West Point Foundry Workers Defied Danger, Economic Vagaries
Labor built an industry and community
By Liz Schevetzuk Armstrong

On Thursday, Aug. 18, 1859, William Pennan, a 19-year-old apprentice, went to his job at the West Point Foundry. He never came home. In an incident shrouded in mystery, he died on the job, “killed by a cannon discharge,” according to a sketchy note in an obscure book. Whether any parents or siblings mourned him is unknown, but his young peers clearly felt his loss. His tombstone, in the Old Cold Spring Cemetery (next to the Haldane school campus), was “erected as a tribute by fellow apprentices,” relates the obscure source, Old Tombstones of Putnam County, a 1975 compendium of grave listings. Though visible 40 years ago, Pennan’s tombstone, if it still exists, today cannot readily be found; graveyard weeds grow high, many stones lie toppled, and inscriptions on others have worn away.

A diverse workforce — except in gender
Pennan’s untimely demise, portending the deaths of thousands of young men a few years later in the Civil War, underscores the risks confronted daily by those who turned Cold Spring from a tiny riverfront hamlet into a thriving 19th-century village, home to an innovative industrial giant, the West Point Foundry, an ironworks established in 1817. Known not only for its state-of-the-art cannons, but for policies both enlightened and paternal toward workers, the foundry offered employees houses (initially rented, then sold), many still in use, and encouraged family life.

By Sommer Hixson

“Can’t stop giggling,” Shirley Hot said. Last month, the proprietor of The Cup & Saucer in Beacon reopened her business as a theme restaurant based on the cult TV series, Doctor Who. The average wait for a table at The Pandorica, Hot’s new establishment, is now two hours or more.

La Dana, a small sailboat anchored offshore at Cold Spring for the past several months, has sparked curiosity among village residents.

O’Neill High School Welcomes Garrison Students
Incoming freshmen attend orientation
By Mary Ann Ener

A group of 16 Garrison high school freshmen may be doing their homework in Philipstown come next Wednesday, Sept. 3, but they’ll be learning in the classrooms of James L. O’Neill High School across the river in this new academic year. Students will make a “Fresh Start,” the theme of O’Neill’s Freshman and New Student Orientation held Wednesday (Aug. 27), as they invest in the next chapter of their education.

James Lahey and Margaret Lahey in an undated photograph: A West Point Foundry employee, James lost an arm in a workplace accident.

Photo courtesy of Beth Myers and Scenic Hudson

Mystery Boat
La Dana prompts questions
By Michael Turton

Since late this spring, the most common question on the Cold Spring riverfront has been, “What’s with that boat?” A small sailboat, La Dana, has been anchored close to shore, directly across from Moo Moo’s Creamery, for several months. Comments from frequent visitors to the waterfront indicate that the boat has seldom, if ever, left anchor. Residents have also wondered about the legality of leaving a boat anchored for an extended period of time in that location.

Capt. William McNamara, spokesman for the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office, said La Dana is believed to be owned by a resident of Nelsenville. The Hudson River, he added, is governed
Eat A Bean

By Celia Barbour

My daughter, bless her, will lick a peach.

This display of bravery swells my heart, even if, immediately thereafter, she narrows her eyes and shakes her head.

“Too sour,” she says, both annoyed and apologetic.

In all likelihood, her impromptu verdict means that she will not revisit peaches until she is well into her teens.

She is 10 now, and I want her to love good food — food that will make her strong and healthy, calm and clear-minded.

I also want her to experience the things that thrill me, like a perfectly ripe, exquisite peach. But most of all, I want to stop worrying about her diet — and this, at heart, is simply a permutation of the great longing every parent has: I want to keep green beans in the house. I need to provide her with sautéed spinach or broccoli with garlic, caramelized kale, grilled zucchini. I need to make smoothies, and hummus for her carrots. I need to chop parsley for her to sprinkle over her buttered noodles, and slice up apples or bananas and set them down beside her. She eats these things gladly, so long as they are offered to her.

With Dosi, eating well is a joint venture. And sometimes I forget to keep up my end of the bargain.

My mother thinks my daughter is picky, and she would like for me to think so, too. To her, rejecting food is not only immoral (she grew up during the war) but also subtly unhinged, a sign of obstinacy bordering on madness. But who gets to decide what “picky” means? Not her. Not me, either.

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So I try to see the logic in Dosi’s choices: She does not like juicy, acidic foods. She hates tomatoes, strawberries, oranges.

And I’ve noticed that the more I respect her aversions, the more likely she is to trust me, and to maybe, once in while, ever-so-gingerly lick a slice of perfectly-ripe peach.

We were in New Hampshire when she did that, and a little while later, I went for a walk. The sky was overcast and drizzly, and no one wanted to join me. I started off up the hill, hiking into the dark woods, but stopped hardly 10 minutes later. It had occurred to me that perhaps the organic farm down the road was selling green beans. I turned and headed in the opposite direction.

Two miles later, I arrived at Booty Farm (“Booty” is the family’s last name, and does not refer to anything else at all.) In the rocky New England soil and challenging New England climate, they manage to grow some of the sweetest, tenderest carrots, tomatoes, squashes, and beans I have ever tasted, anywhere.

Their farm stand operates on the honor system, out of a wooden shed by the side of a dirt road. I open the coolers one by one. Peppers, zucchini, onions, potatoes, carrots — and finally, in the last one, a tangle of slim, young green beans.

I fill my knapsack with three pounds of them, put cash in the box, and head back uphill, feeling purposeful and good-motherish. And happy that my pleasure and Dosi’s will soon be in perfect sync.

Potato Salad with Green Beans and Herbs

One secret to a flavorful potato salad is to splash the potatoes with some mild vinegar while they are still hot, just after you’ve drained them. Another is to make your own mayonnaise — with lots of mustard and herbs.

4. When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, cut into 1- to 1½-inch pieces. Cut the green beans to ½-inch lengths. In a bowl, combine the potatoes, green beans, and shallot mixture. Toss gently. Refrigerate to set aside.

5. Ten minutes before serving, mix together the mayonnaise, mustard, and herbs. Toss gently, so long as they are offered to her.

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3. Mince the shallot and place in a small cup or dish with the lemon juice and set aside, stirring once or twice, about 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, bring a medium pot of water to a boil. Add 1 tablespoon salt and the green beans and cook until tender, about 6 minutes; drain and set aside.

1. Cut the potatoes in half. Place the potatoes and 3 tablespoons of salt in a large pot; cover with cold water. Bring to a boil then lower heat and simmer until barely tender, about 10 minutes. Drain, return pot to heat and cook over low until all the water evaporates, about 15 seconds.

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Over everyone loomed the potential for disasters like the one that killed Pennan. Perils in proofs Tests or proofs of cannon, to ensure proper functioning, could be particularly hazardous. "Things like that"—fatal accidents—in a proofing exercise sound all too common," Steven Walton, an assistant professor at Michigan Technological University, told The Paper, Tuesday (Aug. 26). In Pennan's case, Walton suggested, "it could have been an accident or could have been a bad barrel that blew up. Typically the company proofed it once or twice themselves, and then if it did not blow, they subjected it to an Army or Navy proof again. So if he was killed in that, I bet it would have been an accident in the company's proof process." Walton worked on the WPF archaeological dig and has researched and written about foundry topics. Michigan Tech, a leader in industrial archaeology, conducted excavations at the WPF from 2002 to 2008. "Accidents came with industry, and they happened regularly at the foundry, where workers contended with deafening sound, flying sparks, molten metal, and tools and products that weighed in the tons," the Scenic Hudson mobile WPF tour explains. "Add to that the crowded, cramped workspaces and stress of ever-increasing production demands during the Civil War, and the foundry’s doctor would have been just as busy as the rest of the workforce." The long-time WPF physician, Dr. Frederick Lente, in 1853-54 built The Grove, a spacious but now deserted home above Chestnut Street, and became nationally renowned for his medical acumen. Two serious foundry mishaps preceded an 1864 worker strike, a job-action ostensibly sparked by dissatisfaction over wages but launched at a time when the foundry ran 24 hours a day, under intense pressure to produce war material. Involving attempts to lift heavy weights, the accidents left one man with a broken leg and the other with a broken collarbone, according to Scenic Hudson. Also at some point, WPF worker James Labey lost part of an arm in an on-the-job accident. He survived, to pose with his wife, Margaret, in a photo—now included in Scenic Hudson’s mobile tour of the site. The WPF paid financial assistance to injured workers who could no longer function on the job.

Foundry executives also put in long stints. Letters from Foundry Superintendent Robert Parrott, an inventor and former Army officer who created the highly successful cannon that bears his name, attest to his inability in 1863 to even cross the river to visit the iron furnaces that provided the foundry with metal. Cannons "are ordered by the fifties" by the Union "and all my efforts required to keep up the supply," he wrote to his brother. "I have no let-up in the calls for guns" and ammunition, he reiterated several weeks later, "in fact, it is increasing daily." (The West Point Foundry and the Parrott Gun, a book by Charles Isleib and Jack Chard, contains excerpts of the correspondence.) During the war, the foundry employed more than 1,200 workers, about 2.5 times its pre-1861 level. A war-time walk-out Notwithstanding Parrott’s 24/7 duties, the nitty-gritty, hot, physically demanding labor fell to the factory workers. The strain perhaps contributed to the sole serious (or publicized) strike, in March 1864, when, according to The New York Times, about 300 workers, forming the Laboring Men’s Union, walked off the job on a Thursday, forcing others to leave as well. (Continued on page 4)
After months of discussion, the Village of Cold Spring Board of Trustees approved hiring an additional officer for the Cold Spring Police Department at their Tuesday (Aug. 26) meeting. Michael O’Rourke is a 23-year veteran of the New York City Police Department. CSPD has been short one officer on the schedule for several months, a situation which resulted in accrued overtime and at least one shift in which there was no officer duty.

Trustees also moved toward filling the two remaining spots on the new, seven-member Zoning Update Committee. Susan Peehl and Tom Monroe, two of five residents who have indicated an interest in serving on the committee, were interviewed in a closed session prior to the start of the regular meeting. Previous appointments to the committee include Barney Molloy, chair of the Planning Board; Marie Early, chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals; Carolyn Bachan, member of the Historic District Review Board; Michael Armstrong, former chair of the Special Board for the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; and Donald MacDonald, past chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The code, originally written in the 1960s, has long been criticized as inappropriate for Cold Spring because it was taken from a suburban community that — abruptly shutting the plant. The diplomacy of Father J. Caro, the local Catholic priest, who convened a worker meeting; a cordial greeting from Parrott’s wife when the workers marched en masse to her couple’s home, accompanied by Caro; the fact Parrott himself stayed at work, oversaw upgrades and expansions, and arrested the alleged strike leaders and ensured production resumed, all seemed to end the walk-out without violence. For a while, however, tension prevailed and teachers at the foundry school fled Cold Spring, worried about attacks. Teachers at the foundry school fled Cold Spring, worried about attacks.

— the West Point Foundry is featured in a new book; tour the West Point Foundry Preserve and take advantage of the mobile tour, also found on the Scenic Hudson website. The book, The West Point Foundry Workers Defied Danger, Economic Vagaries and Oversight, is available in bookstores and through Scenic Hudson. Tours of the foundry are offered on weekends throughout the fall and spring. More information can be found at www.westpointfoundry.com.

— the cupola’s roof is “completely bare little resemblance to the village. Three consulting firms have submitted proposals, seeking the contract to assist the village in implementing a $75,000 grant from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The grant will support the Zoning Update Committee in its work. Trustees agreed to set aside one meeting to interview the three consulting firms, each of which have considerable local experience: AKRJ, which worked with the Town of Philipstown on its zoning update; Barton & Loguidice, which is currently working with the Cold Spring Planning Board on the Butterfield project; and GreenPlan, which wrote the successful NYSERDA grant application and which worked with the Special Board in developing the Cold Spring Comprehensive Plan and LWRP.

Representatives of RBC Wealth Management and Penflex Inc. addressed the Village Board and suggested improvements to streamline data entry procedures for the Cold Spring Fire Company’s service award program — a move that trustees readily agreed to. Volunteer firefighters qualify for a pension based on years of service and Penflex specializes in administering such programs in conjunction with RBC. The village sets aside funds each year in order to meet the pension fund’s future pension needs. In recent years the annual contribution has been as much as $60,000 — an amount expected to be reduced to approximately $54,000 due to the strength of the program’s investment portfolio.

Cold Spring’s Village Hall has a leaky roof. According to Mayor Ralph Falloon the cause may include the cupola and a ladder that is permanently mounted on the roof near where the two halves of the building meet. The cupola, which is now empty, housed the siren for the village fire company during the period that the building served as the fire hall. Falloon said the cupola’s roof is “completely shot.” Steps are being taken to make necessary repairs.

Paving contracts were approved to complete work on Grandview and Parrott Streets. Carmel-based Intercounty Paving was the successful bidder on both projects.

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Mystery Boat (from page 1)

by state laws enforced by the Sheriff’s Office Marine Unit, as well as other state, county and local agencies, while federal boating and navigation laws are enforced by the U.S. Coast Guard. “It is my understanding … that there is no law restricting the length of time that a boat may be anchored in such a location,” McNamara told The Paper via email. 

As an example he said that if an anchored boat is left in or near a channel or blocking a public boat launch site, “it may constitute a violation of law.” George Kane, officer-in-charge for the Cold Spring Police Department, said that because La Dana is anchored offshore, the village has no jurisdiction over it.

WPF machinists and apprentices take a break for a photo in the late 1800s. Photo courtesy of the Putnam History Museum
Arson is my passion but I have to catch been "ongoing and constant" ever since. His training as an arson detective has quickly become a Level II Fire Investigator's toolbox. In one case she earned her reward by identifying a suspect in a police lineup. Peters explained that the burden of proof often rests with the arson dog — and Daisy has proven herself many times. In one case she earned her reward by identifying a suspect in a police lineup. "Arsonists almost always spill accelerant on themselves but aren't aware of it," Peters said. In the lineup, Daisy went directly to the suspect, sniffed, and sat right in front of him — the passive posture she adopts to indicate she has found evidence. Peters said is well suited to arson duty. The latter funds the program to the tune of about $1 million annually. For the insurance company it's a small investment, considering that billions of dollars of property are destroyed and hundreds of lives lost nationwide each year through intentionally set fires. "If one dog solves one fire the program has paid for itself," Peters said.

Arson investigation training creates a bond between man and dog that is incredibly strong, one that Peters said few people get to experience. "It was one of the greatest experiences of my life," he said. It is also an intense experience. "It was physically demanding and constant. Hundreds of drops of accelerants every day." In a "drop" an object is tainted with a small amount of accelerant and hidden. The canine trainee's job is to find it. Sniffer dogs are trained using Pavlovian response. When Daisy searches for an accelerant she knows there's a food reward awaiting her when she finds it. She's good at her job but must be recertified annually at a training facility in Montour Falls, New York.

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O’Neill High School’s incoming freshman class make a choice on school selection. Desi thought long and hard about her decision, Young said. “In her mind this was the only right choice. She wanted the opportunity for independence, to have opportunities academically, socially and athletically. She felt that this school supported every child as an individual.”

Class of 2018
O’Neill Assistant Principal Robin Haberman said that making the important choice of where to attend high school is often a family decision, and O’Neill furthered their outreach to prospective students and parents this year. “I think the kids are a huge part of the decision making,” Haberman said. “We hosted a [Garrison School] visit in January. They see some of the older students who share their positive experience. With our presentation, it helped solidify the decision.”

O’Neill student Carly Lawless of Fort Montgomery addressed students and parents in the auditorium during the orientation. She said the immersion of students from the Highland Falls, Garrison and West Point communities contributes positively to the O’Neill experience. “When I first came here there were only three or four students from Garrison,” Lawless said. “I think this year is awesome with so many. Our Student Council presented the Garrison skit and this year it was really good.”

O’Neill Guidance Counselor Patricia Lofaro said that students, staff and faculty came together with a renewed enthusiasm to heighten awareness of O’Neill’s atmosphere from academics and clubs to music, Junior ROTC and athletics. “We wanted to present a comprehensive overview,” Lofaro said. “They’re making a choice that’s going to impact their life. I take pride in meeting all my families and sitting down with them to start connecting early on.”

As she strolled around the gymnasium, hallways and cafeteria where scores of O’Neill students were leading workshops, answering questions about extracurricular activities and acting as ambassadors, she extolled the amenities of the school and the spirit of the community.

“We’re a small school,” Lofaro said, “but we have a lot to offer. “The Garrison students come well prepared and adjust beautifully to the school.”

Being prepared in high school was one of the signature messages echoed throughout the orientation. Keynote speaker 2nd Lt. Alex Bramer, a 2014 graduate of West Point, shared his own high school story. Bramer grew up in an unstable environment and was pulled out of high school before he even learned the purpose of a student council. When he realized that racing dirt bikes and moving on without a high school education would present few opportunities, he began to work to achieve his own small miracle. When he turned 18, he joined the Army. Through a long process and service to the nation, Bramer made his way to West Point and will continue his studies in economics later this year at King’s College in London.

“My story could have gone wrong at so many points,” Bramer said. He faulted his own actions for failing to make the most of his high school education, but stressed that parents play a big part in helping their children navigate life.

“Preparation, communication and determination matter every single day,” he said. “My advice and plea to you today is to make a fresh start and above all, apply yourself in the classroom.”

Staying organized
Orientation speakers emphasized the importance of traditional organizational skills. Though each student will have his or her own Google Drive account, notebooks, paper and textbooks still play a part as key tools for students. And the school promotes the 30/30 philosophy: Set Goals, Organize, Ask Questions and Record Your Progress, all while keeping organized with a meticulous binder system.

In addition to maintaining organization, Principal Trombetta, speaking to parents in attendance, shared what he termed as two keys to success.

“Please have your children involved in our community and in school. And the second thing, believe it or not, is the dinning tables. Families that eat together see more success. There’s a high correlation of these two things,” Trombetta said.

O’Neill Raiders
Several of the Garrison students are already suitting up in maroon and hitting athletic fields. Athletic Director Debra Crowe said that the district has 22 sports, noting that women’s golf returns this year. “One of my goals is promoting spirit and involvement,” Crowe said. “Playing sports can be a very rewarding experience. If you don’t play sports, there are other ways to get involved, as a team manager or scorekeeper.”

Keith Wimer of Beacon is happy with his son’s high school decision. A 2014 graduate of the Garrison School, Josh Wimer is looking forward to participating in Raider athletics.

“It was completely Josh’s choice,” Wimer said. “He plays soccer, golf, tennis and baseball, and he wants to continue. He had a chance to go to private school but he chose O’Neill.”

Incoming freshman Derek Champ is also looking forward to being a Raider.

“Like it a lot already,” Champ said. “I’m looking forward to the sports and I’ll be playing soccer, basketball and lacrosse.”

Champ’s classmate Alex Mancuso is starting the year off with enthusiasm as well. His mother, Kim Mancuso of Garrison, said that Alex looked forward to the sports, academics and music programs.

“Alex wanted to come to O’Neill because many of his friends were coming,” Kim Mancuso said. “I like the cultural diversity here and the programs are just what my son wanted.”

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Painted Betty Rocks Harder These Days

Reconfigured Hudson Valley band blends genres at four upcoming gigs

By Alison Rooney

Painted Betty is at it again. The local band fronted by female vocalists Deb Madsen and Sonia Rzy-Ryski is newly reconfigured, heavier on the amplification, and ready to rock out at a club near you.

An upcoming Sept. 11 gig at the Towne Crier is most prominent in their fall schedule, which generally includes two to three monthly performances in the region. Painted Betty is also in the process of recording a new album, which they've already titled Midnight Buffet.

The six-person band, musically unclassifiable, and described accordingly — previous designations, gleaned from multiple sources, have included “Americana, elements of jazz, French song, blues, lush and elegiac,” and simply, by The Paper’s own Joe Dizney as “sophisticated and eccentric” — has rebooted, with guitarist Mark Westin and bass player Jay Nicolas joining founding band member and multi-instrumentalist David Rothenberg and more recent addition percussionist Eric Starr in making merry, off-kilter, crowd-pleasing music.

“We try not to take ourselves too seriously,” says Rzy-Ryski. “We’re just fun, we keep it light, we’re not avant-garde at all, but — we want it to be good … We’re eclectic, and well-supported. Overall we do songs people can dance to, but it’s all a little twisted.” Madsen adds: “We came together for fun and were surprised how good the music could be. We tend to write whatever comes into our heads. Our songs are about life experiences, and actually they can be serious. We try not to be afraid.”

The band takes rehearsals seriously, setting aside Wednesdays on a committed schedule, which can be difficult with a mix of full-time and part-time musicians, each with non-traditional working hours and responsibilities. Dedication is key. Madsen is a nurse, and Rzy-Ryski, a former fashion model, now has a successful hair and make-up business under the name of Celeste Von Damon. She is also raising three sons, with whom she emphatically doesn’t share the music just yet. (“It’s too inappropriate,” she says, — “the album art alone …”) Rothenberg, a philosophy professor and clarinetist, has a multidimensional career with interwoven strands in ... (Continued on page II)

Saunders Farm Again Site of Collaborative Concepts Farm Project

Aug. 30 reception with music and performance art opens outdoor sculpture exhibit

By Alison Rooney

With this summer’s mild temperatures staving off the typical shock of the more temperate autumn, the 2014 edition of the Collaborative Concepts Farm Project seems less of a seasonal transition accompaniment than usual.

Beginning on Saturday, Aug. 30, (rain date Aug. 31) the pastoral pleasures and green hues of Saunders Farm will be contrasted by the shapes, forms, colors and ideas embodied in the sculpture and installations artfully placed in and around its 140 acres by Collaborative Concepts, in what is a perfect actual demonstration of the meaning of their name. The outdoor exhibition, which runs through Nov. 1, always from dawn to dusk, and always free of charge, changes with the calendar. As leaves turn and fall from the trees the visual landscape of the 18th-century Old Albany Post Road farm is altered, too. This year the landscape is divided into Here, There and Everywhere sections. It all begins with performance art and music at an opening reception, which lasts from 2 to 6 p.m. All are urged to bring a picnic and blanket and rusticity is confirmed by hay bale seating. A mid-run reception, celebrated with entertainment — this time dance, opera and theater — and refreshments will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 27 (rain date Sept. 28).

The exhibition/installation holds works by artists from near and far, and includes some living locally, along with an international contingent. Maps are available for self-guided tours at the mailbox in the parking area. Please be sure to close the gate upon entering and exiting. Saunders Farm is located at 853 Old Albany Post Road, in Garrison. For more information and a map displaying locations of the work of each of the artists, as well as detailed directions to the farm, visit collaborativeconcepts.org or phone 845-528-1797.
The Calendar
Looking for things to do in and around Philipstown? Grab The Calendar and go. For more details and ongoing events, visit philipstown.info. Send event listings to calendar@philipstown.info. See you around town!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

Kids & Community
Member Mixer
5 - 6 p.m. Highlands Country Club
955 Route 9D, Garrison
845-424-3254 | highlandscountryclub.net

Wine & Cheese
5 - 6 p.m. Antipodian Books
29 Garrison’s Landing, Garrison
845-424-3867 | antipodian.com

Health & Fitness
Navigating Healthcare Options
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Howland Public Library
313 Main St., Beacon | 800-453-4666

Hudson Valley Renogades vs. Connecticut
7:05 p.m. Dutchess County Stadium
1500 Route 88, Wappingers Falls
845-838-0094 | hvrenegades.com

Theater & Film
A Hard Day’s Night (1964)
3 p.m. D’reumy Film Center
19 Front St., Newburgh
845-563-3666 | d’reumyfilmcenter.com

The Two Gentlemen of Verona
8 p.m. Boicecol
1601 Route 9D, Garrison
845-205-9575 | hushshakespeare.org

Music
Steve Wells
5 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
2741 Route 9, Cold Spring
845-809-9557 | rounduptexasbbq.com

Zack Brown Band
7 p.m. Bethel Woods
200 Hurst Road, Bethel
866-781-2922 | bethelwoodscenter.org

Tom Keifer of Cinderella
8 p.m. Sugar Loaf Arts Center
1351 Kings Highway, Chester
845-610-5900 | sugarloafarts.org

Jolie / Redearn Ensemble
8:30 p.m. Quinn’s
330 Main St., Beacon
845-833-8065 | quinnsevents.com

Todd Lodigian Band
8 p.m. BearRunner Café
201 S. Division, Peekskill
914-737-1701 | bearrunnercafe.com

Myles Mancuso Band
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Café
379 Main St., Beacon
845-855-1300 | townecriermusic.com

Last Minute Soulmates
7:05 p.m. Whistling Wilkie’s
184 Main St., Cold Spring
845-265-2012 | whistlingwilkies.com

Live R&B
9 p.m. Virgin’s Sip N’ Soul Café
469 Fairview Ave., Beacon
845-833-1543 | virginssipsoul.com

Nailed Shutt
9 p.m. Main’s on Main
246 Main St., Beacon
845-838-6297 | maxsonmain.com

Every bit a cellphone.

Ouch.

We might not have found her, but I plan to get a new cell phone soon. I do think that for what my friend endured at the hands of an incurable cancer, i do take exception to my gentle breed being used in any association to a savage wild animal.

An alert to all local lions, coyotes, bears, oh my! have been spotted in these parts. It was reported that a man saw a mountain lion on Lane Crest Rd., its size compared to that of a Labrador. While I agree that the standard larger than a bread-box is not specific enough here, I do take exception to my gentle breed being used in any association to a savage wild animal.

Some might say our town is going to explode.
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4 p.m. Leah Nicolaỳa/Siegel
4:45 p.m. Judith Tulchin Band
853 Old Albany Post Road, Garrison
845-528-1797 | collaboratewconcepts.org

Ten Broek Molly
5 - 8 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
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Downing Chamber Ensemble
7:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Church
1 Chodrast St., Cold Spring
845-228-4167 | home.comcast.net/~downingensemble

Crossroads BBQ
8 p.m. Wristing Willie’s
See details under Friday.

Summited Dismissed
8 p.m. Barfly’s Cafe
Details under Friday.

Chris Hillman and Herb Pedersen
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

Michael Kadnar Jazz Trio
9 p.m. ChiWine Bar
173 Main St., Beacon
845-765-0885 | facebook.com/chiwinebar

Leo B.
9 p.m. Max’s on Main
See details under Friday.

Native Vibe
9:30 p.m. 12 Grapes
See details under Friday.

Children & Families: Workshop with Chakaia Booker
1 p.m. Storm King Art Center
1008 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

Kayak Tours
1 p.m. Bannerman Castle
2 p.m. Destination Waterfall
7 p.m. Fireworks Tour
Hudson River Expeditions
See details under Saturday.

Bannerman Island Tour
12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock
800-979-3370 | zerve.com/bannerman

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Fame (1980)
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1098 Brown St., Peekskill
914-739-0039 | paramounthudsonvalley.com

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See details under Friday.

Music
Mike Klubnick
5 - 9 p.m. Round Up Texas BBQ
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Songwriters’ Showcase
7:30 p.m. Towne Crier Cafe
See details under Friday.

Roaring Brook Lake 5K Walk/Run
8 a.m. Registration
9:05 a.m. Start
10:30 a.m. Awards ceremony
Lake Shore Road and Pudding St., Putnam Valley
rblpoa.com

Labor Day Celebration with Fireworks
7:30 p.m. Trophy Point, West Point
845-938-4159 | westpointband.com

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12:30 p.m. Beacon Dock
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37a Main Street, Beacon, NY 12508
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Guest: Bobby Pulita Band
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Chris Hillman & Herb Pedersen also Carolene Carter
Sunday 9/7, 7:30 pm
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Saturday 9/6, 8:30 pm
Tribe of the Indians
Friday 9/5, 7:30 pm
Painted Betty
Saturday 9/13, 8:30 pm
Vaneece Thomas
Saturday 9/20, 8:30 pm
Murial Coryell
Friday 9/26, 8:30 pm
Jain Matthews Guest: Christopher Brown
Thursday 9/25, 7:30 pm
Simi Stone Band
Patrick G. Cummings
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- 3 p.m., Audubon Center
  127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison
  845-265-2601 x15 | constitutionmarsh.org
  Reservations required.

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  845-265-9254 | haldaneschool.org
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  845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov
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  All Sport Health & Fitness
  845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
  7 p.m. Social Club (grades K-6)
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  914-962-3900 | yorktowngrangefair.org
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  Ham Radio Club
  845-831-1134 | beaconlibrary.org
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**Art**

- **Art & Design**
  Noon, Momminia | 113 Main St., Cold Spring
  845-265-2260 | momminia.com
  Music
  Open Rehearsal for Handel’s Messiah (First Session)
  7:30 p.m. Church of the Nazarene, Yorktown Heights
  914-737-6707 | taghkanicchorale.org
  Women’s Pick-up Basketball
  7 - 9 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
  107 Glenclyffe Drive, Garrison
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Scientists, largely related to music, writing and teaching. Both Madsen and Ryzy-Ryski sang in high school. Madsen, the huskier side of the trade-off vocalist duo, grew up in Scrub Oak, where she sang with a cover band which aptly summoned up the high school years with their name: Mass Confusion. They both packed their singing away in storage after graduating. Meeting up as adults in Philipstown, they organically came together with the other original band members, who included brothers Tim and Andrew Hall, and began to be invited to perform at open mics.

Naming Betty

It grew from there and Painted Betty was born and formalized. Its name was first derived from the Jery Kosinski

Doctor Who Brings Legions of Fans to Beacon

Since she was a young girl. She credits a next-generation fan for alerting fellow "Whovian"菲尔·霍尔特 about the Drainy in the Hudson Valley they should be sure to visit.

"A wonderful girl came in and asked if she could say something about the 'Doctor Who' convention on the Hudson in the Hudson Valley," Hot said. "She did, and the post went straight to the front page. From there it was picked up by almost every 'Whovian' in the Hudson Valley."

Hot says the timing of the Pandorica's opening with the season premiere is purely coincidental and that she had hoped to launch earlier this summer. The menu has also been revamped, a portal between dimensions, withRD doctor's robot dog companion, is battery-dipped French toast with a warm egg custard. The K-9s, named after Doctor Who's robot dog companion, are also available. New items include two versions of fish fingers and custard: an appetizer of real fish fingers with a citrus remoulade that looks like custard, and a dessert, which is batter-dipped fish fingers with a warm egg custard. The K-9s, named after Doctor Who's robot dog companion, are a portal between dimensions, with the Who Loo is a "crack in the universe," a portal between dimensions, from the first episode of the fifth series. The menu has also been revamped, slightly.

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Terra Incognita at Gallery 66 NY
Artistry of Carol Flaitz and Jane Soodalter opens Sept. 5

Two artists will be highlighted in the September exhibition, Terra Incognita, in Gallery A, at Gallery 66 NY, Cold Spring. Each, through her own chosen media, finds starting new worlds in infinitely small places, and translates them into fine art.

Carol Flaitz draws her inspiration from the realm of electron microscopy. She seeks out the anomalies in images barely a millionth of a meter in scale, and in them, finds what she calls “geological landscapes.” Using these landscapes as her point of departure, she introduces a potpourri of other mediums. Starting with a fixed base of crystalline salt, she builds layers consisting of acrylics, various resins, burnished wood panels, ground glass, and encrust.

Jane Soodalter has been a photographer all her life. Over the past several years, rather than seek expression through an ever-widening scope of subject, Soodalter has chosen to find hidden worlds through the realm of macro photography. First drawing her subjects from nature, she exposed the innermost secrets of flowers, plants, and — in some instances — animals. Her portfolio, Eulogy of Flowers, plants and — in some instances — animals. Her portfolio, Eulogy...
One meets Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., the workshop. All you need is pen and paper to write in. Explore and take risks in your writing. Bill Peckham directs this thought-provoking evening of high drama that is unpreachy and full of starting twists and turns.

Bill Peckham directs this thought-provoking drama by John Patrick Shanley. The cast includes Emily Hart, Nancy Nelson-Ewing, Rick Meyer, and Julie Eads Woolley.

Subsequent performances will be Sept. 6, 12, 13, and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $17 for adults and $14 for seniors/children under 12. Call the box office at 845-298-1491 for reservations or order your tickets online at countyplayers.org, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted. County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2861 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls.

Trines Hill Music Festival

Set for Sept. 14 in Katonah

C oncerts Continue on Extreme Thursdays at Quinn's

Quinn's continues to offer concerts on Extreme Thursdays in September. Shows begin at 9 p.m. Featured artists include: Sept. 11 — Juan Pablo Carletti Trio: Carletti returns to the Quinn's house Ludwig kit, joined by Tony Malaby on saxophones and Chris Hoffman on cello. Sept. 25 — Iron Dog; Sarah Bernstein on violin and vocals, Stuart Popejoy on bass and synthesizer, and Andrew Deery on drums and percussion create spontaneous soundscapes where minimalist structures erupt into psychedelic onslaughts.

Quinn's is located at 330 Main St., Beacon. As with most performances at Quinn's, there will be no cover charge at the door but donations for the musicians will be requested.

Ukraine/Crimina Talk at Howland Library Sept. 10

Join Dr. John Kotch as he presents an hour-long discussion titled The Crisis in Ukraine and Crimea: Crisis Diplomacy at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the Howland Public Library. Kotch will explore how the dynamic relationship between international law and international politics plays out in the Ukraine and Crimea. The discussion will focus on crisis management and diplomacy. He will raise questions such as, "What is a crisis?" and "What are its origins, both in terms of Ukrainian history and politics?"

Dr. Kotch holds a PhD in political science and international relations from Columbia University, an MBA in international business from the Columbia University School of Business, and an International Business Law Certificate from the American University of Paris, Sorbonne. He has taught at Cambridge and Harvard universities, among others. Visit beaconlibrary.org.

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Photo courtesy of BIRE/Clarkson University

County Players Falls Theatre Presents

Doubt, A Parable

County Players opens its 57th season with Doubt, A Parable on Friday, Sept. 5, at 8 p.m. in a Catholic church and school in the Bronx in 1964, the school's principal, Sister Aloysius, suspects the young Father Flynn of improper relations with one of the male students. With the help of a younger teacher, Sister James, she sets out to get the priest removed from the church. However, questions arise regarding her accusations. Is her obsession warranted or is Father Flynn innocent of her charges? What do you do when you are not sure? This timely play is a thought-provoking evening of high drama that is unpreachy and full of starting twists and turns.

Bill Peckham directs this thought-provoking drama by John Patrick Shanley. The cast includes Emily Hart, Nancy Nelson-Ewing, Rick Meyer, and Julie Eads Woolley.

Subsequent performances will be Sept. 6, 12, 13, and 20 at 8 p.m., and Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Tickets are $17 for adults and $14 for seniors/children under 12. Call the box office at 845-298-1491 for reservations or order your tickets online at countyplayers.org, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted. County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2861 W. Main St., Wappingers Falls.

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A convincing demo

During the interview for this article Peters and Daisy provided a convincing demonstration. Standing in front of the North Highlands fire hall, with Daisy waiting in his truck, Peters took out three small metal washers and placed a drop of gasoline on each. The reporter took them around the corner of the building and hid them in the grass on the baseball diamond — at first base, behind the pitcher’s mound and by the backstop — and then signaled Peters. When they entered the playing field Peters simply said “Seek!” and within about two minutes Daisy had found all three washers, and was rewarded accordingly.

Cross-county cooperation

Peters is one of about 30 members of the Westchester County arson team. Daisy is its only canine member. The Dutchess County Sheriff uses an arson dog named Libby and the Rockland County Sheriff’s K-9 sniffer is known as Scooter. The Westchester team routinely works with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office in investigating fires and with Rockland and Dutchess on an as-needed basis. Putnam County has not opted to make use of the Westchester arson investigation team’s services.

In 2013, there were 82 requests to use Westchester’s arson dog. Daisy was put to work on 67 of those cases. In total 33 were deemed arson fires with nine listed as possible arson pending further investigation. Of the remaining fires, 33 were categorized as non-arson while seven were classified as “unknown.” Houses, cars, commercial buildings, boats and other recreational vehicles can fall prey to arson. The motive can vary, Peters said, from an act of revenge to hopes of an insurance payout.

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I came home from my last day of garden school, aka Master Gardener Training, with the following items: three voodoo lily bulbs, giant sequoia seeds, a bag of horse manure, a packet of native wildflower seeds, a bulb of homegrown garlic, and a soil pH test kit. And I was delighted. I also had my official name badge and enough handouts, notes, and manuals to fill a bookshelf. If all of these things sound exciting to you, then hurry and sign up for the upcoming Master Gardener Training with the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) in Putnam County now. The next class begins Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The 15-week training provides Master Gardeners with basic knowledge about horticulture, botany and a range of subjects, including composting, veggies, planting for bees, reducing chemical use, and whatever small changes we make to our environments, then we all have a change for the better. Master Gardeners are in the unique position to carry this message to a wide range of people.

While my gardening and landscaping experience was limited to container gardening in Brooklyn before the training, it didn’t matter. The classes covered everything you need to know and the backgrounds of the other volunteers are diverse. Part of the fun is learning from each other and sharing tips and of course, plants. Join our Facebook page to get a sense of the many different ideas and ideas that come up:

facebook.com/groups/MasterGardenerVolunteersofPutnamCounty/

The section on soil was particularly enlightening to me. I didn’t know anything about this most essential component of gardening, but after a three-hour class on soil composition, purpose, and amendments, now I can improve my own growing material and advise others on how to do it. Soil. It’s What’s in the Dirt, that was the headline of my first column for Roots and Shoots, too. What can I say, once you can see the soil in the dirt, you become an evangelist. Organic matter is free and available right out there in the yard and it makes a huge difference to your plants. Brilliant.

There are nearly 100 Master Gardeners in Putnam County. It says a lot about the program that one of the volunteers has been involved for 30 years. It’s a rewarding program and a chance to contribute to a healthy community. Getting to know the CCE staff is another bonus. They’re knowledgeable, helpful, and super cool to hang out with.

The point of everyone’s effort is to take the research coming from Cornell, one of the top universities in the country, and make it available on a local level. Getting advice that’s backed by science, you can’t beat that. There isn’t a commercial interest behind it and not to knock Great-Aunt Gertie’s strategy for sprinkling salt on the tomatoes to ward off pests, but research methods are more strenuous at Cornell.

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Brigati Bricks Honor Blue Devil Legacy on Haldane Walk of Fame

By Kathie Scanlon

On another marvelous Hudson Valley August Sunday (Aug. 24) at noon, Dan Hughes was one of two people on the Lawrence Brigati Field, aka the Blue Devil Field of Dreams. A lone female athlete stretched before beginning her run on the track, now in its second season of use, while Hughes knelt in the sun laying brick in the Walk of Fame.

Hughes, the past president of the Blue Devil Booster Club, was co-chair of the PLAY Haldane project that helped to fund Haldane’s first turf field. The first 100 personalized bricks in the Walk of Fame are being installed in the area between the under-construction concession stand and bleachers. Hughes estimates this inaugural batch will be laid in about two weeks, well in advance of Homecoming, Sept. 27. The first home game of the season is at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 2. JV Boys Soccer takes on Hendrick Hudson followed by Varsity Boys Soccer on Thursday, Sept. 4, against Walter Panas.

Additional personalized bricks are being sold to raise funds to complete the concession stand/press box. The building’s first-floor shell is constructed and consists of two bathroom rooms, one that is handi-capped accessible, a storage area for equipment, a sink and scrub room and a concession area, which when completed, will have rolling gate window closures. This construction was funded by excess donations raised during the PLAY Haldane project, including the monies raised by the initial 100 bricks. The project had a goal of $100,000 to build the turf field and track as well as to upgrade the locker rooms and the auditorium audio-visual system. Since over $120,000 was raised, construction on the concession building was started. Dave DiGregorio is credited for the construction of the concession building to date. Volunteers and donated materials are being sought to complete construction on the second floor, which will house the press box and coaches’ area.

Danielle Musso donated her expertise to design the layout of the Walk of Fame. Center bricks honor Lawrence Brigati and Mark Villanti. Brigati, for whom the field is named, was the Haldane varsity football coach for over 32 years and grandfather to the new Varsity Football Head Coach Ryan McConville. Brigati died in March 2013, and his family asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to PLAY Haldane. The families of two other members of the community with strong ties to Haldane who also died in March of 2013, Kathryn Thorpe and Sara “Sally” Peparo, requested the same and collectively these three families donated $10,000 to the project. A brick purchased by the Haldane Foundation honors former superintendent Mark Villanti, a staunch Blue Devil and PLAY Haldane supporter who retired in January 2014, after the first season of Blue Devil sports on the new field.

Personalized engraved bricks can be ordered by downloading the order form at haldaneschool.org. Click Departments tab, select Athletics and scroll to lower left Resources to find the Haldane Brick Order Form.