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Voters approve BCSD budget

By Kristine Coulter

The Beacon City School District (BCSD) voters voted to approved the proposed 2025-26 budget. The election took place on May 20. Voters also chose the three candidates for the BCSD Board of Education who were on the ballot, Meredith Heuer, Semra Ercin, and newcomer Catherine Buscemi.

Voters in Beacon cast ballots at Beacon High School. The polling location for voters in Fishkill and Wappinger was Glenham Elementary School in Fishkill.

BCSD Superintendent of School Dr. Matthew Landahl wrote to the Beacon Community on social media: "Thank you to the Beacon community for supporting the 25-26 budget!" He also noted there were approximately 100 more voters this year than is years past.

According to Landahl the election results were:

Yes - 805

No - 240

The superintendent noted before the election that the current budget is \$83,855,000. The now adopted budget by the voters for 2025-26 budget is \$87,720,000. That is a change of \$3,865,000.

"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 website by district officials before the vote.

The following was stated before the election, if the assessments remain the same, according to officials. In Beacon, a homeowner would see an impact of \$240 a year or \$20 a month.

A Fishkill resident would see a tax impact of \$253 a year or \$21.08 a month on a median home.

A Wappinger resident would see a impact of \$225 a year or \$18.75 a month on a median home.

The results, stated Landahl, for Board Members (three candidates for three seats) were:

Meredith Heuer - 886 votes

Catherine Buscemi - 861 votes

Semra Ercin - 850 votes

Landahl also stated, "Thanks to Vickie Jackson, our Board Clerk, for running a smooth election, and all of the election workers for putting in such a long day to make everything work!"

'May all who walk this path find peace, purpose, & a deeper connection with nature'

Trail rededication ceremony held at Sharpe Reservation

By Kristine Coulter

For many children and teens, summer months mean camp. The Fresh Air Fund (The Fund), according to the youth development organization's information, "provides life-changing summer experiences for children from underserved communities in New York City. Each summer, thousands of children attend camp to explore nature, enjoy the outdoors, and build valuable interpersonal skills." The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation, a 2,000-acre property in Fishkill, is the location for five of The Fresh Air Fund's six camps, states the organization. Sharpe Reservation opened in 1949.

It was at Sharpe Reservation where a trail rededication ceremony for the Sharpe Audubon Senior Services (SASS) Wilderness Trail was held recently. There was a time to remember Gloria Hanrahan, who died in 2019, who led the project for the SASS Wilderness Trail.

Timothy "Tim" Stanley is the Director of Sharpe Reservation.



A trail rededication ceremony was held at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation earlier this month in Fishkill. Pictured, from left, Sharpe Reservation Director Timothy Stanley, Bev McEntarfer, Kathleen Hanrahan James, Sally Scialabba, Mary Buchanan and Amy Lehner.

-Courtesy photo Sharpe Reservation

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HV Nurses Honor Guard: A passion for caring

Local chapter seeks new members

By Curtis Schmidt

Karin Graham, an operating room nurse at Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, remembers a poignant moment. She had just lost a dear friend and colleague and members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard were on hand at the wake to provide a moving tribute.

"It was so touching. I was immediately taken, it was so beautiful," she said. "I wanted to be part of that group. This would be my way to honor and respect my colleagues in the nursing profession."

The Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard is a group of volunteer nurses who honor and pay tribute to other nurses. They note that any individual



Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard members stand with their banner and the Mid-Hudson Bridge in the background. From left are, Cathy Colon, Kathleen Tappen, Karin Graham, Brenda Taylor, president and founder and Kate Czajka.

-Photo by Curtis Schmidt

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Jacobson secures \$150,000 for South Ave. Park



Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson, second from left, has secured \$150,000 for rehabilitation of South Ave. Park. Pictured with Jacobson are City of Beacon officials and contractors from Scapre Tech.



A ceremonial groundbreaking was held for the rehabilitation of South Ave. Park. -Courtesy photos Assemblymember Jacobson's Office

Assemblymember Jonathan Jacobson (D-Beacon) has secured \$150,000 for a major rehabilitation of South Avenue Park in Beacon.

Work is already underway at South Avenue Park, a shady park with athletic courts and a playground nestled between the Beacon Recreation Department and the main thoroughfare of 9D.

"This park is so important to the residents of Beacon, and there are kids

playing every time I come here," Jacobson said during his remarks at the construction site. "I'm excited to bring this special funding to Beacon. The city always pulls together to make the most of any extra money I bring back from Albany."

Jacobson joined Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou, City Administrator Chris White, and Recreation Director Mark Price, along with members of the City Council and project contractors, for the

groundbreaking ceremony.

"Our summer basketball league that serves 200+ kids starts in early July, so the goal is to be ready for basketball season," Price said. "When it's done, it'll look like a brand-new park."

Price laid out details of the ambitious project, which include restoration of the basketball and tennis courts, energy-efficient LED lighting, a permanent restroom facility, regrading and drainage work, and landscaping.

"As Jonathan well knows, the trick to making the city work is finding funds other than the property tax dollars of our city," said Kyriacou. "The Assemblyman has been exceptional in helping us get those dollars — whether it's for this park or others, our Fire Department, or solar panels. We're immensely grateful for that."

Jacobson secured \$150,000 of the approximately \$890,000 needed for the park's rehabilitation.

HV Nurses Honor Guard: A passion for caring

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can request services to honor their nurse. Their mission is - "Nurses honoring nurses, to ensure no nurse is forgotten."

And they're on a mission to recruit new members. But it's a humble pitch.

Nurses understand — it's not about them. They learn that point early in their training and everyday in their careers. They have witnessed life and its' beauty and loss of life more times than they want to remember—but remembering and honoring is what the Nurses Honor Guard is all about.

"Our reward is to honor and help others. It is a true calling of caring - for our patients and each other," says Brenda Taylor, president of the Hudson Valley chapter. "It isn't about the Honor Guard team as individuals. It is about all of us and our profession. What we do is about those we honor, the families we support and offer comfort to. It's about community — the communities we live in and of the community in nursing."

The Nurses Honor Guard was first organized in 2003 by the Kansas State Nurses Association and there are over 300 chapters worldwide. Taylor founded the Hudson Valley chapter in 2022 as an all-volunteer non-profit organization.

A recently retired emergency room nurse, Taylor worked at Montefiore St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital in Newburgh for many years.

She adds, "I believe nursing is a calling and this mission that we are serving is a different kind of calling. It's a shared mission

inspired by nurses we knew as colleagues, as friends and who became family - nurses we admired, respected and mourned. It is a privilege to honor our legacies, both living and deceased. I believe nurses have earned the highest honor, respect and appreciation we can provide."

Taylor says she had wanted to start the local chapter for a number of years. "I lost a couple of good friends who were nurses and I was saddened by the fact that there were no formal honor services for nurses," she said. "I had always been impressed by the services for members of the military and police and fire organizations. But what about nurses?"

So she founded the Hudson Valley chapter and has been leading a growing group of nurses for three years.

The Memorial Service includes a formal standing honor guard with a presentation of the Florence Nightingale Lamp, a commemorative coin, a rose and members recite a nurse's prayer.

They also take part in a variety of public functions and community events, serving as ambassadors for nursing professions and are present for "send offs and welcomes" for Veteran's Honor Flights to Washington DC.

The following are testimonials from four members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard.

- Kathleen Tappen retired after a 48-year career at St. Francis and St. Luke Hospitals with a concentration in oncology and hospice care. She recalls seeing many patients pass and losing many fellow nurses over the years.



Members of the Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard are pictured at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. From left are, Susan Patel, Jennifer Beyer, Jeanne Carfora, Lauretta Colgan, Mary Bettens, Kathleen Tappen, Kate Czajka and Brenda Taylor.

-Courtesy photo

"As a nurse, to fulfill the wants of a dying patient is such an honor - touched by a nurse."

In regard to the Honor Guard she commented, "This is my way to honor nurses I knew and those I never met — who dedicated their lives for care of others. I am so thrilled to be part of the tributes to remember these wonderful individuals. It's such an honor to provide a sense of comfort and peace to families and friends."

- Karin Graham has worked as a nurse for 34 years. She remembers losing a co-worker to blood cancer who was only 32. "I remember the first time I witnessed the Florence Nightingale tribute. We stood there holding hands together. It's something that sticks with you forever."
- She said the Nurses Honor Guard provides "a different level of reverence," and adds "You face so many sacrifices as a nurse, missing activities with your kids and family. You don't expect a lot of thanks as a nurse, but when it comes, it means everything."
- Cathy Colon retired after 35 years as a nurse to care for mother and is now back working in Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Stonybrook University Hospital, Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital and the New Center for

Discovery in Harris, Sullivan County.

"I spent lot of time with patients and families. It was an honor to care for them at the time when patients were passing. It's also an honor to care of our own. One of my co-workers, a nurse, passed in 2008. I wish we had this group for her. That's why I want to spread the word and help recruit for the Nurses Honor Guard."

- Kate Czajka has worked in the nursing profession for 47 years in intensive care, post-cardiac care, orthopedics, endoscopy and ambulatory surgery. She was involved in informal Nightingale Tributes while working at Benedictine Hospital in Kingston.
- "The tributes were so impressive," she said. "These were our contributions, honoring their professionalism and caring."
- The Nurses Honor Guard members also wear the original nurses uniforms during tributes. "This is what we wore for so many years. The uniform feels like coming home again. We worked so hard to earn our stripes," said Czajka.
- The Hudson Valley Nurses Honor Guard serves in six counties to include Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Orange, Ulster and Sullivan. For more information, write to nurseshonorguard@gmail.com.

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The trail was rededicated in honor of Gloria Hanrahan, pictured from decades ago.



A trail rededication ceremony, where the above sign was unveiled, took place earlier this month at The Fresh Air Fund's Sharpe Reservation in Fishkill.
-Courtesy photos Sharpe Reservation

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“The SASS Wilderness Trail is an 8-mile loop that circumnavigates the 1,800-acre perimeter of Sharpe Reservation. Originally constructed by the Suffolk County Girl Scouts and completed in 1969, the project was led by Gloria Hanrahan and involved more than 100 Scouts over the course of its development,” explained Stanley. “The Girl Scouts fully funded the initiative through grants.”

Stanley was asked when did the work begin on trail improvements? “Trail improvements are done annually as the trail has been in continuous use for 55 years since its construction,” he responded.

How has the new trailhead been improved?

“The new trailhead has a brand-new sign dedicated to the memory of Gloria who later became the Camp Director at Anita Bliss Coler (ABC) for many years,” replied Stanley. The sign allows visitors to know it is the SASS Wilderness Trail

and when it was constructed.

Hanrahan’s daughters (Amy Hanrahan Lehner, Sally Scialabba, Kathleen Hanrahan James, and Mary Buchanan) and granddaughter Katie Kolosieke attended the ceremony earlier this month. The sisters noted their late sister Joan Hanrahan Falconer (who they say was “watching from above”) worked on the trail with Beverly McEntarfer.

“Bev recalled with such zeal that phone call more than 50 years ago from Gloria, inviting her to join her team at ABC, and she’s built her own legacy as [a former] camp director at the The Fund, and her camp for homeless girls for decades. Having Tim with us, you could say, the “godfather of the land,” along with his apprentice was a privilege. We saw remnants of her original yellow markings on the trees,” the sisters remarked via email to Beacon Free Press.

The new sign includes the following dedication: “In Loving Memory of Gloria Hanrahan and the Suffolk County Girl Scouts – May all who walk this path find

peace, purpose, and a deeper connection with nature.”

“Mom did things out of love and joy, involving as many others as she could, to share these same experiences. She was a nature lover who relished a challenge; diligent in providing an opportunity for hundreds of Long Island Girl Scouts and adult volunteers, including our Dad, Raymond Hanrahan, to test their strength and resolve, to create a trail and ultimately a conservation endeavor for an eternity. The strength, resilience and enthusiasm evoked by the mission was spectacular,” explained Hanrahan’s daughters.

“Some of the Scouts held competitions for the most trees cut in a weekend! [They slept] under tarps in the open air, on rocky terrain,” it was stated. The sisters remarked that Sally recalled holding onto a tree all night in order not to slide down the hill they were assigned to work.

“In one set of meeting minutes it mentions that a professional surveyor’s assessment of the trail project was met

with a resounding recommendation: “DON’T DO IT. Through rain and snow, in the rockiest terrain, they were still singing all the way home on the bus to Long Island. Knowing that the trail would be a gift, especially to the countless The Fund’s campers, these Scouts gave it their all with grace and joy,” stated the Hanrahan sisters.

Stanley remarked, “We are deeply grateful for Gloria’s leadership in this monumental effort, which has had a profound impact on generations of The Fresh Air Fund campers who have hiked the trail over the years.”

What do Hanrahan’s daughters think she would say about the sign that is now on the trail in her honor?

Her daughters replied, “She would say, ‘Work towards your own sign. Rise above your level, seek out opportunities that will enhance your work’s significance to yourself and to others. Collaborate and create. Share your glow.’”

Beacon Repair Cafe set for June 1

Have a unique or worn-out item that needs some fixing? Then try the Beacon Repair Café. The event will be held on Sunday, June 1, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Beacon Recreation Center, 23 West Center St., in Beacon. Volunteers will do their best to repair items brought it -- for free. Organizers said residents may bring their broken or worn-out items to have expert repairers breathe new life into them. From electronics to textiles, furniture to bicycles, the skilled repair volunteers are ready to tackle a wide range of repairs, promoting a culture of reuse and repair and reducing unnecessary waste.”

“To facilitate having a wide range of repair services, we’d like to encourage people with repair skills to consider participating in this event. We especially need electrical, electronics, and jewelry fixers— people who have deep know-how that they can deploy to ensure that items aren’t thrown out, but are reused and

retained.”, said Jen Clapp, Repair Cafe organizer, said in a press release. “Fixers can contact us at beaconfishkillrepaircafe@gmail.com for more information about participating.”

This project, stated organizers, has been made possible by Sustainable Hudson Valley’s program Repair Cafe Hudson Valley, is also being supported by the City of Beacon, the City of Beacon Conservation Advisory Committee, the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management, Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District, and Mutual Aid Beacon.

The concept of a repair cafe is simple yet profound: instead of disposing of items at the first sign of wear and tear, why not see if they can be fixed? “By extending the lifespan of products through repairs, we not only save resources but also contribute to a healthier planet for future generations,” said Clapp.

Visitors to the Repair Cafe can enjoy a warm and welcoming atmosphere where they can connect with their community and share stories of their loved items while learning from skilled repair “coaches.” All the repairs are done free of charge.

Whether one has a broken lamp, a ripped pair of jeans, or a temperamental toaster, the

Beacon Repair Cafe welcomes all to stop by and “discover the joys of repair culture.” said Clapp. The Repair Cafe will have Fixers/Repair Coaches to help with small electronic and mechanical repairs, wood repairs, clothing/textile repair (including soft toys), sewing machine troubleshooting, clock repair, and jewelry repair.

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Council passes resolution authorizing sale of former Mase Hook & Ladder station

By Kristine Coulter

A resolution authorizing the sale, which is pending, of the property at 425 Main St., the former Mase Hook & Ladder Firehouse, was approved by the City Council at the recent May 19 meeting. Six council members voted in favor of the sale and there was one abstention by Councilmember Jeff Domanski.

Nicholas Ward-Willis, the City’s attorney, explained the resolution authorizes the sale and also authorizes Beacon City Administrator Chris White to take action consistent with selling the property. The resolution also adopts a negative declaration, he noted.

Ward-Willis said regarding the negative declaration, there is no physical alteration to the property itself. Should the purchaser make changes, he added, the purchaser “would require land use approval from the planning board.”

“What is in the packet today is consistent with what we’ve provided with other property sales,” remarked Ward-Willis. The council was authorizing the contract, which was not a binding contract yet, said Ward-Willis. “You don’t negotiate in public,” which gives the Council the authority [to keep] details private until the contract is signed by both parties, he said.

NYS law doesn’t allow elected officials to put out questions to a public referendum unless recognized by state law. “It has to be your decision,” Ward-Willis told the Council.

“As elected officials you have a fiduciary duty to get the most value for the property,” said Ward-Willis, adding the property is being returned to the tax roll.

The current offer, “after going through several offers, is highest and competitive order,” remarked Ward-Willis. Numerous inquiries were made, and several offers



The Beacon City Council approved the sale of the former Mase Hook & Ladder fire station on Main St.

-Archive photo

were received, he stated.

Ward-Will explained the Historic District and Landmark Zoning District, encourages the reuse and preservation of those properties. It also allows for additional usage, so those buildings can be adaptive for reuse, it was stated. It provides that if there are changes to the exterior of the building, it would require an approval, in the form of a Certificate of Approval, Ward-Willis explained.

The building at 425 Main St. is not on a historic registry, said White.

Once the contract is signed, all details will be released, it was stated at the meeting.

The former Beacon Engine Co. station, 57 East Main St., is also for sale.

The former Lewis Tompkins Hose fire station is now the fire station for the city after extensive renovations.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

May 1: Assault-Matteawan Road-Caller reported being assaulted. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 1:Auto Accident- Wolcott Avenue – Officers responded to a call for a car vs deer accident. Report taken.

May 1:Traffic Stop-North Avenue- Mary F. Abrahams, 51, of Newburgh, Orange County, was charged with Aggravated DWI, DWI and Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

May 2:Assault-North Avenue- Caller reported a past occurred assault. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 2: Harassment- Wolcott Avenue- Caller reported being harassed by someone known to her. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 2: City Code Violation- Veterans Place-Daral Reilly, 54, of Beacon, was charged with Open Container.

May 4: Larceny from a Vehicle- Fishkill Avenue-Anthony M. Verdile, 39, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Mischief 3 & Petit Larceny.

May 4: Larceny-South Brett Street-Caller reported a stolen bicycle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 6: Welfare Check- Main Street- Joseph D. Bishop, 48 of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

May 7:Disturbance - Heaney Drive - Nicholas A. Anderson, 32, of Beacon, was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance & Harassment 2nd.

May 9: Property Damage-South Avenue-Caller reported damage to his car as a result of a branch falling. Report taken.

May 11: Traffic Stop-Main Street-Brandon L. Santiago, 25 of New Windsor, Orange County, wash charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation Motor Vehicle 3rd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic violations.

May 12: Landlord/Tenant- Colonial Road- Caller reported that he saw his landlord opening his window on his surveillance camera. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 13: Open Container-Fishkill Avenue-Jonathan N. Amoroso, 52, of Beacon, was charged with Open Container.

May 15: Warrant-Municipal Plaza-Shqiponje D. Gjokaj, 34, of Poughkeepsie, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

Number of Calls: 309
Auto Accidents: 15
Domestics: 1.

CAMO Pollution to flush hydrants in Beacon Hills, Glenham May 27 - June 13

Residents of the Glenham Water District and Beacon Hills Water District, in the Town of Fishkill are advised to limit water usage. CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. will be flushing hydrants between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. beginning Tuesday, May 27 through Friday, June 13.

During the flushing, residents may experience erratic water pressure and turbulent water conditions. This condition will only be temporary.

According to CAMO, at all times the water will meet satisfactory sanitary quality. The flushing will bring about long-term improvements in water quality, according to officials.

If one has any questions, please call CAMO Pollution Control, Inc. at 845-463-7310.

Community Action Partnership names Dr. Linda Haas Manley CEO

Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County has announced that Dr. Linda Haas Manley has been named its new chief executive officer, succeeding Elizabeth Spira, who is retiring after leading CAPDC for the last 14 years.

Haas Manley will begin serving as chief executive officer on May 19.

CAPDC’s mission is to partner with individuals and families to eliminate poverty and identify resources and opportunities available to them to enhance their self-sufficiency.

Haas Manley served as Dutchess Community College Workforce Pathways Coordinator in the Office of Workforce Education and Development, a program that

involved collaborations with CAPDC programs, such as Dress for Success Dutchess County and Suited to Succeed.

Prior to this, she worked at Marist University and the Culinary Institute of America, where she served in leadership, academic advising, career development, and employer relations roles. Haas Manley also has served as an adjunct faculty member and has taught consulting for nonprofit and government organizations, college composition, professionalism and life skills, and career preparation courses.

“I am delighted to join the talented staff at CAPDC and am eager to work alongside this wonderful team as we continue the excellent

programs that empower local residents to improve their lives,” Haas Manley said.

Spira is retiring after 25 years of service to Dutchess County through various roles with CAPDC. She started at the Community Action Partnership in 2000, moving into the position of Contract Compliance Officer in 2009 and becoming CEO in 2011.

Under Spira’s leadership, the Community Action Partnership for Dutchess County became a pivotal service provider during COVID. Spira worked closely with commu-

nity partners and county leadership to continue service delivery. She is proud of the fact CAPDC did not close but pivoted and found unique ways to provide necessary food provisions during lockdown.

“I want to thank the staff and the community at large for all their support through the years,” Spira said. “I look forward to turning over the reins to Dr. Linda Haas Manley, a leader with all the necessary knowledge and skills to move forward and take CAPDC into the future.”

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Dutchess County Day at Firefighters Home in Hudson



Dutchess County Volunteer Firefighter’s Day at the Firefighters Home in Hudson was held on May 18. Once a year Firefighters make the trip up to Hudson to visit the residents at the Firefighters Home. It’s a day with a barbecue for the members at the home and other Firefighters. Also, on that day gifts are presented to the home for the benefit of the members. In attendance were representatives from the following Departments Chelsea Fire Company, Hillside Lake Fire Company, Hughsonville, J.H.Ketcham Hose Company, Millbrook Fire Department New Hackensack FD, New Hamburg FD, Pawling FD, Pleasant Valley FD, Rhinebeck FD, and Rombout FD.

-Photo by Vinny Galvin

Levine & Levine, PLLC elevates Mossey, Tramaglini to Partner

Levine & Levine, PLLC has announced the elevation of attorney Meghan B. Mossey, an associate of the firm since 2022, to partner, and the addition of attorney Christopher S. Tramaglini, joining the firm as a partner.

Mossey and Tramaglini each bring a depth of knowledge of the law, an unwavering commitment to providing excellent service to our clients, and a dedication to serve our community in ways both meaningful and significant.

Mossey has been a practicing attorney for more than 15 years and has been an associate attorney with Levine & Levine since 2022. She continues her practice in the areas of residential and commercial real estate transactions, commercial and residential lending, land use and developmental approval process, commercial purchases and sales, leasing, trusts, wills and estate administration, and general corporate law. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Bardavon 1869 Opera House, and is a member of the Mid-Hudson Valley Mortgage Bankers Association, the New York State Bar Association, Dutchess



Meghan B. Mossey

-Courtesy photos

County Bar Association, and the Mid-Hudson Women’s Bar Association.

Tramaglini has been a practicing attorney for more than 15 years. Chris earned his



Christopher S. Tramaglini

Bachelor’s Degree from Iona College (now Iona University) in 2001 and his Juris Doctorate from Pace Law School (now the Elisabeth Haub School of Law of Pace

University) in 2005. Chris brings a broad depth of knowledge in the areas of commercial law and business transactions, leasing, NYS liquor license applications, commercial and residential real estate, estate administration and litigation, estate planning, probate, administration and will contests, accounting, genealogical research, civil litigation and personal injury. Chris has been serving his community as a town judge in the Town of Beekman since elected to that position in November 2023. He joins us as a former partner with the Tarrytown law firm Grossbach, Grossbach, Tramaglini & Hayes, P.C.

Levine & Levine, PLLC, is a full service law firm located in Poughkeepsie and has been serving the greater Hudson Valley since 1932. Managing partners Dale J. Lois and Niki Pagones Quinn continue to build its team of exceptional and talented lawyers across our offices who are well positioned to carry the firm’s values and culture forward while contributing to its legacy.

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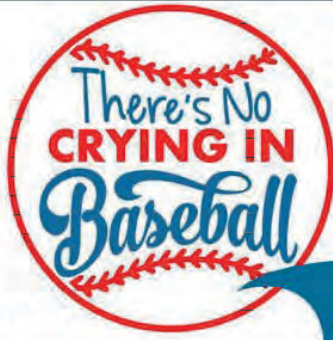


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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Renegades rebound vs. Dash; Prepare for homestand

By Morgan E. Maier

In a shortened edition of the usual Hudson Valley Renegades recap, three key weekday matchups highlight the season's sole series in Winston-Salem. In this inter-division matchup, the Dash ran away with the first two games before the Renegades finally made a stand on Thursday night.

Single run support

Kyle Carr started game 1 and was given a similar result to the season. Six unanswered Dash runs dropped Carr's record to 0-2, in his second straight start allowing 4 runs.

In 30.1 Carr innings this year, the Renegades have scored just 8 runs to back up their starter.

Josh Moylan continued his recent hot hitting streak, saving his team from being shut out on the road. Moylan's RBI double put Hudson Valley ahead in the second, a lead that couldn't stick around past the fourth inning. Final: Dash 6, Renegades 1.

They took two, too.

On May 21, Hudson Valley couldn't hold on to an early 2-0 lead once Carlos Lagrange submitted to a four-run bottom of the first inning. After 6 earned runs by Lagrange, the Renegades knotted it at six, then

took a 8-6 lead on a Roc Riggio home run. Renegades relief pitching gave up 5 runs in the final three home frames to put the Dash ahead 11-8.

Third time's the charm?

The Renegades finally prevailed on May 22. With 13 runs, Hudson Valley outscored the previous games' performances combined. Winston-Salem's 1-0 lead was negated by Riggio's fourth home run of the series, and the 'Gades were off. Hudson Valley took 4-2 lead through the seventh, where the offense broke the game open. With 9 runs in the final third of the game, the Renegades turned the tables from Wednesday's back-inning blowout, capturing the series' first win in their own offensive masterpiece.

Coby Morales also joined the hitting heroics, going 4-5 with a home run (4), two doubles, plus three RBI. A triple away from the cycle, Morales was marvelous. Riggio, Parks Harber and Jackson Castillo drove in a pair of runs each. Bryce Warrecker sent the Dash out quietly in the bottom of the ninth, as Benn Hess improved to 4-2 on the year.

The Renegades are at home this week with games against Wilmington at Heritage Financial Park.

Roc Riggio excites Renegades fans with running, hitting

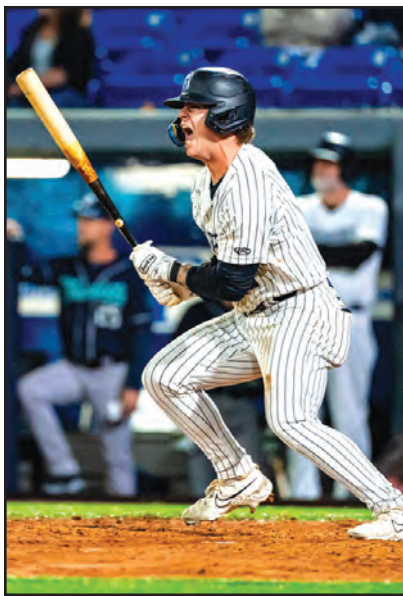
By Morgan E. Maier

Since returning from injury on May 6, infielder Roc Riggio has reminded fans what he means to the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Continuing last year's efficiency on the base paths, Riggio stole two bags from the Winston-Salem Dash on May 21, bringing his season total to 3. What he lacks in physical speed, Riggio makes up for in his ability to make quick reads and advance 90 feet. In 2024, he led the team with 27 stolen bases, ten ahead of the team's second-most total (Garrett Martin, 17). Riggio also led the team in hits (88), doubles (27), and triples (5).

Beginning the season as MLB.com's 27th ranked prospect in the Yankees organization, Riggio has jumped three spots in the season's first month. With the sight of a rocking ballpark, Renegades fans have welcomed their second baseman - and his bat - with open arms.

Riggio was originally drafted by Milwaukee in 2021, but was committed to play collegiately at Oklahoma State University. As a Cowboy, Riggio was described as a spark plug for the dugout, especially during their magical College World Series run in 2022. Riggio caught the attention of the Yankees, who took him in the fourth round the following year. Before his pro career began, Riggio



Though a hand injury kept him off the field until May 6, Roc Riggio's bat has the remarkable pop from last season. Since returning from a two-game rehab stint in the rookie league, Riggio has a respectable .295/.456/.750 split in 44 at-bats.

-Archive photo by Dave Janosz

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League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Greensboro PIT	29	13	.690	-	7-3	W2
Brooklyn NYM	27	13	.675	1.0	8-2	W1
Hudson Valley NYY	27	14	.659	1.5	5-5	W1
Aberdeen BAL	16	25	.390	12.5	4-6	L4
Wilmington WSH	16	25	.390	12.5	6-4	W2
Jersey Shore PHI	15	24	.385	12.5	4-6	L1
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	22	20	.524	-	4-6	L1
Hub City TEX	22	20	.524	-	5-5	W2
Rome ATL	22	20	.524	-	4-6	L2
Asheville HOU	19	23	.452	3.0	5-5	L2
Greenville BOS	19	23	.452	3.0	5-5	W1
Winston-Salem CWS	14	28	.333	8.0	3-7	L1

Stats as of 5/22/25



Home Schedule

May			
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 Makers: 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
July			
07/01/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	2025 Graduation Party Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA
07/02/25	vs. Brooklyn	06:35 PM	The Inaugural Rascals Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/03/25	vs. Brooklyn	07:05 PM	Independence Day Celebration: Happy Birthday America!! Independence Day MEGA Fireworks!
07/08/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Cider Donuts: Dusty's Revenge, Baseball Bingo Presented By PeopleUSA





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The case for what could be MLB’s newest city

Editor’s note: Writer Morgan E. Maier takes a detailed look at expansion plans in Major League Baseball.

By Morgan E. Maier

A sports movement is brewing in Raleigh, NC. Just 90 minutes east of where the Winston-Salem Dash play their High-A home games, baseball fans and government officials are pushing a new sports product. As commissioner Rob Manfred fields calls to expand the league before 2029, Major League Baseball has one prime spot for the newest club: North Carolina’s Research Triangle.

Though the Durham Bulls (née Tobacconists) have ruled the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill baseball scene for over a century, a grassroots movement calls on MLB to join them. Bring MLB to Raleigh (MLB Raleigh) is a nonprofit community endeavor.

As expansion grows in popularity, fans expect that the MLB’s newest teams will be placed on the continental coasts. Alongside Nashville and Montreal, Raleigh has emerged as a frontrunner for the East.

Montreal just isn’t the fit for this moment. As shown by the Toronto Blue Jays’ plummet down the American League East standings, one baseball team is enough for Canada. And Nashville, the rapidly growing destination for bachelorette parties and musicians, may not be the answer either.

According to MLB Raleigh data, the Triangle’s metro population of 2,100,000+ sits in line with established major league markets. With three points of population in a single commuter area, college students, families, and scientists alike can enjoy America’s pastime at the major league level. While Little League participation flourishes in Raleigh, North Carolina’s professional teams in Charlotte are slipping from fan interest. And with the closest MLB team four hours away, across state lines, why not Raleigh?

Cities with existing hockey fan bases are likely to capture the expansion MLB team.



Some of the possible caps for a Raleigh team, if expansion happens in MLB.

-Courtesy photo

With nearly opposite seasons of baseball, hockey fans waiting for October’s return could catch a ballgame. While many North American cities have fallen short of a franchise for a lack of necessary financial backing, Raleigh has a start.

MLB Raleigh has steadfast support from Tom Dundon, the owner of the Carolina Hurricanes in the National Hockey League. The Hurricanes are four wins from a Stanley Cup Finals appearance, which could bode well for Dundon’s future sports venture.

In Carolina’s September press conference introducing new CEO Brian Fork, the Hurricanes publicly announced plans to support an MLB contender. “Tom (Dundon) is very serious about pursuing that opportunity, bringing it (MLB) here to Raleigh, and we’ll be taking a lead, helping him on the corporate side and business side,” Fork said.

In his first five months as North Carolina’s governor, Josh Stein has inherited the MLB bug from his predecessor,

Roy Cooper. Cooper was the first to call legislative attention to the movement, for the good of the state, the growth of the region. And for the prosperity of the city.

“[W]e’ve talked with folks at the Hurricanes, and I’ve talked with Tom Dundon. I’m thrilled at the possibility. I’m a baseball fan and would love to have a major league team here,” Stein told the Triangle Business Journal.

In the wake of Hurricane Helene’s devastation across the state, MLB Raleigh has potential to continue the growing North Carolina economy. The mid-sized city of Raleigh continues to grow in population, but not in metro appeal. And though Dundon was once estimated to be a billionaire, he cannot be the sole shareholder or investor in such a project. The lack of Fortune 500 companies in the Triangle is a deep concern in establishing a team.

As one of the NHL’s most hands-on owners according to the Sports Business Journal, it’s not surprising Dundon is taking the same approach with Raleigh’s

baseball movement. With the rights to develop around the Hurricanes’ home arena, Dundon could build a small market sports park to rival the four-sport cities. Think Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago.

MLB hasn’t established a team since the Tampa Bay (Devil) Rays in 1998. Yet the emergence of St. Petersburg’s hometown ball club took 20 years. The idea took flight in the 1970s, then stadium construction began in the ‘80s. The city had patience and persistence on its side. After an entire decade or two, a couple years’ wait means little.

MLB has a larger issue at hand than expansion. The Athletics, awaiting relocation to Las Vegas, are playing in Sacramento’s Triple-A stadium. And until Tropicana Field’s damages from Hurricane Milton are repaired, the Rays are leasing the Yankees’ minor league field in Tampa.

Until 30 teams have 30 major league parks to call home, Raleigh waits to play ball.

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played at the international level from the age of 11, winning gold as a member of Team USA’s U15 squad in 2017.

Now in his second full High-A Hudson Valley season, second baseman Riggio still fits in with the crowd. Fans, teammates, and Facebook comments alike praise Roc’s achievements in his young career.

Though a hand injury kept him off the

field until May 6, Riggio’s bat has the remarkable pop from last season. Since returning from a two-game rehab stint in the rookie league, Riggio has a respectable .295/.456/.750 split in 44 at-bats. He’s hit five balls out of the park since returning to High-A, with 14 RBI on 13 hits. Riggio continues reaching milestones, notching his first career multi-home run game at home against the Aberdeen IronBirds on May 17.

Also, a talented lead-off hitter, Riggio has a knack for getting on base. And crushing the baseball. In addition to the thievery of May 21, he reached base five times, going 2-2 with a home run and four scored runs. After working 71 walks in 106 games in 2024, Riggio has continued to establish discipline at the plate. A mainstay at the top of the batting order, Riggio posts a 1.206 OPS (on-base plus slugging percentage). In

all, he’s constantly conjuring momentum for the eight hitters behind him.

His first minor league defensive coach compared him to Brett Gardner, gritty outfielder who was the last man standing from the Yankees’ 2009 title team. Others see in Riggio a striking resemblance to Boston’s beloved Dustin Pedroia.

Just 22 years old, Roc’s fit to blaze his own trail to the pros. For now, the Valley is rocking with Riggio.

Kirchhoff hosts National Town Builders Association roundtable

Kirchhoff welcomed developers, architects and planners from across the country as host of the National Town Builders Association's (NTBA) recent roundtable – the first ever held in New York State.

As a recognized leader and regional expert, Kirchhoff guided NTBA members through a dynamic program centered around its projects that have implemented design and planning principles of New Urbanism; walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods and communities that foster a sense of place and community. Centered around the theme New Urbanism in the Hudson Valley, New York, the event showcased the real estate investment firm's deep understanding of the area's historical significance and its future potential.

Roundtable highlights included expert-led discussions around topics such as planning and architecture, financial performance, marketing and entitlements, among others, at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie. Additionally, attendees took part in walking tours of both Eastdale Village and Tradition @ Red Hook, two of Kirchhoff's groundbreaking projects, as well as historic



Participants of the Spring 2025 National Town Builders Association roundtable event gather outside on the green at Kirchhoff's project Tradition @ Red Hook.

-Courtesy photo

site tours of local landmarks including
Vanderbilt Mansion and Franklin

Delano Roosevelt Estate and Library, offering participants a rich blend of his-

tory, innovation and design excellence
in the Hudson Valley.

Sports Museum to hold Summer Training Session

The Sports Museum of Dutchess County, located in historic Carnwath Farms in Wappinger, will hold a training session for summer volunteers ages 15 and up at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 31.

Volunteers should be available to work a four-hour shift on either Saturday or

Sunday during the summer. Experiences will include creating lists of historical sports artifacts, organizing public displays, assisting with tours, and helping at outreach events.

For further information, please call Mary Sagar at 480-239-7108, or email marypsagar@outlook.com.

Sports Museum of Dutchess County opens 2025 season with new Patsy 'Pat' Zerbe Women in Sports Room



The Sports Museum of Dutchess County (SMDC) held its opening day of the season on May 3. During the event, the SMDC unveiled its Patsy “Pat” Zerbe Women in Sports Room, an exhibit honoring the achievements of female athletes with ties to Dutchess County. Pictured, clockwise from top left, all smiles at the exhibit’s ribbon cutting! Marist women’s basketball coach Erin Doughty addresses attendees as a keynote speaker. Pat Zerbe, SMDC President Bill Ponte, Treasurer Barbara Ponte, and Donna Sheak attend the celebration. In the exhibit, visitors explored women’s sports history in Dutchess County.

-Photos by Anthony Lemma

Free sensory-sensitive showing of 'How to Train Your Dragon' on June 14

As part of Dutchess County's ongoing efforts to build an inclusive community for those with disabilities, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino invites families and residents of all abilities to a free sensory-sensitive screening of "How to Train Your Dragon" on Saturday, June 14, at Lyceum Cinemas, 15 Old Farm Road in Red Hook. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the movie will begin at 10:30 a.m. Registration for this free event is required, and residents can register online at dutchessny.gov/movie.

Serino said, “We’re thrilled to bring this sensory-friendly movie experience to Red Hook, providing a fun and inclusive atmosphere for neighbors of all abilities. This free event is thoughtfully designed to ensure everyone can relax and enjoy

“How to Train Your Dragon” in a comfortable and welcoming setting.”

The theater will modify lighting and sound levels to create a more comfortable experience for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities and those with sensory sensitivities. Closed captioning will also be provided

This free event is open to individuals, families and support organizations. Concessions will be available for purchase; outside food and beverages are not allowed.

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DCC students recognized during annual Sheridan Awards



Dutchess Community College recognized students for academic excellence in the social sciences during the annual Sheridan Awards Ceremony, held last month on the main campus in Poughkeepsie.

Hosted by the College’s History, Government and Economics (HGE) Department, the event brought together faculty, staff, students and families to celebrate outstanding achievement in the classroom and contributions to the academic community.

Two HGE Departmental Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Social Sciences were presented. Awardees were Killy Hayden (Fishkill) and Maria Volino (Poughkeepsie).

Tiffany Perkins (Millerton) was awarded the Ann and Dan Zodikoff Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Rita Alterman and her parents. Rita Alterman was a strong advocate for education and a part-time faculty member of the HGE Department.

Jenniffer Criollo (Poughkeepsie) received the Xavier H. Verbeck Memorial Award, named in honor of Xavier H. Verbeck, who taught in the HGE Department from 1963 to 1992 and also served as department chair.

Andrew Check (Hopewell Junction) was presented with the Eugene Sheridan Award, named in honor of Eugene A. Sheridan Jr., who taught in the department from 1966 to 1973.

Also recognized at the event were Arely Sanchez Soria and Dewran Gunes, who fulfilled the requirements to graduate with a minor in honors studies, and Yasmine Chanaoui, recipient of the Richard Reitano Scholarship in Political Science.

Left: Dutchess Community College students were recognized during the Sheridan Awards and other honors last month. From left are: Jenniffer Criollo, Killy Hayden, Andrew Check, Arely Sanchez Soria, Maria Volino, and Yasmine Chanaoui. Not pictured: Dewran Gunes and Tiffany Perkins.

-Courtesy photo DCC

Obituaries

Mary Jane Yanarella



Mary Jane Yanarella, 93, of Beacon, NY, passed away peacefully at home on May 19, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness.

Born on January 3, 1932, in Beacon, NY, Mary Jane was the daughter of Edgar Reilley and Mary (Scott) Reilley. She grew up in Beacon and attended Mount St. Mary Academy in Newburgh.

Mary Jane attended The School of Business Practice and Speech in New York City before starting her career at US Rubber in Manhattan before working at Texaco Research Center in Glenham where she began dating her future husband, Joe Yanarella. The two were married for 54 years before he passed in 2009.

Mary Jane had a lengthy career in banking as a head teller and assistant manager at Fishkill National Bank in Beacon and later M+T Bank. She also worked briefly at the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union late in her career.

She was a lifelong member of St. John’s the Evangelist Church in Beacon.

She enjoyed spending time at the Knights of Columbus in Beacon with her husband and friends like the Normans, Lewis’, Thomas’, Halls and many other Beacon families.

She is predeceased by her parents, her brother Edgar Reilley and her son-in-law Mike Murphy (Patty). She leaves behind her beloved children, Karen of Tewksbury, MA, Kathy Hall (Jack) of Six Mile, SC, Marie Watson (Walter) of Eastham, MA, Patty Murphy of Chelmsford, MA and Joe Yanarella (Maria) of Beacon, as well as her 8 treasured grandchildren: Melissa Parkinson (Evan), Bridget and Annie Murphy, Andrew Watson (Leila Rozenman), John Joseph and Danny Watson, and Kyle Yanarella (Crystal) and Kristen Yanarella. Mary Jane was thrilled to have two great-grandchildren (Lily and Emma) and a first great-grandson due in June.

Mary Jane was fiercely independent and lived alone until her passing and she was able to do so because of the amazing support and love from her Tilden Avenue neighbors, including the Catalanos (Dan and Beth), the Archer family and Bridget Giavatto, Rose Farrell, Heidi Thorne and Bitsy Castillo, Rich Kolakoski, Toni Ann Hallock and her special niece Annie Sullivan.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. John the Evangelist Church on May 26 followed by a graveside service at St. Joachim’s Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to Hudson Valley Hospice for their compassionate care during Mary Jane’s final days.

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

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

Edward McElduff



Edward McElduff, affectionately known as Eddie Mac to his family and friends, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, May 18, 2025, surrounded by those he loved most. He was 63 years old.

Born on November 7, 1961, at St. Luke’s in Newburgh, Eddie was raised in Beacon, New York. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes High School and graduated from Beacon High School. He went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Marist College and spent over 34 years building a proud and loyal career with Pepsi-Cola of the Hudson Valley.

Eddie was a devoted father, a proud grandfather, and a beloved friend to many. He is survived by his four children, Michael (his self-proclaimed favorite), Danielle, Aidan-Elizabeth, and Lauren, as well as his loving sons- and daughter-in-law: Abdool, Michelle, and Ricky. His greatest joys in recent years were his three beautiful grandchildren, Nora, Audrey, and Noah, whom he adored with all his heart.

He is also survived by his brother Jerry, sister-in-law Mary, his sister Maureen, and brother-in-law Kevin, as well as a large and loving extended family of McElduff, Kelly, and Ruf cousins. Eddie now reunites with his parents, Jerry and Anita McElduff, who preceded him in death.

Eddie was a lifelong New York sports fan! He cheered for the Yankees, Giants, Knicks, and Rangers, but if they weren’t playing, he rooted for any team representing the Empire State. A proud Beacon High School football alum, known by many as “Mad Dog”, he later played in the local softball leagues and coached countless teams in Little League, Pop Warner, girls’ basketball and girls’ softball. If Eddie knew you had a game, he’d be there cheering you on, win or lose.

He lived his life with incredible spirit and joy, making memories everywhere he went. From Super Bowls and World Series games to concerts (including Taylor Swift!), and golf tournaments, he never missed a moment to enjoy life. Whether it was a weekend in Long Beach Island, a trip to Florida or Ireland, or time spent in his all-time favorite place, Margaritaville, Eddie was always surrounded by friends, laughter, and love.

What truly set Eddie apart was his warmth, wit, and gift for storytelling. He had a remarkable way of lighting up a room with his presence, offering unforgettable bear hugs, and making everyone feel seen and valued. His laughter was contagious, and his generous heart left a lasting impression on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

A wake was held at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey on Friday, May 23, 2025 with a funeral Mass followed on Saturday, May 24, 2025, at St. John the Evangelist Church. Family and friends are invited to gather for a celebration of Eddie’s life at St. Rocco’s in Beacon, immediately following burial at St. Joachim’s Cemetery.

Eddie Mac was one of a kind. His memory will live on in the stories, smiles, and hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Memorial donations in memory of Eddie may be made to the American Kidney Fund.

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For more information, go to [beaconlitfest.org](#).

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RMS administration announces 3rd quarter honor roll students

The administration at Rombout Middle School recently announced the students on the Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter of the 2024-25 school year. The students are:

Principal’s Honor Roll

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7th Grade:

Nia Abonyoh, Lucinda Arginsky, Leo Aymar-Blair, Olivia Bellis, Parker Bennett, Lucas Campos, Kamilah Corte-Illescas, Ali Cosentino, Gianna Cruz, Sofia Cruz, Dean Cumming, Asher Hetling, Sarai Home, Kai Illa-Hanca, Charlie Jelliffe, Jonah Landahl, Regan Laug, Chih-Hsuan Lin, Jonah Lipman, Max Mason, John McKay, Mikayla McMahon, Ava Morgan, Daniel Mulligan, Asa Partlow, Maya Pellegrin, Tavin Pennock, Avery Persico, Colten Powlis, Lorenzo Sait, Roberto Sampson, Emmylou Shay, Anna Sheehy, Madeline Smith, Louisa Virgadamo, Kevin Vogrincic, Braden Webster, Zuri Yeboah

8th Grade:

Natalie Allen, Luna Ayers-Uekawa, Fiona Burke-Smith, Ethan Cason, Ivy Cohen, Sebastian Concepcion, Elodie Duquesne, Lilah Fisher, Alice Gabel, Manasvi Gupta, Silas Hayes, Samih Jabar, Samantha Johnson, Davia Kelleher, Julian Khan, Suvi O'Shea, Dominick Pulcastro, Dion Qelaj, Jonathan Saraceno, Ashley Senior, Silas Stampleman

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6th Grade

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Stadler, Elan Stim-Fogel, Alejandro Suscal Sinchi, MacKenzie Thorpe, Rufus Zimmerman

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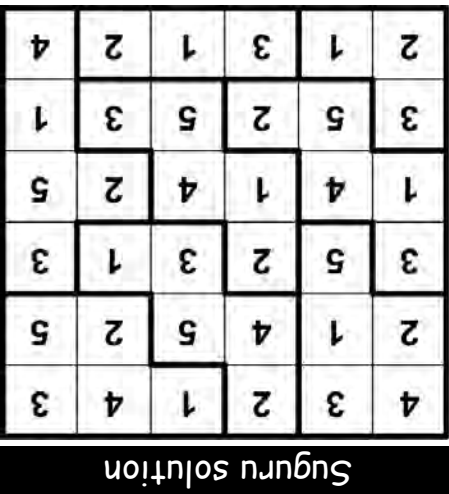
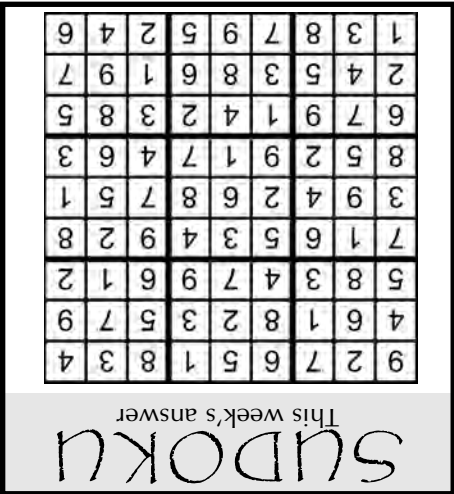
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THE TOWN OF RHINEBECK, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DUTCHESS, NEW YORK, AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$378,750, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$378,750 BONDS OF SAID COUNTY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF. **Specific object or purpose:** Preliminary planning expenses for slope stabilization on South Mill Road in the Town of Rhinebeck **Period of probable usefulness:** 5 years **Maximum estimated cost:** \$378,750 **Amount of bonds to be issued:** \$378,750 bonds **SEQRA status:** Type II Action

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this week’s puzzle solutions



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Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.

Suguru

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The heavy lines indicate areas, called cages, from one to five squares in size. Fill each cage with unique digits, counting up from 1. So for example a 2-square cage contains the numbers 1 and 2; and a 5-square cage contains the numbers from 1 to 5. Adjacent (touching) squares, even ones that touch diagonally, may never contain the same number.

THEME: THE 1950s

ACROSS

1. Deals a death blow

5. Large edible mushroom

8. Food safety agency, acr.

11. Auditioner's hope

12. Closing act

13. *Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, supposedly

15. Corset rod

16. Therefore

17. *"Lord of the Flies" shell

18. *Ed of TV

20. Sty sound

21. Pillow filler

22. Gastrointestinal tract

23. *Pooch on a 1950s skirt

26. Most cautious

30. Go wrong

31. Camels' relatives

34. Lake north of Cleveland

35. Wide open

37. Kind of conifer

38. Spectrum maker

39. Better than never

40. Portable stairs

42. Headdress

43. Tennis shoe

45. Triage nurse's measurements

47. Old horse

48. Film director Sergio

50. Band's work-related trip

52. *Slicked men's hairstyle

55. Does like a hot dog

56. Rod for a hot rod

57. Winter forecast

59. Be

60. Measurement, abbr.

61. U2 guitarist

62. *Clearasil target

63. Ballpark fig.

64. Wine choice

DOWN

1. Roman goddess of fertility

2. *Domino's nickname

3. German Mrs.

4. Coiffed

5. Turn pumpkin into Jack-o-Lantern

6. "Pomp and Circumstance" composer

7. Low-ranking worker

8. Certain Scandinavian

9. 52 cards

10. Fireplace mess

12. Beer mug

13. Use elbow grease

14. *First Black nominee of Oscar for Best Actor

19. City in Northern France

22. Neon or radon, e.g.

23. Church bell sounds

24. Liturgy instrument

25. Speak like Pericles

26. *June Cleaver's husband

27. "Fear of Flying" author Jong

28. Type of rug

29. Christmas help, pl.

32. Way, way off

33. *-Century Modern

36. *Charles Schulz creation

38. Newspapers and such

40. Chicken order

41. Calls forth

44. Eroded limestone landscape

46. Movie trailer, e.g.

48. Lumen per square meter, pl.

49. "Bravo! Bravo!", e.g.

50. Yellow ride

51. The Fonz: "Sit _____!"

52. Female equivalent of sir

53. _____European language

54. Fireplace fodder

55. *Candy in dispenser

58. Itsy-bitsy

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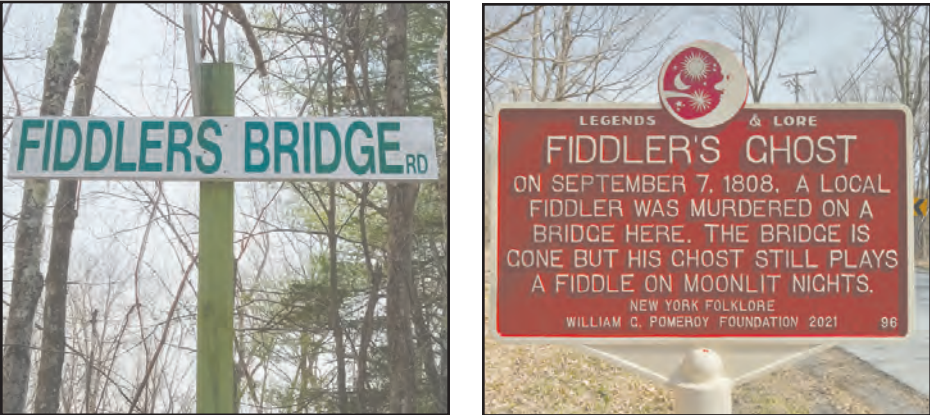
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Three intriguing Dutchess County names



Some intriguing location names in the area include, clockwise from top left, Amenia, Cricket Hill Road, Fiddlers Ghost and Fiddlers Bridge

-Photos by Francine Wizner and Glen White



I have been intrigued by several location names since moving to Dutchess County. People who've lived here their whole lives might not think much about the labels. But I was compelled to investigate and find out why were they so christened.

Local historians are valuable resources who have spent years investigating bygone times in this area. My contribution with this column is merely as a recent arrival interested in some of the more unique names and how the backstories of those monikers can be employed in education. Learning about the derivation of area names in a community can be a great conversation starter and helpful when teachable moments present themselves.

New York has lots of historic places
New York has 270 National Historic Landmarks, the most of any state. Nearly half of those landmarks are in Dutchess County! I found it helpful to review the history of Dutchess County within the larger state of New York before delving into specific location names.

Before there was a Dutchess County
The first peoples to live in present-day New York are estimated to have arrived in 10,000 BC. Around AD 800, the Iroquois' ancestors moved into the area from the Appalachians. The predecessors of the Algonquian peoples also lived in the region. By around 1100, the Iroquoian-speaking and Algonquian-speaking cultures that would eventually be encountered by Europeans had developed.

The Age of Exploration brought Europeans to the Americas. The land that includes present-day New York was a Dutch Colony known as New Netherland from 1614-1674. When the British conquered New Netherland, the colony and major city were renamed New York, in honor of the Duke of York.

The British considered the King to be the only source of legal title. Therefore, previous land purchases made from the Indians were invalidated. Large tracts of land in Dutchess County were divided among men of money and influence. Those land "patents" were granted to them by the British crown. The "proprietors" of those patents then conveyed smaller land allotments to others. Over time, towns developed.

The names of the land patents are reflected in Dutchess locations today. They include Rombout, Nine Partners', Rhinebeck, Beekman, and Oblong. Beyond those historical names, there are others that are quite unique, such as Crum Elbow, Shekomeko, and Spackenkill. But, here are the three most intriguing

Dutchess names, in the view of the HV Naturalist.

#3: Fiddlers Bridge Road
The road connecting Pleasant Plains to Schultztville commemorates a rather macabre event. According to legend, in 1808, a fiddler, who played at local dances, was murdered. His body was abandoned on a bridge, which has since been removed—but the road's name refers to its former presence.

#2: Amenia
The Latin word *amoena* means "beautiful." This name was coined by Thomas Young in 1762 when the precinct was formed. Young was a physician, poet, a writer of political pamphlets, and a Latin scholar, who also gave the State of Vermont its name: for the Green ("vert") Mountains ("mont") within the state. He also participated in the Boston Tea Party.

#1: Cricket Hill Road
Cricket Hill, at Buena Park in Chicago, is an artificial hill, built in 1948. It is 45 feet high. One explanation for the hill's moniker is that the location was formerly a cricket field. Another fun, if morbid, possibility, is that three elephants were killed in a circus train collision in the 1800s. One of the elephants is buried beneath the hill.

New York State Route 22 connects with Old Route 22 by way of Cricket Hill Road in Dover. The hill is 538 feet high, nearly twelve times the size of the hill in Chicago. Ergo, the other two circus elephants are probably buried in Dover. (All of the elephants performed under the stage name Cricket.)

But, seriously...
Documenting locations near where you live can help you understand the area better. It certainly did for me. Check out the places near you and learn how they came to be a part of your home. Maybe they've experienced some changes. There are probably aspects about them that remain unchanged. Explore how and why your geography exists as it does today!

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