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## Be prepared, stay safe during Monday's eclipse

By Kate Goldsmith

On Monday, April 8, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. While its path of totality is along a narrow track stretching from Texas to Maine, Hudson Valley residents will still get to witness a partial eclipse, where the Moon covers most but not all of the Sun.

According to NASA's website (<https://science.nasa.gov/>), a total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. People viewing the eclipse from locations where the Moon's shadow completely covers the Sun – known as the path of totality – will experience a total solar eclipse. The sky will become dark, as if it were dawn or dusk. Weather permitting, people along the path of totality will see the Sun's corona, or outer atmosphere, which is usually obscured by the bright face of the Sun.

Buffalo is the only city in New York that is in the path of totality – totality will begin at 3:18 p.m., reach maximum at 3:20 p.m. and end at 3:22 p.m.

Dutchess County will see maximum coverage in the 90% range, varying by mere percentage points based on location, from 92.8% in Beacon and 92.6% in Pawling, to 94.5% in Red Hook and 94.2% in Pine Plains.

Monday's total solar eclipse will be the last one visible from the contiguous United States until 2044.

### Eye safety during a total solar eclipse

Except during the brief total phase of a total solar eclipse, when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face, it is not safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection for solar viewing. According to NASA, viewing any part of the bright Sun through a camera lens, binoculars, or a telescope without a special-purpose solar filter secured over the front of the optics will instantly cause severe eye injury.

### Eye safety for partial and annular solar eclipses

(Source: NASA)

Partial or annular solar eclipses are different from total solar eclipses – there is no period of totality when the Moon completely blocks the Sun's bright face. Therefore, during partial or annular solar eclipses, it is never safe to look directly at the eclipse without proper eye protection.

- When watching a partial or annular solar eclipse directly with your eyes, you must look through safe solar viewing glasses ("eclipse glasses") or a safe handheld solar viewer at all times. Eclipse glasses are NOT regular sunglasses; regular sunglasses, no matter how dark, are not safe for viewing the Sun. Safe solar viewers are thousands of times darker and ought to comply with the ISO 12312-2 international standard. (NASA does

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## Soup4Greens during Beacon Farmers' Market on April 7

By Kristine Coulter

Fifteen restaurants will be represented. Eleven pottery/pottery studios from the Hudson Valley will also take part in this annual event. That's not all – there will be 50+ food and crafts vendors.

So, when is all of this happening? The annual Soup4Greens will take place on Sunday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be located in the DMV Parking Lot, 223 Main Street, in Beacon.

"Soup4Greens will benefit the Greens4Greens program, which is dedicated to promoting food accessibility and community wellness. Specifically, funds raised from the event will support initiatives aimed at ensuring fresh, healthy food options are accessible to all members of the community," Amy Bandolik, Market Manager for the Beacon Farmers' Market, explained. "Greens4Greens is a food benefit incentive program, started in 2016, that creates greater food access for shoppers at the Beacon Farmers' Market and the Newburgh Farmers' Market. Eligible state funded food benefits are matched dollar for dollar through Greens4Greens, making the farmer's market more accessible to a wider base of consumers. The program has been completely community funded through contributions made by

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The annual Soup4Greens event will take place on April 7 at 223 Main St. in Beacon. Pictured are pottery and soups from a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photos

## AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

# 'Mayor of Anderson' a testimony to successful experiences at Anderson

By Stacey van den Thoorn

Meet "The Mayor" of Anderson, 21-year-old Asher who currently resides at the Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg and known by staff and residents as "The Mayor."

Anderson Center, along with other facilities and communities across the Hudson Valley, are recognizing April as Autism Acceptance Month.

Asher's story begins at six days old, when he was having seizures. "It was at that time, we knew we were on a different pathway," said parents Suzette and Clarence. Asher was diagnosed with Autism at age four. With his diagnosis, his parents had dedicated themselves to do as much as they could to involve him in the community and to make sure he would be an integral part of society every step of the way.

Prior to him entering pre-school, Asher's parents were proactive in securing early intervention services for Asher and as residents of California, Special Education services were provided to him through the California Department of Developmental Services, in addition to the eight specialists they had involved in Asher's life to work with him from the age of two.

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Asher is pictured with founder of ACEing Autism coaches Richard Spurling and Director of Programs Justin Belisario.

- Courtesy photo



# Soup4Greens during Beacon Farmers' Market on April 7

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local businesses as well as the annual 'Soup4Greens' event."

The event will feature a variety of soups. There will be vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options. Organizers said, "Customers will have the opportunity to savor hot soup on-site or opt for frozen pints or quarts to enjoy in the comfort of their homes. Patrons will also have the chance to purchase one-of-a-kind handmade ceramic bowls generously donated by a myriad of talented Hudson Valley artists."

Attendees will also have an opportunity to hear live music by Ian Moore on the fiddle, from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

"Feedback from previous Soup4Greens fundraisers has been overwhelmingly positive. Attendees have expressed appreciation for getting instant access to a wide array of the delicious soups provided by Beacon's local restaurants, as well as the opportunity to support local artisans through the purchase of beautiful handmade pottery bowls. Additionally, patrons have been pleased to contribute to the Greens4Greens program, knowing that their participation directly supports initiatives promoting food access and community well-being," said Bandolik.

The following quote from one of the recipients was provided by Bandolik:

"Accessing fresh food at the Beacon Farmers' Market isn't just about groceries; it's about nourishment, dignity, and community. Thank you so much. You



The annual Soup4Greens program will take place during the Beacon Farmers' Market on April 7 in Beacon. Pictured are participants and attendees from a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photos

have NO IDEA how much this helps," stated a Food Benefit Recipient of Beacon Farmers' Market.

For more information, visit <https://beaconfarmersmarket.org/>.

## Another officer departs the Beacon Police Department

By Kristine Coulter

Another officer has left the City of Beacon Police Department for another law enforcement agency. According to a social media post by the City of Beacon PBA, Officer Brandon Quaranta joined the department in Beacon at the end of October 2023. He previously worked for the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

"However, in only 5 months Officer Quaranta is leaving the City of Beacon Police Department for the NY State Police," states the post on the PBA Facebook page.

"Officer Quaranta's decision was easily made due to the far superior salary and career opportunity presented to him. His departure marks the fourth officer to transfer out of the department in a 7 month period," according to the PBA.

City of Beacon Police Chief Sands Frost did not immediately respond to an

inquiry for comment.

The post by the PBA listed the four officers and the departments they left for to continue their careers. "Said transfers include PO (Police Officer) [Nicholas] Anzovino 08/04/2023 (Bradenton County PD in Florida), PO [Stephen] Donovan 12/10/2023 (New Castle PD), PO [Justin] Goldfine 03/06/2024 (Town of Carmel PD) and finally PO Quaranta 03/21/2024 (NY State Police)," according to the PBA.

"With each loss, we not only deplete our institutional knowledge but also weaken our ability to provide the level of protection our community deserves. We however shall remain vigilant in addressing this ongoing challenge, in order to ensure the safety of the community and our officers," stated the PBA in the Facebook post.

"Farewell, Officer Quaranta, and best wishes in your new career," the post concluded.

## Animal Rescue Foundation to host 4-penny social April 6

Animal Rescue Foundation will be hosting a 4-Penny Social on Saturday, April 6. It will be held at the VFW Memorial Building, corner of Teller Ave. and Main St., in Beacon. Viewing begins at 1 p.m. and the calling begins at 3 p.m.

There will be many items, such as gift baskets, gift certificates, kitchen items, artwork and more. Snacks and drinks will be available.

Call 845-831-5161 for more information.

## 5 poets event to celebrate National Poetry Month

A 5 Poets event will celebrate National Poetry Month from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday April 27. The event will take place at the Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon The five poets, which include Catherine Barnett, Jason Koo, and others,

will read and discuss their award-winning poetry. The event is curated by Ruth Danon, co-producer of the 2nd annual Beacon LitFest.

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"We have both been very active and proactive in the community and we are trying to help others in the same situation," said Clarence. "We knew we needed to provide him with a full scaffold support system since he was born." In addition to the service from the public school system, Asher's parents worked to provide him with additional support outlets and opportunities while also raising his younger brother, Gad.

Asher's parents worked with him continuously from the start and encouraged him to try new things, extending his boundaries. They were dedicated to involve him in as much as they could from playing in sports to creating art to public speaking.

"Our family's journey has been filled with many valleys and triumphs since Asher's life presented us with the opportunity to live beyond ourselves," said Suzette. "We have always considered it a privilege to provide Asher with a viable quality of life where he can thrive and flourish. Every morning before hopping on the school bus when he was in California I had him recite this quote from Dr. Temple Grandin, 'I am different, but not less.'"

While attending public school in California, at around age 11, Asher was playing tennis and getting involved with ACEing Autism. ACEing Autism is dedicated to helping children with autism to grow, develop and benefit from social connections and fitness through afford-

able tennis programming, uniquely meeting individual needs.

One of the key lessons Asher learned from ACEing Autism is patience. A trait encouraged by Tennis Pro Richard Spurling and good advice for all of us when it comes to interacting with others who are different from us. "Asher was so excited about tennis, he would try to get out of the car before I was parked at the tennis court," said Clarence.

Once Asher hit puberty, it became apparent that the supports and services he required could no longer be addressed adequately at public school and his parents were recommended to find him a residential environment. Those proved to be difficult times for both Asher and his parents, due to behavioral issues and the challenges of adolescence combined with Autism.

Asher's parents had enrolled him at The Monarch Center in Shaker Heights, Ohio. Shortly after his enrollment there, Asher's parents were contacted the week before Thanksgiving and told that they would have to find him a new school due to staffing issues. Although it was a very sudden and unexpected event, as the saying goes...everything happens for a reason, and in December of 2021, Suzette and Clarence contacted Anderson Center providing videos and a dropbox full of photographs and information about Asher for his application.

Asher was accepted to Anderson, however, space was not available until July 2022 for him to attend. During the waiting period, Asher was able to get familiar with Anderson Center and learned as



Asher is pictured with his family.

-Courtesy photos

much as he could about the school and even "interviewed" the teachers, house managers, and students.

Today, Asher is referred to by residents and staff as "The Mayor" of Anderson, which he is aptly named for his social demeanor and desire to make people smile. "He is kind of a socialite, it takes about nanosecond for him to warm up to someone and give them a joke," said Clarence.

In addition, Asher has also been working with peers as a "coach" in ACEing Autism, helping encourage others in tennis, and has been working with classmates at Anderson on public speaking and on a project called "Finding your voice from the Spectrum," where he teaches other kids how to figure out what they like, put it into a presentation, and in the end create a video segment similar to a TED talk format.

Asher has also been volunteering as a vocational coach with classmates at Anderson. "From the beginning, Anderson has been an integral part of this life celebrated. Anderson has been an oasis in a vast desert," said Suzette. "We are very grateful for the essential part that has played in our family's lives."

Asher's parents are in the process of helping him set up an Etsy shop post high school, where he can sell his original artwork on coffee mugs.

(Seymour The Pencil Sea Horse made of pencils - Asher loves pencils—photo is provided by parents).

Asher is on track to receive his certificate of completion for high school by August (as a resident of California he has until the age of 22 to do so), and his parents have already been researching an Adult Vocational program for him in Arizona, where he can learn budgeting, food preparation, and public transportation navigation, among several other life skills that will enable him to live independently and go to school.

Asher's parents are extremely grateful for the Anderson Center and what it has done for Asher.

"Asher is highly relational and Anderson celebrates that in Asher. This is the most successful experience that Asher has had because everyone values and really sees him," said Clarence. "Anderson saw the person named Asher not the condition."

Asher's parents added, "The journey may feel daunting, but be encouraged. You're not alone, and there are many on the same pathway with you. Celebrate the deepening of what this does to our character. Remember, nothing grows on the mountain top. All the sediments all the nutrients flow downstream, all the growth is in the valley. We are better because of our circumstances not despite."

## Anderson Center for Autism celebrates 100 years, April as Autism Acceptance Month

By Stacey van den Thoorn

The timing of Anderson Center for Autism's 100th Anniversary and April as Autism Acceptance Month, could not be better timed. Formerly known as Autism Awareness Month, April is now Autism Acceptance Month as designated since 2021. Awareness of Autism and acceptance of Autism has grown significantly in our community in recent years.

At the forefront of those initiatives is the Anderson Center for Autism, which was originally founded in 1924 by Dr. Victor V. Anderson in Shrewsbury, New Jersey. In 1926, Anderson Center for Autism moved to Staatsburg, providing educational, vocational, residential, and clinical services to autistic individuals from around the nation to enrich life for people with special needs. Since its inception, Anderson Center for Autism has impacted the lives of approximately 1,750 student graduates and continues to expand and develop to meet growing needs.

The Staatsburg campus of full-time residences, is set up in a "village-like" atmosphere, and includes a school, recreation center, vocational center, administrative offices, conference rooms, walking trails, a pool, and a park that overlooks the Hudson River. Anderson's current "extended family" of more than 140 students that reside on campus hail from across the country.

In addition to the Staatsburg campus, Anderson Center provides several outlets and resources for individuals and families,

including the Anderson Center Cold Spring Early Learning Center, based in Pine Plains and The Anderson Center Clinic in Latham, along with a number of adult group homes offsite, as well as Day Habilitation Centers, throughout the mid-Hudson Valley region of the state. Scaffolding is what it is all about...connecting people to support services and to one another.

Among the celebratory events scheduled for this historic milestone of 100 years of service are the Centennial Celebration themed Golf Classic on Thursday, June 6 at the Links at Union Vale and the Anderson Center for Autism Gala on Saturday, September 28, honoring Vance Gage, grandson of Anderson Center for Autism founder and longtime volunteer, at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Several other events will also be ongoing throughout the year.

Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), is a complex neurobiological disorder that typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime and is characterized by varying degrees of impairment in social abilities, communication skills and repetitive behaviors. Studies from the Centers for Disease Control state that one in every 36 individuals are now diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (Centers for Disease Control, 2023) and that prevalence rates have grown exponentially in recent years. Anderson Center's official mission today is to "optimize the quality of life for individuals with autism."



Asher's original artwork is featured on coffee mugs.

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## Poughkeepsie MTA station has become 'a pathetic empty user unfriendly place'

### To the Editor:

When I moved to Poughkeepsie 22 years ago the Metro North Poughkeepsie train station was a welcoming lively place with colorful public art, two human ticket vendors, printed train schedules everywhere, a cafe with snacks and real food and music filling the air.

Now in 2024 the station is a pathetic empty user unfriendly place. It looks like an abandoned weigh station for cattle. Not long ago, there were huge colorful historic public artworks on the walls. By the way, this station was designed by the same architects that designed Grand Central station in NYC, Warren & Wetmore, so it's an important historic station. You wouldn't think it is now the way it is ignored.

About 15 years ago the MTA commissioned a free standing sculpture for the station but it was never installed. It was shoved into a back hallway where it goes totally unnoticed and collecting dust. Now I really dislike using the Poughkeepsie train station because it is a sad, depressing and soulless place. American taxpayers deserve better.

As an artist, I find these disconcerting moves by the MTA insulting and unfortunate for the general public who could have enjoyed these artworks if they were installed as planned. You enter the station now and there are no ticket vendors, no printed train schedules, no cafe, no art, no music. No NOTHING!!!

We hear the usual excuses, no money for this no money for that. But there is something called the "quality of life." As an artist, I appreciate the MTA commissioning public art, however, please don't commission art and then take it down after a year or hide it in a closet. Take pride in our historic public buildings and try to make our traveling experience worthy of its historical importance.

Franc Palaia  
Rhinebeck

## Mass resignation of DC Master Gardener Volunteers

### To the Editor:

For over 49 years, the Dutchess County Master Gardener Volunteer program has provided impactful community service, helping home gardeners create, enjoy, and manage a more environmentally sustainable landscape by sharing Cornell-researched best practices.

But in the past few months, the program has come apart. At least half of its 74 Master Gardeners (MGs) resigned over the new leadership's inflexible, disrespectful management of the program, their misrepresentation of the current crisis to Cornell, and their punitive treatment of volunteers.

The resignations significantly impact the program's service to the community: reducing community service hours provided by at least 900 hours. This conservative estimate tallies only the minimum service hours required.

None who resigned took the decision lightly, and none wanted to leave the community work we love. But no one should be subjected to conditions like the following:

1. Volunteer contracts were suddenly and substantially changed, and discussion was prohibited. Program leaders argued changes would bring requirements into line with other programs; yet a review of other counties' programs shows no evidence of uniformity.

2. New volunteer contracts are offensive. The new contract's Code of Conduct includes this new "rule": "Refrain from gossiping to others, in-person, on the phone or by email." To date, we have found no other MG Program – in NY or elsewhere – that uses such disrespectful language. To characterize discussion of issues among our overwhelmingly-female volunteers as "gossip"—especially when discussion has been silenced in official meetings—is misogyny.

3. Managers dismissed volunteers, citing spurious allegations of misbehavior. Because those dismissed are master gardeners who, concerned about the program's future, attempted to engage management in discussion, we regard these dismissals as an attempt to silence criticism and compel compliance.

Efforts to engage leadership in dialogue and to trigger Cornell's conflict resolution protocols have been rebuffed. Moreover, outreach to Cornell's central supervision of the Extension program in Ithaca has been met with resounding silence.

The new MG contract requires that volunteers "respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all staff, other volunteers and all individuals who participate in CCE programs recognizing that people's values, beliefs, customs and strengths differ." With this, we agree. But should this not apply to the program's managers as well?

We hope that the current direction in Dutchess County can be reversed. We hope that the CCEDC will consider reinstating all MGs, under more humane guidelines, and preferably under new leadership.

Tanya Radford, Ph.D.  
MG Class of 2016

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## Co-founder laments loss of organization

### To the Editor:

As some of you might be aware, 12 years ago I helped co-found the Latino Democrats of Dutchess County, the LDODC.

Recently, there were some inconsistencies from the leadership. Eventually those inconsistencies, more specifically their lack of financial reporting, led to the reporting to the NYS Board of Elections Financial Investigations Unit and ultimately, the disbanding of the only Latino political voice here in Dutchess County.

Though I was a member, Co-founder, and very vocal member of the LDODC, I was not part of the Executive Board.

For more than 40 years I've tried to represent, protect, and promote all of my communities. In several instances at great risk to my life, health, and reputation.

Over these last 12+ years I like to think I've had a positive impact on making sure the Latino political voice here in Dutchess and throughout the region was not exploited nor taken for granted. Despite the challenges and struggles, again, sometimes at a personal cost to me, I'm proud of the very long list of accomplishments and work I've done.

In hindsight, I would not change a thing. I will ALWAYS stand against injustice, even if I must stand alone. If anyone is interested in helping me form a new Latino political voice here in Dutchess County, please contact me. I'm easy to find.

These past 12 years I've broken barriers and helped change the narrative for all Latino voters. I'm greatly disappointed in the wayward and suspect leadership of the now defunct Latino Democrats of Dutchess County. But together, we can form an even greater presence, become a more powerful voice, and grow our "Latinness."  
Pa'lante!!!

Joe Torres  
Town of Wappinger

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## Beacon Police Blotter

The following was submitted by the City of Beacon Police Department.

Feb. 19: Dispute- Mason Circle- Caller/Employee having a dispute with a tenant. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 20: Disturbance- Vail Avenue- Joseph J. Istvan, 26, of Beacon was charged with Assault 2nd, Criminal Mischief 3rd & Criminal Contempt 1st degree.

Feb. 20: Larceny- South Avenue- Caller reported items stolen from a construction site. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 20: Unattended Death- Officers responded to a report of an unattended death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 22: Larceny- Wolcott Avenue- Caller reported that firewood was taken from his property. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 23: Larceny- Main Street- Caller reported two individuals leaving his place of business without paying for items. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 25: Larceny- -Main Street- Caller

reported a past occurred larceny by three subjects. Report taken. Caller later reported one suspect returned and paid for items taken. Case closed.

Feb. 26: Harassment-Spencer Lane - Caller reported harassing comments from a neighbor. Report taken.

Feb. 27: Auto Accident- Main Street- Officers responded to a vehicle vs scooter accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 28: Suspicious Condition- Delavan Avenue- Caller reported a vehicle following her. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 28: Criminal Mischief- Fishkill Avenue- Caller reported his vehicle had been vandalized while parked. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

Feb. 29: Harassment- Lafayette Avenue- Caller reported harassment by someone on Social Media. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

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Auto Accidents - 19  
Domestics - 4

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# Dutchess County's connection to the Boot Monument at Saratoga Battlefield

By Will Tatum  
Dutchess County Historian

If you ask the rangers at Saratoga National Historical Park in Stillwater, NY, what the most popular monument on the battlefield is, they are likely to answer with "the Boot Monument."

If it has been a while since you last read up on New York's history during the American Revolution, Saratoga National Historical Park encompasses several battlefields over which American, British, and German troops fought during September and October 1777, as British General John Burgoyne attempted to capture Albany. Though situated in Saratoga County and located near the Town of Saratoga, the battlefield is actually located in neighboring Stillwater.

Confusion and contestation over the name of the battlefield has been going on for a few hundred years and aptly reflects the many quirks that occurred on the site during and after the nearly 250 year-old conflict. Actually, it was Burgoyne's surrender on October 17th that prompted the French to side with the American cause.

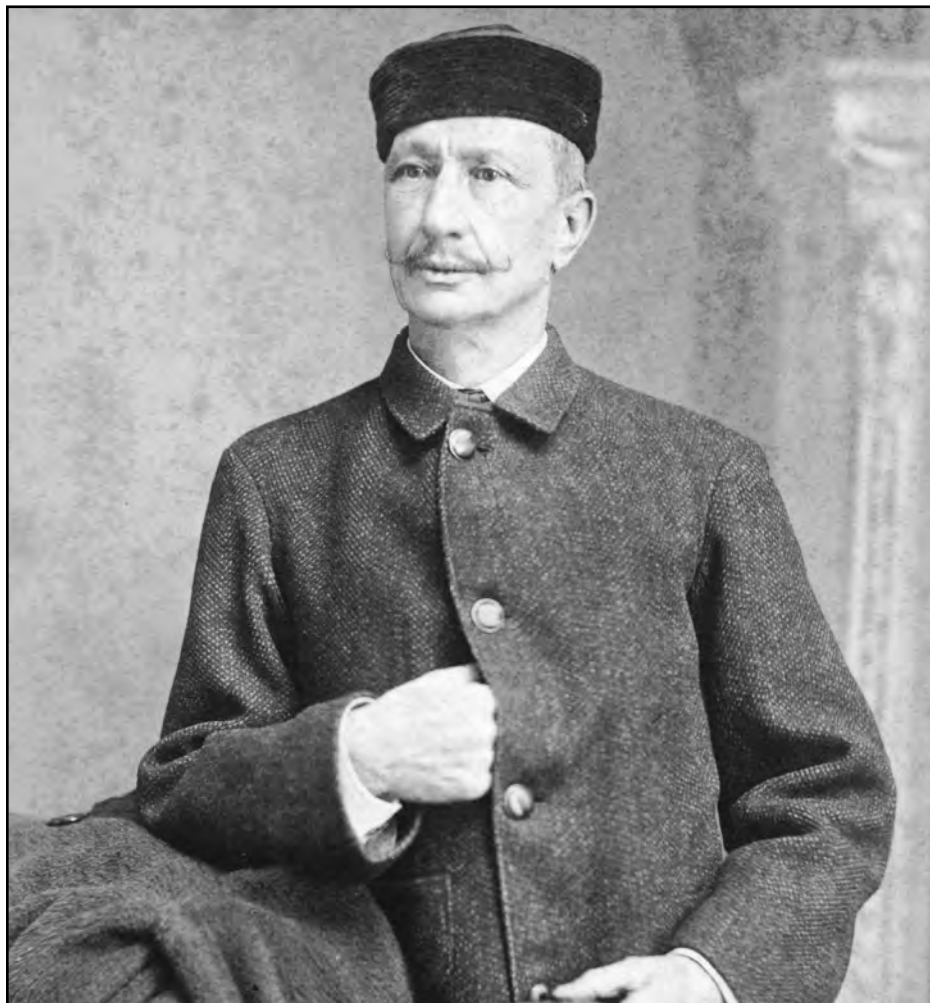
But back to the topic at hand: What is the Boot Monument and why does it matter for Dutchess County History? We are a long way from Saratoga, and while footwear is a perpetually popular topic in some quarters, what did a boot do to deserve its own monument? Tongue-in-cheek remarks are warranted here, because the answer has everything to do with the notoriously contrarian and eccentric tastes of the most controversial nineteenth-century denizen of northern

Dutchess: the Notorious General John Watts de Peyster Sr.

The "senior" is important, because he named his ill-fated son after himself. Born to a line of old New York gentry that traced its roots back to New Amsterdam, General de Peyster lived a rollicking life between 1821 and 1907, splitting his time between incredible generosity, vicious invective, and prolific writing. Appointed a state militia colonel at the age of 21 and a brigadier general at 30, de Peyster never fired a shot in anger. Poor health kept him out of the American Civil War, though he did recruit three regiments for New York State and served as Adjutant General for the state militia, earning him a promotion to major general. Lack of battlefield experience did not prevent him from writing at length on military organization and tactics, however.

After the Civil War concluded, and once he had tired of writing histories of that conflict that nearly provoked duels between Union and Confederate generals alike, de Peyster turned his attention to less immediate topics. As a leading member of the New York Historical Society, the General became a prolific author, touching on topics from antiquity through the colonial period.

By 1882, he was a trustee of the Saratoga Monument Association, which had first been chartered in 1850 to create a tower to commemorate the centennial of the battles in 1877. Though structurally complete in 1883, the tower that still stands on the battlefield today would not open to the public until 1912. In the meantime, de Peyster wrote a



General John Watts de Peyster Sr., circa 1880.

-Courtesy of Historic Red Hook

multi-volume history of Burgoyne's Campaign, which led him to reconsider another American general: Benedict Arnold. In de Peyster's eyes, focused as they were before Arnold's treasonous attempt to sell West Point to the British, the Revolutionary War general was a hero.

Had Arnold died at Saratoga, we likely (so argued de Peyster) would remember him today as one of the great martyrs to the cause of American Independence. And Arnold, unlike de Peyster, actually bled for his country, suffering a wound in his left leg during the fighting.

During one of the Saratoga Monument Association's annual meetings, de Peyster made his revisionist views of Arnold's conduct at the Battles of Saratoga publicly known and requested that some recognition be granted to the disgraced general. The association leadership refused to act on de Peyster's pleas, maintaining that stake marking the spot of Arnold's wounding was more than sufficient for a man that most of them would have been happy to forget.

They did offer the olive branch of creating a statue niche in the Saratoga Monument that would remain empty and unlabeled, as a nod to Arnold's leadership at the battles. That gesture was insufficient for de Peyster, who had the money and the willpower to proceed on his own. While hard documentation for this story is not forthcoming, subsequent writers have stated that the final form of de Peyster's monument for Arnold came from a story related to him by someone who had actually met Benedict Arnold in life. According to the tale, the man had traveled to London, England, on business around 1801 and encountered Arnold in the street. Arnold, recognizing the unnamed gentleman as an American, asked how Americans remembered him twenty years after his betrayal of the cause. The unnamed storyteller stated that he replied something along the lines of "they would enshrine the leg

wounded at Saratoga, and happily hang the rest of you." General de Peyster was sold.

Enlisting the services of famous sculptor George Bissell, who just happened to have an office in Poughkeepsie, de Peyster commissioned the monument that now stands at Saratoga National Historical Park today. It depicts a boot with cross epaulets and was originally installed, in 1887, at the site where de Peyster thought Arnold had received his wound. On the back of the monument, de Peyster had engraved a lengthy message that did not name Arnold, but listed enough details (some of them wrong) to make it clear who the monument memorialized. General de Peyster succeeded where the Saratoga Monument Association failed: their plan to dedicate their tower that year fell through due to funding shortfalls. So, de Peyster won his point, and in doing so kick-started the redemption of Benedict Arnold in the eyes of a growing number of fans. Another Dutchess County resident, Jack Kelly, has recently released a new book on America's greatest traitor, entitled "God Save Benedict Arnold," which is a great read if you want to see how de Peyster's revisionism has bloomed into its own field of historiography. If a trip to Stillwater comes your way, and you decide to visit Saratoga National Historical Park while there, spare some time to visit the Boot and think about Old Dutchess, whose reach extends far beyond the county's limits.

If you want to learn more about Tivoli resident, join Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum for an overview of General John Watts de Peyster's colorful life. The program is free, but space is limited: please register at <https://www.historicredhook.org/upcoming-events/tavern-trail-lastingjoy24>.

Will Tatum received his Ph.D. in History from Brown University in 2016. He has served as the Dutchess County Historian since October 2012.



The Boot Monument at Saratoga National Historical Park.

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# Obituaries

## Diann R. Callahan



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Diann R. Callahan, 79, an area resident since 1973, passed away on March 26, 2024 at home surrounded by her family.

Born on October 11, 1944 in Portland, OR, she was the daughter of the late Louis and Rose (Caputo) Salaun. On June 3, 1967 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church in the Bronx, Diann married Raoul "Skip" Callahan who predeceased her in 2019, after 52 years of marriage.

Diann loved spending time and sharing laughs with her family around the table, strategizing her ways to cheat through game nights, Sunday football and her late night game shows on TV.

She is survived by her children, Michael Callahan of Hopewell Jct, Christine

Callahan of Hopewell Jct, Diann Bush and her husband Louis Bush, Jr. of Catskill, and Joseph Callahan of Wappingers Falls; her grandchildren, Ashley Rosario and her husband Luis, Louis Bush III, Connor Callahan, and Eryn Callahan; her great-grandchildren, Jaxsen and Brysen; her siblings, Michael Salaun and his wife Lucy, Frances Salaun, Susan Alinovi and her husband John, Ann Rondou, and Kevin Salaun and his wife Maria; as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, parents and sister, Diann was also predeceased by her son Gerard Callahan in 2020.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered at St. Denis Church, 602 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Diann's memory to Hudson Valley Hospice. Please visit her Book of Memories at [www.mchoulfuneralhome.com](http://www.mchoulfuneralhome.com).

## Louis James Benedetto Jr.



WAPPINGERS FALLS - Louis James Benedetto Jr, of Wappingers Falls, NY, age 82, died peacefully on March 27th, 2024, at Vassar Brothers Hospital.

Louis was born on September 10th, 1941, in Wappingers Falls, NY, to parents Louis and Mary Benedetto. He graduated from Wappingers High School in 1960 and attended Krissler's Business school. Louis married Alice Swan on June 16, 1963, at St Mary's Church, in Wappingers Falls. He was test specialist for IBM. Later in life Louis was the proud owner of "The Arena" located in Wappingers Falls for 13 years.

Louis was a parishioner at St. Mary's Church in Wappingers Falls and an active member of the Quarter Century Club. He was an avid fan of the NY Giants. His family and friends will always remember him as a loving family man who would do anything for you.

Louis is survived by his wife, Alice Benedetto; his children, Debra McGrath, Beth Forster (Scott Lloyd), Louis Benedetto (Amy), Steven Benedetto; and his 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and his 2 dogs Princess and Archie. He is preceded in death by his parents; Louis Mary Benedetto, his brother Robert Benedetto.

A visitation was held on Friday, March 29, at Delehanty Funeral Home, 64 East Main St. Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to St. Jude's Children Research Hospital.

## Mildred 'Millie' Colonna



BEACON - Mildred "Millie" Colonna, the sassy lady everyone knew and loved, passed away peacefully (on her terms) on March 24, 2024. She was 97 years old. The last of the 13 Mohicans.

Millie was born on January 8, 1927 in Cold Spring, NY to the late James Nastasi and Carolina Barrone. She was one of 13 children. At the age of 17, she married the charming and handsome Peter J Colonna on June 4, 1944. They were married at Our Lady of Loretta Church in Cold Spring. During their 60 years of marriage, they were blessed with 2 children, Peter and Susan who both say, "she was the best mother in the world!"

Millie worked for IBM for over 20+ years before retiring.

Her greatest talent was cooking. She enjoyed cooking huge Italian dinners on Sunday afternoons for her family. The more you ate, the happier she was. Her meatballs, eggplant and pasta fazool will be missed.

Though she found joy in trips to the casino, playing BINGO and cards, watching horror movies, shopping, dancing and cooking, her greatest joy and happiness was her family. When she spoke of them her face lit up with her beautiful smile. No matter what age she was, she got down on the floor to play with her 13 great-grandchildren (and great grand pups). They were her pride and joy.

There aren't enough newspapers in the world to describe this remarkable woman with a heart of gold. Millie definitely broke the mold and made a profound impact on others. She made everyone smile and laugh with her wonderful (sometimes naughty) sense of humor. She exuded unconditional love, kindness, generosity and compassion. Not just for her family and friends but for every human being and animal she encountered throughout her life. The word hate was not in her vocabulary. Millie is a perfect example of what God wants us all to be. It's been an honor and privilege to know this amazing woman and to be a part of her life. She will be painfully missed but never, ever forgotten.

Millie is survived by: a son, Peter Colonna of Poughkeepsie, a daughter, Susan Pellegrino and her husband John of Olive Hill, KY. Her grandchildren; April Stevens of Hopewell Junction, Raymond Renzo and his wife Theresa of Verbank, Tonya Colonna and her husband Robert Falcone of Poughkeepsie, Kimberly Shields and her husband Jeff of Wappingers Falls, Corinna Carrillo and her fiancé, Sean Detoro of Wappingers Falls, John Pellegrino of Olive Hill, KY, Jennifer Wood of Hopewell Junction, Melissa Johnson and her husband, Greg of Marlboro and Lisa Vumbico and her husband, Marc of Lagrange. Her great-grandchildren; Jeffrey Jr, Cody, Dylan, R.J., Thomas, Miguel, Carmella, Toriann, Raymond, Lucciano, Brian, Nicholas, Bliss, Jack, Nicholas, Marissa, Scott and Reina. Her great-grand dogs; Prancer, Puddin, Debo and Denali and predeceased by Dexter, Honeylove, Bailey and Chloe.

She was predeceased by her husband Peter J. Colonna in 2004, her daughter-in-law, Michele Colonna, her grandson, Scott Wood and her great grandson, Steven.

Family and friends gathered on Monday, April 1 at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 2 at St. Joachim Church, 51 Leonard Street, Beacon. Burial followed at St. Joachim Cemetery, Beacon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations on Millie's behalf may be made to Hudson Valley Hospice or the ASPCA.

To send a personal condolence please visit [www.riverviewbyhalvey.com](http://www.riverviewbyhalvey.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Patrick J. Halvey of Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, LLC.

## Jeffrey C. Messerich

WAPPINGERS FALLS - Jeffrey C. Messerich, a resident of Wappingers Falls, entered into rest Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. He was 62.

Son of the late Harold and Geraldine Knapp Messerich, he was born November 3, 1961 in Beacon, New York.

Jeff worked in maintenance at various locations over the years. He enjoyed bowling, was a great pool player as well as a motorcycle enthusiast. He was a life member of the NRA. Jeff gave his family quite the panic when he hitchhiked to Kansas in his younger years.

Survivors include his brother, Timothy Messerich of Wappingers Falls as well as several cousins.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at Shenandoah Cemetery, Shenandoah Road in Hopewell Junction.

Arrangements are under the direction of Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. To send a personal condolence, please visit [www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com](http://www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com).

# Be prepared, stay safe during eclipse

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not approve any particular brand of solar viewers.)

- Always inspect your eclipse glasses or handheld viewer before use; if torn, scratched, or otherwise damaged, discard the device. Always supervise children using solar viewers.

- Do NOT look at the Sun through a camera lens, telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device while wearing eclipse glasses or using a handheld solar viewer — the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury.

- If you don't have eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer, you can use an indirect viewing method, which does not involve looking directly at the Sun. One

way is to use a pinhole projector, which has a small opening (for example, a hole punched in an index card) and projects an image of the Sun onto a nearby surface. With the Sun at your back, you can then safely view the projected image. Do NOT look at the Sun through the pinhole!

- Do NOT use eclipse glasses or handheld viewers with cameras, binoculars, or telescopes. Those require different types of solar filters. When viewing the partial phases of the eclipse through cameras, binoculars, or telescopes equipped with proper solar filters, you do not need to wear eclipse glasses. (The solar filters do the same job as the eclipse glasses to protect your eyes.)

- Seek expert advice from an astronomer before using a solar filter with a camera, telescope, binoculars, or any

other optical device. Note that solar filters must be attached to the front of any telescope, binoculars, camera lens, or other optics.

### Skin safety

Even during a partial or annular eclipse, or during the partial phases of a total eclipse, the Sun will be very bright. If you are watching an entire eclipse, you may be in direct sunlight for hours. Remember to wear sunscreen, a hat, and protective clothing to prevent skin damage.

Eclipse glasses are required for the entire duration of the eclipse when viewing from outside the path of totality.

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**this week's puzzle solutions**

**SUDOKU**  
This week's answer

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**Suguru solution**

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# County Players 'pulls back the curtain' to offer a free tour of the theater on April 6



County Players, a local all-volunteer community theater company will help commemorate their 66th Season of producing quality theatrical productions by offering visitors a rare glimpse behind the backstage theatre magic, The troupe is opening their doors to beloved community members on Saturday, April 6 from noon to 4 p.m. by hosting their Annual Theatre Tour at their County Players Falls Theatre located at 2681 W. Main, in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

Open to all, the Board of Governors invite one to go behind-the-scenes to see how our productions come together.

According to County Players Board President, Michael Boden, "County Players has been honored to be a part of the Wappingers community for over 65 years, and it is such a pleasure to share this opportunity for our neighbors to see 'behind the curtain' here at the theater. Thank you for your dedicated and continued support of County Players!"

Upon arrival, guests will receive a map highlighting stations of interest where they can learn more about the various production departments. During the self-guided tour attendees will have an opportunity to interact with several of our dedicated volunteer personnel, including costume, lighting and sound design, set and prop construction. There will be representatives of the creative team working on the May musical, "Ragtime", and there will even be theatrical makeup demonstrations at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Visitors can enter a raffle to win free tickets to upcoming main stage shows, two subscriptions to the recently announced Season 67, gift certificates donated by local businesses, and all attendees also get a goodie bag!

COVID-19 policy: Masks are no longer required when visiting the County Players Falls Theatre but they are strongly recommended. For full info visit <https://countyplayers.org/covid-19-policy/>

For information on the April 6 County Players' Annual Theatre Tour please visit: <https://countyplayers.org/2024-2025-events/>, one may call the Box Office: 845-298-1491, or email [info@countyplayers.org](mailto:info@countyplayers.org)

County Players Season is generously sponsored by Hudson Valley Credit Union. The County Players Falls Theatre is located at 2681 W. Main Street in the historic Village of Wappingers Falls.

Above left: County Players Falls Theatre will open the doors to the theater on April 6 from noon to 4 p.m. in the Village of Wappingers Falls.

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Registration is now open for the 13th Annual Clay Shoot for HOPE scheduled for Friday, May 3 and the 3rd Annual All-American Striped Bass Tournament for HOPE Saturday, May 4. Hope For The Warriors is a national nonprofit that has served over 159,000 post 9/11 service members, veterans and military families by providing financial, career and educational stability; physical and emotional strength; and social support that builds community.

New this year, professional sports and actor celebrities will be joining both events.

The Millbrook-based clay shoot event will be hosted at Orvis Sandanona range Friday, May 3. Sponsorship opportunities are available, including sponsoring a service member's participation.

To register for the 13th Annual Clay Shoot for HOPE visit, [hopeforthewarriors.org/2024clayshoot](http://hopeforthewarriors.org/2024clayshoot).

The Striped Bass Fishing Tournament will be hosted at the Riverfront Marina in Newburgh, New York Saturday, May 4.

For the All-American Striped Bass

Tournament for HOPE a New York state fishing license is NOT required to fish for the target species – striped bass. However, all anglers in the tournament will be required to hold a NYS Saltwater/Marine Fishing Registry.

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To register for the 3rd Annual All-American Striped Bass Tournament for HOPE visit, [hopeforthewarriors.org/2024stripedbass](http://hopeforthewarriors.org/2024stripedbass).

"This annual event has morphed into two great outdoor sporting events which provide comradery and peer support for not only the service members and veterans in attendance but also for civilian participants, said Robin Kelleher, co-founder and CEO of Hope For The Warriors. "We're excited to have some of HOPE's stellar celebrity ambassadors along for both the clay shoot and bass fishing tournament to help spread our mission and to raise funds to support military families here in New York and beyond."

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE**  
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-23-24 2025-2029 HUD Consolidated Plan Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of May 2024 at the Dutchess County Division of Central Services, 378 Violet Avenue, Suite 2, New York 12601.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF FISHKILL ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FABIO & JENNIFER CAPARELLI 23 W. REDOUBT ROAD PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Board of Appeals**

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of the Town of Fishkill will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, April 16, 2023, commencing at 7:00 PM in the Francois R. Cross Meeting room located in the lobby of the Town of Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, Fishkill, NY** to consider the following area variance for the construction of a 282 ± square foot addition on the east side of the existing residence: · A right-yard setback of 5 feet, where 20 feet

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is the minimum setback in the R-20 Zoning District. Said variance will result in a 15-foot right-yard setback. Said request is in violation of Town of Fishkill Town Code Section 150-48 Schedule of Regulations for Residential Districts - 150 Attachment 1. The land affected by this application is shown generally on the Tax Map as Section 6256 Block 03, Lot 427354, located at 23 W. Redoubt Road,

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consisting of .59 acres in the R-20 Zoning District in the Town of Fishkill. All interested persons will be heard by the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Fishkill at the public hearing as stated above. By Order Of The Zoning Board of Appeals Of the Town of Fishkill, New York  
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**THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS**

**ACROSS**

1. Swell up
6. Pendulum's path
9. Type of salmon
13. \*Steve Miller Band: "I want to fly like an \_\_\_\_"
14. Simon & Garfunkel, e.g.
15. Popular winter boot brand
16. Ohio city
17. Lodge
18. Squirrel away
19. \*Glenn Frey: "The pressure's high just to stay alive 'cause \_\_\_\_ is on"
21. \*John Travolta in "Grease": "I got \_\_\_\_, they're multipliyin'"
23. Automated teller
24. Clarified butter
25. Bad-mouth, slangily
28. Stag
30. Tartans
35. "I'm \_\_\_\_ you!"
37. Commies
39. Monocot's alternative
40. Road's edge
41. Living room centerpiece?
43. Prefix meaning "left"
44. Deadly snake
46. Sasquatch's cousin
47. Court petitioner
48. Blood infection
50. Indian flatbread
52. Opposite of post-
53. Sound of impact
55. \*Duran Duran: "Her name is \_\_\_\_, and she dances on the sand"
57. \*The Beatles: "Take a sad song and make it \_\_\_\_"
60. \*Elvis: "We're caught in a trap, I can't \_\_\_\_"
64. Relating to a mode
65. Scrooge's exclamation
67. Memory failure
68. Bouquet thrower
69. Number of candles on a cake
70. Musketeers' weapons
71. Picnic invaders
72. "Just kidding!"
73. Did, archaic

**DOWN**

1. \*The Go-Go's: "They got the \_\_\_\_"
2. 100,000, in India
3. Cameron Diaz' Fiona, e.g.
4. Hula dancer's hello
5. These are held to be true
6. Miners' passage
7. \*Tainted Love: "Once I ran to you, now I \_\_\_\_"
8. "Lord of the Flies" shell
9. Like the other side of the pillow?
10. Certain kind of exam
11. Not his
12. Antiquated
15. Protection from a sword
20. To death, in French (2 words)
22. \_\_\_\_ B vaccine
24. Manna from heaven
25. \*Bon Jovi: "Tommy used to work on the \_\_\_\_"
26. Habituate
27. Spaghetti \_\_\_\_
29. \*Don McLean: "Drove my chevy to the \_\_\_\_"
31. Pains
32. Frost over (2 words)
33. Capital of Delaware
34. \*Tennessee Ernie Ford: "I owe my soul to the company \_\_\_\_"
36. Geishas' sashes
38. "\_\_\_\_ good example"
42. Royal topper
45. \_\_\_\_-tattle
49. Pronoun
51. Refused to act, archaic
54. City-related
56. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
57. \*Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were \_\_\_\_ to run"
58. Change a manuscript
59. Small amounts
60. Make sharper
61. Newspaper piece
62. Applications
63. Midterm, e.g.
64. Wharton degree, acr.
66. Back then

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# Hackett Farm Supply sets 'Poultry Talk' on April 11



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It's time to "Talk Poultry" at Hackett Farm Supply, located at 2297 Salt Point Turnpike in Clinton Corners.

Dan Wright of Poulin Grain will be the guest speaker at the event set Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

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## SPORTS REPORT

### Former Renegades player Jones named 2024 Dawson award winner

By Rich Thomaselli

One key member of the 2023 Hudson Valley Renegades won't be back for this season.

But you can't feel bad about it.

It's just the natural evolution of baseball.

Outfielder Spencer Jones was named the recipient of this year's James P. Dawson Award. It signifies the most outstanding rookie in New York Yankees training camp.

Jones is 22 years old.

The left-handed batter enters this season as the No. 2 prospect in the Yankees organization according to Baseball America and MLB Pipeline. Jones is also ranked as the No. 46 overall prospect in baseball by Baseball America and the No. 84 overall prospect by MLB Pipeline. The Encinitas, Calif., native was selected by the Yankees in the first round (25th overall) of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of Vanderbilt University.

The award was established in honor of James P. Dawson (1896-1953), who began a 45-year career with The New York Times as a copy boy in 1908. New York Yankees beat writers vote on the winner.

Jones joins an illustrious and recognizable list of names who have won the award, including: 1956 - Norm Siebern OF, 1957 - Tony Kubek SS, 1958 - John Blanchard C, 1959 - Gordon Windhorn OF, 1960 - John James P, 1961...Rollie Sheldon P, 1962 - Tom Tresh SS, 1963 - Pedro Gonzalez 2B, 1964 - Pete Mikkelsen P, 1965 - Arturo Lopez OF, 1966 - Roy White OF, 1967 - Bill Robinson OF, 1968 - Mike Ferraro 3B, 1969 - Jerry Kenney OF/ Bill Burbach P, 1970 - John Ellis 1B/C, 1971 - None Selected, 1972 - Rusty Torres OF, 1973 - Otto Velez OF, 1974 - Tom Buskey P, 1975 - Tippy Martinez P, 1976 - Willie Randolph 2B, 1977 - George Zeber INF, 1978 - Jim Beattie P, 1979 - Paul Mirabella P, 1980 - Mike Griffin P, 1981 - Gene Nelson P, 1982 - Andre Robertson SS, 1983 - Don Mattingly 1B, 1984 - Jose Rijo P, 1985 - Scott Bradley C, 1986 - Bob Tewksbury P, 1987 - Keith Hughes OF, 1988 - Al Leiter P, 1989 - None Selected, 1990 - Alan Mills P, 1991 - Hensley Meulens OF, 1992 - Gerald



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Williams OF, 1993 - Mike Humphreys OF, 1994 - Sterling Hitchcock P, 1995 - None Selected, 1996 - Mark Hutton P, 1997 - Jorge Posada C, 1998 - Homer Bush INF, 1999 - None Selected, 2000 - None Selected, 2001 - Alfonso Soriano 2B, 2002 - Nick Johnson 1B, 2003 - Hideki Matsui OF, 2004 - Bubba Crosby OF, 2005 - Andy Phillips INF, 2006 - Eric Duncan INF, 2007 - Kei Igawa P, 2008 - Shelley Duncan INF/OF, 2009 - Brett Gardner OF, 2010 - Jon Weber OF, 2011 - Manny Banuelos P, 2012 - David Phelps P, 2013 - Vidal Nuño P, 2014 - Masahiro Tanaka P, 2015 - Slade Heathcott OF, 2016 - Johnny Barbatto P, 2017 - Gleyber Torres INF, 2018 - Miguel Andujar 3B, 2019 - Stephen Tarpley P, 2020 - Clarke Schmidt P, 2021 - Derivi Garcia P, 2022 - Clarke Schmidt P, 2023 - Anthony Volpe INF, 2024 - Spencer Jones OF.

### Yankees announce Renegades 2024 Break Camp roster

The New York Yankees have announced the Break Camp Roster for the Hudson Valley Renegades, their High-A affiliate.

The initial Renegades roster features four of the Yankees' Top 30 prospects and 12 returning players from the 2023 South Atlantic League North Division Championship season. Additionally, there are five players on the roster who appeared for Hudson Valley in the 2023 SAL Playoffs, but did not play with the team during the regular season.

Once again, the Renegades' pitching staff projects to be the strength of the team, highlighted by Kyle Carr, the Yankees #10 prospect according to Baseball America and #11 per MLB Pipeline. Carr was a 3rd round pick of the Yankees in the 2023 First-Year Player Draft out of Palomar College.

Returns Cole Ayers, Leonardo Pestana, Cam Schlittler, Baron Stuart and Joel Valdez will provide solid experience to the staff. Luis Arejula, Jackson Fristoe, Geoff Gilbert, Sebastian Keane and Matt Keating will all make their regular season Hudson Valley debuts after recording key outs in the 2023 playoffs.

Newcomers to the staff include Carr, Matt Givin, Brian Hendry, Trent Sellers and Ben Shields. Givin was signed as a minor league free agent by the Yankees after beginning his career with the Miami Marlins organization, while Hendry (10th round), Sellers and Shields (non-drafted free agents) joined the Yankees to begin their careers in 2023.

Behind the dish will be familiar names for Renegades fans, as both Rafael Flores and Jesus Rodriguez return for the start of the 2024 season.

Flores spent the entire season with Hudson Valley in 2023, where he hit .259/.346/.366 in 105 games. Rodriguez joined the Renegades on August 8 and hit .356 down the stretch while leading all Yankees minor leaguers in batting average (.310) for the full season. That tandem is

joined by newcomer Omar Martinez, who was an offensive leader for the Tampa Tarpons last year, hitting .251/.367/.445 with 18 home runs, which was third-most in the Florida State League.

The Renegades infield is led by strong play up the middle, with Jared Serna (Baseball America #21, MLB Pipeline #20), Roc Riggio (Baseball America #29, MLB Pipeline #19), and Alexander Vargas projecting to receive a bulk of the playing time at second base and shortstop. Beau Brewer brings elite on-base skills, having finished second among Yankees minor leaguers in 2023 with a .410 on-base percentage, and defensive versatility to the club. Kiko Romero and Josh Moylan add left-handed power bats to the lineup as they both begin their first professional season.

In the outfield, Kyle Battle, Cole Gabrielson and Anthony Hall (MLB Pipeline #29) all return from the 2023 club and are capable of playing all three positions as well as providing punch in the lineup. They are joined by newcomers Garrett Martin and Nelson Medina. Medina had a strong season in Tampa in 2023, posting an .859 OPS and earning a late-season promotion to Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre before playing in the Arizona Fall League. Martin was signed as a non-drafted free agent in July out of Austin Peay State University.

Overall, the Renegades roster is comprised of four members of the Yankees 2023 draft class (Carr, 3rd round; Riggio, 4th round; Romero, 7th round; Hendry, 10th round), and six players signed as free agents in 2023. The team boasts players hailing from five different countries and 13 different states in the US.

The 2024 Hudson Valley Renegades season begins on Friday, April 5 when the team kicks off a nine-game road trip with a 7:35 p.m. game against the Bowling Green Hot Rods. Coverage on the Renegades Baseball Network begins at 7:15.

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