Seven Candidates Want Skartados’ Assembly Seat

Five Democrats hope to succeed late legislator

By Jeff Simms

Seven candidates, including a member of the Beacon City Council, have filed to run for the seat in the state Assembly held by Frank Skartados, who died in April. His seat represents the 104th District, which includes Beacon and Newburgh.

A primary election on Sept. 13 will narrow the field of five Democrats and two Republicans. Skartados had held the seat since 2012 in the solidly Democratic district (in 2016 he won 81 percent of the vote) and would have been up for re-election for his fourth consecutive two-year term, and fifth overall. He died on April 15 at age 62 of pancreatic cancer.

The victor in the Nov. 6 general election will be sworn in almost immediately after the results are confirmed, said Christopher Whiston, Skartados’ former community outreach coordinator, who is manning the district office in Newburgh. Usually the winner is sworn in on Jan. 1.

Whiston said the district office is only addressing constituent concerns until the election. It can be reached at 845-562-0888.

The Current will provide more information about the candidates and their positions closer to the election, but below are brief introductions to each.

Ralph Coates, a former Poughkeepsie alderman and school... (To Page 6)

Garrison School Board Passes Climate-Change Resolution

After debate, calls on elected officials to take action

By Chip Rowe

Following 25 minutes of debate at an earlier meeting about whether school boards should take stands on political issues — and whether global warming qualifies — the Garrison Board of Education on July 11 unanimously approved a resolution calling on elected officials to “implement concrete steps to mitigate climate change.”

Kristal Ford, a Garrison parent, lobbied the board to adopt the resolution as part of a nascent national initiative organized by Schools for Climate Action. Its website... (Continued on Page 5)

The Ocean at the Gates

Concerns about Hudson as feds consider storm barriers

By Brian PJ Cronin

A five-mile stretch of open water between Sandy Hook in New Jersey and Breezy Point in Queens is all that separates New York Harbor and the Hudson River from the Atlantic Ocean.

Now, in response to extreme storms such as Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers is examining what would happen if that stretch was walled off.

A five-mile barrier that would close to prevent flooding was one of six alternatives — including doing nothing — that the agency proposed as part of its New York/New Jersey Harbor & Tributaries Focus Area Feasibility Study. Of the others, four involve floodgates and levees placed in the harbor, on the Hudson or on tributaries, while the other consists of shoreline measures that don’t block the flow of water.

The proposals were presented to the public in three meetings, one of which took place in Poughkeepsie on July 11. The Army Corp is soliciting public comment to winnow the field to two plans, which would then be studied to determine environmental impact, cost, benefits and feasibility. A final report would be scheduled for 2021 and presented to Congress the following year to request funding.

“We’re not proposing anything now,” said Bryce Wisemiller, a project manager for the Army Corp. “We’re only studying things. It’s going to take a long time. It’s a very involved process, and there’s going to be many steps through which the public and municipalities will be able to give us their comments and input.”

Daria Mazey, who is the project biologist for the Army Corp, added that the initial study and hearings are “about figuring out what are the right questions we need to be asking,” and how to find the answers. “We’re looking to local communities and stakeholders as keepers of valuable local knowledge that you have because you live in this community. This is our opportunity to ask, what do we need to look at? What are we missing? What are the information sources that are out there that might help us as we move forward in our analysis?”

Nevertheless, the study has already drawn concern from environmental groups for both the impact a barrier could have on the ecological health of the Hudson River and... (Continued on Page 18)
Five Questions: Wesley Mann

By Alison Rooney

Wesley Mann has performed in 13 seasons of the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. This summer he portrays the Earl of Northumberland in Richard II and the manservant Pierre in The Heart of Robin Hood.

What are the challenges of performing under a tent?
The space demands more of you. You have to navigate the tent masts, which means it’s important to move, because some seats have an obstructed view, and you want to be seen. The space demands that you separate yourself from the other actors to maintain sightlines, and that you speak louder. Plus, we’re upstaged by the beauty. The first time I saw the view, I was gobsmacked. I always like to be here when members of the Conservatory Company first arrive because they can’t believe what they’re seeing.

Your Wikipedia entry says you have “a long-suffering, vaguely glib demeanor.” Would you agree?
Well, let’s look up glib (silently reads definition). Hmm. I don’t think I’m “insincere or thoughtless.” Every moment onstage is specific and well-rehearsed. I don’t know who writes these Wikipedia things. I like what one reviewer called me: “goofily wily” and “delightfully weird.” I was going to get a T-shirt made, with one on the front and one on the back.

What are your favorite Highlands haunts?
I grew up in northern California and live in Los Angeles, but I’ve always loved this community. Cathryn Fadde at Cathryn’s Tuscan Grill has been great to us and for us. My watering hole used to be Whistling Willie’s, with the old owner. I love Riverview, too. During the 10 years I was here consistently I’d see businesses open and would wonder if they’d be there the next summer.

Do you get recognized more in L.A. or Cold Spring?
In L.A., I get recognized because of my TV work. People usually say, “I know you, but I don’t know your name.” Here, they know my name — they call out to me — it just happened, in a music shop in Beacon. It’s sweet. I love talking to people about their HVSF history, what plays they’ve seen.

What are you doing in the fall?
It looks like I’ll be doing Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead in Pasadena. I have never done Stoppard. It begins in early September, right when we end here, so I’ll be getting in my little convertible and zooming out of town.

“Ginger beer with gluten-free toast and cashew cream-cheese butter spread.”
~ Hannah Schmollinger, Beacon

“Fresh cod on the grill and a glass of chilled white Greek wine.”
~ Christine Zouzias, Philipstown

“Crab cakes and a sparkling rosé on the Newburgh waterfront.”
~ Chris Barczymski, Beacon

~Hannah Schmollinger, Beacon

The Highlands Current
Homeland Sues Nelsonville Over Cell-Tower Denial

Two lawsuits now in federal court, the other against Philipstown

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

H omeiland Towers and its partner, Verizon, have sued the Village of Nelsonville, alleging its zoning board made an “arbitrary and capricious” decision to deny its application to build a cell tower overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

The companies asked a federal judge in White Plains to compel Nelsonville to issue the permit and pay its legal costs and financial damages.

Homeland Towers’ attorney Robert Gaudioso filed the 62-page complaint in federal court a month after the Nelsonville Zoning Board of Appeals voted 3 to 2 vote to deny a special-use permit for the tower. In February, Homeland and Verizon sued the Town of Philipstown after its ZBA denied a permit to build a separate tower on Vineyard Road, off Route 9, about 1.3 miles from the proposed Nelsonville site. Both legal actions are pending in the U.S. District Court for Southern New York.

Nelsonville Mayor Bill O’Neill, who announced the Homeland lawsuit during a June 30 meeting of the Village Board, about locating a tower in Nelsonville. Immediately afterward, the other against Philipstown, say is needed to fill gaps in wireless coverage but which many residents fiercely opposed as intrusive and unnecessary.

“In the complaint, the more confident I feel about our position.”

Homeland Towers wanted to construct the Nelsonville tower, disguised as a fir tree, on a 9.5-acre wooded lot near Rockledge Road on a steep hillside. The firm, headquartered in Danbury, contracted to buy the property and AT&T, along with Verizon, planned to install equipment on the tower. The complaint said it was also expected to accommodate emergency services and two more unnamed carriers.

In voting no, the Nelsonville ZBA majority concluded that the structure was not compatible with the surroundings; that there was no significant gap in wireless capabilities, or a need for a tower; and that, under the zoning code, a cell tower would be inappropriate at the Rockledge Road site.

The complaint cites suspicions that O’Neill and other community leaders and residents collaborated to pressure the ZBA to reject the project. Further, without elaborating, it alleges the Village Board, ZBA and Planning Board “conducted unnoticed and secret executive sessions [sessions] to deliberate and discuss the application, in violation of the law.”

Renato Gaudioso, Homeland’s attorney, has filed a complaint that in February 2016 they spoke with O’Neill, who then chaired the Planning Board, about locating a tower in Nelsonville. Immediately afterward, the complaint continues, O’Neill “prejudiced the process” by purportedly informing the Village Board and declaring “that he would do everything he could to oppose the facility, including going door-to-door to organize opposition.” O’Neill was elected mayor in 2017.

In addition, the companies protested fees charged by the village – $850 for the application, $500 for title reports and $19,500 in escrow. It called the charges “unfair, unreasonable, unnecessary, discriminatory and an illegal backdoor ‘tax’” and asked for a refund with interest.

According to the court calendar, the village must answer the complaint by Monday, July 23.

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Edgewater

I have said it before and will restate it now: Edgewater is out of scale and out of touch with the fabric of the Beacon community (“Edgewater Gets Approvals, Again,” July 13).

The Beacon Planning Board had a chance to lessen the blow and stem the tide of the onslaught of development that threatens both the environment and the quality of life in Beacon. By allowing developer Rodney Weber to keep all seven buildings at the same size as the original proposal despite a change in the zoning law has accomplished nothing but to Suzanne this bitter pill.

To sign and attest to a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) document that states the development will have no adverse impacts on the environment or municipal resources is a falsehood. How does this huge, precedent-setting strain on the city add to the quality of life in Beacon, and who is benefitting? When considering a proposed development, a municipality needs to negotiate on behalf of its residents to achieve a balance between what is good for the community while still tolerable for the developer.

That was possible. I am saddened to say it did not happen. Long after Mr. Weber and his partners have moved on with their profits, Beacon will be dealing with the impact of Edgewater.

Richard Shea, Philippstown
She is the Philippstown supervisor.

Sigh — another developer stuffing more people on less land. It’s not good for the town, the environment or residents, nor will it be good for those who move into the little cubbyholes. If you need cheaper housing, God invented Newburgh.

Chris Ungaro, Beacon

Senior softball

The fact that Dan Dillon continues to play softball in his 70s is inspiring (“5 Questions: Dan Dillon,” July 13). In 1979 I was the first manager for the Eta’s Eagles men’s team. We did not have a big budget for uniforms, so we bought white T-shirts and used black electrical tape for numbers. Danny and Tommy Dillon were always competitive and most players had great respect for both. Danny was the Derek Jeter of men’s softball! He never had a big head. Keep playing, Danny.

Tom Nastasi, Cold Spring

Let’s get ready for more traffic congestion and higher taxes.

David Eberle, Beacon

The Current Wins Four More State Awards

Remember when? Ross Corsair won best news photo from the NYNPA for this shot in Cold Spring from March 2017.


The nonprofit weekly won the Community Service Award among newspapers with circulations of less than 10,000 for its series, Fighting Back: The Opioid Crisis, published in September and October. Ross Corsair won best news photo among small papers for his shot of a woman braving a March snowstorm on Main Street in Cold Spring. He also won best online gallery for a series taken at Twin Forts Day at Fort Montgomery.

Managing Editor Chip Rowe won the headline-writing competition with “$4.2 Million? Dam!” for a story about dam repairs at the Cold Spring reservoir.

The Current this year also won 13 awards from the New York Press Association and six from the National Newspaper Association.

Letters to the Editor

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Garrison School Board Passes Climate Resolution (from Page 1)

lists 22 boards that have passed resolutions since December, but 21 are located in California; the other is in Colorado. Garrison will be the first district on the list from the East Coast, she said. There are more than 13,000 districts in the U.S.

Ford had a passionate ally in Trustee David Gelber, a former 60 Minutes producer who co-created Years of Living Dangerously, a documentary series that examines the global effects of climate change.

The initial draft of the resolution, presented June 11, was met with some skepticism by board President Ray O’Rourke, who suggested, as an example, that the board could discuss concrete steps to add the issue to the curriculum. “I’m all for the spirit, but it’s as close as we’re going to get” to agreement, O’Rourke said, “as close as we’re going to get” to agreement, “absent extended conversations over syllables.”

By the time of the vote, the board had come up with a draft that, O’Rourke said, “is as close as we’re going to get” to agreement, “absent extended conversations over syllables.”

Krystal Ford, who attended the July 11 session, was elated after the vote. She told the board she planned to present Garrison’s resolution as an example to other districts.

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Town of Philipstown

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Installation of Replacement Windows for Town Hall

Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the office of said Town Clerk at the above address.

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Beacon Schools Receive $400K for Music, Language

Funding will boost programs throughout district

The Beacon City School District has been awarded a $400,000 grant from the New York Department of Education to bolster its elementary music programs and offer an additional foreign language, likely at Rombout Middle School and Beacon High School.

The grant was part of $28.5 million in state funding awarded to 38 districts. Beacon will receive the money over the next two years.

Superintendent Matt Landahl said that the money will pay for salaries, materials and supplies, and professional development. Music will be offered in fourth grade, a year earlier than it is currently, while the language to be added will likely be Mandarin Chinese. The foreign language will be implemented in the 2019-20 school year and the enhanced music program could launch this fall, he said.

Predators Wanted

Study finds diversity cuts Lyme

Researchers at the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, after examining nearly 20 years of data collected in Dutchess County, found that there was a higher risk of contracting Lyme in forests with larger numbers of rodents and fewer foxes, possums and raccoons. They also found that tick-borne diseases are closely associated with acorn supply.

The findings, published in the journal Ecology, found that sites with a high diversity of predators had lower infection rates from nympha ticks, compared to sites dominated by coyotes, which sometimes drive out foxes and bobcats, which feed on rodents.

Maloney Begins Tampon Lobby in Congress

Angered after House refuses to pay

After the Committee on House Administration on June 26 declined to reimburse $37,16 that had been used to stock restrooms at his office with tampons, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, whose district includes the Highlands, used the refusal to raise funds, asking supporters to contribute $37,16. He said six people donated more than 500 feminine hygiene products to his office, which he offered to share with the offices of other representatives.

“I want to make sure every office on the Hill is welcoming to female staff and visitors — and thanks to the generosity of the American people, they will be,” the Democrat said in a statement. “This issue is part of a much larger discussion about women’s rights in the workplace and the way women’s needs are treated.”

The CHA told Maloney that tampons were not office supplies but personal-care items that did not qualify for reimbursement.

Beacon Adds Charging Stations for Electric Cars

One of first three spots in the county

Dutchess authorities have installed three electric car-charging stations in the county, including one at the Beacon Government Center at 223 Main St. The others are at the Dutchess County Office Building in Poughkeepsie and in Tivoli. A fourth is planned for Pawling.

The cost is $125 per charging hour, of which Dutchess County receives 80 percent. The stations were purchased last year with four Nissan Leaf electric vehicles using a grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. About 25 percent of the county’s fleet are green or sustainable vehicles.

Bronx Man Killed in Peekskill

Shot dead on a Friday afternoon

Kalili Lyons, 22, of the Bronx, was shot dead in Peekskill on Friday afternoon, July 13, apparently after an argument. Lyons’ widow later told News12 that her husband had gone to an auto body shop and had been shot in the chest after a dispute. She said he was expected to return home to celebrate his 2-year-old daughter’s birthday.

Police say Lyons was shot at about 2:30 p.m. in the 1200 block of Park Street. Anyone with information should call the Peekskill Police at 914-737-8000.

Putnam Hospital Will Pay Accused of improper billing

Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel will pay $14.7 million to settle allegations by the U.S. Attorney’s Office that it inflated bills for reimbursement for federal health care programs.

Three former employees of Health Quest, the hospital’s parent company, filed whistle-blower lawsuits alleging the hospital made claims between 2009 and 2015 that did not include proper documentation, such as evidence that the patient saw a doctor, and that in other cases it charged more than the going rate for services, according to the U.S. Attorney.

Health Quest, which also will pay $895,427 to New York state, said it cooperated with the investigation.

Beacon School District Investigations

Two pending that charge discrimination

An analysis by ProPublica of data on allegations of civil-rights violations filed with the U.S. Department of Education show that seven cases have been brought against the Beacon City School District in the past five years, and two remained open as of April 27. There were no cases in the Haldane or Garrison districts, according to the records.

The pending cases were both initiated in December 2016. One alleges racial harassment and other discrimination in discipline.

Of the five resolved cases, the agency found violations in two of them (filed in January 2016 and January 2017) and required changes to school policies. Two others were dismissed for insufficient evidence and one because it was being investigated by another agency.

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Lost Annsville Lecture

Saturday, July 28 at 5pm

Join us for a lecture by Kirk Moldoff, local historian and industrial archaeologist, on Lost Annsville on July 28 at 5 p.m. The tiny hamlet of Annsville was home to some of Peekskill and Cortlandt’s first major industries, yet not a trace remains of these vibrant businesses that were central to the existence of this area. Come meet Kirk and learn more about Lost Annsville!

Also, don’t miss Liz Corio’s lecture at the museum this Saturday, July 21, at 5 p.m. on Forest, Field, and Farm: A History of Glynnwood’s Property.

Admission for both lectures is $10 for the general public and free for members. Please RSVP at 845-265-4010 or catherine@putnamhistorymuseum.org.

Putnam History Museum is located at 63 Chestnut Street in Cold Spring.

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Some Unusual Patrons

During the second annual Garri*Con comic-book convention on Saturday (July 14) at the Desmond-Fish Library in Garrison, a number of unusual patrons were spotted in the stacks. The Tusken Raider from the Star Wars movies is Nitian Hu, who won best costume. Hermione, from the Harry Potter books and movies, is Amanda Parker.

Photos by Ross Corsair
A Broadway Debut – at 46

Garrison actor plays the heavy in new rock musical comedy

By Alison Rooney

With five mouths to feed, and a career spent in an uncertain profession (acting), Brandon Williams of Garrison jokes that he has gravitated toward “jobs that take short amounts of time and pay a lot.” Yet for the moment he is putting in 12-hour days preparing for his Broadway debut, at age 46, in *Gettin’ the Band Back Together*, a comedy and musical that began previews at the Belasco Theatre on Thursday (July 19) and opens Aug. 13.

In *Gettin’ the Band Back Together*, Williams plays the bad guy, which he says he enjoys. “It’s pretty much always what I play,” he says. “That’s OK, because the bad guys are way more fun to play.” (Williams recalls an audition for another production where he overheard a director say, “There’s something about his face — I don’t trust it.”)

In the show, Williams plays Tygen Billows, the nemesis of the protagonist, Mitch Papadopoulos (Mitchell Jarvis), a banker who is fired on his 40th birthday and moves in with his mother (Marilu Henner, best known for her role on *Taxi*). Tygen threatens to foreclose on the home unless Mitch agrees to gather his old bandmates to compete in a battle of the bands against Tygen, who fronts a heavy metal group.

“The songs are totally rock ‘n’ roll, but also very funny,” Williams says. “There is leeway for us to play with each other onstage — there’s that element of improv, and trying to make each other break” into laughter.

Williams has played Tygen since the show was being developed at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where it premiered in 2013. He had earlier worked with its producer, Ken Davenport, in an audience-participation musical called *The Awesome 80s Prom*.

It was while working on *Prom* that he met the woman who became his wife, Sheila Berezan. He was playing a quarterback and she was playing a cheerleader. Their first date was a hike in Cold Spring, and he later proposed on the same trail. They moved to Garrison after the birth of the third of their five children, who are 10, 8, 4, and 1.

Williams grew up in Jonesboro, Arkansas, near Memphis, where he decided to become an actor after seeing a production of *Les Misérables*. As the actor who played Javert took his bows, Williams thought, “That was the moment,” he says. After graduating from Carnegie Mellon, he moved to New York City and performed in regional theater. In his late 20s, he began doing stand-up because he noticed he had earlier worked with its producer, Ken Davenport, in an audience-participation musical called *The Awesome 80s Prom*.

In 2010, he created a series for Comedy Central that ran

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FRIDAY, JULY 20

H.V. Renegades vs. Vermont
7 p.m. Dutchess Stadium
1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

North by Northwest (1959) at Bannerman Island
7 p.m. Boat departs from Beacon Dock
845-831-0094 | bannermancastle.org

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew
6:15 p.m. Friday Night Prologue
7:30 p.m. Performance
Boscobel
1601 Route 90, Garrison
845-809-5750 x12 | hvshakespeare.org

Open Mic
7:30 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St., Beacon
845-831-4988 | howlandculturalcenter.org

3 by Tennessee Williams
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
814-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

A Tuna Christmas
8 p.m. County Players Theater
8 p.m. 2681 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls
845-298-1491 | countyplayers.org

Cinema in Piazza: Giulio Paolini and Richard Serra
8 p.m. Magazzino Italian Art
2700 Route 9, Philipstown | magazzino.art

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Dutchess Dragon Boat Race and Festival
8 a.m. - 4 p.m. 272 N. Water St., Poughkeepsie

Beacon Bears
10 a.m. Football Clinic (ages 5-13)
12:30 p.m. Color-o-Thon Memorial Park, Beacon
facebook.com/beaconbearsfootballandcheer

Invasive Species Walk
10 a.m. Constitution Marsh Audubon Center
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
845-265-2601 x15 | constitutionmarsh.audubon.org

Pruning 101
10 a.m. One Nature Garden Center
321 Main St., Beacon
onenaturellc.com/events

Beacons of History Workshop (ages 3-7)
11 a.m. Beacon Historical Society
17 South Ave., Beacon
845-831-0514 | beaconhistorical.org

Spirit of Beacon Day BBQ Fundraiser
Noon – 4 p.m. Elle Lodge
900 Wolcott Ave., Beacon
spiritofbeacon.org

Farm Picnic Day
Noon – 3 p.m. Glynwood
362 Glynwood Road, Cold Spring
845-265-3338 | glynwood.org

NYS Medal of Honor Parade
1 p.m. Paladin Center
39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel
putnamcounty.ny.com

3 by Tennessee Williams
2 & 7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
See details under Friday.

Annamaria Alfieri: The Blasphemers (Reading)
2:30 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
472 Route 403, Garrison
845-424-3020 | desmondfishlibrary.org

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HVSF: The Heart of Robin Hood
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Coloring Books for Adults
6 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon
845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org

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

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Midsummer’s Magic (Stories with Harp)
1 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Pinot & Augustine (Clowns)
7 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
See details under Friday.

Highland Photographers’ Salon
7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-2990 | garrisonartcenter.org

HVSF: Richard II
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Performers Rock! (grade school)
2 p.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

Magic and Illusion by Scott Jameson
7 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library
See details under Saturday.

HVSF: The Taming of the Shrew
7:30 p.m. Boscobel
See details under Friday.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Rockin’ Tales and Crafts (ages 4-6)
11 a.m. Howland Public Library
See details under Tuesday.

47th Annual Putnam County Fair
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Does the Man Owe You Money? (2018 Edition)

$5 million in unclaimed funds due Highlands residents

By Chip Rowe

A year ago, we published a list of people from the Highlands who are owed money by New York State. The state comptroller maintains a database of checks — utility refunds, the balance of forgotten bank accounts, stock dividends, 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. It dates back to 2007.

So far this year the Comptroller has distributed $248 million, but $15 billion remains. That includes $1.2 billion owed to Cold Spring residents and businesses, which can usually be submitted online but in some cases which can be searched online by last name or organization.

Because the public database does not reveal how much is owed, applying for the funds can feel like playing a scratch-off lottery ticket. The amount could be a penny (although the Comptroller only pays on claims of $3.01 or more) or $8 million — the two extremes. (Although 70 percent of payouts are less than $100, one New Yorker received stock worth $5.2 million.) If your business or name appears below, or you are the next-of-kin, visit osc.state.ny.us/lost-money. The names added by the Comptroller in early 2018 are printed here.

$766,000 to those in Garrison and $2.9 million to those in Beacon, for a total of $4.4 million from 9,516 dormant accounts.

As a public service, The Current last year obtained a list of residents and businesses in Cold Spring, Garrison, Nesselville and Beacon, dead or alive, who appear in the database, which can be

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A Broadway Debut – at 48
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online for three seasons called The Stay-at-Home Dad (thestayathomdad.tv). More recently, he has shifted to directing commercials, including one he shot in Garrison this past week.

After the birth of his oldest child, Williams changed gears to work largely as a voice artist, including nearly five years doing narration for the NatGeo WILD shows, so that he could stay close to home. He says that has allowed him to coach Philipstown Hawks football, be a Cub Scout leader and enjoy the outdoors. The hours have been longer lately while he commutes to Manhattan by train for rehearsals, but he says he remains awed by the knowledge he will be taking the stage on the Great White Way. “It’s a feather in my cap, especially for someone like me who started out doing musicals,” he says. “My kids are going to see me up there, and I know they’re going to be proud. Plus, I’m playing a rock god, so even better!”

Brandon Williams with Mitchell Jarvis, who plays Mitch

How to Get Tickets to Gettin’ the Band ...

Tickets for Gettin’ the Band Back Together, which start at $39 in the balcony and $69 in the mezzanine or orchestra levels, are available at telecharge.com, by calling 212-239-6200 or by visiting the Belasco Theatre at 111 W. 44th St. See gettinthebandbacktogether.com for a day-of-show lottery for $40 and $45 seats, or check Broadwaybox.com or the TodayTix app.

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Shanty on the River

Wes Modes and Lauren Benz, accompanied by Hazel the dog, are sailing down the Hudson River to New York City aboard a shanty boat. We caught up with them on July 15 in Kingston, a few days before they passed the Highlands to dock in Haverstraw, opposite Croton.

Modes and Benz are navigating the Hudson as part of a project organized by Modes, who teaches art at the University of California at Santa Cruz, called “A Secret History of American River People.” For the past four years, Modes and his shipmates have been collecting stories from people who live and work along rivers.

“Rivers were the freeways of the 18th and 19th century, and ideas moved up the river,” he says. “If you were a river town, you were more cosmopolitan than a town that was a day’s wagon ride 100 miles inland.”

The shanty boat also has traveled the Mississippi, Tennessee and Sacramento rivers. To read the stories collected so far, visit peoplesriverhistory.us. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

Photos by Ross Corsair
“Artists come first, then coffee shops, then restaurants. It’s a nicer way to start gentrification, rather than having major developments.”

Collaborative Concepts has undertaken other ad hoc projects, too, among them the installation of work by 15 regional sculptors addressing concepts such as light, organics, recycling and sustainability along newly created nature trails at the Rockland Center for the Arts. Another project was the Highland Falls ArtWalk, a mile-long stretch of 18 sculptures lining Main Street.

“I’m always looking for other approaches, other public places for art,” Roggeman says. “I’d like to see Collaborative Concepts work with other municipalities through the Hudson Valley, from New York City to Albany, one location after the next, creating art districts. Artists come first, then coffee shops, then restaurants. It’s a nicer way to start gentrification, rather than having major developments.”

The exhibit at Hudson Beach Glass, at 162 Main St. in Beacon, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, see collaborativeconcepts.org.
Roots and Shoots

Blooms in the Shadows

By Pamela Doan

Shade isn’t considered an ideal condition for most gardeners. It feels gloomy and we can’t create the explosion of color inspired by the summer sun that we love. Most of our favorite flowers thrive in full sun, too.

But with the temperatures we’re experiencing now, and that we can expect for the future due to global warming, there is a lot to appreciate about shady spots. Over the past few months, temperatures have been 2 degrees warmer than average in the U.S. and in New York. Climate change is bringing more frequent heat waves such as the one that kicked off July.

Gardening in the shade doesn’t have to feel like a second best option. There are many lovely plant choices and possibilities.

Trees, which have taken a beating in storms this past winter and spring, are essential in cooling our yards and homes. Research suggests a shade tree can lower the heat index 5 to 15 percent for a house. Because of a process in which trees take in and give off water vapor, temperatures in their shade can be as much as 25 degrees cooler.

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Too often, bare ground is exposed under trees because grass won’t grow there. While there are shade-tolerant turf grasses, sedge (Carex pensylvanica) will thrive in these spaces. Fine blades of green flow and top out at 8 to 10 inches high. Mow or not. I like to see it on a slope where its features can be appreciated best.

Ferns and spring-blooming perennials also like darker spaces. Combining different types of ferns adds texture and these natives have different fronds that will contract and complement each other. Look for lady fern (Athyrium filix-femina), hay-scented fern (Dennstaedtia punctilobula), ostrich fern (Matteuccia struthiopteris) and maidenhair fern (Adiantum pedatum). Christmas fern (Polystichum acrostichoides) will stay green in the winter, giving a focal point to a four-season garden.

Many native blooming shade perennials are referred to as spring ephemerals because they bloom for a brief time at the end of winter. Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis) has delicate white flowers that only exist for a couple of days. Mayapple (Podophyllum peltatum) has a single bloom that resembles an apple blossom under umbrella-like leaves.

In my own garden, I’ve planted a lot of foam flowers (Tiarella cordifolia) and love their column flowers with fuzzy white blooms and leaves that stay green in winter. They spread out just enough but not too much and are reliable and require no tending.

I’ve found bleeding heart (Dicentra eximia) to get bigger and produce more blooms every year once it finds a place it likes. Even though the foliage yellows in the summer heat, it’s worth it for the display in spring when it confidently pokes through the soil.

Hostas, pachysandra, English ivy — I didn’t mention them because there isn’t much to say. The latter two are a nuisance in my yard, planted by someone previously and impossible to be rid of. Vinca, too. I’m more interested in creating natural, native woodland gardens and none of these have a place there.

Ken Druse’s book, The New Shade Garden: Creating a Lush Oasis in the Age of Climate Change, is a helpful resource with pages of beautiful photos of plants and techniques for design. If you need some ideas, check it out.

Have gardening questions? Email rootsandshoots@highlandscurrent.com.
Vanished Industry
Historian to discuss ‘lost’ Annsville
Kirk Moldoff, an industrial archaeologist, will discuss the “lost” hamlet of Annsville at 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at the Putnam History Museum in Cold Spring. Some of the first industries in Peekskill, including a wire mill, began at Annsville. Admission is free for museum members or $10 otherwise.

Murder Mystery at Library
Author will read from latest book
Annamaria Alfieri, aka Patricia King, will read from her latest novel, The Blasphemers, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, at the Desmond-Fish Library in Fishkill. She wrote the book after conducting interviews with people who lived through the Hindenburg disaster in New Jersey in 1937. The book focuses on a murder that occurs during the investigation of the disaster. A book sale proceeds will be donated to the library.

Orchard Run
Fishkill Farms to host 5K
Fishkill Farms will host a 5K orchard run on Sunday, July 29, to benefit the Fishkill Rotary Club. The day begins at 8 a.m. with a half-mile dash for children and ends with a doughnut run. Search for “Fishkill Farms” at runsignup.com.

Free Rabies Clinic
Open to dogs, cats, ferrets
The Putnam County Department of Health will offer free rabies vaccines to dogs, cats and ferrets from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 28, at Hubbard Lodge in Philipstown. Bring photo ID and proof of county residency. Dogs must be leashed and cats and ferrets in carriers. Call 845-808-1390 with questions.

Putnam County Fair
Runs from July 27 to 29 in Carmel
The Putnam County 4-H Fair will run from July 27 to 29 at Veterans’ Memorial Park in Carmel. There will be games, theater performances and animal exhibits, as well as competitions for photography, quilts, baked goods, vegetables and crafts. Master Gardeners will hold a plant sale and answer questions, and a country auction will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Admission and parking are free. See putnam.cce.cornell.edu/putnam-county-fair.

Beacon
Clowning Around
Pinot and Augustine at Howland
The Circus at the Howland! series will present a clown show starring Pinot and Augustine at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Howland Cultural Center. A box picnic dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, and children are admitted free.

Beacon Spirit BBQ
Fundraiser for full event
The organizers of Spirit of Beacon Day will host a barbecue at the Elks Lodge from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 21, to raise funds for the annual community event. The suggested donation is $20 per person or $40 per family. Mini Kimono, Los Caribefios and Yannarella School of Dance will provide entertainment. See spiritofbeacon.org.

Kids Bowl Free
Register for local alleys
Four local alleys are taking part in a program that allows children to bowl two games free most days through the summer. Parents can bowl, as well, by purchasing a pass. The offer does not include shoe rental. Participating alleys are Schneider’s Fishkill Bowl (through Oct. 1, ages 15 and younger); Piazza Bowl in Carmel and Wappinger (through Aug. 31, ages 12 and younger); and Putnam Lanes in Newburgh (through Sept. 30, ages 16 and younger). See kidsbowlfree.com to register.

Free Pops Concert
Celebration of Latin American composers
The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform a free summer pops concert at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 28, at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh to celebrate Latin American composers. The concert, at Aquinas Hall, will include works by Gardel (Por Una Cabeza), Ginastera (Estancia), Villa-Lobos (Bachianas Brasileiras No. 9), Piazzolla (Libertango) and Marquez (Danzón No. 2). The Current will present a clown show starring Pinot and Augustine at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Howland Cultural Center. A box picnic dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 for adults, and children are admitted free.

Hamlet at Bannerman
HVSF to present two performances
The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival will present two performances of Hamlet at Bannerman Island on Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29. Tickets are $65 and include a round-trip ferry ride that departs from the Beacon dock at 4 or 5 p.m. See bannermancastle.org.

Trió at Howland
Concert on July 28
The Mike Pride 3 – Pride on drums, Jon Irabagon on saxophone and Fred Longberg-Holm on cello — will perform at the Howland Cultural Center at 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 28. Tickets are $15 at brownpapertickets.com or $20 at the door.

Dutchess Tourism Wins Two Awards
Recognized for 360-degree video
Dutchess Tourism Inc. won two advertising awards for its efforts to promote the county. It received a SIA Gold Award for a Facebook Live visit to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park and a Hermes Creative Gold Award for a virtual reality, 360-degree video that includes views of the Hudson Valley from the cockpit of a biplane. See dutchestourism.com/360.
**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**SOCCER HONOR** — The East Hudson Youth Soccer League presented Chloe Antalek with a Dan Herbst Scholarship to recognize her athletic skill as well as her volunteer and academic work off the field. Antalek, who graduated in June from Beacon High School, played for several EHYS teams, including the East Fishkill Fire, and will attend Nyack College in the fall. Leah Thoma (right), of John Jay High School, also received a Herbst scholarship. They are joined by EHYSL President Jim Purdy.

**WHO WOULD WIN?** — Mark Darnobid’s “Battle Royale” is among the works that will be on display as part of a group show at the Catalyst Gallery in Beacon beginning Tuesday, July 24. The exhibit also features art by Chris O’Neal and Keely Sheehan.

**Back in the Day**

Two sold-out performances of the musical 1776 were presented on Bannerman Island on July 14 and 15 as part of its ongoing performance series. The production featured Craig Schulman, Kelly Ellenwood, Glenn Mackin, Mathew Michaels, Russ Cusick and Cat Capolupo and was directed by Neal Caplan. Next up: Hamlet on July 28 and 29, a Broadway revue in August, and Dracula in September.

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the process by which the study is being carried out. Under guidelines established in 2014, the study must be completed in less than three years and for less than $3 million.

“That is really not appropriate for a project of this scale,” said Nava Tabak of Scenic Hudson. She said the nonprofit hopes public pressure on elected officials will give the Army Corps more time.

The timeline also allows little time before the Army Corps winnows the six proposals to two. “One of the fatal flaws in this shortened process is that you can only work with information that’s already available,” said Tabak.

“This isn’t the stage at which they would design the research to answer the questions. They’re only going to do that for the one or two alternatives.”

John Lipscomb of Riverkeeper said his organization would be conducting its own studies to examine how floodgates in the Netherlands and London have affected the ecology of waterways there, although he noted it shouldn’t have to.

“The Army Corps, as the developer, should have the burden of proof,” he said. But with so much unknown about the plans, including how high such barriers would be and how often they would be closed, much less their impact, Lipscomb sees no choice. “The public still doesn’t know anything, even after the public meetings,” he said.

Tabak noted that while a barrier might prevent flooding from storm surge, in other ways it could make the situation more difficult for river towns in the face of sea-level rise due to climate change.

“There are two things that could happen,” she said. “First, lots of money gets diverted to this instead of adapting to sea-level rise, which is something we think is a good way to make communities more resilient, or, second, you have barriers but as sea-level rise progresses, there will be temptation to close them permanently to address it. That’s when would you have extreme impacts to the ecology and communities upstream.”

The Army Corps is accepting public comment on the proposals through Aug. 20 by email at NYNJHarbor.Trib-Study@usace.army.mil.

Lipscomb noted that when the U.S. Coast Guard asked for comments about a proposal to increase the number of barges in the New York harbor, including clothes between Beacon and Newburgh, it received more than 16,000 comments, almost all against the project. “We saw what happens when an informed public has time to comment,” he said.

But he also noted that comments will be used by the Army Corps to determine its next step, so they should be constructive.

“If you write, ‘I hate this, damn you,’ it means nothing,” he said. “But if you say ‘I’m a fisherman, I love the life in this river, I want to know how these barriers would affect migrating herring and shad, and I want you to study that,’ that is an example of a comment that will have to become part of the process. If a scoping question is on the record and the Corps does not consider it, it does open up the possibility of litigation.”
Goose Problem Continues at Mayor’s Park in Cold Spring

Also, parking enforcement to tighten in commuter pickup

By Michael Turton

Where there are Canada Geese there is also ... well ... Canada Geese droppings. It’s been an issue at Mayor’s Park in Cold Spring for decades and appears not likely to be resolved anytime soon, if ever.

While the battle against bird poop can evoke chuckles, Bruce Campbell, chair of the Recreation Commission, sees no humor in it.

“It’s not conducive to Haldane baseball or Pop Warner football when the field is covered with excrement,” he said. He’s also concerned about the village’s ability to rent the park out for events such as Oktoberfest.

Geese are grazers with an affinity for well-manicured, fertilized lawns, making them a nuisance at parks and golf courses. They would dislike foot-tall grass at Mayor’s Park, but so would Haldane’s outfielders.

Managing the problem has been discussed numerous times by the village board, most recently at its July 10 meeting. Trustee Fran Murphy said she had researched the use of strobe lights, but a resident of Fair Street objected, expressing concern that it could adversely affect his son, who suffers from epilepsy. Visual stimuli, including strobe lights that flash in regular patterns, can trigger seizures.

A group from the Butterfield Library’s teen summer program has offered to make cut-out coyotes to place around the field, but the U.S. Humane Society says “predator effigies” will not work. Nor will balloons, scarecrows, floating alligator heads, flags, dead-goose decoys or ultrasonic sound.

Campbell said that as early as 2002, the village experimented with various defenses such as cut-outs, reflectors and even firing pistol blanks, but nothing worked for long. “It was like a war zone,” he said. “It’s always going to be a problem because of the location” near the Hudson.

The Recreation Commission has recommended that the village purchase a 48-inch-wide device, at a cost of $6,400, to sweep and thatch the grass at Mayor’s Park, but the board has put the proposal on hold.

“Commuter pickup

Drivers picking up commuters at the Metro-North station may soon find tickets on their windshields if they park and wait near the pedestrian tunnel at the foot of upper Main Street.

“I’m finding it increasingly problematic to turn around there,” said Trustee Lynn Miller at the July 10 meeting, adding it is often difficult to turn left onto Main from Depot Square because of the number of cars parked illegally.

“People have been doing it for years,” said Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department. “It’s a dangerous situation,” especially when there are a lot of pedestrians.

Burke said that even with No Parking, No Stopping and No Standing signs, he has resorted to placing orange cones, which soon get moved. He often advises parked drivers to circle the block, “but we can’t always be down there” when a train arrives, he said. Burke said he will instruct officers to begin strict enforcement in the no-parking zone.

Merandy supported that move but said drivers should be warned that enforcement is about to increase. “I don’t think it’s right that we just start ticketing; we haven’t done that for years,” he said.

Burke said parking could also be curtailed by creating a turning circle or a small island at the foot of upper Main Street.

In other business ...

Burke reported that CSPD answered 77 calls for service in July. Officers also issued 21 traffic and 82 parking tickets and made an arrest on a warrant.

Code Enforcement Officer Greg Wunner expressed concern over continued deterioration of the building at 47 Fair St., a former car dealership, including the collapse of the roof. Merandy directed Wunner to look into condemning it.
‘Fishtown’ Makes a Run in Sectionals

U11 Little League team advances deep into tournament

The Fishkill-Philipstown Little League team for players ages 11 and younger defeated LaGrange, 4-2, on July 7 to win the championship of District 17, which includes Dutchess and western Putnam counties.

In the double-elimination sectionals, the team, which adopted the nickname “Fishtown,” lost its first game to Tri-Village (Delmar), 6-1. But it won its next two, traveling to Shokan to defeat Mountain Valley (Woodstock), 15-0, on July 12, and defeating Saugerties, 12-3, the next day at North Highlands field in Philipstown. The run ended on July 14 with a 13-2 loss at home to Twin Town (Troy). For more photos, see highlandscurrent.com.

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