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Big Plans For Majestic Park

by Barbara Sides

A skateboarder clattered down a ramp and a mother and her young son headed toward the swings as Mike Gagliardi, Chair of the Parks and Rec Commission, and I sat at a picnic table at Majestic Park discussing future plans for Gardiner's largest community recreational space.

The completion of the pole barn and the bridge to the barn, destroyed last year during Hurricane Irene, is Mike's first goal. "FEMA is providing all the money to rebuild, improve and widen the bridge to two lanes," Mike explained, "and the next order of business will be the dedication of the barn in late October or early November." The barn, equipped with a kitchen and rest rooms, will be a venue for community events of all kinds.

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We're excited about this new opportunity to broaden community dialog and, since we're a quarterly publication, to filling in the gaps between issues. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Photo: Kenna Duncan

Ferryer, Farrier Or Blacksmith?

by Anne Allbright Smith

"A lot of people ask me what I do. I say I'm going to school to be a farrier." "You drive boats?" they ask. Or, even better, this explanation to a group of girls, "I shoe horses." "YOU SHOOT HORS-ES?" Mike Mosher (left, in the steamy process of shoeing) says it's easier to just say he's going to be a blacksmith as most people seem to know that term. He returned last summer from a 36-week course at Kentucky Horse Shoeing School in Lexington, Kentucky, which he regards as the best school of its type in the country.

Mike (son of Gardiner Town Clerk Michelle Mosher and her husband, Scott) graduated from Wallkill High School, did a brief stint in criminal justice at Ulster Community College while also working

at the Mohonk Mountain House before working as a farmhand at Majestic View Farm. There, he concluded that hands-on work was the thing for him, and horses in particular. He doesn't care to ride them, much as he loves them; he feels more comfortable underneath!

Mike's course was divided into three 12-week sessions, the first involving learning to use tools effectively as well as a gas forge, shoe modification, plus the practical work of his class—trimming the hooves of 1,000 horses per week. He has worked with everything from miniature ponies to draft horses. The second 12-week period featured handmade shoes, a coke forge (more efficient than gas; heats faster) and anatomy lectures. In the third

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Melissa Milano

Photo: Bernetta Calderone

Bravery In Our Own Back Yard

by Bernetta Calderone

We live in one of the most beautiful areas. It includes the Shawangunk Ridge, a majestic state park filled with cliffs, trails, waterfalls ... and dangerous crevices. On July 14th I saw a helicopter over the ridge. It's a common sight. "Someone must have got hurt on the ridge," I said to one of my guests coming back from a hike.

The following day I learned that a man had fallen 60 feet into a crevice at Gertrude's Nose, a popular hiking spot in Minnewaska State Park. I also found out that State Park Ranger Melissa Milano, who lives in Gardiner and is the daughter of Patricia and Mario Milano, was at the bottom of this crevice responding to his medical needs. Melissa was the first at the scene; then came her partners, brothers Todd and Jamison Martin. A decision was made that she would be the one to be lowered down since she is an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT).

A crevice is not like a ravine, it's narrow, with limited space, so she couldn't take her medical bag. So, with no rope training at the time, she was harnessed and lowered in by Todd and Jamison. When she got to the injured man he was shaking from the cold, and in spite of limited visibility she was able to do an assessment.

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Melissa's medical supplies were then lowered and she did her "EMT thing." A paramedic came later and did what he does. Finally, they had to harness the injured man into a basket and he was lifted out and transported by helicopter to a hospital. They were down in the crevice for three hours. In the meantime, many agencies responded: the Department of Environmental Conservation forest rangers, Walker Valley Rope Rescue, Bear Mountain Rangers and Gardiner Mobile Life Support. When I congratulated Melissa for a job well done she replied, "I couldn't have done it without my team." She called to check on her patient the next day; he was out of the ER and doing fine.

As a retired instructor, I know there is always a question as to how a trained responder will react in an emergency situation. Some freeze; some watch; some take charge. This was Melissa's first crevice rescue. She took charge, and her team did an outstanding job. I asked her if there was anything she could have done better and she said, "We need more training for this kind of emergency situation. The ridge is unique, filled with nooks and crannies, crevices and ravines."

Melissa was educated at Oneonta private schools and Hartwick College. She is a certified EMT, an archaeological technician and is wild land and fire fighting-trained. She has limited rappelling skills but would love to have more training. Melissa has a goal, and that is to become a National Forest Ranger. She has high hopes combined with great courage and skills. Although it is her job to react in an emergency situation, I believe she went above and beyond her training and should receive a commendation along with her team members, Todd and Jamison Martin. Thanks, Melissa; you're an amazing young woman!

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Photo: Anne A. Smith

The View From The Supervisor's Desk

by Laurie Willow

From the desk of Supervisor Carl Zatz, here are the issues at Gardiner Town Hall these days ...

Sidewalks: We remain close, but unfortunately, no closer than we've been for the last six months, with no anticipation of getting closer. "It's kind of like a hamster on a treadmill

situation," says Supervisor Zatz. A lot of work gets done, but there is no forward motion. We have good rapport with the Federal Highway Administration and the NYS DOT [Department of Transportation]," Mr. Zatz continues. "They ask, we send. When will it happen? We don't know."

Cell Tower: The process of deciding whether to locate a cell tower in the Hamlet at the site next to the Town Hall continues. Different agencies are gathering missing information. The Planning Board is working on an acceptable site plan. The Town Board is considering amending the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR). The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is still delineating the wetlands at the site. Aviation hazards are being considered by the Town Board.

The judge in the ongoing Article 78 lawsuit trying to prevent the placement of a cell tower at this location has just ruled, after some \$30,000 expended by the town, that the case can't be dismissed. It must go on to the next step, which will mean more money in legal fees before a decision can be reached by the judge. Then, of course, there may be appeals from either side

So why, 10 years after the effort began, doesn't Gardiner have a cell tower? The biggest problem doesn't appear to be opposition to a cell tower. Most people do want better cell reception in Gardiner. The crux of the problem is location of the cell tower; the majority of the Town Board wants it on town property so that



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31 Yankee Folly Rd New Paltz, NY 12561 it can provide income to the town. Two town-owned locations have been proposed, one on the Wallkill River, at the end of Steve's Lane, and the current proposed site, at the gateway of Gardiner, next to the Town Hall. Each has resulted in major opposition.

The big question is this: is there a cell tower site that would not cause such passionate opposition? There probably is, but not on land owned by the Town. Several property owners have offered sites, some on land much better suited because of elevation and isolation from neighbors. Unfortunately, the search for such a site cannot continue without a wireless sponsor, and that can't happen unless the current site is dismissed by the Town Board as unsuitable.

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Gardiner Loses A True Native

by Carol O'Biso



Betty Moran in 2007 Photo: Phil Underdown

On Friday, July 20th Betty Donahue Moran went to bed for her afternoon nap. There were several books piled on her night table, because she had once been a reading teacher, and had always loved to read. There was a note pad there too, with a list of things she wanted her children to look up for her, because she was constantly interested in learning. Betty never woke up from that nap. She was 94 years old.

If there was ever someone who could claim to be a native of Gardiner it was Betty. Her father was

born in Gardiner in 1883. Betty herself was delivered, in 1918, by Gardiner's only doctor, at her parents' home on Phillies Bridge Road. She married Jim Moran, who was also born in Gardiner, and they had three children, two of whom still live in Gardiner.

A few years after her birth, Betty's parents bought a farm on Farmer's Turnpike near the Hamlet—part of their 60-acre dairy farm is now Majestic Park—and as a child it was Betty's job to pluck the chickens and weigh the eggs. Over her lifetime Betty watched Gardiner transform from a farm town, where many children did things like that, to what it is today. She lived through the great fire of 1925 that burned much of the Hamlet of Gardiner to the ground, and more than 80 years later, she could relate the details of that event with enough emotional clarity that a brief pantomime of her story, performed by the Hudson River Playback Theater, brought the audience to tears. Betty went to elementary school in the two-room school house that is now the Gardiner Town Hall and, as one of the first women in the area to go to university, attended SUNY New Paltz when it was still called the Normal School.

In 2007, as a bookend to those early days, hers was the first life history published by the Hudson Valley History Project, and she

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was astonished to hear that anyone, anywhere in the world, would be able to see her picture and read her story on the internet. Betty perfectly summed up the changes she had seen in her lifetime by saying, "I live on a busy road again so I hear everything. I used to know where people were going at 4 o'clock in the morning; they were going to milk the cows. Now I have no idea where people are going at that hour."

Betty influenced many of our local children. She was an early advocate for remedial reading education and over the course of her career taught in two different one-room schoolhouses; the main school in the hamlet of Wallkill; Ulster BOCES; and Duzine Elementary School. Childlike herself, she still wore a baseball cap at the age of 88 (and looked good in it, too ...).

Betty was vibrant, eager, interested and interesting to the end, and the world will be a slightly less perfect place without her. \square \iff Back Comment \implies

The All New Chestnut Mart

by Ray Smith

No guarantee on fuel prices, but there will soon be a completely new retail service station and convenience store in Gardiner, at Ireland Corners. Scott Parker, Director of Facilities, CPD Energy, New Paltz, which owns the property, described the new layout: "There will be two islands with two pumps able to accommodate eight vehicles. Diesel will also be available in addition to three grades of gasoline. And there will be a new more spacious canopy over the islands.



Chestnut Mart under construction in August. Photo: Ray Smith

"The convenience store will be about the same size as it was, but with more retail space and a more open layout. There will be picnic tables at the rear. Vehicle entry and exit will be simpler and easier and six new parking spaces will be provided, plus a couple of motorcycle parking spots and a new bike rack. Next steps include installing the two new fuel storage tanks at the site and tearing down the accessory buildings on the property. This will be followed by preparing the site. We hope to have the building up and closed in before winter."

When asked about opening, Scott said, "Our plans are to open before the end of this year." He did caution, "But construction rarely goes precisely as scheduled." ☐ ⇔ Back Comment ⇒

Art In Gardiner: The DM Weil Gallery

by Laurie Willow

I drive past the sign for the DM Weil Gallery— at 208 Bruynswick Road, just north of Route 44/55—often, as it is on my way to downtown Gardiner. Finally one day, out of curiosity, I stopped in, and what I

found there is astounding.

The outside of the gallery is so modest that when you walk inside and see what is there you are blown away. You enter through the office and gallery store and are greeted with color, light, open space and a very nice man named Ken Aspin, the Gallery Manager.

"We like to start folks off with a complimentary glass of wine or a mug of cappuccino, maybe something decadent from one of the local bakeries," he says. "Our visitors love it, and it's a great way to help support local businesses. Then they

step through the double doors of the gallery and are confronted by all the eye-popping color." Ken continues, "Whether or not they decide to purchase one of DM's originals, or the more reasonably priced giclees (prints on canvas), we guaranteed they wouldn't leave empty handed, because we gave away a free signed print to every first time visitor through the end of the summer of 2012."

For those interested in the artistic process, Donna Manger-Weil herself is on hand to recount the inspiration for her paintings, and to offer tours of her adjacent studio, where visitors can see works in progress. "I feel so blessed to get to spend my time creating art," says Donna Weil, "and as a way of giving back, I donate a portion of each original painting sold at the gallery to Manger-Weil House, the 8,000 square foot orphanage in Mekelle, Ethiopia, my family and I helped to build.

Donna is a gifted abstract painter whose collected works are housed in this 3,200 square foot gallery. She says, "My paintings are born

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Donna Manger-Weil in her gallery. Photo: Ken Aspin

from emotion, intellect and my unconscious. Artistic inspiration does not dictate my work; the process of 'showing up' each day to see what appears on my canvas is what drives me. I stand before my easel and often have no preconception of what I may do. I just let it flow from me. Other days I have an impression (image) or a technique I wish to employ. I may restrict my palette to a few colors, having no idea how they will work together until they are on the canvas. I often squirt paint randomly on a

blank canvas to create texture for an underpainting. I have done mixed media and oil work in the past, but quickly, acrylics have become my favorite medium. I am also a musician and a songwriter and I believe my musicality subconsciously finds its way into my paintings. My art can be easy to understand. If it makes you feel good, that's the bottom line"!

The DM Weil Gallery is open weekendsandbyappointment, so give them a call, and do stop there. It is a real eve-

opener. 845 255-3336. www.DMWeil.com. \square

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Twin Towers: Forever Connected To Gardiner

by Sue Conklin

The Fall, 2010, issue The Gardiner Gazette reported that Kurt Wulfmeyer and Chris Powers had been awarded the contract to

build the parapets at The National Memorial at the World Trade Center. The fabrication and design execution took place in their shop, KC Fabrications, on Steve's Lane, here in Gardiner.

It took Kurt and Chris nine months to fabricate and install the monument on the site of the old World Trade Center: the memorial opened on September 11, 2011. Their design is bronze, about 1/2" thick, made of 10-foot long panels. 2,983 names of the people who perished in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and February 26th, 1993 are cut into the bronze parapets around the perimeter of the two pools. The victims' families were involved in

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Above, one of KC's memorial panels. Below, Kurt Wulfmeyer and Chris Powers. Photos: Sue Conklin

the process, and visited the KC Foundry as different stages of the monument were completed. Architect Michael Arad selected the black patina created by artist Christine Corday (Chris Powers' wife) for the finish of the bronze parapets which carry the nearly 3,000 victims' names. The solution was applied using a brush and a propane torch to every single panel of the bronze parapet. "Every name has run under the palm of my hand," Corday said. "Each name here is a life, and that's never been lost on anyone that's worked on this project."

> Public reaction surprised Chris and Kurt. Not only do the people touch them, they rub them, and fling themselves on them. Children sit on them. Before the memorial was finished, people expressed much pain. "Now it's like a weight has been lifted." Kurt savs. "You can see the difference. It is a new day. We feel like we have really helped people." The first week, everything you can imagine was left behind at the memorial; piles of notes, Catholic Mass cards and photos. "Now, they put in tons of coins...like a wishing

well," says Chris. "It is a tombstone; before they had nothing but a pit." Mementos left behind are treated as artifacts, but the constant touching of the carved names causes wear and damages

the patina. This fact led KC Fabrications to a maintenance contract. They have between three and five people who-during the night, to be respectful of the people who visit during the day-work in shifts to reapply the patina.

Fabrications has KC evolved to a new level though this project. Kurt



says "When we are seeking new projects there is no need to explain yourself anymore. They have respect for what you did." Chris smiled. "We have always had a lot of work. Now we have more work and less sleep." Both have a great sense of pride and accomplishment. You can see their other projects on their web site, www.kcfabrications.com.



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Beeks: A Wealth of Automotive Information

by Doris Chorny

Derick Karabec was looking under a client's car and chuckling to himself when I arrived at Beeks. Asked what was so funny, he said, "This guy always takes the exhaust off his cars' mufflers and replaces them with other mufflers to change the sound, mak-

ing it louder, softer, huskier, higher or

lower."

Derick has worked at Beeks garage at the intersection of 299 and 44/55 for 25 years. He's been the owner for the past 20. Derick acquired the foundation of his prodigious skills from the former owner and a previous job. Maintaining those skills in the face of ever-changing technology involves attending seminars—sometimes four or five a year.

Derick has a loyal and respectful following of people who, he says, service their cars regularly. He added that a common failing among Comparing older models to today's cars, Derick noted that cars last as long as they do now thanks to computer-operated fuel injection; it keeps cars going for 200,000, even 300,000 miles. Older models had carburetors instead, which thinned out the oil and made the engine fail. Older

every 5,000. Failing to do this hurts the engine.

car owners generally is underestimating the importance of oil changes. Despite what some car manufacturers state, conven-

tional oil should be changed every 3,000 miles and synthetic oil

oil and made the engine fail. Older models also needed tune ups twice a year. Currently a tune up is called for every 100,000 miles. "Customers don't have to see me that often!" he said, cheerfully. On the other hand today's models will never become classics since you can't buy parts for them once they're ten years old. In addition, while Derick predicts that in our lifetime cars will become increasingly efficient, he does not foresee sweeping changes because the computer technology won't be cost effective.

Derick also sees a problem with the safety components currently in use. "You want to be in control, otherwise

there's the option of taking a train or bus," he says. "When a car parallel parks for you, or tells you when you're too close to a truck, the driver is too far away from what he should be doing behind the wheel." The passivity engendered by safety components, along with what Derick perceives as the next generation of kids expecting things to happen for them will, he fears, result in more accidents. Were it up to him, cell phones would stop working once a car is moving, the more so as laws regarding cell phone usage are not enforced. In contrast to the United States, cars in Germany don't have cup holders and that tells you something.

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A 1985 Ferrari getting some needed attention at Beeks Auto.
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Going Green, Regionally

by State & County Correspondent Nadine Lemmon

Editor's Note: The author heads the Transportation and Livable Communities working group of the discussed planning process.

In Gardiner, it seems we have to drive to get anywhere and every-

where. So when someone asks—how we can reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in the area?—It's hard not to answer: well, we can't. We like where we live, and it's just the type of place one has to drive.

But, as a new planning process is showing, there are lots of things we can do to help the region go green. The Mid-Hudson Sustainability Planning Consortium has kicked off an ambitious smart growth planning process to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region, and the community's got a chance to get involved.

As part of the Greener, Cleaner Communities Program, each of New York State's 10 eco-

nomic development regions is creating a plan to help achieve Governor Cuomo's goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2050. Statewide, there will be up to \$90 million available, via competitive grants, to fund projects identified in the different regions' plans. Despite the promise of funding for projects that come out of the planning process,

achieving a Mid-Hudson consensus will take hard work. An aggressive schedule has been set for delivery of the plan by the end of December, and the Mid-Hudson plan covers a sprawling, seven-county region with urban, suburban, and rural issues to contend with (the area includes Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Ulster, Putnam, Sullivan, and Dutchess counties).

Several working groups have been established, headed up

by a broad representation of individuals from the public and private sectors in the region: energy; materials management; water management; economic development; agriculture and foodsheds; transportation, land-use and livable communities; governance; and climate change. An example of one of the ideas put on the table is a regional composting facility. Take the millions of pounds of yard waste that Westchester usually hauls off to the dump, combine it with the food wastes from the region, and we've got fabulous, rich compost that can be sold to beef up our gardens, less dump waste (which

produces GHG emissions) and readily available home-grown soil enricher.

To chime in, visit <u>www.engagemidhudson.com</u> and add your thoughts. A draft plan and public meeting about the plan will be announced this fall, so stay tuned. \square \rightleftharpoons \square \bowtie \square \bowtie \square





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A Storm's Devastation ... A New Idea

by Kathy Muessig

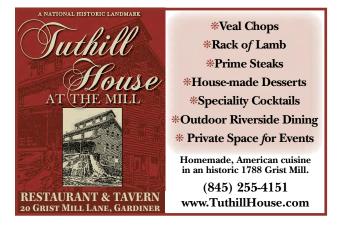
late summer of 2011, a plan and vision emerged for Joe Katz and Pattie Eakin. They had watched helplessly as the wrath of the storm swept across their property on Bruynswick Road, leaving three feet of water in their living room and taking with it much

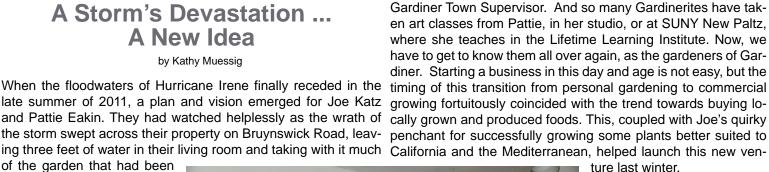
of the garden that had been farmed by Joe's family since 1940. Also washed away was Pattie's art gallery that, for the past 14 years, had occupied the ground floor of the two story building that also housed her painting studio upstairs. The devastation of that storm seriously impacted many Gardiner residents and this is only one story of a Gardiner couple's efforts to overcome the physical damage and follow their dreams.

What Joe and Pattie endured was not insurmountable and, fortunately, they could escape

after the clean up and travel to visit Joe's son in Tennessee. It for Joe? Can olives and avocados be next in his cold frame and was then that the ideas born of the storm's fury became a reality: something good was to come of the catastrophe. Inspired and rejuvenated by their travels, they returned home with a vision and determination to not only take back their garden, but to grow it bigger and better. And so, the Bruynswick farm stand was born. They would re-invent themselves by doing what they had always loved-growing and creating-but now they would produce more crops, opening a business that would include selling Pattie's crafts, Joe's fruits and vegetables, and baked goods—all done on a scale small enough to allow them to interact with every customer.

Many of us know Joe Katz from his recent years of service as





Joe's face lights up as he instructs you on how to grow artichokes-a vegetable usually grown in hardiness Zone Seven rather than our local Zone Five. You realize then that you are talking to a man who is doing what he truly loves and (he believes) what he was destined to do all along. He continues to challenge our climate to a duel by producing things like celeriac, kiwifruit and figs, and has plans to introduce us to black radishes next spring. What's

the new "grown local" frontier

greenhouse?? The hallmark of this home-grown business is its owners. Their personal rewards come from meeting each customer and being there to offer tips for enjoying the bounty, right down to the recipe cards accompanying some of more unique varieties of

onions or potatoes they proudly feature. When you do go, be sure to set aside time to hear about the workings of the Rube Goldberg-like water pump system, and for discovering one-of-akind treasures among the unique crafts that surround the walls

of the farm stand.

Their personal approach easily explains why they attribute the early-on success of this venture to word-of-mouth advertising. And, they have made many mouths (and tummies) happy. Pies and breads (think apple and pumpkin); Brookside Farm eggs and meats; local Widmark honey. What's not to like?

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Joe Katz and Pattie Eakin in their new farm stand. Photo: Kathy Muessig

A Knack With Flowers

by Laurie Willow

Sarah Faoro moved to Gardiner when she was four. Of course, she brought her family with her. Her parents found nine acres and built a house on Burnt Meadow, where Sarah still lives today. Sarah's Dad was a beekeeper and a flower grower, and Sarah knew she loved flowers early on.

Floral Affairs by Sarah started five years ago, and has become a viable business by relying on that great marketing technique call ""word of mouth." Someone will go to a wedding or birthday where Sarah has designed and supplied the flower arrangements and fall in love with what they see. Or a friend will rave about Sarah's skill and eye for the perfect floral design. Plus you will always find Sarah at the bridal expositions, near and far.

When Sarah begins plans for a wedding or party, she first has to ascertain the mood or "look" that her client wants. "Formal" looks include roses and calla lilies. "Modern" includes thistle and berries. Sarah also incorporates feathers and seashells and other "found" objects d'art.

When asked about the fleeting life of flower art, Sarah explains that is part of what makes it so precious. A bridal bouquet can be freeze dried, or duplicated in silk flowers. And Sarah always provides two bridal bouquets, one to throw to the bridesmaids, and the real one, which many brides want to keep.

At one recent wedding at Mills Mansion in Staatsburg, there were three locations that needed floral arrangements; the ceremony, the reception and the cocktail hour, all outdoors. Of course there was a big gust of wind and details flew everywhere. The sunflowers all ended up looking in one

direction, not at all how they were staged. Sarah spent the next hour trying to rearrange everything and was able to reconstruct the design before the guests arrived.

Sarah orders her flowers from all over the world, especially in winter. Want peonies in December? No problem! Orchids from Thailand, flowers from South American or Florida, and tulips from Holland are all attainable. In Campbell Hall there is a big wholesale flower market where Sarah can be inspired as she walks through the aisles.

Visit Sarah's web site: www.flor-alaffairsbysarah.com. You can reach her there for a consultation or your event. □ ← Back Comment ←



Sarah Faora. Photo: Alyson Fisher



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All In The Family: Four Generations Work A Gardiner Farm

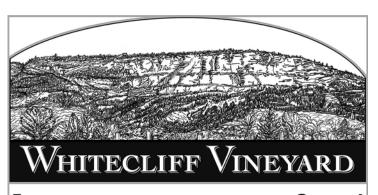
by Laura Rose

When I went to interview the Tantillos, the first thing that caught my eye was a large, wooden frame filled to the brim with ripe, fresh eggplants. I don't often wax poetic over eggplants, not being a huge fan, but these were beautiful. There were other vegetables too, of course, baskets of tomatoes, shallots, onions, potatoes, zucchini and more; and there was fruit.

People were walking around with little red wagons filled with produce they'd picked themselves, there was a play set for the kids, an interesting little gift shop and an ice cream stand with a gadzillion flavors that also serves lunch and snacky foods.

Most importantly, there were pies. Lots of pies. Generous yummy blueberry pies. Until I asked to see the list this week, I had no idea how many different types of pies they make. Considering my attachment to their blueberry, I am looking forward to eating my way through a good part of this list (!) which includes cherry, apple, strawberry-rhubarb, coconut custard, chocolate cream, mincemeat, pecan, pumpkin almond and more.

It surprised me to learn that the Tantillos also sow corn, rye



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Beverly and Leonard Tantillo on their 49th wedding anniversary (the day of this interview) with granddaughter, Jessica Ridgeway. Photo: Laura Rose

and wheat, and that they are involved in external events, like RibFest, the Taste of New Paltz and Gardiner Day.

How does one business do this many different things? The answer lies in generations of hard work and a loyal, close-knit family with diverse talents.

Frank, Pete and Joe Tantillo bought 124 acres in Gardiner in 1932. Pete and Frank stayed, dividing the property into two. Pete planted apples and other fruit trees and

built a bungalow colony (now apartments,) on his piece. Frank also put in fruit trees, and started a farm. Until the fruit trees grew, he distributed pasta.

Frank's son, Leonard, expanded his father's farm. He married Beverly in 1963, and they both still work it very full time. All three of their children, and several of their grandchildren, work on the farm today, some part time and some full time.

Beverly and Leonard's son, Frank, of Tantillo's Landscape Supplies and Services, was helping his father bring in the rye the day I visited. Their daughter, Jeannine, was in the kitchen talking to me and coordinating everyone's schedule simultaneously. She does bookkeeping, payroll, inventory and ordering; she helps cook the lunch special three days a week, and she coordinates all of the external events. Raffaela, their third child, is responsible for the pies I like so well; she was the baker (among other things) for 27 years and is "retired," but she was working the day I was there.

Everyone multi-tasks. Raffaela's daughters help out in the bakery, the farm market, the gift shop and the ice cream stand. Jeannine's sons can repair equipment, and both work on the farm when they're not busy with school or full time jobs. Her daughter, Jessica, has brought her computer skills to the farm. She helps out generally, and has also taken on social networking, the design and printing of menus, signage and photography. This is in addition to having just completed her degree at SUNY New Paltz in Environmental Geochemistry.

This year, Jessica is working at the farm while taking the accounting and microeconomics she needs to start her MBA in Sustainability at Bard next fall. She says, "Bard's mission is to include

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the people and planet as well as profit in any business model. When I read this, I knew it was the right program for me." Bard hopes to help develop a world of shared, sustainable prosperity, which includes ecologic and social justice, one business at a time.

Jessica plans to bring these ideas back to her farm, her family and her community, helping to incorporate green technologies and sustainability, so that farms like the Tantillos', that have already survived here for four generations, can survive into the next. She loves the rural quality of the Hudson Valley, and its many farms, and doesn't want to see these disappear to become shopping malls or mega housing developments.

Whether Jessica stays where her great grandfather established a life for his family in 1932 is an open question. "Bard runs this program through its campus in New York City," Jessica says. "I might make connections there and have to move closer." But she loves Gardiner, and doesn't think she'll go too far away.

Farrier, from page 1



The finished handmade product—a well shod hoof. The clenches (shank of nail bent over the hoof wall) are flush, nice nail line with hoof clean and no flares, toe clip properly burned into hoof. Well done Mike! Photo: Mike Mosher

12-week session Mike learned how to make different types of shoes. From the beginning Mike and his fellow students, numbering about 14, were learning from a freezer of cadaver horse legs, which Mike says could be "nasty, hairy and stinky," particularly if you forgot and left them out overnight, in which case they were "disgusting" by morning.

A farrier or blacksmith's job is physically demanding. The job is especially tough on the back and hips, for which he does regular exercises. "Control your back and don't hit cold steel" is his warning-hitting cold steel reverberates in elbow and ears. Slag burns are another problem and Mike has bruised arms to prove it. Interestingly, about half of the students in Mike's class were women. A shorter stature is an advantage!

Certification by the American Farrier Association is not required in order to be a farrier (unlike the stringent requirements in Europe). Mike, however, has chosen to continue his farrier education. As an exemplary student, he was given high recommendations by his school in Kentucky and plans to do a year or longer apprenticeship. He considered going to Colorado, where he would have gained experience with western horses hooves; they can be very dry and rock hard and don't grow as fast as those of eastern horses, whose hooves are softer and easier to trim. Instead, however, Mike is heading for the Nashville area of Tennessee. There, he will be working under a certified journeyman farrier. Mike imagines his new mentor will "work me like a dog, prepare me for the job, and train me to be the best that I can be." So, will Mike return to the Hudson Valley when he finishes his training? Even he doesn't know ...

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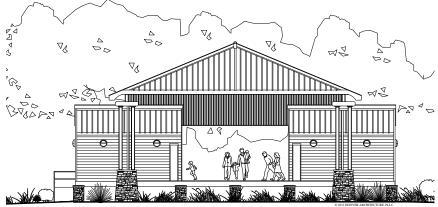
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Majestic Park, from page 1

Next up, and the Park and Rec Commission's priority, is the building of the amphitheater on the hill to the right of the pole barn. The plan has been in the hopper for about five years. Architect and Gardiner resident Kim Hoover designed the amphitheater pro bono. Mike's enthusiasm for its construction and use is immediately apparent. "The goal," Mike adds, "is to develop the

land to its full potential. Our hope is that the amphitheater will be the site of concerts, plays, movies and productions of all kinds." He mentions the possibility of a "Battle of the Bands," collaboration with SUNY's theater department, performances by the West Point Band and, of course, Roger Thorpe. "Once construction is complete, we'll move to the entertain-



A rendering of the proposed amphiteater, courtesy Hoover Architecture

ment phase with monthly programs and then weekly entertainment during the summer. I think that the amphitheater will be an amazing addition to this town."

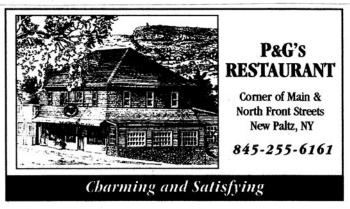
Information about the goings on at the amphitheater will be posted on the Town web site and through flyers in local businesses, Town Hall, and the library. The amphitheater project has

to be priced. The key is the financials, Mike says. If the funding comes in he can have the project started by next spring. Mike asks that anyone interested in donating time or money to it, or any other park project, please contact the Parks Commission through the Town web site (www.townofgardiner.org) or at Town Hall (255-9675). Donations can also be deposited directly into a "Friends of the Gardiner Parks" account at Ulster Savings Bank.

While the amphitheater will appeal to lovers of entertainment of all kinds, sports lovers need not despair. The overall park design, presented to the Town Board, includes soccer fields up above the amphitheater as well as tennis courts and a racket area near the white wall adjacent to the ball field. "This is our main park and our goal is to have people gather in this area."

Mike should have no trouble reaching that goal. Community spaces like the park, with something for everyone, act as magnets for people. The Parks and Rec Commission's imagination and passion make possible the creation of places where people want to be and enhance community life for all Gardiner residents.

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Just A Bite ...

This column reports on exemplary offerings from area restaurants.

Superlative Corned Beef Hash At Cafe Mio

by Carol O'Biso

It's been two years since *Just A Bite* visited Cafe Mio and sampled their fabulous French toast, so we went back for an update, and decided on a savory dish this time: possibly the best corned beef hash and eggs you will ever eat.

What's different about it? Well, they start with really good corned brisket from a Jewish deli in Brooklyn, which they simmer for eight hours. Instead of shredding it into the usual paste that generally constitutes hash, they chop it coarsely, so there are still big chunks in evidence. The chopped corned beef is then mixed with

onions and heirloom "carola" potatoes from RSK Farms in Prattsville. As a sidebar, Prattsville was one of those places that was nearly washed away by Hurricane Irene last summer, and though they lost six feet of topsoil (!) they have managed to keep producing their primary crop—heirloom potatoes—while they recover from the devastation.

What Cafe Mio does next with this terrific mix of raw materials is the most important part; they brown the heck out of it. That means

there are crunchy bits and soft bits beautifully combined. The hash comes in a big bowl with two eggs on top, cooked to your liking (over easy for me; see photo at left ...).

Break the eggs, watch the rich yellow yolks run down through your hash and dive in with the two slices of terrific bread that come alongside. The bread is from an artisanal bakery in Poughkeepsie, founded in 1880, and you can have white, whole wheat or gluten-free.

For \$10.50, this is a delicious and filling breakfast, brunch or

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Beeks, from page 6



Derick Karabec

Asked what was the scariest thing that ever happened at Beeks, Derick remembered an employee who wasn't paying attention while changing a fuel filter and set the spilled gas on fire! Fortunately the fire didn't spread beyond the gas on the floor and was quickly extinguished. On another memorable occasion—scary at the time, but funny afterwards—a driver lost his brakes at the stop sign at the corner of Routes 299 and 44/55. He drove straight onto Beeks' property and circled the build-

ing twice before the car ground to a halt.

There are many cars parked at Beeks for the long term. Derick works on them during his slow season, late winter, so he doesn't have to lay off employees, and then sells them. He also has a passion for old cars and has been collecting since 1986. He owns six or seven, which he doesn't typically sell. His 1969 Lotus is the most fun to drive; it's zippy. The prettiest is the 1965 Wolsley (from England) he restored for his wife. She chose the upholstery and paint color. Derick attends about five car shows a year and is vice president of a car club, and they both attend the Mini car shows in Canada and the US. He and his wife both feel it's a nice way to meet people and see the country.

Derick is eager to see Classics Under the Gunks—Gardiner's car show that ran from 2007 until being discontinued in 2012—restored. In the car community it was a very well received event. There was an unusually large turnout for a nonprofit-sponsored show, 150 to 200 cars, and significant amounts of money were raised. He is pleased to hear that someone has stepped forward to continue it, and that it will be held again next year.

And did you know these facts? Long-time Gardiner resident Bill Conner constructed the Beeks building when Route 299 was built in the mid-1950s. Before that he operated the garage in the now-broken down, weed covered structure at Benton Corners, diagonally across from Lombardi's. \square \iff Back Comment \implies



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Reflective House Numbers Strike A Glitch

by Ray Smith



Editor's Note: In the Winter 2012 Issue of The Gardiner Gazette we reported on a Gardiner Fire Department fundraiser that involved the selling and installing of reflective house number signs

by the Fire Department. This is an update for the households that ordered signs and have not yet received them.

Gardiner Fire Department First Lieutenant Luke Lyons Jr. summed up the lengthy delay affecting installation of reflective house number signs sold early this year by saying, "Overall, the project was very well received. This success overtaxed our ability to produce the signs and to get all of them installed as ordered in a timely manner. We'd go out and get one or two up and then there'd be a fire call. One time, a fire call kept us out till midnight."

Luke is overseeing the reflective signs initiative. "We have received some forty to fifty requests for signs, roughly evenly divided between homeowner install signs and those where the Fire Department was requested to install the signs. All but three or four in each category have been completed and we hope to get the rest done very soon." $\hfill \Box$

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Robibero Family Vineyard

845-255-9463; Winery www.RobiberoFamilyVineyards.com

Tuthilltown Spirits Distillery

845-633-8734; Farm Distillery www.Tuthilltown.com

Whitecliff Vineyard

845-255-4613; Winery www.WhitecliffWine.com

HORSE STABLE/TRAINING/BOARDING

Journey's End Farm

845-255-7163; Horses, Sales www.acps.org/journeysend

La Luna Farm

845-332-4519; Horse Boarding/Lessons www.LaLunaFarm.com

Lucky C Stables, Inc.

845-255-3220; Horse Boarding/Lessons www.LuckyCStables.com

Mountain View Farm

845-255-5563; Horse Boarding/Lessons

AUTO & RV/SERVICE/SALES

Beek's Auto

845-255-7376; Auto Repair & Services

Len-Rich RV

845-725-7624; RV Repairs www.Len-RichRV.net

X-Treme Rides

845-270-2504; 24 Hr. Towing & Collision Restoration www.X-Tremerides.com

RETAIL

HiHo Home Market & Antique Center

845-255-1123; Antiques & Collectables www.HihoHome.com



PERSONAL CARE/HEALTH

Homeopathic Consultations

845-255-8560; Homeopathic

Jennifer Stack, M.S., R.D., C.D.E. 917-370-7888; Certified Diabetes Education

The Repair Shop

845-255-9090; Massage by the Minute www.RepairShopMassage.com

Trendz Family Hair Salon

845-895-5437; Full Service Hair Salon www.TrendzFamilyHairSalon.com

CLUBS/ASSOCIATION

Southern Ulster Rotary Club

845-883-5913; Community Service www.SouthernUlsterRotary.org

Gardiner Association of Businesses The Voice of Gardiner Area Business

PETS/VETS

Gardiner Animal Hospital

845-255-1549; Veterinarian

Hudson Valley Dogwatch

845-255-3126; Dogwatch Hidden Fence www.DogWatchDave.com

The Natural Pet Center at Ireland Corners

845-255-7387; Pet Supplies www.TheNaturalPetCenter.com

LAW FIRMS/ATTORNEYS

Glenn & Breheney, PLLC

845-561-1951; Attorney www.GlennBreheneyLaw.com

FITNESS/SPORTS/DANCE

Got Rhythm? Dance Studio

845-255-6434; Dance Studio www.GotRhythmGardiner.com

Gunx CrossFit

908-433-9155; Strength & Conditioning Center www.GunxCrossFit.com

New Paltz Karate Academy, Inc.

845-255-4523; Karate & Martial Arts www.NewPaltzKarate.com

Ireland Corners Gas & Convenience

845-255-2256; General Store & Gasoline

Kiss My Face

845-255-0884; Body & Skincare Products www.KissMyFace.com

Majestic's Hardware

845-255-5494; Hardware Stores www.MajesticsHardware.com

Uptown Attic, Inc.

845-255-0093; Consignment Clothing & Accessories www.UptownAttic.net

BANKS/FINANCIAL/INSURANCE

Fraleigh & Rakow, Inc.

845-876-7035; Insurance www.FraleighAndRakow.com

LPL Financial Services

845-255-8680; Insurance & Investment www.lpl.com

Ulster Savings Bank

845-255-4262; Financial Institution www.UlsterSavings.com

Walden Savings Bank

845-256-9667; Financial Institution www.WaldenSavingsBank.com

MARKETING/PRINTING/MAILING

Cornerstone Services, Inc.

845-255-5722; Graphic Design & Fulfillment

NuLife Marketing

845-750-5085; Marketing

Pages Printing & Graphics

845-562-3309; Printing & Graphics www.PagesGraphics.com/Newburgh

Roots & Wings Publishing

845-255-2278; Publishing www.AftershockFromCancer.com

Vivid Business Communications

845-256-0000; Bus. Services, Consultants www.VividBusiness.net

ARCHITECTURE

Hoover Architecture, PLLC

845-598-4762; Architects www.HooverArchitecture.com

Matthew Bialecki Associates

845-255-6131; Architects www.BialeckiArchitects.com