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Stony Kill Farm hosts accessible outdoor activities for Get Outdoors & Get Together Day



Stony Kill Farm will host Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on June 14.

-Courtesy photo

By Kaeleigh Banda

New York's annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day will be celebrated across the state from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 14. In Dutchess County, Stony Kill Farm Environmental Education Center is hosting local activities including a bird walk, hikes, seed planting, open barn tours and orienteering as part of the day's festivities.

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day is organized by the Department of Environmental Conservation and State Parks along with their partners at the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, NYS Department of Veterans' Services, Office of the Chief Disability Officer, Office of Mental Health and the NYS Justice Center. Stony Kill is partnered with the Department of Environmental Conservation to create accessible features for its activities.

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Saint Rita to bring music of Kurt Weill, Edith Piaf to Howland Cultural Center

June 22 event to raise funds for BHS' German-American Partnership Program and HCC

By Kristine Coulter

Power-trio Saint Rita will host a performance as a dual benefit for the Howland Cultural Center (HCC) and for Beacon High School's German-American Partnership Program (GAPP). GAPP is a short-term student exchange program between Beacon High School and the Max Born Gymnasium in Munich, Germany. The trio, locals Kelly Ellenwood (vocals), Kathleen Bosman (violin/viola), and Stephen Clair (guitar), will bring what is described as an evening of "heartfelt exploration of the music of Kurt Weill and Edith Piaf." The performance will take place on Sunday, June 22, at 6 p.m., at Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. Nate Allen (double bass) and Brad Hubbard (woodwinds) will join the trio for the show.

Ellenwood told Beacon Free Press, "I also have pressed another colleague into service, the equally brilliant Timothy Brown, to facilitate pulling together the arrangements so that we can perform the program easily well into the future."

Ellenwood, an acclaimed soprano, stated, "The music will be familiar to many people, although they won't know exactly why! Kurt Weill, whose compositions are primarily



Power-trio Saint Rita, from left, Kathleen Bosman, Kelly Ellenwood and Stephen Clair, will host a fundraiser for the German-American Partnership Program and Howland Cultural Center on June 22 in Beacon.

-Courtesy photo by Katy O'Hagan

ly featured, has an interesting and truly relevant story for our times. He also famously stated, 'I have never acknowledged the difference between serious music and light music. There is only good music and bad music,' emphasizing his belief - and also mine - that music should be judged on its quality rather than its genre or intended audience. The music is not squarely "classical,"

nor can it be labeled "popular" - although dozens of contemporary rock, pop, classical, and others have covered it over the past 50 years, including David Bowie, The Doors, Lou Reed, PJ Harvey, Amanda Palmer, Bobby Darrin, Andy Williams, Teresa Stratas - the list goes on and on."

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24 new citizens take oath in ceremony at DC Fairgrounds

By Curtis Schmidt

Congratulations to the 24 new American citizens who took the Oath of Allegiance on Friday, June 6 at a Naturalization Ceremony hosted by Dutchess County Clerk Brad Kendall and presided over by the Honorable Judge Tracy MacKenzie at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds.

Coming from 21 different countries, County Executive Sue Serino and other county officials and community members welcomed these individuals to our country and the Dutchess County community.

The 21 countries included Albania, Antigua-Barbuda, Argentina, China, Colombia, Dominica, Egypt, France, Guatemala, Guyana, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea,

Taiwan, Ukraine and Vietnam.

In her opening remarks, Hon. MacKenzie told the candidates for citizenship, "I can safely say that today is a day that you will remember for the rest of your lives. Not because of what is said here by the distinguished speakers but by what you say when you take the Oath of Allegiance."

"Politicians will come and go. Stocks will rise and fall and rise again. As surely as day follows night, fall will follow summer to be followed by winter and spring again. But the decisions that have brought you to this moment will change your lives ... the lives of your daughters and sons and grandsons and granddaughters forever."

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A young mother, holding her new American Citizen certificate, and her son are pictured at the Naturalization Ceremony on June 6 at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds Welcome Center.

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Stacey Lynch Adnams, executive director of the Stony Kill Foundation, said the public programs are open to everyone to enjoy, including those with developmental disabilities.

“The Office for People with Developmental Disabilities is going to be on site,” Lynch Adnams said. “They started joining us about two years ago when they were really trying to make this whole event accessible for everybody. ... [There] will be a seed planting activity and maybe a couple different crafts. ... And that’s also open to anybody who shows up.”

Lynch Adnams said Stony Kill has received grants to help make the farm more accessible by improving the trails, adding ramps and ensuring accessible restrooms.

“We want everybody who comes to the farm to be able to enjoy it and to access all parts of the farm,” Lynch Adnams said. “Our most popular areas are our trails, our gardens and our barn. And so those areas are all made accessible, because that’s what the public needs. We are serving the public at Stony Hill. So we strive to make sure

everything is inclusive at the farm, and that anybody can come and enjoy.”

Stony Kill will have tours of its heritage livestock from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the barn. Lynch Adnams said heritage livestock are the equivalent of an endangered animal in the wild.

“These are animals that have a long history and aren’t necessarily raised throughout the United States,” Lynch Adnams said. “So, we cultivate a lot of these heritage animals at the farm to not only preserve their history but also preserve the genetics which can help further preserve other future species of livestock.”

Three of the main activities of Stony Kill’s Get Outdoors & Get Together Day are “Birding for Beginners,” the “Naturalist Walk” and “Intro to Orienteering.” Registration for those events is free and can be found under “Public Programs” on the Stony Kill website: <https://stonykill.org/>.

Lynch Adnams said it is a full day of outdoor activities which provides a space for visitors to appreciate their public spaces.

“This event is really nice for the public because it gives people a chance to try something they haven’t tried



Visitors to Stony Kill can visit the animals in the red barn during New York’s annual Get Outdoors & Get Together Day on June 14.

-Photo by Kristine Coulter

before,” Lynch Adnams said. “If you’ve never gone birding, it’s actually quite fun. Since we have so many species of birds at the farm, you’re going to definitely see something. And it gets people

outside and off of their phones. ... We offer different public programs on the weekends and events throughout the year, so it gives people a chance to see the kind of things that we offer.”

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Why is the trio named Saint Rita?

“Saint Rita is the patron saint of the impossible! Stephen Clair made the suggestion for a couple of reasons, but primarily because Edith Piaf, whose music will be featured, asked her friends to pray to Saint Rita in her last moments before her death. It seemed apt, especially since we are all so busy and have a hard time finding the time to rehearse,” explained Ellenwood. She continued, “I’m thrilled that we are finally able to do this concert after a couple of delays, and my colleagues all agree that we will continue to perform it together in the future. This process has been incredibly satisfying for me artistically, and I can’t wait to share it with a new audience.”

BHS students to travel to Germany

There are 18 sophomores (soon-to-be rising juniors) participating in GAPP, said Ellenwood. “Four of the students

received scholarships from the GAPP to offset costs of the trip, and this group and their families have been great to work with, especially in welcoming the delegates from Germany last Fall,” Ellenwood explained.

One of the delegates is Stella Reinke.

“I want to participate in this program for the experience that I get. The global connections are so meaningful and I’ve made a friend for life. Not only for the social aspect, but for the learning aspect. I’ve learned so much about German culture and am so excited to travel to Germany. My brother also did this program two years ago as well, and while visiting my host sibling I will also have the opportunity to reconnect with his exchange student from the previous year,” explained Stella.

What does Stella hope to learn from participating in the program?

“I hope to learn more about German culture and connect with more people. I want to learn foreign connections, customs and language. I’m so excited to travel and explore a country that I’ve never been to,” replied Stella.

The benefits of a program like this extend well beyond the students that are directly taking part, said Ellenwood.

“Our community and the school benefit from welcoming students from another culture to live with us for two weeks in the fall. We Americans sometimes forget that there is a whole world out there that lives differently, speaks differently, eats differently, learns differently, and has an entire culture that is not dependent on the American way of life. Meeting and getting to know an individual from another culture is so important to our growth as citizens of the world,” Ellenwood stated.

Another delegate in the program is Charlotte Bowen. Charlotte explained, “I wanted to participate in this program because I have always had a certain fascination with learning about different cultures and traveling around the world. I thought this program would allow me to dive deeper into what day-to-day life looks like in another country, and most importantly make new and lasting friendships!”

Charlotte said, “I hope to leave with an even greater appreciation of the world

around me and make connections with others that will last a lifetime!”

Ellenwood noted: “I also think it is important for kids to safely experience being a little uncomfortable - the growth that occurs afterwards is phenomenal. They will also learn and experience things that they may have only read about in a textbook. I am so proud of all of the students and their families that took this chance! That being said, each Delegate will have a unique experience as well. One of last year’s delegates even self-taught herself German and recently received a Bilingual Literacy award - which is just amazing; another student who included it on her college essay, received positive comments and consequently was admitted to a prestigious program.”

Ellenwood added, “I’m thrilled to announce that after three years, the BCSD will be continuing the program, as I transition away as the organizer. It has been my pleasure and privilege, but time to give this program the wings it deserves!”

Tickets \$20 and can be purchased at the door or at howlandculturalcenter.org.

BVAC receives approval to provide paramedic-level Advanced Life Support services

The Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BVAC) has announced that it has received formal approval from the Hudson Valley Regional Medical Advisory Committee to provide Paramedic-level Advanced Life Support services to the community. This milestone marks a significant advancement in

BVAC’s commitment to delivering high-quality pre-hospital care.

BVAC currently operates as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) agency. With REMAC’s approval, the organization is now working diligently toward the next phase: becoming fully operational as a

Paramedic-level ALS provider, states BVAC in a statement.

This approval is a major step forward in our mission to enhance emergency medical services for the residents of Beacon and the surrounding area, according to BVAC. They are incredibly proud of the progress their team has made, and they are focused on building the infrastructure, training, and resources needed to support Paramedic-level care, it was noted.

The transition to providing Paramedic-level ALS will allow BVAC to offer a broader scope of life-saving interventions, including advanced airway management,

cardiac monitoring, and administration of a wider range of emergency medications, state BVAC. These capabilities are critical in time-sensitive emergencies such as cardiac arrests, strokes, and traumas.

BVAC extends its gratitude to the Hudson Valley REMAC for its guidance and support, and to the dedicated volunteers, employees, and community members who continue to make this progress possible.

For more information about BVAC’s services or to learn how to volunteer or support the organization, please visit <https://www.beaconvac.org>.



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‘Way to Work’ program offers transportation to six families



Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino and staff from the County’s Department of Community and Family Services congratulate the “Way to Work” program participants who earned vehicles on June 4. The presentation took place in Poughkeepsie.

Charity works tirelessly as an overnight security officer, dedicated to protecting others while also raising her son on her own. Each day and night, she juggles the demands of her job with the responsibility of getting her child to and from school. Without reliable transportation, this balancing act is even harder.

On June 4th, Charity received help to meet both important tasks and build a bright future for herself and her son.

Following months of dedication, attending classes and workshops as part of Dutchess County’s “Way to Work” program, Charity and five other low-income County residents who are eligible for temporary assistance earned gently used vehicles, presented to them today by County Executive Sue Serino, to help them obtain and retain employment; acquire jobs with more hours or higher pay or gain access to higher education.

Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “To raise healthy, successful families, parents need dependable transportation to ensure they can get to work. Today’s six recipients have truly earned the vehicles they’re receiving by dedicating time and energy toward building a better future for themselves and their families. Dutchess County is proud to support them with the opportunity, training and resources to thrive.”

The “Way to Work” employment empowerment program is a partnership between the County’s Department of

Community & Family Services (DCFS) and the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board (DCWIB) that assists residents who are receiving, or are eligible to receive, public assistance address their transportation barriers and support them on their path to self-reliance. Qualified participants must come from a family that receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or whose family income is less than 200 percent of the poverty level.

The program is committed to helping participants access transportation solutions that support their employment goals. Residents are selected for the program based on their limited income and a work-related need for transportation. Participants are also expected to demonstrate dedication and perseverance in working toward financial self-sufficiency.

“Way to Work” includes a range of services, such as financial and vehicle care literacy seminars, a financial bootcamp, a credit score improvement workshop and assistance with vehicle registration and insurance, as well as job readiness tools, budgeting skills training and career development resources necessary to secure and retain employment. As the culmination of their months of hard work, each “Way to Work” recipient was presented today with a pre-owned vehicle they’ve earned during a ceremony held at the DCWIB in Poughkeepsie; vehicles are inspected and prepared for use by local



“Way to Work” participant Charity, right, receives keys from Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino to a vehicle she’s earned by completing the “Way to Work” program.
-Courtesy photos Dutchess County Gov’t

automotive partners.

Other vehicle recipients include:

Amirah, a Direct Support Professional who spends her days caring for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities while returning home to take care of her young son;

Mary, a committed mother of two young children who works full-time – both weekdays and weekends – to support her family;

Kiana, a mother of two balancing the responsibilities of raising her children while working as a Certified Nursing Assistant at a local rehabilitation and nursing center;

Robyn, a determined parent who works long hours at a manufacturing company to support her 10-year-old daughter and lacked reliable transportation; and

Kristyn, a full-time bus driver committed to safely transporting others, but struggled with her own transportation while juggling the demands of motherhood and work.

DCFS Assistant Commissioner for Youth Services Karmen Smallwood, herself a former “Way to Work” vehicle recipient, was today’s keynote speaker, inspiring today’s recipients with her personal success story.

Each time a family earns a car from “Way to Work” and no longer relies on temporary assistance, Dutchess County saves \$1,614 per month; that amount, over a year, equals the price of a used vehicle. Since the program began, 90 percent of recipients have continued to stay off temporary assistance.

The “Way to Work” program is one of a multitude of programs and initiatives that DCFS has to help people achieve independence.

DCFS Commissioner Sabrina Jaar Marzouka said, “Dutchess County residents who have been devoted to making a better life for themselves and their families, and who have worked to achieve it, have found success through the ‘Way to

Work’ program. Every person has unique needs, and at DCFS we help them reach their full potential. Our department is incredibly proud of this initiative and the families it has supported, as they exemplify the meaningful impact DCFS strives to make every day.”

For more than 25 years, the “Way to Work” program has benefited more than 3600 families, providing 939 cars, along with registration and car insurance deposits. Additionally, 323 County residents have gained their New York State learner’s permit; (1,902) people participated in driving experience classes; 526 individuals completed the five-hour, pre-licensing class; 505 passed their state road test and earned a driver’s license; and 779 vehicle repairs were approved on behalf of program participants.

DCWIB Executive Director Louise McLoughlin said, “The ‘Way to Work’ program remains dedicated to helping participants who are ready to commit and take the steps needed to achieve success. The Workforce Investment Board values our strong partnership with Dutchess County, which helps provide dependable transportation for residents working toward self-sufficiency. We look forward to seeing the program continue to positively impact so many lives.”

“Way to Work” is solely for low-income and TANF-eligible residents. Qualified residents who are interested in applying for the months-long “Way to Work” program can contact Taylor O’Donnell, Associate Director at the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board, at taylor@dcwib.org or 845-249-4642. Additional information about the “Way to Work” program, including income eligibility requirements and an application, are available on the DCWIB’s website: dutchess-estop.org/Way%20to%20Work%20Dutchess.

Kyriacou statement regarding Beacon on now withdrawn DHS list

By Kristine Coulter

Mayor Lee Kyriacou read a statement during the City Council meeting on June 2. The statement was regarding the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

“The Department of Homeland Security issued a list, which has apparently been withdrawn, of cities, counties and states that are quote “deliberately obstructing the enforcement of federal immigration laws and endangering American citizens,” unquote, which list includes the City of Beacon. It is absolutely not the case that the city is deliberately obstructing enforcement of immigration laws. While the city has yet to receive any formal communication from the federal government, we remain confident that the city is abiding by all applicable state and federal laws and judicial orders,” read Kyriacou.

He added: “Our city and Police Department remain committed to protecting public safety, and any statements to the contrary are presumably misleading and inaccurate.”

The Department of Homeland Security did not immediately return an inquiry for comment.

According to reports, a list, “Sanctuary Jurisdictions Defying Federal Immigration,” of more than 500 cities, counties and states was published at the end of May, on the DHS website. The page has since been taken down and now states page not found.

In 2017, during President Donald Trump’s first presidential term, the then-City Council passed a resolution to be a “welcoming, safe and inclusive” community, and did not use the word sanctuary.

According to the resolution, “the City Council relied upon the recommendations and legal analysis set forth in the New York State Attorney General’s Guidance and Model Provision (rev. 3/12/17) concerning the limitation which municipalities may lawfully observe insofar as their participation in federal immigration activities, has received advice on this matter from the city Attorney, and has carefully considered the input received from its Police Chief.”

Dutchess County was also on the list. In a statement released at that time, before the list was removed, Dutchess County Executive Sue Serino said, “Dutchess County should not appear on the Department of Homeland Security’s (DHS) sanctuary jurisdiction list. It is unclear how this list was developed, as DHS has not contacted us with any concerns, and the Dutchess County Legislature has never adopted any resolution relating to sanctuary jurisdiction. We have reached out to our federal representatives for further clarity as well as assistance in removing Dutchess County from this list.”

A spokesperson for Serino noted that the Dutchess County Legislature has never passed any resolution relating to being a sanctuary county.

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New dispensary opens with ribbon-cutting ceremony in Beacon



The Grand Opening of Hudson Valley Jane, Farm-to-Main-Street, a cannabis dispensary, opened its doors Saturday, June 7 at 544 Main Street in Beacon.

-Courtesy photos

The rain may have been falling, but it didn't stop the Beacon community from showing up to celebrate the Grand Opening of Hudson Valley Jane, Farm-to-Main-Street cannabis dispensary that officially opened its doors Saturday in the heart of downtown at 544 Main Street.

Nestled in a red brick storefront styled like a cozy country farmstand, Hudson Valley Jane brings a fresh, hyper-local take on cannabis retail—offering small-batch flower and products grown on its nearby farm in Ancram. As one of the first 50 cannabis micro-licensees in New York State, Hudson Valley Jane controls its entire seed-to-sale process, with cultivation, processing, and retail all under one business.

Despite the rainy weather, Beacon residents and visitors gathered to explore the new boutique shop, meet founders Stacey Shurgin and Ben Weiner, and take part in the

festivities—including official Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Green Goddess giveaways that added an extra dose of fun and community celebration.

The shop's opening marks a significant milestone for New York's emerging cannabis market—especially for small, independently owned businesses rooted in local agriculture and sustainability. Hudson Valley Jane's state-of-the-art greenhouse uses geothermal climate control and rainwater-capture systems. The business also offers hands-on opportunities for students in local cannabis programs and plans to donate fresh produce from its farm to nearby food pantries through its soil-reuse initiative.

"We're proud to be part of this community and to show people exactly where their cannabis comes from," said co-founder Stacey Shurgin. "It's about connection, education, and offering something that's both high-quality and homegrown."

Beacon's Spring City-Wide Yard Sale set for June 14

City of Beacon's annual Spring City-Wide Yard Sale is set for Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

One can list a yard sale for \$10 or talk to your neighbors and list 3 for \$20. One's sale is by street address and cross street. This list will be available to shoppers on the morning of the sale as well as online

for the weeks leading up to the sale. One will also receive a yard sale sign to mark your house on the day of the sale. The registration deadline is Wednesday, June 11.

Note: Any signs posted by sellers are the seller's responsibility for removal and proper disposal after the City-Wide Yard Sale has concluded.

Annual Juneteenth Riverfront Festival set for June 19

Beacon's Juneteenth Riverfront Festival will be held on Thursday, June 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Pete & Toshi

Seeger Riverfront Park in Beacon. The annual event is presented by Bosco & The Storm and Beacon4BlackLives.

Beacon Police Blotter

The following is from the City of Beacon Police Department.

May 16: Fraud-Mason Circle- Caller reported being a victim of fraud. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 17: Parking- Officers responded to a call for a vehicle blocking a driveway. After several attempts to contact owner, tickets were issued and the vehicle was towed. Report on file.

May 17: Traffic Stop-Main Street-Rauny Pujouls, 37, of Marlborough, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Operation 3rd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

May 19: Larceny-Main Street-Shannon D. Henry Jones, 56, of Beacon, was charged with Petit Larceny.

May 21: Warrant- Municipal Plaza-Lauren Deluca, 36, of Beacon, was processed on an open Bench Warrant.

May 23: Auto Accident- Main Street-Sekita Cumberbatch, 39, of Beacon, was charged with DWI & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

May 24: Larceny from a Vehicle- Caller reported items taken from her glove box.

Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 25: Auto Accident- Hit & Run-Main Street- Caller reported witnessing a vehicle backing into her vehicle. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 27: Unattended Death- Beacon- Officers responded to a call for an Unattended Death. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 29: Larceny-Wolcott Avenue-Caliel W. Daughtry, 20, of Beacon, was charged with Petit Larceny.

May 30: Animal Complaint-East Main Street- Caller reported being bitten by a dog. Report taken. Investigation conducted.

May 31: Traffic Stop- Rock Hill Road-Aaron E. Duffy, 38, of Cold Spring, Putnam County, was charged with Aggravated Unlicensed Driver 2nd & Miscellaneous Vehicle & Traffic Violations.

May 31: Unwanted Party-Liberty Street- Michael S. Horton, 36, of Beacon, wash charged with Criminal Contempt.

Number of Calls: 311
Auto Accidents: 20
Domestics: 1.

Beacon Police warn of scam

On the City of Beacon Police Department's Facebook page, it was posted last week: "[A] resident clicked a link that locked their computer. They then received a call from an individual claiming to be Chief [Thomas] Figlia telling them that they had a warrant for their arrest and if they did not pay money they would be arrested. THIS IS A SCAM. Luckily they called here before doing anything further. The City of Beacon Police Department WILL NEVER call you asking for money, nor will any of its members."

According to the post, "The only circumstance where you might see something ref-

erencing the Beacon Police asking for payment from an offense is for overdue parking tickets from our parking ticket processor. Any other criminal justice related payment goes through the courts. If you ever receive a call claiming to be the Beacon Police asking for money, even if it's coming from our number, please hang up and dial 845-831-4111 because scammers also spoof phone numbers.

If one ever receive something in the mail referencing the Beacon Police and one has any doubt whatsoever about its legitimacy, please call 845-831-4111 before doing anything further.

Key of Q concert at Howland Cultural Center on June 20

It's "Divas!" A spring concert by the Key of Q chorus will be held on Friday, June 20, 7 p.m. at Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., in Beacon. This concert pays tribute to the trailblazers,

powerhouses and icons who shaped queer culture and the anthems that defined generations.

For tickets, visit howlandculturalcenter.org.

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BHS administration announces honor roll students

The administration at Beacon High School recently announced the students on the Honor Roll for the 3rd quarter. The students are:

9th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Owen Allee, Noa Buckland, Skylar Carr, Lia Cosentino, Claire Cumming, Evelyn DePalma, Maysie Doyle, Joseline Duran, Saoirse Fehilly, Henry Gute, Alejandro Herrera, Maximilian Kong, Justin Mann, Louise Mauks, Desmond McGrath, Uswah Mohammed Murtada, Zora Nicholls, Oscar Pages, James Reyes, Nathaniel Salvati, Evangeline Santise, Hazel Schein, Violet Schilling, Shane Signorelli, Gonzalo Soria Velecela, Caellum Tripaldi, Owen Youatt

High Honor Roll

Kaylyn Adusei, Jacqueline Albra, Loreimi Alcantara, Abigail Atkins, Kiersten Barber, Lily Berry, Brennah Brace, Gavin Bruno, Wyatt Burgos, Erica Cabrera, Sarah Camara, Zahara Cone, Andrea Delgado, Jake DeLuise, Kaileigh Edie, Abilena Eriksmoen, Christa George, Mckenna Griffin, Maeve Haley, Zoe Hammond, Jayden Harrison, Jose Hernandez Canelo, Drew Kelly, Heidi Maeng, Bethlee Manzano Cabello, Josue Martell, Ruby Martin, Victoria Maruggi, Oliver Meyer, Elise Moran, Claire Morgan, Emily Nivicela Jarama, Payton O’Connell, Sofia Posso Salcedo, Austin Ricketts, Maeve Rinaldi, Khloe Roci, Giana Rodriguez, Mackinley Roland, Isabella Ruffy, Benjamin Seaman, Hunter Smith, Eliza Verdichizzi, Derek Waltke, Hayden Wilson, Luna Yawman, Trey Zapencki

Honor Roll

Mark Aakjar III, Kiann Allen, Madison Beltran, Jayla Bunch, Hawah Camara, Anthony Castano, Henry Cerchiara, Amari Clarke, Ramon Dewey-Brink, Ryan DiNobile, Leah Fahlman, Kyle Fairbanks, SaRiah Faust, Richard Ferdinand, Jonah Hanby, Gauge Heeter, Brianna Hunt, Leon Kaliqani, Shayne Maxaner, Stephen Miller, Braelyn Milligan, Gabriel Montleon, Jessica Morocho Llivipuma, Ismael Munoz, Charlotte Netboy, Thyler Patino Albarracin, Luca Ragone, Caleb Ramirez, Luis Ramon, Thalia Rodriguez, Bowie Roy, Vardan Singh, Olivia Viola, Caleb Wells-McGurk, Cayden Williams, Jude Williams, Josefina Zezza, Nicholas Zippo

10th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Mikayla Acevedo, Maayan Alon, Atlas Baltz, Charlotte Bowen, Jerry Chen, Terry Chen, Shannon Colandrea, Theodore Concepcion, Zamaya Cone, Caroline Diaz, Naim Dika, Elijah Epps, Fionn Fehilly, Lily Figlia, Khloe Franklin, Emilio Guerra, Elma-Taherin Hassan, Miguel Herrera, Shaun Jabar, Ruby King, Wenang Kobarsih, Katelyn Kong, Mary Lopez, Lily Mack, Ash Marcus, Ethan Maxaner, Victoria McKay, Isaac McKible, Lily Murr, Levi Partlow, Julian Rivers, John Rose, Charlotte Rossi, Finn Simons, Elias Smith, Declan Sprague, Januario Stageman, Harper Strang, Elliott Thorne, Isaac Tschang, Jesse Vermeulen, Julie Whittemore

High Honor Roll

Molly-Rose Archer, Tamirnesh Bernstein, Savannah Brace, Juniper Breault, Aniyah Brown, Myasia Burch, Magdalena del Puerto-Vitti, Travis Dickston, Ka’Dera Elliott, Hailey Fish, William Flynn, Hudson Fontaine, Kayla Gerardes, Ayham Ghazzawi, Maliah Graham, Julian Hannah, August Hayes, Ryan Huynh, Molly Lyons, Kaycee Matos, Shyanne McNair, Gianna Mercer, Joseph Pallone, Sarah Ramkalawon, Lillian Ray, Stella Reinke, Olivia Reynolds, Katherine Sendelbach, Caeleb Smith, Tabitha Smith-White, Gavin Troiano, Farrah VanCott, Nolan Varricchio, Rudolph Vergolina, Fabiola Vogrincic, Aslynn Way, Lila Welsh, Parker White

Honor Roll

Savannah Acuti, Cecilia Allee, Emma Bellis, Giovanna Bottiglieri, Giovanni Bowley, Casey Brandstrom, Hartley

Brickman, Emily Coldrick, Misleidy Cruz Cruz, Mateo Cruz, Angeleah Decker, Ethan Diaz, Victoria Diaz, Tyler Evans, Khordae Facey, Adriana Fazioli, Brandon Fremer, Leo Garcia, Emanuel Gomez, Cole Heath, Elidonya Hudson, Syeira Kozlik, Jayden Lassiter, Yadriana Manzano Cabello, Ryan Mowen, Madelyn Pellerin, Brady Philipbar, Amari Powell, Bella Ridore, Samuel Riquelme Jr., Sebastian Roquel, Abdul-Rahman Sayibu, Za’layni Shand, Stella Sheehy, Jamir Spence, Kiarra Tice, Connor Varricchio, Aine Woods

11th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Nadeen Ahmed, Alianna Alijaj, Farhana Antora, Christian Clay, Peter Cohen, Tye Elias, Jonah Espinosa, Marisah George, Samiha Golden, Zenia Haris, Alina Joseph, Oren Kelleher, Gabrielle Khalil, Savana Kush, Alma Mart, Aril McKee, Oscar McKible, Mira Miller, Annabelle Notarthomas, Liliana Rybak, Kayla Selander, Anna Sevastianova

High Honor Roll

Madison Abrahamson, Emanuele Bagala, Logan Blum, James Bouchard III, Ella Brill, Alexander Browning, Serenity Bunn, Skylar Clair, Gabriel Godbee, Javier Gutierrez Jr., Kayla Hammond, Dylan Hetrick, Ayden Hooten, Taylor Kelliher, Griffin Kitzrow, Kiran Kumar, Carlos Lampon III, Prince Langford-Jones, Aron Li, June Luedeman, Caleb Pfetzing, Julian Sala, Julius Sala, Zachary Schetter, Thomas Senior, Wilmer Sinchi Jimbo, Gannon Statini-Perez, Clive Stewart, Jonathan Trentacosta, Ri’Kya White

Honor Roll

Macy Alencastro, Eduardo Arellano, Ashland Assael, Mira Bagriyanik, Amari Battle, Mackenzie Campbell, Parker Capawana, Lola Ciccone, Christine Clemons-Simmons, Diego Dickinson Case Leal, Teo Fairbanks, Jeremiah Hardwell Jr., Grace Hockler, Ruby Hotchkiss, Jaden Jones, Everly Jordan, Cameron Just, Maceo Koerner, Ryan Landisi, Isabella Lee, Josiah Lind, Tania Lindsay, Brayden Manning, Aiden Montleon, Khiana Nicholson, Brea O’Flaherty, Adrien Okoye, Richie Omira, Roman Proft, Elijah Rupp, Annabelle Scher, Desirae Smith, Anibal Soto III, Rihanna Taylor, Vinicius Trichinato, George Walker, Alexander Young

12th Grade

Principal’s Honor Roll

Beckett Anderson, Anabelle Arginsky, Taryn Beardsley, Isabel Bunker, Christine Chen, Tayler Finley, Willa Freedman, Mackenzie Harman, Lani Lopez, Josephine Mallon, Addison Miller, Genan Mohammed Murtada, Nathan Richardson, Jax Spodek, Serena Stampleman, Ava Zeoli, Francis Zezza

High Honor Roll

Kendall Alston, Isabella Baffuto, Jude Betancourt, Sally Betterbid, Daniel Bridges, Jaidyn Cacommo, Evelina Diebboll, Messiah Gardner, Justin Gerardes, Fallon Groza, Sarah Jaafar, Jeannae’Jean-Francois, Karma Jones, Charlie Klein, Vincent Komer, Rory LaDue, Reilly Landisi, Allen McKay, Jada Medley, Emma Merola, Madison Mianti, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Evelynnn-Jane Moreno, Lindsay Pedersen, Josue Pintado , Shilo Reynolds, Daveya Rodriguez, Bethany Rudolph, Breanna Rudolph, Katherine Ruffy, Gabriel Salcedo, Anastasia Santise, Samiratu Sayibu, Jacob Signorelli, Emma Soltish, Amya Thompson, Sevana West, Charles Zellinger

Honor Roll

Riley Adnams, Mason Alencastro, Kevin Beal, Ahmaria Bunn, Lila Burke, Devin Byrne, Catherine Calle-Ortiz, Avery Davis, Lucas Foret, AvaMaria Gianna, Ja’mes Gorden, Arianna Gowie, Bailey Hernandez, Samuel Hutchison, Brady Juhn, Luke Kozlik, Rowan Lane, Paige McCredo, Ryann Meyer, Annalea Miller, Ronan Moran, Rory Mowen, Connor Murphy, Amelia Padilla, Brianna Perez-Sample, Anjani Powell, Albion Qelaj, Matthew Reeves, Jalsysia Robinson, Jenna Serino, Kayli Shand, Makhi Smith, Natalia

Sulsona, Mika-Gisselle Tates, Rayana Taylor, Sortia Tripaldi, Sharod Tuggle, Sierra VanDemark, Rayan Wandji Nzwessa, Holly Whittemore, Joseph Williams, Malcolm Wilson, Saniyah Wiltshire, Saoires Woods

Boces CTI High Honor Roll

Serenity Bunn, Jeremiah Hardwell, Amaya Hernandez, Ryann Meyer, Darryl Montgomery Jr., Aiden Montleon,

Boces CTI Honor Roll

Ahmaria Bunn, Anajah Lamb, Julia McGuire-Soellner, Brianna Perez-Sample, Michael Ramos, Codie Reinoehl, Pedro Rivera III, Julius Sala, Makhi Smith, Brayden Vlasaty.

Haldane students honored by Beacon Elks



Beacon Elks Lodge #1493 recognized the Haldane Middle School Students of the Month (April 2025) during a certificate ceremony on May 14.

Pictured from left, Jeanine McAuley, Exalted Ruler, Beacon Elks Lodge; Maura Tomann, 8th grade recipient; Kaya Grahan, 7th grade recipient; Brynn Cavanaugh 6th grade recipient and Cathy Oken, Youth Activities Chair.

Students who are recognized as Elks Student(s) of the Month are nominated by their teacher(s) and were chosen for their kindness, helpfulness, and offering support to classmates.

“Our Student of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication by the student, with the overall goal of encouraging students to continue their great work,” said McAuley. “We hope these students – and all students – continue to excel in their studies.”

Students of the Month receive a certificate of achievement and a gift certificate to a local business. The Elks thank Cold Spring Pizza for supporting this month’s students.

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RENEGADES ROUNDUP

Strong pitching helps Renegades to series split

By Morgan E. Maier

The Hudson Valley Renegades needed to bounce back this week. Following another series split with the Ironbirds, the Renegades hold a 4.5 game lead on the third position in the South Atlantic League (SAL). Some early-inning heroics for the slow-starting squad and a spot start from Somerset's Bailey Dees offered what Hudson Valley was hunting on this road trip. Five straight 7:05 p.m. start times helped the visitors a bit, as the Renegades move best under the brightest lights.

Pitching prowess

Renegades pitchers have allowed the fewest hits in the SAL with 344. This week, Hudson Valley allowed just 12 hits in its three wins. The Renegades held Aberdeen scoreless for 24 straight innings before a late-inning push on June 7 broke the streak.

Seven strong innings from Dees held Aberdeen to one hit on June 6, and put a third straight in the Renegades' win column. Hudson Valley pitching also has the league's lowest WHIP (walks and hits per inning pitched) with 1.08. Baserunners' chances of getting on base are significantly lower with Renegades on the mound.

Omar, Jackson, Tomas, and Coby

Renegades earned the series edge with back-to-back offensive showcases, scoring 19 runs on 23 hits after dropping the opening game by one run. Hudson Valley soared in 8-1 and 11-2 victories. Omar Martinez and Jackson Castillo are leading the Renegades with 32 and 31 runs batted in, respectively, placing them in the SAL's top 10. Tomas Frick and Coby Morales led the charge on June 4,

combining for five hits and three home runs. Frick had a five RBI night, while Morales was 3-5 with a home run and a triple.

The next night, Martinez drew early blood, a sharp line drive to give the Renegades a lead in the opening frame. Aberdeen pulled away 2-1 on a bottom-first sacrifice fly, then Castillo scored Dillon Lewis the same way in the top of the fifth. Frick added the insurance run in the sixth, his RBI single sandwiched between two two-run home runs to blow the game open. Castillo finished 2-4 on the night, one of five Renegades (Lewis, Parks Harber, Brenny Escanio, and Frick) with two or more hits.

Wild ending

The Renegades lost the final two games of the series to settle for the split. On June 7, a walk-off wild pitch secured a Saturday win for

Aberdeen. In the series finale, the Renegades' late push wasn't enough, twice. MLB rehabber Jake Cousins allowed the game-tying run on one that sailed to the backboard, then Aberdeen went on, despite a 2-1 Renegades lead on a Parks Harber single. The Ironbirds didn't get a hit in the bottom of the tenth, yet came out with an extra-inning win on Saturday.

The Renegades (34-22) will head down I-95 to host league RBI leader Miguel Bleis and the fifth-place Greenville Drive (30-27) this week. The Hudson Valley has not faced its South Carolinian rivals since 2023, but the Drive are on a hot streak, winning four in a row against the Rome Emperors. With a 9-5 record (.653) in all-time matchups, the Renegades will host these unfamiliar foes for another week of fun at Heritage Financial Park.

League Standings

SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE NORTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Brooklyn NYM	39	18	.684	-	7-3	L1
Greensboro PIT	37	19	.661	1.5	5-5	W1
Hudson Valley NYN	34	22	.607	4.5	4-6	L2
Wilmington WSH	24	33	.421	15.0	6-4	W1
Aberdeen BAL	22	35	.386	17.0	3-7	W2
Jersey Shore PHI	21	35	.375	17.5	4-6	W3
SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE SOUTH						
	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STRK
Bowling Green TB	30	26	.536	-	5-5	L3
Greenville BOS	30	27	.526	0.5	8-2	W4
Hub City TEX	30	27	.526	0.5	5-5	L1
Rome ATL	27	30	.474	3.5	3-7	L4
Asheville HOU	25	32	.439	5.5	5-5	L3
Winston-Salem CWS	21	36	.368	9.5	5-5	W3



Home Schedule

June			
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
07/09/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Jewish Heritage Night Wine Wednesday Presented By Benmarl Winery
07/10/25	vs. Asheville	06:35 PM	Union Night Blue Renegades Replica Jersey Giveaway Presented By Heritage Financial Credit Union
07/11/25	vs. Asheville	07:05 PM	Italian Heritage Night Fireworks Friday
07/12/25	vs. Asheville	05:05 PM	Beach Night Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway Presented By Hannaford Supermarkets
07/13/25	vs. Asheville	02:05 PM	Gades 5K Star Wars Day





Renegades Extra!



Lewis, Vargas bring hitting, speed to Renegades' lineup

By Morgan E. Maier

In two ways, minor league baseball is a game of promotions. From April to September, fans receive a nightly schedule of entertainment and weekly shakeups of rosters. As they close out the opening half of the season, the Hudson Valley Renegades have added two names to the list, a first-year player in outfielder Dillon Lewis and a familiar face in two-season alum Alexander Vargas.

OF Dillon Lewis is a 2024 Draft, Round 13, Pick 391.

Before his promotion from the Single-A Tampa Tarpons, Lewis was hitting .250 with 29 RBI and 9 home runs. With 13 stolen bases with Tampa, Lewis could fill the gap left by the team's leader in stolen bases, Brendan Jones (23).

Lewis was born in Columbia, Maryland, just an hour southwest of Aberdeen, where he debuted for the Renegades on June 3. He notched his first High-A hit that night, one bright note of a 3-2 Renegades loss, and the first of a four-game hit streak.

Figures. Lewis likes to get things started from day one. In his professional debut down in Single-A, Lewis recorded his first hit, stolen base, and first home run - in that order!

Lewis recorded three home runs in his last Single-A series, facing the Dunedin Blue Jays from May 20-25. In his Tampa sendoff, Lewis went off for 3 RBI in a 9-

5 Tarpons finale win.

Drafted in the 13th round out of Queens University of Charlotte, Lewis had a record-shattering junior season that impressed the Yankees' scouts. Breaking the program's single-season records in home runs, runs, RBIs, and hits, Lewis was named a 2024 First Team All-Conference selection in the Atlantic Sun Conference. As the Royals' everyday left fielder, he recorded a 1.000 fielding percentage in 107 putouts for his final collegiate season.

With an offense that has improved steadily since his professional debut, Lewis adds a much-needed spark to the front of the Renegades lineup. He picked up his first multihit performance in Aberdeen on June 5, with his first High-A home run, a triple, and 2 RBI.

INF Alexander Vargas is a switch-hitter and versatile infielder and he returns to the Renegades after 39 games at AA Somerset.

Vargas came out hot to start 2024, with five RBIs in as many games. Finishing the season in Somerset, Vargas ended the season with half as many strikeouts as he did in 2023. A season prior, he was third on the Renegades with 116 punchouts.

Over 39 games with Somerset this season, Vargas had 29 hits and 13 RBIs. The speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base.



Alexander Vargas' speed on the basepaths makes up in bounds what he's lacking in power hitting, but Vargas consistently gets on base.

-Photo by Dave Janosz

Just 23 years old, Vargas has moved through the Yankees organization since being signed in 2018. Vargas's most magical moment came on a late, muggy August night in 2023, as his 12th-inning walk-off home run finally put the Jersey Shore BlueClaws to bed. He finished 4-6 with four RBI on the night.

Like Lewis, Vargas launched a home run on June 5, his first hit since re-joining the Renegades. An eighth-inning sacrifice fly on June 3 put the Renegades in reach of Aberdeen's wire-to-wire lead. Though the late-game rally ultimately fell short, Vargas notched his first RBI since his return to Hudson Valley.

Retired jerseys hold special spots in memories for everyone

By Morgan E. Maier

As the Seattle Mariners announced plans to retire the #51 jersey for both Randy Johnson and Ichiro Suzuki, baseball fans are reminded that every team's retired jersey holds a spot in the memories of franchises, spectators and front offices alike. The Hudson Valley Renegades have their own set of numbers that will never again take the field at Heritage Financial Park.

Rookie & Rene, #94

Flagship Renegades mascots Rookie and Rene served for decades as the faces of the organization. Number 94 is retired in their honor as a nod to the inaugural Renegades season, 1994. After two decades of morale-boosting feats in summer baseball, including an on-field wedding and the coming of their successor Rascal, Rookie and Rene now enjoy their retirement in Florida like any old snowbirds. They're immortalized on the first base concourse with statues, always ready for a photo opportunity with fans. But Rookie and Rene are just two mascots to hold the honor of jersey retirement, as such love translates across professional sports. In the soccer world, Europe's Premier League has reserved numbers for mascots in the Bournemouth and Leicester City clubs.

Kevin Brown, #45

As the first Renegades alum to reach the majors, Kevin Brown is written in Hudson Valley history. Brown was the starting catcher in the inaugural Hudson Valley team and later became the first



Since being established by the Goldklang Group, 1500 Route 9-D in Fishkill has housed the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, one of three active sites honoring off-field achievers in the sport's history.

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Renegade honored with a jersey retirement. In the summer of 1994, Brown was top-five on the roster in hits, doubles, triples, home runs, and RBIs. After debuting with the Texas Rangers in '96, Brown also spent seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays, Milwaukee Brewers, and Boston Red Sox over a seven-year MLB career.

Wade Davis, #33

Once a difference maker for the Short-A Hudson Valley Renegades, World Series champion Wade Davis is, above all, a community leader. Beginning his career with the Tampa Bay Rays, Davis took root in the Hudson Valley and settled in the town of Marlboro. Davis, whose #33 jersey was retired by the Renegades in 2024,

makes an impact that transcends the scorebook. As a figure in community baseball leagues at the Little League and intermediate levels, Davis continues to impress on players at the earliest levels of the game. Now retired, the three-time All-Star runs Full Kount, a nonprofit organization that benefits children involved in sports.

Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame

Few successful baseball careers hinge on a single moment or individual performance. For professional baseball scouts, one decision can make or break careers. Scouts could be boast or bust from choices seen beyond highlight tapes

and box scores. It's a labor of love, worthy of a hall of fame.

Take Mike Radcliff, who drafted catcher Joe Mauer to the Minnesota Twins. He made an iffy decision in the eyes of many fans and baseball media. Radcliff was, for a time, the Twin Cities' laughingstock for passing on presumed 2001 number one pick Mark Prior. Mauer became a beloved name in the franchise, the fans' favorite face and jersey, and Radcliff earned his spot in the Hall of Fame in 2021. Since being established by the Goldklang Group, 1500 Route 9-D in Fishkill has housed the Professional Baseball Scouts Hall of Fame, one of three active sites honoring off-field achievers in the sport's history.

hudson valley naturalist

by francine wizner



Investigate local fruit and learn about plant reproduction



June in the Hudson Valley is a great time of year not only to eat locally grown fruit, but also to learn about plant reproduction. Cutting up different kinds of fruits and observing their internal structures can offer clues from their former “lives” as flowers. After flowering, the ovary, and sometimes other accessory structures, becomes a fruit, which contains the next generation of the plant. Why not dissect (and taste) some delicious fruit from Dutchess County’s own Mead Orchards?

Mead Orchards in Tivoli is on the verge of its 2025 Pick-Your-Own summer season! They start with sweet cherries in mid-June (the exact date depends on Mother Nature; check meadorchards.com for details), and then roll into their spray-free blueberries in early July, followed

quickly by raspberries and plums. Sadly, due to the icy January temperatures, they won’t have peaches for picking this year. But everything looks great for apples in the fall!

Seed dispersal

Plants produce fruit to protect and disperse their seeds. Animals eat the fruit and act as vessels when they transport the seeds to distant locations. The animals then deposit the seeds far and wide in their droppings.

Fertilization in flowering plants occurs when a sperm cell from pollen fuses with an egg cell in an ovule, resulting in an embryo, which is located within a plant’s seed. While seeds develop from plant ovules, plant ovary tissue matures into a fruit.

Mead Orchards in Tivoli offers a variety of pick-your-own fruit in season, including, from left, blueberries, raspberries and red cherries.

-Photos by Francine Wizner

Fruit classification

Fruits are broadly classified based on the number of ovaries and flowers involved in their formation. Simple fruits develop from a single ovary, such as apples and cherries. Aggregate fruits develop from multiple ovaries of one flower, such as raspberries and strawberries. Multiple fruits develop from many flowers fused together, such as pineapples and figs.

Materials for the investigation

Plenty of fruits are grown here in Dutchess County. Gather an assortment of them, such as berries, plums, corn, fava or green beans, pea pods, red peppers, grapes, cucumbers, and peppers. Other materials you’ll need are a knife, magnifying glass, cutting board, paper and pencil for diagramming and recording.

Also, obtain a flower with easily viewable structures, such as a lily, tulip, daffodil, alstroemeria, or gladiolus. Flowers to be avoided for this activity are daisies, asters, calla lilies, roses, and iris. Those blooms have more complex floral anatomies, making their structures difficult to discern.

Observe fruit and flower

Examine your assortment of fruits and note what they have in common, both externally and internally. Draw and describe the structures you observe, any symmetry, and the number of seeds. Dissect the flower to examine its structures. (Flower dissection activity here: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FLOWER-DISSECTION-REPRODUCTION-6674749>.)

What similarities do you notice between the structures of the flower and those of the fruit?

Scientific snacking

Any time during this investigation is the perfect time to snack on a few of your “research subjects”!

You may have noticed that some fruits contain the remnants of flower structures. For example, tomatoes and peppers retain sepals—the leaf-like structures surrounding the flower’s petals. The dried filaments on the bottom of apples and the tops of strawberries are former stamens, which carried pollen. The fibers on every raspberry bump are former stigmas, which were connected to the ovary.

Once you have observed and drawn the various structures, use them as evidence to explain how fruits are related to flowers. An organized write-up of this investigation is available at: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/FRUIT-TYPES-INVESTIGATION-REPRODUCTION-DEVELOPMENT-7545068>.

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Dance at the Elks Lodge on June 14

Get On Down at the Elks Lounge Dance Night on Saturday, June 14 at 7 p.m., located at 900 Wolcott Avenue (Rt. 9D), Beacon. These dances are informal and even if you come alone, you can always find a friendly partner on the

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-Photo by Jenny Lang

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“In 1787, the Congress of the United States adopted a new Constitution. This new Constitution, in Article 1, enumerated the powers of the Congress. The fourth clause of Article one grants to Congress the power ‘To establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization.’ “That the power of naturalization is enumerated ahead of the power to coin money, to declare war and to raise an Army and a Navy is proof that the founders knew what we know: that only by providing a means for this nation to welcome new citizens with their talents and abilities could this nation grow and prosper.

“For 296 years, the oath of allegiance has been administered in Dutchess County. Today it is my pleasure to continue that long practice.”

Andy Imperati, President & CEO of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society stated, “The Ag Society was honored to be asked to host the Naturalization Ceremony on the Fairgrounds. We donated the facility, The Phantom Gardener donated the flowers, and our staff donated their time to create a beautiful setting for this ceremony. Each new citizen was given two complimentary tickets to be our guest at this year’s Fair, where we hope the Dutchess County Fair will become a part of their family traditions.”

Dutchess County Historian Will Tatum was the keynote speaker for the ceremony. He began by thanking the Dutchess County Agricultural Society for hosting the event in the Welcome Center at the Fairgrounds.

“Please take a moment to look around: despite being completed in 2017, this

structure is not a modern build,” said Tatum said. “It is timber-framed, held together with wooden pins instead of nails and screws, in the tradition of structures built 300 years ago by the first settlers of Dutchess County. This building, like the Society’s work in general, is a vital reminder that the origin, foundation and lifeblood of Dutchess County has always been rooted in agriculture. From colonial farms focused on wheat, apples, and sheep to the nineteenth century Violet flower industry and big dairy to today’s agri-tourism and beverage industries, the economy and lifestyles of Dutchess County have been defined by what we can plant and reap from the soil. I encourage all of our new citizens to return here between August 19-24 to experience the wonder that is the Dutchess County Fair, now in its 179th year.”

In his address, Tatum also highlighted events in American history on June 6, most notably “June 6, 1944, 73k American soldiers landed on the beaches of Normandy in France to begin the liberation of Europe. Many of them were new citizens, just like you. 2,501 of those soldiers died that same day. These events, achievements, and sacrifices become part of the tapestry of your lives today, just as you now join the fabric of our American nation.”

He also spoke of the history of Dutchess County, naming Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and went on to discuss the Great Depression, World War II and other important events in U.S. history.

The presentation of Colors was by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office Color Guard and Loren Petrella led the singing of our National Anthem and “America the Beautiful.”



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Diane Marie White



Diane Marie White, a 40-year resident of Beacon, New York, passed away in her home on June 4, 2025. She was 62 years old.

Diane was born on May 20, 1963 in Carbondale, Pennsylvania, the daughter of the late Eugene and Shirley Brown. She married her husband, James A. White on October 12, 1985 in Fishkill, New York. Diane worked at the Beacon City School District, being a dedicated teacher’s assistant for 23 years until her retirement in June 2021. Diane enjoyed spending time with her loving family, gardening, bird watching, and collected seashells wherever she traveled. She was a parishioner of St. Joachim – St. John the

Evangelist Church in Beacon, and an active member of the New York Road Runners.

Diane is survived by her husband James A. White, son James R. White (Meagan), daughter Lauren N. LaBarbera (Brian), sister Kathy Lane (Bill), brother Eugene Brown, and grandchildren James T. White and Elias H. White.

Family and friends will gather on Sunday, June 8 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home by Halvey, 2 Beekman Street, Beacon. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Willow Street, Beacon on June 9 at 10 a.m. followed by a private family entombment.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to Hudson Valley Hospice. To send a personal condolence please visit www.riverviewbyhalvey.com.

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

Kathleen Marie Malone



Kathleen Marie Malone passed away peacefully on June 2, 2025, surrounded by her family.

Kathleen was born on March 8, 1945, in Cortlandt Manor to the late Edwin J. and Elizabeth B. Taylor and lived in Shrub Oak, New York. As a young woman, Kathleen was a member of the New York City Ballet and notably danced as the Black Swan in Swan Lake. With such talent, she was asked to be a part of the infamous New York City Rockettes but politely declined.

On June 11, 1966, she married the love of her life, William Malone, Jr. She would have been married to her husband, Bill,

for 59 years this year. Kathleen has often been thought of as Wonder Woman as she did it all. She lived for her family and truly loved each and every one of them so deeply. Kathleen is known for being the life of the party with her contagious laugh, sense of humor and always up for an adventure. Her sharp and witty humor has created lifetime memories for her loved ones that will be cherished forever. She loved dolphins, the beach, and the moon. Kathleen and Bill owned a home in Lake Worth, Florida for over 20 years where they hosted some of the best times for their families. Known as Nan or Nanny to her grandchildren/greatgrandchildren, Kathleen shared a special bond with each of them. She had an amazing ability to spread unconditional love and nurture the people she cared about. Kathleen’s family is so grateful for the memories she has given them, and she will live on forever in their hearts.

Kathleen’s loving family includes her husband, William Malone, Jr; her children, Billy Malone III (Lynne), Patrick, and Kelli-Lynn (John); her grandchildren Olivia, Ariana, Isabella (Kevin), Patrick, Bill IV, Jonathan, and Lauren; and her great grandchildren Camilla, Nicholas, and Daniella.

Calling hours were held Thursday, June 5, 2025 at the McHoul Funeral Home of Fishkill, Inc., 1089 Main Street, Fishkill, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, June 6, 2025 at St. Mary, Mother of the Church, 106 Jackson Street, Fishkill followed by interment at Ballard Barrett Cemetery, 529 Route 6N, Mahopac, NY.



Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff

Jewel S.G. Ratzlaff, 69, an area resident since 1990 and formerly of Connecticut, Michigan, Indiana and Pennsylvania, died on June 3, 2025 surrounded by her immediate family.

Born in Quakertown, PA on November 1, 1955, she was the daughter of the late Norman and Mianna (Eisenhart) Geissinger. She graduated from Goshen College, taught high school math, and later studied theatre at Michigan State University. After moving east, she took on multiple roles at WMNR radio in Connecticut and subsequently became the program director at WFUV in NYC. Before retiring in 2022, Jewel was

employed as the Public Information Officer for the Poughkeepsie Public Library where she spearheaded the community wide Big Read project.

Jewel was a member of the New Beginnings Alliance Church in Poughkeepsie where she served as the choir director and was very active in church life. In 2009, she co-founded Mid-Hudson Love in the Name of Christ (Love INC), an organization that builds relationships with people in need to encourage transformation. There, she passionately served as board chair, furniture delivery coordinator, volunteer coordinator, event planner, and teacher. She directed and acted in plays with the County Players and volunteered with Literacy Volunteers of America. Jewel loved playing the piano, baking, reading, playing games, and gardening. In 2023, Jewel was honored as the Woman of the Year by the American Association of University Women. Most recently, she enjoyed adventures to the Pacific Northwest, Iceland, and China, as well as trips to dote on her treasured grandchildren.

Jewel is survived by her husband, Eugene H. Ratzlaff; her daughter, Caitlin Harris; her son, Lucas Ratzlaff; her grandson, Oliver and granddaughter, Chandler; her siblings, Ladnor, Cordell, Glenn and Timothy Geissinger, and Tanya Shealey; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

On Saturday, June 14th, visitation will begin at 9:00 with a Memorial and Celebration of Life at 11:00 at New Beginnings Alliance Church, 35 DeGarmo Road, Poughkeepsie. A lunch reception at the church will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mid-Hudson Love INC, 748 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603 or online.

Barbara M. Hamm



Barbara M. (Straley) Hamm (93) Wappingers Falls, passed away peacefully on May 30th, 2025, at Vassar Hospital. She was born on July 17, 1931, in Poughkeepsie, NY. She was the daughter of Joseph Straley and Veronica Fixer Straley. She attended and graduated from Wappingers Schools and worked as a telephone operator at NY Telephone Co. in Poughkeepsie. She went on to work at and eventually retire from IBM East Fishkill. She was preceded in death by her husband William F. Hamm, her siblings Richard Straley, Edward Straley and Audrey Piacente, Sister-in-law Martha Duncan and her brothers-in-law George Duncan, William Duncan and Carmine Piacente. She is survived by her children Barbara Caprara (Mark) of

Wappingers Falls and William J. Hamm (Darlene) of California, her brothers Phillip Straley and Thomas Straley and Sister-in-Laws Barbara Straley, Nancy Duncan, Michele Straley and Sandy Straley, Grandchildren; Bryan Meiswinkel (Daisy) of Wappingers Falls, William E. Hamm and Jared Hamm of California and several Nieces and Nephews. Calling hours were Friday, June 6 at the Delehanty Funeral Home, Wappingers Falls, NY. Entombment will be private at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations can be sent to the Fishkill United Methodist Church, 38 Broad St., Fishkill, NY 12524.

Sweet’s Funeral Home in Hyde Park enters a new chapter with ownership transition

After decades of service to the Hyde Park community, Sweet’s Funeral Home recently announced the sale of the business to long-time employee, Ryan Boryk. This transition marks a significant milestone for the funeral home, as the operation moves into the hands of someone who has been a vital part of its success and shares its deep commitment to care, dignity, and service.

For years, Sweet’s Funeral Home has been a trusted establishment in Hyde Park, offering comfort and support during life’s most challenging times. The decision to pass the torch to Ryan Boryk – a familiar and respected figure among colleagues and community members alike – ensures that the legacy of personalized and compassionate care will continue seamlessly into the future. Ryan’s longstanding dedication, combined with his in-depth knowledge of the funeral home’s traditions and operations, positions him ideally to honor the past while guiding the service into a promising future.

Rob Sweet shared, “Ryan has worked by my side for a number of years, and I know that he will proudly carry on the legacy that my grandfather and father established. I am also comforted knowing that Ryan believes

in the same values as I do and will continue to serve our community with compassion and dignity. Now it is time for me to work by his side.”

“I am deeply honored to assume ownership of Sweet’s Funeral Home,” Ryan said. “For many years, I have had the privilege of contributing to a service that so many in our community rely on. I intend to build on the legacy of trust and empathy established by the Sweet family, dedicating myself even more to ensuring that every family we serve feels supported during their time of need.”

The sale to a longstanding member of the Sweet’s team not only underscores the company’s commitment to stability and continuity but also highlights a thoughtful approach to preserving the values that have made Sweet’s Funeral Home a cornerstone in the community. Current staff members expressed their confidence in this transition, knowing that Ryan’s leadership will continue to provide the same level of personalized care and community engagement that the funeral home is known for.

To learn more, visit www.sweetsfuneralhome.com.



Longtime employee Ryan Boryk, left, has purchased Sweet’s Funeral Home in Hyde Park. Former owner Rob Sweet, right, will continue working at the business.

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ins will be asked to identify themselves by name and organization. Join Microsoft Teams Meeting +1 516-268-4602 United States, Hempstead (Toll) Conference ID: 788 947 878# Each bid shall be submitted as one paper original and one electronic flash drive copy and be accompanied by Bid Security (bid bond, certified check, official bank check) or a Letter of Credit (in a form agreeable to Dutchess County) in the amount of 10% of the bid amount. Bidders' security will be retained until the successful bidder has signed the Owner-Contractor Agreement and the County has finalized the Agreement. Each bid with Bid Security shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the Project, Name of the Bidder, and the date and hour of the bid opening, which must be visible upon delivery. Questions will be accepted by the close of business Friday June 20, 2025 and emailed to Christopher Sterbenz at d p w c o n t r a c t s @ d u t c h e s s n y . g o v with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. The anticipated start of construction is August 11, 2025; the anticipated substantial completion date is September 19, 2025. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC# 2025006579. Starting December 30, 2024: NYSOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS-
RFB-DCB-08-25
NAME OF PROJECT:** Alterations & Renovations for 50 Market Street Probation Restrooms. Project Description: To renovate first floor bathrooms at the Probation Office. The County of Dutchess official bid documents for this project are obtained from the Empire State Purchasing Group's Regional Bid Notification System at www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york/county-of-dutchess. Copies of bidding documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies. It is incumbent upon all potential bidders to view all posted addenda prior to the bid close date. You may obtain an official copy by registering on

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ing, which must be visible upon delivery. A walk-through is scheduled for 10:00am, June 12, 2025 at 50 Market Street, Probation's Main lobby, Poughkeepsie, NY. Questions will be accepted by the close of business June 24, 2025 and emailed to Diane McKenna at dpwcontracts@ducthessny.gov and cc'd_dmckenna@ducthessny.gov with the County's response published in Addenda prior to 48 hours before the bid opening date. This project may be subject to NYS Department of Labor Prevailing Wage Rates PRC #2025006501.

Starting December 30, 2024: NYSDOL Contractor and Subcontractor registry requirements. View Bid Specifications regarding APRENTICESHIP PROGRAM, if applicable, and NYSDOL Contractor Registry requirements. The County reserves the right to waive irregularities in bids and in bidding and to reject any or all proposals.

City of Beacon

One Municipal Plaza
- Suite One
Beacon, New York
12508
Phone
(845) 838-5002
June 4, 2025

SUBJECT:
Variance Application

Applicants:
Beekman Arts Center
LLC and
Bay Ridge Studios
LLC
Address:
45 Beekman Street,
High Street, and High
Street
Tax Grid No.:
30-5955-19-706012-
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30-5954-26-689990-
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30-5954-26-781983-
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F. Parking location and quantity.

(1) All off-street parking shall be located behind, underneath, or to the side of a building. If on the side, it shall be located at least 40 feet from any property line that fronts on a street and be screened by a low brick or stone wall, hedge, ornamental fence, and/or other landscaping that maintains the continuity of the street and that screens parked cars from view from the street.

The full application is available online at: <https://www.beaconny.gov/index.php/agenda/5-minutes/>

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application at its meeting to be held on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025**, at 7:00 PM, in the Municipal Center courtroom, One Municipal Plaza, Beacon, New York. You are invited to be present to voice your support or objection to this appeal. Comments can also be provided via email no later than 4:00 PM on June 17, 2025, to Mercedes Perez, Zoning Board Secretary, at mperez@beaconny.gov

Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board Secretary

**City of Beacon
One Municipal
Plaza - Suite One
Beacon, New York
12508
Phone
(845) 838-5002
June 5, 2025**

SUBJECT:
Variance
Application

Applicants:
Savage Wonder Art
Center
Address:
139 Main Street
Tax Grid No.:
30-5954-27-758957-
00
Zoning Classification:
CMS, HDLO
Dear Neighboring
Property Owner:
Savage Wonder Art
Center, 139 Main
Street, has applied to
be the Zoning Board of
Appeals for relief from
City Zoning Code
Section 223-15 E. to
allow for signage to
cover 100% of each
glass area (where a

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maximum of 30% is permitted), which requires relief from the following:

1. Section 223-15 Signs.

E. Signs in nonresidence districts. In nonresidence districts, the following signs are hereby authorized:

(5) Interior signs displayed through windows shall not require a permit under this section, and said signs shall not count toward maximum number of signs affixed to a building per establishment. However, interior window signs affixed to or placed so as to be visible through a window shall be limited to the windows of the structure within which the permitted use is situated, facing the principal street giving access to such structure. The total amount of signage shall not exceed 30% of the total glass area. All signs shall be maintained in a legible, neat and orderly fashion.

Additionally, the applicant is seeking relief from Section 223-15 E. to allow for a second sign (where a maximum of one (1) sign is permitted) that exceeds both the square footage (where a maximum aggregate area of each sign of fifty-three (53) square feet is permitted and ninety-six (96) square feet is proposed) and height (where a maximum height of two (2) feet is permitted and twelve (12) feet is proposed) requirements, which requires relief from the following:

2. Section 223-15 Signs.

E. Signs in nonresidence districts. In nonresidence districts, the following signs are hereby authorized:

(1) Not more than one sign affixed to the outer wall of the structure within which the permitted use is situated, which outer wall faces the principal street giving access to such structure, provided that:

(1)(a) The aggregate area of each such sign shall not exceed one square foot for each linear foot of building facing the street.

(1)(b) No such sign

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shall exceed two feet in height, except that a vertical projecting wall sign shall not exceed eight feet in height. A vertical projecting wall sign is defined as any sign which is attached to the building wall or structure which is perpendicular to the face of such wall or structure.

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Mercedes Perez
Zoning Board Secretary

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Friday, June 20:
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THEME: SOCCER

ACROSS

1. Heidi's footwear, pl.
6. * ____ Hamm
9. Humorous anecdote
13. It doesn't take away tomorrow's troubles
14. Like Mother Hubbard
15. Popular pie nut
16. Hiker's path
17. Court
18. Makes better
19. *Number of soccer players on field for each team
21. *Winningest FIFA World Cup country
23. Common inquiries, acr.
24. Carmy Berzatto's restaurant, with The
25. Cul-de- ____
28. In the buff
30. Preacher's platform
35. Poking instrument
37. Smidge
39. Sashay
40. Bald eagle's nest
41. *a.k.a. soccer field
43. Lice eggs
44. Located within
46. 3 squared
47. High rocky hills
48. Post-roller coaster ride state
50. Captain of Nautilus
52. ____ chi
53. Unforeseen obstacle
55. Acronym, abbr.
57. *FIFA headquarters location
60. *Soccer footwear
63. Uninterested
64. Hundred Acre Wood's wise resident
66. Parkinson's drug
68. Pool problem, pl.
69. Romanian money
70. Wooden ship caulking
71. Celt
72. Cotillion ball's main attraction
73. * ____ Alexander-Arnold

DOWN

1. 100 lbs.
2. Elders' teachings
3. Kind of history
4. Widower's feelings
5. Forest spirit
6. Worked over with scythe
7. UN labor org.
8. Sun-dried brick
9. Exclamation, with Louise
10. Palm tree berry
11. ____ Mall, London
12. Ensign, for short
15. a.k.a. Lighthouse of Alexandria
20. *Provide with shin guards, socks and uniform, e.g.
22. Drake's genre
24. Playing roulette
25. *FIFA Women's World Cup current champion
26. Rome's Colosseum, e.g.
27. Singular of cornua
29. Kill (2 words)
31. "By ____ of" or "by means of"
32. "The ____," Dostoyevsky's novel
33. U in UV
34. *Lionel ____
36. Coloring substances
38. Teenager's breakout
42. Relating to blood
45. Dwell
49. African National Congress
51. Central American wildcat
54. Get ____ ____ of someone
56. Highway patrolman's gun
57. "Germinal" author mile ____
58. Desire
59. * ____ Madrid
60. *C in AFC Richmond
61. Puff of marijuana
62. Spin, past tense
63. The Herm s Kelly, e.g.
65. Itty-bitty
67. Invoice qty.

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Strawberries are ‘delight’ of annual festival



Beacon Sloop Club members held the annual Strawberry Festival at Pete & Toshi Seeger Riverfront Park on June 8 in Beacon. The event was the idea of late activist, singer and local resident Pete Seeger. Volunteers served strawberry shortcakes to attendees. Visitors were able to take free rides on the sloop Woody Guthrie. The five-hour event also had live entertainment, vendors and environmental information on the Hudson River.

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