Putnam Legislators to Consider Union Contract

But two others remain in limbo after years of talks

By Leonard Sparks

The Putnam County Legislature is expected to vote March 5 on a new contract with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA), which represents 327 of its employees, but negotiations continue with two smaller unions.

The contract, if approved, would cap three years of negotiations with the union, which represents health, social services and highway employees.

County officials expressed optimism that agreements will soon be reached with sheriff’s deputies, jail guards and support staff, but those talks also have been going on for years, in part because, under state law, public employees face heavy fines if they strike.

The previous CSEA contract expired in 2016; the new contract would cover 2017 through 2022. The agreement was approved by members, 256-42, in a vote on Feb. 5.

Janet Canaday, president of CSEA Unit 8150, said she was “very happy that the county and the CSEA have come to this agreement,” adding that “this has been a long time coming.”

Four More Firefighters for Beacon

City also considers revisiting 17-year-old site cleanup

By Jeff Simms

Beacon hired four new firefighters this week, who, once trained, will bring the force to 16 full-time, or “career,” members — the most it has ever had.

The additions, announced during the City Council meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 18), followed the hire two weeks earlier of a firefighter days after he had been laid off from Newburgh’s department due to budget cuts.

Three of the hires were funded with a federal grant that pays a portion of their salaries for three years. The other two filled staffing gaps.

While the hires were applauded, a number of active and retired firefighters criticized Mayor Lee Kyriacou’s recent decision to close the 130-year-old Beacon Engine station, one of the city’s three firehouses.

Earlier this month, Kyriacou exercised an escape clause in the city’s contract
Mike Heintzman will perform “a short evening of short plays” with John Pielmeier at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, at the Butterfield Library in Cold Spring.

How did you and John find each other?
I had written some pieces and, at the last minute before a show, I had an actor drop out of a very specific role: a 12-year-old. I thought, “What am I going to do?” Then it came to me — John Pielmeier could play a 12-year-old!” He was perfect. It turned out to be the best way to hear the rhythm of the language. We started doing shows together at Butterfield in 2015. We basically wanted to see if we could make the librarians laugh. We didn’t think other people would show up.

What are some of the setups in this year’s show?
Let’s see — we have something on the World Bank using Venmo; a dharma talk for a yoga class; two truckers talking about romance novels; a development director trying to raise $2.5 million between stops on the F train; seniors getting stoned; a guy being interrogated for tearing the Do Not Remove tag off a mattress — and more!

Do you tailor your comedy writing to your audience?
No, aside from sprinkling it with a few local references. I don’t think you want to gear it toward any demographic unless you’re going to get political. Most of my writing is character-driven; I’m better at people than plot. I’m always watching everyone. Just this morning I was studying a guy doing an oil change, thinking, “Where could I put you?”

You’re from North Dakota. What should people know about the state?
Hmm ... I actually don’t pay much attention anymore. That’s horrible! That’s where I come from. It’s surprisingly beautiful! They eat a lot of this Norwegian thing called lefse — I think it’s a pastry (it’s actually a potato crepe). Also, the governor laughs at my jokes. We went to college together and are still buddies. He was my manager when Ted Mack’s Amateur Hour toured campus, and I wound up winning. He predicted it. He whispered to me backstage, “There are two piano players before you, so you’re going to win!”

After many years in Cold Spring, you and your wife, Patti Pelican, moved to Newburgh. How is that going?
I love it over there. You can feel sort of isolated in Cold Spring sometimes. We hadn’t intended to move to Newburgh but looked at a place and wound up loving it. It’s on a quiet street in a little city, and it feels different. The locale throws you out of your comfort zone — you start to write differently. I don’t like change, but it’s always good for the writing. What I really like about Newburgh is that there are some weirdos walking down the street, such as a guy dressed like Charles Dickens. It’s like being back in New York City. It’s nice to have the weirdness.
Some help, some confuse, some are just funny
By Michael Turton

My dad gets credit for my habit of paying attention to signs. When I was a kid in Ontario, he once said, “Michael, in Windsor there’s an intersection where the street signs read Sandwich and Chew It.”

I didn’t believe him, so he took me there. To my amazement, he was right. It was the corner of Sandwich and Chewett streets.

I’ve been noticing signs ever since and have determined there are three types: those that provide crystal-clear directions; those that do the opposite; and those that make you chuckle.

The clearest sign I’ve seen was at a ski resort in northern Michigan, where snow was piled 10 feet high in front of the lodge. Parking there would be unwise and the sign made that abundantly clear. It read, “Do not even THINK about parking here.”

A sign on Route 301 leading into Nelsonville merits nomination in the annual head-scratcher-signage awards. It reads, “Speed Zone Ahead.” If logic applied, the sign would instead read “Slow Zone Ahead.”

Despite such astute observations, I’ve never claimed to be the brightest interpreter of signs. When I first became of age to legally enter a pub, I was delighted to see an attractive sign that read “Free Beer Tomorrow.” I was disappointed the next day. And the day after that.

Now that I’ve established my fallibility, let’s turn to stupid signs.

How is it that I can stand for hours by a “No Standing” sign and never be ticketed, but if I sit in my car beneath the sign I will be fined? Note: if the sign read “Do not even THINK of standing,” it would do nothing to clear the fog.

A sign I came across in Australia when visiting my son was even more puzzling. It read “No Under-Standing Any Time.” My son was equally baffled. Neither of us understood.

The lack of punctuation can muddy the waters, too. Consider those “Slow Children Playing” signs, which are not actually meant as a comment on the IQ or dexterity of neighborhood kids.

My favorite punctuation-challenged sign appeared outside a restaurant in Ontario’s Bruce Peninsula that was known for its fried chicken and Friday-night hoedowns. That one read: “Chicken Dancing Every Friday.”

I can also lay claim to having been in the world’s smallest place, even though its sign made no mention of the population — its name, Arner, appeared on both sides of its sign. The only way Arner could have been smaller was if the sign was made from half-inch rather than inch-thick plywood.

While the Arner sign is a good example of understatement, others tend to overstate things. Emerging from the Detroit Tunnel when driving from Michigan into Ontario, Canada welcomes visitors with a sign that reads “All Highways – Turn Left.” Really? All highways? Ventura Highway? Alligator Alley? Route 9D?

Scotland, though, may have produced the best of the best with a sign that is clear yet makes the viewer chuckle, while questioning if it is to be believed. Full disclosure: I did not see this sign firsthand, but a visitor to the Scottish Highlands, who happens to be my ex-wife, showed me the photo after a business trip there. In those other Highlands, where sheep graze on ridiculously steep slopes along a winding rural road, was a distinctive black-on-yellow sign that read “Beware of Falling Sheep.”
Pride parade

I sincerely hope that the lesbian couple who moved to Brewster find a sense of welcome and belonging there (“Perspective: In Search of Progressive Putnam,” Feb. 16). I look forward to the Pride parade in Cold Spring this June — a great idea and many thanks for their leadership on this issue — and I hope there will be as many LGBTQ bars, businesses and community centers in Brewster as there are in the “gay-flight meccas” of Cold Spring, Beacon and other river towns very soon.

But to all on the progressive left in Putnam County, how about this: let’s be a friendly, caring neighbor to someone with a Trump sign on his lawn, whether the gesture is reciprocated or not, lest we come across as narrow-minded and bigoted as we often accuse our conservative counterparts of being.

Tomorrow, I’ll fly back to my job in Texas, where I spend much of my time teaching college English to, interacting with and enjoying the company of persons not at all like us. I have been assigned a course called “My Political Soapbox” (although some of my colleagues seem to teach only that course), so my right-wing students are as glad for my interest in their learning and success as are my left-wing ones. My Republican landlord and I also get along great. Our bond was strengthened when I was able to play a supportive role during her bout with breast cancer.

It was the kind of crisis that put my regular disagreement with her own yard signage into much-needed perspective.

Jacqueline Foertsch, Cold Spring

I have lived in eastern Putnam County for 10 years. It still amazes me how accepting many of the locals are to us. Yet, those same individuals voted for Trump and still believe in what he stands for. What’s really surprising is the number of LGBTQ people in Putnam who also voted for him. I even know of a lesbian-owned eatery that threw a party on election night to celebrate his win. That’s what we are up against.

Michael D’Alessandro, Carmel

It is wonderful of Eileen McDermott and the Pride Day committee to organize Putnam’s first Pride Parade and join the rest of the world on Pride Day. I hope the committee will honor some of the wide range of gay women and men from Putnam who have contributed so positively in the past and present to our community. There are many gay leaders who have served, and are serving now, on boards of local organizations such as Scenic Hudson, Boscobel, the Desmond-Fish Public Library, Manito, Constitution Marsh, the Putnam History Museum, to name a few, and the Cold Spring and Beacon councils — to say nothing of Sean Patrick Maloney, who represents us in the U.S. House in Washington. I hope the day will be a positive experience of Putnam County.

Joe Chapman, Cold Spring

Drag-queen stories

Father Frank Samoylo of St. Columba-nus Parish in Cortlandt Manor was simply exercising his constitutionally guaranteed right to speak out in the public square when he criticized the Drag Queen Story Hour at the Putnam Valley Library. Despite Eileen McDermott’s broad brushing of Catholic priests in her Feb. 7 letter to the editor, the overwhelming majority are good, decent and honorable men.

The story hour is also an example of free speech, but deeper questions have yet to be addressed: Was this in good taste? Was it wise? Was it responsible? And is it the purpose of the public library to indoctrinate and put forward agendas, be it political, ideological or societal?

Another reader posted on Facebook that “this is what happens when moral moorings are removed and situational ethics and relativism becomes the norm.” There is a strong ring of truth in that.

Bruce Kelly, Mahopac

Gun protest

I would like to thank the Cold Spring community for its support during our demonstration on Feb. 14 to remember the victims of the 2018 massacre at Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, and oppose gun violence.

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I want to thank everybody who attended the protest despite the bitter cold and the few people who were less-than-welcoming to our chants of “Not one more.” We cannot forget that no child should ever live in fear of being shot. As a country, we can begin to accomplish this by passing universal background checks. Until something is done to protect my friends and me, as well as countless children across the U.S., we will continue to protest. Liliana Cappello, Cold Spring

Politics and the law

The abuse of the justice system to harm one’s political enemies and protect one’s friends undermines the basis of a free and just society (“Putnam Settles Hossu Case for $750,000,” Feb. 14). This is standard practice in corrupt, authoritarian states such as North Korea and Russia and much of the Middle East. It’s only our dedication to impartial justice that truly separates us from them. We never can let that become the norm in the U.S., or we’re done.

Steve Laifer, Cold Spring

Decatur Myers

It saddened me to hear of the passing of newspaper deliveryman Decatur Myers (“Reporte’s Notebook: From One Paperboy to Another,” Feb. 7). I had many a good chat with him. One day he came knocking on my door because he needed help pulling his car out of the woods. He was lucky that day. The last time he came down the driveway, he told me he had lost weight. Now I know what happened.

Charles Nolen, Cold Spring

Thank you for the wonderful tribute to my father-in-law, Decatur. My husband and his family greatly appreciate it, and it’s great to know everyone thought so highly of him. He did have quite the personality! He is greatly missed, but I’m sure he’s looking down smiling and loving this.

Joanne Myers, via Facebook

House plans

As they say, “change is the only constant.” Route 9D in Garrison is a great place to watch change and expansion daily as, one-by-one, small homes are sold, updated and enlarged. Because I live across the street from 529 Route 9D, where the Rasics family hopes to build a home that is under review by the Philipstown Planning Board of Appeals [as reported in the Jan. 17 issue], I have given this matter a lot of thought.

Tim Rasic has proven himself in Philipstown to be an outstanding architect with an impeccable record. The Rasics have a dream that is in the midst of being fulfilled but for a neighbor’s preference that (to listen to the testimony at a January hearing) would keep things pretty much the same. The Rasics, like everyone else, submitted their plans. The plans were approved and the 60-day window for objections elapsed. In a situation such as this, when a neighbor’s claims of wrongdoing are shown to be without merit, the ZBA has a duty to follow precedent and honor agreements that are in line with the building code.

Instead, it has allowed an ongoing smear of the building inspector and the Rasics, and seems to be seriously considering the complainants’ assertion that the inspector tried to impede their ability to appeal within the required 60-day window.

That argument seems disingenuous; their lawyer never stated that his ability to appeal was impeded. On the contrary, he said that when he told the building inspector on Aug. 12 that his clients would appeal, the inspector’s reply was, essentially: “You have to do what you’re going to do.”

The Rasics have been subjected to months of complaints and legal fees defending themselves. They complied with the zoning ordinances and procedure. The ZBA has the responsibility to provide good governance and support the laws of the town, which apply to established residents and newcomers equally.

Rachel Evans, Garrison

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NOTICE

The Nelsonville Village Board will hold budget workshops on Thursday, February 27, Monday, March 2 and Thursday, March 5 (if needed), to plan the 2020/2021 Nelsonville Village Budget, at the Municipal Building 258 Main St. at 7:30PM.

Mindy Jesek
Village Clerk

Help wanted

Thank you for your thorough reporting on local political donations (“Whom Does the Highlands Support?” Feb. 14) and the recent voting record of our representatives in Albany (“How They Voted,” Feb. 14). It is incredibly helpful to have this efficiently presented all together. I hope it continues.

Carrinda Swann, Beacon

Pedal power

It’s all well and good to install bike paths separated from vehicle traffic on Route 9D but only if you also widen the road, add off-highway parking and keep all the walkers from randomly stepping into traffic (“Philipstown way parking and keep all the walkers from randomly stepping into traffic,” Feb. 14). Charles Symon, Beacon

Historic districts

The handful of objectively important historic sites in Beacon are already preserved, and the proposal to expand the historic district is nothing more than an attempt to prevent development and force existing property owners to pony up for it (“Do You Want to Prevent Development and Force Existing Property Owners to Pay?” Feb. 14). The new mayor’s application is nothing more than an attempt to curry favor with the real estate community.

Liliana Cappello, Beacon

Corrections

In a chart in our Feb. 14 issue called “Whom Does the Highlands Support?” we neglected to include the amounts contributed to two party committees. One Beacon resident gave $250 to the National Republican Congressional Committee and two Beacon residents gave a total of $360 to the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

A quote pulled from a story in our Feb. 14 issue about the Beacon school board considering reducing its size was credited to Ellen Pearson Gersh but should have been attributed to Meredith Heuer.

A story in our Jan. 24 issue concerning the prosecution of Charles E. Hustlis III, who is accused of a single count of attempted enticement of a minor, stated that the former Cold Spring trustee faces “up to 10 years in prison” if convicted. In fact, he faces a minimum of 10 years.

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Union Contracts (from Page 1)

County Attorney Jennifer Bumgarner said the county had anticipated raises for CSEA members, so the money is in the budget.

One of the sticking points during negotiations, said Personnel Director Paul Eldridge, was how to incorporate 911 dispatchers into the CSEA contract. The state Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) in 2016 approved moving the dispatchers to the CSEA from the Putnam County Sheriff’s Employee Association (PCSEA).

“A lot of the time was spent on incorporating a 24/7, 365-day operation into an agreement that didn’t have any other employees who operated like that,” Eldridge explained.

The police union

While the CSEA contract awaits approval by the Legislature, the county continues to negotiate with the PCSEA and the Putnam County Sheriff’s Police Benevolent Association (PBA), which represents law-enforcement officers and has 80 members. Like the CSEA deal, both expired at the end of 2016.

A proposed six-year contract with the PBA that included 2 percent annual raises, with the possibility of higher increases depending on inflation, was unanimously rejected in July 2017 by the Legislature as “fiscally unsustainable.”

The proposal also would have increased holiday pay and eliminated a requirement that deputies train as first responders.

The rejection angered PBA leadership, which filed an “improper practice” charge with the Public Employment Relations Board against County Executive MaryEllen Odell, claiming that while she publicly supported the deal, her administration privately lobbied against it. (The PERB dismissed the accusation). In a Facebook post that has since been removed, the PBA mocked Odell as “The Empress” and showed a doctored image of her riding a horse at Tilly Foster Farm.

The union also purchased a billboard on Route 9 in Phillipstown criticizing members of the Legislature for giving themselves a 14 percent raise in December 2017 that brought their part-time salaries to $40,000 annually.

Andrew Quinn, the PBA’s attorney, did not respond to an email requesting comment. But he told the Putnam Examiner last year that if Odell had agreed to an “unsustainable” contract, “then she’s reckless,” and if she signed a contract that was sustainable but the Legislature said it wasn’t, “they’re liars. So it’s one or the other.”

The county and PBA entered mediation on Dec. 20, according to a Facebook post by Legislator William Gouldman (R-Putnam Valley). If mediation fails, the negotiators will have to resolve their disputes through binding arbitration, in which both sides would be compelled to accept a third party’s decision. Patricia Stone, Odell’s chief of staff, said the administration was “hopeful” for an agreement “in the very near future.”

Jail employees

Accusations following a vote also colored recent negotiations with the Putnam County Sheriff’s Employee Association, which has 71 members who work as jail guards and support staff.

After its contract expired in 2011, the union negotiated with the county for three years before reaching an agreement that covered 2012 through 2016. According to the contract, union members will receive raises each year through 2016.

Steven Eldridge explained.

Dutchess Approves Raises for Police

Moves money around to cover increases

By Leonard Sparks

The Dutchess County Legislature on Feb. 10 approved moving $2.4 million to cover the cost of new union contracts for its sheriff’s deputies, correction officers and support staff.

Legislators authorized two amendments to the 2020 budget: $2.07 million to cover raises for members of the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Employee Association (DCSEA); and $375,000 to cover raises and other costs for members of the Dutchess County Police Benevolent Association (PBA).

The DCSEA members, which include guards and office and building maintenance staff, approved a contract covering 2017 through 2021 that includes annual raises of between 2 percent and 2.25 percent the first three years, 2.75 percent for 2020 and 2.5 percent for 2021. The total cost will be $7.6 million over five years.

Under the new four-year contract with the PBA, which represents deputies, sergeants and lieutenants, Dutchess will pay $4.01 million in raises and other costs between 2020 and 2023. Union members will receive 2.5 percent raises each in the first three years and 2.75 percent in 2023.

Nelsonville Continues Debate Over Easement

Also discusses 5G regulation, sewer breakdown

By Liz Schevchuk Armstrong

The fate of 4.2 tree-covered acres on Secor Street dominated the agenda twice in six days as the Nelsonville Village Board and residents continued debating whether to protect them with a conservation easement.

At the first session, on Feb. 12, the board also reviewed results of a survey in which 75 of 94 respondents backed measures to safeguard the village-owned parcel.

When the discussion resumed on Tuesday (Feb. 18), the focus included the role, if any, of a public referendum.

For months the board has considered incorporating the land into an easement adopted by Nelsonville and the Open Space Institute 20 years ago to protect the adjacent, 112-acre Nelsonville Woods. Under that agreement, the village owns the woods, which OSI oversees.

Zoned for multi-family housing, the Secor property, which contains wetlands, was eyed in 2017 as a possible location for a cell tower that will be constructed on Rockefeller Road overlooking the Cold Spring Cemetery.

In the latest go-round, as on previous occasions discussing strongly backed the OSI-village agreement. Others opposed it or wanted a public vote.

“Why can’t we just leave it and not have OSI involved?” resident Gloria Van Tassel asked on Feb. 12. “Just let the property be there.”

Mayor Mike Bowman responded that the proposed OSI deal “takes the possibility of this property being misused off the table,” preventing a future board from selling it for development or allowing a commercial venture to occupy it. To protect it, the OSI easement “is the best option,” he said.

Under a draft agreement, even if the acreage is included in the conservation easement, the village could, with OSI’s permission, build a modest structure such as a restroom or education center, create a playground or tap underground water for village needs.

Resident Heidi Wendol urged the Village Board to avoid building anything there.

“Land is finite” and “every inch should be protected to the maximum extent possible,” she said on Feb. 12. During the Feb. 18 follow-up discussion, she added that “there’s enormous community sentiment that the land be preserved” and encouraged the board to promptly finalize arrangements with OSI.

Another resident, Kenneth Levine, argued against the easement. “How does this benefit the village?” he said on Feb. 18. “I understand green space. I love it. But why would you give away something we might need in the future?”

Bowman emphasized that “we own the property now and we will own it after OSI puts a conservation easement on it.”

Former Trustee Alan Potts advocated letting voters decide, and on Feb. 12, proposed a question: “Do you support signing away the village rights to the land?”

Potts pressed the issue again on Tuesday and accused board members of backsliding. He said that, during a meeting in August, Bowman had endorsed a public referendum.

The mayor responded that the board relies on guidance from its lawyer, Brian Morgan, and that over the months since it has better understood when to call referendums. He reiterated what he and Morgan had asserted the week before: That no citizens’ vote is needed to make an agreement with OSI.

Further, Bowman said on Tuesday, “I don’t see the point” of a referendum, “other than just another opportunity to go out there and scare that we’re giving away a piece of property, which is not what we’re doing, or that we’re relinquishing our rights to a piece of property, which is not what we’re doing. We’re protecting a piece of property.”

Future tech

Also on Tuesday, the board held a public hearing on its draft law to regulate 5G telecommunications installations, which sometimes are installed on utility poles and structures and are seen as likely successors to cell towers.

After receiving a few low-key comments from audience members, the board planned to tweak the draft before a vote. “It’s our responsibility to pass this, because this technology is going to be here tomorrow,” Bowman said.

Bowman noted that on Jan. 29 the federal judge hearing a lawsuit brought by Homeland Towers and Verizon against the village over the Rockefeller cell tower project ratified a negotiated settlement that the board approved on Jan. 21.

Pearl Street sewer

The mayor announced on Tuesday that a partial collapse in a private sewer line on Pearl Street required emergency repairs by the village because it posed a public health threat. Most Nelsonville properties depend on septic systems, but a handful tie into the Pearl Street line, which connects to nearby Cold Spring sewer pipes.

The latest crisis “just highlights the need” for residents who use the Pearl Street sewer “to figure out a long-term solution,” which “is not going to be very cheap,” Bowman said. He said that residents probably will need to establish a sewer district.

By Holly Crocco contributed reporting.
**Putnam’s Emergency Response Team**

**Leaders brief legislators on operations**

By Holly Crocco

When law-enforcement officials in Putnam County are notified of crises such as bomb threats or hostage situations, a group of specially trained officers is ready to spring into action.

The Putnam County Emergency Response Team, formed 15 years ago, combines the skills of 25 officers from the Sheriff’s Department and Carmel and Kent police departments, as well as negotiators.

Lt. Kevin McManus of the Sheriff’s Department leads the ERT, and Lt. John Dearman of the Carmel Police is the assistant commander. During the Feb. 11 meeting of the Protective Services Committee, McManus and Dearman gave legislators background on the team and how it works.

“We don’t really know a lot about the ERT, but lately, in the last couple of months, thank God you guys are there to help with specific dangerous situations,” said Legislator Neal Sullivan (R-Mahopac).

The emergency-response team is called out, on average, four times per year, McManus said. “A request can be made by anyone through any of the [police] departments,” he explained.

Once ERT leaders are briefed, they decide whether the team will respond.

“If there’s an armed, barricaded subject, if there’s a barricaded EDP [emotionally disturbed person] in the house who wants to hurt himself or someone else, that certainly would constitute a response,” he said, as would “any hostage situation or any bomb threat — anything where there’s an imminent threat of violence.”

Depending on the threat, a request is sent to team members and, similar to volunteer firefighters, anyone who is available can respond. “You could have four or five guys there quick, and four or five guys who get there in half an hour,” explained Dearman. When team members arrive, they work with any officers already there. The ERT is “a tool to be utilized by the department that calls us out,” Dearman said. “We don’t just get to go off and do what we want. We have to work within the jurisdiction we’re in.”

The team is funded through a grant from the federal Department of Homeland Security that covers about half of its training costs, McManus said.

In addition, Putnam allocates $35,000 for equipment and $10,000 to reimburse the towns of Carmel and Kent for its officers.

“We were sharing services before it was politically cool to say ‘sharing services,’” Dearman said. “We knew no department could man and equip a team, so we did it together.”

ERT members train once a month for eight hours, either at the Paladin Center in Carmel or the county’s fire-training center, and at shooting ranges in East Fishkill and Westchester County. Members also use local temples and schools to practice responses.

“The temples asked us to go up there,” McManus said. “In light of everything that’s going on nationally and internationally, it’s good practice for us and hopefully that makes them feel better that we have a little better understanding of the inside of their structures.”

Legislator Ginny Nacerino (R-Patterson) said she found the discussion enlightening. “These are little pockets of things that are done under the radar,” she said. “The training and expertise that go into this are not things that people are widely aware of.”
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Dan Fisherman is a professional philosopher. Thus, you won’t hear him say, “Do not question why.” Instead, the Beacon resident and former college professor leads the Socrates Cafe each month at the Howland Public Library, encouraging participants to develop the skills to participate in discussions of questions for which they may not have ready answers.

Fisherman, who taught educational philosophy at Montclair State University for eight years, also leads a Young Philosophers Cafe at the library for students in grades 6 to 9. Additionally, he teaches philosophy to home-school students at classes held in Beacon and to inmates at the Downstate Correctional Facility.

“Watching pundits, it feels like they’re screaming at each other to adopt their position,” Fisherman says of the discourse common on cable television. “If one of the goals of learning was to conduct intellectual discourse, adults would be less prone to talk at each other.

“Here, the goal is to come to an idea with humility: Maybe I have something to learn from somebody else,” he says. “This isn’t innate; it’s a skill. To be able to overcome your assuredness is tough.”

Regardless of a participant’s age, Fisherman says “it’s best when you get someone who has no idea what it’s all about and they become open to questions they’ve never considered. It’s harder with adults because they have such a grounding in their world view.”

Fisherman earned a master’s degree in analytical philosophy from the University of Pennsylvania but left its doctoral program and became a musician. Years later, when one of his children was attend-

Deep Thoughts

We asked Dan Fisherman to share 10 questions he might pose during a philosophical cafe.

- Might advanced AI robots deserve human rights?
- Can we know that we don’t live in the Matrix?
- Is a brain-dead, but otherwise living, human a person?
- Can non-humans be people?
- When should we not be held responsible for our actions?
- Can an unpopular work of art be termed a masterpiece?
- Can a depraved film be considered a masterpiece?
- Could God make a square circle?
- Is there more to a family than its members?
- Do we need our body in order to be ourself?

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COMMUNITY

SAT 22
Community Soup-Making
BEACON
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. More Good 383 Main St. | commongroundfarm.org
Home cooks will be able to make soup in support of Soup4Greens using a professional kitchen. Email market@commongroundfarm.org to participate. The soup will be sold at the Beacon Farmer’s Market on SUN 23 as a fundraiser for matching federal food assistance dollars for the community.

SAT 22
Intro to Beekeeping
WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Stony Kill Farm 79 Farmstead Lane | storykill.org
Learn how to care for a hive. Cost: $45

SAT 22
Renegades Game Day Job Fair
WAPPINGERS FALLS
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Dutchess Stadium 1500 Route 9D | 845-838-0090 hvrenegades.com
Join Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea and representatives from Hudson Valley Community Power to learn more about enrolling in the solar option, which will generate funding for the town’s Refrigerant Management Program.

SAT 22
Maple Sugar Tours
CORNWALL
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Outdoor Discovery Center | Muser Drive 845-534-5506 x204 | hhnm.org
Learn how sap is collected and turned into syrup. There are two tour options: the Sugar Bush tours at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. include a 1-mile moderate hike through field and forest to the Sugar Bush Shack; or the Maple Lane tours, at noon and 3 p.m., include a short walk from the Visitors’ Center. Also SUN 23 and weekends through March 15. Cost: $10 ($8 children and teens; members $8/$6)

SAT 22
Solar Gathering at the Farm
PHILIPSTOWN
3 – 5 p.m. Glynnwood Farm 363 Glynnwood Road hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com
Join Philipstown Supervisor Richard Shea and representatives from Hudson Valley Community Power to learn more about enrolling in the solar option, which will generate funding for the town’s Refrigerant Management Program.

TALKS & TOURS

THURS 27
Roaring ’20s Costume Ball
FOUGHKEESE
6 – 9 p.m. St. Rocco Society 265 S. Chestnut St. beaconopensstudios.org
At this annual fundraiser for Beacon Open Studios, dress for the 1920s and enjoy food and drinks, raffle prizes and swinging music from Tony DePaolo and The Beantowners. Cost: $35

SUN 23
Party for Your Mental Health
BEACON
Noon – 3 p.m. Towne Crier 379 Main St. | 845-855-1300 towncrier.com
Members of the Sikotabs Art Project will read from their new picture book on coping with depression, Sometimes It’s Ok to Always be Sad. There will also be music from Tony DePaolo, Judith Tulloch, The Costello, Russell St. George and Luv Dot Gov. Proceeds will benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Cost: $20 donation

SUN 23
Polar Fest
WEST POINT
11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Victor Constant Ski Area 732 Victor Constant Road 845-938-8810 westpoint.armymwr.com/programs/victor-constant-ski-area
The annual festival includes skiing, snowboarding, a paintball relay, live music and food. Cost: $20 to $40

SUN 1
Cultivating Active Hope
PHILIPSTOWN
1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Kim Eierman, author of The Pollinator Victory Garden, Philipstown Garden Club members and Master Gardeners will discuss ways to create supportive habitats.

SUN 1
Clearwater Gala
GARRISON
3 – 7 p.m. The Garrison | 2015 Route 9 845-265-8080 x7119 | clearwater.org
Tom Chaplin will be honored on his 75th birthday for his environmental advocacy during this annual fundraiser for the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater. Cost: $250

KIDS & FAMILY

SAT 22
Black History: The Puppet Show
PUTNAM VALLEY
11 a.m. Putnam Valley Library 30 Oscowana Lake Road 845-528-3242 bookwheels.com/putnamvalleylibrary
JD Lawrence and his puppeteers will tell the story of a young girl exploring her African-American roots with her grandfather. Free

SAT 22
Middle School Night
GARRISON
7 – 10 p.m. Philipstown Recreation Center 107 Gerschfield Drive 845-424-4618 philipstownrecreation.com
Philipstown residents in grades 6 to 8 are invited to play games in the tournament room and sports in the gym. If the ice skating rink is not open, there will be a showing of Detective Pikachu. Concessions will be available. Cost: $5

THURS 27
Paint Your Own Tote
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Personalize a canvas reusable bag. For ages 11 and older. Supplies provided. Registration required. Free

FRI 28
Free Solo
6 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
As part of the ongoing Reel Life Film Series for middle and high school students, the library will screen this 2018 documentary about an attempt by Alex Honnold to become the first person to climb the 900-meter vertical face of El Capitan with no cables. Filmmaker and amateur climber Dana Bol and climbing guide Doug Ferguson will answer questions following the film. Pizza will be served. Registration required.
MUSIC

SAT 22
Hudson Valley Gospel Festival
POUGHKEEPSIE
dutchessstourism.com/ticketinfo
This festival will include concerts by Everett Drake, Edwin Sutton, the Livingstone College Gospel Choir and others, as well as workshops, a Gospel Walk Through History and a hat parade. Also SUN 23. Cost: $50 to $825

SAT 22
Strange Loops
BEACON
4 p.m. BAU Gallery | 506 Main St. 845-440-7584 | baugallery.org
The Schroeder Umansky Duo will perform music for violin and cello by Zoltán Kódař, Michael Ippolito and Caroline Shaw. Presented by the Howland Chamber Music Circle. Free

SAT 22
The Smithereens
PEEKSKILL
8 p.m. Paramount Hudson Valley 1008 Brown St. | 914-739-0039 paramounthudsonvalley.com
After 40 years and 17 albums, the band’s latest is which features songs originally recorded by others. Robin Wilson of the Gin Blossoms will be the guest vocalist following the death of Pat DiNizio. Cost: $29 to $59

FRI 28
Joseph Arthur
BEACON
8:30 p.m. Towne Crier | 379 Main St. 845-855-1300 | townecrier.com
The storytelling singer will be playing songs from his new release, Come Back World. Cost: $25 ($30 door)

SAT 22
Hudson Highlands Poetry
GARRISON
1:30 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre | 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 philipstowndepottheatre.org
Carla Carlson, A. Anupama and Joseph Fasano will read their work as part of this ongoing series.

SAT 22
The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane
BEACON
3 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 miraculousjourney.bpt.me
In this Hudson Valley Theatre Initiative production of Kate DiCamillo’s novel, a vain but fragile toy rabbit learns about love. Suitable for ages 8 and older. Also MON 24.

SAT 22
Lincoln Trio
BEACON
4 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 howlandmusic.org
The Grammy nominees from Chicago will perform as part of the Howland Chamber Music Circle series. Their program includes a Beethoven piano trio and a work by composer Debora Kaye. Cost: $30 ($40 students)

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TUES 25
The Help
GARRISON
6 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Bring a Southern-inspired food or beverage to add to the shared meal during this screening of the 2011 film as part of the library’s Edible Flicks series.

FRI 28
Brother Outsider
BEACON
7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church 50 Liberty St. movieatthatmatterbeacon.org
This 2003 documentary, which will be shown as part of the Movies That Matter series, follows civil-rights activist Bayard Rustin, who over 60 years formulated many of the strategies that propelled the movement. Because he was openly gay, however, he worked mostly behind the scenes. Free

FRI 28
Sebastian Maniscalco
POUGHKEEPSIE
7 & 9:30 p.m. Mid-Hudson Civic Center 14 Civic Center Plaza | 845-454-5800
The comedian bridges the gap between his Old World Italian-American upbringing and the contemporary world with sarcasm and exaggeration. Also SAT 29, SUN 1. Cost: $75 to $391

FRI 28
Why the Child is Cooking in the Polenta
BEACON
8 p.m. Howland Cultural Center 477 Main St. | 845-831-4988 polenta.bpt.me
Based on the 1999 semiautobiographical novel by Ágála Veteranyi, this play follows a girl traveling through Europe with her circus family while exploring the complexities of immigrants, language and identity. Starring Edith AliBee and directed by Dana Parashiv, it will be presented by the Howland Playhouse and the Russianian Cultural Institute. Cost: $45 ($20 door)

SAT 29
Maker Film Festival
BEACON
1 p.m. Story Screen 445 Main St. | 845-440-7706 storyscreenbeacon.com
This festival, curated by Melanie Falick of Beacon, author of Making a Life: Working by Hand and Discovering the Life You Are Meant to Live, focuses on the global made-by-hand movement. It opens with From the Movie and continues at 3 p.m. with Woven Lives: Contemporary Textiles from Ancient Oaxacan Traditions; six short films at 6 p.m., followed by a discussion with makers featured in Falick’s book; and Wiz Print, a documentary about African batik fabric, at 7 p.m. On SUN 1 the festival will screen The True Cost at 1 p.m., which will be followed by a panel about the “slow fashion” movement; six shorts at 4 p.m.; and The New Bauhaus, a documentary about designer Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, at 6:30 p.m. In addition, from 1 – 5 p.m. there will be a Pop-up Maker Market in the lobby. Cost: $10 per screening

SAT 29
The Count: A Musical
GARRISON
7 p.m. Philipstown Depot Theatre 10 Garrison’s Landing | 845-424-3900 philipstowndepottheatre.org
A staged reading of a musical by Brion Winston and David Holland. The show is based on the life of Ferdinand von Heine, a gambler’s odyssey through Brooklyn. See Page 9. Cost: $20

SAT 29
Winter Follies
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Butterfield Library | 10 Morris Ave. 845-265-3040 | butterfieldlibrary.org
Michael Heintzman and John Pielmeier will present a series of comic scenes. See Page 2. Free

CIVIC

SAT 22
Ward 1 Office Hours
BEACON
11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Howland Public Library 313 Main St. | 845-831-1134 beaconlibrary.org
Council Member Terry Nelson will be available for questions or comments.

MON 24
City Council
BEACON
7 p.m. City Hall | 1 Municipal Plaza 845-838-5011 | cityofbeacon.org

MON 24
School Board
BEACON
7 p.m. Beacon High School 101 Matteawan Road 845-838-6900 | beacon12.org

TUES 25
School Board
COLD SPRING
7 p.m. Haldane High School (Room 211) 15 Craigs side Drive | 845-265-9254 haldaneschool.org

TUES 25
Board of Trustees
COLD SPRING
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 85 Main St. 845-265-3611 | coldspringny.gov

THURS 27
Budget Workshop
NELSONVILLE
7:30 p.m. Village Hall | 258 Main St. 845-265-2500 | nelsonvilleny.gov

SAT 29
Community Development Forum
BEACON
10 a.m. Memorial Hall 413 Main St. | 845-838-5011 cityofbeacon.org
Organized by the mayor, this forum will include a discussion of the comprehensive plan, development activity and recent zoning changes.

HEALTH & FITNESS

MON 24
Aging at Home
GARRISON
2 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
In this informational program, a new nonprofit will discuss government services and how to create mutual volunteer support for older people.

HEALTH & FITNESS

SAT 26
Be an Empowered Health Care Consumer
MAHOPAC
1 p.m. Mahopac Library 668 Route 6 | 845-628-2009 mahopaclibrary.org
The League of Women Voters of Putnam County will host this discussion with advocacy groups We the Patients and Say Ah! to offer tips for getting better care and navigating the system.

THURS 27
Intro to Yoga
GARRISON
1 p.m. Desmond-Fish Library 472 Route 403 | 845-424-3020 desmondfishlibrary.org
Kathie Scanlon will lead gentle stretches and strengthening poses specifically for people dealing with osteoarthritis and osteoporosis.

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The Count (from Page 9)

In his work on the show, Hollander (whose second novel, Anthropica, will be published in May) says he found himself, for the first time, writing monologues instead of dialogue. There were other firsts. “My fiction tends to be heavy on irony and sometimes nihilistic, whereas working on The Count has been very warm, with lots of compassion,” he says. “Also, brainstorming with Brion has been great, because as a fiction writer you sit alone in a room.”

The initial idea for The Count, Hollander says, was to make it a one-man show, with songs connected by monologue. “The audience would essentially turn into members of Gamblers Anonymous, listening,” he says. After reading Winston’s draft, Hollander asked him for more information and, in response, “Brion sent me liner notes for each song, helping me understand.”

After The Count’s first public performance, the collaborators decided to expand it dramatically. “We wanted it to begin with The Count on the day he’s going to get married, and we needed to create more dramatic tension,” Hollander explains. “Brion imagined someone from The Count’s past — and that became Baron, who shadows The Count all the way through. Between Baron and The Count, who creates more dramatic tension,” Hollander asked him for more information he says. After reading Winston’s draft, Hollander asked him for more information and, in response, “Brion sent me liner notes for each song, helping me understand.”

The cast of the Garrison production, which includes Haldane High School students Sam Bates and Alex Danilov, has been rehearsing in Albany. The performance will be directed by Amanda Brinke, stage-managed by Hollander’s 13-year-old daughter, Percy Parker, and cheered on by his other daughter, Lily, 10, a veteran of several Depot Youth stage productions.

The Philipstown Depot Theatre is located at 10 Garrison’s Landing. Tickets for the performance, which begins at 7 p.m., are $20 at brownpapertickets.com/event/4493777.

The Death of Socrates (from Page 9)

ing the Randolph School in Wappingers Falls, he was asked to talk about philosophy with the students. About the same time, he discovered a program at Montclair State and returned to school for a doctorate in educational philosophy. He would go on to teach at the Randolph School for 15 years. When Fisherman took over facilitating the Howland library sessions about 18 months ago, he had no experience working with adults. He says participants at the Socrates Cafes range from novices to other philosophy professors who “wish to do philosophy as opposed to studying it.” He adds: “What I do is a social experience. It’s communal. You can learn the issues on your own by studying philosophy, but this isn’t about studying the canon as it was written. This is about asking questions of yourself as a starting point.”

The discussions vary with children. “With younger kids [in home-school classes], I focus on listening and learning how to ask a philosophical question,” he explains. “For years I tried to explain what a philosophical question was, but that didn’t work well. Now I don’t explain. Rather, I encourage them to figure it out.”

Fisherman says he typically begins by reading a paragraph or vignette. “Young kids, developmentally, are focused on the tangible, as opposed to the abstract or conceptual,” he says. “If the question is, ‘Why did Pixie get up and speak to her mom like this?’ the immediate answer might be, ‘I don’t know.’ So I’ll ask, ‘What do you think are the reasons?’ I’ll focus on the passage that has them and, lo and behold, magically, a 6-year-old will have asked the question that’s at least proto-philosophical in some manner. “We’ll do that for a few weeks, and by then I don’t have to direct them, they come up with the questions. The basic formula is: What does it mean for something to be something? What does it mean for a thing to be a thing?”

Building analytical skills takes time, Fisherman says, “but eventually they’re able to reflect on the arguments and counterarguments. You want to foster process — listening, hearing what the other person is saying, getting someone else to agree by offering reason. As you get older, you expect more complexity to the arguments.”

Most of the older students who attend Fisherman’s discussions at the Howland library are home-schoolers, which makes sense, he says. “You need a particular kind of parent — one who values this kind of engagement. As parents, they’re questioning. The process focuses on learning to ask good questions, finding the assumptions you have about the world, and questioning those. “You can look at this academically, from the development of skills, but there’s also the aspect of meaning. It’s great to know the philosophical questions, but it’s also being inspired by the question, by the discourse, so that life has more meaning. It’s about finding a perspective, opening up to the world.”

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Looking Back in Philipstown

By Chip Rowe

150 Years Ago (February 1870)

James Secor returned to Cold Spring after spending a few months in the West. He recounted that, while traveling through the British Dominions [Canada], 60 miles west of Suspension Bridge [over the Niagara River], his train hit a broken rail. He was thrown to the floor as the car rolled on its side, and then saw the glowing stove coming toward him. He was able to stamp the fire out through the windows onto the snow. Other men extinguished fires caused by the lamps. One man in the car was found to have been killed.

The Cold Spring Recorder noted peddlers were going door-to-door in the village selling oysters from kettles.

Constable Dore arrested a homeless woman on suspicion of infanticide after witnesses said they had seen her with an infant in Garrison the day before, but with only baby clothes the next day. The woman said she had no baby but hoped to have one. She was sent to the Overseer of the Poor in Nelsonville.

Michael Fallon was seriously injured when the elevator at the top of the furnace descended suddenly while he was unloading a wheelbarrow of ore.

The frescoes on the walls of the new Methodist Church were nearly complete.

125 Years Ago (February 1895)

A Friday night snowstorm delayed the milk delivery until Saturday afternoon, and the grocers, bakers and butchers were forced to bring orders in baskets. Six railroad cars filled with sheep rode out the weather parked in Breakneck Tunnel.

Dr. C.D. Gilson, a graduate of the New York College of Dentistry, opened a practice in the Grove Building at the corner of Morris and Main.

A young man accused of assaulting his father who was being served with an arrest warrant at his home by a village constable asked if he could be excused for a few moments. The Recorder noted that the constable, who agreed to the request, still had the warrant.

A Valentine Party at Town Hall organized by the Ladies’ Auxiliary of St. Mary’s Church featured a one-act farce called The Obstinate Family.

At a school board meeting, the principal reported that, of 323 children ages 5 to 18 in the district, 299 were registered, and the average daily attendance was 242.

The library committee also reported it had purchased 81 books, including Clivies for Young People, Madam How and Lady Why, Swedish System of Educational Gymnastics, When I was a Boy in China, American Football, and Photography Indoors and Out.

Charles McClary finished a 22-foot-high water tower covered with cedar shingles on the Parrott Street property of Capt. Henry Metcalfe.

Francis Lipsey, the watchman at the Main Street crossing of the Hudson River Railroad, was confined at home for a week with the flu.

Republicans had a clean sweep during county elections in Carmel, winning the positions of collector, justice of the peace, commissioner of highways, assessor, commissioners of excise, election inspectors, overseer of the poor and constables.

They even won in Democratic strongholds such as Carmel and Putnam Valley.

Frederick Osborn’s St. Bernard was found shot dead in Garrison, but there were no suspects. Soon after, Lumps, a Hungarian hound owned by Gen. Daniel Butterfield, was killed in Cold Spring by a train.

The grocers Perry & Reilly had on exhibit at their store a “petrified potato” that was found in a load from Putnam Valley.

Two gamblers from New York City conducted a “shell game” in Garrison and fleeced several residents out of $5 to $15 each. One man lost $25 but raised such a ruckus that the shell man refunded his money.

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The Highlands Current

Local Connections to Impeachment

William Evarts, a Garrison resident who died in 2013, was the great-great-grandson of William Evarts, one of the lawyers who defended President Andrew Johnson in his impeachment trial in the U.S. Senate in 1868, while Clara Longstreth, of Garrison, is the great-great-granddaughter of Salmon Chase, the chief justice of the U.S. Supreme Court who presided over the trial.

Looking Back (from Page 13)

Garrison hosted horse races with entrants from nine river towns. Ed Rockett of Sing Sing won the three-quarter-mile, which was best three times in five, and J.W. Tompkins of Sing Sing took the trotters’ division, with George Garrison of Garrison finishing fourth.

The Recorder ran a list, dating to 1825, of when the frozen Hudson had re-opened to boat traffic. The dates ranged from Feb. 4 to April 13.

The state allocated 10,000 brown and 15,000 brook trout to the Cold Spring-on-Hudson Fish and Game Protective Association.

Progressive euchre was said to be a fad among Garrison residents.

P.A. July, who had recently opened a Main Street barber shop, announced he also would sell plates, chemicals and papers for amateur photographers.

A young man who passed through the village claimed to be one of the 20 survivors of the Jan. 31 sinking of the ocean liner SS Elbe in the North Sea. He said he was coming from Buffalo, where he had visited his brother, a lawyer, to prepare a lawsuit.

100 Years Ago (February 1920)

A state representative visited Town Hall to distribute forms and explain the newly adopted state income tax law, which required all single people who made more than $1,000 annually [about $13,000 today] and all couples who made more than $2,000 to file by March 15.

Snow drifts after a storm prevented the coal men from making their deliveries. The temperature on one Sunday morning plunged to 16 below; because of the frozen ground, the bodies of many residents who died had to be stored in vaults at Cold Spring Cemetery.

The annual meeting of the General Chemical Co. of Philipstown was held at its offices near Manitou station.

Because of a backlog at the Secretary of State’s Office, drivers were allowed to display their 1919 license plates until March 1.

Katherine Scullion and Kathleen Nichols of Garrison both landed jobs at the Baker Underwear Factory in Peekskill.

F.C. Dale, the proprietor of Blackfriar Farms in Cold Spring, offered at “bargain prices” any surplus from a carload of middlings, oats, corn, gluten, cornmeal and alfalfa meal; a carload of No. 2 hay; and a barrel of raw linseed oil.

The Knights of Columbus offered $10 in gold for the best essay by a Haldane student on “Benefits of an Enlistment in the United States Army.”

75 Years Ago (February 1945)

The Field Artillery Team from West Point took on a team from Beacon at the Lions Club Athletic Carnival at the Haldane school. The event benefited the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis [the March of Dimes], which fought polio. The West Point team passed the swimming test and three completed a 14-mile hike.

A little digging revealed it had belonged to Delos Luther, a livestock and farm equipment auctioneer who lived at 19 Parsonage St. in the 1940s. By 1948 he and his family had moved to Wassaic, a hamlet in eastern Dutchess County, where for the next three decades his wife Queenie, their son David and their grandson Delos II ran Luther’s Livestock Commission Market.

From the mid-1950s to the late 1960s, the market moved 2,000 calves per week, but the large farms of Wappinger and Fishkill were eventually covered by IBM, motels, restaurants and schools. Delos died in 1983, at age 73.
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featured Harry Boykoff, a 6-foot-10 former center for St. John’s University who would later play in the NBA.

The Greens Club, a sophomore at the Peekskill Military Academy and the son of K.H. Clune of Manitou, defeated Eugene Pardini at 1:08 in the second round of a boxing match at Vasa Temple in the Bronx.

50 Years Ago (February 1970)

Joseph Lahey, the superintendent of highways for Philipstown, said the previous eight years and town supervisor from 1944 to 1956, died at Butterfield Memorial Hospital at age 72. He had 26 grandchildren, all living in Cold Spring.

Jane Polhemus of Manitou was named Haldane’s Homemaker of Tomorrow after 19 years and town supervisor from

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Joey DeMarco recorded his 1,000th career point for the Haldane varsity boys’ basketball team a week after scoring a school-record 41 points in a victory over Lourdes. DeMarco became the fourth Haldane player to reach 1,000 points, after Mike Kiefer, Damon Perpetua and Jenny Moran.

Boscobel named Charles Lyle, a former director of the Maryland Historical Society, as its new executive director. He succeeded Frederick Stanyer, who retired after 31 years.

Putnam County sheriff’s deputies, using a K-9 officer named Alf, located two 8-year-olds who were lost in the woods near Old West Point Road in Garrison.

Patrick O’Sullivan opened Limited Edition Realty at 155 Main St.

The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival announced that, for its ninth season, it would present The Tempest and The Two Gentlemen of Verona.
Beacon High School Honor Roll

Students recognized for second-quarter grades

Ninth Grade
Principal’s Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Honor Roll

Tenth Grade
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Honor Roll

Eleventh Grade
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Aidan Alvarado, Hannah Burch, Rebecca DeLeo, Lejilda Gecaj, Sophia Hockler, Nata lie Khalil, Thandwile Knox, Regan Ladue, Michael Leperre, Michael Levy, Ryan Liao, Beyonce Otero, John Padoleski, Jessica Pavone, Eliza Principe Garcia, D’Anna Williams

Honor Roll
Tamar Adams-Pimnck, Vincent Bouder, Sara Brooks, Zachary Brooks, Cafy Campellani, Ellis Cassey, Eva Chapin, Sara Chin, Maycol Cuautle Toral, Rhan Dabashi, Dylan Derasmo, Carter Detero, Gabriael Diaz, Kaitleen Dixon, Kaylah Dixon, Joshua Espinosas, Marlyne Gami, Dania Gillins, Sofia Gonzalez, Jaca Green, Mark Guzman Lizarraga, Samara Harris, Angel hibbert, Aidan Kiled, Bernadette Kish, Charles Krahcy IV, Makayla Lesniak, Abigail Magurno, Malakai Matil, Alexandra Montoya, Sone Mosch ous, Maria Miller, Marion Jackson, Amanda Morgan, Aiden Morris, Rhami Mousa, Oscar Nunez, Liam O’Brien, Israel O’Brien, Keiana O’Connell, Kelly Murphy, Michael Musacchio, Natalie Negron, Isabella Ortiz, Marriana Pastorello, Tahji Patterson, Justin Picciachio, Mya Pierce, Ryan Rabenda, Anastasia Sakowitz, James Sarnes, Stephen Schneider, JAsson Simon, Gianna Thompson, Katelin VanBuren

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Twelfth Grade
Principal’s Honor Roll

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High Honor Roll

 Honor Roll

Seventh Grade
 Principal’s Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade
 Principal’s Honor Roll

Sixth Grade
 Principal’s Honor Roll

High Honor Roll
 Nadeen Ahmed, Camryn Aquinio, Ashland Assael, Grace Beston, Logan Blum, James Bouchard III, Ella Brill, Leylani Candia


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ACROSS
1. Satchel
4. Nowhere to be seen
8. Visored military cap
12. — out a living
13. State
14. Object of worship
15. Have a bug
16. Dilute
18. Up to
20. Finish
21. Second letter
24. Sponsorship
28. Negative aspect
32. Took the bus
33. Fire residue
34. Oodles
36. Wager
37. Amorphous lump
39. Onion rings, e.g.
41. Takes to the skies
43. Carry on
44. “That feels so good!”
46. Black board?
50. Exemplar of dullness
55. Cattle call
56. Leading man
57. Volcanic flow
58. Request
59. Floor cleaners
60. Gasoline, e.g.
61. Born

DOWN
1. Suitor
2. Related
3. Moolah
4. Anarchic
5. Eggs
6. Prepared
7. Genealogy chart
8. Actress Margot
9. “Green” prefix
10. “Bam!”
11. Hostel
12. Twitches
13. Fire-fighting legend Red
14. Asian desert
15. Mid-month date
16. Green or Rogen
17. Genetic stuff
18. — Saud
19. Genetic stuff
20. — Saud
21. Genetic stuff
22. Twitches
23. Fire-fighting legend Red
24. Asian desert
25. Mid-month date
26. Green or Rogen
27. Genetic stuff
28. Twitches
29. Genetic stuff
30. “Half!”
31. Icelandic poetry
32. More than just a few
33. Taken the bus
34. Oodles
35. More than just a few
36. Wager
37. Amorphous lump
38. Taken the bus
39. Onion rings, e.g.
40. Society newbie
41. Takes to the skies
42. Tool with teeth
43. Carry on
44. “That feels so good!”
46. Black board?
49. Oxen’s harness
50. Exemplar of dullness
51. Berlin’s “What’ll—?”
52. Potential syrup
53. Greek cross
54. 56-Across’ partner
55. Cattle call
56. Leading man
57. Volcanic flow
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7 LittleWords

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS
1. E.T. or Lamb Chop (6) 
2. highway pinchpoint (9) 
3. make fun of (8) 
4. British comedian Peter (7) 
5. poorly made (6) 
6. Tupperware contents (9) 
7. Appalachian Trail travelers (6)

SudoCurrent

Answers for Feb. 14 Puzzles

Answers will be published next week. See highlandscurrent.org/puzzle for interactive sudoku.
Chris Crawford Wins Section 1 Title

By Skip Pearlman

Chris Crawford, a freshman wrestler at Beacon High School who competes at 106 pounds, won the Section 1 championship on Sunday (Feb. 17) at Clarkstown South High School.

Crawford defeated Owen Deutsch of Mamaroneck, 8-2, in the title match.

“He wrestled a very conservative match,” said Coach Ron Tompkins. “He did what he had to do to win. He was solid.”

Crawford advances to the state championships that will be held Feb. 28 and 29 in Albany.

Tompkins said Crawford (37-3) has a chance to make some noise.

“He’s been improving all year, and he’s peaking at the right time,” the coach said. “He has a good mental approach, and he’s more mature this year.”

It was Crawford’s first sectional title. Last year, as an eighth-grader, he finished third while wrestling at 99 pounds.

Big Wins for Beacon

Beacon Girls 54, Saunders 46

By Skip Pearlman

The Bulldogs won their Section 1, Class A basketball qualifier on Saturday (Feb. 15), upsetting Saunders, 54-46, in a game played in Yonkers.

Beacon (9-12), which is seeded No. 20 of 20 teams in the tournament, is scheduled to travel to No. 4 Harrison (14-6) today (Feb. 21) for a 6 p.m. tipoff. Saunders, which was seeded No. 13, finished at 11-10.

Coach Christina Dahl said she liked the way her team worked together to reach the first round.

“We got a balanced effort,” she said. “All five of our seniors started, they all chipped in, and all played good defense. We had a game plan and did a good job executing it.”

Grace Affeldt led the Bulldogs with 11 points, while Skyler Kurtz had 10, Anita Rodriguez and Analiese Compagnone each had nine, and Devyn Kelly added six.

“Kelly and [Tianna] Adams were great off the bench,” Dahl said. “Those are two freshmen who we will be seeing good things from in the future. Dior Gillins also played well.

“We’re looking forward to Harrison,” she said. “We’ll need to go in with good energy and limit them to one shot [on each offensive trip]. And we’ll have to be able to put the ball in the basket. When we can do that, we can be good.”

Beacon Boys 57, Somers 37

By Skip Pearlman

The Bulldogs made short work of visiting Somers on Saturday (Feb. 15), rolling over the Tuskers, 57-37, in a Section 1, Class A basketball tournament qualifying playoff game at Beacon.

Beacon (9-12), seeded No. 13 of 20 teams, is scheduled to travel to No. 4 Harrison (14-6) today (Feb. 21) for a 6 p.m. tipoff. Saunders, which was seeded No. 13, finished at 11-10.

Coach Scott Timpano said, “We only allowed 11 points in the first half — that’s a season best, and that’s an incredible accomplishment. We limited their second-chance opportunities. We knew they like to shoot three-pointers, and we didn’t allow them to get going outside.”

Quazir Hayes led the Bulldogs with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Kam Torres added 15 points, eight rebounds and four assists, Shane Green had 10 points and eight rebounds, and Tristen Reid chipped in eight points, three rebounds and five steals.

Quazir had a tremendous game for us,” Timpano said. “Somers was not able to handle his athleticism. And Kam was everywhere; he was the spark we needed. Ian Bautista was also rock-solid.”

The Bulldogs lost to Poughkeepsie at home on Dec. 10 by 24 points but were more competitive on the road on Jan. 7, losing by 13.

“Poughkeepsie is fast and aggressive,” Timpano said. “The big thing for us will be to try to slow them down and limit second-chance opportunities. And you have to be able to handle their press. We have to be as close to flawless as we can get.”