Putnam Sheriff Holds ‘Town Hall’

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

In a “town hall” meeting in Cold Spring on Oct. 11, Putnam County Sheriff Robert Langley and his undersheriff and five captains discussed drugs, dogs, drones, and trust.

Langley, a Garrison resident, was elected a year ago, defeating Don Smith, who had held the office since 2002. About 35 residents attended the meeting to hear the officers respond to written questions.

Drug enforcement

The abuse of opioids and other narcotics is a continuing challenge for law enforcement, said Capt. Jon Jennings, who heads the sheriff’s criminal investigations bureau. He said that while the department traditionally regarded overdoses as emergency service calls or unattended deaths, it now also investigates them as crime scenes. “Our intention is to go after the person who supplied it,” he said. “It’s a complex problem with no great answers.”

Capt. Kevin Cheverko, who oversees the county jail, noted that “80 percent of the jail population is there on drug charges or drug-related charges,” such as stealing. Inmates often suffer from mental illness or homelessness, he said, and “jails become the safety net. It’s a huge problem and we have to be creative.”

The department recently received a $156,000 state grant for anti-addiction programs, including efforts to help inmates continue treatment once released, he noted.

Dogs and detectives

Capt. Harry Tompkins, the patrol supervisor, said the department’s six dogs are “the stars of the show, in most cases.” The K-9 officers can detect black powder, munitions, narcotics and accelerants used in arsons, as well as trail suspects.

And the dogs specialize, Tompkins said. For example, the department’s bloodhound concentrates on tracking, while two German Shepherds can detect illegal substances. Tompkins said.

Soundtrack for Poe

Nelsonville composer adds music to the macabre

By Alison Rooney

Just in time for Halloween, Daniel Kelly has created a soundtrack for Edgar Allan Poe’s chilling stories.

“My initial interest in diving into Poe’s work more was that it has survived the test of time,” says the composer, who lives in Nelsonville. “It’s as intriguing and disturbing as it was when it captured people’s imagination in the 1840s. I knew that I could create textures and sounds that were scary to accompany it.”

On Saturday, Oct. 27, Kelly and three fellow musicians will provide accompaniment for actor Lenard Petit as he reads a selection of Poe’s most tingly stories and poems. The event will begin at 8 p.m. at the Lark Theatre in Beacon.

Gov. Candidate Raised in Beacon

Molinaro takes on Cuomo

By Jeff Simms

Marc Molinaro isn’t necessarily known as a “Beacon guy.” Born in Yonkers, the Republican candidate for New York governor rose to prominence in northwest Dutchess County, where his family moved when he was 13.

It was there, in Tivoli, a village of 1,100 residents, that he became the country’s youngest mayor in 1995, at age 19. He had been elected to the village board a year earlier.

But much of Molinaro’s childhood was spent some 50 miles south, in Beacon, then very much a working class river city, where he grew up poor in a single-parent household. After his parents divorced and Molinaro’s father returned to Yonkers, Molinaro’s father returned to Yonkers, Molinaro took up residence in Beacon.

FARM ON WHEELS — A 1926 Ford Motel T Huckster produce truck was among the restored vehicles that lined Main Street in Beacon on Oct. 14 as part of the eighth annual classic car show organized by the Beacon Chamber and the Dutchess Cruisers club. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

Photo by Michael Turtur
Five Questions: Jill Varricchio
By Michael Turton

Jill Varricchio is president of the Putnam County Economic Development Corp., a nonprofit that promotes the county to businesses. Partially funded by the county, the EDC this month asked the Legislature to increase its annual contribution by $25,000, to $200,000. Varricchio’s responses have been condensed.

What does an economic development corporation do?
We entice businesses, including nonprofits, to bring their jobs and rateables [tax payments] here. We also support existing businesses with grants, incentives and networking to keep them here and promote commerce among local businesses. Our goal is to ensure economic vitality through thoughtful economic growth.

Did you dream as a child of doing economic development?
That’s funny! Actually, when I was about 5 years old, I remember playing with blocks and bricks because I liked building things. After college, I was a vocational counselor. Later, I became a distributor for a manufacturing firm, and was an entrepreneur for 34 years.

Putnam has the advantage of being near New York City, but does that also present challenges?
Putnam is unique; about 60 percent of the land can’t be developed because of its topography, New York City watershed restrictions and state park land, etc. When you look for places to build, you need infrastructure and in Putnam that means along corridors: Metro-North’s Harlem and Hudson Lines and Interstate 84. In Philipstown, it’s Route 9 and Main Street in Nelsonville. Right now there is a demand for distribution centers. Vacated strip malls can be repurposed, including as activity centers where families can get away from their computer screens and do something physical. There is also a lot of office space.

You have been the director for three years. What are you most proud of?
It’s always a long-term process, but I can think of three. Alexandrian Vodka, which is based in Romania, is establishing an anchor distillery in Carmel, bringing 60 to 100 jobs. We’re working fiercely to get the Philipstown accelerator project on Route 9 up and running. And we’re bringing a degree program in nursing to Brewster, using a former lab that has all the bells and whistles.

Most of the county’s tourist attractions are in or near Philipstown. The Putnam County Visitors Bureau deals with promotion but not infrastructure. How would EDC assist?
Bringing in a hotel is important. So are walkable rail trails and making sure there is a restaurant around the corner. But you can’t just pull it out of the air. You need to have the infrastructure in place. That’s why municipalities have master plans, to predict and anticipate what they want their future to be. Some say, “Let’s bring in tourism, but let’s not overdo it.” That balance has to come from the community.
MEALS FROM THE FIELDS — Jesica Clark and Leon Vehaba explained on Oct. 14 how to “cook like a farmer” during a class at Glynwood in Philipstown. The presentation included advice on maximizing a CSA share, which vegetables are OK to freeze and the best way to chop onions and garlic. For more photos, see highlandscurrent.org.

THAT MEANS YOU — A historic building on Main Street in Nelsonville is not ready for visitors.

Photo by Michael Turton

COFFEE WITH A COP — Deputy Anthony Tolve of the Putnam County Sheriff’s Office hung out at the B&L Deli in Philipstown on Oct. 3 as part of a national campaign to help officers build relationships in the community.

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Gwen Nerrie

What a great cartoon on a true “pillar of our Beacon community” (“Beaconite to Beac onite,” Oct. 12). My family and I grew up in Beacon and two of my sisters and myself worked for / with Gwen and Trav Nerrie for years at Nerrie Pharmacy. They were such a wonderful couple, and Gwen is and has always been extremely kind, humble and loving. She would do anything for anyone.

Diane Meeker-Butler, Beacon

New Assistant D.A.

I am writing to commend the Putnam County executive and legislature for funding a new assistant district attorney position.

Since the opioid epidemic began to explode in 2008, the district attorney’s office has had the same number of assistant DAs, even after the county was designated a federal High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Area in 2014, and overdoses and deaths continued to climb.

After two years on the job as district attorney, and after designating a highly experienced narcotics assistant to handle felony drug investigations and prosecutions, I asked the legislature and county executive to take this important—and expensive—step.

I was happy to receive strong support from all the legislators and the county executive. They evinced a knowledge and concern that, while not necessarily a surprise, was greater than I expected. They clearly understand the problem.

My office will now have two assistant DAs focused on investigations, treatment options, education and vigorous prosecution. This is a highly specialized field, and the new position will have a dramatic effect on our ability to combat this terrible problem.

Robert Tendy, Carmel Tendy is the Putnam County district attorney.

Serino declines

Political forums and debates have always been accepted as a necessary part of campaigning for political office. It is a time-honored democratic process that a political candidate should fulfill if he or she considers running. The forums work for both the voters and the candidates: Voters are given an opportunity to form a firsthand impression of the candidates, and the candidates are given a platform to present their views.

Three towns in Putnam County are...
within state Senate District 41: Philipstown, Putnam Valley and Kent. Most of the district is in Dutchess County (including Beacon). The League of Women Voters of Putnam County scheduled a candidate’s forum on Oct. 18 in Kent, and both candidates for the seat, incumbent Sue Serino (R) and Karen Smythe (D) were invited to attend. Sen. Serino declined, saying she had a prior commitment.

We realize how busy candidates can be during the campaign season, so we sent our invitations six weeks in advance. Every other invited candidate said they could attend. However, our policy is that if one candidate in a race cannot be there, we do not hold “empty” chair forums. So when Karen Smythe accepted our invitation, we decided we could not allow her to sit and we all live.

As Kent supervisor for the past 10 years, Maureen Fleming has illustrated a depth of knowledge of every issue because of the diligence she shows in her approach to the job. Because she knows how government is supposed to work in our democracy, Maureen would find it unthinkable to make decisions without full collaboration with her fellow legislators.

Here is something everyone will pay attention to: During her tenure as supervisor, there have been zero tax increases in Kent, and Maureen has taken great care to bring spending under control. In this small place in our country, Maureen reaches out to everyone regardless of party affiliation because she commits herself to our community, the place where she and we all live.

Maureen is terrific. Remember to vote for her on Nov. 6.

Carol Ettlinger, Carmel

As I see it, Putnam County is in great financial shape. We have paid off pension debt, have paid down short-term debt, have paid down long-term debt and have a healthy fund balance for the future. We have a 2 percent tax increase, or $24 for the average property owner, and are still the lowest county tax in New York.

We continue to pay for state mandates, which eats up approximately 90 percent of our budget. Putnam continues to support our nonprofits and pay towns and schools when residents don’t pay their tax bills. We have all of this because of the capable leadership of MaryEllen Odell. Putnam County government is on the right track and I am voting for those who have a proven track record. The message is clear: when so much is right, it is wrong to vote for anyone else on Nov. 6. Listen to the message of those who want to challenge good government and then vote for the skill and vision that the Odell administration has delivered. Support MaryEllen for four more years of excellence.

John Benjamin, Garrison

I am writing to express grave concerns about Maureen Fleming’s actions in her bid for Putnam County executive. She professes policies, which, if enacted, would cause crime rates to rise and endanger the lives of our families. In 2017, Fleming pushed for a sanctuary city bill in Kent, where she is supervisor. What is not commonly known is this bill would have given substantial legal protections to members of criminal cartels such as MS-13. Police would have difficulty stopping, questioning or arresting these thugs. Brewster is starting to see the first influx of MS-13. How long until MS-13 starts spreading to the rest of the county?

On the flip side, Fleming has been vocal about passing gun control and confiscating legal firearms from law-abiding, decent citizens. She is blind in her belief that disarming law-abiding Americans will result in lower crime rates. I don’t want any of Fleming’s policies being put into place. I hope her ideas forever remain in the reject bin.

Christopher Turan, Patterson

Turan is the secretary of the Putnam County Firearm Owners Association

What Putnam County needs now, more than ever, is change — change from the Odell administration that supports par

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current administration.

The day of change is Nov. 6. If you’re

tired of being stepped on by the current

administration, it’s time you step out and

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Robert Ferguson, Mahopac

Assembly District 95 race

As a longtime follower of the political

scene and a more recent progressive activ-

ist, I ask for your enthusiastic support of

the re-election of Sandy Galef on Nov. 6 to

the state Assembly representing District

95, which includes Philipstown. A vote for

Sandy is a vote for us all.

In this age of partisan politics and ego-
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cerned about, bringing informed speakers
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Here are just some of the legislative is-

sues she has either initiated or supported in

Albany: election reform, limiting prop-

terty tax increases, increased aid to educa-

tion, environmental protection, support of

women’s health and equality issues, child

protection, financial aid for those impacted by

Indian Point nuclear plant closure, sensible

health care programs and advocacy for ethi-

c reform in Albany.

Please get out and vote in this critically

important midterm election, and please
cast a vote for Sandy Galef.

Jay Forbes, Croton

On Nov. 6, I plan to vote for Sandy Galef.

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man shepherds do tracking and drug detection. Whatever their role, each has “a great following,” he said.

Drone patrol
Capt. James Babcock, who handles operations, said the department recently acquired a powerful drone, whose functions “are endless. It’s going to be an awesome asset for us” to find lost hikers, locate a property, reconstruct an accident or crime, and for surveillance before serving a warrant. The drone will also be used to assist local police and firefighters, he said.

Chain saws
With a drone in hand, the department has another hot item on its wish list, Tompkins said. “Most patrol cars don’t come equipped with chain saws,” he noted, but they’re invaluable for some rescues and other incidents, he said.

Further, the department wants to create an emergency services unit, conduct training with fire departments and other agencies, and generally become more versatile in crises. “It will just bring a better service to the people of Putnam County,” he said.

The feds
Tompkins, Undersheriff Michael Corrigan and Jennings, a former FBI agent, said the Sheriff’s Department has excellent relationships with state and federal law enforcement agencies. Corrigan observed that “crime knows no borders. We can pick up the phone and call anybody any time in any country to help us.” He added: “It’s a two-way street.”

Community trust
The Sheriff’s Department personnel and Officer-in-Charge Larry Burke of the Cold Spring Police Department, who also responded to questions, emphasized the importance of building trust with the community. Their strategies include having school resource officers (SROs), who are sheriff’s deputies on duty at public schools, become friendly and familiar to students, Langley said.

“Don’t underestimate the relationship cultivated” with SROs, Corrigan added. “These relationships become so trusting that there are many times” when a student will confide information about another child who has suffered physical abuse, or considered suicide or engaged in harmful behavior. The SRO can intervene, while shielding the student who spoke up, Corrigan said. “We don’t want anyone to be sorry they came to us.”

At the Cold Spring Police Department, part of building trust means “it’s back to community policing for my guys,” Burke said. “It’s more uniforms out there, and more communications,” especially during tourism season. “It’s more for the community, more for the visitors, more for the residents.”

Praising the Sheriff’s Department as a terrific partner, Burke mentioned their common motivation — they’re all cops. “We do this because we love it,” he said. “This is what we give to you guys [the public]. It’s not a job. It’s what we were born to do.”

Molinaro (from Page 1)
Molinaro and his mother and two brothers lived on Roundtree Court, in what had been the city’s industrial corridor. It was during those years, he says, that he first learned who he was and where he’d come from.

“Roundtree was a cool place to have a poor childhood,” he recalled during an interview last week. “It was a traditional small neighborhood. The road used to dead-end, and I remember playing cops and robbers and stickball out there.”

Molinaro’s grandparents lived across the street and provided a second home for their grandchildren.

“For me it was very special,” he says. “I had a mom who encouraged us to respect others and respect ourselves and I had grandparents who encouraged us to work hard and be honest.”

While Molinaro attended J.V. Forrestal Elementary School, his mom baby-sat to earn extra money. Food stamps helped put bread on the table and, he says with a laugh, “I thought the electric company called everybody to check on them.”

He describes waiting in social services lines with his mother, and how demoralized she felt. “Because my father didn’t live with us, in some ways I was forced to grow up very quickly. Those years were really formative.”

After his family moved to Tivoli in 1989, Molinaro says he started to become the “government geek” he calls himself today. In 1992, as a junior in high school, he raised enough money to travel to Washington, D.C., to study in the Presidential Classroom, a weeklong program founded by John F. Kennedy for students interested in history and government. Enamored with public service, Molinaro then interned for Eileen Hickey, a Democrat from Poughkeepsie who represented the 97th District in the state Assembly in 1993 and 1994.

Since age 18, Molinaro has won a dozen elections. He was re-elected as Tivoli’s mayor five times, and elected four times to the Dutchess County Legislature. In 2011, at age 36, he was elected Dutchess County’s youngest-ever county executive. He was re-elected in 2015 to a second, four-year term.

Beacon Mayor Randy Casale met Molinaro in the late 1990s when both served on the county’s Traffic Safety Board.

“He was always enthusiastic and involved,” Casale says. “He was a doer. It’s pretty cool that he started out here. It shows people that if you have a will, there’s a way.”

Molinaro has also bonded with former Beacon City Council member Ali Muhammad, who calls Molinaro a personal and profession-

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Maloney: ‘Because I Can Do More’
Highlands rep explains run for attorney general

By Liz Schevtchuk Armstrong

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ith congressional campaigns in full swing, Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney stopped close to home on Sunday (Oct. 14) to explain his failed run for state attorney general, defend bipartisanship, and express determination to see Democrats become the majority in the House of Representatives.

Maloney, who lives just outside Cold Spring, is seeking his fourth term representing New York’s 18th District, which includes the Highlands. He spoke at the Old VFW Hall to about 40 people at a gathering announced two days earlier.

Attorney general race
After entering the race relatively late, Maloney finished third of four candidates on Sept. 13 in the Democratic primary for state attorney general. He ran for that office while remaining a House candidate and on Sunday termed the outcome “bittersweet.”

He added: “You want to know why I ran for attorney general? Because I can do more and not feel like I’m nibbling around the edges, figuring out what I can do” in Congress as a member of the minority party.

Now, he said, he’s working to win his own race and get enough Democrats elected for the party to control the House and pass legislation on climate change, investigate Russian meddling in U.S. elections, oppose President Trump and reverse the GOP’s deregulation efforts.

House race
Although he has called his Republican (Continued on Page 19)

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al mentor. The two have grown close, Muhammad says, despite external differences.

“He’s not partisan,” says Muhammad, a Democrat. “He will bring you to the table if you have experience and you’re willing to engage.”

No one from Beacon has ever held New York’s highest office.

Molinaro announced his candidacy for governor in April, but the odds will be against him when voters go to the polls on Nov. 6. There are 6.2 million registered Democrats in the state, versus 2.8 million Republicans. Earlier this month, one poll showed two-term incumbent Andrew Cuomo with a 22-point lead, and the Democrat has raised 40 times as much money as his challenger.

Still, says Molinaro, who turned 43 two weeks ago, he had to run.

“Every time I’ve run for office, I’ve felt it was the thing I was supposed to do,” he explains. “I really felt — on behalf of people who too often don’t get heard — that I needed to do this.”

And while he seems outwardly confident and quick on his feet, Molinaro admits the campaign has been daunting. He also believes the opportunity will never come again, nor should it.

So what is next if he loses? His county executive post will be contested in 2019.

“I intend to win [the governor’s race], and I’m supposed to say that. But if I don’t, I don’t have a Plan B,” he admits. “When this concludes, one way or another, I’ll have to figure out what is next. I hope that it’s serving in the greatest state in the nation.”


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Molinaro on the campaign trail

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A Hotel Built for Art

Beacon architect knew what he wanted on walls

By Alison Rooney

When architect Roger Greenwald was designing the lobby for what would become The Inn and Spa at Beacon, he says he was inspired not just by its angles, but by the art he envisioned hanging on the walls.

“In fact, he had a particular artist in mind — Anamario Hernández, whose paintings he’d been collecting for years. “The meditative quality of her work influenced my own work in designing this space,” says Greenwald, who owns and manages the property. “It was a formative element in the design.”

Hernández's paintings have been welcoming guests since the Inn and Spa opened 18 months ago but will come down on Nov. 4 to make way for an exhibit to open on Second Saturday.

“There is no course in architecture school in how to run an inn and spa! It’s a process of immersion, and getting lots of advice. Mostly it’s all about jumping in, kicking your feet and swimming with the current.”

Hernández, who was born and raised in Mexico and lives near Washington, D.C., is the daughter of an architect and a niece of the founder of Mexico’s Ballet Folklorico. She has said her father taught her the importance of space, scale and light, and that her fascination with objects — her art is filled with bottles, vases, bowls, shells, fruits, rocks, trinkets, boxes and white-and-blue porcelain dishes — arose from playing among the costumes and props stored by her aunt.

“For me it was magical to enter that room, a mixture of curiosity and fear,” she has written. “Every object I represent evokes an experience, a dream, a story.”

Greenwald met Hernández when both their children played in the same youth basketball league. Soon after, Greenwald attended a solo show by Hernández at the

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Haldane Parents Form Arts Alliance

Nonprofit will promote creativity in district

By Alison Rooney

The newly formed Haldane Arts Alliance, a nonprofit which grew out of an informal booster club, is designed to promote media, visual and literary arts in the Cold Spring school district. It will be buoyed by a new paid position, arts coordinator, which the district plans to fill internally, said Superintendent Philip Benante. Along with serving as a liaison with the alliance, the coordinator will evaluate current programs and coordinate development of the curriculum, he said.

The arts alliance, which alternates its monthly meetings between the Butterfield Library and Haldane, is led by a volunteer board of Kory Riesterer, Mona Smith, Laura Danilov, Christine Foertsch, Jill Shoffett and Greg Smith. Riesterer, who is president, and Smith, who is vice president, sat down with The Current to discuss its goals.

Their responses have been condensed.

Why are the arts important in schools?

Riesterer: With the range of art forms available, something is going to speak to each child and anchor them. Then communities of students are formed, and it’s a perfect way for students to connect and learn about themselves. Plus, there’s this pool of talent with artists moving to Philipstown.

Smith: My experience of art in school is that everyone tried everything. Half the marching band was on the football team, and half the cheerleaders were in the band. At halftime, there was a scramble as people changed uniforms. Small school districts can struggle to manage budgets while providing arts enrichment, but there’s a wealth of information demonstrating the effectiveness of the arts in supporting learning and empathy.

Why not continue with the booster club?

Riesterer: We had zero ability to raise funds. We need to

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mournful poems. The free show, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring, is not suitable for children.

“The shape [of the performance] is charted out, but the music will be improvised,” Kelly says. “We’ll be working like a jazz group.”

Kelly and Petit, who is director of the Michael Chekhov Acting Studio, first created the Poe program a few years ago and will perform it on Oct. 26 at the Cornelia Street Cafe in Manhattan before bringing it to Butterfield. Kelly says he’s become a fan of the library since his family moved to Philipstown five years ago. “It’s my favorite place in Cold Spring,” he says.

Kelly, who grew up outside Pittsburgh, started playing piano at age 6. He recalls that his mother “wanted to learn how to play ‘Edelweiss’ [from The Sound of Music]” and so rented a small piano. “I started making sounds on it and that led to lessons from the lady down the street. Because the instrument was in the house, the course of my life was changed. By the time I was in sixth grade, the piano tuner told my parents we would need a better piano and a better piano teacher.”

The family bought an old baby grand and soon Kelly was taking the trolley each week into Pittsburgh for lessons. Exposed for the first time to modern composers such as Schoenberg, his creativity exploded, he says. He went on to study music at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh and jazz at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. There, he and some friends “recorded three standards onto a cassette and took it around to local restaurants.” Somewhat to their surprise, they booked lots of gigs.

“The city was one of the 10 fastest growing in the U.S., and it was a great time to make music,” he recalls. “We played in all genres: salsa, reggae, blues.”

In 2000, Kelly and his wife, Katherine, moved to Brooklyn, where he mixed composition with touring. He has composed for chamber orchestra, string quartet, film and multimedia theater works, and released five CDs of original compositions.

Kelly toured overseas as part of the Jazz Ambassadors program organized by the Kennedy Center and U.S. State Department and is co-founder of Connection Works, a nonprofit that presents workshops and concerts for young people.

Five years after the birth of their daughter, Sofia, the couple decided to make the move. “I had this moment, after waiting at the post office for over an hour just to get a stamp,” Daniel Kelly recalls. “Our neighbors had a place up here. I went online and found renting a house was cheaper than an apartment in Brooklyn.”

Kelly still runs a concert series in Brooklyn once a month, but increasingly he is touring. His programs include All the World’s A Song: Shakespeare in Jazz, in which he wrote a soundtrack for the bard. “Shakespeare is challenging material,” he says of the program, which he presented at Butterfield in December. “It’s a joy to get to hear his words with my music!”

Personal Stories, Set to Music

Among Daniel Kelly’s touring programs is Rakonto (Esperanto for “story”), an ongoing series that so far has 12 installments. The idea stemmed from Kelly hearing a recording of his grandmother, recounting the story of her 58-year marriage, cemented the idea that voices mixed with music powerfully heighten the emotional response.

“That project was just for my family, but I realized I could do it with a whole community,” Kelly explains. He received a state grant to interview immigrants around Flushing, Queens, about coming to America. “I interview people, then go home and listen to the recordings, over and over again, for the golden moments,” he says. “I edit them all together, and compose a piece of music inspired by that story.”

His subjects so far have included New York farmers, refugees from Africa and Syria and, most recently, for a performance scheduled for May at SUNY Purchase, immigrants who were the first in their families to go to college. “The most wonderful thing is that I have had meaningful conversations with people I’d never met before, and wouldn’t be likely to meet,” he says.

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WHEN THE NUMBERS ARE CALLED...
Gardening for a Rainy Day

By Pamela Doan

My lawn has never been so lush and green. Data from Hudson Valley Weather, a useful source for forecasts and statistics, shows that 2018 was only rivaled by 2011 for the wettest period from July to September, and most of the rain in 2011 came from two tropical storms, Irene and Lee. Even without major storms, we’ve had a lot of rainy days this year — 40 of 92 in those three months.

I’m concerned with runoff from my Philipstown yard and soil erosion on this rocky landscape. Even though I garden organically and don’t use pesticides, herbicides or chemical fertilizers, any substance on my property — oil leaking from a car, gas that spills when the lawn mower is filled, paint spills — can get washed into a waterway. Natural collection points like a rain garden or swale let that water filter into the ground, where it can be cleansed.

I posted in several social media groups asking for firsthand experiences with these landscape features and didn’t get a single reply. Like me, I expect many gardeners are intimidated by drainage. If you don’t have standing water in the yard, there’s no reason to act.

Climate change is a reason, however. The past few years have demonstrated what we can anticipate more intensely in the future: More rainfall, but in less frequent events, which means heavy downpours followed by long periods without rain, combined with hotter temperatures. These are not ideal growing conditions for most plants.

Here are some of the ways that rain gardens and swales can benefit your landscape and the surrounding environment:

**Prevent erosion**
During heavy rainfalls, soil is more likely to be washed away. Bare soil is most at risk, but even soil that’s held in by shallow rooted plants is vulnerable. By some estimates, we’ve lost more than half of the earth’s surface layers of soil already. These are fertile layers for planting and carbon storage.

**Filter stormwater**
Whether from a heavy rainfall or snow melt, when there’s a lot of water flowing through the landscape, rain gardens and swales can hold the water in one place to let it filter into the ground.

**Prevent flooding**
You can divert water away from a home or building and keep stormwater from contributing to the flooding of lakes and rivers. While there are many ways to approach creating a rain garden or swale, including native plants is effective. Many plants thrive in wetter conditions even though they aren’t wetland plants that grow in water. Joe pye weed (Eutrochium purpureum) is one example. When I asked Bryan Quinn, environmental designer at One Nature in Beacon, for recommendations, he raised a point I hadn’t considered. “Don’t put plants along the bottom that can get knocked off by flow,” he advised. “For example, vines are creepers and can become dislodged. Thinly stalked plants, wispy plants and spring ephemerals also couldn’t handle it.” Quinn suggests native grasses like little bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium), rushes, sedges and switchgrass (Panicum virgatum).

Living on a steep slope where I’ve seen a frightening amount of rainfall flow downhill toward my home during storms, I wondered if a swale system could keep my house from sliding off the mountain someday. Quinn told me that preparing for that 500-year storm would require a professional designer.

While the specific conditions of every site need to be considered, creating a rain garden is an easy first step and there are general guidelines. An obvious location is an area of your yard that stays soggy after it rains. Don’t place it close to a building foundation or septic system. Quinn also mentioned to be careful that you’re not sending water to your neighbor’s yard.

A rain garden can be as simple as a shallow depression no less than 4 inches deep and no more than 8 inches deep (then it becomes a pond). Along the edge of a property where water flows into the road is a good spot, as is the point where water flows off a driveway or other hard surface. Make it look good; this is a feature and should be planted with aesthetics in mind. Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) and sumersweet (Clethra alnifolia) are lovely shrubs that can be included. Other native perennials that can be planted with aesthetics in mind. Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) and sumersweet (Clethra alnifolia) are lovely shrubs that can be included. Other native perennials that can be planted with an area of your yard that stays soggy after it rains. Don’t place it close to a building foundation or septic system. Quinn also mentioned to be careful that you’re not sending water to your neighbor’s yard.
Mexican Cultural Institute in D.C. He recalls being mesmerized. “There is a palpable meditative quality to her paintings,” he says. “She takes common, everyday objects and infuses them with her tension.”

Greenwald, who grew up near D.C., has been coming to the Hudson Valley for 30 years. “I’m a river guy,” he says. “I grew up on the Potomac. I always had a desire to retire from the D.C. hustle and felt a connection to New York City. We looked at a lot of river towns but when we came into Beacon, it just clicked. When I went looking for a place to stay, it became clear that there was room for another inn.”

He conceived the business, which is located on what was a vacant lot at 151 Main St., as a wellness center and refuge but notes “there is no course in architecture school in how to run an inn and spa!” As a result, “it’s a process of immersion, and getting lots of advice. Mostly it’s all about jumping in, kicking your feet and swimming with the current.”

The Inn has 12 rooms, all designed as “restful sanctuaries.” Rates start at $209. The spa offers facials, massages, waxing, fitness coaching and yoga. An event space can host wedding parties with up to 40 guests and company retreats with up to 12 people. Bookings have taken off since January, when Vogue called the inn “charming” and “a dream getaway for New Yorkers.” See innspabeacon.com.

**Haldane Arts (continued from Page 9)**

be structured as a nonprofit to support the infrastructure. With a board, we can plan long-term.

Smith: The Haldane sports booster club was a model. It shifted to a formal nonprofit when the football field project was proposed. The parents reached a point when they knew it was necessary for the programs they wanted to see.

**What do you have planned?**

Smith: While we wait for the IRS to confirm our nonprofit status, we have partnered with an established nonprofit, Fractured Atlas, so people can make tax-deductible donations. We hope to make our first grants in the spring.

Riestere: We’ve found that parents, particularly of high school and middle school students, want more field trips to local museums such as Dia and Magazzino. Sometimes seeing an exhibit at that age opens everything up.

Smith: There’s a specific joy in doing things outside the school. Getting on a bus, like a sports team, allows the group to bond.

Riestere: Like sports, there can be a competitive component to band and chorus. Haldane doesn’t have a tradition of this, but getting kids out and hearing students from other schools playing pushes kids to work harder and builds confidence.

Smith: Studying the arts can lead to employment in a variety of fields. We’re just an hour away from one of the arts meccas of the universe.

**How do people join?**

Riestere: Membership is $25 a year. [See haldaneschool.org/arts/haldane-arts-alliance.] During a drive we just completed we received support not just from Haldane parents but from grandparents and people in the community who don’t have kids in the school. What’s wonderful about this community is that many proposals generated now will not come to fruition for several years and benefit children who enter this district after ours are gone. People understand this and are [still] committed.

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PARADE STARTS AT 5:30 P.M.

*Rain date: Sunday, October 28, 4:30 p.m. (Check facebook or listen to WHUD radio for cancellation info)
THE WEEK AHEAD

Edited by Pamela Doan (calendar@highlandscurrent.org)
For a complete listing of events, see highlandscurrent.org/calendar

SAT 20

Woodworking Demonstration Day
GARRISON
10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Boscobel
1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638
boscobel.org

Mike Leggett will demonstrate the artistry, skills and secrets of woodworking before the age of power tools. Cost: Pay what you wish

Soup and Salad Take-out
BEACON
4 – 7 p.m. Christ Church, United Methodist | 60 Union St. | 845-631-0365

The church will offer dinner for two for $12, with an extra quart of soup for $8.

SAT 20

14th Annual Haunted House
GARRISON
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center
107 Glenciffle Dr. | 845-424-4618
philipstownrecreation.com

The Foot in Mouth Players again present their annual scarefest. Also open Sun 21, Fri 26, Sat 27, Sun 28. Cost: $6 (seniors and children under 12, $4)

WED 24

Pub Trivia
COLD SPRING
6 p.m. Barber and Brew
69 Main St. | butterfieldlibrary.org

The Butterfield Library leads this popular trivia night. Free

WED 24

Cold Spring Farmers’ Market Community Dinner
GARRISON
7 p.m. Garrison Institute
14 Mary’s Way | 845-424-4800
csfarmmarket.org

This benefit will feature local produce prepared by Fresh Company. Cost: $95 to $350

THURS 25

Spaghetti Dinner & Volleyball
COLD SPRING
5:30 p.m. Haldane High School
15 Craigside Dr. | haldaneschool.org

This benefit for the Class of 2019 will include spaghetti with marinara or meat sauce, salad, bread and dessert, followed by a student versus staff volleyball game. RSVP to mgrantes@haldaneschool.org. Cost: $7 per person or $25 per family

SUN 28

Ham Radio Oktoberfest
FISHKILL
8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Employee’s Recreation Center
83 Red Schoolhouse Lane
845-649-4469

The Mount Beacon Amateur Radio Club hosts this event, which includes licensing classes, food and beverages and, of course, ham radios. Cost: $5 (non-ham spouses and children free)

Bruce Hornsby
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Hornsby’s career took off after the release of “The Way It Is,” the title track of his 1986 debut album of the same name. The singer and songwriter has since collaborated with everyone from Ricky Skaggs to Bob Dylan to Bela Fleck. Cost: $50 to $100

Kazumi Tanaka Walk and Talk
GARRISON
4 p.m. Manitoga | 845 Route 9D
845-424-3812 | visitmanitoga.org

The artist-in-residence will lead a tour of her installation, which uses natural inks with distilled water from the Quarry Pool. Cost: $25

Group Show: Explorations in Line + Gudrun Mertes-Frady
GARRISON
5 – 7 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing
845-424-3900 | garrisonartcenter.org

The center will open a solo show by Mertes-Frady and a group show with works by Jaakira Peerna, Tenesh Webber and Tamar Zinn. Through Nov. 11.

Sun 21

Barbara Masterson: People of the Fields (Artist’s Talk)
BEACON
2 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon Gallery
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211
loftsatbeacon.com

The plein air painter will discuss her exhibit of portraits of farmworkers in the Marlboro area, which continues through Nov. 3. See story at highlandscurrent.org.

Sun 28

Broadway for Bannerman Island
BEACON
2 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-1001
bannermancastle.org

This benefit for the Bannerman Castle Trust will repeat a performance that took place over the summer on the island by Nancy Johnston, Denise Summerford and Nancy Auffarth, under the direction of Elaine Miller. Reservations required. Cost: $25 ($35 at door)

Sun 28

Celtic Halloween Party
PUTNAM VALLEY
2 p.m. Tompkins Corners Cultural Center
729 Peekskill Hollow Road
845-528-7280 | tompkinscorners.org

Join a variety of musicians, including a new folk ensemble, Panache, for jigs, reels and party favorites. Costumes are welcome. Cost: $10 donation

Sun 21

S8 Percussion
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center
477 Main St. | 845-831-4988
howlandculturalcenter.org

This New York City-based percussion quartet — Josh Quillen, Adam Sliwinski, Jason Treuting and Eric Cha-Beach — will perform a program they call “Living Room Music” as part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle series. Cost: $20 at the door or $15 with advance purchase

Sun 21

Arlo Guthrie
PEEKSKILL
7 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley
1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com

Guthrie is touring to mark the 50th anniversary of his 18-minute hit, “Alice’s Restaurant Massacre.” Cost: $50 to $80

SAT 20

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TALKS & TOURS

SAT 20

David Sokol: Hudson Modern (Reading)
COLD SPRING
3 p.m. Cold Spring General Store
66 Main St. | 845-809-5522
coldspringgeneralstore.com

Sokol’s book examines 18 innovative Hudson Valley homes.

TUES 23

Socrates Cafe
BEACON
2 p.m. The Lofts at Beacon Gallery
18 Front St. | 845-202-7211
loftsatbeacon.com

The plein air painter will discuss her exhibit of portraits of farmworkers in the Marlboro area, which continues through Nov. 3. See story at highlandscurrent.org.

THURS 25

Print Club
GARRISON
6 – 9 p.m. Garrison Art Center
23 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900 | garrisonartcenter.org

This is not a class but weekly open hours for experienced printers to use the center’s space and equipment. Register online and bring your own supplies. Cost: $20

THU 26

Travels, Tools, and Techniques of 19th-century Artist Expeditions
GARRISON
6:30 p.m. Boscobel 1601 Route 9D | 845-265-3638 | boscobel.org

Artist and historian James Lancel McElhinney will discuss the tools used by artists such as William Guy Wall, Jacques-Gerard Milbert and West Point-trained military explorers like Seth Eastman and James Abert. Co-sponsored with the Garrison Art Center. Cost: $20 ($15 for members, students and artists)
THE WEEK AHEAD

SAT 20
Annual Young Friends Fall Fest
GARRISON
2 – 5 p.m. Winter Hill | 20 Nazareth Way
845-424-3358 | info@hotmail.com
The Beacon Highlands Land Trust, this afternoon of activities includes a guided hike to the Revolutionary War Redoubt, nature projects and pressing apples into cider.
Rain date: SUN 21.
Cost: $25 for residents, $40 for people outside area, ages 12 and younger free

SUN 21
Pat Schories: Squeak the Mouse Likes His House
COLD SPRING
10:30 a.m. Spilt Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbkbs.com
The illustrator of the Biscuit series will read from her new book.

SAT 27
Boo at the Zoo
BEAR MOUNTAIN
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bear Mountain Trailside Zoo | 3006 Seven Lakes Dr.
845-265-3271 | trailsidzoo.org
Make treats for the bears at 10:30 a.m. and watch them enjoy them at 11 a.m. The zoo will also have crafts and activities. Cost: $1 donation

SAT 27
Not-So-Haunted Barn and Hay Ride
WAPPINGERS FALLS
4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm | 79 Farmstead Lane
845-831-3800 | stonykill.org
The farm promises a night of howls and howls with livestock visits, spooky stories, ghost searches in the pasture and scary treats. Brian Robinson will also discuss birds of prey. Cost: $5 donation, ages two and younger free

SAT 28
Hocus Pocus Parade
BEACON
8 p.m. Stock-Up | 29 Teller Ave.
storyscreenbeacon.com
In this 2006 thriller, a killer in the woods terrorizes a lost group of sales executives in the middle of a team-building exercise. Rated R. Free

WED 24
20 Ways to Reduce Toxins and Waste at Home
GARRISON
7:30 p.m. Village Hall
Sponsored by the Philipstown Garden Club. Free

SAT 20
Dutchess/Ulster Walk to End Alzheimer’s
HIGHLAND
9 a.m. Walkway Over the Hudson Register or donate at walkwaywalk.org.

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SAT 27
Robert Klein
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The comedian and Westchester resident was the first, in 1975, to appear in a live concert on HBO, and went on to do right more. He appeared more than 100 times on The Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman.

SUN 21
Breast Cancer Walk
COLD SPRING
8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Haldane High School 15 Craigside Dr.
csbwalk.weebly.com
Organized by Haldane senior Ashley Haines, the event last year raised $12,000.

SAT 27
Edgar Allan Poe: The Tell-Tale Heart and Other Stories
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Composer and pianist Daniel Kelly will accompany actor Lenard Petit. Register online. Free

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SUN 28
Horrorshow 4: Nosferatu
BEACON
8 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Bruce Willis and Haley Joel Osment star in this 1999 film about a child psychologist suffering from his own demons. Rated PG-13. Free

SUN 28
Horrorshow 4: The Sixth Sense
BEACON
8 p.m. Big Mouth | 387 Main St.
storyscreenbeacon.com
Ryan Baza, a member of the Putnam Highlands Audubon board, will lead a walk to explore the farm’s fields, ponds and woods for fall migratory birds.

SAT 20
Fall Audubon Walk
COLD SPRING
8:30 a.m. Glywood Rd | 845-265-3338
ryan@audubon.org
This new documentary that follows three women whose lives have been transformed by online harassment. A Q&A with director Cynthia Lowen will follow. Cost: $10

SAT 28
Horrorshow 4: Coraline
BEACON
7 p.m. Binnacle Books | 321 Main St.
binnaclebooks.com
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CARMEL
9 a.m. Veteran Memorial Park
Register or donate at putnamwalk.org. The walk begins at 10:30 a.m.

SAT 27
Horrorshow 4: Coraline
BEACON
7 p.m. Beahive | 291 Main St.
beaconfilmsoctober16.com
The Beacon Film Society screens this new documentary that follows three women whose lives have been transformed by online harassment. A Q&A with director Cynthia Lowen will follow. Cost: $10

SAT 20
Beacon of Hope
BEACON
10 a.m. Christ Church, United Methodist 100 Muser Dr. | 845-534-5506
haldaneny.org
The Hudson Highlands Nature Museum is hosting this 5K trail run/walk, which begins at 9 a.m., followed by a dash at 10:15 a.m. for ages 3 to 10. Cost: $25 for 5K, $5 for kids’ dash

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5K Run and Kids’ Dash
CORNWALL
8 a.m. Outdoor Discovery Center 100 Muser Dr. | 845-534-5506
haldaneny.org
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SAT 22
Robert Klein
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039
paramounthudsonvalley.com
The comedian and Westchester resident was the first, in 1975, to appear in a live concert on HBO, and went on to do right more. He appeared more than 100 times on The Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman.

SAT 27
Edgar Allan Poe: The Tell-Tale Heart and Other Stories
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library 10 Morris Ave. | 845-265-3040
butterfieldlibrary.org
Composer and pianist Daniel Kelly will accompany actor Lenard Petit. Register online. Free

SUN 27
Stages & Family

KIDS & FAMILY
SAT 20
Annual Young Friends Fall Fest
GARRISON
2 – 5 p.m. Winter Hill | 20 Nazareth Way
845-424-3358 | info@hotmail.com
Presented by the Hudson Highlands Land Trust, this afternoon of activities includes a guided hike to the Revolutionary War Redoubt, nature projects and pressing apples into cider.
Rain date: SUN 21.
Cost: $25 for residents, $40 for people outside area, ages 12 and younger free

SUN 21
Pat Schories: Squeak the Mouse Likes His House
COLD SPRING
10:30 a.m. Spilt Rock Books | 97 Main St.
845-265-2080 | splitrockbkbs.com
The illustrator of the Biscuit series will read from her new book.

SAT 27
Boo at the Zoo
BEAR MOUNTAIN
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Bear Mountain Trailside Zoo | 3006 Seven Lakes Dr.
845-265-3271 | trailsidzoo.org
Make treats for the bears at 10:30 a.m. and watch them enjoy them at 11 a.m. The zoo will also have crafts and activities. Cost: $1 donation

SAT 27
Not-So-Haunted Barn and Hay Ride
WAPPINGERS FALLS
4 – 7 p.m. Stony Kill Farm | 79 Farmstead Lane
845-831-3800 | stonykill.org
The farm promises a night of howls and howls with livestock visits, spooky stories, ghost searches in the pasture and scary treats. Brian Robinson will also discuss birds of prey. Cost: $5 donation, ages two and younger free

SAT 27
25th Annual Halloween Costume Parade
COLD SPRING
5:30 p.m. St. Mary’s Lawn
facebook.com/coldspringfallparade
Children, adults and pets are invited to come in costume and parade down Main Street to the riverfront bandstand. Rain date: SUN 28
20 Ways to Reduce Waste and Toxins in Your Home

The Philipstown Garden Club presents
Simple Steps for a Healthier Home Environment
Desmond Fish Library
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Open to the public
Light refreshments will be served and a free “green living” take away.

Featured speakers

Madeleine DeNitto: Lifestyle management consultant, public speaker and owner of “Garrison Concierge”. Her presentation will focus on sustainability through basic recycling, eating habits & healthy living.

Christine Dimmick: author of “Detox Your Home”. Christine is the founder of the Good Home Company and has created a line of non-toxic cleaning products. Christine’s presentation will help you to identify toxins in the home and product alternatives.

Phipstwon Community Congress
Uniting to Determine our Community’s Future

In 2017, over 750 Philipstown residents participated in a community-wide vote to identify shared priorities to promote and preserve a strong community. Dozens of community volunteers have worked for nearly a year to begin to turn these initiatives into a reality. Now we are asking our county candidates to reflect on how they can help Philipstown achieve success.

PUTNAM COUNTY CANDIDATES FORUM

Please join the PCC in welcoming County Executive candidates Maureen Fleming and MaryEllen Odell and County Legislature candidates Nancy Montgomery and Barbara Scuccimarra for a non-partisan discussion of how they can help advance our community’s top priorities if they are selected to represent us.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2018  6:00 - 8:00 PM
Please arrive 15 minutes early. Event begins promptly at 6.

Desmond - Fish Library
( corner of Rt. 9D and Rt. 403, Garrison )

ALL ARE WELCOME
Light refreshments and socializing to follow.

Space is limited. RSVP to ecologicalcitizens.org/philipstwoncommunitycongress
Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (October 1868)

A group of about 50 “boys in blue” (supporters of Ulysses S. Grant, the 1868 Republican candidate for president) traveled through Cold Spring from Nelsonville on the way to Newburgh, “howling and insulting” passersby and expressing what the Cold Spring Recorder judged to be “disgraceful political arguments.” They allegedly damaged a banner supporting the Democratic candidate, Gov. Horatio Seymour of New York. As the group passed Kemble Avenue, someone threw a rock that struck James Secor, and opposite Mrs. Hyle’s, another stone went through an open train window and hit E.P. Dykeman. The paper said Dykeman, who was filling in on Pear Tree Hill when a sudden snap of a United States is to be elected.”

Charles Warren, who was filling in on the milk route for Mr. Dykman, had a scare when a pumpkin that measured 6 feet around and weighed 102 pounds. 125 Years Ago (October 1893)

The Recorder observed that the little white sign with black letters bearing the name “Mrs. Anna J. Crawford” always marked a popular destination — she sold candy. Baxter’s coal yard was busy, as well, as families purchased their winter heating supplies.

Richard Woodit and Harry Brown of Garrison raced three, 100-yard heats to determine who was the fastest man in Garrison. Woodit won each of the first two races in just over 10 seconds, outracing Brown by 3 feet each time. David Burnside Jenkins resigned as porter at the Garrison Hotel so he could go to the World’s Fair in Chicago. The public was invited to the quarterly meeting at the Presbyterian Church of the Local Union of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Towns of Fishkill and Philipstown.

A new law required town constables to wear a badge. Four prisoners escaped from the county jail in Carmel, including James Hall, 18, and Floyd Barrett, 24, of Nelsonville, who had been accused of breaking into Gen. Butterfield’s residence and stealing spoons and pictures. The men saved through and removed one of the bars in a window.

100 Years Ago (October 1918)

A reader noted he had counted 11 cars being driven for pleasure on a Sunday in the village, despite a war-time order to conserve gasoline. After counting five cars, he said, he overheard a boy tell a friend, “I guess these guys think they are bigger than the United States.”

The Haldane, Garrison and Loretto schools closed due to an epidemic of influenza. The village Board of Health also ordered that church services be limited to 30 minutes.

Pvt. Garry Vandemark of Garrison wrote from the front in France: “In some places we found women chained to machines, guns, so they either had to shoot or get killed. The skirts didn’t keep them from death. … There were a group of [German soldiers] dressed up in French uniforms with a Red Cross badge on their arms; when they got near us they yelled ‘Kamerad!’ with both hands up and started dropping grenades at our feet.”

Maj. Clarence Fahnostock, 44, a prominent New York doctor, died of pneumonia at a hospital in France, where he was treating soldiers with influenza. Before the war, he had purchased large tracts of land in Putnam County, including a 6,000-acre estate called Clear Lake. [In 1929, his brother donated 2,400 acres to create the Clarence Fahnostock Memorial State Park.]

75 Years Ago (October 1943)

George Seymour, the Independent Party candidate for Philipstown supervisor, called the state police to investigate a plot, supposedly ordered by Gov. Thomas Dewey, to shoot out Central Hudson fuses to prevent anyone from hearing a radio broadcast in which Seymour outlined his views.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCarthy of High Street celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at the old St. Mary’s church on the rocks [now Chapel Restoration]. Mr. McCarthy worked for the electric shops of the New York Central Railroad at Croton Harmon and also managed McCarthy’s filling station for his son at the corner of Main Street and Morris Avenue.

Peekskill Military Academy defeated Haldane, 7-0, before 300 football fans. The Recorder noted that “the Westchester County team outweighed the locals by at least 25 pounds per man.”

50 Years Ago (October 1968)

A 16-year-old Beacon teenager was charged with providing the barbituates that left a 14-year-old girl lying unconscious on Main Street in Cold Spring. (Continued on next page)
Maloney (from Page 8)

Maloney, who has two daughters in high school, said a school gun attack “is my worst nightmare, every parent’s worst nightmare.” He proposed that Congress “reach across the aisle” on gun control, an audience member objected that enlisting Republicans would mean “watering down” any legislation. Maloney countered that “it’s not watering down” but “how to function” in a divided society. Engaging those with different views “doesn’t mean changing your values,” he said. And “standing up and yelling at the other side doesn’t work.”

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Maloney, opponent, James O’Donnell, an Orange County legislator, one of the weakest challengers he’s faced, he said “we’re not taking it [the race] for granted.” He said O’Donnell had a good biography but little name recognition. (Maloney also has raised more money, about $2.5 million versus O’Donnell’s $327,000.) Nonetheless, “I’m watching like a hawk,” he said. He observed that despite $2.5 million versus O’Donnell’s

banning assault rifles. “You can do that under the Second Amendment,” he said. “This is not a constitutional issue.”

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Beacon Girls Close Solid Season
The Beacon High School girls’ swim team capped a strong season Wednesday (Oct. 18) at home with a 113-63 loss to visiting Nyack. The Bulldogs had won six matches in a row before dropping their last three to finish 6-4.

Against Nyack, which lost only one of its 10 meets this season, the Bulldogs got a victory in the 200-yard individual medley from sophomore Thandiwe Knox. Sophomore Natalie Negron placed third in the 100-yard freestyle, and senior Jessica Hockler took second in the breaststroke. Jolene Lagunda also took second in the 100-yard backstroke, a new event for the junior.

“Thandiwe and Natalie have both done exceptionally well for us all season long,” said Coach Larry Collins. “Jessica, a captain, has done well leading the team and has been consistent in the breaststroke.”

The team’s eight seniors — captains Hockler, Monifa Knox and Cassandra Ruffy, and Chloe Tomlins, Claire Wood, Gabriela Ferrone, Yvette Bien-Aime and Kaitlyn Neves — were recognized Wednesday.

“Our seniors average five-and-a-half years on the team,” Collins said. “All eight have done such a tremendous job for us. Who will follow behind them?”

Beacon will compete Saturday (Oct. 20) as one of 11 teams at the conference championships, held in its own pool. Winners advance to the Section 1 championships scheduled for Oct. 30 in New City.

Collins said Ruffy in the 100-yard breaststroke and Knox in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle have a good chance to advance, as both have had times that were within the top four best in the conference this season. The team also is strong in the 200-yard freestyle relay, with the third best time. “It’s been a great season for the whole team,” Collins said. “They’ve been very competitive.”

Soccer
Beacon Girls Edge Haldane in Finale
The Beacon and Haldane girls’ soccer teams wrapped up their seasons Wednesday in Cold Spring, with Bulldogs holding on for a 1-0 victory on a penalty kick by Analiese Compagnone in the 64th minute.

“It was our third game in three days, so I knew we’d come in a bit tired,” said Beacon Coach Hugo Alzate. “We dominated possession but just couldn’t finish in the offensive third. We kept pressing.”

Meagan Meeuwisse stopped four shots on goal for Beacon (9-4-2), which will play the winner of a Pelham-Greeley match-up at home on Sunday, Oct. 21, in the first round of the Section 1 Class A playoffs. Haldane (6-8-1) will host Hamilton in the Section 1 Class C playoffs on Thursday, Oct. 25.

Haldane picked up a 2-1 win in overtime against Putnam Valley a week ago, its second victory by that score, and in overtime, over the Tigers. Blue Devils goals came from Jade Villella and Lilli Westerhuis, while Abigail Platt made 15 saves.

The Blue Devils dropped a 4-1 decision Saturday hosting North Salem, with Villella scoring the goal. Platt had 15 saves.

Haldane Boys Play Well in Loss
The Haldane boys’ soccer team closed its season at home Monday (Oct. 15), falling 3-1 to Putnam Valley. Henry Weed scored for the Blue Devils, who finished 2-14, with both wins over Yonkers Montessori Academy.

Putnam Valley had defeated the Blue Devils 5-1, a week earlier, but Haldane Coach Craig Canavan felt his team played much better in the second meeting.

“Our record is not great, but the guys have worked hard,” he said. “They’ve been exposed to different formations and systems, and we’ve seen improvement.”

Haldane, the No. 4 seed in the Section 1 Class C playoffs, will play at No. 1 seed Alexander Hamilton (11-3-1) on Wednesday, Oct. 24. Hamilton defeated the Blue Devils earlier in the season, 4-2, and Canavan said Haldane was the last team to score on them.

“We’ll go in with all intentions to win that game,” Canavan said. “We are due for a win.”

Football
Blue Devils Dominate Rye Neck
The Haldane High School football team continued to roll over opponents last week, shutting down Rye Neck, 42-16, on Oct. 13.

The Blue Devils (5-1) got another big game from senior Sam Giachinta (214 yards, two touchdowns, two sacks), and sophomore Darrin Santos rushed for 111 yards and two touchdowns. Thomas Percaccio also had a 21-yard score, and quarterback Dan Santos had a running TD and completed five of his six attempts for 63 yards.

The Blue Devils play today (Oct. 19) at Valhalla. After a week off, they will face Tuckahoe on Nov. 3 at Mahopac High School for the Section 1 Class D championship. Tuckahoe is ranked No. 13 in Class D in the state, and Haldane is No. 15, the first time the Blue Devils have been ranked since 2011.