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BCSD to hold budget, trustee vote on May 20

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City School District will hold its annual budget vote on Tuesday, May 20, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Voters who live within the City of Beacon boundaries vote at Beacon High School, 101 Matteawn Rd., in Beacon. If one lives in the towns of Fishkill or Wappinger, vote at Glenham Elementary School, 20 Chase Dr. in Fishkill.

According to the District, a qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the Budget Vote.

According to the District officials, "A 5.09% tax levy increase allows us to preserve and expand programming."

BCSD Superintendent Dr. Matthew Landahl stated via email to Beacon Free Press, "We have made many gains over the years with our budgets: smaller class sizes, full-day Pre-K, more mental health supports, increased extracurricular activities, and expanded academic programming and supports. Our '25-26 budget proposal maintains all of the gains we have made over the years."

Landahl noted the proposed budget "also enables the capital project that voters approved in 2024 to begin which will bring more air conditioning to our elementary schools, more secure entrances to our schools, and improvements to Seeger Theater and the baseball field, softball field, and tennis courts" at Beacon High School.

"These estimated increases were calculated using last year's assessments. These increases will likely be less because of new properties coming on the tax roll," according to the presentation on the BCSD website, <https://www.beaconk12.org/domain/27>.

Estimated tax impact on a median value home if assessments remain the same as last school year: Beacon - \$240/year, \$20/month; Fishkill - \$253/year, \$21.08/month; Wappinger - \$225/year, \$18.75/month, according to the District's newsletter.

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Joseph Colletti of Wappingers Falls honored as 'Veteran of the Game' at Yankee Stadium



Joseph Colletti salutes while being honored as the "Veteran of the Game" at Yankee Stadium on May 3.

By Curtis Schmidt

Joseph Colletti, a 93-year-old Korean War Veteran from Wappingers Falls, was honored as the "Veteran of the Day" at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, May 3.

The New York Yankees have a long tradition of honoring veterans, with many past and current programs dedicated to recognizing military service

members. The team regularly features a "Veteran of the Game" at home games. These programs aim to show appreciation for the sacrifices of those who have served our country.

Colletti, originally from Bronx, NY, served in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Corporal. He was awarded two Bronze Stars for his service. He was



Joseph Colletti served in the U.S. Army and rose to the rank of Corporal during the Korean War and was awarded two Bronze Stars.

injured coming back from Korea and is a disabled Army Veteran. He is active with the VFW and served as chaplain for many years.

Joan and Joseph Colletti have been married for 69 years. They have seven children, 16 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

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Verplanck Garden Club to hold annual Spring Plant Sale just in time for Mother's Day

By Kristine Coulter

One still has the opportunity to purchase plants, flowers, and to make Mother's Day special. The Verplanck Garden Club will hold its annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Fishkill Town Hall, 807 Route 52, on the lower level, in Fishkill.

"We will have a large assortment of hanging baskets, pots and flats of flowering annuals, thriller-filler-& spillers for your container garden, heirloom tomatoes, herbs, and a wide selection of native plants. A big draw is our homegrown perennials that our members dig up from their own gardens to share with the community at very fair prices," said Deb Cole, who is a co-organizer of the event with Deb McIvety.

She added, "We will also have house plants, garden accessories, gift baskets for Mother's Day and watercolor art by our member artist, Patricia Collins Broun."

What do members of the garden club hope people learn from attending the event?


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Joseph Colletti of Wappingers Falls honored as 'Veteran of the Game' at Yankee Stadium



Family members hold up a sign to honor Joseph Colletti on May 3 at Yankee Stadium.



Joseph Colletti, right, is pictured with his son, Joe, at Yankee Stadium.

-Courtesy photos

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Colletti worked as a typesetter for with linotype machines for over 20 years in

New York City. He then became a proof-reader when the typesetting industry died and had another almost 20-year career.

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If assessments increase 5%: Beacon - \$31/year, \$2.58/month; Fishkill - \$31/year, \$2.58/month; Wappinger - \$32/year, \$2.67/month, stated in the newsletter.

The public hearing for the budget was held on May 6. On Thursday, May 8th, a Zoom webinar about the budget will be held at 6 p.m., and one can visit the District's website for more information. On Monday, May 12, District officials are hosting a budget conversation at the

Beacon Parks and Rec building at 6 p.m.

Candidates for trustee positions

The following three candidates are running for three seats on the Board, according to BCSD District Clerk Victoria Jackson. The candidates are current BCSD BOE incumbent Meredith Heuer, who has held the positions of president and vice president on the board; Semra Ercin, a current board member, and Catherine Buscemi. The members will be elected to three-year terms (commencing July

1, and expiring June 30, 2028).

There is no bus proposition on the ballot. According to officials, voters did approve the purchase of two EV buses in fiscal year 2024-25. A New York State grant was received, according to the presentation on the district website, to offset the total amount of the bus purchase.

It was noted by District officials that that mailing addresses in the Beacon City School District do not always coincide with the city or town of residence. An example they offered was one may have a Beacon mailing

address, but one's residence is located in the Town of Fishkill. The polling location would then be Glenham Elementary School. For assistance in determining one's polling location, call Vickie Jackson, District Clerk, at 845-838-6900 ext. 2010 or email at jackson.v@beaconk12.org. For more information, visit <https://www.beaconk12.org/domain/702>.

Landhal stated for anyone with questions or concerns about the upcoming election, to email him at landahl.m@beaconk12.org.

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A variety of plants and flowers will be available during the Verplanck Garden Club's annual Spring Plant Sale on May 10 at the Fishkill Town Hall.
-Courtesy photo Verplanck Garden Club

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"We hope that our attendees will develop a love for gardening and are inspired to develop a garden of their own and if they have questions, we will have Master Gardeners on hand to answer them. For those that do have gardens, this is an opportunity to add to their own garden. For example, maybe they would like to learn about native plants or pollinator plants, what they are and how to care for them and maybe add some of them to their own gardens. Some people like low maintenance gardens, other people like patio gardens or herb gardens and some people just want to purchase a plant for

Mother's Day. Whether it's a plant or garden you are interested in I am confident we will have something for you," said Cole.

What has been the response from attendees during previous years?

"The community has been so supportive and looks forward to this event every year. They line up early, before we even open, to ensure they get first pick as they know we often sell out. We see many of the same faces each year. It's like a home coming. This is one of our two main fundraisers each year, it helps support the 9 local community gardens that the club cares for," organizers said.

EMS Community Safety & Wellness Awareness Day set for May 17

Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp. (BVAC) is having an open and free community event coming up for the community to get to know BVAC in a more relaxed setting. This year, the event will be held on May 17, noon - 4 p.m. at the Beacon Elks lodge, 900 Wolcott Ave., in Beacon. This is a rain-or-shine event. This expanded event will also

include many different public service agencies and organization that will be available to talk to the community on the various services they provide to the community.

This event is meant to precede National EMS Week which is from May 18 to May 24 this year with the theme "We Care. For Everyone."

Make reservations for Mount Gulian's annual Historic Dinner by May 16



General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, portrayed by actor Bob Gleason, will be the special guest at the 2025 Historic A Dinner held at Mount Gulian Historic Site.
-Courtesy photo Mount Gulian

Have dinner with General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, portrayed by actor Bob Gleason, during Mount Gulian Historical Society's Annual History Dinner on June 7, from 4:30 - 9 p.m.

Prepaid reservations are required by May 16.

Von Steuben was the Inspector General and Drillmaster of the Continental Army.

According to the organizers, the catered affair will include a four-course dinner in the 18th century Dutch barn. The inspiration of the meal will be von Steuben's Prussian origins. Attendees will be able to enjoy the scenic view of the Hudson River as the backdrop to enjoying cocktails and hors d'oeuvres.

Gleason, who is with the American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia, will play von Steuben.

"After arriving at Valley Forge in February 1778, General von Steuben immediately noticed the disorganization and poor living conditions of the Continental Army. Following his appointment to Inspector General in May 1778, von Steuben restructured how the armies were organized and how they trained. In 1782, Gen. von Steuben was headquartered at Mount Gulian, the home of the Verplanck family. With the Battle of Yorktown won the year prior, von Steuben's crucial task was to make plans to disband the Continental Army and create a plan for our newly-born nation's military moving forward. In 1783, von Steuben was present at Mount Gulian for the founding meeting of the Society of the Cincinnati, our nation's oldest veterans' organization," according to organizers.

Catering will be by Bridgecreek Catering. Tickets are \$185 per person.

For more further information, contact Mount Gulian at 845-831-8172, email at info@mountgulian.org or visit www.mountgulian.org.

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Lawler, Ryan introduce bill to curb federal use of PFAS chemicals

Reps. Mike Lawler (NY-17), Haley Stevens (MI-11), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Chris Pappas (NH-01), and Pat Ryan (NY-18) introduced the PFAS-Free Procurement Act, a bill aimed at reducing harmful chemical exposure by prohibiting the procurement of products containing perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) or perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), commonly known as PFAS.

These chemicals are linked to a variety of health issues, including cancer, liver damage, and developmental harm. The bill prioritizes the procurement of safer, PFAS-free products. The bill prohibits federal agencies from renewing or entering into contracts for products containing PFOS or PFOA, including nonstick cookware, cooking utensils, furniture, carpets, and rugs treated with stain-resistant coatings. The legislation takes effect six months after enactment and will apply to all contracts entered into after that date.

“Across New York and the nation, communities grapple with the long-term con-

sequences of PFAS contamination, threats to public health, drinking water, and environmental safety. As stewards of taxpayer dollars, we have a responsibility to ensure the federal government is not perpetuating this crisis through its procurement practices. The PFAS-Free Procurement Act takes a measured, forward-looking approach that protects public health, encourages safer alternatives, and leverages the purchasing power of the federal government to drive meaningful change,” said Lawler.

“Our communities have suffered from exposure to PFAS for too long – I refuse to let your kids or mine be exposed to these toxins any longer,” said Ryan. “I’m proud to be leading the fight against PFAS exposures, and am excited to join my colleagues in supporting this vital legislation to ban the purchasing of PFAS-contaminated materials in federal buildings, protecting families, kids, and seniors from further exposure.”

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

April 1: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Kyle K. Herring, 28, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

April 3: Auto Accident- Washington Avenue- Officers responded to a call for an accident involving a car hitting a house. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 3: Auto Accident Hit & Run- Main Street- Caller reported damage to his vehicle as a result of a Hit & Run Auto Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 3: Suspicious Condition-Fishkill Avenue - Caller reported that someone may have tampered with her vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 4: Harassment-Tompkins Terrace- Caller reported being harassed by someone known to her. Report taken. Investigation conducted. Party was advised to cease contact.

April 6: Animal Complaint - Fishkill Avenue - Caller reported having been bit by a dog while attempting to deliver a package. Report taken.

April 9: Assault-Fishkill Avenue-Jamaal A. Fryar, 43, of Beacon, was processed on an open Warrant of Arrest.

April 9: Animal Complaint-Talbot Avenue-Caller reported having been bit by a dog. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 9: Hit & Run Auto Accident- Caller reported damage to her car as a result of a Hit & Run Auto Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 10: Dumping & Littering-South Avenue-Robert P. Macaslozano, 43, of Middletown, was charged with littering.

April 12: Auto Accident-Hit & Run- Caller reported damage to her car as a result of a Hit & Run Accident. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

April 14: Neighbor Dispute-Tompkins Terrace- Officers responded to a call for a neighbor dispute. Report taken.

Investigation conducted.
Number of Calls: 258
Auto Accidents: 25
Domestics: 4.

Beephan, Jacobson urge PSC to reject request from Central Hudson for rate increase

Assemblymembers Anil Beephan, Jr. (R,C-East Fishkill) and Jonathan Jacobson (D-104) are urging the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reject the latest rate increase request from Central Hudson.

Beephan recently sent a letter to the chair of the New York State Public Service Commission urging against the proposed increase of electricity rates by Central Hudson Gas & Electric on residents of Dutchess County.

“At a time when families and small businesses are already struggling with the cost of living and operating, an 8.6% increase in electric delivery charges is unacceptable,” Beephan said. “I am respectfully urging the Public Service Commission to closely and carefully scrutinize Central Hudson’s request and seek alternatives that prioritize affordability.” Central Hudson’s plan has drawn ire from the community, and Beephan is looking to ensure that customers aren’t taken advantage of during a period of economic uncertainty.”

Jacobson shared his concerns in a statement during a public hearing recently held

in Poughkeepsie.

“Central Hudson’s request for a rate increase is both shocking and not surprising to its customers,” said Jacobson, whose entire district is served by the utility. “Central Hudson customers have been hit with constant increases, and this request is yet another shock to their financial lives. But it’s not a surprise because Central Hudson has a never-ending appetite for more money.”

“This fight is about protecting our community and making sure New York’s clean energy future doesn’t come at the expense of economic stability,” Beephan concluded.

According to Jacobson, last year, the utility requested a rate increase of more than 25%. But the PSC instead approved a 5% increase, which went into effect last July.

Now the utility is back for more, and Jacobson wants the PSC to protect customers from another rate hike.

“Central Hudson throws rate increase requests against the proverbial wall and hopes that something will stick,” Jacobson said.

Sheriff’s Office: Wappinger man accused of ‘following,’ trying to give ‘inappropriate gifts’ to school-aged child

The Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office reported the arrest of Kurt R. Geisler, 36, of Wappinger, in connection with a recent investigation.

At approximately 7 p.m. on April 30, Deputies investigated a suspicious circumstances complaint in which it was reported that an adult male had allegedly approached a young child in the Town of Pleasant Valley. Further investigation resulted in the identification of Geisler in connection with the incident, and he was taken into custody later that evening, according to the Sheriff’s office. At this time Geisler is accused of following the elementary school-aged child and attempting to give them inappropriate gifts and notes. In order to protect the victim’s privacy, no further information about them or the case will be released.

According to the Sheriff’s office, Geisler has been charged with Stalking in the 2nd degree (Felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child (Misd). After being processed he was arraigned before the Town of Pleasant Valley Court and remanded to the Dutchess County Justice and Transition Center in lieu of \$1,000 cash bail or \$10,000 bond.

The investigation is continuing by Sheriff’s Office Detectives, and anyone



Kurt R. Geisler

-Courtesy photo Sheriff’s Office

with information about this case or similar incidents involving Geisler is urged to contact Detective Aponte at 845-486-3867 or paponte@dutchessny.gov. Information can also be supplied through the Sheriff’s Office tipline at 845-605-2583 or dcsotips@gmail.com, and all information will be kept confidential.

As with any criminal case the charges described above are merely accusations and Geisler is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

NOTICE OF EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a holiday press schedule for Memorial Day, the May 28 issue of Beacon Free Press will have early deadlines for all departments.

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love to cook

by vicki frank day



I love a picnic

The season of dining al fresco begins.

There will be no recipe this time, my friends, because it's a beautiful day and I already know that I don't feel like cooking today. It happens even to those of us who love to cook, and sometimes you just have to embrace it. It's perfectly OK and can even prevent burnout. So, when I'm not feeling it or when Nature is urging me outside to play, I listen and obey.

Sometimes, when we're caught up in what we're supposed to do, it's easy to forget to heed that calling. I'm a person who can get consumed by routine and just roll with what I've come to feel is my duty-bound obligation. I've found, though, that those are the times it's most important to cut myself some slack and remember to just be and find joy when and where I can. As with any creative process, that's an essential reminder that maybe it's time to reset or risk losing inspiration. If you want to keep creativity flowing, you need to take moments for yourself. It isn't selfish, but rather necessary. You just can't force art of any kind. Trust me.

But with the distraction of beautiful spring weather comes an opportunity. If you've read my column for any length of time, you probably know I love picnics. I've written about them many

times before. They bring me profound joy. It certainly helps that we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth, the Hudson Valley, where there are hundreds of places to take in a breathtaking view; and I believe that food just tastes better al fresco. So, while I may not feel like cooking, I can look forward to pushing aside the idea that I need to make something from scratch. I can simply put together a meal from what I already have on hand, or take a trip to the store intent on selecting cheeses, bread and produce to fill a basket that's already packed with everything else I'll need for some quality time in the sun, even if it's on the front porch with neighbors. No cooking required! That's creativity of a different kind and always a source of inspiration for me.

This is pretty much the perfect time of year for picnics: no mosquitoes yet; it isn't oppressively hot, and it's just a pleasure to be outside. I get that it isn't for everyone; but for those of us who appreciate it, it's heavenly. It isn't just what you eat on a picnic, but the very nature of how you eat it that's romantic. Laying out a spread, eaten without utensils on a linen tablecloth, soothes my soul. A little planning makes this easy, mess-free and fun.

Making sure you have a cutting board for slicing and serving bread and cheese; pre-portioning things like fruit, olives and anything spreadable; and pre-packing knives and spreaders, plates, glasses and containers for any leftovers makes for a comfortable and stress-free meal al fresco. All that's left is pouring your beverage of choice and helping yourself to the movable feast you've assembled while you talk and take in the view.

I've already promised two such dates to friends in the coming weeks, and I cannot wait! Good company, good food and a perfect view, and I'm in my happy place. But as I've gotten older, I've discovered that I can treat myself to the freedom picnics afford even without someone special to share them with. I already know that by the time the magic and golden hour of twilight approaches tonight, I'll be by myself, and that's just fine. It will be a peaceful, stolen moment, nothing fancy or complicated, and no time in the kitchen prepping or cleaning up the inevitable mess after creating a recipe; just me, a glass of wine and Nature's show to take in while I nibble cheese and bread in the fresh spring air.

Sure, for those times I don't feel like cooking, there's the option of takeout; but when the weather is this fine, I'd much rather put together a simple meal I didn't have to prepare. I have Gruyere and cheddar, spreadable herbed cheese, a baguette, peppery baby arugula and some lovely sweet, crisp grapes. There's bottle of buttery Chardonnay chilling in the fridge and a vintage basket already packed with everything I need to complete the feast. I don't need anything else and couldn't ask for more. I may take it to the river, but I think I'll just sit in the backyard among the flowers with my dogs for company and revel in how good life can be when there are such simple pleasures to enjoy. I can always cook tomorrow.

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.

ARF to host annual 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs on May 18

The Animal Rescue Foundation, known as ARF, has become such an integral part of the local community in Beacon. Now, one can give back by participating in the annual ARF 5K Run & Walk on Sunday, May 18 at Memorial Park, Robert Cahill Dr., in Beacon.

"This year marks the 10th anniversary of the 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs — a decade of coming together as a community to move with purpose and compassion," Marjorie Vales, who is the event director, stated via email. "What began as a small fundraiser has



The 10th annual 5K Run & Walk with the Dogs to benefit the Animal Rescue Foundation will take place on May 18 in Memorial Park in Beacon. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

-Archive photo

grown into a beloved tradition that unites animal lovers in support of ARF's mission to rescue and rehome cats and dogs in need. Each year, every step taken has helped give pets a sec-

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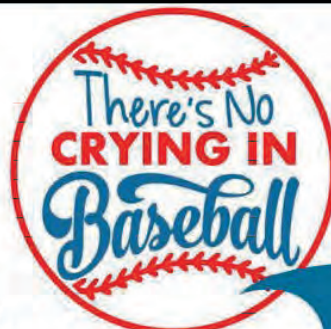
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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Dramatic wins rule as Renegades top BlueClaws

By Morgan E. Maier

Could an early-bird game time change cost the Hudson Valley Renegades their edge for a day? The Jersey Shore BlueClaws routed the Renegades 9-1 during a Wednesday matinee, as school buses lined the Heritage Financial parking lot for an 11 a.m. first pitch. Sunday rain called for a postponement, as fans await the Hudson Valley Renegades' first appearance as the Fenómenos Enmascarados. The Renegades won this week 3-2, bookending the series with two dramatic wins, and came out with a share of the South Atlantic League (SAL) lead.

They're Keen on Keane!

After 26 appearances and 11 starts last year, Sebastian Keane has found his way in the bullpen early this season. In six appearances, the right-hander Keane boasts a 2-0 record, a 2.35 earned run average (ERA), and one save in 7.2 innings. Keane picked up his second win on May 3, retiring both batters he faced to hold the 4-3 BlueClaws lead to the bottom of the ninth.

George Lombard led off the bottom with a double, then moved to third on a sacrifice by Parks Harber, and scored on a Coby Morales double. An intentional walk then set up Brenny Escanio for the walkoff single, as Keane captured a win in the 5-

4 Renegades victory. Escanio finished the series with 4 hits and 3 RBI, including his second home run of the year.

First blood

In the April 29 opener, the Renegades scored 7 runs in the first inning, tying the mark set on April 19 against Wilmington. The eventual 14-2 victory marked the team's sixth time scoring 5+ runs in an inning. Hudson Valley is now 3-0 in games where scoring 10 or more runs.

Production on both ends

At the end of this week, the Renegades lead the South Atlantic League (SAL) in a plethora of stats, from bases on balls to batting average. Hudson Valley is not only tied for the best record in the league, but also the highest run differential (+57) and lowest cumulative earned ERA (2.97). Their offensive domination and pitching prowess is rivaled by few in the division. On this tear, Renegades pitching leads the SAL in opponent batting average (.195), while hitters lead in on-base percentage (.361).

The Renegades (18-8) are on the road this week, going down to Wilmington to face the Blue Rocks (9-17). Hudson Valley seeks to extend a 14-game winning streak against Wilmington dating back to July 2024.



Brenny Escanio received the traditional dousing after his walk-off single propelled the Renegades to a 5-4 win over Jersey Shore last week.

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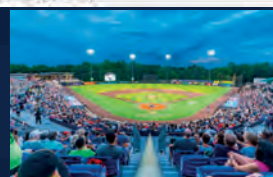
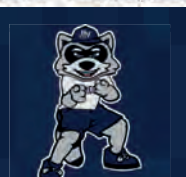
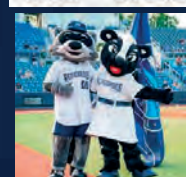
League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	19	8	.704	-	6-4	W4
Hudson Valley NYY	18	8	.692	0.5	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NYM	17	9	.654	1.5	7-3	W1
Aberdeen BAL	10	17	.370	9.0	3-7	L3
Jersey Shore PHI	9	16	.360	9.0	4-6	L2
Wilmington WSH	9	18	.333	10.0	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	15	12	.556	-	7-3	W3
Hub City TEX	15	12	.556	-	5-5	L2
Rome ATL	15	12	.556	-	5-5	W2
Asheville HOU	12	15	.444	3.0	4-6	L1
Greenville BOS	12	15	.444	3.0	4-6	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	9	18	.333	6.0	4-6	L4



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May			
05/13/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Rascal's Reading Challenge Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/14/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Pirate Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/15/25	vs. Aberdeen	06:05 PM	Soccer Night Soccer Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/16/25	vs. Aberdeen	07:05 PM	Disco Night Fireworks Friday
05/17/25	vs. Aberdeen	05:05 PM	Open Mic Night Jace Avina Bobblehead Giveaway
05/18/25	vs. Aberdeen	02:05 PM	No Place Like Home Sunday Family Funday
05/27/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	Fast Food Night Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
05/28/25	vs. Wilmington	11:05 AM	Education Day Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
05/29/25	vs. Wilmington	06:05 PM	FRIENDS Night FRIENDS Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
05/30/25	vs. Wilmington	07:05 PM	Fireworks Friday Baseball (Rosie's Version)
05/31/25	vs. Wilmington	05:05 PM	The Malmö Oat Mlikers: Did Someone Say Dynasty? Faith And Family Night Presented By The Paramount at Somers
June			
06/01/25	vs. Wilmington	02:05 PM	Copa De La Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day Sunday Family Funday
06/10/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Everyone's Birthday Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
06/11/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Pride Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
06/12/25	vs. Greenville	06:35 PM	Rise Of The Cider Donuts Cider Donuts Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
06/13/25	vs. Greenville	07:05 PM	Dino Night Fireworks Friday
06/14/25	vs. Greenville	05:05 PM	Renegades Dating Show Roc Riggio Bobblehead Giveaway Presented By S.M.A.R.T. Local 38
06/15/25	vs. Greenville	02:05 PM	Father's Day Sunday Family Funday






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**Vassar-Warner Home to Reopen
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Yankees farm system has storied history and plenty of champions

By Morgan E. Maier

Since the New York Yankees first began an organized farm system, there have been over 100 teams affiliated with the “Bronx Bombers.” Yet the Hudson Valley Renegades (2021-present) are just the 10th Yankees minor league team to be based in the Empire State.

The minor leagues’ fledgling days featured no Triple-A or Double-A, and the High-A level didn’t exist for 120 more years. Baseball teams of the early 20th century featured multiple levels below the professional parent teams. The Yankees’ earliest seasons featured four classifications: Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class D, with more introduced after World War II. With the minor leagues on the rise, these classifications made way for the modern MLB era. While New York’s current minor league teams line the East Coast, the organization once developed talent in Texas, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin Nebraska, and even Ontario, Canada.

Beginning with the 1931 Albany Senators, the Yankees have had storied minor league teams in New York state, along with their 27 World Series titles.

The Class A Binghamton Triplets (1932-1961, 1965-1968) were the first classified Yankees farm team in New York. After spending one season in Class B, the Triplets proved worthy of Class A distinction, and spent over 30 seasons as a Yankees affiliate over two stints. One day a season, the Yankees would head up to Broome County to play an exhibition game, where the likes of Mickey Mantle were sure to dazzle the

Triplets crowd. Yankees captain and catcher Thurman Munson was one of the last great Binghamton Triplets, playing his final minor league season in 1968 before the team’s closure in 1969.

The aptly named Rugmakers (1938-42, 1946-51) played their games in Dutch-settled Amsterdam, New York’s carpet capital of the time. This team came on the rise as the town economy and production began to dip, and the Rugmakers threaded their lone championship season in 1940, as a Class C Yankees affiliate.

Another championship arrived in Wellsville, N.Y., with the Pennsylvania-New York-Ontario League, as the Wellsville Yankees (1942-1945) captured the league title in 1943. Craving normalcy after World War II, a group of local businesspeople and veterans wanted Yankees baseball in town for another season. According to the Wellsville Sun, these crowd-funders footed over 80% of operating costs, and got one more season before the team changed hands in 1946.

The Oneonta Yankees (1967-1998), New York’s longest-standing in-state affiliation, dominated the New York-Penn League with 11 titles in 23 seasons. The Oneonta Yankees’ final game took place at Dutchess Stadium, a 10-3 victory over the Hudson Valley Renegades, then an affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays. Following the 1998 season, the Yankees announced the move to Staten Island, as the Yankees’ first affiliate headquartered in the borough.

Hudson Valley’s own Yankees affiliate brings new life to the local baseball scene.



The Class A Binghamton Triplets (1932-1961, 1965-1968) were the first classified Yankees farm team in New York. Courtesy photo

Now, former Renegades are just a train ride from the big leagues. In the history of the Yankees, some minor league teams had an on/off relationship as Yankees affiliates, or changed parent organizations entirely. Plenty

have faded into baseball lore, as leagues were dissolved or reclassified. But like Hudson Valley, all are an eternal piece of Yankee history, from Amarillo (Texas) to Olean (Cattaraugus County) NY.

Q&A with Renegades Assistant General Manager

Making the move from Minnesota to NY and learning all about the Hudson Valley

Editor’s note: This week, writer Morgan E. Maier speaks with Renegades Assistant General Manager Will Young.

By Morgan E. Maier

What drew you to the Hudson Valley Renegades four years ago?

I started my career in baseball working for the St. Paul Saints, now the AAA affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. At the time, both the Saints and the Renegades were owned by the same family. When I started looking for full-time positions, a former Saints employee had just started here as the Assistant GM, and I was able to speak with him about the opportunity to make a move to the East Coast. Immediately I was sold on the idea of what Renegades Baseball means to the Hudson Valley, and the opportunity to build and grow the team with its new affiliation. I started as a Ticket Sales Account Executive, where I learned how important every member of this community is to the team, and I carry that with me and how I work every single day.

To you, what is most fun about working in baseball? Or, what are your favorite parts of each role you’ve held in your career?

To me it is all about the people, and the connections you make both in the office and out in the stands. Every single day I get to walk outside and have a conversation with a Season Ticket Member, help a Little League team take the field with our players, or service one of our amazing corporate partners. Each of our fans has their unique story, and being able to talk to them, learn from them, and help them is incredibly rewarding. I would be remiss if I didn’t shout out the incredible staff as well, from the Front Office to our Gameday Employees, everyone is an absolute pleasure to work with and does everything they can to bring smiles to the Hudson Valley!

How does New York’s baseball season differ from that of Minnesota?

Not as much as you would think! People ask me all the time in the middle of June, “Oh, I bet if you were home it would be 50 degrees right now.” While yes, my first game working in baseball had a snow delay, it is not the tundra that everyone thinks. Wherever you go, Minnesota, New York, California, you are going to find a community of fans who care deeply about their home-

town team. I will say the melting pot of fandom here has been so fun to learn; you have Yankees, Mets, Red Sox, Blue Jays, Phillies, so many different teams all so close together. In Minnesota, the next closest team would be the Brewers, which was over 6 hours away, so it would be shocking to meet anyone who wasn’t a Twins fan.

What were some traditions and sports culture that surrounded you growing up and attending college?

It is always interesting how different sports carry different weights depending on where you are in the world. Growing up in Minnesota, we are the state of hockey, and one of the biggest events of the entire year was the Minnesota State High School Hockey Tournament. I personally can’t even stand up on a pair of skates, but I would be able to tell you who won each level of that tournament every single year. When I moved to Iowa for college, wrestling was above all else from elementary school to the time you left college. High School wrestling meets would have more attendees than football games, and again, for a sport I never participated in, I learned so much.



Why is the Hudson Valley a prime location for baseball?

The Hudson Valley is such a beautiful area of the country, and is a destination not just for New Yorkers but for people like me from the Midwest. I have learned over the past few years how much there is to see and do, especially during the summer, and baseball is a perfect example of that. We always joke that if we didn’t work here, we would probably spend the same amount of time here. You can spend your morning in south Beacon hiking Breakneck Ridge, grab lunch at any of the wonderful restaurants in Newburgh, take a stroll on the Walkway over the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, stop for a drink at Sloop Brewing in East Fishkill, and come to a Renegades game in Wappingers Falls. All of that in one day, and I don’t even think we covered half of the towns that make Hudson Valley so special.

Vassar-Warner Home to reopen as Social Day Program for Seniors



With daily and hourly rates, Vassar-Warner Home in Poughkeepsie will be a haven for Hudson Valley seniors and their loved ones, providing a safe and supportive environment for elders all day, while a caregiver is at work, or a few hours, so their spouse or child can have a short respite to go grocery shopping, run other errands or care for themselves.

Courtesy photo

A trusted name in senior care for over a century, Vassar-Warner Home is turning the page following a months-long fight to keep its doors open. This spring, the 501(c)(3) nonprofit at 52 South Hamilton Street in the City of Poughkeepsie will open as Vassar-Warner Home for the Day (Vassar-Warner), Dutchess County's newest private-pay social model adult day care.

The program – which will operate Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. – will offer personalized care to each senior based on their interests, needs, dietary restrictions and health considerations.

With daily and hourly rates, Vassar-Warner will be a haven for Hudson Valley seniors and their loved ones, providing a safe and supportive environment for elders all day, while a caregiver is at work, or a few hours, so their spouse or child can have a short respite to go grocery shopping, run other errands or care for themselves. Though the program is intended to feel like home, not a hospital or other medical model, there will be a home health aide and personal care assistant on-site to aid those who need additional support.

In addition to a nutritious hot lunch and morning and afternoon snacks, attendees will enjoy various activities, including bingo, trivia, exercise and mobility classes such as chair yoga, painting, knitting and other crafts, educational lectures on a range of topics, book clubs, cooking classes, performances from local community groups and more. The facility will also host support groups for those navigating caregiving or bereavement and health-focused informational sessions on topics like diabetes and dementia.

“Vassar-Warner Home is meant to serve seniors,” said Ericka Von Salews, executive director of Vassar-Warner. “Our adult day care program will enable our team to continue to care for people’s loved ones, now in an extended capacity.”

While Vassar-Warner intends to welcome senior residents back in the future, the pillar of the Poughkeepsie community recognized and then filled a need for supportive care programs in Dutchess County.

“We wouldn’t be here without the support of the Vassar-Warner Home family and greater Hudson Valley community,” said Richard Schuster, board president and leader of Save Vassar-Warner, a grassroots movement that worked to stop the home’s permanent closure. “This new chapter gives us the opportunity to continue serving Dutchess County’s most vulnerable population: seniors.”

As a thank you to those who have continually supported its mission, Vassar-Warner is offering a complimentary one-day pass – which can be used on any weekday in June 2025 – to the program’s first 25 applicants. Those interested can apply at www.tinyurl.com/VWHApplication. To stay updated on Vassar-Warner Home for the Day and its upcoming opening, visit www.vassarwarner.org and follow along on Facebook (@VassarWarnerHome). To support Vassar-Warner’s work with Hudson Valley seniors and its continued legacy in the community, make a donation at vassarwarner.org/make-a-donation/.

For more information about the history of Vassar-Warner Home and its present services in the community, visit vassarwarner.org.

Beacon High School Show opens May 10 at The Lofts



The Beacon High School Show will open on Saturday, May 10, from 2-4 p.m. The show will take place at The Lofts at Beacon, 18 Front St. in Beacon. For more information, call 845-202-7211.

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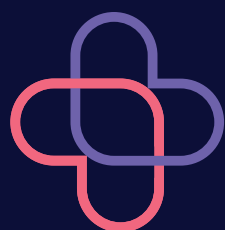
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Obituaries

Rosemarie Scarano



Rosemarie Scarano, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2025 on a picture-perfect, blue sky day surrounded by her family at Hudson Valley Hospice House. She was born on January 4, 1939, in Glendale, Queens to Emil and Rose Ruf Allgauer. Rosemarie moved with her family to Beacon as a teenager, where she built a life filled with family and friendship. She was predeceased by her brother, Emil Allgauer, and is survived by her beloved brother, Edward Allgauer.

On June 13, 1964, at St. Joachim's Church, Rosemarie married the love of her life; a man who made her laugh at a Knights of Columbus dance, Dominic J. Scarano. Together they shared over

60 wonderful years of marriage filled with cherished memories, including beach vacations, trips to casinos, and in their younger years summer get togethers at the Southern Dutchess Country Club.

A 1960 graduate of Benedictine Hospital School of Nursing in Kingston, NY, Rosemarie began her career as an operating room nurse at Highland Hospital. The majority of her career was spent as an operating room nurse at Butterfield Hospital, and later in life at Vassar Brothers Hospital. While her family was young, Rosemarie worked at Dr. Kaplan and Dr. Mond's office. She developed lifelong friendships and memories in all her workplaces. A highlight of her nursing career was a surgical mission trip with Healing the Children, which reflected her deep commitment to nursing and caring for others.

Rosemarie enjoyed her bridge club gatherings, reading profusely, and tackling the daily Jumble. Rosemarie continued her mother's legacy of being the consummate entertainer and cook. She enjoyed planning dinner parties, family dinners and celebrations. Every meal was planned to perfection. She also enjoyed being outdoors, and basking in the sun. An avid pet lover, later in life she enjoyed visiting Long Dock with her dog Bell.

In addition to her husband, Dominic Scarano, she is survived by her children Anne Machado (Jaime), Michael Scarano (Susan), Julie Greene (Fred), and James Scarano. Her greatest joy came from being "Mema" to Emily, Andrew, Elizabeth, Charlotte and Dominick. Rosemarie, affectionately known as "Aunt Sis" to many, was a loving aunt to countless nieces and nephews. Throughout her life, Rosemarie was blessed with a circle of close friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Per her wishes, there was no wake. A Funeral Mass was held on Friday, May 2, at St. Mary's Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill. A private burial will follow at a later date.

In honor of Rosemarie, donations may be made in her name to: Healing the Children Northeast, 219 Kent Road, Suite 20, Mailbox 11, New Milford, CT 06776 or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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.

Robert J. Maurice



Robert J. Maurice, 67, an area resident for over 32 years, died on April 29, 2025 at home surrounded by his family.

Born in Cold Spring on October 26, 1957, Robert was the son of the late Ronald and Elizabeth (Edwards) Maurice. He retired in 2021 from Teamsters Local #456 in Elmsford after 37 years of service.

An avid fisherman, he also enjoyed working on cars and indulged in an occasional Mallomar cookie. He loved to travel, especially to Cape Cod and the Outer Banks, and often shared stories about their memorable trip to Alaska.

On May 18, 1985 in Garrison, Robert married Jane (Butler) Maurice who survives at home after almost 40 years of marriage. He is also survived by his sons, David Maurice, Derek Maurice, and Michael Kulers and his wife Michelle; his grandsons, Matthew and Justin Kulers; his brother, Thomas Maurice and his wife Joanne; his sister, Johnna Tefft; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Robert was also predeceased by his son, John Kulers.

At Robert's request, funeral services will be private. Donations may be made in his memory to Hudson Valley Hospice. Arrangements are under the direction of the McHoul Funeral Home. Please visit Robert's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Danica Kaužljjar



Danica Kaužljjar, 70, a resident of Ridgewood, Queens, died on May 3, 2025 at her daughter's home surrounded by her family.

Born in Ogulin, Croatia on October 19, 1954, Danica was the daughter of the late Ante and Maria Rendulic. She had been employed as a meadow operator in Maspeth, Queens until her retirement.

On January 5, 1976 in Queens, she married Milan Kaužljjar who predeceased her on November 1, 2024 after 49 years of marriage.

Danica is survived by her children, Marko Kaužljjar, Marina Reis and her husband Carlos, and Michele McDonough and her husband Willie; and her grandchildren, Mariella, Michael, Christina, Antonio, Priscilla, and Valentina.

Danica raised her family in Queens, and would often sit outside and visit with her neighbors. She was a people person, who was very sociable and enjoyed being in the company of others. Her family and friends will always remember her favorite quote, "Bouta time!" Danica was proud of the life she and Milan created. More than anything, she was obsessed with her grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

Calling hours were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction on Tuesday, May 6th. A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Tuesday at St. Columba Church, 835 Route 82, Hopewell Junction followed by burial at St. Denis Cemetery.

Please visit Danica's Book of Memories at www.mchoulfuneralhome.com.

Students celebrate the life of Pope Francis



Mount Saint Mary College and Bishop Dunn Memorial School celebrate the life of Pope Francis at a Mass celebrated by Fr. Gregoire Fluet, vice president for Mission and Ministry at the Mount. Pope Francis died on April 21 at the age of 88. Pope Francis was born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Argentina.

According to the Vatican, the conclave to choose the next pope is set to begin on May 7.

-Photo by Lee Ferris

Shannon Lynn Warren



Shannon Lynn Warren, 52, a resident of Jackson, NJ since 2022 and formerly of Hopewell Junction and Croton-on-Hudson, passed away peacefully on April 25, 2025 at the Monmouth Medical Center.

Born in Cold Spring on November 8, 1972, she was the daughter of the late Robert Delbert Warren Sr. and Deborah Marie (Downing) Warren. Shannon was a graduate of John Jay High School and Dutchess Community College.

Shannon loved animals of all kinds. She enjoyed going on long walks with her Dad and talking to her friends on a daily basis. She especially loved getting together with her family and friends. Shannon

had the biggest heart. She always reached out to her loved ones with cute text messages, saying she loved us and asking how we were doing. She always greeted everyone with a kiss on the cheek and a hug.

Shannon is survived by her brothers, Robert Warren, Timothy Warren and his wife Mary, and Raymond Warren and his wife Michelle; and her nieces and nephews, Haylie Warren, Christopher Warren, Aidan Warren, Christian Warren, Sebastian Warren and Lilyrose Warren.

Calling hours and a funeral service were held at the McHoul Funeral Home, Inc., 895 Route 82, Hopewell Junction.

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Howland Public Library presents 'Between the Lines': Annual Exhibition of Student Artwork



Pictured is artwork by Emma Merola, a student at Beacon High School.

-Courtesy photo HPL

The Howland Public Library is proud to present Between the Lines, our annual exhibition celebrating student artwork from the Beacon City School District. A public reception honoring the students and their teachers will be held on Saturday, May 10, from 2-4 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

This annual showcase features a vibrant selection of artwork created by students from across the district, including Beacon High School, Rombout Middle School, and Glenham, J.V. Forrestal, Sargent, and South Avenue Elementary Schools. The

pieces on display represent just a glimpse of the imagination and creative talent nurtured in Beacon's classrooms every day.

Between the Lines will be on view in the library's Community Room through Sunday, June 1 during regular library hours. Please note that access to the gallery may be limited during certain library programs. Visitors are encouraged to call the library at 845-831-1134 or check the calendar at beaonlibrary.org before their visit.

The Howland Public Library is located at 313 Main Street, Beacon.

American Legion Post 1758 donates to Veterans Garden program at Castle Point

American Legion Post 1758 in Hopewell Junction recently made a donation to the Castle Point VA for their Veterans Garden Program which provides veterans with gardening supplies and instructs them how to grow and prepare healthy foods and improve their well-being.

John Call and Jim Reynolds presented a

check for \$500 to Deborah T. Loughran, Voluntary Service Specialist CDCE at Castle Point VA Hospital.

This Memorial Day, when one may come across Legionnaires handing out poppies, please remember that any money one can donate will go to programs like this.

Dance at the Elks set for May 10 in Beacon

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, May 10 at 7 p.m., at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. Attire is whatever suits your mood - from blue jeans to dazzling sparkles. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the dance floor. Admission is \$15 and includes a variety of complimentary snacks, and a full cash bar is available.

For more information, call 845-765-0667 or rhodaja@optonline.net.

BluePath Service Dogs annual Walkathon set for May 10



The annual BluePath Service Dogs Walkathon at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights will be held on May 10. Pictured is from a previous year's event.

-Courtesy photo BluePath

BluePath Service Dogs will host its ninth annual Walkathon at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights on Saturday, May 10. The family-friendly fundraiser, held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will raise funds in support of BluePath's mission to provide autism service dogs, offering safety, companionship, and opportunities for independence.

The walkathon is open to all ages and begins in Lot 4 of FDR State Park. Walkers can choose between a 1.7-mile or 3-mile loop and will have access to all-day activities, including bounce houses, a bubble bus, gaming with Esports, a photo booth, lawn games, food trucks, amazing sponsors and more. This is an inclusive event - a quiet tent with comfortable seating, books, and fidget toys is available throughout the day. Friendly dogs are welcome on leashes 6' or shorter. Attendees can also meet BluePath dogs and learn more about how the nonprofit is creating a better world for children with autism.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one out of every 31 children born today will develop an autism spectrum disorder. It is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States.

For the Freeman family in Somers, BluePath Knight has helped their son Jacob lead a safer, fuller life.

"When Jacob was younger, he loved toy cars and trucks. But rather than play with them, he would turn them upside down and spin the wheels. That would keep his focus for hours," said Kyle Freeman. "Since that time, his fascination with vehicles has grown. He takes every opportunity to study and examine all that he sees. This fascination becomes his priority, and he forgets every-

thing else, including safety and awareness."

Each BluePath dog comes with thousands of hours of training from dedicated volunteers and professional staff. While the cost to prepare these incredible dogs is upwards of \$40,000, BluePath provides its service dogs - and intensive, ongoing follow up support - completely free of charge. Reduced stress, improved sleeping routines, and more meaningful social interactions can allow families to feel a renewed sense of hope and empowerment.

"We are delighted to welcome the community to our ninth annual walkathon—a day that celebrates joy, connection, and the power of collective impact," said BluePath co-founder and Chief Executive Officer Michelle Brier. "Each year, this event unites individuals who share a commitment to our mission. We encourage all who are inspired by BluePath's life-changing work to join us as we take meaningful steps toward a safer, brighter world for children with autism."

Walkathon registration includes a BluePath event t-shirt. Adult walkers are \$30; children under 13 years old are \$20. Visit www.bluepathservicedogs.org to learn more or register. Those unable to participate in person may support walkers with an online donation or become a virtual walker with a personalized fundraising page. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; for more information, contact Erica Stanzione at 845-377-0477 or erica.stanzione@bluepathservicedogs.org.

BluePath Service Dogs, Inc. is located in Wappingers Falls. They can be reached at 845-377-0477 or by visiting www.bluepathservicedogs.org.

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15x15 grid with words for a crossword puzzle solution.

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48. *Willie ____ or ____ Mandela
50. To, archaic
52. Had a meal
53. Voyeur's glance
55. Anger management issue
57. *Passenger ____ or ____ post
60. *Grammatically ____ or ____ answer
64. Past participle of bear
65. Go wrong
67. Empower
68. Assumed name
69. Barn sound
70. Fair attractions
71. Catch one's breath
72. Coniferous tree
73. Baker's raiser

DOWN

1. Bursas
2. *Rowing ____ or ____ cut
3. *Willing and ____ or ____-bodied
4. Relating to mole
5. Temporarily, Latin (2 words)
6. *Rightful ____ or ____ apparent
7. Dot-com address
8. Craft wood
9. Native Egyptian, in Roman times
10. Related to ear
11. Hyperbolic tangent
12. Opposite of WSW
15. Suitors
20. Possible allergic reaction
22. Tax person's designation, acr.
24. Shut down (2 words)
25. *Dancing ____ or ____ bee
26. Cell phone bill item
27. Art class support
29. Things to lament
31. Singer-songwriter Redding
32. The press, e.g.
33. Are not
34. *Garter ____ or ____ eyes
36. Come clean, with up
38. *Tattered and ____ or ____ apart
42. Outdoor entertainment area
45. Pith helmets
49. Not paleo
51. Solar system model
54. Japan to U.S., in WW2
56. "Sesame Street" regular
57. *The North ____ or ____ dancer
58. Van Gogh's famous botanical subject
59. Flying biter
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Club Green Teen visits Bannerman Island



Members of the Green Teen recently visited Bannerman Island. Pictured, from left, are: Janyia Burch, Jo King, Zion Segarra, Crew Leader Prince Jones, Aiden Claudio, BCT Director of Development Kelly Ellenwood, Deputy Crew Leader Anibal Soto III, BCT Executive Director Neil Caplan, Jude Williams, Samiria Ferrer, and BCT Volunteer Coordinator Chi Chen. Not pictured: Green Teen Program Manager Emily Murnane, Program Coordinator Matthew Shayly, and Program Leader Carolyn McGraw.

-Courtesy photo Green Teen

Green Teen, a program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County, was invited for a visit to Bannerman Island on April 16th. Participants included eight youth, led by crew leaders Prince Jones and Anibal Soto III. The youth were brought over on the Island's work boat and given a tour of the Island, which features the ruins of a castle arsenal built by Francis Bannerman, a munitions dealer, in 1901. The youth also participated in

several work projects while on the Island, including painting new structures, clearing hiking trails, and helping to carry materials up from the dock.

This visit is Green Teen's second to Bannerman Island, who hosted the program for a similar visit last fall. For more information, pictures of the visit, and updates about future activities, follow Green Teen Beacon on Facebook and Instagram.

Spring Garage and Rummage Sale set

The Women's Parish Club of St. Joachim-St. John the Evangelist Church will be holding its Annual Spring Garage and Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 15th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, May

16th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 17th from 9 a.m. to noon. The sale will be in St. Joachim's gymnasium, Leonard Street, in Beacon.

Pianist, saxophonist to perform in Beacon

Elysium Furnace Works returns to the chapel of St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church in Beacon when they present the artistry of pianist John Blum and saxophonist Michael Foster.

John Blum and Michael Foster will per-

form on Saturday, May 10 at 8 p.m. at St. Andrew & St. Luke Episcopal Church, 15 South Ave. in Beacon. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door — advance tickets are on sale at <https://blumfoster.eventbrite.com>.

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