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High profile property
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by Frances Marion Platt

I F A CERTAIN well-known local landowner gets his way in court regarding the assessed value of his property, New Paltz Central School District taxpayers in general and Gardiner residents in particular will be paying through the nose to pick up the slack in property taxes for all posterity. That's the takeaway message that Gardiner Town Board members and supervisor Carl Zatz now want you all to know, after three years of behind-closed-doors discussions while a lawsuit played out in court.

The initial 2010 legal action, whose intent was to compel the town to make a drastic reduction in the assessed value of what councilman Mike Reynolds described in the October 7 Town Board meeting as a “unique” and “high-profile property,” was rejected in Ulster County court, but is currently under appeal. Now the legal team representing the

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Photos by Lauren Thomas

Glynwood has announced the inaugural class of participants in the Hudson Valley Farm Business Incubator (L-R): Leeanna Mulvihill of Four Legs Farm and Noa Simons and Eileen Banyra of Community Compost Company. Lily Dougherty-Johnson of Ferdinand's Farm is not pictured.

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New Paltz wins Silver Award in
AAA's annual traffic safety program

Traffic Safety and Government Affairs Director
John Corlett announced last week that New Paltz has
won a Silver Award in AAA New York’s Community
Traffic Safety Awards Program.

The town was cited for its many traffic safety ef-
forts, including its DWI and seatbelt enforcement.
They were also presented with a Pedestrian Safety
Commemoration for having 14 consecutive years with-
out a pedestrian fatality.

All award winners in the New York metropolitan
area were honored during a luncheon ceremony
held October 2 at The Carltun in East Meadow.

Mountain Laurel School to host parenting workshop

Mountain Laurel Waldorf School will present Sim-
plity Parenting workshops beginning on October 20
from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Based on the book by Kim John Payne, Simplicity
Parenting is a supportive, systematic approach for
creating more calm, connection and cooperation in
families by decreasing sources of cumulative stress.

Upcoming workshops include simplifying the hol-
iday season on November 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and
simplicity gifts on December 1 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.
The workshops are open to the public.

To RSVP, call 845-255-0033, ext. 400.

New Paltz Garden Club event
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New Paltz Garden Club member Barbara Campbell
will present “Floral Design Through the Ages”
on Monday, October 20, 7 p.m., at Deyo Hall, located
at 18 Broadway Avenue in New Paltz.

Campbell is an accredited master judge and the for-
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York State. Her program will highlight the history of
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For additional information, visit www.newpaltz-
gardenclub.org or call Bonnie at 205-6436.

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Screening of Psychedelic Cinema
by Ken Brown

The Rosendale Theater will host a screening of Ken Brown’s 60’s light show film, Psychedelic Cin-
ema on Saturday, October 25 at 9:30 p.m.

Brown describes himself as “a survivor of the psy-
chedelic wars of the 1960’s.” Between 1967 and 1969,
Brown shot super eight films to project with the light
show at Boston’s premiere rock club The Boston Tea
Party. The resulting films, cobbled together to make
the current Psychedelic Cinema, stand today as a
window on another time.

is located at 16 South Chestnut Street in New Paltz.

Town of New Paltz fall cleanup

The Town of New Paltz Highway Department will
hold its annual fall leaf pick up starting Monday, No-

vember 3. Due to equipment failure and time con-
strains, the department is asking everyone to bag their
leaves, which must be in bio-degradable paper
bags and placed out at the start of clean up to ensure pick-

Bio-degradable bags can be picked up between the
hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday
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SUNY New Paltz Swing Club president Sara Lyons and former treasurer Alison Kilrain share a dance at Vassar College’s weekly “PoTown Swing” event, which takes place on Wednesdays beginning with a lesson at 7:30 p.m.

Swing into fall

Swing music and dancing is taking the Hudson Valley by storm. Three years ago, SUNY New Paltz created its own swing club and has hosted a number of successful events on campus. The club held its first dance of the year on October 5, which featured dances such as the East Coast Swing, West Coast Swing and the Lindy Hop, performed to jazz music provided by the Blue Big Band. All the dances organized by the club are open to the public.

“There’s a hop in the step and swing in the hips, but neither dominates,” said SUNY New Paltz Swing Club president Sara Lyons, who believes the resurgence of swing dancing is important for a number of reasons. “Through swing, I’ve learned how to communicate with my body. When you are dancing with someone, it’s like the song takes on the course of an entire relationship.”

According to Lyons, a typical swing dance hosts a variety of dancers; it is not unusual to see three distinct generations twirling around a room. Girls will ask guys to dance, just as often as guys ask girls, and everyone is happy to share a dance regardless of experience level.

“Swing dancing is the most intimate you can be with a complete stranger,” said Lyons. “It’s being a part of something bigger than yourself – through the music and through your partner.”

The SUNY New Paltz Swing Club offers lessons on Sunday afternoons from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Elting Gym dance studio. Check for updates on Facebook by searching for “SUNY New Paltz Swing Dance Club.”

-- Brandon Mysig

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and specials will also be offered by Water Street merchants throughout the day.

Apple fest at the Plutarch Church

The Plutarch United Methodist Church will hold its annual Apple Fest this Sunday, October 19 from 1 to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Homemade soups and a variety of apple desserts will be served. Take-out orders will be available.

The Common Ground Harvest Celebration in Stone Ridge

Celebrate the third annual Common Ground Harvest Celebration on Sunday, October 26 with full harvests, abundance and community at the Stone Ridge Orchard from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Enjoy a full day of music, local food vendors, re-skilling workshops and games. Local musicians include The Pleasers, Les Thujones, POOK/Energy Dance Co., The Labor, Brittani O’Hearn and the Whirligig Farm Band. Nancy Ostrovsky will be doing her live performance painting during the Los Thujones set. The central stage – fully powered by a solar generator – will also host the Signs of Sustainability (SOS) award ceremony to honor local community heroes. This year’s SOS winners are Anita Williams Peck, Alexandra and Rolando Negrita (The Vireo School), Christ the King Episcopal Church Food Pantry, Rosario Agostaro – superintendent of the Rondout Valley Central School District, Jim Highland (Winter Sun Farm), Wild Earth and Becky and Joe Fullum (Old Ford Farm).

“This event helps to showcase the amazing things that our neighbors are doing every day in our communities,” said Chris Hewitt, executive director of the Hudson Valley Current, a nonprofit organizing partner. “It’s a new kind of country fair, where everyone is on the back of your pumpkin. Open to all age groups. Several food vendors will provide an abundance of local bites, ranging from Stone Ridge Orchard cider, donuts and outdoor wood-fired pizza to Rusty’s Café and the Slidin’ Dirty food truck. Craft brews from local New York breweries will be available throughout the event as well. Re-skilling workshops will be scheduled throughout the duration of the event, educating and sharing knowledge on building community resiliency. Enjoy demonstrations, lectures and workshops on woodworking, beekeeping, CPR, wildcrafting, blacksmithing, seed saving, chicken-keeping, composting and permaculture practices.

Fun kid-friendly games and activities will be constantly in play, such as face painting, pie contests, pumpkin painting, table tennis, tug-o-war, squash 500 racing, martial arts demos, hayrides and visits with farm animals. Wild Earth will be offering work-shops for children on site, inviting children to weave baskets, make a frisbee fire and explore the orchard with a nature walk.

There will be numerous vendor booths set up as well, where local organizations and businesses will showcase information, merchandise and hands-on demonstrations. Advance tickets are $8 or 8 Currents. Tickets at the door are $10 or 10 Currents. For any questions and to RSVP, call Brogan Rose O’Donnell at the Hudson Valley Current office at (845) 658-2302 or e-mail brogan@hudsonvalleycurrent.org. Find more details at www.tvvc.org.

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Duzine/Lenape PTA to host multi-family yard sale on October 25

The Duzine/Lenape PTA is hosting a multi-family yard sale on Saturday, October 25 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date: October 26 in the parking lot just behind Duzine Elementary on Sunset Ridge Road. For additional information, e-mail duzine.lenape.pta.president@gmail.com.

League of Women Voters to sponsor a debate on Proposition 1

The League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson region will sponsor debate on redistricting amendment, Proposition 1 on Wednesday, October 22, 7 p.m. at Deyo Hall in New Paltz.

Dick Dadey, executive director of Citizens Union, will speak for the plan. Dr. Gerald Benjamin of SUNY New Paltz’s Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach, is against the amendment.

Citizens Union has backed the redistricting plan because it contains strong, definite and specific criteria which are designed to prevent gerrymandering. An amendment by the League will make it harder to complete an improved redistricting process in the future, according to the Union.

Benjamin is of the opinion that the since legislators will appoint the commission members, they will essentially draw the lines. The word “independent” was removed from the Proposition 1 ballot by a judge on just those grounds.

The event is free and open to the public. For further information, call 845-340-2003 or e-mail info@lwvmidhudson.org.

Family bonfire nights at Hurds Family Farm

Hurds Family Farm will be open Saturday nights on October 18 and 25 from 6 to 9 p.m. Enjoy a crackling campfire and take a hayride or walk through the two-acre maze by moonlight. The farm will provide a glow-stick necklace. Activities open each evening, weather permitting, include the big apple bounce air pillow under lights, a giant slide on Sand Mountain, farm animals and a farm scene investigation corn maze game. The barn will be open to purchase s’more packets and mulled cider.

Being your own flashlights and create your own fun. The cost is $7.50 per person. The farm is located at 2187 Route 32 in Modena. For additional information, call 883-7825.

SUNY New Paltz Distinguished Speaker Series welcomes journalist and author Richard Louv

The SUNY New Paltz Distinguished Speaker Series will welcome journalist and author Richard Louv to speak on “The Nature-Rich Life” on Tuesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at Deyo Hall in New Paltz.

In his talk, Louv identifies seven basic concepts that can help reshape our lives. By tapping into the restorative powers of nature, we can boost mental acuity and creativity; promote health and wellness; build smarter and more sustainable businesses, communities and economies; and ultimately strengthen human bonds.

PLATTEKILL • HISTORY

Plattekill Historical Society announces open house

T HE PLATTEKILL HISTORICAL Society will hold an open house this Saturday, October 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 127 Church Street in Plattekill.

After 14 years of giving outside tours and meeting at various public halls, the Plattekill Grange #521 has leased the Society in new headquarters. Volunteers, members, friends and Scouts have spent numerous hours during the past five months clearing out, renovating, painting and preparing for the opening of the historic 1903 Grange building.

Although the new headquarters is not completely finished being renovated, the first floor main meeting room, bathroom and office area are ready to accept visitors. Enjoy refreshments provided by the Marlborough Historical Society, examine the multiple exhibits that are being displayed, tour and hear what future plans are being made for the new center of operations.

Ancestry.com has donated a full year’s membership as a door prize for this event. Tickets are free (one to a person) and the drawing will be held on October 18 at 4 p.m. For more information or directions, call (845) 803-6288, e-mail the Plattekill Historical Society at plattekillhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or visit the Plattekill Grange Restoration Project page on Facebook.
the barriers. Through the use of motivational interviewing techniques and hands-on exercises, attend- ees will spend some time looking at change and the organizational steps it will take to move toward their goals. Participants should be prepared to share with others and make use of the group process.

The workshop will take place in the library com- munity room, located at 133 Farmer’s Turnpike. For further information, call 255-1225 or visit www.gar- dinerlibrary.org.

New Paltz Walks

New Paltz Walks is a newly formed initiative, aimed to build and strengthen the community, one block at a time. Village officials will be leading walks throughout various neighborhoods and they will in- vite neighbors and community members to walk with them, lending their insight, thoughts and feedback.

The next community walk, held from 6 to 8 p.m., will be held on Thursday, October 16 – North Man- heim Boulevard and Harrington Street (meet at Man- heim and Main Street).

Conflicts in Ukraine: How did we get here? How can we get out?

Victoria Vernon will talk about “Conflict in Ukraine: How Did We Get Here? How Can We Get Out?” on Wednesday, October 22, from 5 to 6:15 p.m., in Lecture Center 108 at SUNY New Paltz.

The armed conflict in Ukraine today is deeply rooted in the history, economy, politics and culture of a profoundly divided nation. This talk will discuss the origins of the current conflict, the roles played in Ukraine by Russia and the West and the possible paths forward from here.

Vernon grew up and went to school in the Ukraine and will draw on her personal and academic experi- ence to shed light on the current conflict.

Improving test-taking skills

The Gardiner Library will host a program, “Im- prove Test-Taking Skills with Brain Body Strategies: Mindfulness in the Classroom” on Monday, October 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is $10 and pre- registration is required.

Barbara Netman will show participants how to re- lax when facing stress, become grounded when feel- ing uncomfortable and access both body and brain to help you in a testing situation. This workshop is open to students between grade three and 12 (as well as their caregivers) who would like to be more relaxed, calm and alert when studying and taking a test.

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Farm market festival in New Paltz

The New Paltz Farmers’ Market will host a farm market festival this Sunday, October 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organizers will be giving away $50 gift cer- tificates to Rock & Snow every half hour on the half hour. Sign up for drawings at the market manager table – you must be present to win.

The event will also feature live music by The Shoe String Band, sidewalk chalk for children of all ages and special deals from vendors.

The market is located in the Rock & Snow parking lot on Main Street in New Paltz.

“Truth Out” and “Exuberance” at the Unframed Artists Gallery

There’s a double feature this weekend at The Un- framed Artists Gallery in New Paltz. The curtain comes down for “Truth Out” this Saturday, October 18 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the barn gallery. The show pres- ents a wide range of work: the feelings of an abused woman, unchecked prejudice, mistreated animals and a variety of political and social revelations.

To soften the night, join the opening of “Exuber- ance.” Walk the twisting path to the main gallery and enjoy the lush colors and dynamic compositions in fabric, paint on canvas, drawings, sculpture and glazed ceramics. Here, dozens of Hudson Valley artist- s share their wonder, excitement, joy and awe. At 6 p.m., enter the salon-style conversation with artists whose work is on view in “Truth Out”.

Meet-the artists reception at The Treehouse

The Treehouse will host its seasonal meet-the-art- ists reception this Friday, October 17 from 5-6 p.m. The Treehouse is a fine craft gallery representing the work of more than 50 Hudson Valley artists in a range of me- dia from functional to fanciful – ceramics, knitwear, fine art, jewelry, home decor and more. Many of the artists whose work is featured at The Treehouse will be on hand to discuss their work, process and craft.

The Treehouse is located at 17 Church Street in New Paltz. For more information, call (845) 255- 0345 or visit www.treeshousenewpaltz.com.

LGBT inclusion in the church discussion to take place at the New Paltz Reformed Church

The Mid-Hudson Room for All invites the public to spend an evening with Sister Carol Perry this Friday, October 17, 7 p.m., in the Fireside Room of the New Paltz Reformed Church Education Building, located at 92 Huguenot Street. Perry will address miscon- ceptions of the Bible so often used to justify preju- dice against gay men and women. She also takes an illuminating look at how and why the Scriptures were created by our spiritual ancestors.

Perry is a teacher and resident Bible scholar at Mar- ble Collegiate Church. She uses her extensive scholar- ship and imaginative storytelling skills to offer a fresh and innovative approach to exploring the Scriptures, bringing people and stories of the Bible to life.

Jewelry donations needed for annual Gardiner Library fundraiser

The Friends of the Gardiner Library will hold its annual jewelry sale on November 8. Donations are needed, including bracelets, pins, necklaces and earrings. Items can be dropped off at the library dur- ing open hours. The library is located at 133 Farmer’s Turnpike. The donation box is at the main desk. For more information, call 255-7629.

Hudson Valley Blues & Jazz Fest to benefit SEEK

The Hudson Valley Blues & Jazz Fest to benefit SEEK (Self-help Empowerment through Education & Knowledge) will be held this Saturday, October 18 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Skea Lodge at Thomas Bull Me- morial Park, located at 21 State Route 436 in Mont- gomery. The event will celebrate the lives of Kirby Brown, James Shore and Liz Newman, who all trag- ically died in a sweat lodge during a 2009 retreat at Sedona, Arizona. It will feature Chris Raabe, Baer Matters, Fred Scribner and Slam Allen, as well as music, food, dancing, prizes and auction items.

For more information, visit seek safely.org.
property-owner has filed a second lawsuit seeking a comparable devaluation for 2013, according to Zatz, which again puts a “three-year freeze” on collection of taxes on the large parcel.

Contesting the first lawsuit has already cost Gardiner a great deal of money – estimated by councilman Warren Wiegand as “at least $100,000 in legal fees on this particular case over three years” – and a settlement offer by the town intended to put an end to the protracted litigation was rejected. Faced with the question of how much more to invest in the battle, town officials have decided at this juncture to go public with the issue, taking the pulse of Gardiner taxpayers before they choose among several potential strategies. “We could proceed or not proceed. We could buy it; we could try a settlement,” said Zatz.

Fred Mayo served as auctioneer during the cake auction at Gardiner’s Bounty last Saturday at Majestic Park.

We could proceed to reflect its market value more accurately. The irony for us is the school system stands to lose in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But we’re on the front line,” said Zatz. “We’re going out and spending almost as much as what the schools or the county would receive in taxes” if the assessment of the Riverside Trust property is maintained at its current level – or increased, as the town would prefer, “I wouldn’t have fought it,” said councilman Warren Wiegand, but added, “If you don’t fight it, then that piece of taxes that are coming in have to be picked up by the other taxpayers in the town, and that’s where it becomes a little unfair.”

“If we don’t spend that $100,000, then after a number of years of losing, say, $45,000, then what catches up? Will it take us 20 years to pay for the lawsuit, or will the money that we don’t make from the assessment end up being a loss of an equal amount?” asked Zatz rhetorically. “Our concern is. Once this happens, a line can form out of the door for every property that’s $2 million or more.”

The supervisor repeatedly expressed frustration that the burden of paying for the precedent-setting legal battle has fallen entirely on the town, despite the fact that only about ten percent of the property taxes paid by Gardiner residents go into the town coffers, with Ulster County taking about 12 percent and the two school districts serving the town, New Paltz and Wallkill, accounting for nearly 80 percent. “The irony for us is the school system stands to lose in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. But we’re on the front line,” said Zatz. “We’re going out and spending almost as much as what the schools or the county would receive in taxes” if the assessment of the Riverside Trust property is maintained at its current level – or increased, as the town would prefer, to reflect its market value more accurately.

Everybody has heard of the problems of being a taxpayer,” said Hinson. “Maybe it’s time that we have a principle that we can stand on and go back to the school district and say, ‘You know, you have a horse in this race. You’d better participate and help.’”

When an audience member suggested that a posse of Gardiner residents be formed to raise the issue.
at the next New Paltz school board meeting, Zatz responded, “That’s an excellent idea. We have a planned meeting with the superintendent of schools, but certainly there is a time where that would be a great thing to do.” Since all school district taxpayer- ers would ultimately be impacted by a substantial reduction in annual receivables due to the radical devaluation of a large parcel in Gardiner, the issue seems like one that might resonate with New Paltz residents as well.

Councilman David Dukler – himself a former school board member – cautioned that such a lobbying effort should be coordinated with the Town Board’s plans to produce a fact sheet summarizing the problem and providing hard financial data on the valuation of the property and the potential tax impacts of the reduction in its assessed value that the Riverside Trust is demanding. The board agreed to Hinson’s suggestion that this information be dis- seminated on the town website, via social media and to the public forum on how best to proceed with their case at the next meeting in December, when time will be set aside on the agenda for public discussion of the issue.

“My feeling is that Riverside Trust wants to continue to buy as much land as they can at the lowest possible price. They don’t want to pay any tax for a lawsuit in Gardiner; but I’m also going to pay the loss if you back out on my school taxes in New Paltz,” he said, adding that he felt optimistic that the second lawsuit would also be decided in the town’s favor: “The first question the judge is going to ask is, ‘What changed between 2013 and 2014?’ ‘From your mouth to God’s ear,’” he said, hinting that the December discussion is likely to be spirited. “I don’t believe that the taxpayers in Gar- dier are aware that you spent over $800,000,” said Gardiner resident Scott Bittner. “That’s a phenom- enal amount to spend on one lawsuit.”

David Strauss took the opposite tack, citing the case of a town that fought a protracted battle with a natural gas compa- ny over a hydrofracking ban and ultimately won. “I don’t know if the Town of Dryden taxpayers ever got anything back, by suing the gas industry for court costs or something; but they set a precedent which is nationwide now,” said the former Gardiner Zoning Board of Appeals chair. “I would think that we would be able to find out for the taxpayers what it would cost to pay for the appeal... as opposed to us having to pick up the tab for the Riverside Trust. It might be the same amount, but it would go on forever.”

In what must have come as a surprise to some lis- teners, Habersberger, a Town meeting regu- lar who can usually be relied upon to oppose most municipal spending proposals, took a fighting stance this time. “In for a dime, in for a dollar. As a taxpayer, I don’t want to pay any tax for a lawsuit in Gardiner; but I’m also going to pay the loss if you back out on my school taxes in New Paltz,” he said, adding that he felt optimistic that the second lawsuit would also be decided in the town’s favor: “The first question the judge is going to ask is, ‘What changed between 2013 and 2014?’ ‘From your mouth to God’s ear,’” responded Supervisor Zatz.

The public forum on how best to proceed with the Riverside Trust litigation will be held during the Town Board meeting on Tuesday, December 2 at the Gardiner Town Hall, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. All Gardiner residents are invited to participate.

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**Fuel for thought**

New Paltz Village Board delays its vote on Central Hudson's proposed gas line

by Rob Rubsam

After much debate, the New Paltz Village Board is postponing a vote on Central Hudson's proposed gas line for two months while the Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) looks into alternatives to hooking up Village Hall to gas heat.

As proposed, Central Hudson desires an easement to run a gas line under the Village Hall parking lot on Flatbush Avenue as to better service businesses on Main Street. In exchange, Central Hudson would pay the village $23,000 to use the property. It also requested a "forever easement," in mayor Jason West's words, on all future development, which was opposed by the entire board.

The catch? That $23,000 would have to go toward retrofitting Village Hall, which currently heats itself using oil, to a gas system.

A Central Hudson representative present at the October 8 Village Board meeting said that without Village Hall as one of its future customers, the gas line to Main Street "would cease to be cost effective going forward" for the company.

At the beginning of the meeting, there was much confusion on this point. Trustee Ariana Basco proposed that the money paid by Central Hudson for the easement go toward providing Village Hall with a renewable energy alternative, while trustee Tom Rocco described the easement and the Village Hall upgrade as "not germane" to one another. It was only after trustee Sally Rhoads asked the Central Hudson representative for clarification that the interlocking nature of the two proposals became apparent.

Many local residents came out to voice their opinions on the subject. Some pointed out the discrepancy between "two bad choices." West, who framed the issue as between "two bad choices.

Others pointed out the temporary nature of low prices on natural gas. Resident Mariam Strauss described it as "snake oil."

EPC chair Donald Kerr mirrored this point in a presentation he and fellow EPC member Dennis Young gave to the board. "I don't know of any utilities," he said, "that keep their prices low for a long time."

Kerr's advice was to wait on making a decision over upgrading Village Hall. "There is no crisis or emergency that I've heard brought to this board," he said. "The crisis is on Central Hudson's part. They want to sell their gas."

Dan Guenther, a self-described "green contractor," argued that the government should focus on better insulating its buildings before concentrating on fuel. He also recommended a geothermal contractor for the building.

Basco seemed to agree. "Economically," she said, "it's not feasible," adding: "we're placing a bet on a commodity."

Not all trustees saw the issue in those terms. "This is not between environmentalists and non-environmentalists," said West, who framed the issue as between "two bad choices."

Rhoads saw it as primarily economic. "I think it is the board's responsibility to analyze impacts on the tax base" in terms of low heating bills, she said.

Rhoads and Basco tussled over using alternative energy to heat Village Hall. Rhoads argued that no feasible alternatives had been brought to the board; Basco countered that a money-saving energy audit to determine ways for the village to save money and use alternatives had been passed but never implemented.

Referencing that audit, Trustee Rocco said he fears the 60-day extension on voting is just a feint to avoid voting at all. "We're not acting in the way which is responsible," he said.

Nonetheless, the resolution, proposed by Basco and passed 3-2 with Rocco and Rhoads dissenting, places the impetus on the EPC to discover economically feasible alternatives that could be paid for by the easement within the next 60 days.

That this undermines Central Hudson's entire profit model for the extension remains unresolved. The representative at the meeting said that the company hoped to begin construction before the ground froze. If granted the easement, the company can begin construction in late March.

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All are invited to attend the 2014 Mohonk Consultations autumn conference. “Where it Grows, Where it Goes: Achieving Local Food Security,” which will take place on Monday, November 10 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Mohonk Mountain House conference center. Attendees of the conference will participate in an extensive lineup of informative presentations, Q&As and roundtable sessions regarding dimensions of food security in the region. Major themes of the conference include new farming initiatives, the strengthening of a new generation of farmers, expanding regional markets and the growing need to protect land for agricultural use in the Hudson Valley. The impact of climate change on food security will be addressed throughout.

This event is a participatory conference to encourage the exchange of ideas and foster collaborative efforts and good policy in support of our communities’ historic agricultural character and the challenges to our food resources.

Speakers will include: Todd Erling of the Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation speaking on “The Big Picture and Challenges Ahead;” Jerry Cosgrove of the Local Economies Project and Kathleen Frith of Glenwood, collaboratively presenting, “New, Local Food and Farming Initiatives;” Agnes Devereux of The Village Tea Room, Christina Grace of the American Farmland Trust, Jim Hyland of Winter Sun Farms and Kevin Tred of Red Barn Produce Inc. addressing, “Expanding Markets;” Paul Colacioli of Full Moon Farm, Pete Ferrante of Walkill View Farm, Lindsey Slote of the Young National Farmers Coalition, and Pete Talaferro of Talafiero Farms, speaking on “The Farmers’ Experience;” and Steve Rosenberg of Scenic Hudson presenting, “A Strategic Plan to Conserve the NYC/Hudson Valley Foodshed.”

Registration includes pre-registration coffee, tea and luncheon and is $50/regular, $25/student or $100/vendor and may be made online at www.mohonk-consultations.org/programs/events. Or send a check payable to ‘Mohonk Consultations’ to Mohonk Consultations, attention Food Conference 2014, 1000 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz, NY 12561.
Don’t park it here

New Paltz Village Board considers major parking amendments

by Rob Rubsam

NEW PALTZ VILLAGE trustees are considering a major amendment to the law governing parking in the village. At the October 8 Village Board meeting, trustees Ariana Basco and Sally Rhoads proposed an amendment which would, in Rhoads’s words, “ban non-resident parking in the R-1, R-2, R-3 and Historic districts Monday through Friday to 5 p.m. After five, weekends and holidays would be as we normally have,” she added.

Under the amendment, village residents would be provided with two identifying decals, with additional decals purchasable for $10 each. Rhoads also proposed that town residents be issued decals, though the number provided is up for debate. “I’m open,” she said. Though mayor Jason West said he did not necessarily support the amendment, all five trustees voted for “concept approval” on it, so that “all proper notifications could be given to students on campus,” said Rhoads. Local business owners, for their part, are not very happy about the proposed changes.

In a letter written by David Santner, owner of The Bakery on North Front Street, a number of changes to parking in the village are proposed by business owners, who, according to the letter, met with Rhoads and Basco several times over the summer. These changes include eliminating “alternate-side-of-the-street parking” to free up parking.

“The solution is to increase the amount of spaces,” wrote Santner. “Our proposal to end alternate-side parking would double the amount of spaces available. Sally and Ariana’s proposal would only exasperate the problem and push it onto other streets, particularly the streets in the business district.”

Santner described the village under the proposed amendment as a “private driveway. It is a terrible betrayal of the downtown business community,” he added. “This is the height of foolishness! It is also a terrible betrayal of the downtown business community and all of the work that we do. Why ask us to participate if your plan is to screw us?” As it stands, the amendment would primarily impact SUNY New Paltz students and out-of-area visitors, before 5 p.m. on weekdays. As proposed, it is unclear whether SUNY students could be eligible to purchase parking decals from the village.

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Variances
New Paltz Village Planning Board divided on bending the rules

by Terence P Ward

The reason why municipal boards have an odd number of members was on display at the October 7 New Paltz Village Planning Board meeting. With one member absent, the remaining four deadlocked several times when asked by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) what they thought about two different requests for a zoning variance. The board members were evenly split on questions of placing a sign where a sidewalk might one day run and whether or not a homeowner should be allowed to convert a freestanding garage into an apartment for himself. In the end, the board recommended denial of the latter application, but the ZBA will have to go it alone on the question of where to place the sign.

The recommendation of denial for the garage application at 43 Center Street didn’t come easily. The applicant, Joseph Butler, told the board that the garage had been legally converted into a workshop/studio in years past, and it was his hope to now live in it for part of the year and rent the house out to pay the upkeep on the property. “I’d rather live in my house,” said Butler, suggesting that he was already living in the apartment.

Village Planning Director Bren White had several concerns about Butler’s variance request. The apartment “is so close to the neighboring house that I’m leery,” she said, and zoning code clearly spells out that only one residential building is permitted per lot. There’s also the question of parking – new residence units must have adequate parking on the property itself, as the amount of on-street parking doesn’t go up when new apartments go in.

“It might be fine while you’re doing it,” Maurice Weitman told Joseph Butler, “but when you’re gone, we will have a lot with two residences in a zone that only allows one.”

Butler pointed out that his house was one of only a few in the neighborhood which isn’t “overstuffed” with student rentals. “As a guy who’s trying to continue to live here, that troubles me,” he said.

The village building inspector had determined that because the garage was already in existence, the rule about building a second residential structure doesn’t apply. White disagreed with that assessment, but pointed out that the ZBA’s role is to settle those differences. Past practice in similar cases has led to property owners adding a breezeway between the house and garage so that it could be called a single building, but Planning Board chairman Maurice Weitman said that the present building department staff avoids such murky areas of law.

“It might be fine while you’re doing it,” Weitman told Butler, “but when you’re gone, we will have a lot with two residences in a zone that only allows one.”

While concerned about that precedent, board members scoured the code for options. Putting an apartment in the thousand-square-foot house would be legal, but impractical given its size. Converting the backyard into parking might alleviate some concerns, but the applicant was reluctant to take that extra step from home to housing unit. Some board members recalled language in the code referencing accessory apartments, but as none could find it, the section may have been removed at some point. As board member Michael Zierler recalled, that section required the owner to live on the property in order for the apartment to be legal, which may have avoided the long-term consequences.

Following the discussion, Chairman Weitman made a motion to recommend denial of the application “Based on the memo provided by Bren White. Let the ZBA do their job,” he said.

That motion died without a second. Zierler moved to make no recommendation, but encourage the ZBA to consider the idea of an accessory apartment as an alternative. His motion failed 2-2.
NEW PALTZ | BUSINESS

Los Agaves opens in New Paltz

D INERS IN NEW PALTZ now have a brand new option: Los Agaves, a newly opened Mexican restaurant offering both take-out and sit-down dining. Manager Norberto Bederril said the idea for the restaurant came to him after a move from Highland, when he saw “no authentic Mexican food” in New Paltz. Located at the Village Grill’s old spot, 501 Main Street, it is the first restaurant that Bederril and his family have run, but he feels confident in Los Agaves’s success.

Haven’t heard about it? Then you’re not alone. Bederril said that business has been slight since opening because they “didn’t advertise much” beyond the sidewalk in front of the store, but he expects business to pick up now that they have been sending out fliers.

Nevertheless, those who have visited have been positive. Most of the business’s Yelp reviews are at least four stars, and the reviewers praise the flavorful food.

Should you decide to stop by between 4 and 10 p.m., Bederril recommends the tacos and chimichangas. “Come on in,” he said. For additional information, call (845) 255-0220.

-- Rob Rubsam

Board member Rich Steffens moved to recommend denial like Weitman, but to include Zierler’s request for a variance that is almost sure to be approved. The New Paltz Village Board has asked the Planning Board for guidance on whether to make changes to setbacks in the R1 zoning district, which includes roads behind Town Hall, such as Bonticou View and Taylor Street. The zone calls for a 50-foot setback from the road, 25 feet in the back of the house and 20 feet on each side. According to Village Planning Director Brien White, that’s not happening and probably not realizable.

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The result is a high number of variances, which White says is a strong indicator the code needs adjusting. One option — making the area R2 instead — was discarded because that would open the door to multi-family homes. Instead, board members agreed to suggest a 25-foot front setback, which could save builders on the few remaining empty lots from having to apply for a variance that is almost sure to be approved.

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NEW PALTZ | BUSINESS

The owner and staff of Los Agaves are committed to bringing an authentic Mexican dining experience to New Paltz, as shown in the preparation of fresh guacamole for guests right at the table. Pictured left to right are staff members Bernaldo Valle, Tony Valle, Lupita Tapia, Norberto Becerril, Rosario Tapia, Maurino Mario and Marie Almazo. Not pictured is owner Ignacio Martinez.
Walking the talk
(Continued from page 1)

Holly Brooker (community relations coordinator for Ulster BOCES).

As a similar tour of the Highland schools recently revealed — that district will put up a $17.5 million capital improvement project before voters on the same date that New Paltz holds its vote — viewing the condition of the facilities in person is far more illuminating than just reading the lengthy list of all the work that needs to be done. And like the Highland school district, the New Paltz BOE said that they’re only doing the highest priority work. “We divided this project into things we ‘must have’, ‘should have’ or ‘would like to have’, said Profaci. “We’re only doing things that are ‘must haves’.”

The $52.9 million project was approved to come up for a vote after other options were considered, including a $24.3 million proposal to just tackle the infrastructure problems and several options that would have involved consolidation of facilities, closing one or more of the district’s four schools. The consolidations would have amounted to a greater increase in the tax levy, said Profaci — as much as six percent more, rather than the one percent in the approved proposal — and in the end, the $52.9 million project was deemed to be the least costly to taxpayers. State aid will pay for approximately 50 percent of the project. (Some of the work is eligible for 60 percent reimbursement and some of it for 40 percent, so to be on the conservative side, the amount of expected state aid has been rounded off to an expected 50 percent.) Should the vote not pass, and the work ends up getting done on an emergency basis, it will not be eligible for any state aid and taxpayers will end up paying 100 percent of the burden. Repayment of the balance will take 20 years, with the average homeowner in the district paying $20 per

The home and careers classroom at the New Paltz Middle School was originally designed to hold up to 15 students. Home and careers is now a mandated course with class sizes upwards of 30 students. Pictured is NPCSD superintendent Maria Rice.

The exterior of the New Paltz Middle School (NPMS) has rotted exterior walls with deteriorated underlying concrete. Slate roofing tiles have detached and are sliding off. Loose and cracked masonry around the foundation allow water to penetrate and accelerate infrastructure deterioration. Pictured (L-R): New Paltz School Board member Dominick Profaci, NPMS principal Dr. Richard Wiesenthal, NPCSD assistant director of facilities John Bartells, NPCSD superintendent Maria Rice, NPCSD assistant superintendent for business Rick Linden and NPCSD director of facilities Stephen Callahan.
The plan

Contrary to some reports within the community, the New Paltz district does have a specific plan. Details are itemized on the district website (newpaltz.k12.ny.us) and visuals are available through an informative video.

Unlike the last capital project proposal in New Paltz that went down in 2010, this project will involve work at all four schools and will not involve any relocation of students out of their buildings. A great deal of the work needs to be done at the middle school, which is the oldest facility in the district and the most degraded and lacking in space.

A significant portion of the proposed project has to do with replacing failing, outdated systems and infrastructures and making improvements to indoor air quality, both for the health and safety of students and staff as well as to meet current required codes. The tour of the middle school revealed heating, cooling and ventilation systems throughout the facility insufficient for the spaces they’re used in, and some classrooms were described as being “unbearably hot” with radiators dangerously hot to the touch.

Random air sampling is done throughout the year to ensure that the air quality is safe, said Superintendent Rice. Obsolescence and deterioration are everywhere one looks. Replacement parts are unavailable for kitchen equipment that dates to the 1950s and the roof installed in 1993 has already outlived its 20-year life. A roof leak in the gymnasium is being caught in a tarp and channeled into a garden hose. Exterior walls have rotted, with the underlying concrete reduced to pebbles, and original plumbing, water supply and steam lines along with sanitary waste systems have deteriorated to the point of alarm, with all systems operating past their useful lives; some are more than 50 years old.

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$100,000 of assessed value annually for the term of the loan. To help offset its cost, the project is being timed to coincide with the retirement of old debt in order to keep the budget stable.

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Old hands, new faces
Rosendalers eye political hopefuls at Meet-the-Candidates Night

by Frances Marion Platt

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Night event at
the Rosendale
Recreation Center last
Thursday evening, spon-
sored by the Women’s Club
of Rosendale, about 100 lo-
cal residents turned out to
hear a succession of three-
minute “elevator speech-
es” about the candidacies
of contenders for the posts
of representatives for the
19th US Congressional Dis-
trict and New York State’s
103rd Assembly District, as
well as judges for the
Ulster County Supreme
Court and Family Court.

But for the hometown
crowd, mostly it was their
first “official” opportunity
to check out two political
newcomers who are vying
for the Rosendale Town
Board seat being vacated
at the end of this year by veteran councilman Ken
Hassett.

A clear sentimental favorite with the crowd —
drawing far louder cheers and applause than the
highest-ranked public official in attendance, incum-
 bent assemblyman Kevin Cahill — was the youngest
candidate to throw her hat into the ring, and the
most nervous. Apologizing for her stage jitters, Bre-
anna Liggan, chair of the town’s Planning Board, but also a long-
since Breanna’s father, Billy Liggan, is not only the
model who, in her words, has “devoted a ridicu-
ous amount of time” to the town, the younger Lig-
gan would also pursue her
“chance to be involved in
shaping this community.”

As for her political plat-
form, Breanna Liggan ex-
pressed enthusiasm for
the recent approval of the
Williams Lake Project and
cited “sustainable devel-
 opment” as one of her top
priorities. She said that she
also wanted to “help make
downtown businesses
more accessible from the
rail trail,” now that the
trestle over the Rondout
has been reopened. She
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lican, Conservative and
Independence Party en-
dorsements for the Town
Board seat.

Challenging Liggan from
the Democratic Party side
is Bloomington-based
carpenter/musician John
Hughes, who can boast a
high public profile of his own as the guitarist and
bass-player for the wildly popular kid-rock band Dog
on Fleas. Born in Dutchess County, Hughes earned a
baccalaureate in geography at SUNY New Paltz and
became a permanent Ulster County resident in his
20s, quickly falling in love with the “friendly envi-
ronment” of Rosendale — a town whose genius, he
said, is that it “lets you be yourself.”

According to the band’s website, “Dog on Fleas
plans to take over the world,” but Hughes’s political
mission is more modest: “community involvement
that comes with a smile.” His priority as a candidate
is to enable Rosendale to “take full economic advan-
tage” of its cultural riches and natural beauty and
fulfill its potential to become a “destination for eco-
tourism.” Among the strengths that he said he brings
to the table are “enthusiasm,” a “friendly manner”
that would doubtless be appreciated during the oft-
 fractious meetings of the Town Board and “problem-
solving skills.”

Neither of the candidates for US Congress showed
up in person at Meet-the-Candidates Night in Rosen-
dale. Stephanie Valle, chief of staff for representa-
tive Chris Gibson (R/C/I), touted the incumbent’s
military record (he reached the rank of colonel and
won four Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart), his Ph.D.
from Cornell and his 2010 earthquake relief mission
to Haiti. She cited job creation, infrastructure, small
businesses, passage of the Farm Bill and a Lyme dis-
ease law among the highlights of his Congressional
track record, saying, “We focus on local service...He
has the temperament to bring people together and
get things done.”

Representing Gibson’s Democratic challenger,
Sean Eldridge’s campaign manager Gabrielle Quinta-
tana took issue with that latter claim, portraying the
incumbent as part of the problem of a “Congress
doing nothing...It works for them; it doesn’t work for
us.” Priorities in Eldridge’s platform, according to
Quintana, include “small business and economic
development in the region,” “sustainable jobs, repro-
ductive freedom for women, getting the nation “pre-
pared for climate change,” opposition to hydrofrack-
ing and campaign finance reform. “If we continue
to have the same leadership in Washington, we’re
going to have the same results,” she warned.

Though he arrived late from a prior campaign
appearance in New Paltz, Assemblyman Cahill did
show up, as relaxed a veteran as Breanna Liggan
was a nervous neophyte. The long-serving Democrat
cited his progressive voting record, including rais-
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The minimum wage in New York State, and said, “I’m hoping for a more cooperative [State] Senate next year.” His particular agenda in Albany this time around, he said, is to “clean that place up,” noting that in current state legislation, “There are four people running under indictment...There’s something wrong with that.”

Kevin Roberts, an Ulster County legislator representing the Phillips and Modena, is running against Cahill on the Republican, Conservative and Independence Party lines. Saying that “Rosendale is important to me,” he characterized himself as fiscally conservative and promised, “I will never vote for a tax increase...I will never vote to allow fracking.” He seemed to touch a nerve with the audience when he criticized the “pressure testing” mandated by the Common Core education standards, which he said that he would try to overturn.

Also appearing were both Family Court judge candidates, Republican Kerri Savona and Democratic/Working Families nominee Gilda Riccardi. Both cited impressively long lists of credentials as attorneys working on behalf of abused and neglected children: Savona was a supervising attorney at the Ulster County Department of Social Services, while Riccardi worked in the Child Abuse Unit of the Manhattan County Department of Social Services.

Goblins get to stay out later in Rosendale this year

In one of his last appearances as a Rosendale councilman at the October 8 Town Board meeting, Ken Hassett expressed hope that the curfew issue for unaccompanied youth under the age of 16, proposed by fellow councilman Bob Ryan, would be modified to a 9:30 p.m. curfew when his own twin sons were teenagers.

However, the funding, once allocated, didn’t go to the curfew issue but to the replacement of Rosendale’s Town Pool. Walsh said that an additional $50,000 toward the fund for the replacement of Rosendale’s Town Pool had materialized in the form of the balance of an old grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP). The funding had originally been awarded for improvements to the former Rosendale Recreation Center in exchange for the town’s setting aside a conservation easement on the site’s open space. The $50,000 had been earmarked by the state agency for a new roof for the Rec Center; but, recalled councilman Hassett, “That building just wasn’t feasible,” and town officials decided to raise it and build the new energy-efficient Rec Center that now stands on the same site.

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NYS grants boost Rosendale Pool Fund, Highway Garage and Municipal Center repairs

Rosendale town supervisor Jeanne Walsh announced at the October 8 Town Board meeting that two sources of grant funding for town infrastructure improvements had recently been secured, one new and one rediscovered.

According to Walsh, state senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/U Mt. Hope) has agreed to provide $50,000 in legislative member item funding toward two building projects: replacement of the roof of the Town of Rosendale Highway Department Garage and various structural, interior design and security upgrades needed for the ongoing conversion of the former Rosendale Elementary School in Cottell to the Rondout Municipal Center. Plans for the latter space with Town of Marlborough offices, as well as relocating Rosendale’s Town Court and Police Department to the site, are partially contingent upon completion of these improvements.

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Room to grow
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Eggs, honey, culinary herbs and edible flowers. Four Legs Farm is planned as a 150 member meat CSA that will offer pastured lamb and pork meat to members along with educational programming on livestock production and cooking with meat. And the Community Compost Company, who flipped the “farm to table” concept in coining the phrase “table to farm” to describe their operation retrieving organic materials from the waste stream to produce high-quality compost in conjunction with local farms, will use the Incubator site as its main production area and test site while developing partnerships with local farms.

When their businesses have matured to the point of self-sufficiency, Glynwood will assist Incubator participants in securing permanent land in the region on which they can continue to operate and will help them to “brand” their businesses.

The Incubator is located on 330 acres of farmland in the Mohonk Preserve Foothills outside of New Paltz. The program there is “not an apprenticeship,” noted Incubator director Dave Llewellyn. “The core program components are designed to reduce the barriers to success for start-up farm businesses. We provide access to land, housing, shared equipment and infrastructure and we’re helping with access to low interest credit and providing training; some in-house and some through a network of collaborators, which include business coaching and a lot of practical skills training.”

The purpose is to contribute to the growth of sustainable food and farming businesses in the Hudson Valley region while bringing more preserved farmland into production and investing in farm communities across the region.

The three-year program will add three more participants every year, so by year three they’ll be working at capacity with nine farm entrepreneurs working at the site. Year four, the first group completes the program and moves on, and the cycle continues. Participants are chosen based on their chances for success and on how the businesses at the Incubator complement each other in both use of the land and cooperative ventures.

The Incubator is the first venture of its type in the region, modeled after similar endeavors in Massachusetts and Vermont. There is another such program in New York, said Llewellyn, in Ithaca. The participants in the Incubator program have the option of living on-site in shared housing at one of the two houses or off-site for a participation fee. Apprentices Leanna Mulvihill and Lily Dougherty-Johnson will both live on the property.

Eggs, honey, herbs and edible flowers

Ferdinand’s Farm will be headed by Lily Dougherty-Johnson, who has been farming in the Northeast for the past two years. She apprenticed at North Plain and Blue Hill farms in Western Massachusetts in 2013 and is currently at Great Song Farm, a diversified farm in the Hudson Valley that uses biodynamic practices. She was unable to attend the open house, but according to Stacy Dedring, Glynwood’s coordinator of farmer training, Dougherty-Johnson will pasture-raise approximately 40-60 chickens on the property, all heritage breeds. “She’ll produce eggs, honey, culinary herbs and edible flowers in this kind of wonderful range. Think of borage, nasturtiums... anything you can add to a salad for more color and flavor. She’s also thinking about adding goats, and value-added products, like mayonnaise made with the culinary herbs.” Dougherty-Johnson’s plans for what she’ll do after the Incubator program are still in the development stage.

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so that people will know what to do with their large quantity of meat once they get it. “That can be a little intimidating,” she said.

Currently in her fourth season of farming, Mulvihill has also worked at Tantre Farm, an organic vegetable CSA in Michigan; Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in Pocantico Hills, New York; Fats-tock Farm, a startup meat CSA in Stuyvesant, New York; Phillies Bridge Farm in New Paltz and Obercreek Farm in Huguensonville, New York.

Future plans include moving into meat aggregation. “I would buy live animals from other small producers in the region and take care of the logistics involved in going to the slaughterhouse, getting it processed, and marketing and distributing the products to home cooks in the Hudson Valley.”

As for why she’s participating in the Incubator program, Mulvihill said, “I couldn’t start my own business without having access to land and access to capital, and have this support system. I’ve run the numbers, and if I wanted to save up enough money to get my own operation started, I would have to quit farming and come back to it later. They’re providing a lot of things I didn’t have.”

Compost

The Community Compost Company was initiated last spring by New Paltz resident Eileen Banyra, offering a collection service that picks up organic waste from local residents and businesses and delivers it to the Four Winds Farm in Gardiner to be composted. Recently Banyra took on a business partner, Noa Simons, also a longtime resident of New Paltz, who was introduced at the Incubator’s open house along with the company’s marketing director, Ariana Basco.

Simons grew up on a farm in Ghent and currently maintains a small farm. She has worked in international venture capital and small business consulting for the past ten years.

“Our business model has two parts,” she said. “One is collecting food scraps and two is actually producing compost. Generally when people produce compost, they do it on a big scale at big sites that involve a lot of capital. We’re exploring a different kind of a business model. One of the reasons we’re really excited to work with Glynwood is because they’re really giving us a platform to explore this model where we’re working with local farm sites within a small geographic region.”

They plan to use the Incubator as a test site for different mixes of compost, said Simons, refining and testing their business model and products. “We really have a lot of opportunity here on this property to explore a lot of different avenues. It’s really exciting to have the resources, the people, and hopefully we’re going to prove this model here, and take it and plant it around the tri-state area, and become a regional provider for collecting food scraps and creating compost.” Glynwood’s access to other land will be very helpful to them, as well, she added.

Banyra, a city planner by profession, has worked in both public and private sector planning providing land use and zoning guidance to rural communities and cities throughout northern New Jersey. For more information, visit www.glynwood.org or www.osiny.org. ++

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At the recent Highland BOE meeting on Tuesday, October 7, assistant superintendent Sarah Dudley-Lemek gave a presentation about the state-mandated assessment tests taken by students earlier this year. The tests are now aligned with the Common Core standards, she said, “People are starting to be more familiar with it and understand better what’s behind it.” Teachers of all grade levels will focus on using common vocabulary and employing “curriculum alignment,” she added, in order to better prepare the students for the tests next spring.

The “refuse the test” movement impacted the test participation rate at Highland, particularly in the math tests for the eighth grade students. Only 35 percent of eighth graders took the state math assessment tests, although Dudley-Lemek said that an additional 30 students did take the integrated Regents algebra exam instead (they had the option of taking either test this year).

Looking forward at the state report card coming in the spring of 2015, she said, “We could be cited for not reaching the required 95 percent participation rate. And that’s a federal designation. A lot of schools are waiting to see what the impact of that will be.”

— Sharyn Flanagan

Small changes amount to savings in the Highland schools food program

At their recent regular meeting on Tuesday, October 7, the Highland Central School District Board of Education lauded food service director Maria McCarthy for her efforts to bring down the costs of the food service program in the schools.

On the first day of school just over a week later, McCarthy gave a presentation about the state-mandated external audit of the district’s financial status which the district’s external auditor, Alex Sorbin, revealed that the school lunch program is operating on a higher deficit in Highland than in other schools comparable in size.

In a report dated September 24, submitted to schools superintendent Deborah Haab, McCarthy noted several changes in the program that seem minor on the surface but should amount to noteworthy savings for the district. For one, meatballs are being made at the middle school and shipped out to the elementary and high schools, which will result in a projected savings of $800 per year. More substantial are the savings that will result from the new policy of having the server at all three schools serve the canned fruit offering directly onto the student’s tray instead of the staff pre-portioning the fruit into souffle cups before lunch begins. This small change, according to McCarthy, has a potential savings to the district of $8,700 a year.

This is because it decreases the need for part-time labor used for preparing raw vegetables, with the full-time staff now taking over that duty instead of attending to the fruit cups. “The down side to this,” reports McCarthy, is that we can only offer one choice of canned fruit during lunch, when in the past we offered a wide variety on a daily basis. We are still able to offer the fresh fruit as students help themselves to this.”

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At the September 16 Highland BOE meeting in which the district’s external auditor, Alex Sorbin, discussed the results of this year’s audit with board members, he said that most school lunch programs in the state are experiencing similar financial problems. The costs are attributed to increased costs of employee benefits and the new healthier food regulations, which are less appealing to the students and causing less participation in the food service program.

In Highland’s case, the loss is higher than average, even putting $100,000 from the general fund into the program still left the district another $50,000 in the red.

— Sharyn Flanagan

Adaptive playground at Highland Elementary slated for installation next spring

The Highland Central School District Board of Education recently voted to allocate $6,000 from the operations and maintenance area of the budget to go toward the purchase of adaptive playground equipment for use at the elementary school by children with disabilities. At the recent Highland BOE meeting on Tuesday, October 7, board president Alan Barone said he’d meet with the support services committee earlier in the day and plans were going forward to purchase the equipment, which is anticipated for installation over spring break 2015.

The funds were allocated to buy the equipment now because the project has been in the works for so long, the price kept going up on the equipment every time the playground committee managed to raise some more funds. The money will be repaid to the district through fundraising efforts by the committee.

The only issue with the project now, said Barone, has to do with securing the ability to drill into the existing rock at the site to put the playground in place. The adaptive playground will allow children with dis-
abilities to play on an equal footing with their peers. — Sharyn Flanagan

Free site report for Highland schools on solar energy

The Highland Central School District plans to take advantage of the opportunity to receive a free site report that will estimate the potential future savings on energy bills should they adopt solar energy at the schools. New York Power Authority is offering the program, said board member Mike Reid. “It was rolled out in early September and is specifically designed to help schools. As of yesterday, there were 137 districts statewide signed up for this program and it’s growing rapidly; when I first heard about this a few weeks ago, there were just 40.” Business administrator Louise Lynch will get in touch with New York Power Authority and schedule a no-charge, no-obligation visit.

Information sessions for Highland capital improvement project

The superintendent and members of the Highland BOE are making themselves available at various information sessions leading up to the capital project vote on Tuesday, October 28 so that the public can be fully informed on the details of the project. The latest information session to be added will be at the Sunnybrook town homes at 60 Toc Drive on Wednesday, October 22 at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse. There will also be an “information station” set up at the school’s homecoming game on Friday, October 17 at 7 p.m. Two dates have been set for the parking lot at Hannaford’s Plaza in Highland: Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, October 25 from noon to 5 p.m.

A public hearing and presentation by the design team on the project will be held prior to the board’s regular meeting at the high school on Tuesday, October 21. The presentation will be at 6 p.m. followed by the regular board meeting at 7 p.m.

For more information and updates on other events as they’re scheduled, visit www.highland-k12.org.

— Sharyn Flanagan

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Last week Sawyer Savings Bank in Highland celebrated the opening of its new location at 3515 Route 9W in Highland. Present for the ribbon cutting were bank executives and staff, and representatives from the Southern Ulster Chamber of Commerce, the New Paltz Chamber of Commerce and the New Paltz Rotary Club.

by Sharyn Flanagan

Sawyer Savings held a ribbon-cutting on Wednesday, October 8 at its new location in Highland at 3515 Route 9W. The branch is located on the former site of Casa Mia restaurant. On hand to welcome the bank to its new location were William Farrell, president of the Southern Ulster Chamber of Commerce; Ward Todd, president of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce; Peter Ingellis, executive director of the New Paltz Regional Chamber of Commerce; Liza Lanzarone, Highland branch manager and Gabriel Sottile, president, CEO and trustee of Sawyer Savings.

The Saugerties-based bank founded in 1871 also has a location in Marlboro. The Highland branch is not entirely new to town – they moved to Route 9W from their former location on Vineyard Avenue in the village of Highland – but the move allowed the bank to offer more room for parking along with an ATM and drive-through. CEO Sottile, who has been with Sawyer Savings since 1975, said that when they look at locations for new branches, the trustees are interested in towns that have a community culture similar to that of Saugerties. Their emphasis on small town values and community-based banking can be seen in their First Time Homebuyers Program and their established mission to generate long-term relationships with their individual and business customers.

Sawyer Savings is also known for their support of many local organizations and nonprofits, including food pantries and libraries, the Saugerties Unit of the Kingston-based Boys and Girls Club, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Ulster Literacy and Operation SOS (Support Our Servicemen and women). They recently made a $1,000 donation to the Michael Oremus Foundation, founded in 2007 by the family of Highland’s Michael Oremus, who was killed while deployed in Baghdad. In his memory, the foundation provides scholarships and recreational activities for children and families in need. The Michael Oremus Foundation will host a fundraising cocktail party on Saturday, November 8 at Mariner’s on the Hudson in Highland and a soccer tournament on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23 at the Hudson Valley Sportsdome in Milton. For more information, visit www.michaeloremus.org.

The ribbon-cutting was held in the midst of a “six-week extravaganza” of weekly themed-events through the end of the month. “Teen Week” continues through Saturday, October 18, followed by “Children’s Week” from Monday, October 20 through Saturday, October 25. That event concludes with an autumn celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. that will include giveaways, pumpkins, face painting and balloons for the kids. Children’s Week is also intended to encourage kids to learn good financial habits early.

For more information about Sawyer Savings, visit www.sawyersavings.com or look for them on Facebook. ++
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Oktoberfest in Highland on October 18

by Rob Rubsam

HIGHLAND’S OKTOBERFEST RETURNS for its second year this Saturday, October 18. From 3 to 9 p.m. visitors can walk up and down the Hamlet’s Vineyard Avenue, tasting traditional German foods and drinking Deutsche beer. The goal, says Town of Lloyd events commission chair Kate Jonietz, is for people to have fun and “take time to make new friendships and re-vitalize some old friendships.”

The festival’s 2013 iteration came from a partnership between the Highland Business Association and the Town of Lloyd events committee. “[We were] looking for something that we could do together,” said Jonietz, who described the restaurants in Highland as “an eclectic mix. It’s a block party of sorts, with street vendors and music. Those looking for a German experience are sure to enjoy Oktoberfest. Elia’s Catering Company & House of Sausage will serve “brats, knockwurst, weisswurst and franks” all night, and Vigneto’s Café is cooking sauerbraten and spaetzle. Highland businesses like Pavesi’s and the Asian Garden will serve their standard menu items during the festival as well.

From 5 to 8 p.m. the “Hudson Valley’s #2 Party Band” Touch of Rhythm will play in the park, new this year. Other changes include integrating an apple pie making contest into the festival itself, as well as moving the end time from 8 to 9 p.m.

Admission is free to the rain or shine event, though attendees need to pay for all their food and drinks. It joins a host of other Hudson Valley towns in throwing an Oktoberfest, from Poughkeepsie to New Windsor to Hunter. Jonietz hopes that Highland itself will set the event apart and, importantly that people realize “there is a great hamlet that people should come and spend some time in.”

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“The Nature Rich Life” is coming

Next Tuesday, Richard Louv is coming to SUNY New Paltz as a “distinguished speaker.” Louv, the author who coined the term “nature deficit disorder,” will speak on “The Nature Rich Life.” While experts worry about the ill of the internet age, Louv says there’s a free antidote. He offers a new vision, in which our lives are as immersed in nature as they are in technology. This future, available to all of us right now, offers better psychological, physical and spiritual health for people of every age and also builds smarter and more sustainable businesses, communities and economies. Hear Lou on October 21, 7:30 p.m., in lecture center 100. For information, visit www.newpaltz.speakerseries or call (845) 257-3880.

Miriam Strouse
New Paltz

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When I walked into Starbucks last week to meet a friend, I was delighted to see a woman poring over the first annual edition of the Explore New Paltz map published by the founder and former owner of PDQ Printing, Craig Shankles. Delighted because I had recently interviewed Craig about his publication and was planning to write about it later that afternoon.

I introduced myself and asked if she would be willing to tell me about her thoughts about the map, which depicts our town on one side and a ‘blow up’ of the buildings that correspond to the similarly numbered maps on our state map published by the founder and former owner of PDQ Printing.

I pointed out something that is a personal delight to me, which is the accurately rendered cartography of each and every building depicted on both sides of the map, the work of local resident Matt Maley. Matt’s artistic skills make this first edition, in my humble opinion, a collectible and suitable for framing. I plan to do just that. When I first showed it to my family, they were fascinated with the illustrations and commented on the ‘sense of place’ that this ad

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An important investment in the future of our community

On October 28 each of us who lives within the boundaries of the New Paltz Central School District (NPCSD) will have the opportunity to vote on whether or not to authorize our School Board to implement a $52.9 million capital improvement project which, according to the district’s website, will be used “…to upgrade infrastructure and provide program improvements in all four of the district’s schools. It is anticipated that 50% of the project will be funded by New York state aid. Repayment of the balance is anticipated to take 20 years, with the average district homeowner paying $20 per $100,000 of assessed value annually for the term of the bond.”

I’ve watched the members of the NPCSD consider these capital improvements for almost two years. The board members carefully examined the safety and security of the students and staff, the costs, the impact on taxpayers, the way these proposed improvements match up with a longer-term master plan and a way to make sure that all four schools were updated in a rational manner. They also delayed action when they realized that some data and information required a second look. The board members did exactly what we elected them to do and, overall, both past and present members worked together effectively at their recommendation.

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Citizens Union to New Paltz when he comes here next week. Under almost any other conditions that might be, Mr. Dadey will be participating in a fake debate on Proposal #1 on November’s general election ballot. The debate is fake because the proposal he supports would write the worst kind of “insider’s game” into New York’s Constitution. There isn’t a single element of small democracy in any of it, other than the window dressing that appears to have fooled no one but Dick Dadey and Barbara Bartolotti.

Mr. Dadey’s organization has been active in New York politics for a very long time and was instrumental in supporting the highly successful experiment in multi-party proportional elections to New York City in the 1930’s and 40’s, until the Dems and Reps conspired to destroy it and create their new “chaosy.” And ways and means committee chairman Rich Geren- tine and Jeanette Provenzano, arguably Hein’s favor- ite депутат and staunchest defender.

Parete may have thought he got the last word when he wrote Hein on October 9: “When you think you’re the only one with a bull horn, you fall out with the tide.” Surely he knows that the never-say-die executive has been plotting to depose him since he took office. Hein’s goal is to install a more subservi- ent chairman, one who embraces the priority of the executive. He doesn’t want the chairman of the legisla- ture challenging him in an election year. But as Ronk points out, when there is brewing in the legislature resentment about how the execu- tive is treating their institution. Battle lines will be more clear as the abbreviated budget process wends through October.

Note on the sales tax

Was Cahill being serious or just mischievous in suggesting last week that Hein’s ability to balance the budget, cut the tax levy and fund millions in new programs could indicate the one percent sales tax extension might not be necessary?

The sales-tax extension, which Hein says gener- ates $22 billion a year, goes before the state legisla- ture in January. And as Cahill has demonstrated, it goes nowhere without his express approval.

Here and there

This is the time of the year when polls are never- ish hollow sounding, if you have to deal with it, which issues are resonating with the voters, which way the trends are going, and where they stand against their opponents. At a school in Ulster this week, congressman Chris Gibson claimed his internal poll- ing gives him a 20-point lead (about 60-40) among women over Democratic challenger Sean Eldridge. Given how Eldridge has emphasized “women’s is- sues,” at Gibson’s expense, that finding falls some- where between unbelievable and amazing. If wom- en vote that way on November 4, Gibson wins in a landslide.

Zephyr Teachout, former Democratic primary candidate for governor, drew rather smaller crowds at recent local appearances for her new book than on the stump. One wonders in retrospect whether her campaign was designed to promote the book.

The Kingston area chamber of commerce will sponsor what amounts to a legislative cattle call in hosting upwards of eight candidates for state legisla- ture from Ulster’s four assembly districts next Tues- day, October 22 at 7:45 a.m. at the Garden Lounge off Washington Avenue. With eight or more candidates squeezed into a half-hour format, only snapshots will be provided. But at least we’ll be able to see some of these rare birds in the fl esh.

The very active Lloyd Republican Committee and the Assembly speaker Joe Morelle invite the public to a “pig-nic” (pig roast) on Sunday at St. Au- gustine School in the hamlet from 1 to 4. While white- men fairly represents Albany’s voracious appetite for our tax money, for Republicans, a donkey roast would have made a stronger political statement.

Ulster supervisor Jim Quigley says he won’t be taking a survey trip to the Niagara bottling compa- ny headquarters in Columbus, Ohio until the Kingston man is in a final deal water to the compa- ny. Smart move on the supe’s part, but why go all the way to Ohio? There’s plenty of water at Niagara Falls.

On another Quigley note, the supervisor may be sending a signal to his candidates, with whom he’s negotiating new contracts, by cutting his salary in next year’s proposed town budget from $48,800 to $44,000 a year. Quigley knows unions won’t accept a cut, but hopes they will work a bit more freely. Realistically, a 1.5 percent a year sees the norm these days for gov- ernment workers fortunate to have a job.

Just two years ago, Citizens Union issued a report denouncing the decade-long practice of gerrymen- dering districts and refining them in favor of incum- bent and advantages one party or the other. So it’s surprising to read in Proposal #1 that “the core” of existing districts should be used as the basis for new ones! Or that, despite the claims that this will be an “independent” redistricting commission, the co-
Six easy pieces
Zephyr Teachout, a professor of constitutional law at Fordham who talked a third of the statewide vote against incumbent governor Andrew Cuomo in the recent Democratic primary, drew fewer than a dozen people to her book-signing late Thursday after- noon at Half Moon Books in Kingston (she was at the Golden Notebook in Woodstock Friday). This was her first appearance on her tour supporting her book, Corruption in America: From Benjamin Franklin’s Snuff Box to Our Own Times.
Though not all members of the creative class mov- ing from New York City to the Hudson Valley are progressive in political inclination, a good many are. Teachout, who has garnered 16 percent of the vote against Cuomo in Ulster County.
Both corruption and anti-corruption have deep roots in American history. “The meaning of the con- cept of corruption,” she writes, “is now at the center of the most vital legal dispute in our democracy, one that threatens to unravel what the framers built.” Teachout believes that public funding of New York State elections will help to organize the outside influence the wealthy presently enjoy in the political process.
At least in the present stage of her young political career, Teachout could have characterized the way Franklin Roosevelt famously described Al Smith in 1924, as “a happy warrior.” At the Kingston book- signing, she quoted the late Czech playwright and politician Vaclav Havel, “Hope is not a feeling of cert- tainty that everything ends well.”

There something to be said for the cultivation of instinct. Some artists throw up their hands when expected to verbalize their decisions in the mak- ing of a work of art. If they say anything at all, they mumble something like, “It’s not a verbal thing.” Others seem comfortable talking a blue streak about what they do and why they do it. Woodstock artist Grace Wapner falls somewhere in the middle. She described her work process in a lecture Thursday evening at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge to about 100 people. Wapner experiments with different versions when she creates a piece of art, rejecting some choices as “not working” or “not right.” She said she knows intuitively when a piece is finished. There’s nothing left wrong about it, ap- parently.
Seven pieces were displayed on the walls of the Maroff-Kotler Gallery. Wapner currently works with pieces of heavily textured, soft-edge burlap which are glued together and attached after further detail- ing but without framing to gallery walls, giving the finished works a rough-cut quality, as though what’s expressed within the work is too restless for defined boundaries.
The present work is deeply satisfying. I still don’t know how Wapner knows when a piece is finished, but these pieces felt complete to me. The work will be on exhibit through November 7.

The Thomas Cole House in Catskill, also known as Cedar Grove, hosted talks late Friday afternoon by three recent college graduates who have had in- ternships as Visiting Cole Fellows for the past five months or so. Rita Carr from Vassar College talked about Cole’s crucial first visit to the region in au- tumn 1825, after which he painted the five works that catapulted him into recognition as the most ac- complished American landscape painter of his age. Kathryn O’Dwyer from American University talked about her close study of the journals and other Cole writings from 1835-36. And Jennifer Morales from Amherst explored Cole’s relationship with the pa- trons who commissioned and bought his paintings.

It’s the economy
Every autumn holiday brings to the Hudson Valley a swarm of upwardly mobile creative visitors of every level of success. Every infestation of the nation’s most successful “creative class,” made fa- mous by Richard Florida’s now-classic 2005 theory that the cities to which knowledge workers congre- gate will prosper and other cities will not, represents a potential opportunity. They have arrived for nature, culture and community. If they find the Hud- son Valley attractive enough for them to want to es- cape the increasingly expensive and rapidly gentrify- ing metropolitan centers from which most of them come, our region is likely to be reinvigorated. If they don’t we won’t.
What do we have to offer? Last Thursday and Fri- day we checked out a half-dozen events broadly connected to my interest in the cultural history of the region. Here’s what I found:
On Thursday morning the state parks department rolled out a tour that purportedly showed that vis-itors to twelve enumerated Great Estates under both state and other management attracted almost 1.7 million persons in 2012 who spent $60 million in the state and other management. That leaves the O+ Festival — show how self-conscious he was about his fi nancial problems, Morales said, at assessing the rather thin American art market of the time. The young Cole scholars have in the past few years contributed to the supply of knowledge about the life and milieu of the most signifi cant American art- ist of the first half of the nineteenth century. The work at the Golden Notebook in Woodstock Friday was receive a bit of a baptism by fire when I learned that Jay and I had gone to the same college – the University of Pennsylvania, known fondly as “Penn,” or occasionally, “U.Penn.” In 1982, Jay LeFevre will be greatly missed
I am sorry to learn of the passing of Jay A. LeFevre. When I came to New Paltz in late 1981, Jay was one of the first to welcome me to the college and pleased when I learned that Jay and I had gone to the same college – the University of Pennsylvania, known fondly as “Penn,” or occasionally, “U.Penn.” It’s goods and services to the public for free. The events included a free guided tour of Cole’s newly restored studio at the Thomas Cole House in Catskill. The tour was led by Cole’s great-great-grandson, David Cole.

While the great estates are a draw, there are some critics who argue that the benefits they bring to the region. Here’s what I found:
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I am writing to encourage the voters in the Town of Rosendale to vote for the Democratic nominee John Hughes for Town Council on November 4. The reason is straightforward: we need a Town Council member who will truly represent the interests of the people of Rosendale. John Hughes is a man of integrity, honesty, compassion and independent thinking. I have known John for 15 of the 26 years he has lived in Bloomington. I have worked with him for several years on the Rosendale Democratic Committee, and I am grateful that a person with his approach and attitude towards people and issues is willing to run to represent the people on the Rosendale Town Council.

At a Main Street business owner, I share John’s belief that the future of Rosendale depends on maintaining its unique character and beauty. If you are interested in open, transparent, thoughtful, responsible, respectful and representative local government, please choose John Hughes for Town Council on November 4.

Stephanie Ellis
Tilson

Hudson River Playback Theatre to be part of One Book, One New Paltz

One Book, One New Paltz is proud to announce that local luminaries and internationally acclaimed ensemble, Hudson River Playback Theatre, is joining our week of exciting programming November 16-23. Hudson River Playback Theatre’s talented improvisational actors will entertain and reflect audience members’ real life experiences in response to this year’s book selection – Nemesis, by Philip Roth. All are welcome to listen and watch as our community, through Playback Theatre, re-imagines the themes of the book.

Robin Jacobowitz
for One Book, One New Paltz

Facing the burden of a necessary public project

The good news is that the Village of New Paltz is decommissioning an old, unhealthy village sewer and replacing it with a new system on Millrock, North Oakwood and Grove streets. This old system was described by Frank Richfield, who is a consulting engineer for the village, as a “ticking time bomb.” The sewer was cited in 1934 as faulty and it has been ordered to be replaced by the DEC. So the replacement is not just a good idea, but also a necessary public health project. There’s more good news. The village applied for and received a $625,000 HUD grant to cover all public costs for this project. That means, there will be no increase in taxes or sewer fees for the village tax payers in order to pay for this project.

The bad news is that the private cost of this public infrastructure project is as yet undetermined and will fall exclusively on the homeowners of 30 village properties. I’ll call us The Thirty. On October 6, at a public meeting about this project, Mr. Ruth suggested that no exceptional average, therefore, the estimate to go to the new sewer system will be approximately $4,000. This figure represents the estimated price for the work of digging up people’s yards, gardens and walkways and laying the pipe between residences and the new sewer. Then, The Thirty will also incur the cost of restoring the aesthetics of their front yards. In addition to this, several of The Thirty will have to pay for the installation, operation and maintenance of pump systems as the new sewer will be uphill from their properties. The price for the installation of these systems was estimated to be approximately $1,000. At the October 6 meeting, there are 30 properties at $4,000-$8,000 (maybe more). This grant-funded project is suddenly becoming very expensive for some.

The Thirty are already hooked up to the public sewer system. Ironically, I had to replace my hook up within the last two years because it was old. Now I have to pay to reconnect? If we are already hooked up to the public system, why do we have to pay to hook up again? Why is the financial burden of this public infrastructure project falling upon 30 private homeowners?

The Village Board of Trustees has promised minimal interest loans for The Thirty. Well, thanks, but we will still have to pay back the loans. At the October 6 meeting, I asked who, within the village government, is tasked with finding funding sources for the private costs this project will incur. The Thirty were told that resources had been exhausted and that the village government was not looking beyond the minimal interest loans. The Thirty were also told that we were certainly welcome to work together to try to get a better deal for the private costs. But, more importantly, I was disturbed that the village government had been saying that for over 30 years to justify their delays! As an advocate of sustainable practices since 1992, I’m tired of the delays of those who pretend to be reasonable, but who are really acting in their self-interest contrary to the best interests of society as a whole. I do not find Mr. Ruth’s response to be in the best interest of the people he purports to represent.

Caroline H. Hansen
Stone Ridge

Vote for Conscientious Rights

Did you know that if every gun owner in New York voted against Andrew Cuomo on November 4, he would lose by over a million votes? There is no better time for the people of New York to take advantage of the hysteria following the Sandy Hook tragedy to hastily create and pass the SAFE Act. This law has met historical resistance after it was passed. Over three quarters of New York counties have passed resolutions against the SAFE Act. The SAFE Act currently has injunctions against it going through appeal. Unfortunately, New York SAFE Act has a few good parts dealing with the mentally ill and firearms possession, but major parts of it conflict the Second Amendment. The SAFE Act makes the purchase and possession of certain types of rifles illegal except for those who already own them. These owners are forced to register what they own, as well as the place they purchase it from. There are other types of firearms that are restricted by this law, too. What are these particular types of rifles? A sarcastic answer would be to say...
anything that looks scary to a liberal. The actual legal definition varies widely by state.

These rifles have features that facilitate their operation. An adjustable stock to fit different sized shooters. A muzzle brake (the dummies in Albany originally mislabeled this) so the rifle doesn’t jump as much when fired. A pistol grip for a better hand position. These and other features like a detachable magazine make the rifle more accurate to shoot. More accurate means you hit your target and nothing else. This means safer shooting. My daughter greatly prefers firing one of these over a classic rifle.

This law was passed shortly after a madman killed 26 children and adults. This is more an indictment of our mental healthcare system and our diseased culture. Neither New York’s nor Connecticut’s new laws would have prevented this act of evil. Cuomo had this bill rammed through the legislature seizing the opportunity to pass more gun control laws.

Will the SAFE Act make New York safer? It’s already pretty safe. Nationwide, the gun homicide rate is about half what it was 30 years ago and Americans own millions more guns. If you take out our high homicide centers like New Orleans, Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia, our gun crime rate approaches that of many European countries.

Murders with rifles and shotguns account for about 4% of homicides in the USA. So-called assault weapons account for about half of that 4%. The total number would be about 500 homicides with a rifle or shotgun last year. Homicide with personal weapons (feet and fists) over 800 per year. Cutting instruments (like knives) about 1,800 per year. Mass shootings average less than 30 per year from 2000 to 2013. Every death is a tragedy, but let’s focus our efforts where they’ll have the best impact.

Bottom line is for gun owners and supporters of the Constitution vote Cuomo out of office. His opponent is Rob Astorino and he supports your Second Amendment rights. Vote for Chris Gibson and his conservative values for congress.

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**The breakthrough game?**

**New Palz girls’ soccer tops Marlboro**

by Rich Corozine

C ould THIS be the game? The one that shows the young and talented New Palz girls’ soccer team that they can not only play with anyone, but can beat them too. It was after all Marlboro. High-scoring Marlboro, 8-1 Marlboro. And irony of ironies coached by one-time New Palz girls’ coach Keith Walker.

Walker, as everyone who has followed New Palz girls’ soccer the past two decades knows, brought the Huguenots their only Section 9 titles in the early 2000’s. Three of them -- straight -- to be exact. They haven’t won one since. And the message the then-young coach (he still looks a decade younger than his now 40 years of age) passed on to his team, particularly after dropping a 4-3 overtime match to Walkill in a Section 9 semifinal the year before they won that first title, was: “You have to know how to win.” That overtime loss to a good Walkill team was THE game that showed the then young team that they could beat anyone and even win a Section title. The next year they did just that, but to win that first title the Huguenots had to beat a great Burke team in the wind, snow and rain at Middletown. They had to dig deep, tying the game in the final minute and winning it in overtime. The team had learned Walker’s lessons well -- they knew how to win.

This New Palz team has some of the same characteritics as that team. And they’re coached by Joanne Metzger, who was the travel coach for those girls a decade ago and is the travel coach for a bunch of these girls. They play the same pass-first kind of game, spreading the ball around, and play hard-nosed defense. All was evident this past Monday at home against Marlboro and their first-year coach Keith Walker, who, as comes as no surprise, play the defense. All was evident this past Monday at home against Marlboro and their first-year coach Keith Walker, who, as comes as no surprise, play the same kind of game as the Huguenots.

The game went back and forth in the early going as both teams passed the ball around and looked for an opening in the other’s defense. That opening came around the midway point of the half, as Fiona Weinstein, starting at midfield, dribbled through three or four Marlboro defenders to just inside the 18-yard mark, where her shot was blocked by Marlboro keeper Michelle Nowak as she fell to the ground. The ball marker in the first 5:00, the rest of the time with the ball in the New Palz end, Kucera, off of a pass from Jane- cone, had a look at the 18, but the Marlboro “D” was imperceptible. The Huguenots were definitely being pushed back. The pressure was mounting as New Palz was having trouble clearing the ball past midfield. Cochrane made a diving stop on a shot from inside the 18. Then a Marlboro rocket off the crossbar. The a following shot just over the crossbar. Then back-to-back shots from just outside the 18. On the second Marlboro shot the ball came out to Weinstein, who found Kucera downfield with a perfect through-ball. Kucera, out on a breakaway, was then pulled down from behind inside the zone. It was penalty kick time. A chance to ice the game. There was just 5:00 left in the match. But Weinstein’s penalty kick was stopped by a diving Nowak and Marlboro still had life. And at the 2:00 mark high-scoring Victoria Fino blasted one high and hard from 25 yards out that banged off the crossbar. And that was it.

New Palz had prevailed 1-0 in a game that last year or the year before -- they would have lost. On the heels of that big 1-0 game with 9-1 Walkill last week -- the Huguenots lost on a fluke goal in the first minutes -- one could sense that Metzger has this team on the verge of a break-through. It only takes one game and maybe, just maybe, this game with Marlboro was the breakthrough.

The Huguenots rested on a tear, clubbing Rond- out 7-1 as Allie Jacone had a hat trick; then beat FDR 3-0 on two more goals by Jacone and a solo goal by Lia Kucera (assist Erin Metzger). Cochrane had her fourth shutout of the year against the Presidents, with four saves. New Palz finished the regular season at 10-5 and awaits a seeding in the Section 9 tournament Class A bracket. Last season the Huguenots lost to Cornwall in an opening round game. **

**SPORTS IN BRIEF**

**Larry Johnson golf championship**

In something of an upset, FDR beat New Palz for the MHAL team championship at Apple Greens Golf Course in Clintondale last Thursday, as the Presi- dents -- tied with the Huguenots at 84 after the top four scores -- earned the tie-breaker with a better sixth-man score, as FDR’s Jack Rand shot a 56 to New Palz’s Myles Stipe’s 57.

New Palz was led by Wes Watts with a 40, Sean Copeland a 41, Nate McPherson a 45, Franco Julia- wise a 48 and Jimmy O’Connor a 52. For FDR it was Jeff Peters with a 38, Brandon Variano a 42, Mike Bo- ryk a 44, Nick Rand a 50 and John Jackowski a 52. Speckenkill finished third and Millbrook fourth.

-- Rich Corozine

**Highland soccer**

The girls raised their record to 29-1, beating Rondout for the second time this season. Ceritza DiValentino led the Huskies with a pair of goals (both assisted by Dani McGrath), with the other goal going to Michaela Kaffa- ele. Tor Capobianco had eight saves in goal.

The boys upped their record to 6-6 with a 1-0 shutout of FDR, with Jair Cruz-Vasquez scoring the game’s lone goal.

The girls host Saugerties this Wednesday, Octo- ber 15 at 4 p.m.; while the boys host the Sawyers on Thursday, October 16 at 4 p.m.

-- Rich Corozine

**New Palz girls swim to 8-1**

In a string of dominating performances that have slowed off their versatility, the New Palz girls’ swim team seems to be peaking at just the right time (a pre- diction that I never thought I would make just two years ago), with the 120-63 wipe-out of Warwick last Friday the Huguenots won every event save diving, where they have no diver. It was a tour de force performance by the entire team, but particularly by the “core” players in this, the year of the program’s redemption.

It was yet another double for Bridget Rodenzo, who won the 200 Individual Medley in 2:19.78 and 100 butterfly in 1:04.40; and Kaela Santos, who took home the gold in the 50 freestyle in 27.68 and 500 freestyle in 5:02.56; with solo victories going to Mor- gane Kuyi in the 200 freestyle in 2:18.42, Quinn Berg- er in the 100 freestyle in 1:02.05, Caroline Murphy in the 100 backstroke in 1:04.72, and Abby Santos in the 100 breaststroke in 1:20.07.

New Palz also swept the relays with Murphy, Berger, Kaela Santos and Rodenzo winning the 200 Medley in 2:00.08; Kuyi, Brem Richards, Berger and Abby Santos the 200 Freestyle in 1:52.45; and Roder- no, Kuyi, Abby Santos and Murphy the 400 Freestyle in 4:00.14.

New Palz is at one-loss Minisink for the OCIAA Di- vision 2 title this Friday, October 17 at 4:30 p.m.

-- Rich Corozine
New Paltz times

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The Huguenots split their games last week, beating Ellenville 3-0 (25-25, 25-43, 25-22) and losing to FDR 3-1 (25-25, 27-25, 21-24, 25-20) to make their record 5-9 on the season. Against Ellenville, Kelly Brinkman had seven kills and five digs, with Lexi Klinger with five as- sists and three aces, and Ariana Maceri with ten digs.

Wallkill dropped Highland to 4-0 on the season, winning 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-9), despite Denise Ken- don’s six digs and two kills; Emily Rider’s six aces, two kills and a block; and Alexis Brown’s three as- sists, two aces and two digs.

Webbuck visits New Paltz and Saugerties is at Highland this Thursday, October 16 at 4 p.m. *Rich Corozine*

**SPORTS**

**Up-and-down they go**

New Paltz boys soccer 1-2 for the week

by Rich Corozine

O NE THING THE New Paltz boys’ soccer team has never really figured out is...how do you stop Sean Cray? The diminutive red-headed Wallkill forward has torched the Huguenots over the years, with this season being particularly productive, scoring three goals in a 4-0 Wallkill win early in the season and three more in this past Tuesday’s 6-4 Wallkill win. This time around, Cray wasted little time getting his hat trick, scoring just a few minutes into the game on a perfect outlet pass from midfielder Andre Acevedo to the right-side of the 18-yard mark, moving in a little closer, then rifling a shot over New Paltz keeper Will Kay into the far left-corner from five yards out. A couple minutes later Cray notched his second goal on a breakaway off a perfect through-ball from Co- rey Scheibling, scoring easily from ten yards out.

Wallkill’s third goal came just a few minutes later as Zimano Ezudom took a crossing pass from a double- teamed Cray just outside the 18, decked the last de- fender as keeper Kay came out of the net to cutdown the angle, and shot it into an empty net from just inside the 18...it was 3-0 Wallkill just halfway through the first 40 minutes.

New Paltz’s Will Cymbal and Ryan Pinto each had an opportunity to cut into the lead, with Cymbal on goal with a direct kick from 25 yards away and Pinto a direct from just outside the 18, but Wallkill’s de- fense made things easy for keeper Tanner Puff. And near the end of the half Wallkill showed just how good they can be (and are) as Cray did a perfect give- and-go with Ezudom’s shot just wide-right from inside the 18. The Panthers’, though, were nonplussed, com- ing right back with Cray nailing one into the left corner of the net from just inside the 18 on a perfect feed from Santos Arias, As if the game hadn’t been iced already, Cray’s final goal put the Huguenots in deep freeze.

Wallkill scored twice more on goals by Arias and Toby Cramer, with Pinto finally getting New Paltz on the board. The Huguenots dropped a 3-2 decision to High- land on Wednesday, as Joe Dolan had the winning goal as well as an assist on a goal by Ben Ratke. Ryan Sorbello had the other Highland goal. Ben Cappett and Ryan Macaluso had the New Paltz goals, with Kay making 12 saves. Sebastian Vargas had 11 saves in goal for the Huskies.

New Paltz rebounded after the two losses with a 4-2 win over Marlboro on Friday, as Isaac Thomas had a hat trick, with Ryan Pinto scoring the other New Paltz goal. Assists went to Will Cymbal, Ryan Macaluso and Otto Richards, with Ben Gottstine making five saves.

New Paltz is 6-7 on the season and will have a cross-over game or two and hope to gain a berth in the upcoming Section 9 tournament in Class A. New Paltz was defeated by Sean Cray-led Wallkill last sea- son in a Section 9 opening round game. **

SPORTS IN BRIEF

New Paltz and Highland cross country

The Huguenots’ Lorenzo Mazzucchi looks ready – very ready – to defend his MHAL and Section 9 titles, running away from the pack last Tuesday at Ogden Mills State Park in Staatsburg and leading New Paltz to wins over FDR 22-33, Red Hook 15-44, Ellenville 19-44, Coleman 15-49 and Rhinebeck 15-50. The five wins have New Paltz at 12-0 heading into next Fri-

day’s Oct. 24 MHAL championships at Mills at 1 p.m.


On Saturday, Mazzucchi presented his State bonafides, finishing second in the prestigious Man- hattan Invitational at Van Cortland Park in 12:53.9 to winner Jake Johnson of Colonie’s 12:48.3. The New Paltz boys finished 10th overall, as Lawton was 45th, Zapatoski 55th and Boyd 58th. For the girls, only Hart broke into the top 50, finishing 49th in 17:23.1 to winner Kate McCormack of St. John’s Baptists’ 15:07.7. The Huguenots finished 21st overall.


The girls sole representa- tive – Emily Angelillo – finished tenth in 26:08 to winner Morgan Jurick of Rondout’s 25:34.

*Rich Corozine*

New Paltz and Highland volleyball

New Paltz fell to 3-3 overall (0-0 in Division 2 of Class A) with a 40-0 wipeout by Division 1 and un- defeated Cornwall on Thursday as they overpowered Jason Bailey threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns. While in a battle of the undefeated, Sullivan West beat Highland 6-0 on a last minute one-yard touch- down run by Ronj Padu. Section 9 leading passer Bailey threw for 283 yards and three touchdowns.

New Paltz hosts Division foe Goshen this Friday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m.; while Highland (5-4 overall, 2-0 in Division 2 of Class B) hosts non-league O’Neill on Friday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

*Rich Corozine*

New Paltz and Highland football

New Paltz wins tord to a 22-19 victory over El- lenville 3-1 (25-25, 25-43, 25-22) and losing to FDR 3-1 (25-25, 25-21, 25-24, 25-20) to make their record 5-9 on the season. Against Ellenville, Kelly Brinkman had seven kills and five digs, with Lexi Klinger with five as- sists and three aces, and Ariana Maceri with ten digs.

Wallkill dropped Highland to 4-0 on the season, winning 3-0 (25-15, 25-13, 25-9), despite Denise Ken- don’s six digs and two kills; Emily Rider’s six aces, two kills and a block; and Alexis Brown’s three as- sists, two aces and two digs.

Webbuck visits New Paltz and Saugerties is at Highland this Thursday, October 16 at 4 p.m. *Rich Corozine*
Skyler Lawrence

by Poppy Vaughan

NEW PALTZ HIGH School senior Skyler Lawrence is more than excited for his final year of school. Lucky to have found a passion for aerospace engineering at a young age, Lawrence has his sights set on studying it in college. With a love for adventure, he has found solace in cliff jumping, rock climbing and hiking. “My main goal as a senior is to go out with a bang,” he said. “I want this year to be the most fun and most exciting out of all four. I want to do things I’ve never done, try things I’ve never tried, go places I’ve never been and so far, I’ve been living up to that expectation.”

How has my overall high school experience been? Long, that’s a good word to describe it. Looking back at my years in high school I realize all of the things I’ve gone through and as I see all of the underclassmen going through the same things around me, I realize how long I’ve actually been in the school. All of it has been fine though, that’s for sure.

What activities or subjects have you participated in that have shaped you as a person? The main activity that has helped shape me as a person over the years has been sports, especially track. It helped teach me discipline, how you need to work hard to achieve success and I’ve also made a lot of friends along the way.

Who has influenced you the most? The most influential person I’ve met since the beginning of high school would have to be Albert Cook. His classes blew my mind in too many ways to count, and even though I haven’t had him as a teacher since sophomore year, I’ve still never forgotten how to play Black Magic.

What are your goals for senior year? My main goal as a senior is to go out with a bang.

What are your happiest and most regrettable days at New Paltz High School? My happiest days at New Paltz High School have been my years as an upperclassman. I can definitely say that the second two years of school have been much more enjoyable. As for regrets, I really have none! My high school experience has been exactly what I wanted it to be.

If you could change one thing about New Paltz High School, what would it be? If I could change one thing about the school it would be to bring the french fries back at lunch, without hesitation. I literally have no clue what to do at lunch anymore since fries have been like 85% of my food intake since freshman year. Please come back fries.

What are your post-high school plans (college, major, career, marriage, children, pets)? After high school I plan to go to college, have a blast while getting my master’s degree in aerospace engineering, work as an engineer and travel the world while doing it. I’m looking at mainly colleges in Florida.

What is your favorite hangout and why? My favorite place to hang out is at a cliff jumping spot in Kingston. It was introduced to me this summer and I’ve been there I don’t know how many times since. When I’m cliff jumping, I wouldn’t say I’m scared. It’s more like I’m fighting my body’s natural tendency to stay on the ground. And once I jump, the rush is incredible. I love the feeling of hanging in the air and waiting to break the water’s surface. It’s probably the most fun hangout I’ve been to so far in my life and it’s a place I can really relax.

Tell us something we never would have guessed about you. Something that a lot of people don’t know about me is that I spend a lot of time fixing, building and flying planes with my grandpa. I’ve always been interested in flying since I was young and that interest has stuck with me for my entire life. That’s why I chose aerospace engineering as my major.

What advice would you give to incoming freshmen? My advice to freshman is to be as calm as possible. I know you guys are still young and have a lot of pent up energy, but learn to mellow down. Upperclassmen will hate you a lot less. Trust me.

How do you feel about this part of your life coming to a close? I think I feel ready to make the next step. Since the beginning of high school all of my teachers have been preparing me as best they could for what comes after high school. Now I’m just waiting for that day to come by for me to apply myself to the real world. ++