winter usually includes a few scheduled hikes in Fahnestock or James Baird state parks. The club classifies each outing by the level of difficulty and distance and/or time required and provides the leader's name and contact information, along with suggested equipment.

Establishing a level of difficulty can be highly subjective, Cring notes, and he encourages participants to contact the leader to discuss specifics. "Safety is at the forefront of everything," he says. Leaders must complete ADK training and have some level of wilderness certification.

Cring, who is certified by the state Department of Environmental Conservation as a hiking guide, specializes in historical walks that attract both children and older people who may not be able to complete the more difficult treks.

A history buff who loves the outdoors, Cring uses primary sources to design and illustrate his routes. He has led a number of hikes tied to Veterans' Day and Memo-



A Veterans' Day hike to the Darcy family flag along the Beacon Fishkill Ridge

Photos by Chris Cring

rial Day, the latter being more difficult as the group hikes to the U.S. flag located along the Beacon Fishkill ridge. The flag has been maintained for two decades by the family of Robert Darcy, a veteran who died in 1994. It flies high at a clearing with a spectacular view overlooking the Hudson Valley. This mountain range happens to be where patriots maintained a lookout to protect George Washington's headquarters in Newburgh.

In a different vein, Cring has also led walking tours to the eight places in Beacon associated with the 1994 Paul Newman film *Nobody's Fool*. The entertaining excursion — which Cring says he designed to "get people out in winter" — begins and ends at the Yankee Clipper Diner, which

was featured in the film.

Cring's other hikes include one to Anthony's Nose and a popular one that relates Alexander Hamilton's time in and around Beacon. For that walk, which he has led eight times, Cring says he dug into more than 22,000 documents, including journals, wills, diary entries, government records. He brings along some of his finds to read aloud at relevant stops along the way. "You get a whole different feeling for history that way," he says.

Learn More

To learn more about the Mid-Hudson ADK and browse a list of upcoming excursions, visit midhudsonadk.org.



A photo taken of Anthony's Nose by Chris Cring during an ADK hike



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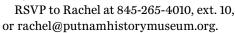
COMMUNITY BRIEFS

History Museum Plans Annual Meeting

Will include lecture on Benedict Arnold

he Putnam History Museum will hold its ▲ annual meeting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, followed by a lecture by Larry Maxwell, who is the Patterson town historian and founder of the Living History Guild.

Most people in Putnam County have heard the story of Sybil Ludington's 40-mile ride to call out the militia in response to the Crown Forces Raid on Danbury, Connecticut. However, few know the role Benedict Arnold played during that raid and the ensuing Battle of Ridgefield.



Benedict Arnold



Annual show at Towne Crier

The Haldane School Foundation will lacksquare host its third annual talent show, Haldane's Got Talent, on Thursday, March 30, at the Towne Crier Café in Beacon. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for students at



Haldane High School students took part in the Foreign Language Department's annual Immersion Day on March 2 at the Taconic Outdoor Education Center. Among the activities were instruction in tango, salsa and the dances of the Huaylas de Huancayo by the Fred Astaire Dance Studio and Pentagrama. Photo provided

haldaneschoolfoundation.org, or \$5 additional if available at the door.

Stacey Labriola and Craig Roffman are hosting. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. and the show at 7 p.m.

Garrison School Board to **Host Opioid Forum**

Panel will convene March 28

The Garrison school board will host a ▲ panel at 7 p.m. on March 28 to discuss strategies for dealing with the opioid crisis. It will include Putnam County Sheriff Donald Smith and D.A. Robert Tendy, David Gerber of St. Christopher's Inn, Michael Piazza Jr., the county commissioner of mental health, Michelle Stringham of the Walter Hoving Home and Garrison School guidance counselor Michael Williams.

The panelists will describe the scope of the drug problem locally, trends in illegal drug use in the region, warning signs, community resources and strategies to combat the scourge.

"This event grew out of our collective shock and sadness over losses we have suffered," said board president Raymond O'Rourke.

The school is located at 1100 Route 9D.

Chamber Accepting Scholarship Applications

Open to high school seniors in Philipstown

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Memorial Scholarship presented by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are due April 7.

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who has shown community spirit and commitment by volunteering for a Philipstown nonprofit or charitable organization and/or by working for or with a local business. Seniors are asked to submit two letters of recommendation with the application, which is available from Carol Hopper at Haldane, Suzanne Bloise at O'Neill or by emailing Nat Prentice at natprentice@mac.com.

Blood Drive at West Point

Set for March 27 to 30 at Ike Hall

The American Red Cross will hold a ■ blood drive at Eisenhower Hall at West Point from noon to 7 p.m. on March 27, 28 and 29 and from noon to 6 p.m. on March 30. Donors must be at least 17 years old, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. See redcrossblood.org.

Nonprofit Grants Symposium

Learn how to find them and apply

The Community Foundation of the Hud-**■** son Valley and the Putnam County Service Network will present a three-hour symposium for nonprofits on finding and applying for grants at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 30, at the Mahopac Library.

The event, which will be followed by lunch, costs \$20 for members of the Greater Mahopac-Carmel Chamber of Commerce or \$25 otherwise. To register, call 845-628-5553 or visit mahopaccarmelchamber.com.

Adult Spelling Bee

Annual fundraiser set for April 1

eams of up to 10 spellers, cheerleaders **L** and spectators are invited to join the Putnam Family and Community Services' annual spelling bee at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Starr Ridge Banquet Center in Brewster. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes a buffet dinner at 5:30 p.m. Register at pfcsinc.org.

Babysitter Training

Desmond-Fish class on April 1

The Desmond-Fish Library will host a I four-hour workshop on babysitting basics for students ages 10 and older on Saturday, April 1, at 10:30 a.m.

The course covers interview tips, communication skills, ages and stages of babies and toddlers, safety and first-aid tips and feeding and caring for children, including diaper changing. Register by calling 845-424-3020.

Easter Egg Hunt

GVFC Auxiliary to host on April 1

The Auxiliary of the Garrison Volunteer ▲ Fire Company will host an Easter egg hunt for children ages 2 to 10 on Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m. at the Garrison School field. Bring a (Continued on next page)



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Chapel Music Series Opens

First concert is Sunday, April 2

The Sunday Music Series at the Chapel Restoration in Cold Spring resumes on Sunday, April 2, with a concert at 4 p.m. by pianist Yalin Chi, a native of Beijing, who will perform works by Berg, Brahms and Schubert.

A schedule of the other concerts in the series can be found at chapelrestoration. org. The chapel is located adjacent to the Metro-North lot. The 2017 concerts are dedicated to the memory of Theodora Nichols by her sisters, Marianne Dawkins and board member Marcelline Thomson.

Site for Teens and Tweens

Has homework help, books news

The Butterfield Library in Cold Spring has created a web site, JBLTeens, with news about the latest books and events, homework help, services and opportunities. See butterfieldlibrary.org/jblteens.

Civics Refresher Course

Two more talks scheduled on basics

The penultimate of four talks on basic civics is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2, at the parish house of St. Philip's Church in Garrison.

William Hellerstein, an adjunct professor of constitutional litigation at NYU Law School and a professor at Brooklyn Law School, will present a brief overview of constitutional law. The Garrison resident has argued hundreds of cases in state and federal courts and made four appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The final talk in the series on April 9 will address how to run for office. It will be presented by Kim Connor, former chair of the Philipstown Democratic Committee, with assistance from Philipstown Councilor Nancy Montgomery and Putnam County Democratic Board of Elections Commissioner Cathy Croft.

The series was organized by RiseUpNY and the Ecological Citizen's Project. See riseupny.org.

Buckley vs. Gore

Depot Docs presents Best of Enemies

Depot Docs, the ongoing documentary series at the Philipstown Depot Theatre, will screen *Best of Enemies* at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, followed by a discussion and reception with executive producer Julie Goldman.

The film examines debates broadcast on ABC-TV during the Democratic and Republican conventions in the summer of 1968 between William F. Buckley Jr., a leader of the new conservative movement, and Gore Vidal, a leftist novelist and polemicist.

Their exchanges, which drew huge ratings, have been compared to rounds of a heavyweight fight, filled with policy debates and insults. For tickets, which cost \$20, call 845-424-3900 or visit brownpapertickets.com/event/2889179.

Wine and Chocolate Festival

Partners with PARC event April 1-2

Partners with PARC, a nonprofit that aids people with disabilities, will host its Hudson Valley Wine & Chocolate Festival on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2.

The fundraiser, which runs each day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be held at the Patterson Recreation Center at 65 Front St. The most recent festival in November raised more than \$85,000.

Advance tickets are \$25 or \$10 for designated drivers. See hywineandchocolate. com or call 845-278-7272, ext. 2287.

Eyes Open

Artist will shoot photos for exhibit

Mark Berghash, an artist-in-residence at the Hudson Valley Center for Contemporary Art in Peekskill, will be taking portraits at the gallery from 1 to 5 p.m. on April 1 and 2 of people with their eyes open and shut for his show *I's Open I's Closed: Aspects of the True Self*, which opens April 24. For information, see hycca.org.





Gerd Stern

Photos by Mark Berghash

Beacon

Artist to Discuss Iceland

Her sketches from country on display

Emma Tapley, whose exhibit at the Theo Ganz Gallery in Beacon, *Icelandic Sketches*, runs through April 2, will discuss at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 26, an art residency she took in the northernmost town of Iceland and how the land-scape inspired her work.

New Cicada Trio

Band will perform on April 7

The sounds of cicadas will accompany Iva Bittová on violin, Timothy Hill on guitar and David Rothenberg on clarinet during an Equinox series performance on April 7 at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. The show begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$15 at the door.



Billie Holiday recording *Strange Fruit* in 1939

Photo by Charles Peterson, courtesy of Don Peterson

History of a Protest Song

Movie series to show Strange Fruit

Movies that Matter Beacon will screen the documentary *Strange Fruit* at p.m. on Friday, March 31. The film examines an anti-lynching song written by Abel Meeropol, a Jewish schoolteacher and union activist, and recorded by Billie Holiday, as well as other protest songs, while weaving together the lives of civil rights leaders, radical teachers and organizers and the music industry. Filmmaker Joel Katz and guest Michael Meeropol will answer questions following the film.

In addition, Katz will preview 17 minutes of his documentary-in-progress, *The People of the #1 Bus*, in which he uses a

New Jersey bus stop to examine the lives of the working poor.

The free event takes place at the First Presbyterian Church, 50 Liberty St. See moviesthatmatterbeacon.org.

An Evening of Spoken Word

Poet Gold to perform at Howland

Accompanied by the 845 Band, the Dutchess County poet laureate, Bettina "Gold" Wilkinson, will perform during "An Evening of Spoken Word" at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31, at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon. A suggested donation of \$10 includes hor d'oeuvres and wine.

Free Improv Classes for Teens

Improv Nation now has Beacon outlet

The nonprofit Improv Nation in Wappingers Falls has started holding classes, performances and open mics at the Center for Creative Education, 464 Main St., in Beacon.

Open mics and shows take place at 6 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. Free, one-hour improv acting classes for teens occur at 6 p.m. each Friday and 10 a.m. each Sunday, while adult classes are \$35 and take place at 7 p.m. Friday. Call 845-625-4929 or email info@improvpatrol.com.

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Flour Power (from Page 9)

can bake a dozen loaves at once. Friday, he drives around an ever-expanding delivery area (currently from Beacon to the north to White Plains to the south). Some Saturdays he'll set up at a farmers' market. By Sunday, he's done. Call him on a Sunday, and there is no bread for you. "I don't like to hold the bread for more than two days," he said.

Sellers doesn't plan on hiding in his room like a baker-monk forever. "I thought this would be cool in the beginning, you know, this solitary life," he said. "But it gets very boring, very quickly."

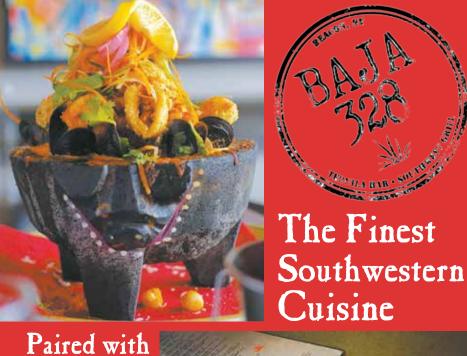
He has had a lot of time to think about bread.

"My whole philosophy behind bread is that you're creating a product that's actually feeding a community," he said. "Communities all across the world all live on bread. I want a place that I'm comfortable working in and can produce a lot of bread but that also becomes a gathering place. I want to get involved in the local politics, the local city stuff, not just



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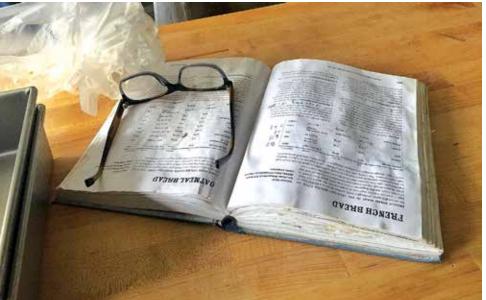
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Michael Sellers of Journeyman Bakery in his workspace

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Tools of the trade

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be the baker guy."

Sellers says he is looking for a location in the Hudson Valley that needs a gathering place, which rules out Beacon, which already has three bakeries, including one that inspired Sellers. "I like the vibe you get at the Beacon Bread Company," he says. "You go in and you can just sit down and talk to people. That's what I'm looking for."

Sellers spent 20 years working in communications for New York City hospitals but says a weeklong class at the King



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Arthur Baking School in Vermont changed his life. "I had been baking bread on my own for years," he said, but it was during the class he realized he might be able to do it for a living. He kept studying and apprenticing, including a stint in Portland, Oregon, with Tim Healea of Little T American Bakery, who had similarly left his job in New York publishing to attend cooking school.

It was when people Sellers didn't know became fans of his bread that he knew he was ready to leave the office behind. "When your friends try the bread, you know they're going to say nice things," he said. "But when complete strangers tried the bread, liked it, and wanted to know if they could buy some, that's when I knew it could be something."

Until he finds a place of his own, he'll continue lugging 50-pound sacks of flour up his stairs. "If I can find a retail space that's large enough, I want to put in a mill and mill my own flour in-house," he says. "I know a lot of people who are doing that, and they swear you can taste the difference."

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Boutique Hotel Planned over Silver Spoon

Second floor to be converted into five rooms

By Michael Turton

I ussein Abdelhady, owner of the Silver Spoon in Cold Spring, plans to transform the second floor of the building that houses his Main Street restaurant into a five-room hotel.

The project, which will convert two existing apartments, is before the Planning Board. "I can begin construction the day I get my building permit," said Abdelhady.

Jimmy, as he is known to anyone who walks by or drops into the Spoon, said he came up the idea about nine months ago while quietly sipping coffee at the restaurant. "I'm designing the hotel myself," he explained, flashing a trademark grin. He said he looks for furnish-

ings and accessories almost every day — everything from furniture and beds to tile, bathroom fixtures and draperies.

"The decor of each room will be unique," he said. "And everything will be top-notch." The rooms will each include a queen-size bed, so the maximum capacity will be 10 guests.

It hasn't taken long for word about the hotel to get out, he said. "I'm already getting calls from people wanting to book a room." He wouldn't speculate when the renovation will get underway but said, "You will be surprised how quickly this project will get done."

Abdelhady hasn't set prices but said he plans to have weekend specials and meal plans. Much of that marketing will center on the talents of head chef Javier Fercano who specializes in seafood, steaks and a variety of artfully presented entrees. The hotel will have its own menu, which e



Head chef Javier Fercano

Fercano describes as "even more than top-notch."

Room service will be available and hotel guests will be able to order from a separate wine list. And all bookings will include a full breakfast.

"I want our hotel guests to go out to other restaurants too," Abdelhady said. "I want them to enjoy Main Street, the shops and everything Cold Spring has to offer."

Judith Napenas, assistant manager at the 13-room Hudson House Inn on the riverfront, said she was happy to learn of Abdelhady's plan, because "we don't have that

many rooms, and when we're full it will help bring more business to the village."

Abdelhady said that when the project is finished he plans to invite the entire



The floor above the Silver Spoon will become a boutique hotel.

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community to a celebration that will include a special buffet and tours of the hotel. The only detail he hasn't figured out, he said, is a name. Let the suggestions begin.

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it estimates has created nearly \$13 million in economic activity, \$5.1 million in energy savings and the reduction of 5,125 tons of greenhouse gas, or the equivalent of removing 1,068 cars from the road.

The state, eager to see similar successes in other counties, has expanded the program to three communities in the Mid-Hudson Valley: Red Hook, Hyde Park and Beacon.

Tom Bregman, a senior consultant with Energize NY who wrote the grant application to bring the program to the Hudson Valley, said it focuses on "building science," which he defines as "the interaction between the climate, weather, humans and the systems that heat and cool homes."

While the presentation on March 28 will provide plenty of free or low-cost home improvements, Bregman hopes to recruit homeowners for the free assessments, which typically takes two to four hours. (There is also a sign-up form at beacon.energizeny.com.)

He says that although many people assume window replacement is the priority, typically it's an expensive investment when compared to the energy savings it would provide. Instead, "the most common suggested improvement that comes out of the assessment is sealing and insulation in the attic and in the sills and around any exposed interior basement foundations, and sealing up holes that people can't see," he said. "Those are also the most cost-effective improvements."

After insulating and sealing the basement and attic, which Bregman refers to as the "hat and boots" of the house, the next most common suggestion after an assessment is to upgrade the home's HVAC system. That could range from replacing an older, low-efficiency boiler to insulating ductwork and sealing gaps around windows.

> "This is something that individuals can do to have an impact on their personal daily lives, their cash flow, reducing their energy costs, making their home more comfortable, and that translates to a



Norm Jen, an "energy coach" who works with Energize NY, sets up a blower-door test to identify drafts.

lower carbon footprint," said Bregman. "When you're using 20 percent less energy, it means you're emitting 20 percent less greenhouse gas."





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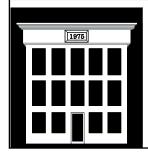
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Nelsonville voters also supported adding two additional trustees to the Board effective next year. May I ask each citizen to consider running for these positions.

On behalf of the citizens of Nelsonville, profound thanks to outgoing Mayor Thomas Corless and Trustee Danielle Pack-McCarthy for their service to our Village.

> Respectfully, Bill O'Neill, Nelsonville Mayor-Elect



Thank you, fellow residents, for your support of my campaign for Mayor of the Village we all love.

Alison Anthoine



20 March 24, 2017

April 20 (Thurs.) @ Rye Neck

April 27 (Thurs.) North Salem

@ Westlake

Fox Lane @ Pawling

Peekskill

Home matches played at Garrison CC

@ Putnam Valley

Putnam Valley

@ Byram Hills

Albertus Magnus

April 24 (Mon.)

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May 11 (Thurs.)

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Haldane Spring Varsity Sports Schedules					
Baseball		April 4 (Tues.)	@ Hendrick Hudson		
	:30 p.m. unless noted	April 5 (Wed.)	@ Sleepy Hollow		
April 5 (Wed.)	Woodlands	April 19 (Wed.)	@ Putnam Valley		
April 7 (Fri.)	@ Irvington	April 20 (Thurs.)	North Salem		
April 10 (Mon.)	Peekskill (11 a.m.)	April 25 (Tues.)	@ North Salem		
April 11 (Tues.)	@ Putnam Valley	April 27 (Thurs.)	Putnam Valley		
April 13 (Thurs.)	Putnam Valley	May 2 (Tues.)	Sleepy Hollow		
April 14 (Fri.)	@ Tuckahoe (Noon)	May 3 (Wed.)	Ossining		
April 17 (Mon.)	@ Hamilton (Noon)	May 8 (Mon.)	Hendrick Hudson		
April 19 (Wed.)	@ Pawling	May 10 (Wed.)	@ Pawling		
April 21 (Fri.)	Pawling	May 11 (Thurs.)	@ Ossining		
April 24 (Mon.)	Pleasantville	May 16 (Tues.)	Pawling		
April 26 (Wed.)	@ Woodlands	May 17 (Wed.)	Lakeland/Panas		
April 28 (Fri.)	Poughkeepsie (4 p.m.)		,		
April 28 (Fri.) Hamilton (6:45 p.m.)		Boys' Lacrosse Games begin at 4:30 p.m. unless noted			
April 29 (Sat.)	@ Peekskill (7 p.m.)	April 4 (Tues.)	Croton Harmon		
May 1 (Mon.)	Coleman Catholic	April 6 (Thurs.)	Albertus Magnus		
May 2 (Tues.)	@ North Salem	April 8 (Sat.)	Carmel (2 p.m.)		
May 3 (Wed.)	North Salem	April 10 (Mon.)	Briarcliff		
May 5 (Fri.)	Millbrook (7 p.m.) @	April 12 (Wed.)	@ Rye Neck		
	Dutchess Stadium	April 18 (Tues.)	Yonkers		
May 9 (Tues.)	Schechter	April 21 (Fri.)	O'Neill @ West Point		
May 15 (Mon.)	@ Yonkers Montessori Academy	April 24 (Mon.)	Keio Academy		
Softball	•	April 27 (Thurs.)	Westlake		
Games begin at 4	l:30 p.m.	April 28 (Fri.)	North Salem		
March 24 (Fri.)	@ Dobbs Ferry	May 2 (Tues.)	@ Pawling		
March 27 (Mon.)	@ Beacon	May 5 (Fri.)	@ Blind Brook		
April 3 (Mon.)	Irvington	May 6 (Sat.)	@ Lourdes (3 p.m.)		
April 5 (Wed.)	@ Croton-Harmon	May 9 (Tues.)	Putnam Valley		
April 6 (Thurs.)	@ North Salem	May 11 (Thurs.)	@ Edgemont		
April 7 (Fri.)	@ Keio Academy	May 13 (Sat.)	Peekskill (11 a.m.)		
April 10 (Mon.)	Beacon	Track and Fie	ld		
April 11 (Tues.)	Hamilton		@ Putnam Valley (4:15		
April 13 (Thurs.)	Briarcliff	April 3 (Mon.)	@ North Salem (League		
April 17 (Mon.)	Blind Brook	, ipin o (Mon.)	Meet)		
April 19 (Wed.)	Pawling	April 17 (Mon.)	@ Bronxville (4:15 p.m		

March 28 (Tues.)	@ Putnam Valley (4:15)
April 3 (Mon.)	@ North Salem (League Meet)
April 17 (Mon.)	@ Bronxville (4:15 p.m.)
April 21-22	@ Randall's Island
April 25 (Tues.)	@ Croton-Harmon
April 27 (Thurs.)	@ Penn Relays
April 29 (Sat.)	@ Kingston (9 a.m.)
May 10 (Wed.)	@ Putnam Valley (League Champ.)
May 13 (Sat.)	@ Loucks Games
May 20 (Sat.)	@ Northern County Championship
May 26 (Fri.)	@ Class C Championships

@ Warwick Valley

May 30 (Tues.)

April 22 (Sat.)

April 24 (Mon.)

April 25 (Tues.)

May 2 (Tues.)

TBD (3 p.m.)

@ Lincoln

@ Peekskill

Hendrick Hudson

Go Bulldogs!

Beacon Spring Varsity Sports Schedules							
Baseball		May 4 (Thurs.)	@ Sleepy Hollow				
Games begin at 4:15 p.m. unless noted		May 5 (Fri.)	Ossining (4:30 p.m.)				
April 6 (Thu.)	@ Lakeland	May 6 (Sat.)	Yonkers (3 p.m.)				
April 7 (Fri.)	Arlington (4:30 p.m.)	May 8 (Mon.)	Lourdes (4:30 p.m.)				
April 10 (Mon.)	TBD @ Dutchess	May 10 (Wed.)	Peekskill				
Anvil 10 (Man)	Stadium (9 a.m.)	May 11 (Thurs.)	Lakeland (4:30 p.m.)				
April 10 (Mon.)	Brewster @ Dutchess Stadium (Noon)	Boys' Tennis					
April 10 (Mon.)	Arlington B @ Dutchess Stadium (3 p.m.)		4:15 p.m. unless noted				
April 10 (Man)		March 30 (Thurs.					
April 10 (Mon.)	Pelham @ Dutchess Stadium (6 p.m.)	April 3 (Mon.)	Somers				
April 11-13	Tournament continues @ Dutchess Stadium	April 5 (Wed.) April 6 (Thurs.)	Ardsley @ Walter Panas				
April 17 (Mon.)		April 7 (Fri.)	@ Brewster				
April 17 (MOH.)	Yonkers @ Dutchess Stadium (6:30 p.m.)	April 10 (Mon.)	Peekskill				
April 18 (Tues.)	@ Sleepy Hollow	April 18 (Tues.)	Hendrick Hudson				
April 21 (Fri.)	@ Walter Panas (7 p.m.)	April 20 (Thurs.)	@ Sleepy Hollow				
April 22 (Sat.)	Lincoln (3 p.m.)	April 24 (Mon.)	Lourdes				
April 24 (Mon.)	Somers @ Dutchess	April 26 (Wed.)	Peekskill				
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April 26 (Wed.)	Hendrick Hudson	May 2 (Tues.)	@ Lakeland				
April 27 (Thurs.)	@ Hendrick Hudson	May 3 (Wed.)	Sleepy Hollow (4:45 p.m.)				
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April 29 (Sat.)	Pearl River (Noon)	May 5 (Fri.)	@ Lourdes				
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April 24 (Mon.)

May 2-3

May 3 (Wed.)

Golf

Schedules subject to change.

@ Peekskill

League Meet

@ Sleepy Hollow (4:30 p.m.)