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Chabad of Beacon to hold Passover Seder

By Kristine Coulter

A meaningful Passover Seder will be held by Chabad of Beacon on Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 13 at 7:45 p.m.

What are some of the traditions of Passover?

“Passover is rich with traditions, including the Seder meal, where we retell the story of the Exodus, eat matzah, and drink four cups of wine. We also avoid chametz (leavened bread) throughout the holiday and celebrate with special prayers and family gatherings,” Rabbi Shaya Itkin said.

Itkin explained, “Passover is the holiday commemorating the Jewish people’s freedom after hundreds of years of slavery in Egypt. On a spiritual level, it also represents our daily journey toward personal freedom - breaking through our own self-imposed limitations and growing beyond them.”

What does the traditional Passover meal consist of?

“The Seder meal includes matzah, which reminds us that when the Jews left Egypt, they didn’t have time to let their bread rise. We also eat bitter herbs to recall the hardships of slavery and enjoy a delicious meal filled with meaning and tradition as part of the Seder experience,” Itkin remarked.

What does Itkin hope this year’s Passover brings? “I hope this Passover inspires a deep connection to our history, uniting past and present while offering meaningful lessons for our lives. Most importantly, I hope it brings a sense of inner freedom.”

For more information and to RSVP, please visit chabadbeacon.com/seder25.

Police chief updates council on 2024 statistics

By Kristine Coulter

City of Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia presented the City of Beacon Police Department’s annual report for 2024 during the City Council’s meeting on March 31.

“The City of Beacon Police Department remains committed to transparency in its operations and to accountability to the community that we serve. As part of this commitment, we recognize the need to inform the public about department activity, crime in the city, and about our efforts to address it in the context of our capabilities,” Figlia stated in his report to the City Council.

Yearly stats

“In 2024, we actually saw a decrease from the higher number of calls for service in 2023 to a number closer to that of 2022. Similarly, traffic stops went down proportionally, though they remained higher than 2022’s level. Auto accidents also went down from 2023 to 2024, though not by as significant an amount as 2022 to 2023. As a result of concerns voiced by the community, the department is expanding traffic enforcement going into 2025. For example, in January of 2024, 62 stops were performed whereas in



Beacon Police Chief Thomas Figlia reported the department’s statistics from 2024 during a recent Council meeting. Pictured is the City of Beacon Police Station.

-Archive photo

January of 2025, there were 97 stops. Similarly, in February 2024, there were 75 stops made and in February 2025 there were 94 made,” it was stated in the report.

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Renegades rebound from opening loss, take series with 2 wins over Jersey Shore

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades have opened the 2025 season with a series win. Among the seas of pinstriped fans, and old school maroon and green, new concessions and between-inning competitions, fun could be found at every corner of Heritage Financial Park on the 31st Opening Weekend.

While the season’s first game brought little action and a 3-1 Renegades loss, the opening day vibes were great. Over 3,700 fans showed up for the first day of Renegades baseball, and closed it out with fireworks backed by a soundtrack of pop hits and boy bands. Hudson Valley made up for the opening loss in the latter two-thirds of the weekend, with 12 of 13 series runs coming on Saturday and Sunday. While the bullpen had some missteps, the reigning SAL North season champions showed late-inning offensive grit on Opening Weekend.


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Fans arrive at Heritage Financial Park for opening night of the Renegades’ 2025 season.

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BluePath celebrates recent graduates

BluePath Service Dogs, a nonprofit organization that provides autism service dogs, celebrates the placement of three new service dog teams, offering newfound hope and freedom to children with autism and their families.

"Graduation day is a milestone that never loses its magic," said Michelle Brier, BluePath's Chief Executive Officer. "It's the moment we see the impact of our collective efforts - the culmination of years of dedication, love, and belief in something bigger than ourselves. We don't just celebrate new service dog teams; we celebrate possibility, transformation, and the power of community."

The demand for BluePath dogs is greater than ever before; one in every 36 children born today will develop an autism spectrum disorder (Center for Disease Control and Prevention). The propensity to wander or bolt is a hallmark behavior of autism and poses a significant threat to the well-being of children affected. Even the most routine trips outside the home can quickly transform into life-threatening experiences. To avoid disruption and risk, children and their families often retreat into the safer environments of their homes and experience significant social isolation as a result.

Juan Alvarez and Lisbeth Quispe, from

Danbury, CT, are the proud recipients of BluePath Ginny for their seven-year-old son, Eliam.

"Eliam has had many challenges," said Juan Alvarez. "He is very sensitive to loud noises and if there is something he doesn't like or gets frustrated, he instantly bolts without measuring the danger that can be."

Service dogs are the only effective intervention to elopement in children with autism. BluePath is committed to serving children with autism and their families by providing high quality service dogs that offer safety, companionship, and independence - free of charge.

"Our first weekend with Ginny was spectacular. We went to our favorite restaurant, and for the first time in a long time, we had a family dinner without worrying that Eliam would run off or get frustrated," said Alvarez. "Seeing Eliam with Ginny gave us a sense of peace we hadn't known before."

Since its inception in late 2016, BluePath has matched 57 service dogs with individuals on the autism spectrum and their families. Eligibility criteria for receiving a service dog, as well as information on volunteer and support opportunities, can be found at www.bluepathservicedogs.org.



BluePath Service Dogs graduates for March 2025, from left, Salem, Hazel, Ginny, and Maverick.

-Courtesy photo BluePath Service Dogs

BluePath's 9th Annual Walkathon will be held on Saturday, May 10 at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, Westchester County. Walk begins promptly at 10:30 a.m., with the choice of a 1.7 mile or 3-mile loop.

Participants receive a T-shirt and access

to all-day activities, including bounce houses, a bubble bus, games, food trucks, and more. This is an inclusive event - a quiet tent with comfortable seating, books, and fidget toys is available throughout. Register at www.bluepathservicedogs.org.

County accepting applications for Veterans Microgrant Program

The Dutchess County Office of Veterans Affairs is now accepting applications for its 2025 Veterans Microgrant Program, a competitive initiative that provides one-time grants to local nonprofits and municipalities to support programs and activities that benefit veterans and honor their service. Applications can be submitted online through Dutchess County's grant portal and will be reviewed on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, "Our veterans have sacrificed so much to protect our freedom and help shape Dutchess County into the place we're proud to call home. They deserve facilities that reflect the depth of our gratitude and truly enhance their quality of life. Through this microgrant program, we're helping local organizations and communities provide the care, support, and recognition our heroes have earned.

Dutchess County will never forget its veterans — this program is just one of the many ways we continue to say thank you."

Organizations and municipalities can receive grants of up to \$15,000 to cover expenses such as equipment, resources or other one-time costs aimed at improving program offerings and increasing accessibility for veterans. The 2025 Dutchess County Budget includes \$200,000 Veterans Microgrant Program.

Nonprofit organizations and municipalities that provide dedicated programs benefiting U.S. Armed Forces veterans in Dutchess County are encouraged to apply. Preference will be given to those that do not have existing service contracts with the County. Organizations or municipalities that received funding through Dutchess County's 2023 or 2024 Veterans Microgrant programs are not eligible for this round of funding.

Examples of possible funding awards include:

- Enhancement/expansion of a program/service currently offered to veterans;
- New programming for veterans provided by an agency that already provides services to veterans;
- Purchase of plaques, banners, or monuments to honor veterans;
- Expenses associated with an event (picnic or holiday party) to honor veterans. No alcohol will be reimbursed; and
- General capital infrastructure to facilities, including physical structures (roof, windows, doors, etc.), HVAC, plumbing, electrical, security, furniture, fixtures, and equipment. The structure's primary purpose must be for veterans' services.

Office of Veterans Services Director Adam Roche said, "I thank County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Legislature for recognizing the importance of the Veterans Microgrant

Program and continuing their support. This initiative benefits not only our veterans, but also the many organizations in Dutchess County dedicated to supporting them."

Only one application per organization will be accepted. Funding should be utilized within one year of award. The complete list of Veterans Microgrant instructions and guidance is available online.

An example of projects funded through the County's previous Veterans Microgrant programs: Marine Corps League Detachment 861 received a 2024 Dutchess County Veterans Microgrant to purchase a lift chair (seen attached photo) to assist veterans with difficulties walking and climbing stairs gain access to upstairs meeting room at Beacon Veterans Memorial Building.

For more information on veterans services throughout Dutchess County visit: dutchessny.gov/veterans.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

March 4: Property Damage-Fishkill Avenue-Officers responded to a call for damaged crosswalk sign as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted. The driver was located and interviewed.

March 4: Traffic Stop- Main Street-Christopher C. Ulrich, 54, of Beacon, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

March 4: Traffic Stop-West Church Street- Jack H. Canalin, 25, of Watertown, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd.

March 5: Fight with Weapons-Eliza Street-Eddie R. Bentley, 41, of Wappinger Falls, was charged with Burglary 2nd, Assault & Robbery 2nd.

March 5: Unattended Death-Beacon-Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken.

Investigation conducted.

March 8: Fight- Main Street-Thomas J. Bruni- Smith, 25, of Beacon was charged with Menacing 2nd, Assault & Disorderly Conduct.

March 12: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Judith Marie Rivera, 29, of Newburgh, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

March 12: Larceny-Main Street-Caller reported a Larceny. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

March 14: Suspicious Person-Beekman Street- Caller reported an unknown male walked through her property. Report taken. Investigation conducted.


March 15: Unknown Problem- West Main Street- Caller stated that someone was trying to enter her home. Report taken. Officers investigated the area with negative results.

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Police chief updates council on 2024 statistics

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"We saw a notable decrease in total reported domestic incidents from 2022 to 2023 with an approximately 27% difference. The trend in decreases in reported domestic incidents started as far back as 2019 and continued for 2024 with slight decrease of approximately 3.8%," states Figlia in the report.

"Calls for mental health incidents, as identified by the caller, rose back to approximately the same level as 2022; however, this statistic only reflects a small proportion of the number of individuals in crises that with whom the Beacon Police Department interacts. The majority of our interactions with such individuals come in the form of calls for other incidents, such as disorderly subject(s) calls," reads the report.

"Our auto accidents were down 1 percent," Figlia stated during the meeting.

"[C]harts compare total numbers of specific offenses reported in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 to total number of arrests made for those specific offenses during those years. It should be noted that sometimes an arrest for an offense committed in one year cannot be made until another year. For example, there were zero murders in 2024, but there were 3 arrests for murder 1," Figlia explained.

In 2024, the downward trend in total case reports continued but the total arrests increased, it was stated.

"Simple assaults in 2024 were up slightly, though they remained lower than their 2022 peak. In 2024, larcenies continued their downward trend with a 26% decrease from 2023. Vandalism also continued its downward trend in 2024, dropping another 29%. There was also a drop in burglaries from 2023 to 2024," according to the report.

"Aggravated assaults are defined as assaults involving serious physical injury, the use of a weapon, or multiple perpetrators. In 2024, arrests for aggravated assaults comprised approximately 63% of total aggravated assault cases. It should be noted that it is possible for there to be more arrests than reported crimes because of the ability for multiple perpetrators to commit one aggravated assault," Figlia states in the report.

There were no reported rapes in Beacon in 2024. The chief noted "...rape has a specific definition and does not represent all sexually related crimes reported."

"Robbery is very rare in Beacon, and it is difficult to glean much significant information from the numbers presented as just a few cases can cause statistical percentages to vary significantly," said Figlia in the report.

"Burglary is the one of the most common, high-level property crime that occurs in Beacon," said Figlia. Though not extremely common in any year, as with last year, there continues to be a notable decline in the number of reported burglaries, with an approximately 41% decrease when comparing 2019 to 2024, it is stated in the report.

"The City has been fortunate to see a tremendous 60% decrease in reported cases from 2019 to 2024. While the number of arrests were down slightly from 2023 to 2024, the number of reported cases was down far more," according to Figlia in the report.

"The city has been fortunate to see a steady, year after year decline in the number of reported domestic incidents. In fact, since 2019 there has been a 49% decrease in domestic incident calls," Figlia told the council.

Training and initiatives

The department staff, "Meets or exceeds the state standards. The staff completed mandatory training successfully," said Figlia.

"In 2024, the department began to set in motion several large initiatives which will

go live in 2025. One of the largest is an investment in new body worn cameras. The previous system had been in place and fully operation since 2018 but was plagued by a weak physical product and low-tech software," said Figlia. "In 2024, the City Council approved a contract with Axon, which will provide the department with brand new, state of the art body worn cameras. These new devices also come with one of the most advanced back-end software solutions on the market. This upgrade will enhance our efficiency when reviewing incident footage and when responding to requests for video both via the Freedom of Information Act and via discovery requests from the District Attorney's Office where they relate to criminal cases, states the report.

"It's really doing everything we expected it to do," said Figlia about the body cameras to the Council.

Figlia noted in the report, "Part of the agreement with Axon also included the latest technology in electronic control weapons. Commonly referred to as "Tasers." The newest versions of these devices allow greater accuracy and faster follow ups in the case of a failed attempt to use the device."

The department continued to lead the City departments in the transition to green vehicles, according to the chief in the report. The department purchased three new hybrid patrol vehicles in 2024, which were obtained, he stated.

Participation in community events

In 2024, there were at least 31 such community events members of the department participated in, said Figlia.

"This included providing traffic control, and participating in, various parades and events such as the Martin Luther King Day Parade, the Celebration of Light Parade, the Parade of Green, St. Joachim's and St. John's Good Friday Procession, the Stride for Life Event, the JV Forrestal Bike/Walk to School Day, the Elks Club's 100th Anniversary Parade, the Spirit of Beacon Day's parade, the Hocus Pocus Parade, the Animal Rescue Foundation's 5K Run, I Am Beacon's 5K Run, the Strawberry, Corn and Pumpkin Festivals, the Elijah Hughes Basketball Tournament and the Independence Day Fireworks. We also provided officers for various events at Beacon High School such as football, basketball and soccer games," stated the chief in the report.

"We actually relaunched our bike patrol," Figlia remarked to the council.

"I was happy to see the relaunch of the bike [patrol] on Main St. Even just the police on Main St.," said Councilmember Pam Wetherbee.

'Unprecedented staff movement'

Last year, said Figlia, the department experienced "unprecedented staff movement." He explained, "Two officers resigned to take other police jobs, one in Carmel and the other with State Police. Additionally, unfortunately another officer chose to resign rather than extend field training due to unsatisfactory performance during probation. Even more significantly, the Chief of Police, the Detective Sergeant and the senior patrol Sergeant all retired within two months of each other and during that same time a sergeant who was provisionally serving as a lieutenant had to return to the rank of sergeant due to civil service rules. These vacancies required more promotions in close proximity to each other than at any other time in known department history."

Figlia, who was promoted to Police Chief last year, said, "With these resignations and retirements, the department also dipped to its lowest staffing levels in recent memory with eight vacancies and two members out on

injury. Officers were needed on overtime just to fill the minimal patrol shifts for, at the very least, 80 hours per week." He did note that the PBA and City Administration are working together to move in the right direction regarding the staffing issue.

Figlia stated in the report, "A mid-contract cost of living pay increase was instituted in order to move the Beacon Police Department's pay into closer alignment with other are departments that had far outpaced it. We also implemented a sign-on bonus and recruiting bonus in the hopes of recruiting police officers with previous experience."

There has been hiring this year and last. "2024 we hired one police officer who graduated the police academy in early 2025. We also hired three more police officers in early 2025, two of whom are currently attending the Rockland County Police Academy and one of whom has started Field Training due to his previous police experience. Additionally, in 2024 the department added a dispatched to the weekend evening shifts, freeing a police officer from desk duty and allowing them to be assigned to patrol," according to Figlia.

Members of the council asked for continued updates on recruitment and retention.

Notable incidents handled

Among some of the "notable" incidents that the police chief mentioned from 2024, in the report, were:

- On March 4th, officers working the midnight shift found several windows broken on Main Street. As they investigated, they located the suspect actively breaking another and an arrest was made.

- On April 16th officers received a report of a vehicle stolen from Main Street. Before being located, the vehicle had crashed into a pole on Rt. 9D and fled the scene. Officers on patrol then located the vehicle, which attempted to flee before quickly crashing again into a guardrail on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. At that time the suspect fled on foot and was apprehended.

- On June 13th, officers responded to a burglary on Main Street in which the suspects were operating a high-performance vehicle. Officers located and attempted to stop it, but it fled at very high speeds creating a significant risk to the public so the pursuit was terminated. The burglary was subsequently found to be a part of an interstate

burglary ring, and two suspects were taken into custody by authorities out of state. The case, including the burglary on Main Street, is being handled federally.

- On September 22nd, officers responded to a call of a female setting fire to clothing inside of an apartment in Tompkins Terrace. She was arrested, and during the investigation, officers also located an illegal firearm which was possessed by another member of the household who was a prohibited person. The firearm was seized, and charges were filed

Figlia remarks in the report, "Perhaps most significantly, this year the Beacon Police Department made three arrests in a murder case which occurred in the Forrestal Heights parking lot in 2022. This included setting up surveillance on one suspect and then taking him into custody after a felony traffic stop on Fishkill Avenue. It also included working with the United States Bureau of Prisons and the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections to gain custody of two of the other incarcerated suspects and transporting them from Pennsylvania back to New York to face justice."

Drug Task Force and Behavioral Specialist

"Several drug dealers who either sold drugs or resided in Beacon were arrested," Figlia informed the council.

This year the County saw a 50% decrease in drug overdose deaths. Dutchess County is a place where one rarely stays just in their own municipality, so dangerous drug dealing and violence in one part of the County impacts residents of the County as a whole. This work is important countywide, but the following is a summary of task force cases from 2024 that had a direct impact on Beacon drug dealers, it is stated in the report.

In 2024, the report states, the behavioral specialist responded with officers to 184 calls and completed 130 follow ups. In total, "114 individuals were linked to post police call resources," Figlia said.

Of those, among other resources, 82 were linked with behavioral or mental health treatment, 75 with a treatment provider, 17 with case management, 15 with crisis shelters, and 12 with substance abuse treatment, reads the report.

Councilmember George Mansfield asked if the report will be online. Figlia replied it is online now for the public to review.

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Former HPL trustee thankful for Vicki Blucher's work at Beacon Reads

To the Editor:

I appreciated the article in the April 2 Free Press regarding the many years of Marcia Frahman's excellent leadership at Beacon Reads bookstore (fundraiser for the Howland Public Library). However, I was surprised to see no mention of Vicki Blucher, who began working with Ms. Frahman in 2010 and now is fully in charge of the bookstore.

After the 2020 pandemic closure, the bookstore re-opened and Marcia and Vicki agreed they would serve as co-managers.

Thanks to Vicki's co- leadership Beacon Reads, formerly open only Monday-Friday, opened for Sunday hours when so many visitors are in town on Main Street. Subsequently other volunteers also added important Saturday hours.

We will all miss Marcia very much and wish her a wonderful retirement in California; we are also looking forward to Beacon Reads' continued service to our community under Vicki Blucher's experienced leadership.

Prue Posner, former HPL trustee
Beacon

Glenham fire commissioners to meet April 9

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Glenham Fire District rescheduled their April 2 monthly meeting. It will now be held on Wednesday, April 9 at 6 p.m.

The location remains the same - Slater Chemical Firehouse located at 76 Old Glenham Road, in the hamlet of Glenham in the town of Fishkill.

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CSEA: Cuts to NIOSH would put millions of workers at risk

To the Editor:

The CSEA (Civil Service Employees Association) is expressing concern about deep staffing cuts at the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) as part of a restructuring ordered by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

The cuts would eliminate nearly 900 jobs, or two-thirds of the workforce, as well as entire divisions at the agency, which conducts research on workplace safety and health and making recommendations to prevent work-related injuries and illness. NIOSH has provided lifesaving work since Congress created it in 1970.

These ill-advised cuts to NIOSH will potentially endanger millions of workers. This is not just a budget cut - it's a rollback of decades of worker safety progress putting millions of workers at risk. One of CSEA's top priorities is to ensure that our union members can do their jobs as safely as possible so they can get home to their loved ones. CSEA will continue to monitor the situation and act accordingly.

Here is what NIOSH does for workers:

1. Tests and Certifies Respirators – NIOSH ensures that respirators protect workers from deadly hazards like asbestos, silica, and infectious diseases.
2. Develops Lifesaving Workplace Standards – Many of OSHA's protections (e.g., noise limits, chemical exposure rules) are based on NIOSH research.
3. Investigates Worker Deaths and Hazards – NIOSH runs the Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation (FACE) Program, which investigates worker deaths to prevent future tragedies.
4. Studies Dangerous Chemicals and Diseases – NIOSH identifies workplace carcinogens and toxic chemicals before they cause widespread harm. Their research has led to protections against lead poisoning, silica, and PFAS chemicals.
5. Protects First Responders and Health Care Workers – NIOSH developed PPE standards for firefighters, paramedics, and nurses. Their research helped protect workers during COVID-19, Ebola, and 9/11 cleanup efforts.
6. Improves Safety for High-Risk Jobs – NIOSH studies injuries and deaths in dangerous jobs like construction, mining, trucking, and agriculture. Their work leads to safer equipment, training, and practices that prevent thousands of injuries every year.
7. Advances Workplace Mental Health and Violence Prevention – NIOSH studies workplace stress, burnout, and violence-especially for social workers, nurses, and teachers. This research helps create solutions to protect workers from assault and mental health crises.

Without NIOSH, workers would lose these essential protections and put millions of workers at risk for injury and death. These cuts will only benefit billionaires who want to create more profits by gutting worker protections.

Mary E. Sullivan
CSEA President

Release the kids from Ukraine

To the Editor:

We had the opportunity this weekend to attend a screening at The Moviehouse in Millerton of two very moving short films focusing on the impact of Russia's barbaric war upon children — "Sunflower Field" and "Once Upon a Time in Ukraine" - followed by a panel discussion with Polina Buchak, who directed Sunflower Field, and Anastasia Rab, Chief Advancement Officer for Razom.

In the panel discussion, Ms. Rab highlighted the plight of the 19,546 known children abducted and held by Russia. You see, Russia is not content with destroying Ukraine and its' past, it is intent on destroying her future as well by abducting her children. Of the greater than hundred thousand kids believed to have been abducted, there are 19,546 fully documented cases which demand our attention and support. This is documented at ReleaseTheKids.com.

We urge everyone to go to the site and learn about their plight and how to support. One simple action is to call, email, and or write your representatives including the President to demand that release of all abducted children be written in as a RED LINE to any ceasefire and peace agreement supported by this country.

While doing so, please also let your representatives know that you demand America supports a Just Peace for Ukraine consistent with our values with full territorial integrity rather than just any peace which leaves Ukraine and Europe exposed to the next round of Russian terror.

Mark Lagus
Town of Northeast

County Health Fair returns to DCC's Falcon Hall on April 12

The Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) is hosting the 4th Annual Y.O.U.R (Young, Old, Urban, Rural) Health Fair on Saturday, April 12 to connect residents to health resources and enhance the wellness of the local community. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Dutchess Community College's Falcon Hall, located at 50 Mascot Drive in Poughkeepsie.

Individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to this day of fun with family-friendly activities, interactive health and fitness demonstrations, food trucks, free giveaways and more. Dutchess County Public Transit will provide free transportation from the City of Poughkeepsie to the event.

The afternoon will gather over 60 exhibitors including community health providers, local businesses, nonprofits, County Government departments and more to offer health information and

resources through interactive booths, hands-on trainings, insurance navigation and connection to ongoing care.

For those with sensory-sensitive needs, ThinkDIFFERENTLY and DCDOH's Early Intervention and Preschool teams will offer an outer space-themed, sensory-friendly area for those who need a break from crowds. Within this area, there will be arts, crafts and games, as well as information on services for residents of all abilities.

Dutchess County Public Transit will provide free shuttles from the Transit Hub on Market Street in Poughkeepsie to Falcon Hall, running continuous loops from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

More information about Dutchess County's Health Fair is available at dutchessny.gov/healthfair. To learn more about health resources available in Dutchess County, residents can visit dutchessny.gov/health.

'His Room as He Left It: A Work in Progress' at DCC

The Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery at Dutchess Community College will present "His Room as He Left It: A Work in Progress," a mixed-media installation by artist Ariel Kotker, from April 9 through May 16. An opening reception featuring live music will be held Thursday, April 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The installation reconstructs the imagined bedroom of Drew Fank, a 19-year-old from the fictional town of Sparkleton, Pennsylvania. Through meticulously handcrafted details — including clothing, musical instruments, personal letters and everyday objects — Kotker builds an immersive narrative that invites viewers to step into Drew's world and uncover his story.

Kotker is a visual storyteller whose work has been exhibited internationally and rec-

ognized for its attention to emotional nuance and physical detail. For more about the artist, visit arielkotker.squarespace.com.

The Mildred I. Washington Art Gallery is located in the Allyn J. Washington Center for Science and Art. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with docent tours available on Saturdays by appointment.

Visitors are advised to park in Lot D (GPS address: 97 Cottage Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601). Accessible parking is available at the top of the hill right outside the gallery entrance.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Gallery Director Dana Weidman at weidman@sunydutchess.edu or 845-431-8612.

Right: A handcrafted detail from Ariel Kotker's "His Room as He Left It: A Work in Progress" installation.

-Courtesy image from the artist



Renegades announce new staff hires and promotions

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, have announced today a series of front office staff promotions and new hires ahead of the 2025 season.

Will Young – Assistant General Manager - Will initially joined the Renegades in May of 2021 after spending two seasons as an intern with the St. Paul Saints Baseball Club, the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was elevated to Assistant General Manager in March 2025 after serving as the Senior Director, Corporate Partnerships & Ticket Sales.

Jessica Levinson – Manager, Community Relation & Ticket Operations - Jess joined the Renegades in November 2023 as the Manager, Ticket Operations and was elevated to Manager, Community Relations & Ticket Operations in March 2025. Prior to this role, Jess worked with the Renegades during the 2023 season as the Community Relations Intern.

Zack Soffer – Manager, Corporate Partnerships - Zack joined the Renegades in September 2023 as an Account Executive, Ticket Sales and was promoted to Manager,

Corporate Partnerships in January 2025. Before this role, he previously served as a financial representative at Northwestern Mutual, and before that, as the Head of Solid Dosage Tablet Manufacturing at FreeThink Technologies.

Greg Jones – Director, Marketing - Greg joined the Renegades staff in March 2025 after previously serving as Associate Director of Marketing at Sacred Heart University. Before that, he was the Assistant Director of Club Sports, overseeing more than 33 teams, and was Head Coach of the Club Football team that won the NCFB National Championship in 2017.

Kevin Ackerman – Account Executive, Ticket Sales - Kevin joined the Renegades in January 2025 as an Account Executive, Ticket Sales. Prior to this role, Kevin was a Group Sales Account Representative for the Trenton Thunder. Kevin was also a Ticket Sales Intern for the Renegades during the 2022 season. Kevin is from Bedford Hills, NY and earned a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Rowan University.

Tara Sudol - Corporate Partnerships Intern - Tara is beginning her third season working with the Renegades, serving as a

promotions and accounting intern in 2022 and special events intern in 2024. She graduated from Springfield College with a degree in sports management in 2024.

Jesus Cabrera - Merchandise Intern - Jesus is from the Bronx, and takes Metro-North to the ballpark every day. He's been working in baseball since he was 19, teaching the sport to kids at local summer camps.

Xavier Quinn - Video Production Intern - Xavier is from Virginia Beach, VA. This is his third year working in baseball, and he comes to the Renegades after working for the Fredericksburg Nationals as a Video Production Assistant last year.

Abbie Mars - Promotions Intern - This is Abbie's second year with the Renegades. She spent last season as a member of Pinstripe Posse, after graduating from Siena College in May 2024, where she was a cheerleader for the Saints.

Tommy Villafana - Special Events Intern - Tommy is from Plymouth, Minnesota. In the past, Tommy has worked for the Minnesota Timberwolves, the Minnesota Vikings and as a gameday intern for the St. Paul Saints.

Brady Wade - Ticket Sales Intern - Brady

is from Red Hook, NY and is currently a junior at SUNY Cortland. He currently works at Gutchess Lumberyard Sports Complex, where he helps out at PBR tournaments, including working in the ticket booth, selling merchandise, and even getting to scout some youth players.

Hannah Greer - Creative Content Intern - Hannah Greer is a Creative Content Intern from Hopewell Junction, NY. She is currently a softball player at Michigan State University, and previously worked as a video content creator for EPC Sports in Hopewell Junction.

Owen Connelly - Creative Content Intern - Owen Connelly is a junior at Maryland's Robert H. Smith School of Business. He is also the president and founder of Finznetwork, a Miami Dolphins social media fan page.

Jordy Fee-Platt - Broadcasting and PR Associate - This is Jordy's second year as the Broadcasting and PR Associate for the Renegades, after spending the offseason calling college sports and working as a writer/editor for college basketball website Hoops HQ.

Renegades rebound from opening loss, take series with 2 wins over Jersey Shore

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The Kids are O.K.

Bryce Cunningham's pro debut was a special one. On Sunday, the Renegades improved to 2-1 behind five strong from Cunningham. He fanned seven BlueClaws and helped his team salvage the series with a 6-2 victory. Opening Day starter Kyle Carr gave up one run in 4.2 innings, but only gave up two hits. Geoffrey Gilbert and Matt Keating kept the Renegades in the game, holding Jersey

Shore to one hit over a combined 2.1 relief innings.

Brendan Jones Clutches Up in Game 2

OF Brendan Jones became the season's first hero in the Renegades' 8-7 walkoff comeback win. Fresh of a stint in major league spring training, Jones debuted 0-5 on Friday. But Saturday was his day. He went 2-4 in the leadoff spot, reaching base three times and batting in three runs.

In the bottom of the ninth, with nowhere for the Renegades' leadoff

man to go, Jones smashed a bases loaded hit to right, scoring two and sealing the Renegades' first win of the season. It was a come-from-behind beauty that saw three ties and a late-inning lead change before Brenny Escanio, Coby Morales, and Tomas Frick loaded the bases for Jones.

Leaving them stranded

It was like Tom Hanks' Castaway out there. The Renegades left 33 runners on base over the weekend, nearly doubling

the BlueClaws' total of 19. While Hudson Valley managed a series win, it's going to take more offensive sequences and productive at-bats to support the young hurlers on each side of the nine frames.

This week the Renegades head to Brooklyn for their first full series, so we'll be seeing a lot more from this group. Where Hudson Valley struggled on the road last season, the Renegades' offense needs to stop the momentum of the Cyclones, who swept their opening series.

Central Hudson Gas Main and Service Replacement Project begins in Wappinger

The Town of Wappinger Office of the Superintendent of Highways has issued a permit to Central Hudson Gas & Electric to Replace the Gas Main & Services which affects residents in the Fleetwood Manor District.

The work will begin April 10, and be completed on or around August 10.

This work will affect residents on the following roadways:

- Barbara Lane

- Franton Drive
- Fleetwood Drive
- Ketchamtown Road
- Kretch Circle
- Midge Drive
- Ronsue Drive

The Full Permit Details with filed maps can be found by clicking the button below, if one has any questions, please contact the Wappinger Highway Superintendent Office at 845-297-9451.

Roadwork continues on Fishkill/Teller Avenue and Main Street

The City of Beacon's Water and Sewer Department will be partially closing the intersection of Fishkill/Teller Avenue and Main Street. Work began on April 6 and will continue around the clock until Wednesday, April 9, in order to address necessary man-

hole excavation and reconstruction work, according to City officials.

A traffic re-routing plan can be found on the City's website, <https://beaconny.gov/>. City officials thank everyone for their patience while this critical infrastructure project is completed.

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by mark adams



My bees died

The culprit seems to be a colder-than-usual winter.

My bees died.

Last November 16, I wrote in my garden journal "Another beautiful day. Bees still active at beehive. What are they feeding on?" Then on March 10, "Nice day. Heard first peepers tonight." The bees should have been out, searching for blossoms on the maple trees. But they weren't.

Meanwhile, lots of chatter about honeybees has been popping up on my internet home page, because I always click on "accept all cookies." Evidently, it's been an unusually perilous season for bees, even considering the perennial challenge from colony collapse syndrome. So maybe I'm not alone.

I've always kept one beehive, to help pollinate the flower and vegetable garden, and not intentionally, to pollinate the invasive porcelain vine obscuring my back fence. I'm no expert, and I have lost beehives over the years. I've also witnessed a few swarms, when a new queen takes off with her entourage. I once ran directly into a big swarm while I was mowing under a weeping cherry tree, which is how I found out that swarming bees have no interest in stinging anybody.

Honeybees are not native to North America. Before the advent of colony collapse syndrome (20 years ago), some people worried that honeybees would pose a threat to the 450 species of native bees in New York state. But nowadays the focus seems to be keeping honeybees alive, period. Fungus, diseases, pesticides and mites are all conspiring to kill bees. (Just this year, New York banned the use of systemic neonicotinoid pesticides for outdoor use.)

Instead of relying on the internet to find out what happened to my bees, I decided to visit our local beekeeper (or "honeybee steward") extraordinaire Dennis Remsburger. Dennis manages 450 honeybee colonies, home to upwards of 20 million bees, creating products ranging from honey and glycerin soap, beeswax lip balm, candles, pollen, up to jars and bottles of pure Hudson Valley honey. A specialty is a garlic infused honey, made from homegrown garlic, available at the farmers market in Brooklyn's Grand Army Plaza, where Dennis spends his Saturdays. You can also find Remsburger honey products at local farm stands like Meadowbrook Farm, Quattro's, and Barton Orchards. The hives provide pollination services to nine commercial orchards, where the bees spend a few weeks among local apple, peach and apricot blossoms.

Looking over his dominion, Dennis points out a couple of hives that didn't make it through the winter. I asked why.

"We had a real winter," Dennis replied, referring to the prolonged cold spell last January. I told him my bees were doing great right up until the end of November, flying out of the hive.

"Those bees were going to die," he said. At Dennis' urging, I had opened the hive just before I went to see him. It was almost empty, except for a handful of dead bees at the bottom. It seemed to be a case of Nosema fungus, the most widespread of the plethora of bee diseases. The other all too common honeybee plague is varroa mite, which I had anticipated and tried to prevent by applying formic acid strips.



Dennis Remsburger with his ladies.

-Photos by Mark Adams



A sad sight.

Cornell University's pollinator network advises beekeepers to monitor their hives every two weeks, or at least several times per season, since most problems can be resolved if they're discovered early. Dennis is vigilant. Amidst all these challenges, he stays upbeat about his honey empire, and he loves his "ladies," the female worker bees, each one producing a twelfth of a teaspoon of honey during its six week lifespan. (That statistic alone makes me want to stop eating honey).

Fifteen years ago, my little granddaughter Priya started drinking out of a jar of

honey we'd bought at the Rhinebeck Farmers Market.

"You're not supposed to drink that!" I yelled at her.

"Then what are you supposed to do with it?" she shot back.

Good question.

I haven't decided whether I'll get a new hive this year.

Mark Adams is an agricultural advisor to the Dutchess County Executive, Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. and Cornell University.

'From Haverstraw to Beacon' new exhibit highlights city's brickyards

The public is encouraged to attend the Beacon Historical Society's newest exhibit on at its headquarters, 61 Leonard Street. "From Haverstraw to Beacon: Inside the Brickyards that Built New York City" focuses on the rich history of the numerous brickyards that once lined the Hudson River. The exhibition, which is presented through a partnership with the Haverstraw Brick Museum, will remain on display through July 19 and will be open to the public free of charge (with plenty of parking) on Thursdays 10-noon and Saturdays 1-3 p.m.

"While many recognize names such as the Dennings Point or Brockway yards, in 1900 there were 38 brickyards lining the six-mile span between Chelsea and Dutchess Junction. Over the course of decades, the Budd, Aldridge, Van Buren, Hammond and all these other yards used the river's rich clay to produce millions of bricks," said Diane Lapis, the Society's Director of Special Projects.

For one example, brickmaking started at Denning's Point in 1881, but its heyday was in the late 1920s, when 145 men were

employed, and 300,000 bricks were produced daily. The 1925-1926 modernization of the Denning's plant introduced an electric train and shovel that made the yard one of the most productive along the Hudson River. In 1926, 60 million bricks were produced, and because of the ever-burgeoning demand of the New York City market for brick, the 1927 forecast was for 100 million bricks.

The exhibition was curated by Rachel Whitlow, Executive Director of the Haverstraw Brick Museum.

The all-volunteer Beacon Historical Society was founded in 1976 to collect and promote the history of Beacon. With approximately 400 members, it is one of the largest in the Hudson River Valley. For the latest news on events and programs, visit the society online at www.BeaconHistorical.org and follow on social media. One may join online using PayPal; click on the support tab. For \$25 annually, members receive a monthly newsletter, invitations to programs/special events and the satisfaction of helping to preserve and promote Beacon's history.



The introduction of an electric train and shovel dramatically improved the efficiency of the Denning's Point Brickyard in 1926.

-Courtesy photo Beacon Historical Society

Dance Night set for April 12 in Beacon

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, April 12 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Song requests welcome. The lights are low, the sound is full and the ambiance is warm and intimate. Attire is whatever suits one's mood - from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. These dances

are informal and even if one comes alone, one can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of delicious complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available.

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by vicki frank day



Loving lemon

A sweet-tart treat that's perfect for spring

When it comes to flavors that exemplify spring, lemon always tops my list. True, lemons aren't exactly local produce in our part of the world, but their bright, zesty freshness has the ability to wake things up, and that's about as vernal as it gets. I use lemons all year long in lots of wonderful ways, which is why I've written about them many times; but in spring they really seem to shine. That's why they always have a place on my Easter table in dishes both savory and sweet, and also why I'm featuring them yet again.

This year they'll grace a light luscious dessert that's a perfect fit for a spring celebration. With just a few ingredients that you probably already have, it comes together quickly and separates magically into layers as it bakes: a custard-like pudding on the bottom and an airy cakey layer on top. Its sweetness is just right and the tartness is refreshing even after a big meal.

And now for a little breakdown of the magic. Eggs play an important role here. We're separating them with good reason. The yolks add a little richness and help keep it moist and firm, while the whites lighten it up and make it fluffier, helping it rise. Beaten egg whites also float to the top as the cake bakes, forming the spongy cake layer. The denser yolks take their place at the bottom for the pudding layer and, presto! Pudding cake!

LEMON PUDDING CAKE

I must admit, I don't love the name. It just doesn't quite do it justice. Technically, though, it's correct in the baking world because it does, as previously stated, separate as it bakes to form a pudding-like bottom layer. I used a spring-form pan, which I recommend since it puffs up as it bakes in souffle-like fashion. It will fall a bit as it cools, but that's perfectly fine. A simple dusting of confectioner's sugar and a few fresh berries or spring flowers on top make a pretty presentation. Serve with a dollop of sweet whipped cream on the side and watch it magically disappear.

Helpful hints: Zesting the lemons before juicing them is much easier. Strain the juice before adding to the batter to eliminate pulp and any seeds.

For the fluffiest egg whites, start with a

clean, dry bowl and clean beaters. Make sure there are no traces of yolk when you separate the eggs. Gently fold the whites into the batter to avoid over-mixing to keep it fluffy: Place whites on top and carefully use a spatula in a vertical swirling motion to roll them into the heavier batter just to combine.

INGREDIENTS

4 tablespoons butter, softened (I prefer salted, which brings out the flavor)

1/2c sugar (add a little more, 1-2 tablespoons, if you prefer a slightly sweeter cake)

4 eggs, room temperature, separated

1c flour (sifted)

1/3c fresh lemon juice (~ 2 lemons)

1 tablespoon lemon zest

A pinch of salt

2 1/2c (preferably whole) milk

Confectioner's sugar for dusting

Whipped cream for serving (optional)

METHOD

Lightly grease a spring-form pan. You can place the pan on foil and crimp it up the sides to seal the bottom edges to prevent leaking if you like. (Alternatively, place it on a baking sheet to bake.) Move oven rack to the center position. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until combined and smooth. Add egg yolks one at a time, then flour, mixing well after each addition. Mix in lemon juice and zest, salt and milk. Beat until smooth and almost doubled in volume.

In a separate clean bowl, beat egg whites until glossy and stiff, about 4 minutes. Gently fold whites into the yolk mixture until just combined. DO NOT over-mix.

Pour into spring-form pan and bake until lightly golden brown and cake jiggles only slightly when the pan is gently shaken, about 40 minutes (but no more than 45). Transfer pan to a rack to cool.

When ready to serve, remove sides of the spring-form pan, place on a cake plate (with the pan bottom) and generously dust with confectioner's sugar. A sieve works well for this. Add some fresh berries or spring flowers if you like. Serve, warm or cool, with a dollop of whipped cream.

You can make this a day ahead; just don't top with the confectioner's sugar until serving since it will absorb into the cake.



A Lemon Pudding Cake ready to serve.

-Photo by Vicki Frank Day

Lemons, in all their sunny brightness, are the perfect homage to spring, and desserts like this one illustrate that deliciously. The simplicity of this pudding cake – in ingredients and presentation – make it an elegant recipe to enjoy anytime but, if you ask me, serving it this time of year is especially perfect. It will bring a little magic to your table while celebrating the miracle of spring. Enjoy!

Vicki Frank Day's background includes over two decades in various aspects of the food service industry. In addition, she has over 27 years' experience in marketing, graphic design, copy writing, food styling and research. She believes cooking should be a fun adventure, that food should be an experience and that every day can be a special occasion. Email her at vickiloves2cook@gmail.com.

DCC to present '21 Chump Street' by Lin-Manuel Miranda

Dutchess Community College will present Lin-Manuel Miranda's one-act musical "21 Chump Street" on April 10 and 11 in its Black Box Theatre.

Written by the creator of "Hamilton" and "Moana," the show is based on a true story and explores the cost of a youthful mistake. Performances are free and open to the public, with a suggested donation supporting student theatre.

Shows on April 10 are at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back). Performances on Friday, April 11 will be

held at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. (evening show includes a talk back).

Tickets are free, with a suggested donation of \$5 at the door to support the Masquers' Guild Theatre Club. Performances will be held on DCC's main campus, located at 53 Pendell Road in Poughkeepsie, in Dutchess Hall, Room 202A.

Content advisory: The show contains adult language, drug use and depictions of violent police activity.

For information, please visit www.sunydutchess.edu/events.

Kaplan Academy signs 15-year lease for facility on Marshall Rd. in Wappingers Falls

OPEN Impact Real Estate (OPEN) announced that Kaplan Career Academy, part of the Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District, has signed a new 15-year lease for 38,500 square feet at 29 Marshall Rd. in Wappingers Falls. The new long-term lease ensures a new home for the Special Act School, which serves students with disabilities.

The new space, formerly occupied by Dutchess Community College South, will be adapted to meet the needs of Kaplan's students and staff, allowing the school to increase its enrollment and serve students as young as 5 up to 22 years of age. Kaplan Career Academy will relocate from its current location at 623 Blooming Grove Turnpike in New Windsor, to 29 Marshall Rd. Wappingers Falls for the upcoming school year.

"We are thrilled to have found a new home for Kaplan Career Academy that will allow the school to continue providing essential educational services to the community," said Alexander Smith, senior vice president of OPEN. "This new space not only ensures stability for the school community and preserves an educational use for the property but also enables the expansion of the school to serve a greater area and increase enrollment and the age range of students it serves."

29 Marshall Road offers spacious

classrooms and facilities conducive to a dynamic learning environment. The relocation marks an important step in securing Kaplan's long-term presence in the region, ensuring continuity for students who rely on its specialized programming.

Dr. Carolyn McGuffog, the Superintendent of the Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District shared, "I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the OPEN Impact staff, as well as the many professionals who came together to make this possible. Kaplan Career Academy students, families and staff are very excited about this new, spacious location that allows us to continue serving our current students while expanding programming to younger students."

Stephen Powers, Alexander Smith and Kate Whitman of OPEN represented Kaplan Career Academy in the transaction, while the landlord, Marshall 31 LLC, was represented in house by Thylan Associates.

Kaplan Career Academy is one of four of Greenburgh-North Castle Union Free School District's state-approved special act schools committed to serving students with unique educational needs, providing them with the skills and resources necessary for academic and personal success.

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Eastdale Village announces addition of Lola's Café

As Eastdale Village, the Hudson Valley's first live-work-play community, continues to grow and expand, it is poised to welcome another exciting addition: a third location of Lola's Café, on the heels of the restaurant's 20-year anniversary. At 6,000 square feet, the new location will serve as the eatery's largest to date, designed by FW Interiors and is expected to open in 2026.

"Eastdale Village's offerings have continued to evolve over the last several years, and the addition of Lola's Café – an established favorite in our community – feels like the perfect fit," said Joseph Kirchhoff, partner and founder of Kirchhoff. "It's strong reputation and foothold here in the Hudson Valley makes it a natural complement to the experience we're creating at Eastdale and we couldn't be more excited to welcome them to our neighborhood for our residents and visitors to enjoy."

A Culinary Institute of America graduate, Ed Kowalski, chef and owner, opened Lola's first location in Poughkeepsie in 2005, quickly establishing it as a lunchtime staple. Twelve years

later, in 2017, he brought its sought-after menu to a New Paltz location. At Eastdale, guests can expect to experience some of the eatery's signature dishes with new additions including a selection of shareables and Sunday brunch. The restaurant will include a large bar, featuring specialty cocktails and local beers and wines, along with a private dining room to accommodate intimate events, such as wedding tastings and small private dinner parties. In the warmer months, garage style doors will open the space up for al fresco dining.

"Expanding to a third location is an incredible milestone for us, and we couldn't be more excited to welcome this new, larger space to the community," said Kowalski. "We had been searching for the perfect property for years, knowing that this time, we wanted to own the real estate. When the opportunity at Eastdale came up, it just felt right – it's the perfect space to bring our vision to life."

For more information about Eastdale Village or Lola's Café, visit eastdalevillage.com or lolascafeandcatering.com.



Right, officials from Eastdale Village and Lola's Café take part in the groundbreaking event to announce the eatery's planned opening in 2026.

-Photo courtesy of FW Interiors

Acala Tattoo Collective sets grand opening for April 19

Acala Tattoo Collective, a new collective style tattoo studio made up of five independent tattoo artists, has set its grand opening event for Friday, April 19 from 2-8 p.m.

Located at 2 Chelsea Ridge Mall off Rt. 9D, they will have Mosaic Vision Productions photographing tattoos in their studio all day. The event will also include catering by Lola's Café, Astro Coffee Cart, Endless Charm bar, Lotus Oracle, baked treats by Pichona and chocolate by Håkan Chocolatier.

"We're dedicated to creating a community where tattoo artists can collaborate in an environment that fosters growth, creativity, and sustainability, free from exploitation," said owner and resident artist Brian Faulk. "By prioritizing the well-being of both artists and clients, we ensure that every person who walks through our doors receives an exceptional tattoo experience."

Founded in November 2024, Acala emerged after six months of navigating legal hurdles to establish its space just off Route 9 in Wappingers Falls. "Our mission is to build an inclusive and supportive atmosphere where artists can thrive and clients can feel confident in the work they receive," said Faulk.

At the heart of Acala is a team of talented resident artists, each offering unique and diverse styles. Their expertise spans a wide range of techniques, ensuring that every tattoo is a work of art tailored to the client's vision. The shop itself is strategically located



Acala Tattoo Collective is a new collective style tattoo studio made up of five independent tattoo artists.

-Courtesy photos

between New Hamburg and Beacon Train stations and located just off I-84. "A good amount of our clientele travels three hours plus, with many flying in just to get tattooed. Having this location is the perfect place where whether you're coming from Boston, DC, Pennsylvania or NYC, we're easy to get to, even if you're unfamiliar with the area," said Faulk.



With over 20 years of experience in the tattoo industry, Faulk leads the team. He specializes in Japanese-inspired imagery, with a particular focus on large-scale work. His mastery of tailoring large work to the body and commitment to his craft set the tone for the collective's artistic vision.

Carolina Villalon, the Hudson Valley's longest-running permanent makeup specialist, brings over a decade of experience to the team. In addition to her expertise in permanent makeup, Carolina has a passion for restorative tattooing helping post-op patients find confidence in their bodies. She also crushes American Traditional Tattooing, blending her knowledge of bold lines and vibrant colors with her unique style to create timeless works of art.

Max Shoberg is a classically trained illustrator with over 16 years of experience in the tattoo industry. He specializes in large-scale work, with a particular focus on black and grey tattoos. His fine art background gives his tattoos a distinctive depth and precision, making each piece a true work of art.

Jason Carpino, with over 25 years of experience, brings a unique style to the collective. Specializing in geometric designs, pattern work and dot work, Jason's attention to detail and ability to create intricate, dynamic tattoos have earned him a reputation for turning complex concepts into striking visual compositions built to fit the body with utter perfection.

Acala is also proud to host Geddes Jones as a regular guest artist. With 15 years of experience, Geddes specializes in Traditional and Illustrative tattooing. Geddes's dynamic style brings a bold perspective which extends the range of creativity to the shop.

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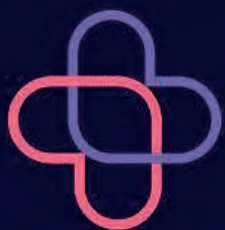
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Congressman Ryan releases results of Optum inquiry, submits data report to FTC, Department of Justice

Last week, Congressman Pat Ryan released the results of his community inquiry regarding the quality and accessibility of care at Optum-owned Hudson Valley medical practices. Over 1,800 responses from Optum patients illuminated a pattern surrounding Optum's care quality, accessibility, and billing practices.

Several providers also responded to the inquiry, citing how treatment of staff has suffered from the switch to Optum, further contributing to a general decline in the quality of care administered. Ryan is now submitting the full dataset to the Department of Justice, Department of Health and Human Services, and Federal Trade Commission for further investigation and imminent action.

"The volume of responses, the specificity of issues, and the frankly heart-breaking stories involved are unlike anything I've seen in my time in Congress. I've heard from disabled children unable to get treatment. Mothers waiting almost a year for a cancer diagnosis. Families sent into debt because of overcharges for treatments never even received. All so the largest health care company in the world can continue to make record breaking profits," said Congressman Pat Ryan. "I've already been in touch with Optum to get folks help on an individual basis in the

short term, but that's just a band-aid. Today I'm formally submitting every single piece of data to the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Federal Trade Commission for further investigation. And I will be pushing around the clock for further action. For anyone not convinced urgent change is needed, read every damn story below. When our Hudson Valley community stands up with one voice, anything is possible."

Over 36% of Optum patients who responded to the inquiry said they've experienced serious customer service issues that have interfered with their care, which many say has only worsened since Optum took over. Most commonly, they cited intense difficulty with Optum's phone system, which no longer allows patients to call their doctor's office directly – meaning, for example, that someone can't ask a nurse a question about their medication or a receptionist about sending medical documents to their employer or kid's school. Instead, patients are sent to a call center with wait times that can extend up to several hours, with no guarantee that their message will be read or responded to. In addition to causing significant frustration for patients, this has led some to miss out on critical medications.

DC Comptroller's office launches online tool for reporting loss of federal funds or jobs

The Dutchess County Comptroller's Office has released a survey form for Dutchess County residents and organizations who have lost federal jobs or funding, directly or indirectly. This information will be collected, verified, and ultimately provided to all local, state, and federal leadership as a means of better supporting the needs of the community and to help focus economic planning.

This tool follows the release of the Comptroller's Office special report on the County's 2021-2023 receipt of federal funds and the interest it generated.

"The national conversation around federal funding can be confusing and alarming," said Comptroller Dan Aymar-Blair. "Being well-informed is the antidote to anxiety, and the Comptroller's Office is happy to collect any data that better informs policy makers and the public."

Congressman Pat Ryan's (NY-18) office has been trying to navigate the new presidential administration's priorities and policy changes since January, working to keep the district informed as to whether these might have a tangible impact on the community. Congressman Ryan's office has encouraged local municipalities to alert them to any cuts affecting their day-to-day operations.

The Comptroller's Office has identified nearly \$35 million in lost federal

investment in Dutchess County, including a loss of \$2.4 million in earmarks for Dutchess County's real time crime center and public safety radio system, but which is primarily for renovations and improvements to fire stations and wastewater treatment facilities.

Said Town of North East Supervisor Christopher Kennan, "The Village of Millerton and the Town of North East have been working hard on plans for a wastewater system to serve both municipalities. These improvements are sorely needed to reduce our dependence on old, and in some cases, broken septic systems. A reliable wastewater system is crucial to improving our economy—more businesses, more jobs, and more housing! The \$3 million in federal funding allocated for this project by Senators Gillibrand and Schumer was just yanked—this will be devastating to jobs and housing critical for our future."

The information collected through the new "Loss of Federal Funds/Jobs Survey" will contribute to this growing data set. "Tracking how much federal investment in Dutchess County is being lost gives us perspective for future economic development, future sales tax revenue, and more," said Aymar-Blair. The newly created intake form can be accessed on the County's website.

Judge dismisses firefighters association petition against City

By Kristine Coulter

Dutchess County Supreme Court Judge Maria Rosa dismissed a petition from the volunteer firefighters association from Beacon Engine for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction regarding the sale of Beacon Engine, 57 East Main St. by the City of Beacon.

According to the court documents, the 139-year-old volunteer firefighters association has occupied and operated out of that location and claimed it partly owns the firehouse property, while the City is the other part owner.

In January, according to court documents, the City issued a "Notice to vacate" to the association claiming to be the sole owner of the property. The City stated that it was requiring Association to remove all of its

possessions from the firehouse by March 31, and that after that date, the Association "will have no rights to occupy or use the . . . firehouse and the City hereby terminates any rights to occupy the [firehouse that] [association] asserts may have existed." The city planned to "sell the . . . property . . . and to use the proceeds to pay down the expense of constructing the new combined firehouse at Tompkins Hose." Tompkins Hose, off of Route 9D, is the site of a renovated central fire station in the city.

"In plain English, the court said that the City had provided plenty of deeds and expert evidence that it owns 100% of the property, and that no evidence was provided to the contrary. This makes common sense as well, as why would a municipality pay for the entire construction and maintenance of

a firehouse on land it did not also own," said Mayor Lee Kyriacou in an emailed statement.

Beacon Engine, according to the court documents, "commenced this special proceeding on March 12, 2025, seeking a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction to prevent its members from being excluded from the property and to enjoin any sale of the property pending the resolution of a forthcoming quiet title action." Oral arguments for temporary injunctive relief were held in Dutchess County Supreme Court in Poughkeepsie on March 14. According to court documents, The Court denied that application.

The association's attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Kyriacou stated, "As Mayor, I have bent over backwards to offer as much time as reasonably possible. We orally agreed in December 2023 that the volunteer companies could meet in the Beacon Engine building until completion of the new fire station, and thereafter they would exit and meet at the new facility. The new fire station was opened in October, and other fire companies have met there; but Beacon Engine has failed to honor their agreement."

According to Judge Rosa's decision, "... since [Beacon Engine] has provided no evidence of ownership, [Beacon Engine's] request for a preliminary injunction must be denied."

The petition was dismissed.

Obituaries

Ruth 'Ruthie' Aida Coppedge



With profound sadness, we share the passing of our beloved Ruth "Ruthie" Aida Coppedge, who left this world peacefully on March 7, 2025, with her granddaughter, Saadia Coppedge, by her side.

Born on April 17, 1937, in New York, NY, to Aida and Marcos Flores, Ruthie was a force of nature—unwavering in her determination, fiercely independent, and deeply devoted to those she loved. She navigated life with resilience and a steadfast commitment to standing by her family and friends, no matter the circumstance.

A cherished sister, mother, grandmother, godmother, auntie, cousin, and friend, Ruthie found joy in life's simple yet meaningful moments—watching movies and shows with her children, celebrating her grandchildren's milestones, cheering on her godson at his

athletic events, and gathering around the table for holiday dinners filled with love and laughter. Her sharp wit, boundless generosity, and enduring strength left an indelible mark on all who knew her.

Ruthie dedicated 20 years of her life to the New York State Department of Corrections, serving with integrity and unwavering commitment.

She is survived by her beloved grandchildren, Saadia and Damien; great-grandchildren, Erin, Duncan, and Addison; godson, Billy; and lifelong friends who became family. Though her physical presence is no longer with us, her spirit, love, and fiery soul will continue to shine in the hearts of those she touched.

A celebration of Ruthie's life was held on April 5, 2025 with a service at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey.

Ruthie's life was a testament to strength, loyalty, and love. Though she has left this world, her legacy will never fade.

To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

Margaret 'Peggy' T. Scannell



Margaret "Peggy" T. Scannell, a lifelong resident of Beacon, entered into rest on March 31, 2025. She was 98 years old.

Peggy was born on November 7, 1926 in Poughkeepsie, the daughter of the late John P. and Margaret Clear Scannell. She was a graduate of Beacon High School. After high school, she worked at IBM in Poughkeepsie and retired after 35 years in 1987. Peggy was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the Evangelist Church.

Peggy is survived by her niece, Kathleen Nagro; her many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brothers, Bart J. Scannell and John

W. Scannell.

A private service will be held with burial at St. Joachim Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps, PO Box 54, Beacon, NY 12508.

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Judith Rosas

Judith Rosas passed away March 29, 2025 at the age of 93 years old. A memorial service was held on April 5, 2025 at Timothy P. Doyle Funeral Home. To read the Obituary in its entirety please visit www.Doylefuneralhome.com

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Kindred Creeks Farm in Poughquag sets Spring Kick-Off for April 12



Kindred Creeks Farm, located at 8 Pleasant Ridge Road in Poughquag, will conduct their Spring Kick-off on Saturday, April 12 from noon – 4 p.m. to benefit Happy Life Animal Rescue.

They will be holding pet adoptions that day at the farm. The first 100 people to bring an item to donate will receive a free Kindred Creeks plant. Their wish list can be viewed at happylifeanimalrescue.org/ways-to-help/wishlist/.

There will be lots of fun activities for the kids, photos with Easter Bunny, Bounce House, craft stations and sow your own seeds stations. It will also be the Grand Opening of the Kindred Creeks Farm Store. Happy Life Animal Rescue will have dogs and kittens for adoption at the event as well, plus food trucks and plenty of vendors. One of the sponsors is Lobster Hill Farm, which will provide goats at the Spring Kick-Off.

Jessica, Andrew, and their children run a first generation regenerative farm on 75 acres in Brewster. Lobster Hill Farm concentrates mainly on dairy goats, pigs and pastured poultry for meat and eggs with plans to expand that livestock to include meat goats, sheep and a dairy cow. They are committed to bringing you the very

best products, straight from their farm to your home. Visit lobsterhillfarm.com for more information.

Tickets for the Spring Kick-Off are on sale now at Kindredcreekspringkickoff.eventbrite.com.



From left, goats from Lobster Hill Farm in Brewster, plus the Easter Bunny and lots of activities for the kids will be available at Kindred Creek Farm's Spring Kickoff on Saturday, April 12.

-Courtesy photos

this week's puzzle solutions

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This week's answer
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Suguru solution

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE
The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-16-25

Waste Reduction and Diversion Study Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 14, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS-RFB-DCB-04-25 Hudson Valley Regional Airport Terminal Exterior Painting. Single Prime Bid shall be received for the following class of

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work: General Construction. Project Description: Repaint the exterior of the two story 19,000 sf mixed use terminal building. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnet-direct.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on the Empire State Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnet-direct.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess or by using the link provided at www.dutchessny.gov, selecting "Government" then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities." For those without Internet access, you may obtain an electronic copy of

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bidding documents by contacting dpcntracts@dutchessny.gov, or in person, Monday through Friday, 8am to 4pm: Dutchess County DPW, Business Office, 626 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Upon request, all interested parties may review the hard copy of the Bid Specifications and Drawings by visiting the above referenced address. All Addenda will be posted on BidNet Direct (aka Empire State Purchasing Group) site. Bids for the above project will be received by: Diane McKenna, Contract Specialist, Dutchess County Department of Public Works, 626 Dutchess Turnpike-1st Floor, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. Bids due on or before 11:00am April 28, 2025, and at that time opened and read aloud. Bids received after that time will not be accepted. All interested parties are invited to attend. The bid opening for this solicitation may also be attended through Mi-

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crosoft Teams Audio Conferencing. Anyone who wishes to hear bids read aloud will need to call into the phone number listed below. We ask that you call in at least three minutes prior to bid due/time to ensure you are connected properly. All call-ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 838 788 743#. Each bid shall be submitted as one paper origin and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed en-

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velope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. A Walkthrough is scheduled for 11:00am Tuesday April 15, 2025 at The Airport Terminal Main Entrance, 263 New Hackensack Rd., Wappingers Falls. All parties interested in bidding must apprise themselves of the site conditions immediately prior to bidding. Questions will be accepted by the close of business April 21, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpcntracts@dutchessny.gov and cc'dmckenna@dutchessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #: 2025003794. **Starting December 30, 2024: NYS DOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements.** View Bid

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Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

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The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-17-25

On-Call Services for Asbestos, Lead, and Microbiological Abatement/Remediation Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., April 28, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NOTICE

The Purchasing Agent, County of Dutchess, Poughkeepsie, New York, hereby invites the submission of proposals for: Bid #RFP-DCP-18-25

Dutchess County Surplus Food Collection and Distribution Project Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System (BidNet Direct) Portal on or before 2:00 p.m., May 1, 2025. Specifications, proposal forms and submittal instructions may be obtained by visiting our website <http://www.dutchessny.gov>, selecting "Government", then selecting "Bidding and RFP Opportunities". For additional information, call 845-486-3613.

The deadline for Legals is every Monday @ 12 noon for a Wednesday Publication*
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THEME: FROMER RULERS

ACROSS

1. London native, e.g.
5. Major news network, acr.
8. Elect democratically
12. Dharma teacher
13. *Henry ____, a serial husband
14. Mosaic artist
15. Cracked open
16. Between ids and super-egos
17. More unfriendly
18. *Babylonian ruler, code creator
20. Minute bit
21. Cavern or cave
22. Not amateur
23. Sapodilla tree gum
26. *Akhenaton or Tutankhamun
30. Be bedridden
31. a.k.a. crown vetch
34. *Viracocha, the eighth Sapa ____ of Kingdom of Cusco
35. Like some peppers
37. ____-been
38. Trots and canters
39. And others, for short
40. Shred of clothing
42. Aptitude test, acr.
43. a.k.a. sodium carbonate
45. In ignoble manner
47. One behind plate, for short
48. Patrick Swayze/Demi Moore movie
50. George Lucas' warrior-monk
52. *Egypt's famous queen
56. Capital of Tunisia
57. Military status
58. "High" time
59. River in India
60. Rainbows, e.g.
61. Al Capone, e.g.
62. Difficult situation
63. Striped stinger
64. Biblical paradise

DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. Indian royal
3. Mosque V.I.P.
4. Plane road
5. "Sometimes a cigar is just a ____"
6. She turned to stone
7. Not yet final, legally speaking
8. *Second-longest reigning British monarch
9. Spaghetti aglio and ____
10. Do like bees?
11. Go wrong
13. Top of a mountain, e.g.
14. #8 Down's headdress, e.g.
19. Untwist a rope
22. Third degree
23. Lawyers' loads
24. Informed of latest trends (2 words)
25. Homeric epic
26. Exterminator's target
27. Liquorice flavor
28. Based on number 8
29. Rash
32. *Mohammad Reza ____ Pahlavi
33. Get calories
36. *Robert Graves' "I, ____"
38. Comprehend
40. Medicinal amt.
41. Kindle editions
44. Not quite right
46. Posture
48. Unfriendly stare
49. From this time
50. Equinox month
51. Concludes
52. Underwater hermit
53. Arnold Lobel's "Frog and ____"
54. Tug-of-War equipment
55. Soon, to a bard
56. Burton of gothic horror genre

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'The Only Way is Through,' 'Nest' opening reception set for April 12 at BAU Gallery

BAU Gallery will host an Opening Reception on Second Saturday, April 12, from noon-6 p.m. with an artists' reception from 6-8 p.m. An artist talk with Robin Adler, will be held on May 4 at 4 p.m. Exhibition ends Sunday, May 4, at 506 Main Street, Beacon. Visit Saturdays and Sundays noon-6 p.m. or by appointment.

Gallery 1 + Beacon Room: "The Only Way is Through," by Robin Adler - Life, nature, civilization, and history, all are cyclical. That which is strong collapses. While our culture celebrates disruptors, we are humbled to find that we are only a part of a larger system. Imagined freedoms are short-lived fantasies; angels in the snow. Like all that came before, noise, chaos, friction will come and will go. There can be comfort, delight as well as despair, in this knowledge. As bright days are fleeting, as we face the darkest hours, we can also trust that darkness will relent, just as winter gives way to spring. And on it goes.

Unless...Adler wonders, is there another angle from which to look? Can a circle be viewed as a spiral; can the familiar be viewed from different elevations? Can we envision a perspective where life does not repeat?

What if setbacks are suffered and then we learn, shift and course correct to a new future? Innovations and disruptions may still evoke the past, yet outcomes differ.

In "The Only Way is Through," Adler experiments with the idea of disrupting the current frenetic cycle mirrored in the repetitive patterns of her work. Hers is a response to the chaotic cultural shift that we are living through right now. The scale is bigger reflecting the immensity of these troubled times. In Adler's new work, she seeks a place of solace and room to



Robin Adler's "Breathing Room," Acrylic on (unstretched) canvas, 48 x 72 inches, 2024.

-Courtesy image BAU Gallery

breathe. Stillness has replaced the many layered shapes, energetic patterns, and wildly unrestrained movement that is a hallmark of her earlier work. Adler seeks groundedness, calm. She still builds layers and her colors are often saturated, yet these works are lighter. Like spring, the energy is still decidedly spirited, and there is levity as if emerging from the darkness - a path she offers to us all.

Gallery 2: "Nest," BAU Gallery Artists - "Nest" gathers a diverse collection of works by BAU Gallery artists, exploring themes of home, shelter, and creation. Spanning painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, and mixed-media practices, the exhibition examines the idea of the "nest" as both a literal and metaphorical space—one of nurture, protection, and potential.

Through varied mediums, the artists delve into the many facets of the nest: its intricate construction, its role as a sanctuary, and its symbolism as a site of beginnings. Delicate drawings and prints evoke the fragility and precision of organic forms, while sculptural works and assemblages transform materials into structures that speak of balance, resilience, and care.

Paintings layer texture and color to suggest emotional and physical landscapes, inviting viewers to reflect on their own definitions of home and belonging. Nest invites audiences to consider the duality of nests as places of rootedness and flight—spaces where life gathers, grows, and inevitably moves outward.

In a world that is constantly shifting, the works in this exhibition serve as reminders of the vital connections between creation, community, and the environments we build for ourselves and each other.

Through its wide-ranging interpretations, "Nest" celebrates the universality of this enduring motif, offering a shared space to contemplate the beauty and complexity of finding and making a home.

Author to discuss book on Benedict Arnold on April 17 in Beacon

The Beacon Sloop Club's 2024 Lecture Series presents "God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man" with Jack Kelly at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 17.

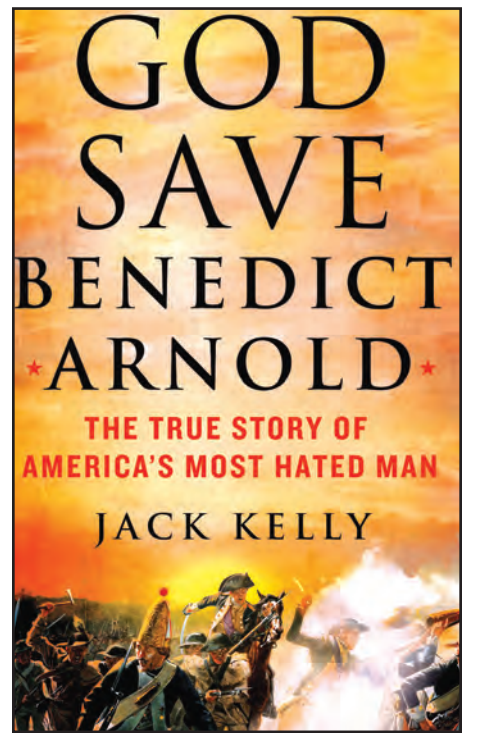
The Hudson River and Champlain Valley were the scenes of critical events in that conflict. That corridor played an even bigger role in the career of Benedict Arnold.

Author Jack Kelly will be discussing the life of America's most notorious traitor. Kelly's book gives an eye-opening account of both the undeniable heroism of Arnold's early efforts for the patriot cause and his precipitous fall from grace. The combination has made him one of the most interesting figures of the Revolution.

Kelly, who also wrote a detailed account of the Battle of Valcour Island, brings to the fore Arnold's career as a sea captain, experience which allowed him to command the new nation's first naval battle. If you think of Arnold only as a traitor, it might be time to take another look.

Kelly is an award-winning historian and novelist. His books about the Revolution include "Band of Giants" and "Valcour." Kelly has received the Daughters of the American Revolution History Medal and is a New York Foundation for the Arts fellow in Nonfiction Literature. He lives and works in New York's Hudson Valley.

The lecture is free and will take place at the Beacon Sloop Club, 2 Red Flynn Dr.,



Jack Kelly, author of "God Save Benedict Arnold: The True Story of America's Most Hated Man," will discuss his book at the Beacon Sloop Club on April 17 in Beacon.

-Courtesy image

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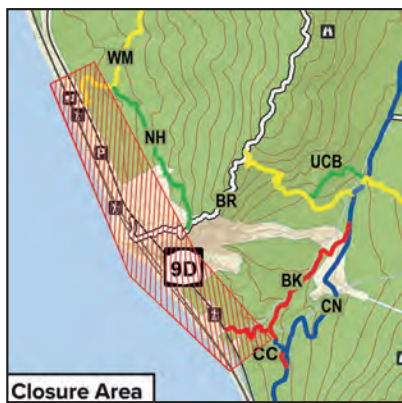
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