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Women to the Rescue
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The Parsonage Street 21

An entire neighborhood of young men went to war. One did not return

By Michael Turton

After the U.S. entered World War II in 1941, the two blocks of Parsonage Street in Cold Spring seemed to empty. Twenty-one young men who lived on the street left to fight.

Miraculously, in a war in which 405,399 American soldiers lost their lives, only one of the 21 did not return.

Anthony “Guy” Nastasi served in the 143rd Regiment of the Army’s 36th Infantry “Arrowhead” Division. He fought in several major battles, beginning with the landing at Anzio, Italy, before heading to France, according to Thomas Nastasi of Cold Spring, who has done a great deal of research on the Parsonage Street 21 for a book he is writing about his uncle.

On Sept. 22, 1944, Guy Nastasi’s platoon was ordered to secure a hill near the village of Saint-Alvold on the Moselle River, near the German border. He was shot dead two days before his 25th birthday while attempting to take down a machine gunner nest.

By the war’s end, the 36th had spent 400 days in combat. Fourteen of its mem-



Guy Nastasi and the telegram notifying his mother that he had been killed in action

Photo courtesy of Thomas Nastasi

bers received the Medal of Honor.

Two months before his death, Nastasi had an unlikely encounter. While marching near Anzio, someone called, “Guy! Guy!” To his surprise, it was Joe Merando, who also lived on Parsonage Street in Cold Spring, some 4,300 miles away. “Be careful! We just got the shit kicked out of us!” Merando hollered. “I will, Joe! Nice to see you!” Nastasi yelled back.



Father Shane Scott-Hamblen of St. Mary's-in-the-Highlands, Jack Dickerhof and Chip Kniffen place wooden crosses on the lawn of the church in preparation for Memorial Day. The work, which began May 22, is completed over several days. One of the crosses commemorates Guy Nastasi.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

Before the war, Guy worked with his father, Vincenzo, known around town as “Jimmy the stone mason.” Guy was known as the “protector” of the family. If he caught his sisters smoking or his

brothers getting into trouble he wouldn’t tell their parents but used the information to keep his siblings in line.

Nastasi loved playing the harmonica. He took one to (Continued on Page 6)



Medical offices that had occupied the Lahey Pavilion (left) recently moved into new Building 2 (right), at the Butterfield redevelopment complex in Cold Spring.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Cold Spring Asks Court to Dismiss Butterfield Suit

Says village – not developer – decides when approval needed

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Village of Cold Spring wants a federal court to throw out a \$2.5 million lawsuit filed by developer Paul Guarro over how the village handled his plans for the development of the former Butterfield hospital site.

In a May 19 letter to Judge Nelson Román

of the U.S. District Court for Southern New York, the village’s lawyer, Seamus Weir, said he planned to ask for a motion to dismiss the two-month-old complaint, which charges that Guarro’s constitutional rights were violated when the village required him to re-submit his site plan after he swapped the occupants of two buildings.

Román scheduled a hearing for June 2 and directed Butterfield Realty to respond by May 26.

The developer sued Cold Spring and Mayor Dave Merandy on March 15, alleging the mayor undertook “a malicious and inten-

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Does the Man Owe You Money?

\$4.6 million in unclaimed funds due Highlands residents

By Chip Rowe

When I alerted a friend in Garrison that her name appeared in an online database of people who were

owed money, and all she had to do was fill out a form to claim it, she was skeptical.

Admittedly, it sounds like fake news. But the New York state comptroller maintains a database of checks — refunds, dividends, the balance of forgotten bank accounts, stock certificates, insurance payouts, security deposits, unused gift

cards — that for whatever reason were returned to sender.

Companies are required by law to report dormant accounts to the state and, if the owner can’t be located, turn over the funds to the Comptroller. The agency maintains a public database of these “unclaimed funds” to match lost money with

lost people. Its data stretches to 2006.

So far this year the comptroller has distributed \$162 million, but \$14.5 billion remains. That includes \$1.1 million owed to Cold Spring residents and businesses, \$693,000 to those in Garrison and \$2.8 million to those in Beacon, for a total of about \$4.6 million (Continued on Page 13)

Putnam Discusses Consolidating Services

Also, asks state to OK court appearances by video

By Holly Crocco

As part of the 2017-18 state budget, Gov. Andrew Cuomo established an initiative to encourage cities, towns, villages, school districts, fire departments and other agencies to share services and reduce costs, and taxes. He dangled the possibility that municipalities that make this happen could receive additional state funding.

The plan calls on each county executive to establish a panel to research ways to eliminate redundant services, establish joint purchasing and share equipment and facilities.

During a hearing on May 18 in Carmel, Putnam lawmakers criticized the governor and state legislature for not recognizing that the county has long shared services.

As an example, county officials noted that Putnam is part of the East of Hudson Watershed Corp., in which 19 municipalities work together to meet stormwater regulations. It has also established a county Commission for Fiscal Vision and Accountability that investigates ways to improve infrastructure, lower energy consump-

tion, consolidate law enforcement, find health insurance savings and share garbage and recycling services, recreational facilities and programs and tax assessment resources.

Sheriff Donald Smith cited the school resource officer program in which the county provides law enforcement officers stationed at schools, including Haldane in Cold Spring.

In addition, the Sheriff's Office and the Carmel and Kent police departments share training resources as part of the Putnam County Emergency Response Team, he said. The county also patrols Lake Mahopac to assist the Carmel P.D.

One central office

During the hearing, Southeast Town Councilwoman Lynne Eckardt asked County Executive MaryEllen Odell if her administration or the Legislature has considered downsizing the county government. Odell responded that its cost to taxpayers is already minimal.

According to Odell, Putnam collects the lowest portion, per dollar, of property tax of any of New York's 62 counties. In Putnam, for each \$1 of property tax, 71 cents go to school districts, she said, 18 cents to towns, 1 cent to fire districts and 1 cent to villages. The county gets 9 cents.

"The big money is in the school districts, not the town or county government," she said.



ONE PIECE AT A TIME — As storm clouds gather, an arborist from Philipstown Tree Service prepares to drop a branch while bringing down a dead tree on Church Street on May 22.

Photo by Anita Peltonen

She pointed to Fairfax, Virginia, where the county government administers all the schools in the county — serving 180,000 students — through a single administrative office. Odell stated that with many of Putnam's six school districts maintaining separate offices with combined salaries that exceed \$200,000 each, a significant savings could be made by consolidation.

The next public hearing on the shared services initiative is scheduled for 4 p.m. on June 20.

Video appearances

Putnam lawmakers continue to push for the ability to bring inmates to court through video conferencing. The move would require a change in state law to allow a judge to determine if a defendant could be beamed in from the Putnam County Correctional Facility or other lockups. Currently the inmate must agree.

Odell said the county already has the equipment and is "shovel-ready" for the change. (Continued on Page 8)

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Will New York Soak Philipstown?

City: Create water district or rates triple for 12 homes

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Plans to connect the Cold Spring water system to New York City's Catskill Aqueduct during repairs to a village dam have left Philipstown with a dilemma.

For the deal to go through, the town must create a separate water district to cover about a dozen homes located in Philipstown just outside the village, or see those property owners charged substantially higher rates.

Philipstown opposes both options. So does Cold Spring.

New York City's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which is handling discussions with Cold Spring, said it's only following New York City code.

Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea calls the requirement to create a water district for 12 properties "absurd. We're not doing it," he said at a Town Board meeting on May 4. "It is going to cost thousands and thousands of dollars to set up and administer." Neither does the town want 12 property owners to receive sky-high water bills, he said. "This is just



Cold Spring's Upper Reservoir dam in autumn

File photo by L.S. Armstrong

heavy-handed nonsense for no benefit. So we're going to fight it."

On May 17 Shea said he had contacted Sandy Galef, the state Assembly member who represents Philipstown, for assistance. "This runs completely counter to all the consolidation efforts that Gov. Andrew Cuomo has put forth and which towns and counties are scrambling to institute," he said.

The background

Dating from 1895, Cold Spring's water system serves the village as well as most of Nelsonville and some residences just outside the village. Two Cold Spring dams on reservoirs off Foundry Pond Road belonged to the West Point Foundry and may date to the 1820s.

Since 2010, when an engineering analysis found the upper dam "unsound" but stable, village officials have anticipated repairs. Making them requires lowering the reservoir level. To ensure that sufficient water reaches local taps during the upgrade, Cold Spring proposed tapping into the Catskill Aqueduct, as it did during a 2010 drought. However, this time around, the village wants to use a 16-inch connection, not the 2-inch connection pre-

viously used. And that alteration requires a new agreement, said Adam Bosch, public affairs director of the DEP Bureau of Water Supply.

The options

In February the DEP sent the village a 27-page draft contract. Separately, the DEP raised the issue of the 12 homes.

The DEP also said Nelsonville should endorse Cold Spring's arrangement for using the aqueduct, or its homes might also be charged higher charges. The Nelsonville Village Board approved Cold Spring's plan on May 15.

Bosch said New York City code only al-

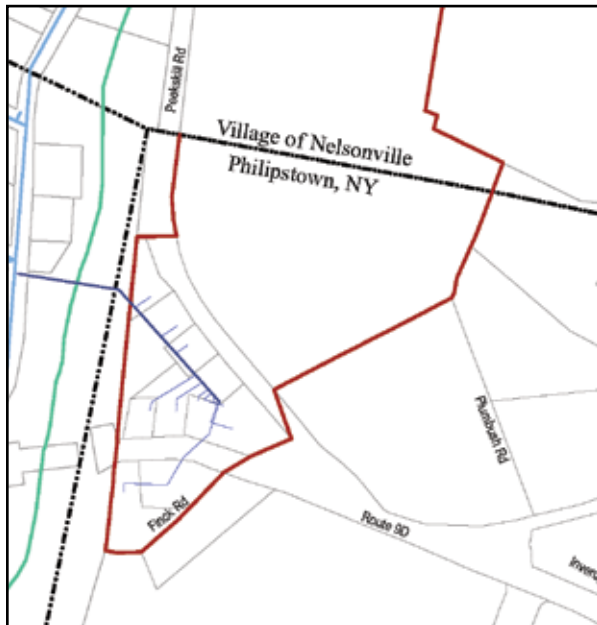
How to Create a Water District

According to state law, a town must:

- Map the district.
- Obtain a report and plan from a professional engineer.
- Obtain easements.
- Resolve who owns the pipes.
- Hold public hearings.
- Establish a water commission of district residents.

lows the city to sell its drinking water at a discount to municipalities and water districts. If Philipstown chooses not to form a district, the city can still sell the water but the rate is three times higher. He said the issue had not come up during Cold Spring's prior hook-ups to the aqueduct because "we were previously unaware that a handful of homes in Philipstown were being provided water by Cold Spring."

Merandy told Shea in an April 20 letter that the village water system, since its inception, has supplied water to those outside village limits, which is allowed under state law. He called the demand for a water district "an unexpected and costly burden on the town" and the homeowners but added that a new district might "facilitate repair and maintenance associated with the water mains serving the Peekskill Road area."



Detail from the Cold Spring water system map shows the area where 12 homes lie outside both Cold Spring and Nelsonville.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Watch the skies

Thank you for mentioning our book, *U.F.O. Sightings Desk Reference: United States of America 2001-2015* ("UFOs Spotted in Philipstown and Beacon," May 22). Had you asked us, we would have given you a bigger local story for both Dutchess and Putnam counties.

With 144 UFO sightings between 2001 and 2015 (including four in Beacon), Dutchess is ranked No. 12 among counties in New York State and No. 179 of the more than 3,000 U.S. counties. With 38 sightings (including eight in Cold Spring and Garrison), Putnam County is No. 33 in the state and No. 635 in the U.S.

Cheryl Costa, *Syracuse*

It's a good bet all those UFOs are from Brooklyn!

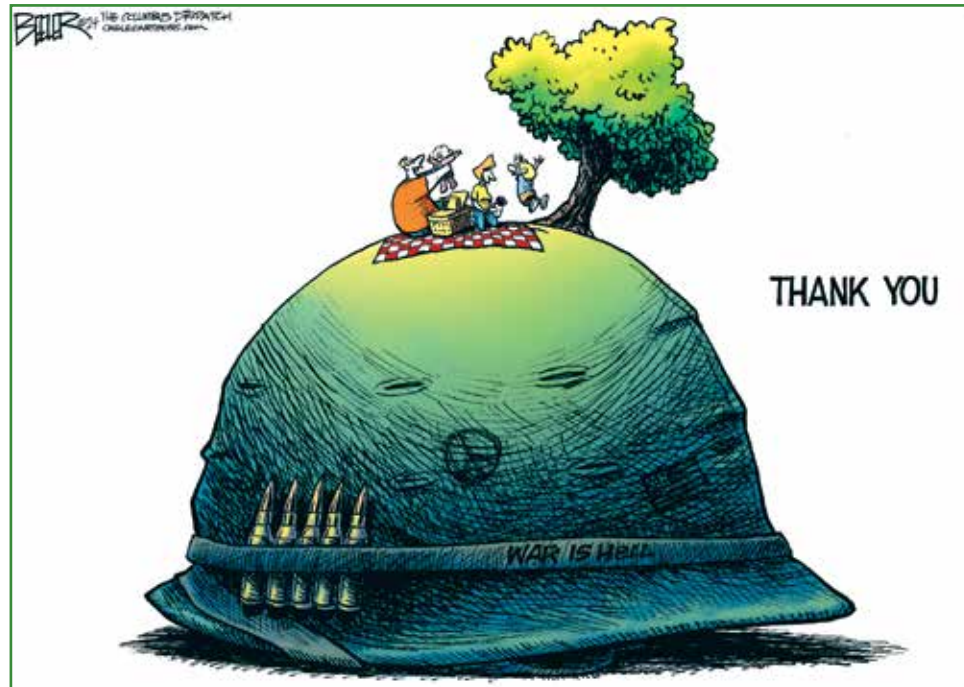
Jeff Nobile, *Nelsonville*

Some years ago we had a cop here after a report of a UFO. He checked with Stewart Airport and the police station — no one knew what it was and it wasn't small or high up, either. He told us to stay inside and close the windows and curtains and that he was getting the hell out of there.

Marie Matzek, *Beacon*

In 1987 Whitney Strieber published a book, *Communion: A True Story*, that he said was an account of his abduction by "visitors" near Pine Bush in Orange County (which has since been called "the UFO capital of the East Coast"). In addition, a 1987 book, *Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings*, includes an account of a V-shaped craft the size of a football field, called the "Westchester Boomerang," that hovered over the Taconic Parkway and was supposedly seen by thousands of people. Curious and interesting.

Preston Pittman, *Garrison*



Response times

Does the city of Beacon realize the extra time it will take from a station on Main Street to respond to a call on the east (mountain) side, especially trying to get down Main on a busy day? ("Beacon Firehouse Plan Shifts from Dog Park," May 19). It's bad enough with a regular-sized vehicle when it's not busy. Imagine three firetrucks responding up there. A new building should be as centralized as possible.

Gary Van Tassel, *Beacon*

Thanks to voters

A thank you to all who came out to vote in the Beacon City School District election on May 16. Congratulations to all of you on supporting and passing a budget that will foster continued learning and growth in our community. I will continue to work alongside my fellow board members advocating equity and consistency among our six school buildings.

I sincerely thank everyone who signed my petition and voted for me. I am humbled by the support.

Kenya Gadsden, *Beacon*

Beacon primaries

It's quite odd that your story about the City Council endorsements by the Beacon Democratic Committee only included photographs of the two incumbent members who were not endorsed ("Beacon Democrats Back Council Newcomers," May 19). It makes it appear as if they were endorsed. Many of the new candidates have social media accounts with photos, so it's not as if access to such content didn't exist.

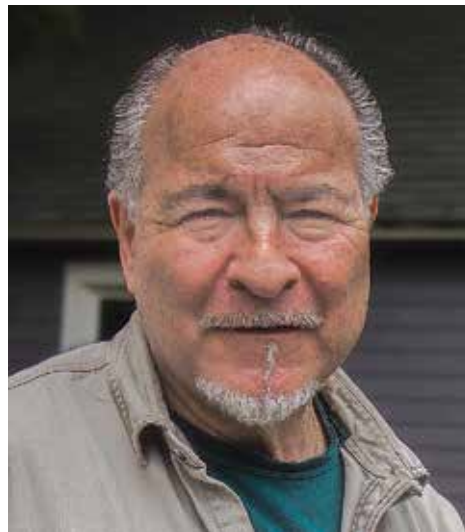
I suggest *The Current* be more accurate in its presentation. Otherwise it appears there may be another agenda in pushing images of
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Taking it to the Street By Anita Peltonen

Who are the veterans you think of on Memorial Day?



"My father and granddad. Neither of them died in service, but that's who I think of."
~ Nicole Cissney, Cold Spring



"My uncles, from both sides of the family, who served in World War II. I'm a Navy vet — served on a destroyer in Vietnam."
~ Sal Licchi, Wappingers



"My friend's husband. He came back from Vietnam and was never the same."
~ Kathy Bruce, Beacon

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

candidates who do not relate to the article's headline and are not relevant to the story you claim to tell.

Samantha Tseng, *Beacon*

The editor responds: We should have made it clearer in the print caption that the two incumbents were pictured, not the newcomers who were endorsed. We will profile all the candidates as the primary election draws nearer.

Voters in Dutchess County are one step closer to having "full day" polling hours for primary day elections. At present, the polling hours are from noon to 9 p.m. Every other county in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District, including Putnam, has polling hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

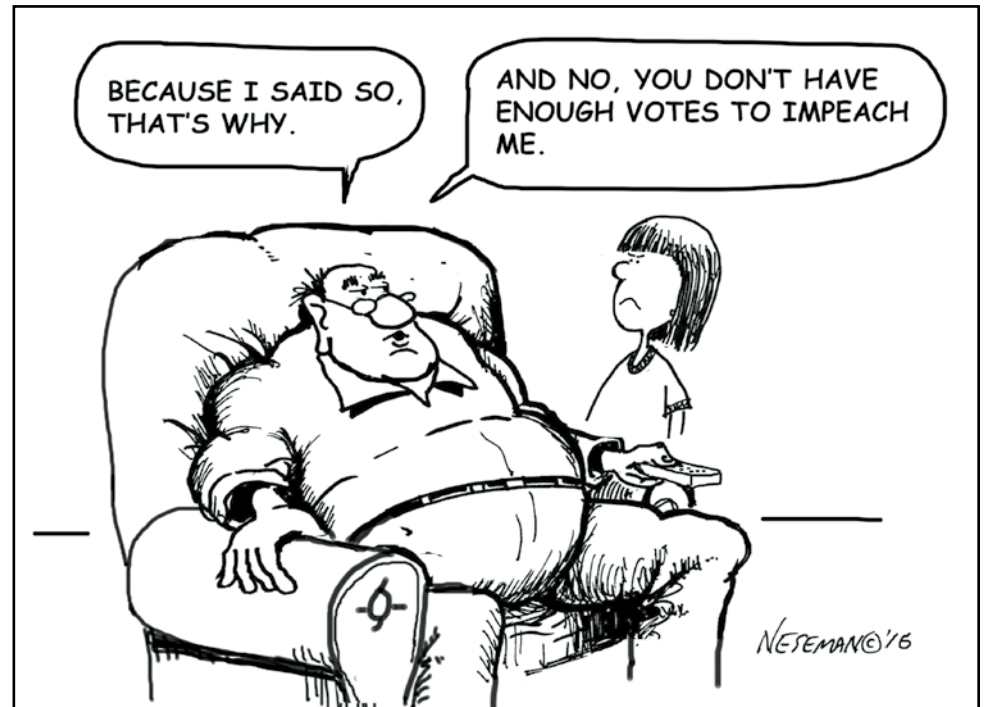
At our meeting on May 8, Dutchess County legislators voted unanimously to

support a request to the state Senate and Assembly to extend primary polling hours in Dutchess. I made a trip to Albany and met with both Sen. Sue Serino and Assemblyman Frank Skartados to lobby for the change. If approved, the new hours would take effect in 2018.

There is a cost associated with extending the polling hours that will come from the county budget. Primary elections historically have low turnouts, and I am not suggesting that longer hours will have a major effect on that. But I do feel it is our responsibility to use every resource possible to give voters every opportunity we can to cast a vote.

John Forman, *Beacon*

Forman represents District 16 (Beacon and Fishkill) in the Dutchess County Legislature.



'Tortoise and the Hare'



A turtle takes an early lead on May 18 outside The Highland Studio in Philipstown.

Photo by Joe Diebboll

Cold Spring Asks Court to Dismiss Butterfield Suit (from Page 1)

tional campaign of harassment, usurpation of authority and other unlawful actions" against the development. In December Guillaro filed notice in state court that he intended to sue the village and Merandy for \$2.5 million, although he does not appear to be pursuing that case.

In a three-page letter to Román, the village cites numerous federal court decisions as precedents to argue that Guillaro has no "protected property right" in his site plan, which is required for a due process claim, because the building inspector and Planning Board have "complete discretion" over approving it.

Guillaro has actively pursued the development of the site on Route 9D in Cold Spring since 2011 and the project underwent intense scrutiny by the village.

In June 2015 the Planning Board approved a site plan that included an office-retail building whose occupants would include a long-awaited, county-run senior center; two buildings with 55 market-rate condominiums for older residents; the existing Lahey Pavilion for medical offices; and three single-family homes.

Later that year, Guillaro said he wanted to move the senior center and a planned U.S. Post Office branch to Lahey Pavilion and the medical offices to one of the office-retail buildings. Although he called the move "a minor modification" because it did not alter the buildings' footprints, height, parking needs or appearance, the Planning Board re-opened the review process.

The village maintains that Guillaro changed the site plan after the Planning Board had signed off on it. "In other words, the plaintiff [Butterfield Realty] no longer had an 'approved' site plan," the letter states. "As a result, the plaintiff was required to have its revised site plan re-approved before any building permits could be issued."

"While the plaintiff may have been unhappy about the additional time and expenses required, such is the nature of any large-scale redevelopment project."

Weir said on May 23 that he could not discuss the case. Salvatore Ferlazzo, who represents Butterfield Realty, could not be reached.

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MEMORIAL DAY

The Parsonage Street 21 *(from Page 1)*

war with him and when it was lost his mother, Caroline, mailed him a new one.

Joe Etta, 99, who was one of the 21, along with his late brother Anthony, recalled a boyhood on Parsonage filled with fun: block parties, baseball, boxing, shooting pool. But the war took its toll.

"We grew up fast and missed a lot at home; people got hurt," Etta said. "I feel sorry for the Nastasi family. Guy will never come home. I played baseball with him and the others."

Nastasi was buried in France at the Lorraine American Cemetery and Memorial outside Saint-Avoid, but a year after the war, a horse-drawn caisson carried his remains up Main Street to Cold Spring Cemetery. Fifty years later, Nastasi was posthumously awarded a Purple Heart, Silver Star and Bronze Star.

Of the Parsonage Street 21, Etta and two of the three Bocchino brothers, Patrick, 94, and Dominick, 97, survive. For a list of the 21, see highlandscurrent.com.



Parsonage Street today

Photo by M. Turton

In Memoriam

Twenty-five Philipstown residents who lost their lives during 20th century wars. Their names are engraved on a monument at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets in Cold Spring.

World War I — Percy W. Arnold, Edward Burns, George A. Casey, Charles N. Clainos, Charles DeRham, John R. Fisher, Clarence Fahnstock, James Harvey Hustis, J. Paulding Murdock

World War II — Martin E. Adams, Edward Budney, H. Ellis Bowden, Gerald Dale, Warren Eitner, W. Russel Farrell, Ralph Fleming, Arthur Gillman, Walter Glanville, Thomas Lutz, Stanley Matthews, Anthony Nastasi, Allen W. Olsen, Joseph V. Richardson, Lester F. Roberts, Arthur Warren

Vietnam — Aldon Asherman, John Bennett, Keith Livermore

Cold Spring "Taps"

Gen. Daniel Butterfield, a Civil War hero and Medal of Honor winner who retired to his estate in Cold Spring, Cragside (now the Haldane campus), is widely credited as the author of "Taps," the bugle call traditionally played at military funerals.

According to *Twenty-Four Notes That Tap Deep Emotions: The History of America's Most Famous Bugle Call*, by Jari Villanueva, "Taps" was a revision by Butterfield of a bugle call that signaled "lights out." He thought it too formal for that purpose and so instructed his brigade bugler to retain the melody but lengthen some notes and shorten others. It was first sounded in July 1862.

In 1898, Butterfield recalled that "the call did not seem to be as smooth, melodious and musical as it should be, and I called in someone who could write music, and practiced a change in the call until I had it suit my ear." The bugler said, "The music was beautiful on that still summer night and was heard far beyond the limits of our brigade."

In the evenings at Cragside, Butterfield could hear the West Point bugler sounding "Taps" across the river. When the general died in 1901, the call was played at his own funeral there.



General Daniel Butterfield

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Cragside, the Cold Spring home of Daniel and Julia Butterfield

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The Mount Beacon Eight

In two crashes, Navy men lost their lives

By Chip Rowe

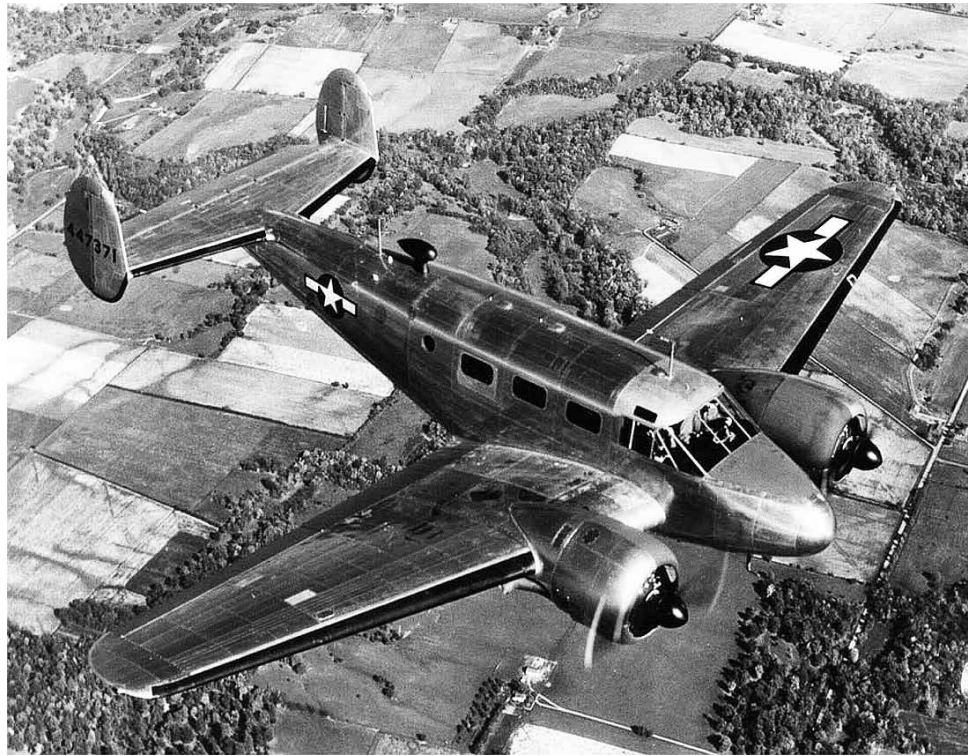
On Sunday, May 28, David Rocco will lead a Memorial Day hike up Mount Beacon to a place he considers sacred ground.

On Nov. 11, 1945, a Navy transport plane crashed into the woods near the north-west ridge of Mount Beacon, killing six men, including Dixie Kiefer, who earlier that year had survived an intense attack against the USS Ticonderoga, which he commanded. He was awarded the Silver Star for his heroism and ingenuity after two kamikazes set the ship afire and killed 144 of his men.

James V. Forrestal, a Beacon native who was then secretary of the Navy, earlier that year had called Kiefer “the indestructible man” because he had been so frequently wounded in both World Wars. One of Kiefer’s crew members joked that “he’s got so much metal in him, the ship’s compass follows him when he walks across the deck.”

Rocco, a retired carpenter, was volunteering on the restoration of the Mount Beacon Fire Tower in 2013 when he heard about Kiefer. He became fascinated with the commander and organized a group to raise funds for a memorial to the six men to be placed in a Fishkill town park with a sightline to the crash site.

The name of the group, Friends of the Mount Beacon Eight, also honors two Navy reservists who died in a September 1935 crash of a “Helldiver” single-engine biplane. “Remarkably, the planes



A twin-engine Beechcraft similar to the one that crashed on Mount Beacon in 1945.



Commodore Dixie Kiefer

[in 1935 and 1945] crashed almost exactly on opposite sides of Fishkill Ridge,” Rocco says. Both came down during storms.

A brass plaque and a copy of a *New York Times* article about the 1945 crash hangs from a tree at the site (the 1935 site has not been located), and Rocco planted small U.S., New York and Navy flags as a landmark for hikers. “It’s not a battlefield but just as important,” he says.

Rocco will lead a group from the Scenic Hudson Fishkill Ridge parking lot at 36 Sunnyside Road in Fishkill to the debris field; the hike takes about 45 minutes and includes some rough terrain. The group will meet at 9:30 a.m. for an introduction and leave at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

Kiefer, 49, and the five other servicemen were traveling aboard the Beechcraft Twin Engine Transport on a rainy morning from what is now Essex County Airport in New Jersey to the Air Naval base at Quonset, Rhode Island, where Kiefer was commander. (Kiefer had been at Yankee Stadium the day before to watch the

In Memoriam

Nov. 11, 1945

- Commodore Dixie Kiefer, 49, Blackfoot, Idaho
- Lt. Cmdr. Dr. Ignatious Zielinski, 44, Salem, Massachusetts
- Lt. Lloyd Heinzen, 23, Colorado Springs, Colorado (pilot)
- Lt. Hans Kohler, 25, Garfield, New Jersey (co-pilot)
- Aviation Machinist Clarence Hooper, 23, Greensboro, North Carolina
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- Lt. Lincoln Denton, 27, Houghton, Michigan
- Aviation Mate Clinton Hart, 28, Manhattan

Army football team beat Notre Dame, 48-0). It took searchers 15 hours to reach the crash site in the fog.

Kiefer was second-in-command of the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown at the decisive Battle of Midway on June 4, 1942. The Yorktown was lost, and Kiefer remained in the hospital until January 1943. In April 1944, he took command of the Ticonderoga.

After the kamikaze attack in January 1945, he remained on the bridge for 12 hours as the carrier burned; he had the crew turn the ship to avoid fanning the flames and flooded part of it to put the deck at a 10-degree list so the burning debris would slide overboard. Kiefer suffered 65 shrapnel wounds and a badly broken arm, which was still in a cast when he died on Mount Beacon.



Kiefer in battle dress in 1944 on the command bridge of the USS Ticonderoga.



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Putnam Discusses Consolidating Services *(from Page 2)*

Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac) explained that when the proposal first came up a few years ago, it was backed by the sheriff, the district attorney and a number of towns, so the county spent several hundred thousand-dollars on equipment.

Odell said allowing a judge to order inmates to appear by video could save the county as much as \$200,000 annually in costs associated with transporting prisoners — including wear and tear on vehicles, gas and overtime for deputies — while improving officer safety.

In addition, Odell argued, some inmates prefer to not come to court. “Not every defendant wants to take the ride

and be paraded around,” she said.

Smith said having a defendant appear before a judge through a television or computer screen, in real time, would “in no way” violate that person’s rights.

However, during a discussion in April, some lawmakers expressed concern.

Dini LoBue (R-Mahopac Falls) said that forcing defendants to appear by video was a civil-rights violation. “We’d be opening ourselves up to litigation,” she argued.

Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) had a similar opinion. “There’s something important about a face-to-face translation and I would hate to see that ability taken away,” she said.



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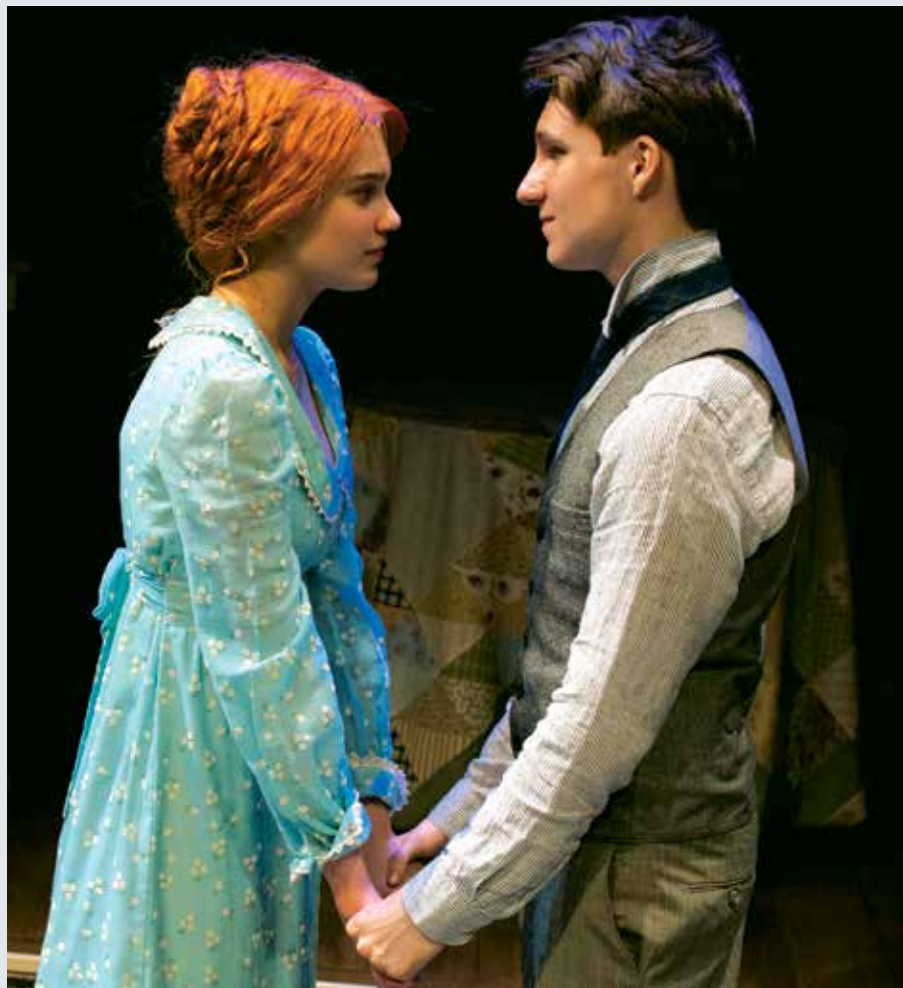


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Young Love



Olivia O'Blaney is Anne Shirley and Bryce Edwards is Gilbert Blythe in *Anne of Green Gables*, which will be performed four times over Memorial Day weekend at the Philipstown Depot Theatre in Garrison.

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The Calendar

Made You Look

Garrison producer behind awards for movie trailers

By Alison Rooney

Twenty years ago, Evelyn Brady and her sister Monica, a recent graduate of the film school at New York University, optioned a novel and set about raising the \$2 million they would need to make it into a film. A first step was to create a promotional trailer to give investors a taste of what they wanted to do.

That's when inspiration struck. The sisters realized that trailers — which most people are familiar with as the previews shown at a movie theater before the

feature — are themselves an art form, and an underappreciated one. They decided to create an award to recognize the creators of these minutes-long teasers.

Launched in 1999, their Golden Trailer Awards have grown from a low-key, 21-award evening in New York City to a Los Angeles gala with 1,000 attendees cheering on (it's not a sedate evening) the nominees and winners. There are now 114 categories, including recognition for foreign trailers and technical achievements such as sound editing, title sequences, voiceovers, graphics and original scores.

The sisters never did make the movie they had planned, says Evelyn, now Evelyn Brady-Watters, who lives in Garrison with her husband, Craig Watters. Hollywood embraced the idea, with industry heavyweights such as Harvey Weinstein and Quentin Tarantino offering support. (Their brother, Matthew Brady, an architect, also came on board as an associate producer.)

"The show kept growing and now everyone knows us for the show," says Brady-Watters, who on May 22 returned from a week at the Cannes Film Festival.



Matthew Brady, Evelyn Brady-Watters, host Wayne Brady and Monica Brady at the 2016 awards

Photo provided

"It's pretty much 'don't take your hands off the wheel.'"

Now in their 18th year, the Golden Trailers have become a multi-coast operation. The most prestigious awards, including Best in Show (which last year went to a trailer for *Spotlight*), will be presented on June 6 at the Saban Theater in Beverly Hills during a show hosted by actor and comedian Wayne Brady (no relation). The submissions, which must

be less than 4 minutes and 30 seconds, are screened by a panel of about 60 judges that includes directors, actors, producers, writers, executives and advertising creatives.

The nominees are divided by genre, such as action, documentary, horror, thriller, blockbuster, animation, independent, comedy and fantasy. There are also categories for trailers for video games and TV series, (Continued on Page 12)

A Change of Course

Coulter Young wanted to manage a gym. But an aptitude test said "art."

By Alison Rooney

Coulter Young barely took an art class beyond what was required while growing up in Mahopac. He was certain he wanted to go into athletic club management and during his senior year in high school completed an internship at what is now Club Fit.

He was also an avid skier and persuaded his parents to let him attend Green Mountain College in Vermont so he could hit the slopes while he studied recreational management.

That's where he took an aptitude test given to all freshmen. "Dear Coulter," read the results, "you scored 95 percent on arts and 5 percent on management."

Surprised but intrigued,

Young switched his focus to the arts.

Three decades later, Young is an established illustrator and painter who, for the past seven years, has taught art at the Garrison School. His solo show, *Triptych*, opens at the Catalyst Gallery in Beacon on June 3.



Coulter Young

Photo by A. Rooney

After earning an associate's degree at Green Mountain, Young continued his studies under illustrator Alan Cober, who encouraged him to come to SUNY Buffalo, where Cober taught.

"I enjoyed doing illustration because it is primarily drawing," Young says. "It blossomed because [as students] we were exposed to so many different applications such as editorial work and portraits and assignments like having to summarize an entire article in one picture."

Young says one highlight of his time in Buffalo was a class visit to the studio of Philip Burke, a longtime illustrator for *Rolling Stone*, to watch him paint a portrait of Joni Mitchell.

"I had spent years tearing out the caricatures [in the magazine] and putting them on my wall," Young recalls. "I brought my sketchbook and showed it to Burke. He hired me as a helper and, eventually, as an apprentice."

"I was able to see his technique and method, and then I added my brushstrokes. I mimicked his style, then grew it into my own. It was learning on the spot, so different from being in a class."

When Young's father told him about the artist colony developing in Peekskill, Young headed downstate. He lived with his father in Cortlandt Manor while renting a studio in Peekskill, where he worked from 1994 to 2003. In 2000, he also opened a gallery in (Continued on Page 16)



Beacon, an assemblage by Coulter Young

FRIDAY, MAY 26

MayFest
2 – 11:30 p.m. Surprise Lake Camp
Lake Surprise Road, Cold Spring | [mayfestnyc.com](#)

John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil
6 p.m. Veterans' Memorial Park
Gypsy Trail Road, Kent | 7 p.m. Opening Ceremony

International Film Series: *The Lady in the Van* (U.K.)
7 p.m. Howland Library | 313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | [beaconlibrary.org](#)

Anne of Green Gables
7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | [philipstowndepottheatre.org](#)

Pitching Tents (Film)
7:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | [paramounthudsonvalley.com](#)

Jason Kao Hwang Trio
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
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SATURDAY, MAY 27

Antiques Show & Flea Market
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport
428 Route 216, Stormville
845-221-6561 | [stormvilleairportfleamarket.com](#)

MayFest
9 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Surprise Lake Camp
See details under Friday.

Barn Star Antique Show
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
6550 Spring Brook Ave., Rhinebeck
845-876-0616 | [barnstar.com](#)

Calendar Highlights

For upcoming events visit [highlandscurrent.com](#).
Send event listings to calendar@highlandscurrent.com

SplashDown Opening Day
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 16 Old Route 9 West, Fishkill
845-897-9600 | [splashdownbeach.com](#)

World War II Displays
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. FDR Library (Great Lawn)
4079 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park
845-486-7770 | [fdrlibrary.org](#)

Used Book Sale
11 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Kent Library
17 Sybil's Crossing, Kent Lakes
845-225-8585 | [kentlibrary.org](#)

A Castle in Brooklyn, King Arthur (Rough Cut)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

Anne of Green Gables
3 & 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Marylyn Dintenfass (Opening)
4 – 6 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3960 | [garrisonartcenter.org](#)

John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil
6 p.m. Veterans' Memorial Park
See details under Friday.

Celebrating Heritage: National Asian-American Month (Concert)
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-765-3012 | [howlandculturalcenter.org](#)

SUNDAY, MAY 28

Antiques Show & Flea Market
8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Stormville Airport
See details under Saturday.

MayFest
9 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Surprise Lake Camp
See details under Friday.

World War II Displays
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. FDR Library (Great Lawn)
See details under Saturday.

Barn Star Antique Show
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dutchess County Fairgrounds
See details under Saturday.

Anne of Green Gables
3 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Beacon Peace Awards
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
[facebook.com/Beacon-Peace-Awards](#)

O' Brother, Where Art Thou? (2000)
3 p.m. 147 Spring Valley St., Beacon
[storiyscreenbeacon.com](#)

Julia Bruskin (Cello) and Aaron Wunsch (Piano)
4 p.m. Chapel Restoration
45 Market St., Cold Spring
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MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day Parade
9 a.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St., Cold Spring
Organized by VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275

Hudson Valley Honor Flight: Generation Bridge (Documentary)
7:30 p.m. Downing Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh | 845-561-3686
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TUESDAY, MAY 30

Dare to Dream Concert Featuring Svet
6:30 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

Desmond-Fish Library
10:15 a.m. Music and Movement for Toddlers
1:30 p.m. Storytime | 472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | [desmondfishlibrary.org](#)

Toddler Tales (ages 2-3)
11 a.m. Howland Public Library | Details, see Friday

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

Philipstown Seniors Club
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Backyard Family Farm Skills
3:45 p.m. Glynwood Farm | 362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring | 845-265-3338 | [glynwood.org](#)

Divorce Workshop for Women
6:30 p.m. Oak Vino | 398 Main St., Beacon
[divorceseminarforwomen.eventbrite.com](#)

Town Board
7:30 p.m. Town Hall | 238 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-5200 | [philipstown.com](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Musical Tot Trek
10 a.m. Brooks Lake Park, Fort Montgomery
845-424-3358 | [hhlt.org](#)

Dutchess Car Club Cruise Night
5 – 8 p.m. Beacon Elks Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
845-831-9746 | [dutchesscruisers.org](#)

Phil Haber (Opening)
6 – 9 p.m. Robert McCaffrey Real Estate
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Lucille Tortora (Opening)
6 – 8 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery | 121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | [busterlevigallery.com](#)

Carla Goldbert and Richard Cutrona (Opening)
6 – 9 p.m. Gallery 66 NY | 66 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5838 | [gallery66ny.com](#)

Racing Dreams with Q&A (grades 6-8)
6:30 p.m. Howland Library | Details under May 26.

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court
7 p.m. Haldane School | 15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring | [haldaneschool.org](#)

Open Book Duo (Free show)
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Hudson Valley Heroines

The lesser known women of local history

By Alison Rooney

A major challenge of researching women's influence in history is that their achievements often went unrecorded, noted Vernon Benjamin, author of *The History of the Hudson River Valley*, during a talk at the Putnam History Museum on May 13. Nevertheless, he provided an engaging sampler of noteworthy women who have called the region home.

Benjamin, a former journalist who has taught at Marist and Bard, dove right into pre-colonial days with a story attributed to the Mohawk and Adirondack tribes called "Legend of White Dove." The teenage daughter of a Saratoga sachem had to swim across a lake to prove her worth as his successor. She was attacked by a large bird but fought it off and emerged at the shore with a white dove atop her head. From that time the succession of the sachem always went through the female line.

In colonial times, widowhood often placed women in influential financial positions. When her second husband, Frederick Philipse, died in 1702, Margaret Hardenbroeck inherited his fleet and shipped furs and other goods to Holland, trading them for merchandise she sold in New Amsterdam. Unlike most women, she had experience in business: She became a trader in the 1650s in New Amsterdam (New York) as an agent for a wealthy cousin, trading his pins, cooking oils and vinegar for furs.

Maria van Rensselaer became the fifth patroon of Rensselaerswyck in 1674 when her husband died. She kept the Dutch colony together and for 13 years ran the rental farms and grain and lumber mills that made up the family estate.

Alida Schuyler grew up in Albany in a family of fur traders. Widowed early, in 1679 she married Robert Livingston, an ambitious Scotsman. With her husband away frequently, she took charge of his operations, which included land farmed by tenants. Her letters to her husband, written over many years, reveal her business acumen.

Along with the well-known Sybil Ludington (who signed her name "Sebal"),

Benjamin described Mehitable Wing. Her husband, William Prendergast, was charged in 1767 in Dutchess County with leading an armed revolt over the costs of leasing land. An account of his trial noted that Mehitable assisted in his defense and "never failed to make every remark that might tend to extenuate the offence, and put his conduct in the most favorable point of view."

Nevertheless, the jury found Prendergast guilty of treason. After he was sentenced to hang, his wife rode 70 miles to appeal to the governor, who granted a reprieve "until the King's pleasure might be known." Prendergast later received a royal pardon.

Although born an heiress, Margaret Beekman Livingston did not live a life of leisure. After giving birth to 10 children, she was widowed. In 1777 the British army destroyed the family estate in retaliation for the Livingston family's support of the revolution. She managed to have the main house rebuilt in time to host George and Martha Washington in 1782. The message was, "Whatever you do to us, we will come back," Benjamin said.

Away from the battlefields, Jane Colden was considered the nation's first female botanist. She was born in Newburgh in 1724, one of 10 children. Given instruction by her father, a physician and botanist, she embarked on a study of the flora in the area, taking impressions of leaves on paper with printer's ink to distinguish each species.

At the beginning of the 19th century, Carrie Chapman Catt campaigned for woman's suffrage in the U.S. and abroad. She was president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association at the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. She also founded the League of Women Voters.

Inez Milholland, a Vassar grad, also fought for suffrage, once stopping a campaign parade for President William Howard Taft by speaking through a megaphone



Margaret Beekman Livingston



Inez Milholland

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from a window over the route. In 1909 Milholland applied to law school at Yale, Harvard and Columbia but was rejected because she was female. Eventually she enrolled at the New York University School of Law, earning her degree in 1912. The next year she led a suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., wearing a crown and white cape and navigating on a white horse through crowds of drunken men.

Reeling off a string of names and accomplishments of 20th century women, Benjamin touched upon feminist Betty Friedan; educator Emma Willard; author Jean Webster; Langston Hughes' bene-

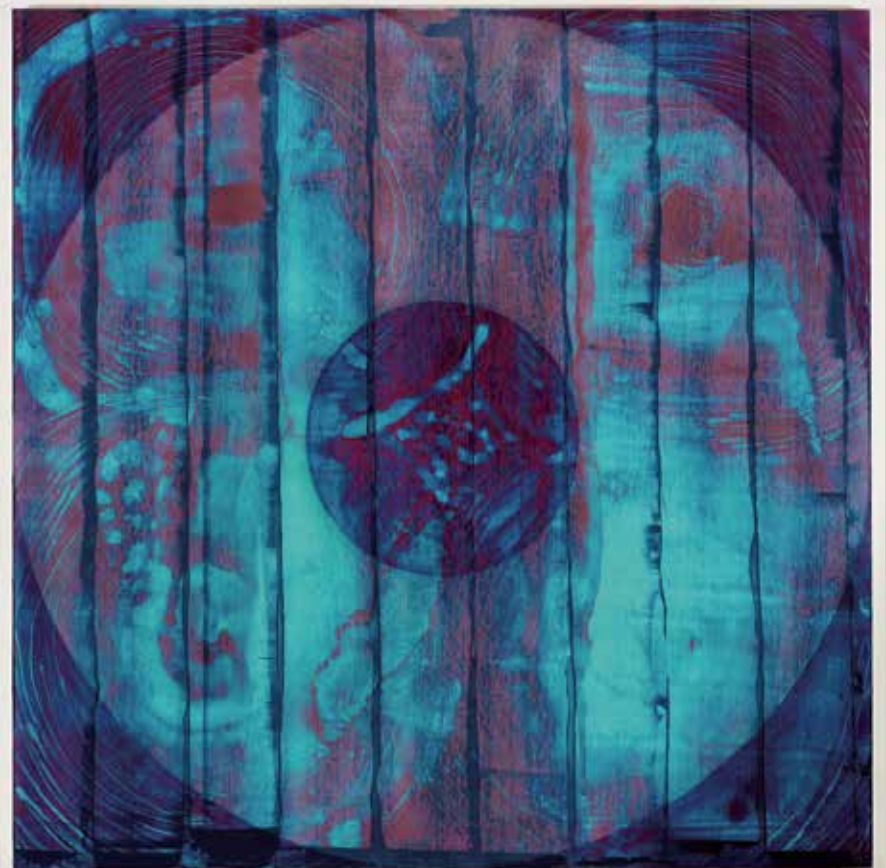
factor, Amy Spingarn; environmentalists Frances Reese and Smokey Duggan; philanthropist Mary Harriman; one of the first members of the Women's Army Corp, Joan Keefe; and Rita Gavigan, who during World War II watched the local skies for enemy planes.

Benjamin's final anecdote concerned Cassie Calhoun, a poor Ulster County woman whose cow was killed by a train around the mid-19th century. By one account, when the railroad refused to reimburse her, she painted the rails near her home with the lard rendered from a dead cow. This caused the "million-dollar meat train" from Chicago to falter as it tried to crest a hill, and Cassie was paid the next day.

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Two popular awards are the Golden Fleece, given to a great trailer for a not-so-great film, and Trashiest, for those that best present gore or sex with a dash of camp. There are also categories for trailers for trailers; like wooden nesting dolls, one inside the other, these are video bursts as short as eight seconds designed to make you want to watch the full trailer, which may entice you to see the film.

The nominees are announced in early May. Like a trailer, the awards show is relatively short — 90 minutes or less. . The evening is “tongue-in-cheek, full of



The trailer for a British film, *High Rise*, won Best Foreign Teaser in last year's awards.

StudioCanal

comedy, all in good fun,” Brady-Watters says.

For years the show alternated between New York and Los Angeles, but it is now firmly planted on the West Coast, although produced by East Coasters.

Brady-Watters, who is a freelance advertising producer, is unfazed. “Put-

ting things together is what we do for a living, and we have a great team in place, people thinking ahead of us,” she says. “I can’t take credit for always having my finger on the pulse, but I do have my finger on the finger of the people we work with, who are some of the best marketers in the world. This is a global field now.”



The *Lego Batman Movie* was nominated for Best Animation and Most Original trailers.

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Golden Trailers

The 18th Annual Golden Trailer Awards will be presented June 6 in Beverly Hills. *The Lego Batman Movie* landed the most nominations with 11, followed by 9 each for *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2* and *La La Land*. For a complete list, see goldentrailer.com. Here are a few of last year's winners, which can be viewed at the site:

- Best of Show: *Spotlight*, “Answers”
- Best Action: *Deadpool*, “DOM TRLR E: Power Red Online”
- Best Comedy: *Keanu*, “Take It”
- Best Drama: *The Martian*
- Best Horror: *The Witch*, “Family”

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Does the Man Owe You Money? *(from Page 1)*

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“I owe you a cup of coffee,” she wrote in an email. “That’s all I can offer because I’ve already spent the money.”

As a public service, *The Current* obtained a list of other residents and businesses in Cold Spring, Garrison, Nelsonville and Beacon, dead or alive, who appear in the database, which can be searched online by last name or organization.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lucille Tortora Show at Buster Levi

Opening reception scheduled for June 2

The Buster Levi Gallery in Cold Spring will open an exhibit of color photographs by Lucille Tortora with a reception on Friday, June 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. The show will continue through July 2.

The show's 12 photos are unusual in that Tortora shot them using a "toy" Holga camera that she modified to advance the film manually. The resulting double and triple exposures give the images a gauzy transparency. Tortora has been taking color photos since 1999 but the film was put aside because she only had a black-and-white darkroom.

The gallery, located at 121 Main St., is open Friday to Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. See busterlevigallery.com.

Turtle Walk Set for June 3

Annual Boscobel event begins at 7:30 a.m.

About 1,200 representatives of New York State's official reptile, the snapping turtle, live in Constitution Marsh below Boscobel in Garrison. Each June, female turtles climb the steep hill to Boscobel's lawns to lay their eggs, using the claws on their hind feet to scoop out a nest, where they deposit 20 to 60 eggs the size and color of ping pong balls.

On Saturday, June 3, at 7:30 a.m., Boscobel will host its 23rd annual Snapping Turtle Walk. Members of the Constitution Marsh Audubon Center staff will introduce live specimens and discuss the habits and history of these living fossils, which can live to be 100 years old and weigh up to 40 pounds.

Coffee and donuts will be available. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6 to 12. (Children under age 6 are free.) Purchase tickets for the rain-or-shine event at boscobel.org or at the door.

Haldane Football to Host Golf Outing

Fundraiser will purchase equipment

The Haldane Blue Devils Touchdown Club will host its second annual golf



Gates, by Lucille Tortora, whose exhibit opens at the Buster Levi Gallery on June 2

Image provided

outing at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 9, at the Beekman Country Club to raise funds for equipment and the rental of lights for night games. Last year the club raised more than \$15,000. This year the group hopes to purchase an end-zone camera in a joint effort with the lacrosse team to provide aerial views of games and practices.

The outing is a four-person shotgun and costs \$125 per person, which includes a cart, a light lunch and prizes. The club is located at 11 Country Club Road in Hopewell Junction. For information, call Coach Ryan McConville at 845-453-3860 or email coachmcconville@gmail.com.

Chess Champions

Haldane team finishes in top 20

On May 11 to 14, the Haldane Chess Team competed in the SuperNation-

als elementary school chess tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. The Blue Devils placed 17th of 75 teams, and fifth-grader Trajan McCarthy finished 24th of 521 competitors. Other team members are sixth-grader Jude Columb, fifth-graders Colin Delabie, Clem Grossman, Jeremy Hall and Nicholas Stanthos, fourth-graders Robert Freimark and Wilson Robohm, and third-grader Lincoln McCarthy.

Phil Haber Photos at McCaffrey

Exhibit features shots of medieval towns

Robert McCaffrey Realty will host a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 2, to open an exhibit by photographer Phil Haber, *Two Medieval European Towns*. The office and gallery is located at 140 Main St., Cold Spring.



Cesky Krumlov, in the Czech Republic, was built from the 14th to the 17th century.

Photo by Phil Haber

Remember Your First Job?

Story Hour looking for storytellers

The organizers of the Dragonfly Story Hour are looking for eight adult storytellers for the June 9 gathering at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring. The theme is "My First Job." Email jblhappenings@gmail.com with "Dragonfly Story Hour" in the subject line.

Tilly's Table to Open June 3

New restaurant at Tilly Foster Farm

Tilly's Table, a restaurant at the Putnam County-owned Tilly Foster Farm on Route 312 in Brewster, will open for business on Saturday, June 3, with a prix fixe menu. Seatings will take place from 5 to 9 p.m.; call 845-808-1840.

There will also be festivities over the weekend. On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Kicks 105.5 Country Radio will broadcast from the farm and there will be live music, an open-air market and guided tours to visit the animals. On Sunday, June 4, the tours will continue and Tilly's Table will serve brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HVSF to Hold Annual Summer Gala

Event at Boscobel on June 3

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will hold its annual summer gala beginning at 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Boscobel in Garrison.

At the event, Artistic Director Davis McCallum will discuss HV Stories, a multi-year program that will focus on works by and about the people of the Hudson Valley. It will begin with Rhinebeck-based playwright Richard Nelson's *The General from America*, which tells the story behind Benedict Arnold's notorious attempt to betray West Point.

Singer-songwriter Heather Christian, who composes music for the festival and lives in Beacon, will provide entertainment and introduce the acting company. A live auction will be conducted by C. Hugh Hildesley, (Continued on next page)

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(From previous page) executive vice president at Sotheby's, followed by dinner and dancing to the Alex Donner Orchestra.

To reserve a seat or table, call Catherine Taylor-Williams at 845-809-5750, ext. 12, or visit hvshakespeare.org/support-us/gala.html.

The 2017 HVSF season begins under the tent on Friday, June 9, with a preview of *The Book of Will*, written by Lauren Gunderson and directed by McCallum.

Former Refugee to Discuss Book

Born in "displaced persons" camp

Margarita Meyendorff will discuss her memoir, *DP Displaced Person*, at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring.

The daughter of a Russian baron, "Mourka" was born in a displaced persons camp in Germany, far from the opulence of the Imperial Russia in which her father had danced with Anastasia and attended balls and military schools. War destroyed that privileged existence and her parents fled through Nazi Germany.

After the family immigrated to the U.S., Mourka's first home was the estate of an eccentric millionaire impresario that served as a temporary enclave of Russian aristocrats. They were given quarters in elephant stalls. As she recounts, her childhood was a roller coaster of highs (performing as a rooster to applause for the Russian Orthodox audience) and lows (coping with her traumatized parents).



Margarita Meyendorff

Curiously Repaired Antiques

Exhibit opens at Boscobel on June 3

Boscobel will open an exhibit on June 3 called *Make-Do's: Curiously Repaired Antiques* that focuses on historic attempts to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Make-dos are household remnants such as porcelain teapots with silver replacement spouts and/or tin handles. They also can be relics such as a decanter riddled with staples that was once owned by Washington Irving. More than 100 examples will be drawn from local, private and public collections. At some point in their history the objects met with calamity



An agateware jug made in England in the mid-19th century, with alterations

Courtesy Andrew Baseman

but were deemed too precious to discard. Were they repaired for practical, sentimental or aesthetic reasons?

The exhibit will be open during regular museum hours through Oct. 1, and an illustrated catalogue with essays by curator Jennifer Carlquist and collector/designer Andrew Baseman is available at the Boscobel gift shop.

A Repair Café co-organized with the Desmond-Fish Library will take place on June 17, and a panel discussion moderated by design historian Glenn Adamson and a lecture by Baseman are planned. See boscobel.org.

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Howland Library to Show Work-in-Progress

Documentary rough cut will screen May 27

The Howland Public Library in Beacon will screen a rough cut of the documentary *A Castle in Brooklyn, King Arthur*, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 27.

The film is a Nouvelle Vague-style documentary shot over nine years by Tyler Chase. It tells the story of an iconic building called Broken Angel and its creators, Arthur and Cynthia Wood, who fought being evicted from their New York City



Broken Angel, a building in Brooklyn created by Arthur and Cynthia Wood

Image provided

home of 27 years. (Arthur Wood now lives in Beacon.) A discussion with the filmmaker will follow the screening.

Acoustic Duo to Perform at Howland

Second concert in Equinox Series

For Living Lovers, an acoustic duo comprised of guitarist and composer Brandon Ross and acoustic bass guitarist Stomu Takeishi, will perform at the Howland Cultural Center at 8 p.m. on Friday, June 2. Admission is \$15.

It will be the second concert in the Equinox Series, an initiative of mostly avant-garde, experimental music founded by Eleni Smolen.



For Living Lovers will perform at the Howland Cultural Center on June 2.

Photo provided

Divorce Workshop for Women

Seminar scheduled for June 1

Kate Rabe and Keri Hostetter will moderate a 90-minute workshop at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1, at Oak Vino Wine Bar in Beacon to offer support and hope for women who are contemplating separation or have filed for divorce.

The workshop will include an attorney, marriage and family therapist,

financial planner and health and wellness coach. It was inspired by a discussion between Rabe and Hostetter about their difficulties finding resources and support after their own divorces.

Oak Vino is located at 389 Main St. The cost is \$20, which includes a glass of wine and hors d'oeuvre. Register at divorceseminarforwomen.eventbrite.com.

Celebrating Asian-American Composers

Howland to present concert on May 27

The Howland Cultural Center will present a concert of works by Asian-American composers to mark Asian-American Heritage Celebration Month. The event takes place at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 27.

Joseph Lin, first violinist of the Juilliard String Quartet, along with violinists Alex Shiozaki and Johnna Wu, pianist Nana Shi, cellist Timothy Leonard, violist Caeli Smith, and clarinetist Eric Umble, will perform selections by Huang Ruo, Phyllis Chen, Reza Vali and Chinary Ung, among other composers.

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A Change of Course *(from Page 9)*

Peekskill, which he ran for three years with his wife, Jeannine.

Young says he noticed that many artists who came to the gallery were from Beacon. The couple decided to visit and in 2003 bought a house there. "This coincided with me wanting to go back to grad school," Young says. "I had something like seven part-time jobs and needed to change that."

While working as an art handler and installer, in 2006 Young earned a master's degree in visual arts education from Manhattanville College. He worked short-term teaching jobs before being hired at Garrison, where he teaches students from kindergarten to eighth grade. "The biggest challenge of the job is making everything age-appropriate," he says. This summer will also be his 21st teaching at the Harvey School camps in Katonah.

At his upcoming show at Catalyst, Young says he will focus on three genres. The first is expressive portraits. While the vast majority are of musicians, the show also

will include portraits of Burr, Lafayette and Hamilton from the hit musical, which Young says came out of his 10-year-old daughter's obsession with it.

There will also be "assemblage" — sculptures which combine outdated technology and found objects from flea markets and tag sales.

"The biggest challenge of the job is making everything age-appropriate."

Finally, there will be plein-air paintings that reflect Young's studies with Andrew Lattimore in Cornwall.

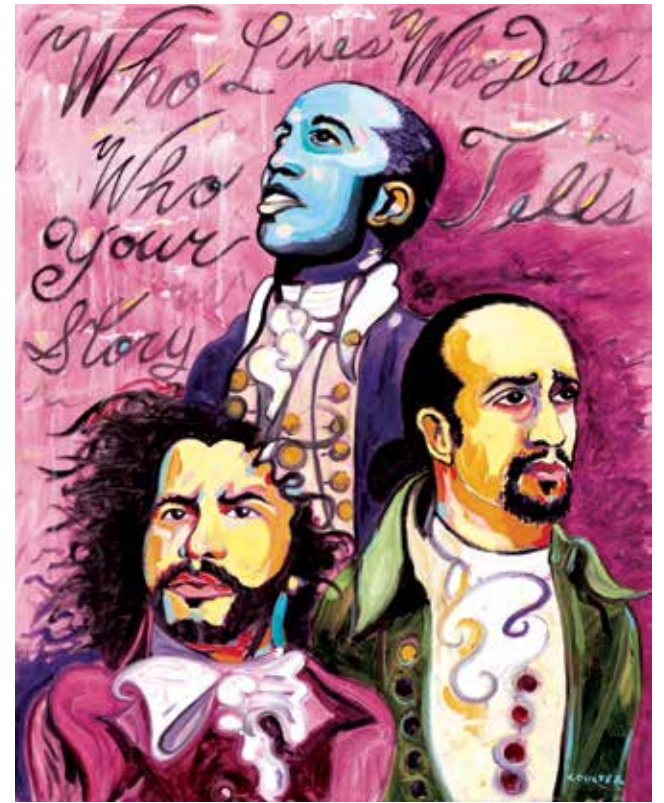
"I decided to start over, in a sense, working with him, doing observational drawings with pencil and charcoal, learning more formally how to paint a still life and landscapes," Young explains.

In 2014 Lattimore organized a trip to Italy for his students, "which was a game-changer for me," says Young. "I went back in 2016 to Panzano in Chianti and work that I did there will be in the show."

Triptych runs through June 25. An opening reception is scheduled for 6 to 9 p.m. on Second Saturday, June 10, at the gallery, located at 1137 Main St. See catalystgallery.com.



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Cook On: 1 part chaos, 2 parts calm

Can You Handle the Heat?

By Mary Ann Ebner

If you are going to study a culture through its cuisine, street food in South Korea provides an intense education. A deep red paste, *gochujang*, serves as the fiery pepper base of Korean specialties.

Clayton Smith, a 2014 Haldane graduate (and contributor to *The Current*) who attends SUNY Geneseo, is exploring South Korea during a semester abroad at Sogang University in Seoul, where he has developed a love for fermented hot sauce.

“Korean cuisine is definitely a perk of being here,” Smith says. “I find myself eating out a lot because oftentimes the food is quite cheap.”

Korean barbecue is a favorite, including pork and bulgogi, which is thinly sliced, tender beef marinated in a sweet soy sauce. He also often orders *tteokbokki* (pronounced dock-bo-kee), which are stir-fried rice cakes in a spicy sauce.

“I’ve heard it described as the ‘the Korean mac and cheese,’ ” Smith says. “The rice cakes are in the form of thick noodles, making for a chewy, unusual texture.”

After hearing this description, I set out



Prepared rice cakes
Photo by M.A. Ebner

to make tteokbokki. I asked my friend Sung, who puts a gourmet spin on Korean home cooking, to recommend a food market. She sent me to Woo-Ri Mart in Northvale, New Jersey, where I received many suggestions from the employees and picked up a prepared serving of tteokbokki. The portion was so generous I split it with my husband, who lived in Korea before we were married and loves its cuisine.

I asked at Woo-Ri for help replicating the sauce and was directed to a supply of gochujang, which is always sold in quantity — I bought a pound packaged in a bright red tub. As I searched for the rice cakes,

an employee pointed me to fish cakes used in tteokbokki and suggested dried anchovies to flavor the cooking broth. I opted out of a supersized box of tiny, briny fish and substituted an anchovy-based sauce.

The fishy addition helped cut the pasty sauce and I served the tteokbokki with quail eggs, following Smith’s recommendation. A cool egg calms the kick.

Smith says he likes the hot flavor and chewy texture of the rice noodles because they’re so different from anything he’s eaten. Before returning home in July, he’ll take his appetite to Thailand and Myanmar. For now, he continues to practice his street-food vocabulary in Seoul.



Tteokbokki at home
Photo by M.A. Ebner

Tteokbokki

Serves 4

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| 3 cups Korean rice cake sticks | ½ teaspoon spicy hot pepper flakes |
| 3 cups water | 2 tablespoons sugar |
| 1 tablespoon fish sauce | 1 pound fish cake strips |
| ⅓ cup gochujang Korean hot pepper paste | 6 scallions, sliced |
| | 4 fresh quail eggs, hard-boiled |

1. In a shallow pan, heat half of the water and add rice cakes. Soak and simmer over low heat for 10 minutes.
2. In a small skillet, make a quick stock of the remaining water and fish sauce. Boil and reduce to low heat. Add gochujang, hot pepper flakes and sugar. Mix well, bring to a boil and reduce to medium heat. Add drained rice cakes and fish cakes to sauce. Cook over low heat for 5 minutes.
3. Spoon mixture onto serving plate, top with scallions and serve with egg.



A prepared tteokbokki dish in South Korea
Photo by Clayton Smith



A tub of gochujang — the essential hot pepper paste used in Korean cooking
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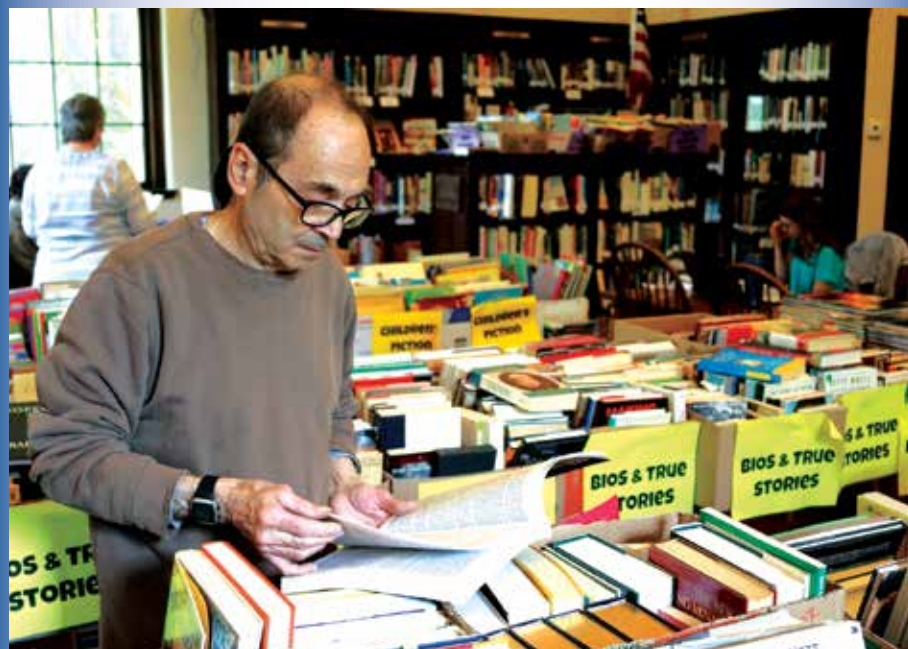
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Village Clerk to Retire



Mary Saari, who has been the Cold Spring village clerk since 1997, will retire on May 31. The village board has appointed Jeff Vidakovich as her successor.

Butterfield Library Extends Book Sale



Frank Caliando of Garrison browses the used book sale at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, which continues through June 4. Photos by Michael Turton

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Sports

Haldane Softball in Finals – Again

Faces No. 1 Pawling for Section 1 title

By Leigh Alan Klein

There are few guarantees in life: death, taxes and Haldane softball reaching the sectional finals.

Since 2006, Coach Nick Lisikatos has led the Blue Devils each year to compete for the Section 1, Class C title. On May 26, Haldane was to meet Pawling after a hardfought 4-2 victory on May 24 at second-seeded Tuckahoe.

“The keys for us were solid pitching, solid defense and timely hitting,” Lisikatos said.

Tuckahoe pitcher Cassie McGrath, a senior who has played on the varsity for six years, is one of the section’s best. The night before the game, the Blue Devils took extra batting practice to prepare.

McGrath issued two walks in the first but Haldane was unable to capitalize. Pitcher Shianne Twoguns, one of five freshman starters for the Blue Devils, retired the first two batters on ground balls but McGrath reached on a double and then scored on a double by her catcher, Jess Berger.

McGrath held Haldane hitless for three innings, striking out the side in the second. The Haldane hitters seemed overmatched by McGrath, who mixed in a change-up with her fastball. But Twoguns



Shortstop Hannah Monteleone snags a line drive in a playoff win over Solomon Schechter on May 22.

Photo by Scott Warren

also pitched well, and it was still 1-0 going into the fourth.

Morgan Toatley recorded Haldane’s first hit with a screaming ground ball deep in the shortstop hole, beating the throw. She would advance to third on a throwing error and ground ball and score on a single by Sabrina Timke.

In the fifth, Olivia Monteleone singled to right and advanced on her sister Hannah’s single. Molly Platt then hit a ball to right center; the two outfielders collided and the

ball dropped, scoring one for the Blue Devils. Tuckahoe answered with a run in the bottom of the inning, tying the score, 2-2.

Jazmyn O’Dell led off the sixth with a triple, and pinch-runner Essie Florke raced home on a wild pitch for a 3-2 lead. The final run for the Blue Devils came in the seventh when Hannah Monteleone walked with the bases loaded.

Twoguns struggled to close out the game, throwing six balls in her first seven

Athlete of the Week

Shianne Twoguns, Haldane High School

Twoguns, a freshman, led the Blue Devils’ softball team to victories in its first two state tournament games.

Coach Nick Lisikatos said he was especially pleased with her performance against Tuckahoe. “She threw well,” he says. “She gave up a couple of walks but was able to refocus.”

Asked who would be on the mound against Pawling, Lisikatos replied: “Twoguns. She is our pitching staff.”



Shianne Twoguns

File photo by Ross Corsair

pitches. After a brief meeting with Lisikatos on the mound, she began throwing strikes, and a line drive back to the pitcher led to a double play. Senior shortstop Hannah Monteleone threw out the last batter for the win.

Haldane Baseball Falls to Pawling

Blue Devils finish 11-10

The Haldane baseball team lost to Pawling, 4-0, in the state tournament on May 22, ending its season with a 11-10 record.

Coach Tom Virgadamo said a highlight was defeating North Salem, then ranked second among Class C teams in the state, 10-4 on May 3, a day after the Tigers had handed the Blue Devils their worst loss of the season, 18-3.

Virgadamo is optimistic about 2018. “We have a lot of pitching coming back,” he said. “Our modified team had a fantastic year and the eighth-graders should help us out at the varsity level next year.”

Beacon baseball

The Beacon baseball team ended its season with a 7-4 loss to Nyack in the second round of the Section 1, Class A tournament after defeating Yonkers on May 20, 4-1. The Bulldogs finished 13-8-1, winning the league title with a 7-2 record.

Beacon softball

The Bulldogs, seeded No. 15 in the Section 1, Class A tournament, were upset by No. 18 Somers, 25-23, on May 18. Somers

Game Shots

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led 17-8 after four innings but Beacon came back to lead by two in the seventh before the Tuskers closed it out.



Alex Callaway prepares for the tag at third against Yonkers at Dutchess Stadium during a game in April. Beacon won, 10-1.

Photos by Dawn Sela



Lenny Torres pitches for Beacon against Yonkers during an April game at Dutchess Stadium.