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Students Protest Gun Violence

Part of national event to remember Parkland victims

By Chip Rowe

Students in the Haldane, Beacon and Garrison school districts left class on Wednesday (March 14) as part of a 17-minute national protest to remember the 17 victims of the shooting last month at a high school in Parkland, Florida, and call for action against gun violence.

The ENOUGH National School Walkout was designed to “protest Congress’ inaction to do more than tweet thoughts and prayers in response to the gun violence plaguing our schools and neighborhoods,” according to Women’s March Youth Empower, which coordinated the event. Pro-

tests were scheduled for 10 a.m. across time zones at more than 2,800 locations.

Garrison School

About 35 middle-school students at the Garrison School left class at 10 a.m. for a silent protest in a school parking lot.

Jayda Kirkwood, an eighth-grader who is the student government president, said the walkout was meant to honor the students and teachers who died in Parkland on Feb. 14. Such shootings, she said, are “an issue that must be solved. This has happened before and no one has done anything about it. Kids are finally taking a stand.”

Zach McCarthy, the vice president and also an eighth-grader, echoed that sentiment, saying while people have felt bad about mass (Continued on Page 6)



A Putnam County sheriff's deputy (at far right) stood by as middle-school students at the Garrison School walked out of class on March 14.

Photo by Michael Turton

Report: Plenty of Water in Beacon

Study may signal end to building moratorium

By Jeff Simms

A report released this week indicates that Beacon’s water supply is sufficient to sustain the city’s projected population through 2035, and likely gives the City Council the green light to let a six-month building moratorium expire later this month.

The council adopted the moratorium in September, citing concerns over whether the water supply could support the city’s growing population. But on Wednesday (March 14), consultants from an environmental engineering firm appeared to ease their worries.

“All of your projections are less than your safe yield from your supply,” said Michael Shortell, an engineer with Leggette, Brashears & Graham, who presented projections for the next 17 years. “We do not recommend any corrective action needed to meet the current and future water demand.”

The report, compiled during the moratorium, concluded that Beacon’s water — which comes from bedrock wells, three reservoirs and more than a million gallons per day that the city purchases from Fishkill — is capable of producing a safe yield of 4.09 million gallons per day, even accounting for drought conditions, through 2035.

Shortell compared that figure to projections by John Clarke, a planning consultant for the city, that show Beacon’s popu-

lation peaking at 18,753 in a maximum “build-out” scenario. If the city reaches that population, Leggette projected its peak daily water need at 3.83 million gallons per day, with an average of 3.07, still within the system’s anticipated safe yield.

The city currently uses 2.45 million gallons per day, with a peak of 3.05. The U.S. Census Bureau said in 2016 that Beacon had about 13,500 residents, excluding the Fishkill Correctional Facility.

The long-term scenario assumes that land now vacant will be developed, that vacant structures will be restored and that some build- (Continued on Page 7)

Cold Spring Restaurant Cancels Gun-Rights Fundraiser

Owner says callers threatened boycott

By Chip Rowe

The owner of the Silver Spoon Cafe in Cold Spring said he canceled a fundraiser planned by Philipstown Gun Owners at the restaurant because of customers who said they would boycott his establishment if it took place.

Abdelhady (Jimmy) Hussein said on

Tuesday (March 13) that he received calls and saw Facebook posts from people who said they would no longer eat at his Main Street restaurant if the event, scheduled for Thursday, were held there.

Philipstown Gun Owners posted a statement that said it had been informed by Hussein on Monday that it could no longer hold the fundraiser at the Silver Spoon. A flyer promoting the three-hour event said it would be “a night of company with other Second Amendment supporters” with a performance by Tenbrooks Molly and a \$20 donation requested at the door.

Hussein said he was approached about booking the restaurant for an event that would include music and food. He said he agreed but did not realize it was a gun-rights group. That didn’t matter to him, he said, because the restaurant is used for many types of events, although he said he has been criticized in the past for hosting political fundraisers by people who supported opposing candidates.

“I don’t understand that,” he said. “I just want to run a restaurant.”

Hussein said he did not cancel the event because it was a pro-gun group but because of the response by some customers who said they would no longer patronize his restaurant.

However, post made Monday on the Silver Spoon Cafe’s Instagram account said the “gun event” was canceled because “arrangements (Continued on Page 2)



GO GREEN — Revelers get into the Irish spirit at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Beacon on March 10. See more photos at highlandscurrent.com. Photo by Skip Pearlman

5 Five Questions: Ed COLLINS

By Brian PJ Cronin

Ed Collins is the owner of Ed's Service Center, which was located for 27 years at 226 Main St. in Beacon before relocating to 52 S. Chestnut St. in January when the building was demolished to make way for an apartment building.

How has Beacon changed in the time you spent on Main Street?

I don't see Beacon as Beacon anymore. The way the town is being built, architecturally, they've sucked the life out of it. They should have put up buildings like the Howland Center that help the city remember what it was. They're improving the town but not the infrastructure. We're running the same water and sewers. How many apartments do you think they've put up, each with two toilets?

Are you upset that your garage is gone?

That don't bother me. The city's gonna do what the city wants to do. I can't say nothing against the two guys who bought it. They helped me move. I understand their point because they had to have the foundation in the ground by the end of the month or they could only go up to three stories [because of a possible change to the city's zoning]. They wouldn't have

bought it unless they could go up to four.

What do you like most about the new space?

My old place was medieval. When I first walked in there, it felt like it had wooden floors because of the grease. It took me and a friend two days with ice choppers to get it off. I was there so long that it was like another home, but this place is much better. The floors are level. This gentleman [points to building owner Andy Antalek] went out of his way to help me. He actually used to rent my old space, back in 1974. Andy's done a hell of a job here.

What car do you drive?

'02 Camaro. The last edition they made. It's a convertible. I've had convertibles all my life.

Is there a make of car you see least often for repairs?

No. Everybody's got a car and everybody's got a problem. I've got a guy here who doesn't mind working on Mercedes and BMWs, and he's even fixed a few Porsches, but I don't like to get into the high-end cars because the owners are usually a bunch of schmucks. They don't take good care of their cars. You should only drive what you can afford, because



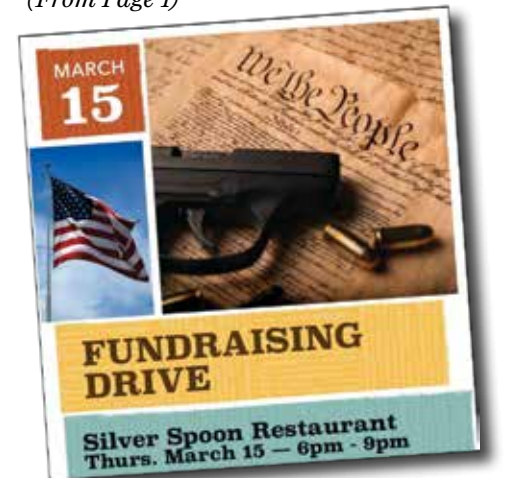
Ed Collins

Photo by B. Cronin

that way you can afford to fix it. People think they can let things go for months and get it fixed for 10 bucks.

Restaurant Cancels Gun-Rights Fundraiser

(From Page 1)



Detail from a flyer for the planned Philipstown Gun Owners fundraiser

were made by an individual, and we were unaware of the event's purpose or sponsor. Once we found out, we canceled it immediately."

In its statement, Philipstown Gun Owners characterized the calls to Hussein as "threats from anti-Second Amendment groups" and charged they violated his First Amendment rights.

"We want the proprietor to know that we have asked everyone to stop in and have a meal as we continue to support his business and his right to earn a living," it said.

Michael Turton contributed reporting.



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Cold Spring Will Manage Dockside

Agreement reached with state until 2027

By Michael Turton

The Village of Cold Spring will take over management of Dockside Park as part of an agreement with the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation that runs until 2027.

The Village Board at its March 13 meeting authorized Mayor Dave Merandy to sign the contract.

The 26-acre property on the Cold Spring riverfront is part of the Hudson Highlands State Park. The village has hosted viewing of its Independence Day fireworks, concerts and children's activities there, and it is the site of the Cold Spring Film Society's popular summer movie series.

The village will maintain the park with the Recreation Commission overseeing public use. Any facilities built at Dockside would have to be approved by the state parks department, but Merandy said the village will not have to share revenue generated from programs or activities.

Many longtime Cold Spring residents have fond memories

of Dockside Restaurant, which for many years hosted weddings, graduation parties and family gatherings. The Open Space Institute purchased the property in 1999 but closed the restaurant after a few years and demolished the building. In 2007, ownership was transferred to New York State.

In other business ...

- Trustees have begun deliberations on the 2018-19 budget. Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo reported that the cap imposed by New York State



Village Accountant Michelle Ascolillo told the board on March 13 that a state cap will limit any increase in the tax levy to just under 2 percent.

Photo by M. Turton



Cold Spring will take over the management of Dockside Park, which is owned by the state.

File photo by M. Turton

will limit next year's tax levy to a maximum of \$1,638,043, or a little less than a 2 percent increase, she said. A tentative budget will be presented Tuesday (March 20), with a budget workshop following a week later. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for 7 p.m. on April 10, and the budget must be adopted by May 1.

• Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke reported that Cold Spring Police Department officers responded to 58 calls in February. In addition, they wrote 15 traffic and 62 parking tickets. Two arrests were made: one for a felony charge of harassment and the other for shoplifting. Burke said that after a recent resignation, the department has 12 part-time officers.

- The Recreation Commission is reviewing an application for a beer

festival that would be held at Mayor's Park in June. The applicant estimates the weekend event could attract 1,500 to 2,000 people. The commission approved a 100th birthday party to be held for Joe Etta at Mayor's Park that same month.

- Aaron Wolfe, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, reported that the owner of 9 Morris Ave. withdrew an application to allow the home to become office space for a nonprofit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor

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Editor's note: Thank you for this clarification. We omitted the term "assembly status" because we did not have time before deadline to research its meaning and provide context. Being open to the public at large (i.e., more than 50 people at a time) — known generally as having an "assembly occupancy" — has certain legal requirements, such as signs that point to exits and give occupancy limits. Magazzino would likely be rezoned by Philipstown as a "cultural facility," a classification that includes museums. The Route 9 building is assessed at \$970,000 on the 2017 rolls, meaning Olspan LLC pays about \$35,000 in annual property taxes to the Haldane school district, town and county.

Assault rifles

I am grateful that U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney has taken up an assault-rifle ban, and for the opportunity for dialogue ("Maloney Calls for Assault-Rifle Ban," March 9). Yes, it's people who kill people, but not without means. People using semi-automatic weapons are responsible for the mass killings of students.

We can't cure people as easily as we can curb gun sales. This country has not been great about dealing with people with mental disorders, but people have suffered them as long as mankind has been around and these mass killings have only become "the thing" since the advent of the weaponry that allows them. The choice of protecting the innocent from gun-toting individuals or letting them have at us seems like a no-brainer to me.

Andrea Kimmich, *Cold Spring*

The focus has to be on securing schools as well as we secure airports and federal buildings. Having a dog that can detect drugs and weapons is a wonderful way to help. Maybe all schools should have dog-training classes. It's a win-win! Use the schools to train dogs and use them to protect, as well.

Denise Gouldner, *Hopewell Junction*

No one is coming for anyone's handgun or hunting rifle. There is absolutely no need for a military-grade weapon.

Heather Alderman, *Wallkill*

It would be impossible to outlaw guns because there are so many of them, and a lot of veterans have spent a ton of money customizing them. If you make outlaws of these brave patriots, you are teetering on a civil war that I could pretty much guarantee Democrats would lose. Most handguns are semi-automatic, just like the assault rifle, so it's hard to argue no one is coming for them.

Eric Munkelt, *Cornwall*

There are more than enough guns out in the wild to continue to perpetrate harm to society until we are all old and tired of this issue. So let's talk about bullets. I have always like Chris Rock's idea, which is that we don't need gun control but bullet control. "All bullets should cost \$5,000. You know why? Because if a bullet cost \$5,000, there would be no more innocent bystanders."

Ethan Timm, *Cold Spring*

There is no such thing as an "assault" rifle. *Assault* is a verb. There is semi-automatic and automatic. Automatic rifles are already banned. I don't hunt. I defend myself against criminals and tyrannical governments.

Kathleen Daly Dickman,
Hopewell Junction

States with "tough gun laws" also have mass shootings because what the U.S. describes as a tough gun law is still 1,000 times more lax than any other developed nation — guns move easily across state lines. This needs to be mandated at a federal level to have any effect.

As for mental health, people are focusing on that. Again, the U.S. is an outlier. It has a dismal health care system and too many people fall through the cracks.

Tom Stephens, *New York City*

The "slippery slope" argument for gun control makes about as much sense as saying that if we ban speeding, soon we'll ban all cars. (Continued on next page)

Magazzino status

While we appreciated the article by Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong ("Magazzino, or Museo?," March 9), the statement we provided was not printed in its entirety. Our statement reads as follows:

"We appreciate the support of the local community for Magazzino and welcome the initiative by the Philipstown Board Committee to amend the zoning. This would allow Magazzino Italian Art to obtain an *assembly status* and to admit visitors without a prior reservation."

Because our statement was not fully reported, we would like to clarify. We never implied that Magazzino is a "museum," nor that we would like to obtain museum status. We have always clearly stated that Magazzino is an "art warehouse space" where individuals may visit and the admission is free.

In fact, we cannot legally be identified as a museum because we are not a nonprofit. Rather, we are a private initiative that seeks ways to give back to the community, both culturally and financially. Thus, we have elected to pay all the taxes required by federal, state and local laws, rather than have the option to avoid these taxes by becoming a nonprofit museum.

We welcome the town initiative to amend the zoning, which will allow Magazzino to have assembly status under the New York State Building Code.

In addition, we look forward to this amendment that will allow Magazzino to be an "assembly space" and as a result be able to admit visitors without a reservation. However, this amendment should allow Magazzino to remain a private initiative and not be required to become a museum.

We would like to make it perfectly clear to the Town Board and to the community that we have never been underhanded in any way and that we have never and still do not wish to become a museum.

We thank you, *The Current*, the Town Board, the Village of Cold Spring and all the residents for all their support and enthusiasm regarding Magazzino.

Nancy Olnick and Giorgio Spanu,
Garrison



United Vote on Divided Plot

Town rejects plans for rural home

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

The Philipstown Zoning Board of Appeals on Monday (March 12) unanimously rejected plans for a home proposed for Douglas Lane on a lot split between the town and Nelsonville.

The property's owner, developer Susan Green, designed the four-story, 3,300-square-foot home for the .55-acre Philipstown end of a total parcel of 1.4 acre. The parcel's remaining approximately .9 acre lies in Nelsonville.

Philipstown requires 10-acre house lots for that district, zoned as rural conservation. Nelsonville requires home lots of 2 acres. To proceed, Green's project needed variances for impervious surfaces and other anomalies, as well as lot size.

The gap between the required lot size and hers "is too huge" for a variance, said ZBA Member Paula Clair.

After her colleagues voiced similar views, ZBA Chair Robert Dee called the discrepancy "the biggest sticking point." Board members also expressed concern about an increase in impervious surfaces and run-off that might contribute to flooding at the intersection or allow septic

overflows to reach a neighbor's yard.

Green "is an experienced developer" building a home she planned to sell, Dee noted. He said that before purchasing land, an architect or builder typically reviews local laws. "I can't believe that wasn't done," he added.

Earlier, the ZBA had discussed whether Green's half-acre lot was created by land being "taken" by the Village of Cold Spring in 1966 for aqueduct access at a time when the zoning demanded rural home lots of at least 1 acre. Green's lot was initially part of a 1.22-acre parcel before the village purchased its 0.67-acre aqueduct-access.

For the ZBA, Clair said Monday, "the question is, does 'taken' mean eminent domain? Or can it be more broadly interpreted to mean: for any reason bought, sold, or whatever?"

Dee cited a Cold Spring record that stated village trustees in 1966 voted to exercise an option to buy their section. He and ZBA Members Leonard Lim and Vincent Cestone concluded the land was purchased by Cold Spring in a normal transaction and that Green's half-acre was left over from that sale. Clair and Granite Frisdena disagreed. Green's lot exists because Cold Spring's land "was obviously sold, taken, whatever, for a public purpose," Clair reasoned.



The Philipstown ZBA denied an application for a home proposed for the field in the distance, beyond the brick wall.

Photo by L.S. Armstrong

Daniel Richmond, an attorney who represents Green, said Wednesday that he and his client were "obviously surprised" by the vote and "think it constitutes clear, legal errors on multiple levels." For instance, he said, a ZBA "can't cave in to generalized community opposition" to a project. He said a lawsuit against Philipstown "is a very real possibility."

Radio-cell tower

In other business, the ZBA opened a public hearing on construction of a new WHUD radio tower-wireless telecommunications-cell phone tower, on Sky Lane.

Robert Gaudioso, an attorney representing WHUD parent Pamal Broadcasting, said the planned tower would replace the outmoded, 1957 predecessor. The old tower replaces "simply cannot support anything new," including emergency response communications.

After neighbors asked about security and possible damage to Sky Lane during tower construction, Dee continued the public hearing into April.

However, Dee and Gaudioso agreed that with input from consultants and the town's building department, the neighbors' questions should be easily addressed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (from previous page)

An approach to the problem of disturbed people having guns has to be, certainly in part, to prevent them from having guns.

Matt Clifton, *Beacon*

Rather than a "forum on gun violence," this was a purely opportunistic Maloney campaign rally.

Steve Sumski, *Poughkeepsie*

Beacon building

I am appalled by all this high-density building, and it's why I left my hometown of 64 years ("Development in the Highlands: Where Things Stand [Beacon]," March 9). I gave up and threw in the towel. You can't fight City Hall! I wish you all the best, Beacon, but I'm afraid our little city is being destroyed. Shame on you, city officials, for allowing this to happen.

Roxanne Meyer

When all these people hit the streets, it's going to be a traffic nightmare. The reason people live in Beacon — small town, trails, the river, etc. — is being destroyed.

Karen Gallichio, *Beacon*

Still more on gun storage

Why, in a debate about gun storage, is it necessary to change the subject so quickly to opioids? ("More on Gun Storage," Letters, March 9). The topic at issue is gun safety — specifically, the lack of it, and how to fix that. I also wonder why people who are not residents of Philipstown feel compelled to weigh in on a law designed to protect my children and others who live in Philipstown.

Evan Hudson, *Cold Spring*

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Students Protest Gun Violence *(from Page 1)*

shootings in the past, no action has been taken. “Kids feel empowered to help solve the problem,” he said.

In a letter to parents earlier this week, Principal John Griffiths said those students who chose to leave class would not be disciplined. “Although a public school cannot endorse any particular sociopolitical cause, we see this event as having minimal disruption to the academic day, and our staff’s role will solely be supervisory to assure students’ safety,” he wrote.

Haldane

About 50 middle- and high-school students gathered in front of the high school at 10 a.m. to say the Pledge of Allegiance and name the victims who died at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in the attack by a former student.

“No one should be afraid to go to school,” said Daley Florke, 17, who helped organize the walkout. “For years, lawmakers haven’t done anything.”

Florke is the daughter of U.S. Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, who in the past week has held four public forums on gun violence, including in Beacon, and who has called for a ban on the AR-15 and other military-style rifles.

The junior said many students did not participate but that some misunderstood the message of the walkout. “They think we want to take all guns, when in reality we are just calling for tougher laws so they are not as easily accessible,” she said. School shootings are “becoming a norm for my generation and we don’t want it to

become a norm,” she said.

Florke said many students believed that if they went outside there might be consequences, such as a warning or detention for cutting class, but noted that “without that, it wouldn’t be a protest.” (Superintendent Diana Bowers said no student was told he or she would be disciplined for leaving class and/or the building for the protest.)

Florke said that “it was great” that the district arranged lunch-period discussions on school safety and mental health treatment, “but it’s kind of the same thing, just talking. That’s what the politicians are doing.

“I don’t want this to be another ‘moment,’” she said. “We need a movement.”

Inside the high school, students signed flags of support that will be sent to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Bowers said the district also has invited elected officials to meet with students on April 20, the anniversary of the Columbine High School killings in 1999.

The Haldane campus was closed to visitors during the March 14 protest. A number of parents and other adults stood at the school boundary in a show of support.

In a letter to parents sent earlier in the week, Bowers noted that older students had expressed “a variety of thoughts and opinions” before the walkout.

“Our goal is not to suppress voices or viewpoints, but to provide a safe and organized opportunity for expression,” she wrote. “Districts throughout the nation are concerned about the mass number of students congregated outside of schools at a specified time.”

Beacon

At Beacon High School, Superintendent Matt Landahl reported in a statement that “many” students participated in the auditorium and “some” students stood outside in silent protest. At Rombout Middle School, students observed a moment of silence in class and “several” gathered in a courtyard for a protest, he said.



Haldane students during the walkout on March 14

Photos by Jesse Des Marais

“I applaud all of our students today equally, those who peacefully protested, those who honored the victims, and those who remained in their classes,” he wrote.

Earlier in the week, Landahl told parents in a letter that high school students who left the building to protest would not be disciplined as long as they returned to class within 20 minutes. He said at the time that parents of elementary and middle-school children could sign them out of school to attend protests off-campus. (In Fishkill, protestors marched along Main Street.)

“We will not espouse any particular political views with this sharing but instead discuss the importance of elected representatives hearing from all of their constituents,” he wrote to parents. He said the district would supply materials for students to create cards of sympathy or support for the families of Parkland

A rally is planned for Memorial Park in



Haldane High School students signed banners on March 14 that will be sent to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Beacon on April 20, but Landahl said the district has no plans for that day, so students will not be allowed to leave class.

Legally, students can be disciplined for cutting class for a protest, said the American Civil Liberties Union in an advisory for educators, but the punishment can’t be harsher than for missing it for other reasons. In Nevada, the ACLU says some high school students were threatened with removal from sports teams or not receiving their diplomas if they participated in the March 14 protest. In Georgia, a high school sophomore received a five-day suspension in early March for walking out of school for 17 minutes.

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Poor People’s Campaign to Beacon

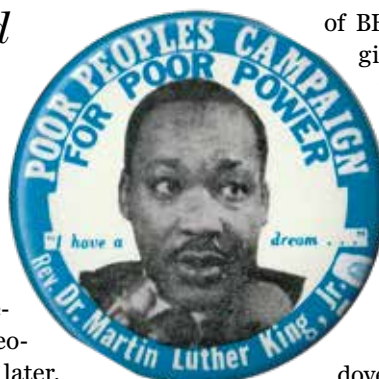
Initiative will build on work of MLK Jr.

By Jeff Simms

At the time of his assassination in April 1968, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was organizing a political movement he called the Poor People’s Campaign. Fifty years later, volunteers are working to revive it.

The Rev. Emily McNeill, co-chair of the state campaign, part of “a national call for moral revival,” will speak on Thursday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Beacon Hebrew Alliance. She is also executive director of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State and a United Church of Christ minister.

Her talk will coincide with the finale of Better Together, an annual interfaith class led by Rabbi Brent Chaim Spodek



of BHA and other religious leaders. This year, the class has been studying the Book of Exodus, which includes the story of the Israelites’ delivery from slavery. McNeill’s talk will

dovetail with the Exodus story while also spreading the word about the Poor People’s Campaign, which is relaunching on Mother’s Day (May 13) with “40 days of moral actions.”

Events are planned in some 30 states to increase awareness of poverty and related issues. The campaign will end with a march in Washington, D.C.

Spodek said he hopes the effort can refocus dialogue on issues of importance to marginalized populations such as environmental justice, hunger and racism.



The Rev. Emily McNeill will speak in Beacon on March 22 about the revived Poor People’s Campaign.

Photo by El-Wise Noisette/NYSUT

“This is about how we live our public lives together,” he said. “It often feels like religion should deal with issues of private morality, and our public concerns are outside of that. That’s a real loss for society and a real loss for religion.”

The Poor People’s Campaign is deeply personal for him, he added.

“In many ways, the essence of the Exodus was about coming out of a society that was built on the oppression of others,” he said. “Now, to be living in a society as wealthy

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Report: Plenty of Water in Beacon *(from Page 1)*

ings will be redeveloped to have more occupants. In all, it projects about 2,600 (this includes projects currently in the city's pipeline) new housing units being built and an increase in population of 5,255 people. It also projects almost 250,000 square feet of new commercial space.

However, Clarke told the council he would be "shocked if you got that far by 2035."

The report also recommended that the city add backup water sources, including Fishkill Creek and a third well that could be drilled. In addition, the study identified more than 271,000 gallons of water lost to leaks each day, although much of

that is being corrected.

"I feel comfortable that we have enough water to go forward with our comprehensive plan," Beacon Mayor Randy Casale said Thursday.

The next step for the City Council is to approve the water study as an addendum to the city's comprehensive plan, which was updated last year. It will likely discuss the study at a workshop before voting.

Thomas Cusack, a Leggette senior vice president, recommended that the water report be updated on the same schedule as the comprehensive plan, or roughly every 10 years.



Built in 1922, the Mount Beacon Reservoir holds about 125 million gallons of water.

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Edgewater Risks Being Downsized

Two hearings likely for April 16

By Jeff Simms

The Beacon City Council plans to revise zoning codes throughout much of the city but appears split on whether to take a chunk out of the proposed Edgewater development.

A straw poll at its meeting on Monday (March 12) showed the council leaning 4 to 3 in favor of adopting a zoning proposal as it's currently drafted to use buildable, rather than gross, acreage to determine the density allowed on parcels of 3 or more acres in residential districts.

The proposal would remove steep slopes, floodways and other environmentally sensitive land from the density equation. Because it does not exclude projects under review, some developments being considered by the city could be sent back to the drawing board.

The council will hold a public hearing on April 16 before voting.

In December, the council adopted similar changes in the Fishkill Creek Development District without grandfathering projects then under Planning Board review. That decision downsized the 248 Tioronda project, which had been approved in 2014 for 100 units on nearly 9 acres but has not yet started construction.

Discussions have continued since then on extending the measure to residential districts. The zoning for single-family homes (R1) is the largest land-use category in Beacon, covering 27 percent of the city.

If the zoning change is adopted, two more projects — the 307-unit Edgewater and a 13-lot development on Townsend Street — also stand to lose density.

However, the most significant change would be for Edgewater, which has been under review by the Planning

Board for more than a year. It could lose units, although Taylor Palmer, an attorney for the project, said it is too early to estimate how many.

Among council members, George Mansfield said the change in the zoning law could be seen as a "last-ditch effort" to reduce density on projects like Edgewater, while others argued for consistency.

"It shows favoritism if you grandfather in one property" but not others, said Jodi McCrede, adding that consistency across zoning districts "is the only way to avoid bias."

The Edgewater proposal, which would be the largest housing development in Beacon, has been heavily scrutinized. In December, the Planning Board granted environmental approval following a protracted debate with the Beacon City School District over its impact.

A few weeks later, the Zoning Board of Appeals approved three variances, for the number of stories allowed per building, the number of units per building and the space between buildings.

While the council is considering the zoning change, Edgewater is moving along a separate track. It has asked for a special-use permit from the City Council (because the development will include multi-family dwellings), and then would return to the Planning Board for more approvals.

The council is expected to schedule a public hearing on the special-use permit on April 16, the same night as the zoning hearing.



A rendering of the 22 Edgewater Place project presented to the Beacon Planning Board in 2017

Poor People's Campaign to Beacon *(from previous page)*

as ours, where the [economic] gaps are so tremendous, it feels like to not be concerned about the most vulnerable members of our communities would make ev-

ery word of prayer that comes out of my mouth blasphemy."

Although Beacon appears to be thriving, there is a significant and growing

disparity that must be addressed, agreed the Rev. Ed Benson, pastor at the New Vision Church of Deliverance. He said many residents live month-to-month. "They can't keep food on their tables," he said. "There's construction of so many luxury

apartments, but for individuals who are middle-income or lower class, they can barely afford any housing."

Benson advised residents to keep in mind King's refrain, "If I can help somebody, then my living shall not be in vain."



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Guide to Nelsonville Candidates

3 contenders for 2 slots in Tuesday election

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

Nelsonville voters go to the polls on Tuesday, March 20, to elect two more trustees to the Village Board, which will expand from three to five members. The polls are open at Village Hall from noon to 9 p.m.

Three candidates — Michael Bowman, Dave Moroney and Rudolf van Dommele — are competing for two open seats, each with a term of two years. In addition, incumbent Trustee Thomas Robertson is running unopposed for a one-year term.

The Current posed the same three questions to each candidate for the contested trustee seats. The responses have been edited for length and clarity.

What are the three biggest challenges facing the village?

Bowman: (1) Cell towers. Process is key. It's rather obvious that large cell-phone towers do not fit with the aesthetic of our community. The question is: What can we do about it? (2) "Negotiations" between Cold Spring, the Cold Spring Fire Company and Nelsonville over their contractual agreement. I have been shocked as I have read about disagreements between the municipalities, with the fire company left hanging for months without

money for their operational budget. I believe my experience as both a Cold Spring trustee and fire company president makes me uniquely qualified to attempt to bring both sides together, so this argument doesn't become a yearly one. (3) Preservation of the character of Nelsonville is tied to the previous two issues. I have lived in the area my entire life. In 2005 I was part of the Nelsonville Sesquicentennial Committee. One thing that stood out was how little had changed. It was still the small quaint village it had been decades before, and there is still that sense of community that has faded away in many river towns. As trustee my job will be to cultivate those values.

Moroney: (1) Building and maintenance repairs; (2) crosswalks and speeding; and (3) signs.

Van Dommele:

(1) Stewardship and conservation of publicly owned land: The Secor street parcel at stake in the cell-tower controversy should be preserved for public use. (2) The relationships with the Cold Spring and Philipstown governments. Shared-services issues, particularly with regard to

fire protection, need to be addressed and resolved. (3) Promoting participation of Nelsonville residents through better communication: The village website should be updated and managed. E-mail blasts could inform the residents of issues related to village government.

Why do you want to be a trustee?

Bowman: If I had to point to one issue that made me want to run, it is the desire to see the 5 acres off Secor Street preserved as part of our village park. As the discussion regarding a cell tower above the Cold Spring Cemetery continues, I feel my experience and knowledge could make a difference.

Moroney: To serve the community.

Van Dommele: I have lived in Nelsonville since 2002. My wife and I have raised

our three children here. We love living here and our roots run deep. I would like to do my part to ensure that Nelsonville remains a sustainable community while preserving its unique character and natural beauty.

What qualifications do you bring?

Bowman: Having spent 2014 to 2016 as a trustee in Cold Spring, I have recent and tangible experience in helping to run a municipality. In addition, as former president of the Cold Spring Fire Company and a former member of the Cold Spring Historic District Review Board, I bring a broad understanding of all types of issues. One of my strongest attributes, even in the most divided of times, is my ability to listen to contrary and opposite views and try to find common ground.

Moroney: I ran a successful business for more than 22 years.

Van Dommele: I bring a lifetime of experience in problem-solving and communication. As a professional photographer and, more recently, cinematographer and producer, I have been responsible for the direction of large crews. I also have extensive experience in construction and renewable energy and am a competitive chess player and professional chess coach. The analytical skills I have developed in these interesting and diverse aspects of my life would be applicable in various issues in local government. I believe I can build bridges between people with differing opinions and priorities.



Michael Bowman, left, and Rudolf van Dommele Photos provided

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An Eye for Nature

'There are things in your backyard you wouldn't believe'

By Alison Rooney

Be patient. Get lucky. Look up. Look down. Train your eye to notice the slightest movement.

Those are the succinct suggestions of Bob Nobile, whose wildlife photography, along with that of his wife, Diana, is on display through March at McCaffrey's Realty on Main Street, where Bob is an agent.

If you're observant, "there are things in your backyard you wouldn't believe," he says, such as the chipmunk Diana photographed snacking on a violet.

Bob took up photography to document his daughter Chantelle when she played basketball for Haldane High School. Diana, a former high school biology and environmental science teacher, soon caught the shutter bug, as well.

They gravitated to nature photography because "both of us spent hours in the woods," recalls Bob, who grew up in Garrison after his parents moved there in 1946. Diana, formerly Diana Stevenson, grew up in Cold Spring. In their first home, on Nelson Lane in Garrison, "we hid behind the trees to watch the bird life," Bob recalls. They now live in Fort Montgomery, near parkland.

The images on display were culled from a collection of — no exaggeration — 15,000 photos, he said. They were taken in the Highlands as well as in Florida and New Jersey, where the couple

have a second home near a nature preserve. A monitor at the McCaffrey office displays 800 images in a rotating slide show.

"You never know when you'll get a lucky shot," says Bob. "Diana encountered a fawn just after it was born. It was young enough to have no fear, and she was able to photograph it from just 2 or 3 feet away. In the Everglades, we came upon an alligator chasing another alligator out into the woods, and a river otter teasing an alligator, chattering, diving in, unintimidated."

Diana says that while wildlife photography requires "patience and observation and an eye for composition, most of all, you need a compassionate feeling, love and awe for all living organisms!"

On this page are a few selections of Diana's work, with commentary from Bob. For more, see highlandscurrent.com.



"The seal had been washed up in February at Barnegat Lighthouse in New Jersey during high tide and was waiting for it to return."

Photos by Diana Nobile



Left, "a bobcat in Florida. Diana just got lucky." Above, "an immature Black-Crowned Night Heron captured by Diana at the John Forsythe Preserve."



"We got a call that some wood ducks, which are very reclusive, had been spotted in a pond at Downey Park in Newburgh. There were 10 to 15 adults and about 40 chicks. You try to get a photo for years, and here they are, right in front of you."



"This shot by Diana of an American Oystercatcher was taken at the John Forsythe Preserve in Brigantine, New Jersey. The bird built her nest in the middle of the road, so park rangers cordoned it off with yellow tape."



Above, "an early shot, taken with the Olympus 4-megapixel camera that we started out on."

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

Reel Life Film Club: *First Position* (grades 6-8)
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
Rescheduled from March 2.

Contemporary Art Video Series: *Mary Frank/Joan Semmel*
7 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
121 Main St., Cold Spring
845-809-5145 | busterlevigallery.com

Les Misérables
7 p.m. Haldane School
15 Craigsides Dr., Cold Spring
haldaneschool.org

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
10 Garrison's Landing, Garrison
845-424-3900 | philipstowndepottheatre.org

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

Bird Watching
9 a.m. Constitution Marsh
Warren Landing Road, Garrison
putnamhighlandsaudubon.org

White Elephant Sale
8:30 a.m. Early birds \$5
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Free admission
St. Philip's Parish House
1101 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-4209 | stphilipsnursery.org

Introduction to Bird Identification (ages 10+)
10 a.m. Trailside Zoo
3006 Seven Lakes Dr., Bear Mountain
845-786-2701 | trailsidezoo.org

Snake Program
10 a.m. Wildlife Education Center
25 Boulevard, Cornwall
845-534-7781 | hhnmm.org

Maple Sugar Tours
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center
Muser Drive, Cornwall
845-534-5506 x204 | hhnmm.org

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
4 & 7:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.



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Jazz Vespers
5:30 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
10 Academy St., Cold Spring
845-265-3220 | presbychurchcoldspring.org

St. Patrick's Day Dinner
6 p.m. St. Mary's Church
1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring | 845-265-2539

Silent Film Series: *Tess of the Storm Country* (1922)
7 p.m. Butterfield Library
10 Morris Ave., Cold Spring
845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org

Les Misérables
7 p.m. Haldane School
See details under Friday.

St. Patrick's Celebration
7 – 11 p.m. The Highlands
955 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3254 | highlandscountryclub.net

Echoes of Erin (Music)
7:30 p.m. Tompkins Corner Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road, Putnam Valley
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Kofi & Sankofa (Music)
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

Charlie Daniels Band
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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

Hudson Valley Renegades Job Fair
Noon – 3 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
hvrenegades.com

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
2 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under Friday.

Les Misérables
2 p.m. Haldane School
See details under Friday.

Colin Mark Andrews (Piano)
2:30 p.m. West Point Cadet Chapel
westpoint.edu

Jason Vieaux (Classical Guitar)
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Saturday.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Beacon City Council Meeting
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza, Beacon
845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

Beacon School Board (Budget)
7 p.m. Beacon High School
101 Matteawan Road, Beacon
845-838-6900 | beaonk12.org

Nelsonville Village Board
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
258 Main St., Nelsonville
845-265-2500 | villageofnelsonville.org

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

First Day of Spring

New Moms & Infants Group
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
Email whiteside.ks@gmail.com.

***Vertigo* (1958)**
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Dutchess Genealogical Society
7:30 p.m. LDS Church
204 Spackenkill Road, Poughkeepsie
dcgs-gen.org

Nelsonville Election
12 -9 p.m. | Village Hall
258 Main St., Nelsonville

The History of Hat Making (Talk)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

Philipstown Communities That Care
3:30 p.m. North Highlands Fire Department
504 Fishkill Road, Cold Spring
philipstownnctc.org



Students vs. Staff Basketball Game
6:30 p.m. Haldane School
See details under Friday.

Beacon Historical Society Meeting
7 p.m. 17 South Ave., Beacon
845-831-0514 | beaconhistorical.org

Garrison School Board
7 p.m. Garrison School
1100 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3689 | gufs.org

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Networking 101
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Friday.

Haldane School Board
7 p.m. Haldane (Music Room)
See details under Friday.

Haldane's Got Talent
7 p.m. Towne Crier
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecrier.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Contemporary Art Video Series: *Walter Robinson*
7 p.m. Buster Levi Gallery
See details under March 16.

International Film Night: *Queen of Katwe* (Uganda, 2016)
7 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under March 16.

***Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA* (Documentary)**
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church
50 Liberty St., Beacon
moviesthatmatterbeacon.org

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
8 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre
See details under March 16.

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8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under March 16.

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Meat and Greet

Butchers launch dinner series and workshops

By Alison Rooney

Marbled Meat Shop and Stock Up, the twin establishments run by Lisa Hall and Chris Pascarella in Philipstown and Beacon, respectively, are expanding beyond the meat-and-deli cases to host community dinners and lead workshops about their “utilize the whole animal” approach to butchering.

The dinners, called The Butcher’s Harvest, take place on Friday nights at Stock Up (29 Teller Ave., Beacon); they are scheduled for March 30 (fish, with Hudson Valley Seafood), April 20 (TBD) and May 11 (Asian). Each begins at 7 p.m. with an hour of socializing over draft beer, cider and wine.

Each communal dinner includes 24 to 30 guests and costs \$75 per diner, excluding beverages and gratuity. They provide an opportunity to meet neighbors and tablemates of various generations.

“We’ve always done things like this, privately,” Pascarella explains. “I have a big Italian family and Lisa has a Greek one. We used to have a community of friends over in our Brooklyn backyard; we were always smoking meats there.”

The dinners were inspired, Pascarella says, by the Court Street Grocery, a shop near their former home in Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn. “They did these super-casual, three-course, relatively affordable little dinners,” he says. “It was always on the back burner for us: creating something with almost a pop-up vibe.”

He said the dinners also came about because “we have a full staff of culinary-trained people making sandwiches at Stock-Up who are eager to do more and a freezer full of off-parts that we can make exciting.”

“They’re not just selling meat, they’re creating a new kind of communal table. It’s not same old, same old.”

Pascarella says the passion to use the entire animal was instilled by his grandparents. “They didn’t have tons of money, and never let anything go to waste,” he recalls. “The less expensive cuts are just as good, if not better sometimes. Some delicious cuts are a third of the price, and still suit the use.”

Each dinner is built around a theme. For Valentine’s Day, the dishes made use of beef cheeks and chicken hearts. The March 9 meal was barbecue, with Lone Star Hots (Texas hot links), prairie breeze grits and braised greens. The fourth course — pork belly glazed with fermented hot honey, pickled watermelon rind and lard-fried hush puppies — was dubbed Piggy Smalls (after the late rap musician, of course). Stock Up was gussied up for the



Diners eat at communal tables.

Photos by A. Rooney



Spiced smoked lamb ribs were a part of the barbecue-themed menu at The Butcher’s Harvest on March 9.

occasion with a white table-clothed, candle-lit, long central table, plus a couple of smaller tables.

Sharon Charles, who moved with her husband to Cold Spring a year ago, said she came to the dinner to make friends — and avoid cooking, which she hates.

“This is just delicious,” she said midway through the five courses.

Mary Ann Syrek of Philipstown was impressed, as well. “This shows a lot of inventiveness,” she says. “They’re not just selling meat, they’re creating a new kind of communal table. It’s not same old, same old.”

Hall and Pascarella also host three-hour classes at their kitchen at Marbled Meat, on Route 9 in Philipstown. “It’s less about how to cook and more about a fuller utilization of animals through asking for

different cuts” such as shifting from pork chops to pork shoulder, Pascarella says. “We go over why each section has its benefits.”

He turns to sausage. “For years, people have thought sausage was made from all the icky bits, but instead we’re using parts from our whole, pasture-raised animals. Even with chicken, why just always get a pack with two breasts? Buy a whole chicken, make a soup using the bones and stay healthy all winter.”

The courses also include knife skills, he said, such as “how to spatchcock a bird.”

The next class is tonight (March 16) and covers sausage, followed by chicken on April 6 and pork on April 27. They each cost \$75 to \$100. Register at marbled-meatshop.com.

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Mouths to Feed

Oat Cuisine

By Celia Barbour

For Henry James, the two most beautiful words in the English language were “summer afternoon.” To which I reply: good on you, 19th-century man. You are far more refined than I am.

Because for me, no pair of words has ever surpassed the loveliness of “bake sale.”

Oh, the joy I felt as a kid coming upon a hand-painted sign bearing those proud monosyllables, and then beholding the treat-laden table nearby.

Yet joy such as that is hard to sustain, even for a 9-year-old, and my feelings would grow increasingly complicated as I scanned the table: Paper plates all but flattened by the weight of snickerdoodles giving way to wax paper bags bulging with fudgy brownies, pans of seven-layer bars, stacks of blondies, glorious fruit pies and pastel-iced cupcakes doused in rainbow sprinkles.

Whatever cravings these sights elicited were tempered by the agony of knowing I'd have to choose just one; the fear of choosing wrongly; the certainty that, after two bites of whichever treat I did select, I would yearn for the ones I had not chosen; and the sheepishness I'd feel

begging my mother for another dime or quarter.

A dime, a quarter: That's how old I am. Old enough, too, to remember the days when everything at a bake sale was home-made — and moreover, when “homemade” meant not merely unpackaged and stirred at home, but actually made from scratch using ingredients found in an ordinary home's cupboards and refrigerator.



Humble beginnings

In addition to being an ardent bake sale customer, I was also a doyenne of the realm behind the table. In those days, my family belonged to a Quaker Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. Our Sunday school education consisted of religious-ish life lessons couched in folk songs and good deeds, such as sponsoring orphans in developing nations and saving endangered owls. Our causes required cash, in other words, and for school-age kids (at least those of us of a non-delinquent bent), the options for raising it were few.

One month, when it was time to host yet another bake sale, a new family contributed oat bars to our inventory. Buttery, brown-sugary, redolent with the gentle nuttiness of fresh oats, they won my heart with one bite. And just like that, my bake sale anguish was over. Never again would I wonder which treat to spend my change on.

Moreover, oat bars were ridiculously easy to make. With five ingredients and two steps, they were the kind of thing a 9-year-old could bake by herself in under



Raising the bar

Photos by Henry Weed

a half-hour. And polish off, with a little help from her sisters, in a few hours more with hardly a thought for the owls.

It took me a long time to realize that bake sales to a parent are not what they are to a child. At first, when our kids were very small, my heart would leap whenever an email arrived announcing an upcoming bake sale. More than once, I spent hours baking up batches of Valrhona-chocolate brownies or real-butter cookies, gratified at the thought that I

was helping support some class activity or after-school program. I was slightly crestfallen to place my plain, rough-edged treats among the perfect store-bought goodies; sadder still to take most of mine home, uneaten, at the end of the sale. Eventually, the reality of modern kids' tastes sunk in, and I turned curmudgeonly.

But old hopes and habits die hard. Just the other day, I felt that old jolt of excitement when asked to contribute to a bake sale. The truth is, I won't ever be able to talk myself out of baking from scratch. But this time, I'll do it in under 30 minutes. And I'm already looking forward to the leftovers I'll bring home when it's over.

Oat Bars

These are essentially an oat shortbread. You can add ½ cup of chocolate chips to the recipe — and the resulting bars are also great. But to me, chocolate overwhelms the quiet magic of the original flavors.

¾ cup brown sugar	1 teaspoon vanilla
1 stick butter (if unsalted, add a pinch of salt)	2 cups quick oats
	1 teaspoon baking powder

1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In a mixing bowl, cream together the first three ingredients until light. Add remaining ingredients, and mix until combined.
2. Transfer batter to an ungreased 8 x 8-inch pan, and press gently. Bake 15 minutes, or until golden and slightly puffy all over. Set pan on a rack, and allow to cool before cutting.

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2018 College Scholarship Guide

Awards available to Highlands residents

By Chip Rowe

News flash: College is expensive, but there are thousands of scholarships available that may make a small dent.

The list below includes scholarships available to high school seniors or college students in the Highlands and/or Putnam and Dutchess counties. It does not include awards specific to individual schools. To search for scholarships offered by state and national organizations, see directories such as fastweb.com, collegeboard.org and scholarships.com.

Each listing includes who qualifies to apply, the amount of the award and the application deadline. For scholarships coded CFHV, apply at cfhvn.org. For those marked SGO, pick up an application form in your school guidance office or visit highlandscurrent.com/scholarships.

Highlands

Acacio "Roger" Rodrigues Memorial Scholarship

Putnam or Dutchess seniors or college students pursuing a career in the building/construction industry such as architecture, engineering, construction management, electrical construction technology, plumbing and heating, welding or fabrication. | \$2,000+ annually | April 1 | CFHV

Firemen's Association of the State of New York

FASNY reimburses tuition for active volunteer firefighters attending a New York community college or taking online courses through Empire State College. | \$1,250 | ongoing | SGO

Hudson Valley Guns and Hoses

Paid or volunteer firefighters or law enforcement officers (or their immediate relatives) in Putnam or Dutchess who plan to major in criminal justice, fire science, public administration or related fields. | \$1,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Lower Hudson Council of School Superintendents

Haldane and Beacon seniors who have overcome obstacles, have a strong desire to achieve and demonstrate financial need. | \$1,000 annually | April 18 | SGO

Mid-Hudson Ivy Foundation

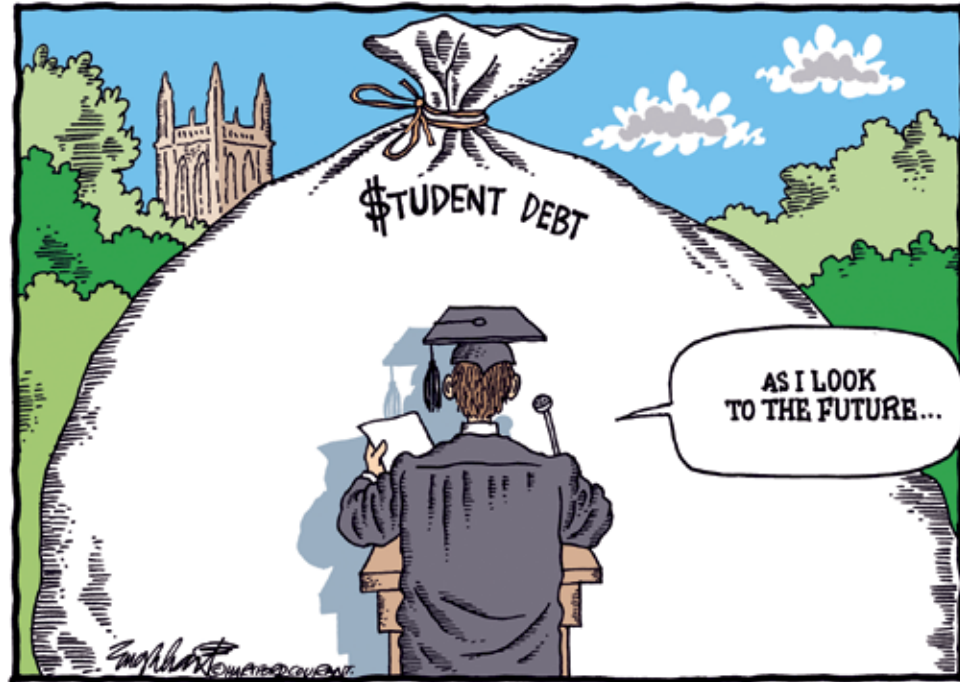
Seniors from the Mid-Hudson Valley. Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Alpha. | \$500 to \$1,500 | March 23 | SGO

Mid-Hudson Psychiatric Society

Seniors who plan to pursue a career in mental health, such as psychiatry, psychology, psychiatric nursing or social work. | \$125 to \$500 | May | SGO

Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation

Putnam and Dutchess seniors whose lives have been affected by breast cancer. | \$1,000 | April 1 | CFHV



New York Benefits for Educators and Students Trust

Haldane or Beacon seniors who plan to pursue a career in business, health or education. | \$1,000 | March 30 | SGO

New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal

Haldane or Beacon seniors who are (1) enrolled in special education, (2) have demonstrated resourcefulness and ingenuity to overcome a puzzling creative obstacle, or (3) plan to attend a New York college and who has record of involvement and work for a cause or organization that promotes social justice, equal opportunity, relief of human suffering or similar aspirations. | \$3,000 to \$5,000 | April 4 | SGO

Professional Nurses Association of Dutchess/Putnam

Putnam or Dutchess senior or college student pursuing a career in nursing. | \$500 to \$1,000 | May 12 | SGO

St. Luke's Cornwall Health System

Seniors who have completed at least 50 hours of volunteer service at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh, who are the sons or daughters of St. Luke's employees or who plan to enter the medical field and have at least an 1100 SAT or 24 ACT score. | \$1,000 to \$1,500 | April 13 | SGO

Tompkins Mahopac Bank

Dutchess or Putnam seniors with at least a 3.0 GPA who plan to pursue an advanced manufacturing degree or technical program. | \$500 | May 11 | SGO

Tony Schembri Memorial Scholarship

Seniors from the Mid-Hudson Valley. Sponsored by the Newburgh-based chapter of the veterans' organization Rolling Thunder 3. | \$500 | April 1 | SGO

Philipstown

Cold Spring Lions Club

Senior who resides in Philipstown, based on need, academic record and potential to succeed. | ~\$3,000 | late May | SGO

Daughters of the American Revolution

Putnam seniors who "exhibit extraordinary citizenship and integrity and service to his or her community while maintaining high academic standards." | \$500 | April 13 | SGO

Daughters of the United States Army

Haldane or O'Neill senior who is the child or dependent of an active, retired or deceased U.S. military service member. | \$2,000 | April 5 | SGO

Glaser Orthodontics

Haldane seniors who plan to pursue a career in a health field. | \$500 | March 31 | SGO

Joan Connelly Memorial Scholarship

Putnam seniors who plan to pursue a career related to mental health or in human services such as social work, psychology, nursing, education, counseling, community mental health, or child and family studies. Sponsored by the Mental Health Association in Putnam County. | \$500 | March 30 | SGO

Master Gardeners

Putnam seniors who plan to pursue a degree in (Continued on Page 14)

How to Start Your Own Scholarship

Community foundation guides donors

By Chip Rowe

Want your own scholarship fund? The Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley (CFHVN) has helped individuals and groups establish nearly 60 that award grants to students in Dutchess, Putnam and/or Ulster counties.

The nonprofit, which has offices in Poughkeepsie and Kingston, processes applications for donors and administers the awards. Most scholarships offered are created in memory of family members, although some are tributes to schools, such as an award for Poughkeepsie High School graduates established by the Class of 1958.

"Some people feel strongly that a school helped launch them in life," explains Sally Cross, vice president of philanthropy for CFHVN.

It takes a minimum donation of \$50,000 to create a scholarship, which is enough to provide a perpetual annual grant of \$1,000 to \$2,000. "We want to make sure the award is enough to make a meaningful difference," she said of the minimum.

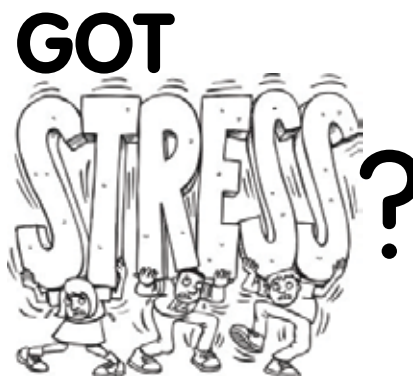


Sally Cross

CFHVN chooses the winner or winners of each award, which is required by tax law, although the donor can be a member of the selection committee, she said.

When creating a scholarship, it's best to keep the criteria as broad as possible, Cross said. Offering an award only to graduates of a certain school is fine, but finding suitable applicants for a grant for "left-handed violin players who are on the basketball team and went to a certain grade school" will be a challenge, she said, by way of example. Even scholarships provided to pursue specific majors can be tricky, because students often change their minds.

For more information, contact Cross at scross@cfhvn.org or 845-452-3077.



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plant science, horticulture, floriculture, architectural landscape design, forestry, botany or other environmental-related program. Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Putnam County. | \$500 | April 30 | SGO

Philip Baumgarten Memorial Scholarship

Philipstown senior who volunteers for a local nonprofit and/or has worked for a local business. Sponsored by the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. | \$1,000 | April 6 | SGO

Putnam County Children's Committee

Putnam seniors who exhibit a "commitment to service to the community, and strength of purpose in achieving an educational goal, ability and maturity." | \$500 | April 14 | SGO

Beacon

ATHENA Adult Scholarship

Dutchess females who has been out of high school or college for five years and are pursuing degrees at a New York or on-line school. | \$1,000 to \$2,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Beacon Schools PTOs

The Parent-Teacher Organizations at J.V. Forrestal, Glenham, Sargent and South Avenue elementary schools offer scholarships to Beacon seniors who attended each of them. The Beacon High

School PTO also offers scholarships. | \$300 to \$1,500 | May 18 | SGO

Beacon Sons of Italy

BHS senior of Italian heritage or related to a member. | \$250 | late May | SGO

Bettie Brown Scholarship

BHS senior who has demonstrated academic achievement and community service throughout high school. Sponsored by the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ. | \$500 | April 1 | SGO

Charles S. North Scholarship for Music and Art

Dutchess seniors who plan to major in music performance, music/art education or visual arts (ceramics, drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking, design, crafts, photography, video, filmmaking and architecture). | \$1,500+ | April 1 | CFHV

Beacon Elks Lodge 1493

The Elks offer the Rush Greenough Scholarship to a BHS senior with "extraordinary community service" and the Doc Roberts Scholarship to a BHS senior who plans to pursue an engineering or technology-related degree. | Varies | May 19 | SGO

Dustin James Fallen Police Officer Memorial Fund

BHS seniors who plan to pursue a career in law enforcement, emergency services or the military. | \$500 | April 16 | SGO

Dutchess County Counseling Association

Dutchess seniors who have at least a 90 average. | \$1,000 | April 27 | SGO

Dutchess County Dairy Committee

Dutchess seniors who plan to pursue a career in agriculture such as agronomy, animal science, communications and environmental courses. Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County. | \$2,000 first year, \$1,000 after | May 20 | SGO

Dutchess County Agricultural Society

Dutchess seniors and college students who plan to pursue a degree in agriculture, horticulture or human ecology or a career related to agriculture or horticulture. | \$2,000 annually | May 11 | SGO

Dutchess County Retired Teachers Association

Dutchess senior with an average of at least 80 percent who intends to pursue career in teaching. | \$1,000 | April 3 | SGO

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Dutchess seniors and college students of Irish descent. | \$1,000 | May 27 | SGO

Eileen Hickey Nursing Scholarship

Dutchess seniors or college students pursuing a career in nursing at a New York school. \$1,500+ | April 1 | CFHV

Frank Thomas Groff Scholarship

Dutchess seniors who are members of



the Roman Catholic Church. | \$1,000 annually | April 1 | CFHV

George A. and Catherine V. Quill Scholarship

BHS seniors "who must apply themselves to prosper or those who are able to demonstrate financial need." | \$500 to \$1,500 | April 1 | CFHV

H. Normington Schofield Scholarship

BHS seniors who plan to major in environmental studies or education. | \$1,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Hudson Valley Financial Professionals

Dutchess seniors who plan to pursue a career in the financial services industry such as banking, finance, insurance or investment banking. | \$500 | April 1 | CFHV

Hudson Valley School Food Service Association

BHS seniors who plan to pursue degrees in food service, hospitality, hotel management or dietetics. There are two scholarships, one honoring Steven E. Pinelli and *(to next page)*



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the other Elvilee Woodside. | \$1,000 | late April | SGO

I Am Beacon Making a Difference Scholarship

A Beacon senior who "exhibits the values of community and giving back." | \$2,000 | May 9 | SGO

Jennifer Coudrey Memorial Scholarship

Dutchess female senior who plans to pursue a career in physical therapy. | \$1,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Jo Johnson Memorial Scholarship

Seniors who submit a print, artwork or voice project related to remove intoxicated drivers from the roads. Sponsored by Dutchess County R.I.D. Also open to juniors. | \$500 | April 1 | SGO

Joseph H. and Mildred C. McManus Scholarship

Dutchess seniors or college students "who must apply themselves to prosper or who demonstrate financial need." | \$1,000 to \$3,000 annually | April 1 | CFHV

Joseph H. Gellert/Dutchess County Bar Association

Dutchess student enrolled in law school. | \$1,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Joseph S. Guarneri Sr. Memorial Scholarship

BHS seniors "who have overcome or are overcoming personal, financial, family or emotional difficulties." | \$650+ | April 1 | CFHV

Juan Lafuente Leadership Scholarship

Dutchess seniors who demonstrate academic achievement (especially in math and science); leadership contributions to school and community; and character. Students must attend a New York college. | \$1,000 to \$1,500 | April 1 | CFHV

Leslie C. and Irene G. Roe Athletic Scholarship

Dutchess seniors who have demonstrated outstanding athletic skills and will attend a New York community college or SUNY/CUNY school. | \$1,500 annually | April 1 | CFHV

Marjorie A. Rifenburg Scholarship

Dutchess seniors or college students of Native American descent. | Up to \$4,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Mary McKenzie Memorial Scholarship

BHS seniors of African-American descent. | \$500 | April 1 | CFHV

Maynard and Ferne Brownell Family Scholarship

BHS seniors with financial need and athletic and/or community service. | \$750 annually | April 1 | CFHV

Michael P. Murphy Public Service Graduate Scholarship

Dutchess graduate students planning a career in government. | \$1,000+ | April 1 | CFHV

New York State Association of School Business Officials

Dutchess senior who plans to pursue career in business, finance and/or education. Sponsored by the Mid-Hudson chapter. | \$500 | March 2, 2018 | SGO

New York State Association of Agricultural Fairs

Senior who has been involved with the Dutchess County Fair, with preference to those who plan to study a field related to agriculture, fair management or the outdoor amusement business. | \$1,000 | April 13 | SGO

Norman and Rita Nussbickel Memorial Scholarship

BHS seniors "who have demonstrated excellent academic and athletic achievement and have a meaningful record of community service." | \$2,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Patrolmens Benevolent Association

BHS senior who plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. | \$1,000 | May 18 | SGO

Robert K. Gould Memorial Scholarship

BHS seniors with "extensive community service experience." | \$2,000 | April 1 | CFHV

Southern Dutchess NAACP

BHS seniors with 2.5 GPA with financial need. | \$1,000 | late April | SGO

Stephanie D. Brown & Barbara M. Murphy Memorial Scholarship

Dutchess seniors who intend to major in education and become elementary, middle school or high school teachers. | \$1,000 to \$2,000 | April 1 | CFHV



Steven and Linda Lant Family Scholarship

Dutchess seniors or college students pursuing a major in business or finance at a New York school. | \$2,500 | April 1 | CFHV

TEG Joyce A. Betros Scholarship

Dutchess senior who is a TEG Federal Credit Union member (or whose parent or guardian is) who has demonstrated academy achievement and commitment to community. | \$1,000 | April 2 | SGO

TWINKS Social and Civic Club Scholarship

Dutchess African-American seniors with academic average of 85 or higher. The scholarship is offered by the Poughkeepsie chapter of TWINKS, which stands for Today's Women Initiating Nobility Knowledge and Sisterhood. | \$1,000+ | April 16 | SGO

Ulster Savings Charitable Foundation

Dutchess senior or resident of more than three years who has a GPA or 3.0 or

higher who plans to attend a college in Ulster, Dutchess or Orange counties or the online Empire State College. A separate scholarship is awarded to a student who plans to major in business, finance or accounting. | \$2,000 | March 31 | SGO

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ART FROM THE HEART AND KIDNEY
— Select works by Jodi Yeaple-King of Beacon are on display at the MSMC Desmond Campus in Newburgh through April 18. *Image provided*

Jazz in the Pulpit

Series continues March 17

Vocalist Tony Jefferson and guitarist Tony DePaolo will be the featured players at the Jazz Vespers series concert to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 17, at First Presbyterian Church in Cold Spring. Music director Tom McCoy will play the piano and Rob Scheps will be on flute and sax and Lew Scott on bass. The concert is free, but donations are welcome. A reception will follow. See presbychurchcoldspring.org.

Visit highlandscurrent.com for news updates and latest information.

Peekskill Multimedia

Weekend programs on hub

The Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce will host a weekend of panel discussions, art workshops, poetry readings and staged readings on March 24 and 25 to promote an initiative to bring multimedia businesses to Peekskill. For a schedule, see artindustrymedia.com.

Fluxional Clay

Studio to open new exhibit

Peekskill Clay Studios will open an exhibit, *Fluxional Clay: Ceramics at the Crossroads*, on Saturday, March 24, with a reception from 1 to 3 p.m. The artists in the juried show — Susan Tunick, Bre Pettis, Natalia Arbelaez, Debra Freidkin, Sarah Coble, Tina Piracci and Liz Luna-Gagnon — were chosen for the way they incorporated found materials, digital processes and multimedia. The studios are located at 1000 N. Division St. See peekskillclaystudios.com.

Sacred Music on Sacred Day

Fundraiser for St. Mary's

The Brasiles Ensemble will perform sacred pieces on Palm Sunday, March



These works by Natalia Arbelaez are part of an exhibit at Peekskill Clay Studios that opens March 24. *Photo provided*

25, at 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring as a benefit for the church. The vocalists — Laura Danilov (mezzo soprano), Madeleine DeNitto (soprano), Kimberly Hiss (soprano), Speare Hodges (baritone), Paul Phillips (tenor) and Edgar Robinson (bass) — will be accompanied by organist John Drew and a string section.

The program includes pieces by Costantini, Victoria, Ireland, Tchaikovsky, Palestrina, Priesner, Hristov and Pergolesi.

Admission is \$25 at the door. See facebook.com/thebrasilesensemble.



On March 25, Budd Ververka will visit the Tompkins Corners Cultural Center to discuss how to handle black bear encounters. *Photo by Jay Rosner/Flickr*

Bears Among Us

On Sunday, March 25, Budd Ververka, director of land management at Mianus River Gorge in Bedford, will discuss his research on black bears, including how to best handle encounters. The free talk will take place at Tompkins Corners Cultural Center in Putnam Valley at 11 a.m. and is cosponsored by the Roaring Brook Lake Garden Club. RSVP by calling 845-258-7280.

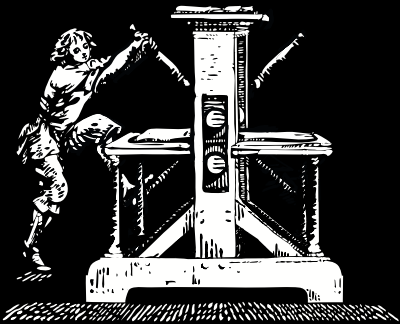
Senior Club Elects Officers

Meets monthly at Chestnut Ridge

The Philipstown Senior Club at its February meeting elected its officers for the year: Lynda Ann Ewen (president), Anne Gonsalves (vice president), Mary Wood (recording secretary), Gretchen Graham (corresponding secretary) and Stella Pingerra (treasurer).

The club will visit Magazzino Italian Art on Thursday, March 22, and April's meeting will be a potluck lunch. It meets at 11 a.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Chestnut Ridge *(To next page)*

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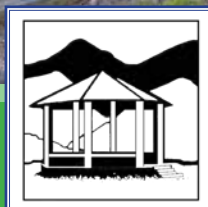
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Comprehensive Plan Update

Committee forms in Philipstown

The newly created Philipstown Comprehensive Plan Update Committee meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. The plan, adopted in 2006, serves as a blueprint for shaping policies and legislation in Philipstown over the course of five to 10 years.

The committee members are Joyce Blum, Lithgow Osborne, Teri Waivada, Tara Carroll, Nat Prentice, Marc Weiss, Betsy Calhoun, Joe Regele, Sean Conway, Robert Rhodes, Cathy Kopf and Marianne Sullivan.

The committee plans to consider information gathered by the Philipstown Community Congress and solicit feedback during public meetings. For information, email Prentice at natprentice@mac.com.

Beacon

Not Keeping It Under Her Hat

Talk to address Beacon history

Mackie Rondon, owner of Rondon Supplies for Footwear, will speak at the Howland Public Library in Beacon at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21, about Beacon's legacy of hat manufacturing, trends in hat styles and how the materials used can impact the environment. Rondon is a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, where she studied footwear and millinery.

Wiki Diversity

Edit-a-Thon scheduled for March 24

In collaboration with Art + Feminism, the Howland Public Library will host a Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon on Saturday, March 24, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organized by Rajene Hardeman and Gina Shelton, the event is designed to add to and improve entries in the online encyclopedia concerning gender, feminism and the



A Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon is scheduled for March 24 at the Howland Public Library to strengthen entries on gender, feminism and the arts. *Art + Feminism*

arts. One survey found that fewer than 10 percent of Wikipedia entries are written by women. Register at beaconlibrary.org and bring a laptop and power cord.

Walk to End Gun Violence

Calls for 'common-sense' laws

A march is planned for Saturday, March 24, at 11 a.m. at Walkway Over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie to show support for "common-sense" gun controls. Students from Parkland, Florida, where a gunman on Feb. 14 killed 17 people at a high school, organized the national event, which is sponsored locally by dozens of groups. For details, search for "March for Our Lives Hudson Valley" at facebook.com.

Addiction Update

Counselor to speak at Howland

Alison Lewis, a counselor with 25 years of experience, will speak at the Howland Public Library at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 25, on self-empowerment approaches, neuroscience education and alternative ideas for understanding drug and alcohol addiction. She will speak again at the library on April 22.

Film Explores Power of Gun Lobby

Documentary to be screened March 23

As part of its ongoing documentary series, Movies That Matter Beacon will show the 2016 film *Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA* at 7:30 p.m. on



A scene from the documentary *Making a Killing*, which will be screened in Beacon on March 23

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This feature is designed as a counterweight to all the bad news in the world that weighs people down. We could share a photo of a baby, or a photo of a dog, but we are giving you both. How many newspapers can say that? Mark and Carol Waitkins of Garrison were on vacation in February when their daughter Lindsay sent this photo of granddaughter, Chloe, helping to watch Gus and Monet. If you have a photo of a baby and a dog, submit it for consideration to editor@highlandscurrent.com.



Friday, March 23, at the First Presbyterian Church in Beacon. The film looks into gun violence that includes unintentional shootings, domestic violence, suicides, mass killings and trafficking. The screening is free, but donations are accepted.



New Standard Trio will perform at Atlas Studios in Newburgh on March 24.

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Jazz Schedule

Series kicks off in Newburgh

Atlas Studios in Newburgh will kick off a series of jazz concerts at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, with New Standard Trio. The performers are Jamie Saft on piano and keyboards, Steve Swallow on acoustic bass guitar and Bobby Previte on drums. Broken Shadows will play in May, Clarinet Madness in June and Ted Daniel and the International Brass and Membrane Corps in July. Tickets for the March 24 concert are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. See facebook.com/jazzatatl.

Counselors in Training

New summer program for teens

The Beacon Recreation Department has launched a counselor-in-training program for 12- to 15-year-olds who will work on camp service projects, engage in team-building activities and learn the skills needed to become counselors.

Tuition is \$100 per week, and the program lasts one to three weeks during the department's summer camps, which run from July 9 to Aug. 10. The deadline to apply is May 23. See cityofbeacon.org/Pdf/CIT_Questionnaire_2018.pdf.

Pulse of the Earth



This work and others by Virginia Donovan is on exhibit at RiverWinds Gallery in Beacon through April 8.

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Obituary

Isabel Lopatin (1953-2018)

Isabel Taylor Lopatin, 64, of Cold Spring, died on March 11, 2018, after a 14-year battle against a rare bone-marrow cancer known as myelofibrosis.

At the time of her death, Isabel was the director of administration at Glynwood Farm, where she had worked since 2006.

Isabel was born on Dec. 28, 1953, in Gambier, Ohio, where her father, Paul Schwartz, was a professor of music at Kenyon College. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Bard College, Isabel earned an MBA from SUNY Binghamton and a certificate in database programming and design from Columbia University, as well as numerous other certificates and professional qualifications in accounting, computer technology and telecommunications.

She completed a master's thesis in Islamic architecture at Hunter College and traveled widely in Europe and Asia. She was extremely knowledgeable about subjects ranging from biology and botany to European, Islamic and Asian history.

Before joining Glynwood, Isabel was a senior-level database programmer and had managed programming teams at several Fortune 500 corporations. She also had taught courses in database design and programming.

In addition to her work at Glynwood, to which she was extremely devoted, Isabel was a member and chair of the Philipstown Wetlands Committee until her health forced her resignation.



Isabel Lopatin

She also was an active member of the Mid-Hudson Orchid Society and served as its president. Despite her failing health, she continued to serve as editor of its newsletter. She was a medalist at the annual Orchid Show at the New York Botanical Garden, as well as several others. Over the years, including her final one, Isabel delivered many well-received lectures on orchid-growing to clubs in New York and other states.

Isabel also was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring, where she sang in the choir and served on the vestry.

Those who knew her said that Isabel had the rare ability to elicit the best from people of all kinds, and that there was not an ounce of rancor in her, even though she



REMEMBERING MISS CONNIE — Connie Bounous (seen in upper left), who owned Bounous Montessori at 224 Main St. in Cold Spring for decades, has died. She is shown with her charges in 2009. A memorial at Tot's Park is being planned.

Photo provided

was not blind to others' (as well as her own) failings. This quality made her an effective and respected leader, both professionally and in the community organizations of which she was a member.


They also recall that during the long course of her devastating illness, she never once uttered a word of self-pity, fear or anger.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur Lopatin; her mother, Kathryn Carlisle Schwartz; her sisters, Angela Schwartz

and Julia Schwartz; and her nieces and nephews, Serena Kunzler, Alma Kunzler, Alex Lopatin and Theodore Lopatin.

A memorial service will be held at St. Mary's Church on Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to the Myeloproliferative Disorders Research Program at the Mount Sinai Health System, c/o Dr. John Mascarenhas, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1079, New York, NY 10029-6574, and/or to St. Mary's Church, 1 Chestnut St., Cold Spring, NY 10516.

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Around Town



A BIG FAMILY — The McElduff clan marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Beacon on March 10 with cutouts of its eight siblings, three of whom are still living (John, Anne and Kate). John, a former city councilman, and his late brother Jerry were the parade's grand marshals in 2017.

Photo by Skip Pearlman



SWING YOUR PARTNER — Jacques DiCrocce, Harry Bolick and Jim Garber, members of the Devils Box String Band, provide music for caller Liz Slade during a square dance held at the Howland Cultural Center on March 10. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photo by Ross Corsair



AWARD WINNER — Classical guitarist Jason Vieaux, who won a Grammy in 2015 for Best Classical Instrumental Solo, will perform at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon on March 18.

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Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES	SOLUTIONS
1 Argentinian's neighbor (7)	_____
2 person making a public start (8)	_____
3 looks for something (8)	_____
4 taking pains (7)	_____
5 geeky (5)	_____
6 cutting into tiny pieces (7)	_____
7 move with haste (6)	_____

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See answers: Page 15

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Snow Days

What is it about snowstorms that makes photographers want to go outside while everyone else pours a glass of Baileys and builds a roaring fire? Here are a few shots sent to *The Current* during the past week.



Frozen branches Photo by Joel Vetsch



Beacon crossroads Photo by Joel Vetsch



Garrison Golf Club Photo by Robert Cutler



Above, a snow labyrinth at the Desmond-Fish Library; at left, preparing for the labyrinth
Photos by Karen Thompson

